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## YANKS DRIVE HUNS FROM SERGY HILLS

NIGHT ATTACK BRINGS YET ANOTHER VICTORY TO THE AMERICANS.

### ADVANCE IS MADE BEHIND SMOKE SCREEN

After Allied Artillery Had Completely Demolished German Nest On American Flank, Rolling Barrage Broke Down Resistance Of Enemy.

WITH THE AMERICANS IN FRANCE, August 1.—(By United Press.)—The Americans struck another telling blow at the Germans last night, at the point of the wedge which the allies have driven into the German lines, between Serghes and Sergy, in the region of Fere-en-Tardenois.

After a brilliant action, the Americans gained all their object—storming the heights between the two towns.

The Americans advanced behind a dense smoke screen which their engineers had developed and were upon the enemy before they realized that the infantry had been released upon them.

Heavy rolling barrages broke up the enemy resistance, and made the task of the Americans easier when they stormed the crest of the heights.

The advance was rendered possible because allied artillery had completely demolished a pocket which the Germans had formed on the right flank of the Americans.

### GERMANS ATTACK HEAVILY.

French Report Enemy Is Repulsed On Bligny Mountain.

PARIS, August 1.—(By United Press.)—The official French communique issued here this morning, states that the Germans have launched a heavy attack on the French lines on Bligny mountain, southwest of Reims, but were repulsed.

German infantry raids on other parts of the front were unsuccessful.

## DRAFT IS TO BE RAISED

SECRETARY OF WAR MAKES IMPORTANT STATEMENT

New Man Power Bill Will Be Introduced In Congress Early Next Week.

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 1.—Secretary for War Baker today announced that the new Man Power Bill, which provides for a change in the draft age limits, will be introduced into congress early next week.

### GUATEMALANS TO AID

Army Of 85,000 To Be Trained By French Officers.

GUATEMALA CITY, August 1.—The French military mission sent to this country to assist in the training of the Guatemalan army has arrived.

Guatemala has an army of about 85,000 men and when that country joined the ranks of the entente alliance in April the event was looked upon as one that would give important aid in the struggle against Germany.

### HUNS BRING UP ARTILLERY.

LONDON, August 1.—(By United Press.)—It was learned here this afternoon that new German artillery, under General von Buren, has been brought up to stiffen the German lines in the Soissons-Reims salient.

### HOGS AGAIN ADVANCED.

Another advance in the price of hogs at North Portland is reported the top price being \$18.50, which was paid for one lot. The receipts for the week ending July 30 totaled a thousand head.

### Mlle. Vera Smirnova



Mlle. Vera Smirnova is known to every Russian who has been in Petrograd within the last five years. Her marvelous contralto voice had won for her a most enviable position in court life.

## KAISER BILL'S LITTLE JOKE

DECLARES HIS U-BOATS ARE SURE OF SUCCESS.

Says American Armies Numerical Superiority Does Not Scare Him—The Optimist.

AMSTERDAM, August 1.—(By United Press.)—The Kaiser, in a proclamation to the German army and navy says:

"The American army's numerical superiority does not frighten us. Despite efforts of the world's greatest naval powers, our U-boats sure of success, are attacking forces which are steaming across the sea to the aid of our enemies."

### DELAYS SOLDIER MAIL

Great Care Is Required In Writing Address Properly.

Complaints have been received from soldiers now in France that their mail is being delayed somewhere in transit.

All mail matter, such as letters, or weekly magazines intended for the soldiers now in France, like some members of the celebrated "Rainbow" Regiment, should be clearly directed to permanent addresses, as for instance: Private John Smith, 18th Engineers, P.O. Co. F, U. S. Army, P.O. No. 705, American Expeditionary Force, Via New York, FRANCE.

It is absolutely necessary to write out in full the words: "American Expeditionary Force," otherwise the mail might go to the Australian Expeditionary Force in France.

### IDENTIFICATION NECESSARY.

La Grande Young Men In Portland Had No Registration Cards.

Three young men of this city were recently picked up by the Portland police for not having in their possession, proper identification to prove their being registered with their respective local boards. The experience, they say, was novel for a time but inconvenient and rather embarrassing, as innocent as they were of evading the draft law.

The fact is, Portland and other coastal cities have adopted this system of issuing slackers, and it behooves anyone of draft age to have with them not only the registration card but also the classification card that is furnished by the local boards.

The matter is entirely in the hands of the United States Government. City officials have nothing whatever to do in releasing what young men are picked up in this manner. In Portland a court of justice is held every morning that releases the young men taken during the night, on presentation of the proper credentials.

CAMPING ON BEAVER CREEK. The families of P. J. Theisen and Charles Reynolds are enjoying an extended outing on Beaver Creek.

WEATHER FORECAST. PORTLAND, August 1.—Occasional showers.

## FRENCH AND YANKS AGAIN UNDERWAY

NEW ADVANCE OVER LARGE PART OF REIMS-SOISSONS SALIENT REPORTED.

### OFFENSIVE IS DIRECTED AGAINST HUN CENTER

Line South Of Reims Is Also Subjected To Allied Pressure—Americans Hurl Germans Back Into Woods And Progress Towards Ardoo Valley.

PARIS, August 1.—(By United Press.)—A new Franco-American advance over a large part of the Reims-Soissons salient is reported here today.

Details which have arrived show that the allies have advanced their lines in the region between Oulchy-le-Chateau and Fere-en-Tardenois, and also near Gerges. They have also made considerable progress towards the Reims highway, near Bligny.

The Americans have hurled back a German advance, forcing the enemy into the woods south of the Court-Flamez road, near Goussoucourt.

On the right flank of their line the Americans are making progress through the Ardoo valley, near Ville-en-Tardenois, south of Reims.

### BOARD ASKED TO COME

Chairman G. L. Larison Wants All The Members Present.

In order that due appreciation shall be given the County War Council, which has been ordered for Union County on August 8th, G. L. Larison, chairman of the Union County War Board, today issued a call to all members of that organization to be present. Mr. Larison said, in part:

"Union County people have been ordered into War Council on the evening of August 8th, at 8 o'clock and as Chairman of the Union County War Board I hereby ask that all members of the Board be in attendance to hear the eminent speakers who will be present. Special military work will be held that evening by the Home Guard and seats in the reviewing stand have been reserved for members of the County War Board. At this meeting all registered men of the county, who have not yet been called, are requested to be present and learn some facts that are of vital interest to themselves."

### CORRECTION IS MADE.

In the local item in yesterday's Observer, regarding the death of Mr. Carl Adler, of Baker, the story should have read as follows:

Mr. Adler had gone from his home in Baker to spend a short time at Hot Lake, to enjoy the baths at the sanatorium, and the rest to be obtained there. He remained at Hot Lake during his vacation, and then returned to his home in Baker. His demise occurred after he had been home for some time, and not during his stay at Hot Lake.

## LONG CASUALTY LISTS EXPECTED

PERSHING WARNS NATION TO PREPARE FOR THE PRICE OF VICTORY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 1.—General Pershing's list of casualties today totals only 120 names. He, however, warned the nation to prepare for long lists, the inevitable results of the bitter fighting on the Soissons-Reims front, which are expected soon.

### KILLED IN BATTLE

Walker McDaniel Receives Unwelcome Word From Battle Front.

Walker McDaniel has received a letter which contains the report of the death of his brother, Charles, who was "killed in action." Charles McDaniel was drafted from Quincy, Illinois, and was a member of Company I, 256 Infantry. He had been in France but about three months.

## ALLIES NOW OUTCLASS HUNS

FOR FIRST TIME THIS YEAR RESERVES ARE SUPERIOR

German Armies, However, As A Whole, Are Still Stronger In Numbers.

LONDON, August 1.—(By United Press.)—It was authoritatively announced here today that, for the first time this year, the allies now have more reserves than the Germans.

When the relative strength of the armies in the field are considered, however, the Germans still have the advantage in numbers.

## HUN WISHES TO FORCE HIS TERMS

LOYD GEORGE, BRITISH PREMIER, SAYS HE WILL NEVER SUCCEED.

LONDON, August 1.—(By United Press.)—Lloyd George, the British premier, today said: "The enemy is fighting to impose his economic terms on the allies, but he will never succeed."

## WHEAT EMBARGO IS TO REMAIN

HOOVER SAYS THAT RESTRICTION WILL NOT BE REMOVED

SAN DIEGO, CALIF., August 1.—(By United Press.)—Food Administrator Hoover has cabled acting Food Commissioner J. Brien, stating that the wheat restrictions will not be removed.

LOAN CAMPAIGN NEAR. WASHINGTON, August 1.—The campaign for the fourth Liberty Loan will open on Saturday, September 8.

## FRANCE ARMY UNDER GEN. MANGIN TAKE IMPORTANT HILL AND SEE FISHES

GERMANS NOW REPORTED DIGGING THEMSELVES IN

Combined Attacks Over Twenty-five Mile Front Are Launched By Allies—Points Which Have Held Up Advance For Several Days Are Taken.

PARIS, August 1.—(By United Press.)—The Allies again smashed forward today, this time in three sectors of the Reims-Soissons salient, and tearing into the German front for gains of more than two miles at some points.

The attacks were made on the southwestern, southern and southeastern portions of the salient over a combined front of 25 miles.

The points which were captured were strong German positions which had held up the advance of the allies for several days.

### HILL 205 IS TAKEN

French Now Have Fine View Of Another German Base.

WITH THE FRENCH AFIELD, August 1.—(By United Press.)—General Mangin's army this morning opened up an offensive between Fere-en-Tardenois and Plessier-Hollu, covering a ten-mile front.

Shortly after the attack was launched Hill 205, east of Grand Rosey, and from which the German base at Plessier is visible, fell into French hands.

French troops also captured the village of Gramoiselle, four miles north-west of Fere-en-Tardenois.

At 8 o'clock this morning the advance was still proceeding.

Other troops took Meunier wood in the salient south-east of Clerges.

Throughout the French front the Germans are bombarding heavily with their big guns, the fire being most intense at Reims and Montdidier.

### GERMANS TRY TO HOLD GAINS

WITH THE AMERICANS IN FRANCE, August 1.—(By United Press.)—In an effort to hold part of their gains, the Germans are now reported to be digging themselves in.

### HARVEST PROGRESSES

County Agent Finds Spring Grain Benefited By Rain.

County Agent Paul H. Spillman, who returned late last evening from a crop survey trip, reports that spring grain is now being harvested and that, while the late rains did some damage in certain sections of the county, yet, on the whole, the crops have been benefited to a marked degree.

His trip extended as far as Telesca in one direction and to Elgin in the other.

## MARINES BURYING GERMANS THEY HAVE KILLED



United States marines in France burying the bodies of some of the Germans they killed in the fighting near Chauvau Thierry.

### SIR WILLIAM MANNING



Gen. Sir William Manning, who has been captain general of Jamaica since 1913, has recently been appointed to the governorship of Ceylon. The position is regarded as one of the best in the British diplomatic service.

## HUNS SMILE HAS VANISHED

DEPRESSION NOW RULES ALL PRISONERS TAKEN.

In Early Days Of Drive Germans Were Insolent And Contemptuous, Now All Is Changed

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, August 1.—(By United Press.)—German officers and men taken prisoner near Merris and Amiens are extremely depressed as a result of the failure of the drive of the Crown Prince and the staggering offensive which was launched by Generalsissimo Foch.

It is declared that in April the morale of the Germans was at its highest pitch. At that time both officers and men, when taken prisoner by the allies, were most insolent in their demeanor toward their captors. Their attitude was either contemptuous, or they pretended to be condescending as if they already owned the world.

Now all is changed and deep gloom makes silent prisoners of them.

The supplies of munitions available to the Germans are not plentiful and food is scarce, while the allies are growing stronger every week.

### HAVE 14,500 PRISONERS

Number Captured In France Since March 21 Announced.

LONDON, August 1.—Since March 21 of this year, the British have taken 14,500 prisoners on the western front. James Innes MacPherson, parliamentary secretary of the War Office informed the House of Commons today.

### BRITAIN VOTES BIG CREDITS.

Estimates Of Three And Half Billion Dollars Are Presented.

LONDON, August 1.—(By United Press.)—Chancellor of the Exchequer Bonar Law today, in the house of commons moved the passage of credits totaling \$3,500,000,000.

### GREEK ARMY IS READY.

Force Of 150,000 Men At Disposal Of Allies.

LONDON, August 1.—(By United Press.)—A Greek army of 150,000 men is now ready for action, says a Saloniki dispatch.

This force will probably be placed at the disposal of the allies.

### THERMOMETER TAKES TUMBLE.

The unusual heat of the last few days, causing a rise in the glass to 95 and 99, culminated today when the mercury dropped to 85, with a light thunder shower brewing in the mountains. The rain is much needed for the war gardens in the city, as well as throughout the county.

### NO PASSES IN FUTURE.

All railroad officials and agents yesterday received notice that there will be in the future no passes issued, or free transportation for their personal property over the express company's lines, as had been the custom in the past, owing to the exigencies of war, making it imperative to utilize every inch of space in cars, on passengers as well as freight.

## ONE MORE WAR BOARD APPOINTED

WILL ACT UNDER DIRECTIONS AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH LOCAL BOARD.

### APPOINTMENTS MADE BY PROVOST-GEN. CROWDER

Dr. A. L. Richardson, Col. F. S. Ivanhoe and A. W. Nelson Are to Be Members of the New Board—Their Duties Embrace Physical, Legal and Military Status of Registrants.

A subsidiary, or auxiliary war board, has been appointed to act under directions of and in conjunction with the local county war board. The appointees are Dr. A. L. Richardson, Col. F. S. Ivanhoe and Capt. A. W. Nelson. This is in accordance with a movement that is in effect in all counties of the country.

This board is to have charge of the three distinct conditions affecting men subject to the draft. Hereafter the men called to fill quotas will receive a certain amount of military instruction before they leave home for the training camps. This part will be under the instructions of Capt. A. W. Nelson. The matters pertaining to the physical and health conditions will be under the supervision of Dr. Richardson, while Colonel Ivanhoe is to have charge pertaining to the legal affairs and rights of the registrants.

These appointments are made direct by Provost Marshal Crowder, upon the recommendations of the local military authorities.

Registrants Are Invited. All registrants are specially invited to attend the county war conference to be held in La Grande on the evening of August 8, when prominent military officials will be present. At this conference the duties and rights of registrants will be more fully explained, and for that reason an attendance of everyone in the draft, regardless of classification, is expected to be present. The number should be about seven hundred.

As before indicated, these conferences and the functions of the newly appointed instruction boards are in no sense local, but apply to all counties of the United States.

## ALLIED TROOPS AT VLADIVOSTOK

BIG PROGRAM TO AID RUSSIA NOW UNDER WAY.

Japan, Besides Dispatching Troops, Has Agreed To Plans For Economic Aid.

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## ALLIANCE IS KILLED

German - American Organization's Charter Is Revoked.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—President Wilson today signed the Congressional resolution revoking the charter of the National German-American Alliance, which was charged with pro-German activities.

## AMERICAN IS HONORED

Otto H. Kahn, Banker, Chevalier of Legion Of Honor.

NEW YORK, August 1.—The French government has conferred upon Otto H. Kahn, American banker, the decoration of the Chevalier of the Legion of Honor in recognition of his services on behalf of the allied cause both before and since America entered the war, it was announced here today.

This is regarded as an unusual distinction for the reason that few civilian appointments to the Legion of Honor are being made in war time.