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HUNS RUN FROM AMERICANS

AMERICANS IN SMASHING ADVANCE PLEAD FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF GOING ON

MORE THAN A DOZEN TOWNS ARE CAPTURED IN SURPRISE ATTACK, SUPERBLY EXECUTED.

Impossible to Estimate the Enormous Number of Prisoners Taken—Greatest Pursuit of Boches Which Americans Ever Made.

WITH THE AMERICANS IN THE CHAMPAGNE, July 18.—(By United Press.)—The Americans are advancing in co-operation with the French on a 25-mile front between Soissons and Chateau Thierry. The Americans have already captured more than a dozen towns and villages and have taken many prisoners.

Within three hours, and before noon today, the Americans had advanced more than two miles. Among the towns captured were: Villers Helon, Dommand, Courchamps, Licy-Clignon, Monthiers, Torey, Belleau, Giveray St. Genevieve and Hautevense.

(All the towns mentioned are in a direct line south of Soissons, and are included in the southern end of the Soisson-Chateau Thierry section.)

"Boches Ran Like Hell, Pursued By Us."

The American commander at Giveray, in his report to headquarters, said: "We met the Boche on his own line of resistance, and, after a sharp fight, the Boche turned tail and ran like hell, pursued by us. We hope to have more prisoners."

Section Commander Don't Want To Stop Attack.

At headquarters messages are coming in from every section commander, asking permission to push farther into the German lines. This is the greatest pursuit of the Boches that the Americans have ever participated in. It is impossible to estimate the enormous number of prisoners taken in this surprise action. The Germans were caught completely unprepared for the blow and the concentration of the American forces for the attack was very rapid.

ENEMY HAS FRIGHTFUL LOSSES.

PARIS, July 18.—(By United Press.)—American and French troops attacked this morning on a 35-mile front from Fontenoy to Belleau, making an advance of from one to two miles and taking prisoners, the war office announces in its communique.

This offensive extends from the Marne northward to the Aisne, making a gigantic fighting front of nearly 100 miles.

There is no change on the Marne-Champagne front to report. Southwest of Nanteuil la Foss and north of Prosenes, the German rush has failed, the stubbornness of the Franco-American resistance safely holds the flanks of the allies. The enemy was severely punished in the battles near Mezy and Jaulgonne, the enemy dead being piled four and five deep. One American regimental commander reports that there were five thousand dead in front of his command alone.

The Germans sustained fully 70,000 casualties in the first two days' fighting south of the Marne, says Le Matin, of Paris. The Allied assault apparently comes when the German effort in the Champagne is at its lowest ebb.

SORRY HE COULDN'T BRING ALL.

WITH THE AMERICANS ON THE CHAMPAGNE, July 18.—(By United Press.)—After killing or capturing the crews of four machine guns and raking the Boche filled trench with automatic rifle fire until the survivors surrendered, Sergeant J. W. Brown walked into American headquarters with 159 prisoners yesterday. Upon reporting he said: "I'm sorry I was unable to bring them all in, but four who were wounded died en route."

AMERICANS STILL ADVANCING.

WITH THE AMERICANS ON THE CHAMPAGNE, July 18.—(By United Press.)—At 1:30 this afternoon the Americans were still advancing everywhere along a 25-mile front, and were being particularly successful near Soissons.

(This is the first intimation that the Americans are engaged along the whole of the new front that has been received.)

BRIG. GEN. JAMES G. HARBORD



Brig. Gen. James G. Harbord has been temporarily in command of the United States marines fighting in France.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO SOLICIT

J. D. McKENNON SAYS HIS DEED IS READY FOR DELIVERY NOW.

PLANS ARE IN MAKING TO SECURE DESIRED END

Effort Will Be Made to Have a Representative of the Dehydrating Company in Portland Visit This County and Make a Survey of the Field.

"You can have that deed any time you call for it."—J. D. McKennon. "It is just what we need above all things in Union County. A dehydration plant will save thousands of tons of vegetables and fruits going to waste in this valley. Count me in, as well as my neighbor, A. P. Davis, who raises fine vegetables."—C. D. Huffman, Master of the Grange.

Immediately following the adjournment of the city commission, on last night, several conferences were held, and the long distance phone was used by Y.M.C.A. Secretary Prince, who got in touch with C. D. Huffman, master of a grange composed of farmers who live near the city, and when told of the prospect for the establishment of a dehydration plant, answered over the line, as quoted above. Huffman is one of the big fruit producers, and his neighbor Davis knows all about the vegetable game.

JULY IN OTHER YEARS WAS HOT

WEATHER MAN LOOKS BACKWARD FOR TEN YEARS.

July in 1908 Is The Hottest One, Whole Year 1916 Was The Coolest.

An the weather bureau thermometer stood at 102 in the shade yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, local weather observer H. R. Taal, who is also a fireman, took a look backward in the records for ten years, and discovered that in all that time there were only two July days hotter than yesterday, July of 1908 having one day that stood at 104, and one day in 1911 at 105, as well as one in 1917.

The detailed report follows:

Weather Report For The Ten Years			
	Highest	Lowest	Mean
July, 1908	106	74	95
July, 1909	97	61	82
July, 1910	95	61	82
July, 1911	103	68	88
July, 1912	94	59	79
July, 1913	88	65	75
July, 1914	99	77	78
July, 1915	97	77	84
July, 1916	99	61	80
July, 1917	103	80	89
July, 1918	102	74	—

ANNOUNCES PLATFORM

Announcement of Candidacy For the United States Senate is Made.

HELENA, Mont., July 17.—Miss Jeanette Rankin, representative from Montana, has filed with the secretary of State announcement of her candidacy for the United States senate on the Republican ticket. "If nominated and elected," she said in her declaration, "I will during my term of office support the President and a vigorous prosecution of the war to a victorious conclusion, and as heretofore vote for every measure he may recommend to more efficiently prosecute the war."

SERG. DAVID E. PUTNAM



Sergt. David E. Putnam of Newton, Mass., is reported to have downed five German airplanes on June 10. This record, if the five victories are officially credited, makes his total fifteen.

DWINDLING EFFORTS OF GERMANS BRINGS FRONT DOWN TO TWENTY MILES

LAGGING ADVANCE OF THE ENEMY IS PETERING OUT HOUR BY HOUR.

Pershing Officially Announces That Americans Gained Entire Possession South Of The Marne Yesterday. By Fred S. Ferguson.

LONDON, July 18.—(By United Press.)—The fast dwindling efforts of the Germans, which originally extended over a front of 50 miles are now concentrated on a 20-mile front between Vriigny and Cobligny, the object now being to capture Epernay and finish off Reims. However, there is a lagging advance, which is petering out.

ATTEMPT ON RHEIMS HALTED.

WITH THE AMERICANS ON THE CHAMPAGNE, July 18.—(By United Press.)—The fourth day of the great battle finds the Germans halted in their attempt to envelope Rheims. Late today, the Germans had not renewed their attempt to break down the resistance of the Americans on the Mezy front, where there is now no infantry movements.

A desperate encounter continues in the Conde wood, and the battleline south of the Marne sways backward and forward as the death grapple continues. Attacks, followed by counter-attacks, take place in bewildering succession. The Americans are now holding an unbroken front of more than 20 miles south of the Marne.

HOLD MARNE SOUTH BANK.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 18.—(By United Press.)—General Pershing reported that the Americans had entirely gained possession of the south bank of the Marne yesterday.

WHOLE AMERICAN DIVISION INVOLVED.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 18.—(By United Press.)—Secretary for War Baker announced that whole American divisions are involved in the counter offensive. An American division consists of 27,500 men. 3 3

GREATEST COUNTER IN OVER A YEAR.

LONDON, July 18.—(By United Press.)—The Franco-American forces attacking between Soissons and Chateau Thierry have advanced from two to four miles, it was learned authoritatively. The greatest advance has been recorded in the valley of the Aisne. Thousands of Germans have been made prisoners. More than 20 large cannon have fallen into the hands of the allied army. This is regarded as the greatest allied counter attack since the month of April, 1917, when the British inaugurated the Somme drive.

ROOSEVELT HAS PROTEST

SAYS COUNTRY HAS MADE A POOR SHOWING IN WAR.

Ex-President Demands An Army Equal to Franco-British Within a Year.

NEW YORK, July 18.—(By United Press.)—Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt, addressing the Republican state convention today, bitterly attacked the War Department for "procrastination in carrying on the war."

He said the achievements thus far had been due to the prodding of the Senate Military committee. "We have played a poor part in the war's early stages," the colonel declared.

Roosevelt demanded an American army equalling the combined Franco-British forces within a year.

MORE WORKERS NEEDED.

Fleets of Room at Red Cross Quarters For Other Helpers.

At Red Cross headquarters this morning, Mrs. Rosenbaum, in charge of the local work, under direction of Mrs. Mossman, chairman of the National Military Relief chapter, was very busy, with the assistance of two other ladies, in getting off a rush order of surgical appliances.

"You can see how it is," said Mrs. Rosenbaum. "We are doing as much work as we possibly can, but there is plenty of room here for a lot more workers."

WEATHER FORECAST.

July 20.—Showers.

AMERICAN TROOPS THROWING HAND GRENADES



A group of American soldiers in shell holes on the western front throwing hand grenades into the German lines. Most of them are crouching low in their shelter, while one is sheltered behind a tree to be protected from enemy snipers.

IMBLES BOOSTERS COMING

Parade Will Be Made In La Grande 8 O'Clock This Evening.

Word received by the Observer this morning from T. K. Bellamy, of the Imbler state bank, stated that a party of Imbler people will be in La Grande this evening and a parade will be put on at 8 o'clock. The neighbors from the apple town are going to have a four days' session of Chautauqua and it will open Friday. This demonstration is mainly for the purpose of giving the event some publicity and, incidentally, it is an invitation to the people of this locality to come and visit them during the chautauqua. The Imbler spirit is back of the show that will take place this evening, and that means that it will be something worth watching for.

PRICE OF COAL TO ADVANCE

Substantial Raise In Prices Announced By F. J. Holmes.

PORTLAND, July 18.—(By United Press.)—State Fuel Administrator F. J. Holmes announced today that there would be a substantial advance in the prices of coal at an early date.

RED CROSS BENEFIT AT SUMMERVILLE

An ice cream social will be given Saturday evening at Summerville, for the benefit of the Red Cross. The affair will start at 6 o'clock and last until late in the evening.

PIG CLUB MEETING

Organization Is Under Way at the Local Y. M. C. A.

The meeting for the boys' and girls' pigs and chickens club was called for this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. As stated yesterday, Verna Stevens has agreed to raise chickens, because her home is just inside of the city limits.

This is the list of the pig club members, who have already begun business: Leone Tiffany, who has three pigs; Kenneth Flesham, one pig; Clyde Wilson, who has two pigs; Millard Steacy, with one, and Lawrence Trill, one. A meeting of the canning club was held at the high school building at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Attendees who so desired, were excused in order to give them a chance to attend the meeting at the Y. M. C. A.