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## AMERICANS CAPTURE BIG HUN BASE

FISMES FALLS TO PERSHING'S MEN WHO GATHER FRUITS OF VICTORY.

8,400 PRISONERS AND 133 GUNS ARE SPOILS

Operations Opened on July 18 Now Find The Germans Driven Clear Across Vesle River—Big Sacrifice Of Men Falls To Stop Advance Of Victorious Yanks.

WASHINGTON, August 5.—(By United Press.)—Allied troops in the Aisne-Marne salient reaped "the full fruits of victory" on Saturday "when the enemy who met his second great defeat on the Marne was driven in confusion beyond the line of the Vesle." General Pershing reported in his communique for Saturday, received Sunday by the War Department. American troops alone have captured 8,400 prisoners and 133 guns. The text of the statement follows:

"Section A—The full fruits of victory in the counter offensive began so gloriously by Franco-American troops on July 18 were reaped Saturday, when the enemy met his second defeat on the Marne and was driven in confusion beyond the line of the Vesle.

"The enemy, in spite of suffering the severest losses, has proved incapable of stemming the onslaught of our troops fighting side by side with French, British and Italian veterans. In the course of the operations 8,400 prisoners and 133 guns have been captured by our men alone.

"Our troops have taken Fismes by assault and hold the south bank of the Vesle in this section," says General Pershing's communique covering Sunday's fighting, as received Sunday night by the war department.

## FLEEING FOE HALTS

Flooded River and Assaulting Forces Form Death Trap.

PARIS, Aug. 5.—The number of prisoners captured by the allies during the last two days will thrill the allied world when announced. The Vesle river, which was flooded owing to the recent heavy rains, hampered the German rear-guards, which were unable to ford the stream. Most of those Germans were killed and the rest were made prisoners.

Allied forces in pursuit of the Germans have passed through veritable charnel houses.

Bodies of men and horses are mingled with broken down vehicles alongside ammunition dumps, some exploded and others intact.

Bodies of Germans found in clusters beyond the range of the allied artillery indicate that severe punishment was inflicted on the fleeing columns by the allied aviators.

## PARIS UNDER BOMBARDMENT.

Germans Again Shell City With Long Range Gun.

PARIS, August 5.—(By United Press.)—The long range bombardment of Paris by German artillery has been resumed.

## DISSOLVE BIG COMBINE.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—Under an agreement between the government and the International Harvester company, federal court decrees declaring the so-called harvester trust to be an unlawful combination and ordering its dissolution, are to be carried into effect at once.

The company's appeal pending in the supreme court since 1915 is to be dismissed and an order issued providing for the sale of certain machinery lines controlled by the company, together with its plants in Springfield, Ohio, and Auburn, New York. The terms of the agreement have been made public by the department of justice.

## BETTER CROPS IN SIGHT.

County Agent P. H. Spillman, who returned to the city this morning from a two days' outing, stated that wherever he went, the crops of potatoes promise to be good—much better than at first was predicted. The rains a few days ago helped the crop very much. Winter wheat is not panning out so well, and there will be only a small crop of apples. He estimates that the potato crop will be about 50 per cent of last year's crop.

## LOUIS ORR



Louis Orr, an American artist, is the first artist of any nationality to have a picture acquired by the Louvre in Paris during the artist's lifetime. His etching is of the Pont Neuf, the oldest bridge in Paris. The original plate is now in permanent possession of the Louvre and a copy of it is in the Luxembourg museum along with Mr. Orr's famous etchings of Reims cathedral.

## HUNS LOSSES ARE 350,000

FAILURE OF CROWN PRINCE'S DRIVE NOW APPARENT

Losses Include About Forty Thousand Prisoners—Allied Troops Are Much Smaller.

LONDON, August 4.—(By United Press.)—German losses since July 15th, when the Crown Prince began his last drive, are unofficially estimated at 350,000 killed, injured and prisoners, the total of the latter now being in the neighborhood of 40,000.

There is every reason to believe that the allied losses are certainly a long way below the German total.

## BIG CATCH OF FISH.

Postmaster E. E. Bragg was at his desk again this morning, much refreshed by a couple of days' outing on Sheep Creek, where, with the aid of Clerk E. O. Payton and County Agent Spillman, they caught nearly the limit of fish, which was string of 220 trout, none less than eight inches in length. Mr. Bragg said they drove their Ford up Fly Creek hill, the first car, he says, that ever succeeded in making the climb.

## DESPAIR SWEEPS OVER HUNLAND

GERMAN PEOPLE ARE NOW UTTERLY DISCOURAGED AND DOWNHEARTED

BERNE, Switzerland, August 5.—(By United Press.)—The Tagblatt declares: "Marne defeat has produced unspeakable scenes of despair in Berlin. Such outbreaks of utter discouragement and downheartedness have never before been witnessed."

## HUNS ADMIT RETREAT

Official Teuton Statement Endeavors to Soften Blow.

BERLIN, Aug. 5.—The Germans on both sides of Albert have retreated from the western to the eastern bank of the Aisne river, according to the German official communication issued yesterday. The statement says the withdrawal was made with opposition.

The text of the statement follows: "During the night there was a reviving of artillery activity, which increased to great intensity at times south of Ypres and on both sides of the Somme.

"On both sides of Albert we withdrew, without enemy interference, our positions on the west of the Aisne to the eastern bank of the river. "In successful fore-field engagements south of Luse Brook and to the southwest of Montdidier, we captured prisoners.

"There have been no fighting operations on the Aisne north and east of Soissons. On the Vesle we are in fighting contact with the enemy."

## WEATHER REPORT.

PORTLAND, August 5.—Fair...

## 2 BRIDGES ARE THROWN OVER VESLE

ALLIES NOW PREPARE TO DRIVE ENEMY STILL FARTHER TO THE NORTH.

GERMANS ABANDON 1,500,000 SHELLS

German Losses Resulting From Capture of Fismes Are As Severe As Any During Entire History Of Retreat From Marne—Hindenburg Had 1,044,000 Men.

PARIS, August 5.—(By United Press.)—The allies have now established and hold two strong bridges across the River Vesle and have also built a bridgehead. One bridge is located at Basoches, three miles west of Fismes, and the other at Jonchery-sur-Vesle, six miles east of Fismes.

The German losses when the Americans captured Fismes, were as severe as at any point in the whole of the retreat from the Marne.

The allies have captured much material, including about 1,500,000 shells of 77 millimeters calibre.

Since July 15 von Hindenburg has had engaged in battle 87 divisions, totalling 1,044,000 men, including 47 divisions which were engaged in the Marne pocket.

## GERMANS GUNS AGAIN ACTIVE

Indications Are That Huns Will Make Desperate Resistance.

WITH THE AMERICANS. IN THE FIELD, August 5.—(German heavy artillery and machine guns, which were silent for a while, have again come into action and are vigorously shelling the American lines. A heavy bombardment of the railroads in the Fismes region is also proceeding and this is taken to indicate that the Germans possibly plan to make a desperate resistance to any further allied advance.

Today a number of American patrols crossed the Vesle river.

## AIR FIGHTING STORIES TOLD

SERIES OF ARTICLES RELATING TO AVIATION EXPERIENCES

Lieut. Rickenbacker, American Ace And Former Speed Demon, Tells His Adventures.

Lieut. Eddie Rickenbacker, famous American ace and former automobile speed king, tells the story of the life and adventures of American aviators at the front in a series of ten articles to be published by the Observer, beginning today.

The American aviators in France have evolved a brand new language to fit the new life of the air fighters in this most romantic phase of the great war.

"Rickenbacker is America's head gimp," writes Frank J. Taylor, United Press Staff Correspondent. "Gimp," in the new aviation language, means "a bird who won't quit."

Rickenbacker tells of the battles in the air and intimate life of the bird man and the experiences of the newcomers, called "eggs." He reveals, as has never before been told, the real spirit and romance of the American aviators.

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WITH THE AMERICAN AIRMEN IN FRANCE, July 10.—(By Mail.)—"So you want some 'gimp'?" said Eddie Rickenbacker, all American ace and former speed king on the automobile racing world today.

"We'll call a bunch of the 'gimps' in and there will soon be plenty of 'gimp' talk. But you'll have to translate it or the people back home will never understand this aviation dialect we have developed over here."

Rickenbacker, who downed his five Germans in less than two months, and became the second all-American trained ace, is a tall, (Continued from page two)

## MORE CASUALTIES SENT BY PERSHING

LATEST LIST CONTAINS 407 NAMES BUT FEW ARE FROM NORTHWEST.

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 5.—(By United Press.)—The war department today made public a new casualty list containing 407 names. The department stated that 299 names would be ready for the morning papers.

It was also stated that many more names had arrived, but they are being withheld as customary for fifteen hours, in order that the relatives of the men killed or injured might be first notified by the department that their men folk had taken part in the big drive. Very few men from the Northwest are named in the new list.

This makes 706 casualties ready for announcement. Today's list includes: Killed in action 203. Died of wounds: 37. Wounded severely: 48.

## YANK CASUALTIES AMAZINGLY LIGHT

DOCTORS SAY THERE HASN'T BEEN A BATTLE FOR TWO DAYS, JUST A MARCH.

WITH THE AMERICANS IN THE FIELD, August 5.—(By United Press.)—The American casualties during the past 48 hours have been amazingly light, considering the depth of their advances. So few is the number of men wounded in the fighting during the past two days that one advancing dressing station was entirely empty, and both the doctors and the ambulance workers were reading. They all said: "There hasn't been a battle for the past two days. It has been just a march."

## U-BOAT IS STILL ACTIVE OFF COAST

FOURTEEN MEN ARE LOST BY TORPEDOING OF TANKER OFF ATLANTIC COAST.

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 5.—(By United Press.)—Thirty survivors of the disaster to the American tanker Jennings, which was sunk on Sunday one hundred miles off the coast of Virginia by a U-boat, have reached Norfolk.

The navy department announces that the captain and thirteen members of the crew are missing.

## ADVANCE IN ALBANIA.

Austrians Admit Reverses At Hands Of Italians.

VIENNA, August 5.—(By Wireless.)—The following statement was issued by the war office on Sunday: "The enemy penetrated into portions of our positions on Dosso Alto.

"The enemy has recaptured the Fieri-Berat line in Albania."

## FEDERAL RESERVE BANKERS TO MEET

F. L. MEYERS AND G. M. RICE CALLED TO SAN FRANCISCO ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

A very important meeting of all the bankers in the Twelfth Federal Reserve Banking District, which comprises the states of Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho, is to be held in San Francisco, according to a dispatch received Saturday by Cashier F. L. Meyers, of La Grande National Bank, the message reading as follows: "San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 3.—You are invited and requested to attend a very important one-day conference in Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, Friday, at 10 o'clock in the morning of August 9th, of representative bankers from each state in the Twelfth district, to determine the best ways and means of selling United States Certificates of Indebtedness and to discuss the general relations of banks to the government war finance.

JAMES K. LYNCH, Governor, Reserve Bank, San Francisco, California.

Mr. Meyers will be accompanied to San Francisco by Mr. G. M. Rice, vice-president of the Pendleton bank, the two representing the banks of Eastern Oregon.

## HUNS NOW STIFFEN LINE ALONG RIVER

FRENCH PATROLS WHO CROSS REPORT LARGE FORCES OF ENEMY TROOPS.

VIOLENT FIGHTING NOW REPORTED AT RHEMS

French Force Germans Across River Vesle At Mulzen After Hot Battle—German Artillery Is Now Actively Harassing Advancing Allied Troops.

WITH THE FRENCH IN THE FIELD, August 5.—(By United Press.)—German resistance was reported to be stiffening this afternoon along the Vesle at the front on the River Vesle.

French patrols, who crossed the river at several points with their machine guns and a large supply of hand grenades, reported that there are many indications that the enemy still has large forces on the north bank of the river.

German artillery also appears to be concentrated and is now actively harassing allied troops. A very hot battle raged at Mulzen, five miles west of Rheims, but eventually the French pushed the Germans out of the town and crossed the river.

Violent fighting was also reported between French and German forces at Vautier farm, near Rheims but the Germans were eventually defeated.

The Germans mined the country round La Grande farm, north of the Vesle with mines.

## REPAIRING BUILDING.

The Plass building, which was partially destroyed by fire several weeks ago, is being repaired and put in commercial condition again. It is located on Fir street across the railroad track.

## "TASK IS ONLY BEGINNING"

BAKER WARNS PEOPLE NOT TO BE TOO OPTIMISTIC

Allied Offensive Is Very Important Because It Means They Can Choose Own Battlefields.

KANSAS CITY, August 5.—(By United Press.)—Secretary of War Baker, who passed through here on his way to Fort Leavenworth "on official business," said: "It is tremendously important and vital that the allies have taken all this offensive power from the Germans, because it now means that the allies can choose their own ground for fighting."

He cautioned the public against over-optimism, saying "our task is only just beginning."

## MAN IS FATALLY HURT

Automobile Goes Over Grade Near Baker, Pining Man Underneath.

BAKER, Aug. 5.—John Ballweg, for more than 25 years a merchant here, was fatally injured in an automobile accident yesterday afternoon on Upper Burnt river. The car went off a grade, pinning Ballweg and others underneath, but the others were not so badly hurt.

Mr. Ballweg was about 65 years old and with his son conducts a shoe store here. He was on a fishing trip with a party of friends.

SUCCEEDS AT PIG RAISING. EUGENE, Aug. 5.—Gifford Chesire, aged 13, of Chesire, is making money as a pig raiser. He delivered two hogs to a buyer in Junction City this week. The sale of the animals realized \$87.97. The boy says he expects to invest his money in War Savings stamps and more pigs.

## CARLOAD OF MELONS.

A carload of watermelons has been handled in La Grande since Saturday by W. B. Glafke Co. They were shipped into La Grande from California.

## MRS. CATHERINE HART



Mrs. Catherine Wolf Hart is the eighteen-year-old bride of James Harvey Hart, a wealthy retired jeweler of Brooklyn, N. Y., eighty-six years old. The elderly bridegroom met his bride while she was employed as a manicure in a Brooklyn barber shop. Mr. Hart's children threatened to have the marriage annulled.

## REGISTRANTS ASKED TO COME

COUNTY WAR COUNCIL TO BE HELD THURSDAY.

It is Specially Requested That All Registered Men Of The County Be Present.

The big Union county war council will be held at the Tabernacle in La Grande next Thursday evening, August 8. The local war board especially requests the attendance of all registered men within the county, as there will be a number of matters before the meeting in which the registrants are especially interested. For this reason it is important that every registered man within the county, regardless of his classification, be present.

Officials of the state war board as well as all members of the county war board will be in attendance. In addition to the purely business side of the meeting the occasion will be made one of a patriotic demonstration, so the attendance need not be limited to the draft registrants, but to the entire citizenry as well. In the expectation of a large crowd at the meeting the Tabernacle has been secured as the most suitable and adequate place for the war council gathering.

## SHORT HORNS ARE ON EXHIBITION

EXHIBIT OF CATTLE THAT ARE TO GO TO THE STATE FAIR DURING SEPTEMBER.

Over at Union Sunday afternoon was held an exhibition of purebred Shortorns, that will be prize-winners at the coming State Fair, to be held in Salem in September.

One held, 60 all told, is the property of W. W. Green and sons, and at the head of the fine bunch of cattle stands General Hampton, four-year-old, who against the field, is the grand champion bull of Oregon.

In the same herd is a pair of twin beauties, yearlings, that Mr. Green calls his pets, as they are about as tame as two large kittens.

In an adjoining pasture is the herd of Sherman & Hutchinson, in the same class of Shortorns, about the same number in the herd, headed by the famous Radiator, another prize-winning animal.

That Eastern Oregon can produce the best beef cattle on earth, is the aim of these two cattle breeders, and their boast is not unfounded.

Captain Hutchinson, who for years has been the cashier of the bank at Union, resigned his position to enter the service of Uncle Sam, and has just returned from the training camp at Eugene, and is now awaiting further orders from the government.

## BOY HURT BY AUTO.

While driving his car in from Cove this morning, Mr. B. F. Bell accidentally ran down a small boy, who dived across the street just in time to get a bump. The boy's name is Robert Sullivan, and when he was taken to the hospital his injuries proved to be only slight ones, easily mended.

## 18-45 DRAFT BILL NOW IN COMMITTEE

CHAMBERLAIN SAYS OPPOSITION WILL BE SLIGHT IN SENATE.

GENERAL REGISTRATION EXPECTED ON SEPT. 5

Chairman Dent, Of House Committee Thinks Action Improbable Before House Re-convenes Aug. 19—Senate Military Committee Already Discussing Bill.

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 5.—(By United Press.)—The great man power bill, which provides for an extension of the draft ages to include all men between the ages of 18 and 45, was introduced simultaneously in the House and Senate today.

Immediately after its introduction in the House of Representatives it was referred to the Military Affairs committee.

Chairman Dent said it was improbable that the bill would receive any consideration before the House reconvenes for regular sessions on August 19th.

Chairman of the senate Military Affairs committee announced that his committee would begin work on the new man power bill immediately, and said it would probably have its report on the bill ready in a few days.

It is generally believed that the bill will meet with slight opposition.

September 5th next will be registration day for more than 13,000,000 Americans between the ages of 18 and 21 and between 32 and 45 if congress heads Provoost-Marshal Crowder's urgent plea for the passage of the man power bill.

Provoost Marshal Crowder issued a warning to the effect that the new registration must not be delayed if the October, November and December calls are to be filled with Class 1 men.

It is conjectured that Congress may reconvene Monday to pass the bill.

## ALL ASKED TO COME.

Choir Solicited To Join National Choral League.

In view of the part on the program to be taken by the community chorus in the patriotic meeting next Thursday night, everybody interested, whether members or not are requested to be at the rehearsal tonight at the Presbyterian church at 7:30 o'clock.

The secretary of the chorus has received communications from the leaders of the National Choral League of America, congratulating La Grande on the enterprise of its citizens in being among the first to join this movement for a "Singing America," and solicit their attention with that National movement. The Choral League is fostering the "community singing" in connection with its other work. Further details of these communications will be given to the chorus this evening.

## COAL AND CAR SHORTAGE.

Labor, Cars And Coal Will Be Limited Next Winter.

In order to help out the situation, so far as fuel shortage is concerned, the Sawyer-Holmes Co. is now laying in a large supply that they may be able to help the public in time of need.

One of the firm stated this morning that only a few days ago, W. R. Hunt, of the Utah Fuel Co., stopped in La Grande on his way back from Chicago, where he attended a meeting of miners and dealers, and stated that the labor situation is very serious—short along all lines, and that it had just cost him, including his own expenses, about \$7,500 to send out miners to his Utah mines, and they were hard to secure at any price.

With the government urging all patriotic people to lay in their fuel supply now, this firm states it is of the utmost importance that these of-repeated warnings of the government be observed.

"The time is soon coming," he said, "when the government will use all the cars in the country for the transportation of troops and supplies, and when it is too late to be mended, there will be a coal famine."