

French-British Continue Gains

FRENCH ARE NOT STOPPED IN THEIR ONWARD RUSH—50 VILLAGES LIBERATED FROM HUNS.

British Forces Take a Thousand Prisoners South of the Somme Early This Morning—Twenty-Mile Front Is Being Bombarded.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY, Aug. 23.—(By United Press.)—General Byng is gradually overpowering the German defense on the whole front, from the Somme northward to the Conjeul river, despite the desperate resistance of the enemy.

Starting at 5 o'clock this morning below Bray, the British extended their front an additional six thousand yards, completely surprising the Germans and driving them from the high ground.

The British have progressed two miles today, apparently reaching Boyelles. They have reached Hamlin Court, Gomie Court, and have taken many prisoners. Bray is practically surrounded.

GERMANS USE 47 DIVISIONS.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—(By United Press.)—It is learned that the Germans have used forty-seven divisions north of Albert and eight miles south of Albert between July 8 and August 22.

PARIS, Aug. 23.—(By United Press.)—General Debeny, commanding the French army north and west of Oise, issued an order today saying:

"The battle has won ground for the French to a depth of fifteen and a half miles and has liberated scores of villages. Sixteen German divisions have been beaten. More than ten thousand prisoners have been taken and twenty-two guns have been captured. We will win."

All last night the French advance continued on practically the whole twenty-mile front between the Oise and Aisne rivers, said the official communique today.

the entire south bank of the Oise and Aisne rivers, from Scampigny, near Noyon, to Coney ford, has been cleared of the enemy.

GERMANS ORGANIZING DEFENSIVE.

PARIS, Aug. 23.—(By United Press.)—General von Boehm is organizing defensive lines in the rear of the present Picardy positions. This was learned from the front.

Military experts believe the capture of Noyon is already under way. The French have occupied over fifty villages. Arrival of a Hungarian division on the west front is reported in the official dispatches today.

BRITISH KEEP UP GOOD WORK.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—(By United Press.)—The British are attacking on practically the whole twenty-mile front from Conjeul river to Chaubies, and making good progress at several points, said General Haig today.

Prisoners captured by the British the past three days total nearly six thousand. Of this number more than a thousand were taken south of the Somme this morning.

NOYON SURE TO FALL.

PARIS, Aug. 23.—(By United Press.)—The French advance has swept the Germans back to within three miles of Chauny, highly important railway and highway center between Noyon and Laferre.

Reports from the French army state it has reached the borders of Coney, only three miles from the Hindenburg line. A heavy attack has been launched by the French against Coney Grove, which lies below Coney.

Noyon is now being attacked from the northwest, southeast and northeast. The French are across the Oise and Naniamp canal. They have reached the edge of Merlan-court, a mile from the Noyon railroad station. The road from Noyon to Laon will soon be penetrated from another direction.

The boches are clinging to the hills north of the Oise and are already under the heaviest kind of artillery fire.

PARIS TO HAVE FASHION SHOW.

By Webb Miller.

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PARIS, Aug. 23.—While the German guns are thundering day and night only a matter of comparatively few miles from Paris, hundreds of girls and women are working feverishly, preparing for the great autumn fashion show.

Despite the perils of ocean and trans-channel travel, millinery and buyers from the big establishments on Fifth Avenue and Oxford street, and even from faraway Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro, are already flocking to Paris for the opening of the autumn shows.

Here and there on the boulevards the "last minute" things in women's hats and gowns for the coming season are appearing. The German menace to Paris which now has vanished, utterly failed to shake her position as the world's fashion capital.

At a recent meeting of the Chambre

Syndicate de la Couture Parisienne, an association of the principal gown-makers, the modistes protested against the reports that the big establishments were curtailing their activities on account of the danger to Paris.

Mme. Paquin, president of the Chambre, said that the autumn show would be as great an event as ever in the fashion world.

"All of the big places are busy this very moment," she said, "preparing their collections for the coming autumn season, and we will hold our usual grand openings in August with as much display as usual."

"We want our American and English customers who come so far to see our semi-annual shows to know that we will not desert Paris. We will have the same number of models and designs as usual."

Already many New York buyers have arrived for the autumn and winter selections.

GEN. SIR W. H. MACKENNON



Gen. Sir W. H. Mackennon has been appointed director of the military draft in Canada and Great Britain by the British war office, a position which is similar to that held by Major General Crowder in the United States. General Mackennon was formerly commander of the Canadian light horse troops.

MAN POWER BILL THE WEAPON

SENATOR LODGE SAYS IT IS
GERMANY'S DEATH KNELL.
NOW RINGING.

LEARNED SENATOR OUTLINES PROGRAM OF PEACE OFFER

He Says Passing Of This Bill Is
The Weapon That Gives America
A Complete And Final Victory
Over The Kaiser—Demands Many
Things From Germany.

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 23.—(By United Press.)—Hailing the new man power bill as the weapon with which America will win a complete and final victory, Senator Lodge today outlined in the senate the irreducible minimum peace terms that should be accepted by the allies.

Restoration of Belgium was the first item named by Senator Lodge, who then amplified his idea of the very least that should be accepted from Germany in order to have peace by including the ceding of Alsace-Lorraine to France, restoration of Italy's irredentia to Italy including Trieste, complete re-establishment of Serbia and Rumania as independent states, permanent security of Greece, independence of Poland and also the Czechoslovak independence.

Senator Lodge added that demand must be made for the re-establishment and restoration of the Russian provinces lost through the Brest-Litovsk treaty, relinquishment of Constantinople by the Turks, internationalization of the Dardanelles, elimination of Turkish influence in Palestine.

"Such a victory," said the Senator, "must be won inside the German frontiers and not outside."

Lodge is slated for Republican leadership in the Senate and it is admitted that in this speech he expressed the views of the Republican party.

PROTECTION TO BE EXTENDED

GOVERNMENT TO KEEP ORGANIZATION
INTACT.

Non-Essential Now, But Businesses
Closed Down During War Will
Be Nursed By Government.

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 23.—(By United Press.)—Secretary Redfield, of the Commerce Department, announced today that the government will protect the non-essential industries which are put out of business on account of the war.

An attempt will be made, at once to keep intact the organization of all such business and after the war is over the department will render aid in re-establishment of the same.

HURLEY THINKS WORM AT WORK

BELIEVES GOSSIP WILL BE
SPREAD TO NATIONS.

Endeavor To Raise Trouble Among
Allies Is Suggested By Chairman
Of Shipping Board.

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 23.—(By United Press.)—Chairman Hurley, of the Shipping Board, issued a warning today that enemy propaganda will endeavor to use America's great shipbuilding efforts as a basis of arousing distrust among the Allies. He expressed great confidence in the American people being able to offset any such attempt and said: "We will discount this German effort and maintain a home for humanity."

GENERAL MANGIN



General Mangin, "hero of the Marne," who was removed in 1917 by the "Defeatist" movement, has been leading the successful French-American attack against the Germans between the Aisne and the Marne.

NURSES WILL BE HONORED, TOO

RECEPTION FOR ARMY RECRUITS
AND NURSES MONDAY.

Program Has Been Chosen To In-
clude Girls Who Are to Go On
September First.

Arrangements for Monday night's program for the new National Army men have been changed somewhat, so as to include entertainment for the four nurses, Misses McLennan, Rettig, McCormick and Garrick, who are leaving on September 1 for service in France. These young ladies will also participate in the parade and will have a special speaker on the program.

The parade is only to be participated in by the local unit of the Oregon National Guard, the new National Army men and the nurses, and will be formed at the Y. M. C. A. at 8:00 p. m. The line of march will be west on Washington street to Fourth, north to Adams and east on Adams to the Rex hall, where the program will be held. The band will lead, followed by the two companies of National Guard, the National Army men and the nurses, who will ride in a car.

The program at Rex hall will be as follows: Violin Solo—Prof. J. David Haines, orchestra accompaniment. Address to Nurses—Dr. M. K. Hall. Vocal Solo—Mrs. J. J. Carr. Address to National Army Men—Walter M. Pierce. Musical Selection—Monday Club, Mrs. A. L. Richardson, director. Dancing until 12 o'clock.

IDLE LAND MUST BE PUT TO USE

MOVEMENT STARTED TO CON-
SCRIPT HOLDINGS.

Large Tracts Held By Speculators
to Be Taken Over, Is
the Plan.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—A movement to draft every idle acre west of the Rocky mountains for food production, in accordance with plans laid down by President Wilson and Secretary of the Interior Lane, was started at a conference here yesterday between Pacific Coast land experts and the State Council of Defense.

Among those who spoke were E. F. Benson, commissioner of agriculture, state of Washington; W. H. Crawford, state land commissioner, Oregon; Ralph P. Merritt, Federal Food commissioner, California; M. Fleishacker, of state land settlement board, California; Mortimer Fleishacker, of the state land settlement board, of California, and representatives of similar boards in Oregon and Washington.

The conference plans called for a tour of Pacific Coast states by Benson and Crawford, and a meeting in Kansas City some time in September of land experts from all the states affected.

ARTILLERY IS ENTERTAINED

48TH COAST ARTILLERY PASSES
THROUGH LA GRANDE.

Red Cross Canteen Serves Water-
melons, Cigarettes And Maga-
zines.

On a special troop train which arrived in La Grande at 10:30 this morning there were 390 men and officers of the 48th Regiment Heavy Coast Artillery, on their way from Forts Flagler, Worden and Casey, Washington, bound east for the distant training camps, the regiment being under command of 1st Lieut. Siegfried.

This was an especially fine appearing body of troops, strong, athletic looking young Americans, all anxious to get into the big game now being played in France. The regiment detained immediately on arrival, as one of the officers expressed it, "to give the boys a chance to stretch their legs," after many hours of train work.

The train's arrival was greeted by cheers from the people who happened to be at the station, and loud responses were made by the soldier guests of La Grande.

Red Cross Canteen Girls, Miss Ryan, chairman of the local Red Cross canteen, with nearly two dozen assistants, had had several long tables set on the edge of the park, by the railroad track, and as the visiting soldiers passed the tables, each was handed out a piece of red watermelon, and others served cigarettes and stamped out cards, which many of the boys once filled out and mailed to friends in the west.

A Salvation Army band was also on hand, and gave out many copies of the "War Cry," while Red Cross girls handed in the car windows copies of the late magazines.

Just before entraining the soldiers "licked up and gave three rousing cheers for the Red Cross Canteen ladies, which was heartily responded to by people on the platform.

Dr. Hall was on hand to attend to anything in his line, but he might as well have remained in his office, so far as his professional services were required, except help the ladies pass out the good things they had prepared.

"All aboard," and time to say "Good-bye," and after the boys had taken their seats, by the windows facing the platform as many as possible—others standing looking over their shoulders, still others standing on the platforms of the coaches one well pleased soldier sang out of the window, "You sure done it in this man's town," while another shouted "Good-bye girls," and as long as the train was in sight, the soldiers kept up the loud hurrahs.

RELIGION HAS CONSIDERATION

MEN WHO KEEP SATURDAY
SACRED CARED FOR.

Jewish Faith And Others Keeping
Saturday May Register On
Monday.

Every man's religion is given consideration by the war department as is shown by an order received at headquarters of the Local board from the Adjutant General.

He says in that order that all men whose religious belief prompts them to keep Saturday sacred will please appear for registration before the board on Monday between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 o'clock p. m.

Saturday, it will be remembered in the day set aside by order of the War Department for the registration of all boys who have reached the age of 21 years since June 5th.

SEND IN YOUR CLOTHES.

The Red Cross Shop has urgent calls for men's wearing apparel such as shirts, underwear and suits. Please send in what you have for the call is made to all. It is your duty and do not fail the Red Cross.

R. M. Lewis, of Wenatchee, Washington, is making a short business visit in La Grande.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

MR. AND MRS. GEO. GRAY IN-
JURED IN CAMP.

Large Tree Falls Across Their Bed
While They Are Sleeping—
Rescue Party.

The report of the injuries sustained by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gray, on Indian Creek, at an early hour last Sunday, is given more in detail by Dr. Whiting, who attended them, and Mr. J. D. Slater, who is a cousin of Mrs. Gray, as follows:

Before dawn last Sunday morning, while sleeping in the open at their camping ground on Indian Creek, about eight miles from the lower Cove Valley, a large tree crashed down on the sleeping couple, smashing five of Mr. Gray's ribs, and breaking Mrs. Gray's nose so badly that blood gushed out in a stream.

Had not a small pine pole broken on the fall of the tree, when it toppled down, with its wide branches reaching over the beds of Joe Gray and his wife, who was sleeping close to the other brother and sister, the four would certainly never have lived to tell what struck them.

As it was Joe Gray got up immediately and by almost superhuman effort, lifted the trunk of the tree—18 inches thick at its butt—from his brother's chest, and leaving his wife in care of the injured relatives, mounted his horse and rode down into the lower valley for help, at the same time phoning to Dr. Whiting in La Grande to get to the camp as soon as he could.

One of the neighbors came into La Grande for an ambulance, and when the messenger reached La Grande, Mr. J. D. Slater, a cousin of the stricken lady, returned over the mountain with him, a distance of some 20 miles. At the top of the mountain the balance of the journey had to be made on horse back, over a rough trail.

When Mr. Slater reached the camp, he found both Mr. and Mrs. Gray still in an unconscious state, but Mr. Gray, by a slight nod of his head indicated he recognized his visitor.

When Dr. Whiting arrived on the scene a short time afterwards, over a very muddy road he said yesterday afternoon, he found Mrs. Gray still bleeding very badly from the cuts across her nose, and applied remedies to stop it at once.

About sixteen neighboring men took turns at holding the injured couple up the mountain trail on horse back, until they reached the top, where autos could take them more swiftly to their home in lower Cove valley, where proper medical treatment was administered.

It was not until late last Tuesday morning that Mrs. Gray sufficiently recovered from her dazed condition, to realize what had happened to her early last Sunday morning on Indian Creek.

While Mrs. Gray's injury is a painful one, Dr. Whiting said she would probably be able to get around much sooner than her husband, with so many fractured ribs to mend.

HONOR GUARD TO HIKE TO HILLS

PROPOSED EVENT HAS BEEN
SET FOR THIS WEEK
END.

The Honor Guards hike, which was postponed last Saturday on account of rain will take place this week-end, under the same arrangements. Names of those wishing to go should be phoned this evening to Lorna Coolidge, or Naomi Williamson, and bedding should be left at the Y. M. C. A. not later than 5 o'clock tomorrow.

OBSERVER WANTS SOL-
DIER LETTERS.

When you receive letters from the boys send the Observer a copy of them, or send in the original, so that we can take paragraphs from them. We will not print the personal family mention, but would like to have the general tone of letters from the different boys from Union county. If you want letters returned, they will be sent back to any address furnished, after we have used them.
