

Americans Enter Battle at Picardy-- French Rout Germans Who Retreat-- Japs and Yankees Strike Bolsheviki

Hundreds of Additional Prisoners Being Taken Every Hour by the French

GERMANS DRAWING HEAVILY ON THEIR RESERVES TO KEEP BRITISH FROM ANNIHILATING ONE SECTION OF THEIR ARMY

PARIS, Aug. 28.—(By United Press.)—The French captured Chaules, the great German defensive point on the Picardy front last night, according to announcement made by the war office today.

Advance along the whole front between Chaules and the Oise is continuing.

At 3 o'clock the French had reached the important railroad town of Nesle.

Thirty villages have been taken by the French forces since yesterday and advancement has been made to seven and a half miles at some points.

The French army is now within two miles of the Somme at a point north of Nesle.

GERMANS IN FULL RETREAT.

PARIS, Aug. 28.—(By United Press.)—This morning the French are fighting and pressing forward on the Chaules-Noyon pocket against a strong rear-guard resistance. The Germans are in full retreat, but are fighting. Indications are that they will turn at Nesle to cover their passage across the Somme.

Hundreds of additional prisoners are being taken hourly.

ACTED AS GERMAN SPY; SHOT.

PARIS, Aug. 28.—(By United Press.)—Manuel Lenanda, of Madrid, Spain, was sentenced to death by a military court martial for attempting to inform the enemy of the arrival of American troops and giving locations of their camps.

PUSH BEYOND HINDENBURG LINE.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—(By United Press.)—The British forces have captured the town of Fou-a-Court, which had delayed the advance south of the Somme, General Haig announced today.

The British have reached the enemy lines beyond the old Hindenburg line.

PARIS, August 28.—(By United Press.)—The German line is cracking along the whole fifty-mile front, from Lassigny to the north of Arras. The enemy is falling back hastily on the Somme, pursued so rapidly by the allies that it is doubtful whether they can make a stand on the Peronne and Ham line.

OVER HUNDRED THOUSAND TAKEN.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—(By United Press.)—The number of German prisoners taken from July 1 to the present time totals 112,000. Thirteen hundred heavy guns have also been captured, according to the statement of General March today.

GERMANS USING RESERVES.

—The Germans are desperately trying to stop the British and are strongly increasing their front line by recklessly using Prince Rupprecht's reserves north of Bapaume. Heavy rains have been falling and fighting has slackened up somewhat.

AMERICANS BATTLE AT PICARDY.

PARIS, Aug. 28.—(By United Press.)—American troops are reported to be participating in the great Picardy battle now raging. General Mangin's army, with the co-operation of the American forces, is attacking north of Soissons. The Temps, of Paris, declared today that Mentreud, one of Noyon's defenses, had been taken and that Noyon has probably been captured.

BOLSHEVIKI GET FIRST PUNCH.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—(By United Press.)—American and Japanese troops Sunday night drove the Bolsheviki forces back six miles in Eastern Siberia, says a delayed Vladivostok dispatch.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—(By United Press.)—Reuter's dispatches today declare the French have occupied Crapeau Messil below Roye, taking several thousand prisoners.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—The French are attacking above Soissons and have captured Chavigny. They have reached Juvigny's outskirts on the west.

WAR BOARD BEGINS WAR CHEST WORK

PLANS ARE SHAPING AND OFFICIALS FOR COMMUNITIES ARE BEING NAMED.

The community will be present and the work of selecting heads in different communities for taking surveys and determining just proportions for each citizen's donation to the War Chest will be taken up. The drive will be held before very long and it is necessary that all of this work be put in shape so that there will be a complete and perfect system to work to.

PAGE ARRIVES FROM ITALY.

LONDON, August 28.—(By United Press.)—Thomas Nelson Page, ambassador to Italy has arrived from Rome. It is rumored he will succeed Walter Hines Page who has resigned from his post here.

The Union County War Advisory Board has begun the hard task of whipping the War Chest plan into shape and last night at the offices of the president, G. L. Larson, a meeting was held which reported progress and asked to meet again this evening to further the work. At tonight's meeting ladies of

ANOTHER ADDED TO O.A.C. PAYROLL

STENOGRAPHER USED TO ANSWER INQUIRIES MADE.

Young Men Registered For College Work Will Be Trained In Army Tactics.

CORVALLIS, Ore., Aug. 28.—Scores of inquiries have been received by the Oregon Agricultural College relative to the Students Army Training Corps, and an extra stenographer has been employed in the office of the registrar to handle the additional correspondence.

Information definitely authorized by the Government is being issued in circular form and will be sent out upon request.

Young men are registering for college work and are making application for membership in the Students Army Training Corps.

Steno, will enter the S. A. T. C. after registration date under amended selective service act by individual voluntary induction and not by enlistment, according to a telegram received by President W. J. Kerr from the War Department.

Committee on education and special training. This change is in view of the reduction of the draft age to 18 and the probable registration date about September 10.

Except for changes necessitated by new legislation, corps will be organized as already outlined. Uniforms, ordnance and other supplies will be issued by the committee direct.

Need for technically trained men is emphasized by a special committee on higher education and industry appointed by Secretary Lane, whose recommendations have been received at the College. It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of engineering knowledge and skill, according to the report, not only in the conduct of military operations, but indirectly in the essential war industries, including agriculture.

Will Ellis, of Baker, was in the city last night on his way to Portland to represent Baker at the normal school supporters' meeting.

Should the bill carry there will be two normal schools located, one in southern and one in eastern Oregon. Each city in Eastern Oregon has a chance for that location and therefore there is more or less activity. Pendleton tried hard to land the school by vote of the people two years ago, but failed.

Now La Grande, Pendleton and Baker are the chief contestants for a location, should the people vote to have the two schools.

SHIPWORKERS TO GET INCREASE

GOVERNMENT ACCEDS TO DEMANDS, IN A WAY.

Dollar An Hour, However, Will Not Be Given the Workers, Is the Report.

WASHINGTON, August 28.—(By United Press.)—It is learned authoritatively that skilled workmen in the shipyards will be granted an increase in wages.

Demand for the country-wide increase to one dollar an hour will not be met, however. The increase will probably be announced by the government on Labor Day.

The labor committee of the Shipping Board, following a conference with President Wilson, worked out a wage scale which is reported to be acceptable to the labor leaders.

ANOTHER WAR DEPRECIATION. CEDAR POINT, Ohio, Aug. 26.—Profits have been all shot to pieces in the shooting gallery business, says Joe Thatcher, chief gun tender at a gallery in an amusement park here.

A half dozen marksmen from Camp Perry had just been in.

"They spent a dollar," said Joe, "and they broke up \$5 worth of clay targets."

O'BRIEN SENDS OUT A SPEAKER

RAILROAD MANAGER EMPHASIZING COURTESY.

Perley And Mills Making Tour Of System To Carry Orders To The Men.

In order that he may co-operate more fully with the United States Railroad Administration, Federal Manager J. P. O'Brien is sending men to all sections in which the lines over which he has jurisdiction operate to talk to employees.

"Courteous and Attentive Service to the General Public" as outlined in circulars sent out by Director-General McAdoo and Regional Director Alshon.

A. W. Perley, who is the special representative of the Superintendent of Motive Power, is to talk to the trainmen and the shop employees, John Scott Mills has been delegated to speak to the station employees. Mr. Mills, who reached La Grande recently, after having spoken to the railroad people at Huntington, Durkee, Pleasant Valley, Baker, Haines, Tenacost, North Powder and Union Junction, said to a representative of the Observer:

"I had 100 per cent audiences at every place, and every one of the railroad men and women to whom I talked, delegated me to convey to Mr. O'Brien the assurance of their hearty co-operation in his management of the lines.

"Our employees have been noted for their courtesy, efficiency, their loyalty and their patriotism. No complaints of incivility or discourtesy have been made. Under the changed and changing conditions resulting from the government assuming control of the railroads, the public is at times a little more difficult to please.

"Winning the war is the first consideration. Railroads are an important factor in the war game. The transportation of troops and munitions of war have the first call on the equipment. It is sometimes necessary to explain to the shipper why he cannot have all the cars he wants on a certain date, and to try to placate passengers who do not understand why there may be temporary delay in order that the troop trains may not be held up, but as a rule the public is open to conviction and matters are amicably arranged.

"As employees of the O.-W. R. R. & N. under private ownership, all of our people were entitled to credit for the manner in which they performed their duties. As employees of the government they will prove equally efficient and courteous. It is gratifying to these men and women of the Second Division and to be able to report to Mr. O'Brien that they are with him in his endeavor to render efficient service."

Mr. Mills spoke yesterday to the employees on the branch line to Joseph.

GASOLINE SUPPLY SHORT.

In a dispatch from Washington it is stated that pleasure automobiles have been ordered to discontinue Sunday travel east of the Mississippi river. It is probable a general order affecting the whole country will be issued soon.

MEXICANS KILL YANKEES IN BATTLE LAST NIGHT

Reinforcements Arriving at Nogales and More Trouble is Looked for This Evening

AMERICANS EVACUATE NOGALES, SONORA, BY AGREEMENT WITH MEXICAN ARMY OFFICIALS

NOGALES, Aug. 28.—(By United Press.)—Mexican Governor Calles, of Sonora, under instructions from Carranza, today telegraphed in a conciliatory manner to the American commander, General Cabell. Immediately General Cabell announced, "Quiet has prevailed and no further outbreak is expected."

Later Governor Calles arrived and it is understood the officials agreed to withdraw all American and Mexican troops from the border, establishing a neutral zone.

NOGALES, Arizona, Aug. 28.—(By United Press.)—The crisis came last night on the border here, which has been looked for, and three Americans are dead and twenty-eight wounded as a result of last night's battle between the Mexican and American forces.

American and Mexican commanders opened a parley here this morning to decide on a future policy.

Hostilities of last night were ended by an agreement that Americans should evacuate Nogales, Sonora, which town the Americans captured.

Reinforcements of United States troops have arrived.

MORE TROUBLE AT NOGALES.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—(By United Press.)—Additional Mexican troops are reported to be entering Nogales.

American cavalry and machine guns have been ordered up to prepare for a repetition of last night's outbreak, the War Department announced this afternoon.

FORD WINS AND ALSO LOSES

WINS DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION, LOSES REPUBLICAN

Truman Newberry Defeats Him On Republican Ticket By Majority Of 20,000.

DETROIT, August 28.—(By United Press.)—Indications from election returns are that Henry Ford, the multi-millionaire automobile maker, has lost the Republican nomination for United States senator to Truman Newberry by at least 20,000.

He has been nominated for senator by the Democratic party of Michigan.

This is an election that is more than of ordinary moment, as appearances for some time indicated Mr. Ford would receive both parties' support and be nominated on both tickets. The fact that President Wilson took a hand in Michigan politics and insisted that Mr. Ford run for the senatorship also is to be considered.

Republicans openly state it is an indication of the national feeling and that the Republican party will not be swept off its feet simply because general support is being given Wilson in his war work.

MORE LA GRANDE ENTERPRISE

Although Labor Day has for a number of years been a legal holiday in Oregon, it appears to require local initiative and enterprise to secure its rightful observance.

This commemoration of the rights of workmen as represented through their unions will be observed in La Grande this year, due to the efforts of the local chapter of the Clerks' International Protective Association.

All of the businessmen and women of La Grande have readily responded to solicitation on the part of this organization and have agreed to close their respective places of business throughout the day.

COMPERS ARRIVES IN LONDON

LONDON, August 28.—(By United Press.)—President Samuel Compers arrived here last night from America. He is president of the American Federation of Labor.

Many Have Felt the Same Way. Nothing is to be said in commendation of the spirit of the man who recently advertised in a London newspaper: "Loud, second-hand grammophones, wanted for repairs." Many people, however, not only in London but in many other towns the world over, are only too familiar with the circumstances which provoked this venal and mistaken determination. Such circumstances certainly constitute one of the things which will need to be "seen to" sooner or later.

SMITH FUNERAL TOMORROW.

The funeral of Chas. E. Smith, who died yesterday, will be held tomorrow at 2 p. m. from the Bennekamp Chapel. The Blue Masonic lodge will take part in the service.

SENATOR OLLIE JAMES IS DEAD

DEATH CAME AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND TODAY.

Was Prominent Figure In Congress For Many Years—Was High In Party.

BALTIMORE, Md., August 28.—(By United Press.)—Senator Ollie James died here today.

He was one of the prominent characters of the United States and for a number of years had been high in the council of his political party.

CHORUS LED CITY IN LOYAL SONGS

LA GRANDE RESPONDED TO PRESIDENT'S CALL IN A NOBLE MANNER.

It was great to witness the multitude of people with hats off before the Community chorus on the steps of the Federal building last evening. It was great to hear the volume of tone as voices of the large crowd joined the voices of the chorus when Director Edwards signaled with his baton the national anthem. People who has not sung for years opened their mouths and raised their voices. They felt better by so doing and when the second verse was reached the old director looked in apparent amazement at his chorus, which instantly had been augmented by the several thousand La Grande people.

The event was an unusual success. It got close to the best of every man, woman and child. They left the Federal building feeling a greater loyalty, a greater patriotism. Several numbers were rendered by the Community chorus, each of which showed the training and the work of each individual member.

Men from the shops and the sawmills were heard to remark: "Never heard anything like it before. Let us have more such meetings. They make us all feel good."

Dr. Mossman, president of the chorus, was delighted with the evening's program, and expressed pride in the organization, which is purely a patriotic one. He renews his invitation to all loyal citizens to join and extends thanks to the members who have been faithful at rehearsals.

HIGH-POWERED SEARCHLIGHTS FOR COAST DEFENSE



These are a few of the high-powered searchlights that Uncle Sam has scattered along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. With a marine at the head of each one of these searchlights, it will be practically impossible for anything foreign to pass our shores at night undetected. The crews of these batteries are put through a strenuous course of training and know the minute an alarm is sounded just what to do. The commanding officer and two government officials may be seen in the foreground.