

DOUBLE DRIVE STARTED BY THE ALLIES AT EARLY HOUR ON PICARDY FRONT

GERMANS COMPLETELY SURPRISED BY AN ATTACK WHICH WAS PRECIPITATED AT DAWN

NEW SMASH MOVES IN UNISON WITH ADVANCE OF AMERICANS AND FRENCH BETWEEN AISNE AND VESLE—HUGE TANKS TERRIFY AND RUN DOWN GERMANS EVERYWHERE.

PARIS, Aug. 8.—(By United Press.)—The allies have apparently begun a double drive on the Picardy sector and it is to work in conjunction with the Aisne-Vesle fronts. The British and Americans renewed the attack on a bigger scale against the Crown Prince's army, driving towards the heights between the Vesle and Aisne, crossing the Rheims-Soissons highway, the British and French suddenly smashed against the tip of the huge Picardy salient. Progress is reported in both drives.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon the British attack on Picardy is continuing. It was a complete surprise, some German divisions being caught while being relieved. At noon the depth of the advance was declared to be most satisfactory. The enemy was hurled back upon the Aisne.

Three-minute bombardments preceded the attack. The French attack, by agreement, was made ten minutes later. The artillery is smothering the territory south of Amiens and the Royce road.

The attack reaches from Morlandcourt to Meruil, which is about 15 miles, and lies astride the Somme. Several unimportant villages have been taken. Prisoners say the attack was a complete surprise. Numbers of guns were captured early.

Several hundred tanks are dodging across the fields, terrifying and running down the Germans everywhere.

FAMOUS HIGHWAY CROSSED.

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES IN FRANCE, Aug. 8.—(By United Press.)—American and French troops have crossed the now famous Soissons-Rheims highway and are driving on the formidable heights between the Vesle and the Aisne. Desperate counter attacks occurred at the break of dawn, but allied artillery held the positions and steadily pushed onward.

There is very heavy fighting along a wide front north of Vesle.

NEW CROSSINGS EFFECTED.

Much material is being rushed up to effect new crossings over the river. The weather has cleared and conditions are generally favorable for a hard fight, with the advantage in the allies' favor.

HAIG CARRIES ON.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—(By United Press.)—"At dawn the British forces, with the aid of French and American artillery, under General Haig, attacked on a wide front east and southeast of Amiens. First reports indicate the attack is progressing satisfactorily," said the war office.

CASUALTIES GROWING.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 8.—(By United Press.)—Three hundred and forty-five casualties were announced today, bringing the total since the Marne offensive, to 3,032.

BRITISH MAKE BIG ADVANCE.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—(By United Press.)—The British have reached Hartsonney, an advance of about five and a half miles, it is learned this afternoon. Several thousand prisoners are reported captured. The British have also captured Moreuil, Antoine and Aubercourt.

GERMAN GRIP LOOSENING.

PARIS, Aug. 8.—(By United Press.)—By increasing the pressure at vital points, the Franco-Americans are greatly loosening the German grip on the Vesle line. Militarists believe the enemy must abandon the Vesle within a few days, unless overwhelming reserves are used, which is not considered likely.

SUCCESSFUL PRACTICE

Community Choir Numbers Close to 100 Enthusiastic Members.

At the close of the practice last night by the Community Chorus choir, held in the Tabernacle, in order that the members might become accustomed to seating arrangements made for them, when they will participate in the big rally this evening. Prof. Edwards said that it was by all odds the most successful practice held by the choir, as well as large in numbers in attendance—almost one hundred being present.

They rehearsed for use this evening "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," "Keep the Home Fires Burning," and "The Star Spangled Banner." The musical program for this evening promises to be a rich one, and this feature alone should fill the big Tabernacle to overflowing.

A CALL TO DUTY.

From the battle fields in France there comes an unspoken call that should find an answer in every American's heart. The recent great events in Europe, the successes of American arms on the fields of France should spur every American to greater effort.

Our people at home should not rest on the laurels of our soldiers in France. Every death in the field of honor in the line of duty and for our country's cause should be a call to us for every sacrifice and every exertion to aid the cause for which our soldiers are fighting, for which our soldiers have died.

Increase production, decrease consumption, save, and lend to the Government. Every cent lent to the United States is used to support, strengthen, and aid our soldiers in France.

COMMANDER OMAN



This is Charles Malden Oman, commanding officer of the American hospital ship Comfort which the government planned to send across the Atlantic without convoy to test Germany's respect for the Red Cross emblem.

ROOSEVELT'S GRAVE FOUND

AMERICAN ARMEN DISCOVER PLACE WHERE BODY LIES.

Plain Wooden Cross Marks the Spot Where Young Lieutenant Fell In Air Fight With Hun.

PARIS, Aug. 8.—(By United Press.)—Lieutenant Roosevelt's grave has been located. Airmen today found the grave of the late son of ex-President and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, and it is marked by a plain wooden cross. The grave lies four miles east of Fere-en-Tardenois.

ANXIOUS PERIOD PASSED

Allies Will Soon Have Superiority of Men and Materials.

By Ed. L. Keen, (United Press Staff Correspondent.) LONDON, Aug. 8.—The west front situation is considered the most favorable for the allied forces in the beginning of the war. The anxious period has definitely passed. The allies will soon have a superiority of men and materials.

ANOTHER VESSEL SUNK

American Steamer Merak Torpedoed Near Sinking of Light Ship.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(United Press.)—The American steamer Merak was shelled, torpedoed and sunk by a U-boat Tuesday afternoon, about fifteen miles northeast of the Diamond Shoals light ship, the navy department has announced.

GOOD SUM REALIZED

Neighbors of Woodcraft Turn Over \$104 to Red Cross.

The Neighbors of Woodcraft today are enjoying the pleasure of turning to the Red Cross the proceeds from their dinner and supper yesterday. Through the loyalty of the members and the kindness of the public, the Neighbors are enabled to place in the hands of the Red Cross the sum of \$104.00.

U. S. CONSUL IS ARRESTED

Bolsheviki of Archangel Forced to Release Official Later.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Felix Cole, U. S. consul at Archangel, reported to the state department that he had been arrested by the Bolsheviki. He was released when the Bolsheviki were compelled to give up possession of the city.

LIBERTY LOAN RATE FIXED

McAdoo, in Chicago, Says Interest Will Be Four and Half.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—Secretary W. G. McAdoo, speaking here yesterday of the next Liberty Loan, said: "The rate of interest will be four and a half per cent. It would be ridiculous to raise this interest. It would mean that the American people are trying to lift themselves up by their bootstraps. We must have a stabilized interest system in the loan so that business will not feel it necessary to raise the interest of its transactions up and down the line."

RUSSELL T. EDWARDS



Russell T. Edwards, director of the educational section of the national war garden commission.

TO REGULATE PACKER TRUST

PROPOSAL TO CONTROL PLANTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Plan, as Recommended, Limits the Packers to Work of Slaughtering and Skinning.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(United Press.)—To break the power of the "Packers' Trust," the federal trade commission today submitted recommendations by which the plants and output of the packing houses are to be placed under federal control. It is proposed to place the business in charge of the railroad administration, and giving the latter full control in the transportation and distribution of the meats.

The plan also includes the taking over of all stock yards, branch houses, stock cars, refrigerator cars, packers' icing plants, and similar adjuncts.

As proposed by the federal trade commission, the plan would limit the packers to the work of slaughtering and skinning.

DEVELOPING MOTOR TRUCK ROUTES

Arrangements have been made whereby rural motor-truck operators can cooperate with the Bureau of Markets in developing rural truck routes for farm products. Operators of truck routes who comply with certain requirements of the bureau will receive assistance in building up business in farm produce, and will be given a sign to display on their machines stating that they are cooperating with the Department of Agriculture. Truck operators can get details of the plan by writing to the Bureau of Markets, Washington, D. C.

COUNCILS OCCUPY TIME OF VISITORS

IMPORTANT SESSION OF WAR BOARD HELD AT 5:00 P. M. DURING LUNCHEON.

REVIEW FORMS AT 7:30 AS MILITARY COURTESY

War Activities of Union County Centering in La Grande, Where Big Conferences Are Under Way For Prosecution of Many Angles of the War Game—Public Invited.

SALIENT FEATURES OF TODAY'S CONFERENCE.

Meeting of Union County Advisory War Board District Chairmen, with State Executive Council of Defense Secretary at luncheon in Methodist church, at 5:00 p. m. Review of Oregon Guard Battalion at high school parade grounds at 7:30 promptly, battalion forming at armory at 7:15 promptly. Meeting at Tabernacle, addressed by visiting officials and Walter Pierce, of La Grande. Invitations extended to everyone, more especially to registrants.

War activities in Union county center in La Grande today, with the coming from Pendleton in the afternoon of three distinguished officers and civilians, and with a program mapped out for the afternoon and evening that will coordinate and centralize war endeavors of the county, to a marked degree.

The visitors were met on arrival by a delegation of citizens and during the afternoon the guests were in consultation with County Chairman T. J. Scroggin and at 5:00 p. m. today another group of men gathered at the Methodist church for luncheon and executive session. At this meeting, the visiting officials, which were Captain Russell, of the XNational Army, Major Hibbard, of the Oregon Police, and J. K. Kollock, executive secretary of the State Council of Defense, partook of and listened to matters of importance that came before the Union County Advisory War board. Chairmen of the 15 districts in the county were in attendance, as were local and district exemptions boards, city and county officials, legal advisors to registrants and the entertaining committee.

At 7:30 promptly the review takes place at the high school grounds. There the public is invited to be present and witness the military honors to the visitors.

At 8 o'clock the meeting takes up at the Tabernacle and messages of vast importance will be discussed. Walter Pierce will preside and the Community Choir will sing several numbers.

After the meeting proper, there will be a meeting for men only, but this in no wise bars women from attending the main part of the program.

SELECTING MILLINERY LINE.

Mrs. Cristie, of the firm of Amundsen & Cristie, is in Portland selecting a splendid line of millinery and writes to her husband as follows:

"Will bring the finest line of millinery to the La Grande ladies I have ever inspected." Mrs. Cristie will return to La Grande the latter part of the week.

THRASHING DEVELOPS MANY BROAD SMILES

SUMMERSVILLE, Aug. 8.—(Special.)—Thrashing machine crews at work in the fields is a common sight now-a-days. As an evidence of how the big acreage of wheat is going to turn out, is shown by the return from the 125-acre field owned by Ray Hug. Mr. Hug is going about with a broad smile these days, for the field yielded better than 30 bushels per acre. Others farmers are having equally good yields on large fields, and many small fields are averaging higher than that.

FRUIT COOKED ON TREES. WINCHESTER, Va., Aug. 8.—Apples, cooking on the trees in the orchard region of this state, is a freak caused by the hot spell.

FIRE PATROL ADOPTS NEW WORK BASIS

MILITARY POLICE COME TO AID IN GRAIN PROTECTION IN THIS TERRITORY.

LOCAL GUARDS PERFECT PLAN OF OPERATIONS

Under General Directions of Military Police, Union County Is Given New and Added Facilities to Fight Fires in Grain Fields, and Co-Operation in a General Way.

Carefully laid plans to protect the grain fields of Union county have been laid by the Oregon Military Police and the La Grande companies of the Oregon Guard. After studying the matter from all angles, officers of both institutions have come to the conclusion that farmers fear stack fires more than grain field blazes at this time, and to be in better shape to handle stack fires, if any such develop, city authorities have promised the use of three hand chemical machines in emergencies.

Before leaving for Pendleton, Lieutenant Kroecker left final instructions to the detachment of military police now stationed in the fire department, and passed his O. K. on an order published to the members of the Oregon Guard here, concerning the best means of fighting fires. Several farmers are being interviewed today by Corporal Eggelagy, in command of the detachment, relative to supplying two saddle horses and the necessary feed for them. This is made necessary because state funds are not available to buy mounts for the men to patrol the grain fields of the state. Motorcycles are intended for this use but orders for such machines are slow in shipment and in the meantime the grain field crisis is at its height. The upshot is that farmers in all principal wheat belts are being asked to supply horses for the time being, and readily consent to it. The Military Policemen will ride over the country, interviewing farmers, keeping an eye out for L. W. W. members and making themselves useful in protecting the grain fields.

State Guard Organized. Explaining itself, fully, an order has been published by the commanding officer of the battalion to the Fourth Separate Battalion here, concerning this general work. The order says:

For such time, during the year of 1918, that there is danger of grain fires in the fields of Union county, Oregon, the members of Companies A and B of the Fourth Separate Battalion, Oregon Guard, will hold themselves in readiness to respond, night or day, with the greatest possible promptness, to a "County Fire Alarm." This alarm will consist of seven taps of the fire bell, an interval of one minute, and then seven more taps.

At such an alarm, members will report at the fire station, in the City of La Grande, Oregon, in the shortest possible time, and without taking time to change into uniform. Reporting to the officers in charge, for further orders.

Cars will be provided for the transportation of men to the fire. Each car to be occupied by four men, under the direction and command of an officer or non-commissioned officer wherever possible, and the equipment of each car will consist of a can of wet sacks, always available at the fire station.

Upon arrival at a grain fire, a squad of four men, armed with a can of wet sacks, as provided, will proceed to work as follows: Two men will use the sacks, striking at the blaze, and the other two men will wring out sacks for use by the two striking at the fire. The above method to be used, except where specially directed otherwise.

Drivers of cars will receive instructions as to location of fire, at fire station, to which point fires will be reported by the farmers. Company commanders will see that all non-commissioned officers thoroughly understand the methods of fighting grain fires.

A detail of the Oregon Military Police, stationed at La Grande, will in all cases supply the necessary armed parties and guards.

CHATEAU THIERRY, SCENE OF AMERICAN VICTORY



This is the railroad station of Chateau Thierry, the town on the Marne where the Americans gave the Hun a good beating and from which they expelled the enemy soon after the allied drive between the Marne and the Aisne began.