

ALLIES ARE ADVANCING ON FISMES

ARMIES NOW CLOSE IN ON BASE FROM BOTH SOUTH AND EAST.

WIDE STRETCHES TAKEN ALONG ENTIRE SALIENT

Americans Have Captured Cohan and Mareuil-Dole And Are Now Within Six Miles Of German Base—French Also Approaching Fismes From The East.

PARIS, August 3.—(By United Press.)—The whole of the German defenses along the whole of their front of forty-five miles between Soissons and Rheims, appear to be in the process of disintegration under the increasing pounding of allied guns, which was inaugurated on Thursday.

United Press staff dispatches report new progress at many points since the operations which resulted in the capture of the Soissons plateau and Villen-Tardenois, and the occupation of wide stretches of territory previously held by the enemy between those two points, which constitute the right flank and center of the Germans.

American forces advanced northward up D'Oillon valley toward the big German base at Fismes, which lies in the center of the salient, yesterday captured Cohan, a village within six miles of Fismes Mareuil-en-Dole, seven miles from the German base, was also captured.

FRENCH CLOSE IN FROM EAST. Germans Destroy Vesle Bridges And Burn Villages.

LONDON, August 3.—(By United Press.)—French cavalry contingents are reported to have reached the south bank of the Vesle river at Jonchery-sur-Vesle, only five and a half miles east of the German base of Fismes.

All the bridges over the Vesle river have been destroyed, and the lurid glow of burning villages is seen at night to the north of the river, indicating that the Germans are destroying everything along the line of probable retreat.

Big conflagrations have been started by the fleeing Germans at many points, and beyond Soissons, the enemy is retiring with great rapidity, so that it is impossible to maintain contact with his forces. It is believed that the Germans are now headed for the Aisne, and will establish his main defenses on the famous Chemin des Dames ridge.

The Chemin des Dames ridge was the scene of initial American activity in France, a section being held by American troops until the recent German drive caused a retirement to the south.

BLIND ARE MARRIED

Unusual Answer of Youngster Who Contributes Money.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—(By United Press.)—One hundred and fifty discharged soldiers who have lost their sight have taken unto themselves wives and are now settled down to home life.

"And a topping lot of girls they have picked up with," says Sir Arthur Pearson. "You might think they would only get the 'left-overs' but they know too much for that."

In connection with the Blind Soldiers' Children fund, a schoolmaster asked his boys to bring a gift accompanied by an appropriate proverb or quotation.

On the day appointed one little boy put down twelve cents with the remark, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

A second angelic-looking boy placed a quarter on the desk and said, "Cast thy bread upon the waters and it shall return to thee after many days."

A third boy, bright-faced and cheery, placed a cent on the desk with the remark, "A fool and his money are soon parted."

M. E. SOUTH CONFERENCE

Rev. H. L. Thoroughman, presiding elder, will preach at the M. E. church, South, tomorrow at 11:00 a. m. and at 8:00 p. m.

A quarterly conference session will begin a session at 8 o'clock this evening.



Nelson Morris of Chicago, millionaire packer, in his uniform as a private in Camp Grant.

TO ROUND-UP ALL WOBBLES

OTHER PRO-GERMANS ALSO TO BE GATHERED IN.

Oregon Military Police Arrive In This Section To Protect Ripening Crops.

"Wobbles"—as carriers of the I. W. W. red card are known—and other pro-Germans in this section—and it will be admitted that there are very few who are even under suspicion—are in for an anxious period, following the arrival last night of a squad of the State Military Police, under Lieut. J. W. Kocker.

Lieut. Kocker, who is here from Pendleton stated that he and his uniformed men had just completed what was, from his point of view, a most successful sojourn in Umatilla county, with the result that a number of I. W. W.'s are now in the county jail awaiting trial.

For some time past a number of plain clothes members of the Military Police have been quietly carrying on investigations in this section, and several cases of pro-Germanism have been reported and will be subjected to a far-reaching probe. These cases, by the way are not in La Grande, in fact, the majority are not even in Union county.

Apart from locating his uniformed men at various posts in this section, Lieut. Kocker will investigate the condition of the crops and also ascertain what warehousing facilities are available for accommodating it when it is harvested and how best these warehouses may be guarded against incendiarism by the nation's enemies.

La Grande will be the headquarters of the officer and his men while in this section of Oregon, but much of his squad's activity will be in the neighborhood of the wheat fields, where every possible effort will be made to secure the ripening crops against "accident," such as frequently happen when Wobblers pay their unwelcome visits.

ARE YOU KEEPING FAITH?

Are you keeping your pledge to buy War Savings Stamps? This is an obligation Uncle Sam will insist that you meet.

LA GRANDE BOY PROMOTED.

Elmer Horstman, formerly one of the Observer force, but for some time a member of the United States navy, has been advanced to the office of Chief Yeoman. This gives Elmer an opportunity to get away from the big pants and puts him in the officers' quarters.

300,000 MEN WENT ACROSS DURING JULY

CHIEF OF STAFF MARCH SAYS NEW HIGH RECORD WAS REGISTERED.

GERMAN DEAD AND THE MATERIAL LITTERS FIELD

Advancing Yanks Find It Almost Impossible To Collect All Guns And Material Which Has Been Abandoned By Germans In Wild Flight.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 3.—(By United Press.)—Chief of Staff March said that eight American divisions are now engaged on the great offensive front.

He declared that the allied objective is still the destruction of the opposing army. Confidential reports which have been received declared that it seems almost impossible to collect all the guns and material which has been abandoned by the Germans in their retreat. The ground is so thickly covered with German corpses that it is impossible to advance without walking over them.

Three hundred thousand men were sent overseas during July, this breaking all previous records by 24,000 men.

General Pershing now directly controls more than one million men exclusive of those brigaded with the allies.

BRITISH ADVANCE ON SOMME.

Occupy German Positions In Rush Near Somme.

LONDON, August 3.—(By United Press.)—British troops, rushing forward north of the Somme, have occupied portions of the German front near Albert.

VISITORS FROM PENDELTON

Mrs. Kate Frazer Is Guest of Her Sister, Mrs. Jap H. Stevens.

Mrs. Kate Frazer, of Pendleton, is a visitor in La Grande and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jap H. Stevens. Mrs. Frazer's visit at this time is also to her father, "Uncle" George Webb, Oregon's ex-state treasurer and La Grande's most venerable citizen. Despite his 93 years, Mr. Webb is still in sprightly spirits, both mentally and physically.

Mrs. Frazer's husband accompanied her to La Grande and the trip was made in a Hupmobile. Mr. Frazer did not tarry long and made the drive home in record time. He left La Grande at half past six in the morning and reached Pendleton at eleven. He was delayed about a half an hour at Meacham. The roads over the mountains are in fair condition, except in a few places where the rains have left an exposure of rocks and gravel.

WEALTHY FARMER CONVICTED.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 3.—W. H. Kaufman, wealthy farmer of Bellingham and prominent politician of the state, was found guilty by a jury in Federal Judge Cushman's court here today on the charge of making speeches in opposition to the Liberty loan. He will be sentenced, next Tuesday.

The maximum penalty which Kaufman may be given is 10 years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$10,000.

CHAMBERLAIN WANTS 18 TO 45

"EVENTUALLY WHY NOT NOW" THINKS SENATOR.

Bill Empowers President To Call Those Below 20 For Training—Would Be Last Called

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 3.—(By United Press.)—Eighteen to 45 are the ages fixed in the new Man Power Bill to be introduced to Senate on Monday by Senator Chamberlain.

The bill empowers the President to call all men between the ages of 18 and 21 for military training in the United States or to make them the last to be called if required for service overseas.

It is announced by officials of the administration that both the President and the war department are opposed to lowering the age below 20 or raising it above 35. The reason given for the opposition to the increase of the age to a higher limit than 35 is that experience has shown that the older men are not able to bear hardships like the younger men and are less able to recover from serious wounds.

WAR CRISIS IS ALREADY PAST

FACE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE, SAYS HAIG

British Field Marshal Says Germans Planned To Score Decisive Victory Before Yanks Came

LONDON, August 3.—(By United Press.)—Field Marshal Haig has issued a special order of the day in which he declares that "the conclusion of the fourth year of war marks the passing of the period of crisis."

He continues: We are now confident of eventual victory and look forward to the future with every hope.

"It was the enemy's intention to use a great number of men against the English and French and thus gain a decisive victory before the American troops could arrive.

The stream of American troops to France already has restored the balance of power between the armies of the allies and the enemy. The first and most powerful of the German blows fell on the British, who were outnumbered with a superiority of three to one, but our lines were not broken.

"The enemy's effort to obtain a decision on the west front has thus failed."

STAMP SALES INCREASE.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Total July sales of War Savings and Thrift Stamps was \$211,417,942.61, the largest on record, the treasury announced today. This represents over \$2 per capita for the entire country.

The total sales of both stamps and date is \$518,510,334.03 with a maturity value of \$624,711,245, it was stated.

WEATHER REPORT.

PORTLAND, August 3.—Fair.

CAMP CARSON PROPERTY IS AGAIN SOLD

OLD PLACER GROUNDS TAKEN OVER BY NEW COMPANY FROM ILLINOIS.

EXPENDITURE OF \$20,000 IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED

Deal Is In Form Of Five Year Lease With Option To Purchase—Well Known Mining Grounds Are Again To Undergo Development.

The Camp Carson placer mining property up the Grande Ronde river has again changed hands. The deal is in the form of a five-year lease with option to purchase. Turner Oliver made the deal and the new proprietors are an Illinois company headed by a mining engineer named Ferguson, who is on the ground to take immediate charge. The terms of the transfer are not given out, but one of the stipulations is that the new company will expend \$20,000 in improvements.

Thos. Loftus, who has had personal supervision of the property for a long period, is handling the details of the transfer from this end, and he left for the old camp today to attend to the matter of transferring the personal property, including supplies and mining equipment, which go with the deal. Mr. Loftus will also post the notices legally required to make public the new status of ownership and future responsibility for indebtedness that may be incurred under the new company.

Has Had Many Changes.

The Carson property has been sold and re-sold so many times that the transfers would make up a small volume of history. The presence of gold in the district cannot be disputed since a pan of dirt in any part of the grounds shows promising "colors." New companies attempt new devices for saving the gold—the only thing that has ever stood in the way of making the old grounds the most fabulous producer of wealth. It is hoped that the new concern will meet with success.

ASKS ALL TO BE PRESENT.

Chairman Scroggin Appeals To All County Members.

In asking that a full attendance of members of the County Council of Defense be present on the evening of August 8th at the County War Conference, Chairman T. J. Scroggin has issued the following proclamation:

"To members of the County Council of Defense: In view of the fact that Union county people have been ordered into a war conference for the evening of August 8th, and in view of the fact that Executive Secretary John K. Kollock, of the State Council of Defense, Col. John Hibbard and Captain Russell will be present to give us ideas of the nation's expectations relative to defense work, I hereby request that all members of the County Council of Defense be present and take part in the evening's program. The meeting will be held in the L. D. S. Tabernacle at 8 o'clock p. m. and arrangements have been made to seat all members of the county council."



Jacques Du Pre, a Belgian soldier who has been in the service of his war-stricken country since the opening days of the war, is now the hero of his compatriots for his daring exploit of capturing an entire carload of Germans and marching them, single-handed, to a detention camp behind the Belgian lines. He had been decorated already for exceptional valor.

TOMORROW IS DAY OF PRAYER

INTERCESSION FOR WELFARE OF MEN OVER THERE.

Ministers And Christian People Asked To Assist In Carrying Out The Program.

Churches of this city, people of the community at large and especially friends and relatives of men in the army and navy will tomorrow join with the boys "over there" in a Day of Prayer. Uppermost in the thoughts will be the intercession asking for the continued welfare of the men "over there" and the speedy coming of victory to the cause of justice and democracy.

The plan for setting aside August 4 as a Day of Prayer has come from the war zone and the people of America are taking the opportunity of definitely joining with the men of the colors in the seeking of Divine Guidance.

Every church service will have at least a part of the program set aside for this purpose. Many will devote an entire program to the theme of prayer for the Allies. In every camp and cantonment, military post and naval training station the church representatives under the insignia of the Y. M. C. A. and war work chaplains and other organizations, will lead the men who are in training, in similar prayer services.

All ministers and Christian laymen are asked to assist in carrying out this program for the day.

WAR GARDENERS MEET

Thirty Boys and Girls Assembled at Call of Secretary.

At the call of A. H. Prince, Y. M. C. A. secretary, there gathered yesterday afternoon about thirty boys and girls at the Y. M. C. A. Each one, whose ages range from 11 to 13 years, is doing his or her bit for Uncle Sam, either raising a war garden, chickens or rabbits.

These boys and girls all live in the city. There are others belonging to the club, who live in the country, but were unable to get to the meeting, as their labors kept them at home. Many of them will try to win prizes at the forthcoming State Fair to be held in Salem in September.

Those who attended the meeting yesterday were given instructions as to the best methods of making out their reports, and selling the products.

ON A SUMMER CAMPING TRIP.

Headed by A. H. Prince, at an early hour this morning the juniors and juveniles of the Y. M. C. A. left in autos for a week's camping and picnic on Catherine Creek, about 12 miles above Union.

Eighteen happy youngsters made up the party, and doubtless will have many tales to tell their friends of the big time had in fishing and other sports, when they return home.

GERMANS IN FLIGHT TO NEW LINES

SOISSONS HAS FALLEN AND FISMES WILL SOON BE IN HANDS OF ALLIES.

NEXT STAND TO BE MADE ON CHEM IN DES DAMES

Americans Capture Chamery Where Quentin Roosevelt Fell To His Death, And Are Now Searching For Grave Of Unfortunate Aviator-Hero.

PARIS, August 3.—(By United Press.)—The Germans now have apparently definitely abandoned their plan to resist the allied advance along the Vesle river, and will make their stand along the Aisne further to the north and on the Chemin des Dames ridge.

Fismes may be occupied at any moment now.

YANKS GUNS TRAINED ON BASE

WITH THE AMERICANS IN THE FIELD, August 3.—(By United Press.)—Fismes, the German base, is now within range of American field artillery, and will probably be added to the list of towns captured ere many hours have passed.

The Yanks this morning captured the village of Chamery, where Quentin Roosevelt fell to his death, several weeks ago, when his airplane was shot down by a German aviator. The Americans are now trying to locate the grave of the unfortunate aviator.

ADVANCE CONTINUES.

Reports At Noon Show That Rapid Progress Is Maintained.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, August 3.—(By United Press.)—The allied advance south of the Vesle River and towards Fismes was still in full swing at noon today.

Starting along the Aisne front from Pommiers (north of Soissons) to Venise, the allies have now reached the region of Seraches, Couvrelles Cerswell and are now within seven miles west of Fismes.

During the night, the French completed the entire occupation of the city of Soissons.

Allied cavalry is pushing forward along the Vesle River and has already entered Champigny and Jonchery-sur-Vesle, west of Rheims.

These simultaneous advances from the east and west towards Fismes have narrowed the gap in which the Germans in this section of the salient have to maneuver their forces to 13 miles.

Southwest of Rheims the allies now control the region of Tinquex, Thillois, Gueux, Rosnay and Mulzon.

NEW CASUALTY LISTS PUBLISHED

AMERICAN CASUALTIES TO DATE ESTIMATED AT ABOUT TWELVE THOUSAND.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 3.—(By United Press.)—Chief of Staff March told the Senate Military Affairs committee that General Pershing estimated American casualties to date at about 12,000.

206 CASUALTIES REPORTED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 3.—General Pershing today published a list of 206 casualties, including 112 killed in action.

MORE GOODS WANTED.

The ladies of the Red Cross store are sorely in need of clothing, empty glass bottles, which should be thoroughly cleaned before delivery, also old shoes. In the latter case none are desired that are beyond repair, unless the tops are soft, for the making of aprons for aviators. Such shoes should be delivered direct to the aviation department.

WEATHER NOT SO WARM.

The official government weather report yesterday showed only 85 degrees, and today the glass stands at the same figure.

USED-UP HATS SALVAGED BY QUARTERMASTER DEPARTMENT



When the boys overseas find that their hats have seen their best days they turn them into the hat department of the salvage department of the quartermaster depot in France, where they are fixed up or sent away to be made over into brand new hats.