



AMERICANS DEFY HUN GAS AND WIN

Crossing of Vesle Forced in Face of Shrapnel.

FRENCH ALSO GO FORWARD

Line Straightened by Joint Movement From Fismes to Bazoches.

BARRAGE AIDS ENGINEERS

Building of Light Bridges Is Thus Covered; Artillery Stops Counter Blow.

(By the Associated Press.)
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE VESLE, Aug. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—More American Infantry units crossed the Vesle east and west of Fismes late today. The Germans are counter-attacking the Americans west of Fismes, but the Americans are shattering the enemy efforts and holding their ground.

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES ON THE AISNE-MARNE FRONT, Aug. 7.—Under an inferno of shrapnel and machine-gun fire and waves of gas the Americans forced their way over the Vesle River last night and early this morning, while rain, varying at times from a drizzle to a downpour, drenched the battle field. French troops already have gained positions on the American left and the joint movement has straightened out the line from a point west of Bazoches to Fismes.

German Losses Heavy.
The Germans lost considerably in casualties. Prisoners' stories tended to corroborate the opinion of those previously taken that the Germans expect to continue their retreat until the Aisne is reached.

The attack began between 4 and 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. By midnight those on the right had reached their objectives, the main highway east and west extending along the foothills that rise north of the river and become a series of terraces to the Aisne.

The left wing was delayed, but it also reached the line shortly before 6 o'clock this morning.

Allies Stronger Hourly.

The artillery on both sides are still fighting duels, and the Germans continue small-arm resistance, but every hour the positions of the French and Americans are more secure.

Under cover of a barrage the engineers threw light bridges over the stream, while the officers placed their men in position, working them downward toward the bridges. The challenges were accepted by the German artillery, and in a few minutes the intermittent reports of the guns which had been heard all day were merged to one great roar.

The clouds, which had lifted slightly, reappeared just before the attack was launched and the action was conducted without much advantage in observation by aircraft.

Hun Counter Attack Fails.
When the order for the advance was given, the men, for the most part, kept forward in open formation. The Germans launched a counter attack without success.

The men on the American right fought their way along the chosen routes. Some of them floundered across through the water, while others used the bridges that still were standing.

One detachment of Germans, somewhat more than a company, moved forward into the open. Here the American machine guns caught them, and, sweeping them with bullets, destroyed them almost totally.

The Germans attempted to strike the Americans a disconcerting counter blow with a considerable force by angling down a ravine leading to the river. Their path had been barred by their artillery, and they might have succeeded in reaching the Americans, but the movement had not reported to the artillery stations south of the Vesle and from there swept into the advancing column such a mass of shells that the formation was quickly broken.

Americans Win Hand-to-Hand.
At another point a detachment of

PRESIDENT MAY PAY INCOME TAX

FEDERAL JUDGES AND STATE OFFICIALS NOT EXEMPT.

Taxation of State, County and Municipal Bonds Also Included in Revenue Bill.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Taxation of the incomes of the President, Federal Judges and state officials and a tax on state, county and municipal bonds, was written into the \$8,000,000,000 revenue bill today by the House ways and means committee. The committee also decided to apply the tentative estate taxes to proceeds of insurance policies in excess of \$40,000. The President will pay an income tax of \$24,000 on his \$75,000 salary and each member of the Supreme Court of the United States whose salaries are \$12,500 will pay an annual tax of \$1000 a year. There is doubt among committeemen as to the constitutionality of tax on salaries to state officers and on securities.

The author of the plan adopted today is Representative Crisp of Georgia, who has insisted that high-salaried officials ought not to be exempted from paying a tax. It was said at the Capitol, but not verified, that President Wilson has been paying an income tax in view of the doubt of the constitutional status of the subject.

In considering the tax on bonds it was noted that the active sales of state, county and municipal bonds have interfered to some extent with the marketing of the Federal Government war securities and that the taxation of these local securities by the Federal Government, whether sustained by the courts or not, at least will have some deterrent effect on the local security activities.

APPEAL AGENT ATTACKED

Resident of Eugene Opposes Placing of E. O. Immel in Class 4A.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—The classification of E. O. Immel, draft appeal agent in Lane County, who has appealed many cases to the appeal board for the Second District of Oregon, was appealed today by Attorney Jerome Workman, another appeal agent. Immel is an attorney-at-law, president of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce. He is married and without children. He was placed in class 4A by the Lane County board.

Workman also appealed the case of Elmer Paine, son of the late Dr. D. A. Paine, physician and capitalist. Paine is married and has children. He is a partner in the business of the Eugene Mill & Elevator Company. He was placed in 2A by the Lane County board.

BAIRD OPPOSES SUFFRAGE

Senator, in Letter to President, Says Question Should Wait.

CAMDEN, N. J., Aug. 7.—United States Senator David Baird, in a letter to President Wilson, made public today, stated that he did not agree with the views of the Chief Executive that the adoption of the woman suffrage amendment at this time is vital to the winning of the war.

"Would it not be better to leave the settlement of this extraneous question to calm and clear minds when the war is over?" the Senator wrote. Senator Baird recalled that New Jersey rejected woman suffrage by 50,000 majority, and added that he did not know that the people of the state have since changed their minds.

JUSTICE READY FOR DRAFT

Judge L. T. Harris, Supreme Court, Would Not Claim Exemption.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Judge Lawrence T. Harris, of the Oregon Supreme Court, believes his chance to be drafted in the National Army is good in the event the age limit is advanced to 45 years. Judge Harris has no children; his wife is not dependent and he believes he is physically fit. "One thing is certain," he said today. "I will not claim any exemption. I will go if they want me."

Judge and Mrs. Harris are spending their vacation in Lane County. He is doing his bit in an agricultural way as a farm laborer.

NOMINEE SERIOUSLY ILL

W. A. Jones Suffering From Malarial Fever at Home of Father.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—W. A. Jones, one of the Republican nominees for the State Senate from this county and ex-secretary of the Oregon State Fair, is dangerously ill at the home of his father, T. B. Jones, in this city. His illness is a recurrence of an attack of malarial fever from which he suffered for several weeks last Summer. Mr. Jones has been a member of the House in the Legislature both from Marion County and from Union and Willamette counties. He is a prominent farmer and fruit raiser.

COURT PROTECTS SOLDIER

Judge Decides Against Petition for Foreclosure of Mortgage.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—A decision setting the precedent for protecting men in military service from mortgage foreclosure was handed down today by Judge Theodore Windes in Circuit Court.

According to the decision, Private D. W. Newton, stationed at Camp Fremont, Cal., will not be compelled to pay the interest on a mortgage until three months after he has been discharged from military service.

M'ADOO INSISTS ON 80 PER CENT TAX

Secretary Urges Flat War Profits Rate.

MESSAGE SENT TO KITCHIN

Views Advanced Defended on Economic Grounds.

PROFITEER TO BE REACHED

Provision Suggested to Avert Any Hardship in Extraordinary Cases—Proposed Conference Is Opposed.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—William G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, tonight declared himself unreservedly in favor of a flat war profits tax of 80 per cent.

"The adoption of an 80 per cent war profits tax should render unnecessary, and I believe undesirable, any increase in the existing excess profits tax rate," he declared.

In presenting his views on tax measures before Congress, Secretary McAdoo addressed the following telegram to Claude Kitchin, chairman of the ways and means committee of the House:

"Roper has advised me of his talk with you Wednesday last. I greatly appreciate assurance you gave him of your desire to meet as far as possible the views of the Treasury.

Delay for Conference Opposed.
"I should be very sorry to have progress on the revenue bill delayed for conference concerning war profits tax, as I understand that you suggest. This is a matter which has engaged my earnest thought, and in order that you may know my views without delay I take the liberty of telegraphing to confirm and reiterate the programme outlined in my letter to you of June 5, and to express the conviction that that programme is sound and reasonable.

"I earnestly hope that it may commend itself to you and the committee. I regard the war profits tax as an integral and indispensable part of that programme.

"As a result of the further consideration of the subject which has been given since I wrote you, I am confirmed in my opinion that a flat war profits tax of 80 per cent should be imposed.

Ample Safeguards Suggested.
"Of course, ample safeguards should be provided against hardships in extraordinary cases in the application of such a rate. The adoption of an 80 per cent war profits tax should render unnecessary, and I believe, undesirable any increase in the existing excess profits tax rate.

"It is my strong conviction that the taxation of genuine war profits is the only way to reach real war profiteers."
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PORTLAND PAYING ITS BACK TAXES

ALL RECORDS IN DELINQUENT RECEIPTS BROKEN.

Total of \$240,879.51 Shows Prosperity and Heads Off Issuance of Warrants.

Concrete evidence of Portland's wartime prosperity is given in a delinquent tax statement prepared yesterday by Sheriff Hurlburt. This compilation shows that the total received this year in delinquent taxes has been \$240,879.51, which is more than has ever before been received during a corresponding period of time.

Taxes represented by this amount include a large sum delinquent for five and six years. People who have let their taxes become delinquent after year are now paying up all such delinquencies, says the Sheriff. In many cases this property has been bought in by the county, and the property owners have reclaimed title through payment of taxes which have stood against them for several years.

"It is apparent that the people of this county are in better financial condition than for several years past," said the Sheriff. "This is indicated in the small delinquency on current taxes for this year, as well as the manner in which property owners are paying up back taxes."

This heavy payment on delinquencies, say county officials, provides sufficient sum of money to maintain the county during the Summer months and the expected registering of county warrants will not take place. The general fund a month ago became so low that it was thought that the county would be compelled to register warrants. Thus the county will save a considerable sum in interest.

WOMEN TEAMSTERS HIRED

Five Are Engaged in Heavy Work for Vancouver Coal Company.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—There are now women teamsters, as well as women streetcar operators in Vancouver. One local concern, the Red Ash Coal Company, which does an extensive hauling and teaming business, has five women at work, driving teams. Clad in coveralls, the women handle the teams on grading and other rough work just like men.

Three women teamsters are employed in grading work at the new distributing depot of the Union Oil Company, while another is working at the new yard of the Great Northern Concrete Shipbuilding Company. Clement Scott, manager of the concern which inaugurated the use of women teamsters in Vancouver, says that he has no difficulty in getting plenty of applicants for the positions.

EPIDEMIC HITS BELGIUM

Spanish Influenza Attacks Thousands of Persons and Many Die.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Spanish influenza now is raging in Belgium, according to an official dispatch today from Holland. Thousands of cases have been reported at Brussels, Antwerp, Liege, Mons, Malines and Namur. The percentage of deaths is very high, owing to the weak state of the inhabitants. Cardinal Mercier was seriously attacked, but is now convalescent.

THREE MILLION TO BE RUSHED

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U. S. TO SEND FOCH FIVE MILLION MEN

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Present Fighting Preliminary to Final Smash.

BRITISH MASSING TROOPS

Big Concentration on Western Front Significant; Fight Next Year Is Expected to Be Brief and Bitter.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Backed by a reservoir of 5,000,000 American troops, Field Marshal Foch is preparing to hurl against the Germans the entire military strength of the allies in order to bring the war to a victorious conclusion in the shortest possible time.

Spring will see the terrific conflict, already in progress on the Aisne-Vesle line, in full swing with Foch's armies striking with all their power.

Draft Decision Made in Paris.

This was the impression gained by members of the Senate military committee who heard General March explain in executive session the War Department's reason for asking extension of draft age limits.

They learned that the definite decision to enlarge the American military programme to an army of 5,000,000 men was reached about July 30, and is in accordance with an agreement arrived at in Paris shortly before that time.

The date when the United States decided to more than double the great effort it already was making and to bring its whole manpower to bear immediately was significant.

General Foch's crushing blow, which has flattened out the Aisne-Marne salient and has thrown the whole German front from Rheims to the sea into jeopardy, was struck July 15 with American troops bearing their full share.

Success Impresses U. S. Officials.
It appeared possible that the success of that blow had influenced American officials, who have continuously pressed for a vigorous aggressive campaign at the earliest possible moment and with attention concentrated on the western front, to believe that enough could be done this year to prepare the way for a smashing military triumph next year when the full American army becomes available.

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19 KILLED, 20 HURT, HURRICANE TOLL

GERSTNER AVIATION FIELD IS VIRTUALLY DEMOLISHED.

Damage in Louisiana Runs Into Thousands of Dollars; Two Soldiers Among Victims.

LAKE CHARLES, La., Aug. 7.—Nineteen persons were killed, 20 injured, some probably fatally, Gerstner Aviation Field, near here, virtually demolished and other property damage estimated at thousands of dollars caused by the tropical hurricane which struck Southwestern Louisiana yesterday, according to information tonight from the storm-swept district.

Sergeant George MacGee and Private Lester Williams were killed at Gerstner Field. Their addresses were not announced.

300,000 SHELLS TAKEN

Several Batteries of German Field Artillery Also Fall to French.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—The army of General Berthelot, whose operations had a marked effect in bringing about the retreat of the Crown Prince across the Vesle, in one wood captured 300,000 shells of heavy caliber, in addition to immense quantities of other material.

This army also captured several batteries of field guns which are now being used against the enemy. In addition to 373 machine guns and hundreds of light trench mortars, more than 2000 prisoners were taken.

1,300,000 FRENCH SLAIN

Marcel Knecht, of Commission in U. S., Also Says 1,300,000 Wounded.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Marcel Knecht, member of the French high commission to the United States, in an address today at the annual convention of the Knights of Columbus here, said 1,200,000 French soldiers had been killed and 1,300,000 wounded in the war and that "the pollux" were wonderfully cheered by the arrival of the Americans.

LOG ENGINE TURNS TURTLE

Engineer and Fireman Are Pinned Underneath and Killed.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 7.—Turning turtle of a logging engine near Niagara, caused when the engine's air-brakes refused to operate, it is said, resulted in the instant death of its crew today.

George F. Garten, engineer, and Edward Cox, fireman, were pinned underneath the engine and killed.

NIAGARA'S ABYSS CHEATED

Two Men, Marooned for 16 Hours, Rescued by Lifesaving Crew.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Aug. 7.—After being marooned on a sand scow within 1000 feet of the brink of Niagara Falls for 16 hours, George Harris, of Buffalo, and Gus Lofberg, a Swedish sailor, were rescued by the Youngstown life saving crew this morning.

The scow broke away from a tug yesterday.

ALLIES VICTORS IN THREE FIGHTS

Huns Hurlled Back on Widely Separated Sectors.

BRITISH GAIN 1000 YARDS

Tommies Overcome Teutons on Five-Mile Front in Flanders.

FRANCO-YANKS OVER VESLE

French Penetrate Foch Lines More Than 400 Yards Near Rheims.

(By the Associated Press.)
The allied armies have obtained further successes over the Germans in fighting in the Soissons-Rheims sector and to the north in the Montdidier region and still further north in Flanders between the Lawe and Clarence rivers.

East of the town of Braine on the Vesle River, midway between Soissons and Rheims, American and French troops, under the stiffest kind of fighting, have crossed the river and held all positions. The French north of Rheims have penetrated more than 400 yards in the railroad triangle beginning at Rheims and running north-eastward toward Rehel and north-westward to Laon. All positions previously gained in the entire Rheims-Soissons salient have been held, notwithstanding counter attacks.

French Advance Line.

Near where the Vesle enters the Aisne east of Soissons the French have overcome the resistance of the enemy and taken the village of Giery-Salsogne.

In the Montdidier sector the French south and southwest of the town have advanced their line on this important sector, which represents the junction point of the armies of the German Crown Prince and of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria.

It remained for the British to deliver the hardest blow against the Germans Wednesday. Following up a previous advance in the Lys sector northwest of La Bassee they pushed their line over a front of nearly five miles to a depth of 1000 yards between the Lawe and Clarence rivers.

Hun Salient Blunted.

The details of this advance are not yet in hand, but the maneuver doubtless will go a far way toward lessening the point of the nasty salient that has stood as a menace for months to the British line north and south of it.

Next in importance is the further gaining of footholds by the French and Americans across the Vesle where the pressure against the Germans toward the Aisne can be resumed when further troops ford the stream, but the gain of ground by the French in the railway triangle north of Rheims also must be looked upon as a move of great strategic value.

French to Dominate Railway.

From their positions the French now are able to dominate with their guns the railway line over which the Germans have been bringing stores from the northeast through the town of Rehel and that line running north-westward across the Aisne toward Lacon, which undoubtedly has been used since the retreat began for the removal of troops, guns and supplies out of the threatened zone.

David Lloyd George, the British Prime Minister, addressing the House of Commons, spoke optimistically of the status of the war from the allied standpoint. He characterized the present offensive on the Aisne-Marne front as the most brilliant in the annals of the war and praised the part taken in it by the American troops.

150 Submarines Destroyed.

More than 150 submarines had been destroyed since the war began and the submarine menace had failed, he added.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—British troops over a front of nearly five miles have pushed their line forward to a depth of a thousand yards between the Lawe and Clarence rivers, according to the British communication issued tonight. Counter-attacks by the Germans along the Braye-Corbis road have been repulsed. A few prisoners were taken.

In an attack carried out this morning southwest of Morlancoeur the

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