

**FRANCO-AMERICANS
CAPTURE FISMES**

**Big German Storehouse Taken
By Allies After a Bitter
Struggle.**

Paris.—The town of Fismes, Germany's great storehouse on the Aisne-Marne battle front, has been taken by the French and American troops, according to the French official communication.

The Americans covered themselves with glory in the hand-to-hand fighting in the streets of Fismes when they captured that German base. The fighting is said to have been the bitterest of the whole war, the Prussian guards asking no quarter and being bayoneted or clubbed to death as they stood by their machine guns.

Fismes was taken after a heavy artillery fight. When the Americans decided to advance it was after careful preparation and under a sweeping barrage of shrapnel and gas, the infantry advanced. There was opposition from machine guns, but the Americans quickly silenced them.

The number of prisoners captured by the allies during Saturday and Sunday 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 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 aviators.

**ENEMY ON BRITISH
FRONT WITHDRAWS**

London.—On the British front the Germans have withdrawn between Montdidier and Moreuil, a distance of ten miles.

The French hold the slopes down to the western side of the Avre river.

The situation around Albert is somewhat obscure, but the British have been closely following the enemy and it is probable that the Germans have by now evacuated the eastern bank of the Avre. The villages of Hamel and Dernancourt are in the possession of the allies.

Indications are that the Germans do not intend to make a permanent stand on the banks of the Aisne, but that they will retreat to the Chemin des Dames ridge, which is one of the strongest positions in France. For the moment the enemy may try to hold the French while getting away with their stores.

ATTACK IS OVERWHELMING

Americans Capture Eight Thousand Prisoners and 133 Guns.

Washington.—"Our troops have taken Fismes by assault and hold the south bank of the Vesle in this section," says General Pershing's communique to the war department.

"The enemy has proved incapable of stemming the onslaught of our troops fighting for Liberty side by side with French, British and Italian veterans," reports General Pershing.

More than 8000 prisoners and 133 guns have been captured by the American troops alone, participating in the counter-drive against the Germans which began at the Marne on July 18. No estimate is given of prisoners captured by the British and French, who outnumber the American forces in the great fight.

Tobacco Taxes to Yield 340 Million.

Washington.—Heavy increases in the present war tax on tobacco, cigars and cigarettes were agreed to by the house ways and means committee as part of the new \$5,000,000,000 revenue bill.

The tax imposes three times the existing rates on some items of the schedule and is expected to raise approximately \$340,000,000 in comparison with the present \$163,000,000 revenue from tobacco.

1000 Nurses Sought by Uncle Sam.

Washington.—An urgent call to the American Red Cross to enroll 1000 nurses a week for the next two months for immediate duty with the army nurse corps was issued by Surgeon-General Gorgas.

Pershing Honored by French.

Paris.—General John J. Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American expeditionary forces in France, was awarded the grand cross of the Legion of Honor by the French government.

MAJOR CLARK



Major Bennett Clark of the National Army, who is a son of Speaker Champ Clark of the house of representatives.

**ALLIES PREPARE FOR
ANOTHER BATTLE**

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne front.—From Rheims to Soissons, and far back toward the Marne, the Americans, French and British were being concentrated for the battle of Vesle. All the indications were that the great chase of the Germans which began on July 18 is nearing an end.

Beyond the Vesle the enemy has planted his artillery and at different points has challenged the allies to pursue him. Along the southern bank General Foch's armies have slowed down to give an opportunity to those outdistanced to catch up. It is regarded probable that it is the German plan to offer a stiff resistance in order to gain more time for a withdrawal to the Aisne. Near Fismes there are a few German machine gunners, but no serious resistance is expected. The American and French guns are in position and a great quantity of shells is being hurled onto the table land which the Germans are holding.

The cost and gain of the big drive are being estimated. There is no doubt that the Germans lost a large number of men, while the losses of the allies are considered negligible, especially in prisoners. Aside from the strategic gains made by the allied armies, the morale of the men has been wonderfully reinvigorated.

At one depot near Fere-en-Tardenois it is estimated that more than \$4,000,000 worth of ammunition and general stores fell into the hands of the allies, while the volume of supplies destroyed at this same depot is believed to amount to several times that value.

BRIEF NEWS OF THE WAR

The Germans have been thoroughly vanquished on the Soissons-Rheims salient. Allied troops have pushed forward until they have cleared the enemy out of the entire region south of a line drawn from Soissons to Rheims. French troops captured the city of Soissons and Americans aided by the French have taken the important German supply depot of Fismes.

The German armies have retreated across the Vesle and they are evidently headed for the Aisne river, across which they stormed their way on May 27 in their plunge toward the Marne. The fact that the enemy has destroyed bridges across the Vesle and is burning villages north of that river makes plain that no effort will be made to hold that line, and that the next stand will be made at the Aisne, or even farther north, along the Chemin des Dames high ground.

Beyond the Aisne, which in itself is a strong defensive line, is the Chemin des Dames plateau, then the great forest of St. Gobain, and the important center of Laon.

Considerable significance is attached to the retirement of the Germans in Picardy.

There the French and British are keeping up their hard pressure against the armies of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria and have forced them on two highly important sectors to retreat.

Southeast of Amiens on the old Montdidier sector, the Germans have fallen back across the Avre river over a wide front, while northeast of Amiens, in the region of Albert, a similar retrograde movement has been made across the Ancre.

Germans Admit Albert Retreat.

Berlin, via London.—The Germans on both sides of Albert have retreated from the western to the eastern bank of the Ancre river, according to the German official communication. The statement says the withdrawal was made without opposition.

**MEN 18 TO 45 ARE
INCLUDED IN DRAFT**

**Increase of Manpower of U. S.
Is Planned By War Department.**

Washington.—Draft ages of from 18 to 45 years will be recommended to congress in the bill embodying the war department's new manpower programme.

Secretary Baker said all the possible combinations of age limits were carefully studied and it was found that in order to get the men into class 1 for the programme proposed 18 to 45 was necessary.

He said the bill, as recommended to congress, will contain a provision authorizing the president to call men out of class 1 by classes according to ages, so that if it is found possible the men between 18 and 19 will be called out later than the older men who are found eligible to class 1.

In recommending this extension of the age limits, Mr. Baker said, the department had in mind simply to get the army the number of men which it believed necessary to defeat Germany.

The secretary was not prepared to say how many that would be, nor to give any estimate as to the proportion of males between the ages of 18 to 45 inclusive, which would be found eligible.

In making up the list and classes, the same rules would be followed that had governed in the first draft, with the same exceptions from the first call of married men with dependents and those engaged in essential industries. He said so far about 1,600,000 had been taken from class 1.

**U. S. AND JAPAN
TO ENTER SIBERIA**

Washington.—Official statements by the American and Japanese governments, made public here, announce that the plans for extending military aid to Russia in Siberia will be undertaken by the United States and Japan alone, with the other allied co-belligerents assenting in principle.

The United States and Japan will each send "a few thousand men" to Vladivostok to act as a common force in occupying and safeguarding the city and protecting the rear of the westward moving Czechoslovak army.

The only present objects of the Japanese-American forces will be to give such aid and protection as is possible to the Czechoslovak forces against the armed body of German and Austrian prisoners of war and to steady any efforts at self-government and self-defense in which the Russians themselves may be willing to accept assistance.

Later the United States will send a commission of merchants, agricultural experts, labor advisors, Red Cross representatives and agents of the Y. M. C. A.

BIG FLOUR MILLS ARE SOLD

Max H. Houser Secures Control of Large Milling Companies.

Portland, Ore.—Financial control of the Portland Flouring Mills company, one of the largest and oldest milling companies on the coast, has passed from the Wilcox estate to Max H. Houser, vice president of the grain corporation, and several associates. It was announced by Mr. Houser. While the consideration was not announced, it is believed to have been close to \$10,000,000.

The deal involves complete control of the Portland Flouring Mills company, Puget Sound Flouring Mills company, Puget Sound Warehouse company, Pacific Coast Elevator company and subsidiary corporations. The company owns and operates 11 mills in the northwest having an aggregate capacity of more than 11,000 barrels of flour daily. The principal mill is in Portland, having a capacity of 4000 barrels.

Archangel Taken From Bolsheviki.

Kandalaska, Russian Lapland.—A revolution at Archangel has resulted in the complete overthrow of the Bolsheviki and the flight of their troops from the city. The revolution was led by interests favorable to the entente nations. Following the striking of the first blow in the revolt allied troops were landed at Archangel, occupying the railway station and the telegraph office with insignificant resistance.

July W. S. S. Sales Smash Records.

Washington.—Total July sales of war savings and thrift stamps was \$211,417,942.61, the largest on record, the treasury announced. This represents over \$2 per capita for the entire country.

China Will Send Troops to Siberia.

Peking, China.—The Chinese government appropriated \$100,000 to finance the sending of a Chinese regiment to Vladivostok.

M. E. CHURCH NOTICES.

On Friday evening, August 9 will occur the Fourth Quarterly conference. The pastor urges every member of the church, whether a member of the official board or not, to be present, as matters of great importance to all are to be brought before the conference at this time.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this means of expressing our thanks to the people of Ontario and Fruitland who so kindly aided us in our unsuccessful search for the body of our son and brother.

We wish to especially thank Mr. Hill and others who assisted in getting the diver's suit.

MR. AND MRS. D. C. GRIFFIN and Family.

**Dreamland
Attractions**

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in
"TREASURE OF THE SEA,"
Pathe News.

Monday, August 12.
Monroe Salisbury and Ruth Clifford

in
"HANDS DOWN,"
"HOUSE OF HATE"
Featuring Pearl White.

Tuesday, August 13.
JUNE CAPRICE.

in
"A CAMOUFLAGE KISS,"
"MUTT AND JEFF,"
"Tonsorial Artists."

Wednesday, August 14.
HOUSE PETERS

in
"LONESOME CHAP,"
Bray Pictograph.

Thursday, August 15.
WALLACE REID

in
"SQUAWMAN'S SON,"
Pathe News.

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