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## WITHDRAW ON 20 MILE FRONT

### ENEMY HAS ABANDONED CHATEAU THIERRY AFTER SUPPLY LINE IS BROKEN

FIERCE COUNTER ATTACKS MAINTAINED AT SOME PARTS OF THE LINE.

Latest Reports From Washington War Department Say: 20,000 Prisoners Are Taken—Enemy Destroying Towns In Retreat.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 22.—(By United Press.)—The War Department today announced that the German line of communication feeding Chateau Thierry from Soissons had been broken, part being in the hands of the Franco-American forces. The cutting of this line partially explains the German retreat.

Official estimates say that 20,000 Germans have been taken prisoner in this drive.

**CHATEAU THIERRY FALLS.**  
PARIS, July 22.—(By United Press.)—After capturing the town of Brasles, one mile east of Chateau Thierry, the Franco-American forces entered Chateau Thierry this morning, says an official French communique.

**GERMANS BURNING VILLAGES.**  
May Presage Retirement of Over Twenty Miles.

LONDON, July 22.—(By United Press.)—The Germans are now burning villages inside the Soissons-Chateau Thierry-Reims salient, and it is believed that they are preparing for a general withdrawal to the line of the River Vesle, which forms a practically direct line between Rheims and Soissons, it is learned authoritatively.

Taking Chateau Thierry as the most forward position of the German line, this would represent a retirement of 20 miles.

**GERMANS COUNTER ATTACK.**  
LONDON, July 22.—(By United Press.)—The Germans are heavily counter-attacking at various points along the front on the River Marne, but the assaults have been unsuccessful.

**Have To Face Gas Attacks.**  
Latest reports indicate that the Franco-Americans are experiencing the greatest difficulty in crossing the Marne in the Dormans region, owing to the concentrated fire of German artillery and the great quantities of gas, which the Germans are projecting against the allied infantry.

**NEW CROSSINGS EFFECTED.**  
PARIS, July 22.—(By United Press.)—This afternoon's dispatches from the battlefield announce that the Marne has been crossed at several new places by the Franco-American army, especially in the neighborhood of Verneuil. The number of prisoners is increasing rapidly and there are indications that the German artillery fire is gradually weakening.

**AMERICANS BEYOND BIZU.**  
PARIS, July 22.—(By United Press.)—According to the newspaper La Liberte, the Germans have withdrawn their lines to Beauvais, which indicates that the allies have extended their gains by nearly three miles more than are announced in the latest official report issued by the war office here.

(Beauvais is a town about 8 miles north-east of Chateau Thierry.)

**MARNE CLEARED OF GERMANS.**  
PARIS, July 21.—(By United Press.)—In the northern section of the Soissons-Chateau Thierry-Reims salient, very little organized resistance is being met with by the Franco-American forces. The entire region south of the Marne and east of Chateau Thierry has been cleared of the Germans, with the exception of one or two badly cut-up regiments, which are fighting

#### SENT OVER BY FRANCE



Col. A. Fagilde has been detailed by the French government to inspect the instruction work of the French officers who are assisting in the training of our national army on this side. He is accompanied to the various camps by a commissioned officer and a noncom.

#### ENEMY AIRMEN GIVE QUENTIN ROOSEVELT MILITARY FUNERAL

AMSTERDAM, July 22.—The death of Quentin Roosevelt is confirmed by a Wolff bureau message, according to a Berlin dispatch. The story of the fatal encounter, as told by the Wolff bureau, correspondent follows:

"On Sunday, July 14, an American squadron of 12 battle planes was trying to break through the German defense over the Marne. In the violent combat which ensued with seven German machines, one American aviator stubbornly made repeated attacks, and this culminated in a duel between him and a German non-commissioned officer, who, after a short fight, succeeded in getting good aim at his brave opponent, whose machine fell after a few shots near the village of Chambray, 10 kilometers north of the Marne.

"His pocketcase showed him to be Lieut. Quentin Roosevelt, of the aviation section of the United States army. The personal belongings of the fallen aviator are being carefully kept with a view to sending them later to his relatives. The earthly remains of the brave young aviator were buried with military honors by German aviators near Chambray at the spot where he fell."

#### 500,000 AUSTRIANS ARE READY TO JOIN U. S.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 22.—More than 500,000 soldiers in the Austrian army are awaiting the first chance to desert so they can join the United States, according to Lieut. Anthony Holy, escaped lieutenant of the Austrian army, who arrived here Saturday to organize a Czech-Slovak recruiting mission for the French government.

Lieut. Holy said he, like many other Bohemians, was drafted into the Austrian army at the outbreak of the war.

#### MINISTRY WILL QUIT COPENHAGEN

COPENHAGEN, July 22.—(By United Press.)—The Austrian Ministry has decided to tender its resignation to the Emperor, according to advices from Vienna.

and northeast of Chateau Thierry, but all of these have broken down under allied opposition. Elsewhere the German resistance consists chiefly of heavy artillery fire, says an official communique, issued here this morning.

**It is now apparent that the Germans are making a determined effort to concentrate their forces on a new line of defense, which forms an angle south of Soissons and north of Chateau Thierry, the object being to protect their western flank and center.**

**Capture of Railroad Helps Allies.**  
The penetration of the town of Oulchy by allied troops has brought the railway and the main highway from Chateau Thierry to Fismes under allied control, thus adding considerably to the difficulties which the Germans are encountering in withdrawing their armies.

**French Cross Marne In Force.**  
Great bodies of French infantry and whole parks of allied artillery have crossed the Marne west of Chateau Thierry without meeting with opposition from the Germans, and are now engaged in forcing the Germans back in a north-easterly direction, thus exerting simultaneous pressures on the German lines from both south and west.

#### LIEUT. JAMES A. MEISSNER



In a thrilling fight 15,000 feet above the American lines Lieut. James A. Meissner, a young Brooklyn pilot, pursued an Albatross scout and shot it down in flames in the sight of his cheering comrades. Meissner is twenty-one years of age and a graduate of Cornell.

#### IMBLER FLAG RAISED

Great Demonstration Attends Ceremonies Yesterday.

IMBLER, Or., July 22.—(Special.)—The ceremonies of the flag raising on the new pole raised in the center of the city's main street took place yesterday. There was an address by a member of the G. A. R. and Mr. Adams, the chautauqua lecturer now here.

#### NEW BISHOP NAMED

Monsignor Terrence Brady Succeeds Bishop O'Reilly.

A message was received Saturday that His Holiness, the Pope, has appointed Monsignor Terrence Brady as bishop of the Baker diocese. The new bishop comes from the Dubuque, Ia., cathedral. He comes to Baker as successor of Bishop O'Reilly, who was transferred to take charge of the bishopric at Lincoln, Nebraska.

#### HEAVY FIRING IS HEARD

Believed Naval Vessels Have Located Raiding U-boats.

PROVIDENCE, Mass., July 22.—(By United Press.)—Heavy cannonading was heard off shore at noon today.

It is believed that the explosions came from naval vessels which are hunting the German submarine which attacked and sank several tow boats off shore yesterday.

The explosions resembled those of depth bombs, and it is thought naval vessels had located the submarine and were attacking it.

#### ROOSEVELT OF NAVY ARRIVES

Assistant Naval Secretary Travels On Destroyer.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 22.—(By United Press.)—Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin Roosevelt has arrived in Europe, having landed from a torpedo-boat-destroyer.

#### BABIES ARE TO BE WEIGHED

CAMPAIGN TO BE OPENED IN LA GRANDE THURSDAY

Tests Will Include All Of The Babies From Five Months To Five Years.

The campaign for the National Measuring and Weighing test of babies in La Grande are to be held on Thursday, July 25, in charge of Mrs. Albert Hunter and Mrs. Ray Logan.

This test includes babies from five months to five years of age. The hours are from 10 to 12 a.m. and from 7 to 4 p.m.

This test is the first feature of Children's Year, which began in April 1918. The record card which the Children's bureau has prepared for this test gives a table of average heights and weights for boys and girls.

One half of the card will be retained by the parents, the other half of the card provides also for recording the height and weight of the child at the time of the national test. It will be forwarded to the Children's bureau at Washington, D.C.

According to the bureau, height and weight and their relation to each other are a rough index of a young child's health and development. For instance when a child is strikingly below the average weight for his height, or is strikingly small for his age it indicates that expert advice about diet and daily care is needed. In so far as this test makes it plain to parents that the physical condition of their children needs special attention.

The committee hopes that every one will co-operate in helping to carry out this test.

The committee will be pleased to have parents register their babies with the following chairmen, who will have charge of these different school districts:

Central School: Mrs. L. B. Moe, Phone, Red 352.

Hivoria School: Mrs. O. A. Gardner, Phone, Red 1501.

Greenwood School: Mrs. H. S. Brownson, Phone, Red 3201.

The local physicians and other ladies will assist in this work.

#### CASUALTIES ARE 12,716

Death List Reaches 5100—Wounded and Missing 7616.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Casualties to date for the army and marine corps aggregate 10,831 for the army and 1885 for the marine corps. The total army casualty list up to date, as given out Sunday, is as follows:

Killed in action, 1801, including 291 at sea; died of wounds, 678; died of disease, 1399; died of accident and other causes, 543; wounded in action, 5817; missing in action, including the prisoners, 593. Total, 10,831.

Marine corps total, including July 20, report is: Officers, deaths, 20; wounded, 29; missing, 1; enlisted men, deaths, 654; wounded 1095; in hands of enemy, 4; missing, 77. Total, 1885.

#### COMMUNITY CHORUS TONIGHT

Professor L. B. Edwards came over from Baker at an early hour this morning, in order to be here in time for the regular practice of the Community Chorus Choir which, he stated, is making fine progress, and none of the members should lose the regular practice each week, as each lesson is a step in the right direction, and previous lessons are not repeated.

#### MISS MAY MURPHY IN BAKER

Miss May Murphy, formerly assistant county agent in La Grande has just been engaged to teach domestic science in the Baker High school. Her friends in this city, while regretting her loss to this community, can congratulate her on being a near neighbor.

#### HONDURAS DECLARES WAR

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 22.—(By United Press.)—The location has announced that Honduras has declared war on Germany on July 1918.

(Honduras is a British possession in South America.)

#### WEATHER REPORT

PORTLAND, July 22.—Fair.

### ALL READY FOR BOYS WHO LEAVE

FAREWELL RECEPTION AND PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION THIS EVENING.

#### WALLOWA COUNTY'S QUOTA WILL ALSO BE PRESENT

Hon. J. L. Rand, of Baker, Will Address On the Recent Victory On the Marne—All Citizens Solicited to Join the Parade—Will Be a Big Show.

"All set."

This is the decision of all concerned in tonight's farewell celebration for the 91 selectives going to war early in the morning, and 62 from Wallowa county. Chairman C. D. Emshier has been busy today, with the assistance of the rest of the civilian committee and Marshal of the Day Lieut. Nolan Skiff, rounding up the preliminaries and arranging that when 8:30 comes this evening the parade will move off promptly.

The public is required to assist, if the "show" is to be worth while, and the way to assist is to get in the parade—if not with machine, then afoot.

It promises to be a fine entertainment and the committee has been showered with congratulations for bringing the event up town where it is so much easier for the public to attend.

Lieut. Nolan Skiff, in charge of the parade, has outlined the following line of march and arrangements for the parade in honor of the departing recruits. The parade will form at the Y. M. C. A. on Washington avenue and move toward Fourth street, over to Adams avenue, then on Adams to Greenwood, thence to Washington and back to the Y. M. C. A., where the parade will disband.

The formation will be as follows: Headed by the Oregon Guard battalion band, Company A and Company B, Oregon Guard, then the departing recruits, followed by automobiles containing members of the Red Cross Auxiliary, in the rear of which will follow the patriotic citizens of Union county in automobiles. It is earnestly requested that each car have a display of our national colors in some manner. All patriotic organizations desiring to take part in the parade will kindly advise the committee in charge and a place will be allotted to them. The parade will start promptly at 8:30 p.m.

All citizens desiring to participate in the parade are requested to bank their cars below the Y. M. C. A. on Washington avenue, headed as to most readily take direction of the parade. Sixth street is to be utilized in the same manner, also Depot street, from Fourth to Washington. If the above directions are followed, the committee will have no difficulty in forming the parade. From their several stations the cars can be readily formed into line. The cooperation of all car owners is earnestly requested as it is going to be a difficult matter to avoid congestion.

The following program will be rendered: Band music; address, R. J. Green; music by the Ladies' Zebra vocal selection, Mrs. P. A. Foley; address, Hon. J. L. Rand, of Baker; celebration speech in honor of American victory on the Marne; vocal selection Mrs. T. J. Scroggin; music by Home Guard band; reception and dance.

**Boys Have Reported.**  
The recruits reported to the War Board at 10 o'clock this morning, as directed. A little later at the city hall, Mrs. C. N. Palmer, president of the Army and Navy auxiliary, presented each with a sweater and comfort kit. Colonel R. Eberhard, in behalf of the home service department of the Red Cross, made a talk to the recruits, explaining the scope of this department, which includes principally the matter of looking after the relatives at home. It maintains an information bureau that is ready to serve both the boys at the front and those whom they leave. All inquiries are looked after and all needed assistance is given the soldiers' relatives or dependents while they are away in the country's cause.

All the boys were given the badge indicating their membership in the contingent that leaves by special train at 6:30 tomorrow morning.

#### REAR GUARD ACTIONS IN AN ENDEAVOR TO REIGN THE MAIN ARMIES.

Aviators Destroyed Bridges. During the hours of Saturday night, allied aviators bombed the German pontoon bridges across the Marne with the object of preventing the retreating Germans from crossing the river.

**Reserves Break German Attacks.**  
The Franco-Americans continue to hammer the German lines with artillery, machine gun and rifle fire, and are not affording them any opportunity to gain sufficient breathing time to reform their shattered lines. The Americans continue to add to their huge toll of prisoners and guns, and large bodies of reserves are in readiness to prevent any determined resistance on the part of the retreating Germans. Heavy artillery, which has already crossed the river, is now pounding the Germans north of the Marne and aiding the allied infantry in its work of clearing this district of enemy forces.

**Indian Scouts Prove Useful.**  
Indian scouts, who were with Pershing in Mexico, are taking a prominent part in scouting operations, a branch of the service for which they are eminently fitted.

#### AMERICANS BOMBARD SOISSONS

PARIS, July 22.—(By United Press.)—American field guns are steadily bombarding the city of Soissons, while the Franco-American army south of Soissons holds practically the entire Chateau Thierry-Soissons highway.

**Retreating On Ferre-en-Tardenois.**  
German prisoners state that they had received orders to retreat on the city of Ferre-en-Tardenois, 12 miles northeast of Chateau Thierry and 17 miles southeast of Soissons.

#### DESPERATE ATTACKS BROKEN.

PARIS, July 22.—(By United Press.)—In unavailing attempts to bring the allies to a standstill, the Germans have launched a number of desperate counter attacks north

#### SUPPLY WAGONS FOR THE AMERICAN TROOPS AT THE FRONT



Train of supply wagons moving through a French village and over a low bridge on the way to the troops at the front.