

GERMANS HARD HIT IN BIG NEW DRIVE

Allied Smash Winning on Amiens Front.

FRANCO-BRITONS ENGAGED

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100 GUNS WON, SAYS LAW

Berlin Admits Loss of Positions to English Between Ancre and Avre.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 8.—The slopes of the Valley of the Avre have been carried and the allies have reached the plateau beyond. They are making further progress and overcoming every obstacle along the line everywhere.

BERLIN, Aug. 8.—The English have forced their way into German positions between the Ancre and the Avre, according to a statement issued this evening by the German War Office.

PARIS, Aug. 9.—(9:40 A. M.)—The number of prisoners taken by the French and British in Picardy now exceeds 10,000, according to the latest news from the battlefield.

Allies Take Enormous Booty. The allies also have taken an enormous booty in guns and material, says Marcel Hutin, in the Echo de Paris.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—In aerial fighting Wednesday preceding the offensive in Picardy, British airmen accounted for 22 German machines, 15 of which were destroyed, says the official statement on aerial operations tonight.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 8, 4:30 P. M.—(By the Associated Press.)—Fighting their way through the Germans at dawn on a front of over 15 miles between Amiens and Montdidier astride the river Somme, British and French troops this afternoon had reached points from 5 to 6 miles inside lines which this morning belonged to the enemy.

The Prussians and Bavarians fled before the advancing infantry and tanks, leaving many of their guns behind them.

Large numbers of prisoners have been taken, both by the British and French, and heavy casualties undoubtedly have been inflicted on the enemy. Thus far, everything has been accomplished with excessively small losses to the allies.

17 Men Only Lost.

Of one entire British corps, for instance, two hours after the attack began, only two officers and 15 men of the ranks were reported as casualties.

The artillery has followed up the storm troops closely and now is hurling shells down upon the enemy forces, which, taken by surprise and fiercely attacked, must be in a more or less crippled condition. It is believed that reinforcements are on the way to help them.

What tomorrow holds forth for the enemy cannot be forecasted, but the outlook is not a promising one under present conditions.

Moreuil and the country front adjoining Villers-Aux-Erables have been taken by the French, while the British have captured the Dodo and Hamel woods and Marcel Cave after hard fighting, and pushed a considerable distance beyond.

Hard Fighting Experienced.

Especially hard fighting was experienced, and still is in progress, on the left flank of the fighting front in the neighborhood of Morlancourt.

The weather helped in the advance. North of the attacked zone the barrage began at 4 o'clock this morning, and lasted four minutes. Tanks then rolled forward, and with them the infantry swarmed toward the enemy lines. These lines were reached and passed as a mist started to roll in.

All along the line, except possibly northward on the left flank, very little enemy shelling was experienced after the attack got well under way.

Nearly all the country already fought over and that now in front of

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Progress of the War.

(By the Associated Press.) The historic battleground between Amiens and Montdidier again is the scene of a mighty contest. This time the British and French are the aggressors and under their fierce onslaughts in the first day's battle they have penetrated deeply into the German positions over a front of more than 20 miles, reaching from the region of Braches to the neighborhood of Morlancourt.

Following short but intensive artillery preparation and aided by misty weather, the allied attack took the Germans completely by surprise and they fled almost everywhere pell-mell before the tanks, motor machine-gun batteries, cavalry and infantry sent against them. All the objectives set for the Australians, Canadians, Englishmen and Frenchmen were attained in remarkably quick time and at last accounts Thursday night the allied forces were still making progress. Wherever the enemy turned to give battle he was decisively defeated.

Thousands of Germans were made prisoner. Large numbers of guns were captured, great quantities of war materials were taken and a score or more of villages and hamlets were reoccupied. In addition, heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

At its deepest point the penetration of the German line was about 7 1/2 miles eastward from Villers-Bretonneux to Framerville, while from two to five miles was gained all along the front from northwest of Montdidier to the region around Morlancourt. The fighting extended north of Morlancourt to the sector, but no official details concerning it have been received.

The advance of the allies in the center places them well astride the railroad leading from Villers-Bretonneux to the important junction at Chaunies, where lines radiate northeastward toward Peronne and southward through Roye to Compiègne.

The railway running northward to Bray was crossed when the allies took Framerville.

Well out on the plains and pressing forward, seemingly with great rapidity, the present offensive of the French and British gives promise of seriously menacing the entire German front from near the sea to Rheims.

Under the pressure of the offensive the menace to the channel ports seems for the moment at least, to vanish.

Already there have been signs to the northward from the positions where Crown Prince Rupprecht had formed his men for a drive toward the channel that a retrograde movement by the Germans was not improbable. With the armies of his imperial cousin on the Soissons-Rheims salient badly shattered and unable to lend him aid, it is apparent that Rupprecht will have to defer his campaign to cut off the cross-channel service.

On the Vesle front little fighting occurred Thursday, except in the process of line-straightening operations on the north bank, where under an almost incessant rain of enemy shells, both the American and the French troops improved their stands.

O. A. C. BEES BREAK RECORD

100 Pounds Surplus Per Colony Laid to Winter Care.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Aug. 8.—(Special.)—More than 100 pounds of surplus honey per colony is the record of some O. A. C. bees in tests carried on this summer. The result is attributed almost entirely to winter care by A. L. Lovett, entomologist, who made the tests. Other colonies, similar in every way but wintered in the usual manner, made no such record. Plenty of stores, plenty of room and plenty of protection make up the formula.

The successful colonies were wintered in a double box, the upper part filled with stores, the whole protected from cold and moisture. A circular describing better wintering practices may be had from the college on request.

LIVES LOST IN STORM 18

Hundred Believed Injured in Louisiana; Damage \$1,000,000.

LAKE CHARLES, La., Aug. 8.—The known dead as the result of the hurricane which struck Southwest Louisiana Tuesday afternoon stood at 18 today. Many persons believed to have been in the path of the storm, however, had not been heard from, and it was believed the list was incomplete.

The number of injured will probably reach 100. The property loss will total \$1,000,000, according to conservative estimates.

SLAVIC LEGION FORMING

Orders for Immediate Mobilization at Camp Wadsworth Given.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Orders for the immediate mobilization at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C. of the Slavic Legion, authorized by the Army appropriation bill, were announced today at the War Department, providing voluntary enlistment of Jugo-Slavs, Czecho-Slovaks and Ruthenians and other oppressed peoples who are anxious to fight against Germany and Austria-Hungary.

GRASSHOPPERS DO DAMAGE

Insect Horde Visits Farmers of Okanogan Valley.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Aug. 8.—Damage estimated by farmers in the Okanogan Valley at about \$60,000 has been done already by a migratory horde of grasshoppers which have infested wheat fields, damaged alfalfa, timothy and oats crops.

More than 50 square miles of territory is said to be infested by the pests.

HUGE FOOD TRUST DECLARED TO EXIST

Smash It, Recommends Federal Board.

PACKING CONCERNS ACCUSED

Three Great Banking Groups Said to Be Interested.

FEDERAL SEIZURE URGED

National Acquisition Proposed of Principal Stockyards, Cold Storage Plants, Warehouses and Rolling Stock.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Investigation of the packing industry of the country by the Federal Trade Commission culminated today in an announcement that the commission had recommended to President Wilson that the Government commandeer and operate for the public benefit stockyards, cold-storage plants, warehouses and refrigerator and cattle cars, and thus destroy what was characterized as a monopoly.

Monopolistic control of the essential food supply, not only of the United States and its Army and Navy, but also of the entire continent, was charged by the commission against the five great packing companies—Swift, Armour, Morris, Cudahy and Wilson.

Control by Banks Charged. The last-named company, the commission's report said, is controlled by three of the strongest banking groups in the United States—Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Guaranty Trust Company and Chase National Bank.

Further close affiliation between the packing industry and financial interests was reported. The Commission said that in the great financial centers the packers had representation on the directorate of large banks through members of the individual families, or through officers, directors or confidential employees.

The commission's report on the packing industry was the third made in its general investigation of food supplies ordered by President Wilson and Congress last year.

The report was made public through the White House without further comment than that it had been presented July 5 and had not been made public because the President desired first to get full information.

After detailing the control of the five packing companies over the meat and allied industries, the Commission says this control rests in the hands of a small group of individuals—J. Ogden Armour, the Swift brothers, Morris Brothers, Thomas E. Wilson, acting under the veto of a group of bankers, including the Chase National Bank, Guaranty Trust Company, Kuhn, Loeb

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FRENCH ARE TOLD TO REMAIN FIRM

GENERAL PETAIN ASSURES MEN OF ULTIMATE VICTORY.

Commander Tells His Forces That America's Entrance Into War Has Strengthened Allied Arms.

PARIS, Aug. 8.—General Petain, commander-in-chief of the French armies, has issued the following order of the day to the French troops:

"Four years of effort, with our staunch allies; four years of trials, stoically endured, begin to bear fruit. "His fifth attempt in 1918 smashed, the invader retreats, his man power decreases, and his morale wavers, while at your side your American brothers have no sooner landed than they have made a baffled enemy feel the weight of their blows.

"Incessantly placed in the advanced guard of the allied peoples, you have prepared the triumphs of tomorrow. "Not long ago I said to you: 'Abnegation, patience; your comrades are arriving.' "Today I say: 'Tenacity, audacity; you shall force victory.' "Soldiers of France, I salute your banners illuminated with new glory."

CAPT. MAKES DEATH SURE

Master of Canada Maru Weights Own Body With Sandbags.

A CANADIAN PORT, Aug. 8.—Sandbags carried to the sea's depth the body of Captain Y. Yamamoto, master of the Japanese steamer Canada Maru, who ended his life early yesterday because, it is believed, he feared disgrace as a result of the stranding of his command July 30, according to reports received here. The captain took his life aboard his boat as she was being towed to drydock.

A detailed report said the Japanese skipper carefully planned his end. During the night he made his will. At 5 o'clock he went to the side of his boat, weighted himself with bags and fired three shots into his brain. His body toppled over the side and no trace of it has been found.

CALL FOR ENGINEERS OUT

Men Wanted for Both Domestic and Overseas Service.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8.—A call for men not registered in the draft, and draft men who have been given deferred classifications, to enlist in the 472d Engineers was sent out by the Western Department of the Army here today.

The 472d Engineers engage in producing military and aerial maps, and are used in both domestic and overseas service.

AVIATOR EXPECTS CROSS

Letter to Parents in Seattle Says Notice Received of Honor.

SEATTLE, Aug. 8.—Lieutenant John S. Griffith, Seattle, a member of the British Royal Flying Corps, in writing a letter received by his parents here today, said he had been notified he was to be decorated by King George with the distinguished flying cross.

Griffith said he was credited with nine victories.

ENLISTING IN ARMY AND NAVY SHUT OFF

Orders Issued by Baker and Daniels.

INDUSTRY TO BE PROTECTED

Action Taken Owing to Pending Draft Legislation.

VOLUNTEER RUSH FEARED

Older Men, With Prospects of Age Limits Extension Looming, Might Quit Indispensable Occupations.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Voluntary enlistment in the Army and Navy will be suspended completely to prevent disruption of industry pending disposition of the bill proposing to extend draft ages to include all men between 18 and 45 years.

Orders were issued by Secretaries Baker and Daniels directing that no voluntary enlistments be accepted after today until further orders.

Officers' Camps Affected. The orders also exclude civilians from appointment to officers' training camps until further notice.

The orders were issued after a conference between Secretary Baker and Secretary Daniels and were made public after President Wilson had visited the offices of both secretaries late in the day.

It is not known whether his visit had to do with the enlistment situation, but just before he conferred with the Cabinet officers there was no indication that a step of such drastic nature was anticipated.

Many Men Needed at Home. It was explained that the view of the Government is that many of the older men are indispensable in their present occupations, but the natural result of the debated draft age question is certain to lead to a rush to the recruiting offices.

It is regarded as essential that men greatly needed at home should be prevented from rushing into the Army under the mistaken idea that they are certain to be drafted anyhow and prefer to join the service voluntarily.

Baker Issues Statement. The War Department's action was announced in the following statement issued by Secretary Baker:

"The War Department today has suspended further volunteering and the receipt of candidates for officers' training camps from civil life. This suspension will remain in force until the legislation now pending before Congress with regard to the draft ages is disposed of and suitable regulations drawn up to cover the operation of the selective system under the new law.

"This action is taken in order to prevent (Continued on Page 3, Column 1.)

LEASED WIRE TAX WRITTEN INTO BILL

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FIXES 10 PER CENT RATE.

Doubling of Levy on Tobacco Proposed Instead of Higher Range Previously Agreed On.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Tax of 10 per cent on amounts paid for leased telephone and telegraph lines, including press associations and brokerage circuits, a horsepower tax on automobile owners and a doubling of the tobacco taxes of the present law, instead of a higher range of rates previously agreed upon, were written into the \$8,000,000-900 revenue bill today by the House ways and means committee.

Chairman Kitchin, in a statement issued tonight, replied to the telegram of Secretary McAdoo favoring retention of the present excess profits law and a flat 50 per cent war profits tax as an alternative, according to the greater revenue likely to be raised in each corporation's case.

Mr. Kitchin's statement indicates that the committee would retain in substance the dual or alternative system it agreed upon, but would insist that the excess profits tax, instead of remaining at the present rates, be increased, either as the committee has agreed on them or by some compromising adjustment.

"We have been trying to work out the inequalities involved in the alternative system and to fix a proper relation between the excess profits and war profits tax methods," said Mr. Kitchin. "The committee is thoroughly convinced that with the alternative war profits tax the excess profits tax rates in the present law are too low. With the excess profits rates tentatively agreed to by the committee and the alternative war profits plan, we shall catch every body."

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FLAG CUT DOWN; 2 CAUGHT

Coos Bay Logger Says He Used Rope to Bind Roll of Blankets.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—J. W. Ward and Frank Nelson, loggers who left the North Bend Mill & Lumber Company camp on Davis Slough yesterday, accused of cutting the rope on the camp flagpole and thus lowering the flag, were arrested here today at the Lloyd Hotel. Ward contends he did not touch the flag fastenings. Nelson said he cut off the rope to bind his roll of blankets. Today officials went to the camp and took affidavits from several persons who had heard the men threaten to tear down the flag.

SEATTLE CALLS FOR LABOR

Carpenters at \$6.60 Needed for War Housebuilding Drive.

SEATTLE, Aug. 8.—Hundreds of building carpenters, at a wage of \$6.60, and hundreds of laborers, wage \$4.50 to \$5, were called urgently today by the labor committee of the war housebuilding drive, Frederick T. Sherman, chairman. Labor union officers are co-operating.

There is no surplus of skilled or unskilled labor in Seattle, according to union officials.

Portland Aviators Commissioned.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 8.—John Tate Kern, of 460 East Twenty-first street and Ernest Goodenough Swiger, of 1085 Thurman street, Portland, have been commissioned Second Lieutenants in the air service.

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