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BY HENRY WOOD (U. P. Correspondent)
With the French Armies, Aug. 21.—The world's greatest battle is being fought today.

From the seacoast to the Swiss frontier, over a front of four hundred and thirty-five miles the Allied forces are fighting practically a continuous offensive.

The French assault at Verdun completed the chain of battle welded into one gigantic action, of unprecedented extent and power.

The combined French and German artillery are probably the greatest concentration of weapons for single attack in the whole war zone.

German prisoners reported hundreds deserted the German army daily because of the pressure of the Allied artillery.

Picked German troops were flung violently and vainly against four points of the French front last night. All French ground was held.

French Report Capture of Germans

Paris, Aug. 21.—A smashing French victory on the Verdun front is recorded in the official report issued by the war office last night. The French have captured the enemy defenses on both sides of the Meuse over a front of more than 11 miles, penetrating the German line at divers points to a depth of a mile and a quarter.

More than 5000 unwounded German prisoners have been taken.

BRITISH DROP MANY BOMBS ON GERMANS

London, Aug. 21.—(United Press)—British naval airplanes last night dropped many tons of bombs on an ammunition dump at Middlekerke and the German works at Brugeoize, the admiralty announced.

George Way and party motored over the valley Sunday.

UNCLE SAM'S WAR EYES.
United States Airplane For France Receiving Its Star.



Photo by American Press Association.
The star is the distinguishing mark for the United States war planes. The picture shows one being painted on a machine which, like thousands of others soon to be built, is destined to become one of the "eyes" of Uncle Sam's soldiers in France.

ENGLAND SENDS FIRST ANSWER TO POPE'S PLAN

Declares Proposition Will Be Examined In Serious Spirit

London, Aug. 21.—(United Press)—England is the first belligerent to answer the Pope's peace proposition. Great Britain sent the vatican a note declaring that the plan would be examined in a benevolent and serious spirit.

Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state, expressed gratification at the response.

PRESIDENT POSTPONES DISCUSSION OF NOTE

Washington, Aug. 21.—(United Press)—The President postponed the discussion with his cabinet of the Pope's peace proposal in order to give undivided attention to war work.

Catholic Knitting Unit Organized

There has been organized in La Grande what is to be known as the Catholic Unit for Army and Navy Knitting of La Grande. The object of this organization is to raise funds for the purchase of material for knitting socks, etc. for the Army and Navy. The material so purchased will be given to the 800 Catholic Sisters in the convents throughout the state, who have volunteered to give their entire unoccupied time to knitting.

Similar Units are being organized throughout the state, the members pledging monthly contributions. Mrs. T. N. Murphy is chairman of the local Unit.

GERMANS ARE REPULSED IN THIRD ATTACK

Assault Is Made Behind Sheet of Flame But Falls

London, Aug. 21.—(United Press)—General Haig reported that British fire repulsed the third and most powerful German counter attack to regain the ground southeast of Epehy. The assault was made after a violent artillery preparation, behind a vast sheet of flame. The fighting was of most violent character.

England, France, Italy and Belgium today joined in the greatest united offensive yet directed against Germany. Every move is strategically timed and coordinated.

Labor Party Will Go To The Conference

London, Aug. 21.—(United Press)—By a vote of one million two hundred and thirty-four thousand to two million two hundred and thirty-one thousand, the Labor party decided to participate in the Stockholm Peace conference.

The Weather

Portland, Aug. 21.—(United Press)—The U. S. Weather forecast: "Fair."

Another 50 Million Loaned Great Britain

Washington, Aug. 21.—(United Press)—The treasury department has loaned Britain fifty million dollars making the total Allied Loans one billion nine hundred and sixty-six million, four hundred thousand.

STRIKE IN SHIP YARDS IS AVERTED

Government Yields To Demands For Increased Wages

Washington, Aug. 21.—(United Press)—A nation wide strike in steel shipyards working on government contracts may be prevented by wage increases paid by the government.

In the first clash with organized labor, the United States will recognize that increased cost of living warrants higher wages.

The final decision will be left with a commission of three members, appointed by the President, Samuel Gompers and the Shipping Board.

DRAFTED MEN MUST BE READY FOR SUMMONS

Local Board Will Handle Mobilization of Men In County

Portland, Or., August 21.—(Special)—Every drafted man who has been certified by his local exemption board as not exempted or discharged should keep himself in instant readiness to obey the summons from his local board, to be made in a few days, calling him to report at a designated time and place for military service.

The mobilization of the men to be taken in the first draft from Oregon will be handled in each county by the local exemption board of that county.

Each board will be responsible for the mobilization and entrainment for the American Lake camp, to which the Oregon men will be sent, of its county's full draft quota.

The mobilization of the entire quota will not be made all at once, however. It will take place in four installments.

The first installment of 30 per cent of the men comprising the draft quota of each county will be called to mobilize on September 5.

A second installment of 30 per cent of the quota will be called to the colors on September 19, according to latest orders of the war department. The third installment will be called out on October 3. The remaining 10 per cent will be mobilized as soon thereafter as possible.

The dates, of course, are subject to change. The local exemption boards will select the men to be called up in each installment and notify them when and where they are to report. The notifications to those selected for the first installment of 30 per cent will be sent out in a very few days.

If you are a drafted man, be on the alert to receive your instructions. Failure to receive the notification will not excuse you if you do not appear, so take care also to see if your name has been posted at the headquarters of the board as one of those ordered to report.

The board will provide meals and quarters for you after you arrive at the place designated for entrainment. The board is instructed to see that you take on the train with you only light hand baggage, or better yet, only a bundle containing necessary toilet articles and changes of underclothing. Don't bring a lot of baggage with you when you report, for you will have to leave it behind.

ARMY MULE TESTED.
"Shavetails" Must Come Up to Standard For Service.



Photo by American Press Association.
Mule recruits for Uncle Sam's army pack trains and wagons must come up to as high a standard, comparatively speaking, as his doughboys. The picture shows a "shavetail," as the army mule is called, being measured for height. Thousands of mules will be needed for the big new armies.

ITALY TAKES TEN THOUSAND PRISONERS

Greatest Italian Drive of War Is Successful Today

DEAD AND WOUNDED ARE TEN THOUSAND

Austria Calls On Prussia for Help—Morale of Austrians Is Being Undermined.

Rome, Aug. 21.—(United Press)—Italy's prisoners in the greatest Italian drive reached ten thousand.

It is semi-officially estimated that the Austrian losses of dead and wounded are ten thousand.

Italian air men reported desperate attempts of the enemy to reinforce breaches in the line.

Prisoners declare urgent calls were sent to Prussia for help which was unprecedented, and shows fully that the Italian attacks are, as believed undermining the morale of the Austrians.

Industrialites Arrested.

Spokane, Aug. 21.—(United Press)—Several Industrialites were arrested Sunday for a hearing to determine the leaders of the Spokane Industrialists. The colony was held this afternoon.

The leader will probably be courtmartialled. The situation throughout eastern Washington is quiet.

Hogs Up To \$20.00.

Chicago, Aug. 21.—(United Press)—Hogs sold at twenty dollars a hundred weight today.

ADMINISTRATION WILL CONTROL GRAIN SUPPLY

LETTER TO E. E. KIDDLE OF LA GRANDE EXPLAINS METHODS

WAREHOUSES TO SELL GRAIN AFTER 30 DAYS

Action Will Make Food Speculation Impossible; Government Guarantees \$2.00 a Bushel for 1917 Wheat Crop.

E. E. Kiddle, president of the La Grande Milling company, received a letter from the United States Food Administration today including the following paragraph:

"We suggest that elevators issuing storage tickets or warehouse receipts should add in addition to the other customary provisions of such, the following:

"It is agreed that if the grain represented by this receipt shall remain in storage beyond the period of thirty days after the date hereof, the undersigned warehouseman is authorized to sell the same or to ship the same to the nearest terminal market for sale for the best price obtainable, and shall pay over the proceeds to the holder of this receipt, less the lawful storage and other charges."

The order may be step toward government control of the grain supply. Under these arrangements it may be impossible, for food speculators to corner the grain supply and boost prices. The government has already guaranteed a minimum of \$2.00 a bushel for the 1918 wheat crops although the exact price of the 1917 crop has not yet been determined.

Besides the state tax placed upon warehouses, millmen will be required to secure a national license also. This takes effect September first.

BOTH SONS ARE IN EUROPE

Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 21.—(Special)—Mrs. Nettie Wood, of Shenandoah Junction, near this city, is wondering whether her two sons will ever meet. One of them, William W. Wood, a Sergeant in the U. S. Marine Corps, is now fighting with the "Billy Blues" in France, while the other, Clarence Wood, is confined in a German prison camp. Clarence was living in Canada when the European war first broke out; enlisted in a Canadian regiment, and was captured shortly after the German army attempted to advance on Paris.

Hindenburg Personally Conducting Operations

Washington, Aug. 21.—Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is personally conducting the Austro-German operations against the Russo-Romanian troops, against Jassay, a Russian cable said.

Pig Club Visits Stockyards.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 21.—(Special)—The Marian County Pig Club (64 strong) from Salem, Oregon, headed by Mr. G. W. Ayers, banker and stock dealer of that city, spent the day in the yards studying market and slaughtering conditions of the great northwestern live stock center.