

FOE IN FLIGHT; TANKS PURSUING

British and French Keep Advancing on Somme.

GUNS, STORES, PAPERS LOST

Transports and Men Stream- ing Eastward, Harried by Allied Cavalry.

HIGH HUN OFFICER KILLED

Two Regimental Commanders Are Said to Be Prisoners in Amiens Region.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—The British and French divisions have gained more ground in the great battle raging in the Amiens-Somme district. The latest reports appear to show that the Germans are retreating in great haste.

The scenes on the battleground over which the allies already have passed gave evidence of this haste in abandoned guns, stores, and even regimental and artillery maps and papers.

Foe in Full Retreat.

Aerial observers report large streams of transports and men hurrying eastward in full retreat.

Beaucourt fell to the allied forces this morning and Lequesnel also was taken after hot all-night fighting.

The cavalry is working far back toward the Somme and is still rounding up villages, while tanks and armored cars are running over the country clearing a way for the troops or killing horses drawing heavy enemy supplies.

The drivers of motor trucks and lorries are chasing parties of Germans and either scattering them or running them to earth.

Tank Rout German Corps.

The details of some of the work of these armored cars show that they have performed valiant services. One of them ran into a town yesterday while a German corps was having lunch. It turned its guns through the town's quarter windows, killed some of the staff and then chased others who escaped from the house. At Rosieres another car set an enemy train on fire.

A group of cars met, far inside the enemy lines, a German supply column and halted it. Four mounted German officers came up to see what the trouble was and were shot from the cars, which then proceeded to make quick work of the column.

High German Officer Killed.

At Framerville the cars engaged a train loaded with the enemy and finally set it afire. Tanks entered this town soon afterwards, helped the armored cars clean it up and then hoisted flags on the roof of the building which had been German corps headquarters. One car met a high German officer riding in an automobile along the road. The officer was killed and his machine captured.

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ROME, Aug. 9.—A squadron of Italian airplanes, commanded by Captain Gabriele d'Annunzio, has flown over Vienna and dropped manifestoes. The planes were not molested.

AUTO FACTORIES TO DO WAR WORK ONLY

PLANTS TO BE CONVERTED TO 100 PER CENT BASIS.

Shortage of Steel Prompts Order. Manufacturing of Passenger Cars to Stop January 1.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Manufacturers of passenger automobiles were advised by the War Industries Board today to convert their plants to 100 per cent war work as rapidly as possible and to place them on that basis not later than January 1, 1919, in a letter addressed to the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce. In no other way, the letter stated, could they be assured of the continuance of their industry or the preservation of their organizations.

The letter was in response to a proposal made yesterday by Hugh Chalmers on the part of the manufacturers voluntarily to curtail the passenger car industry 50 per cent. The War Industries Board declared that the present situation regarding steel and other materials needed for war work gave little assurance of material required for the manufacture of passenger automobiles, even after providing for war requirements.

Pending receipt by the board of sworn inventories of materials on hand requested last July 16, no materials will be permitted passenger car manufacturers.

WORK FOUND FOR CRIPPLES

Two One-Armed Men Get Jobs as Checkers at Steel Plant.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9.—(Special.)—The days when a vagrant would escape both jail and work because of a missing arm or leg are gone. Today Michael Sullivan, assistant probation officer, was about to let three one-armed men go free after placing 150 other vagrants at work, when Probation Officer William Nichol received a call for two one-armed men from the Pacific Steel Company at South San Francisco.

The company said the men were wanted as checkers and that there was no use placing two-armed men in one-armed men's jobs. The order was filled and the probation officers held the remaining man for future similar calls.

HEAVY WIND HITS DAKOTA

Barns Are Blown Down and Hay and Grain Are Damaged.

ABERDEEN, S. D., Aug. 9.—A wind that approached cyclonic proportions swept a strip of country a mile wide across Bay County tonight, leveling barns and haystacks and doing much damage to grain in shock and standing. Most of the damage was between Andover and Bristol, 40 miles east of Aberdeen.

FARGO, N. D., Aug. 9.—A high wind caused considerable damage to standing grain south of Moorhead, Minn., tonight. Slight damage in the vicinity of Fargo also was reported.

RINTELEN SERIOUSLY ILL

German Plotter Taken From Tombs to New Jersey Penitentiary.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—With transfer of Captain Franz Rintelen from the Tombs prison here to the Essex County penitentiary at Westchester today it was learned that the former German army officer, convicted of conspiring against the United States, is a tuberculosis sufferer. Although so weak that he required support as he walked from the Tombs, he was handcuffed to a United States Deputy Marshal.

Rintelen's removal was ordered by Attorney-General Gregory. His release in exchange for an American prisoner in Germany was recently demanded by Germany, and refused.

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U. S. MAY ASSUME SELECTIVE POWER

New Regulations for Draft in Prospect.

FAIRNESS BASIS FOR CHANGE

Rules to Provide Deferred Classification.

MARRIAGE IS CONSIDERED

Patriotic Registrants to Get Square Deal Without Having to Ask For It; No Work or Fight Extension Likely.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—New regulations under which the Government would do the selecting, rather than leaving it to the registrant, are under consideration by the War Department.

This was disclosed today by Secretary Baker after he had appeared before the Senate military committee to urge prompt enactment of the new selective service act extending the age limits to include all men between the ages of 18 and 45.

Some Men Hesitate.

The War Secretary made it plain that he is not satisfied with the present system under which the registrant must claim deferred classification, as many men with dependents hesitate for patriotic reasons to make such a claim.

In this connection Mr. Baker said he was inclined to the opinion that the marriage relation will in itself constitute deferred classification.

What Mr. Baker has in mind is to lay down a set of questions which the registrant would answer and then have rules which would take care of the classification. He is understood to regard this as the fair and equitable system.

Age Changes Not Challenged.

The discussion on the draft ages before the Senate committee, Mr. Baker said, followed much the lines taken by General March, chief of staff, and Provost Marshal-General Crowder. The committee, he added, did not indicate any disposition to question the necessity for change, which is urged so that the War Department can quickly secure the men necessary to win the war.

"There was some discussion," Mr. Baker said, "as to whether it was the intention of the department to extend the 'work or fight' order to include classes of persons in various professional occupations."

Extension Not Considered.

"I told them there was no present change of the 'work or fight' order in contemplation. I said that when I decided the baseball case I thought perhaps other forms of amusement and entertainment might require an extension."

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Progress of the War.

Over a curving front of more than 20 miles the British and French troops are continuing to sweep back the Germans eastward across the plains of Picardy from the region north of the Somme east of Morlancourt to the eastern bank of the Avre, northwest of Montdidier.

As on the first day of the offensive, material progress was made Friday over the entire battlefield. Many villages were captured; the bag of prisoners was largely increased; numerous guns and great quantities of war stores were taken and heavy casualties were inflicted. The losses of the Anglo-French forces are relatively small.

To the allied forces there has fallen 17,000 German prisoners and between 200 and 300 guns, many of them of heavy caliber, and innumerable machine guns, trench mortars and kindred small weapons.

To the north of the Picardy theater the Germans also have given ground on two important sectors—on the Lys salient, northwest of Ypres, north of Kemmel. On the Lys sector territory over a front of more than seven miles was evacuated by the enemy, while to the north of Kemmel the British advanced their line over a front exceeding 1000 yards. These maneuvers seemingly indicate the Germans either considered their ground insecure or that Crown Prince Rupprecht's army has been materially decreased in strength by sending reinforcements to the south.

After the British had penetrated the Picardy salient to a depth of nearly 13 miles in the center toward the important railroad junction of Chaules, the northern and southern flanks of the battlefield gave way before the pressure respectively of the British and French.

On the north the British captured Morlancourt and pressed on eastward, while on the south, northwest of Montdidier, Pierrepont, Contoire and Arvillers were taken by the French, who drove in their wedge to a distance of more than eight and one-half miles.

The tanks, armored cars and cavalry are still working throughout the entire region, while airplanes are soaring far behind the lines, bombing transport and troop movements and also paying particular attention to the bridges over the Somme, by which the enemy is endeavoring to escape. All behind the line the Germans are destroying ammunition depots as they quit their positions.

With the new turn of events Montdidier is in an uncomfortable position, with the allies hammering away cross-fire at the Germans holding it and with the only railway leading into the town also under their guns. A forced evacuation of the town seems possible.

With further pressure eastward and northward the entire Montdidier salient may have to be abandoned.

There has been little fighting of great moment on the Vesle River, except in the nature of reciprocal artillery duels. The Americans have made another crossing of the Vesle and captured the village of Flsmette, northwest of Flsmes.

ROOSEVELT ENDS OUTING

Visits Two Weeks With Daughter, Mrs. Richard Derby, in Maine.

DARK HARBOR, Me., Aug. 9.—Former President Roosevelt brought his vacation on the Maine coast to a close today after a visit of two weeks with his daughter, Mrs. Richard Derby.

FOE HURRY OVER TO BE CAPTURED

Front-Line Germans for Safety First.

GLAD TO BE WITH BRITISH

Enemy Is Caught Napping, Al- though Expecting Attack.

TOMMIES SMILING AGAIN

Soldiers Are Eager to Get Crack at Fritz—High Morale of Allied Troops Great Factor in Win- ning Recent Battles.

BY JOSEPH W. GRIGG.

(Special Correspondent of the New York World. Published by Arrangement.)

ON THE BRITISH FRONT, Aug. 9.—(Special.)—"Why, those rabbits in the front line just came running toward us as soon as our first barrage commenced," said a slightly wounded British soldier in describing yesterday's successful attack against the Germans between the Ancre and Avre rivers. In addition to his wounds he had brought back three Boche pistols as souvenirs of the fighting.

"Just look at them grinning," he said, pointing to a cage where a freshly taken batch of prisoners was smiling and exchanging greetings with other Germans just marching down the road. "Maybe they weren't glad to be captured."

It is hard to find any military operation nowadays without an American in it. I met two coming back from the line. One was a Princeton graduate and the other a New Yorker. Both had been in the British army long before America entered the war.

Germans Caught Napping.

The New Yorker, describing the battle, said:

"We caught the Germans napping. It was some show, believe me. I got a smack in the cheek with shrapnel, which is my first wound in three years of warfare. The allies have got the Germans' number."

Just at daylight yesterday I reported a place where I could see the flashes of the guns and hear the great growl of the artillery as the new offensive began. The Germans had been looking for an attack a long time, though not when or where it occurred. It went like clockwork, every artery of the reserves and supplies working without a hitch, and Tommy Atkins wore his old-time smile, for he had long been hoping to have his crack at the enemy after such a pause in big operations on this front. Besides the surprise element it had that greatest of all essentials in battle—high morale of all the troops.

Advance Screened by Smoke.

It was a quiet night preceding the battle and a still quieter daylight until

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BOLSHEVIKI HOLD ALLIES' ENVOYS

AGENTS OF FRANCE AND BRIT- AIN ARRESTED IN MOSCOW.

Detaining of Representatives Held Act of Hostility, Says London Paper.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—Robert H. B. Lockhart, acting Consul-General in Moscow, and six Britons attached to his staff and several French diplomatic agents have been arrested in Moscow by the Bolsheviks, says the Daily Mail.

The newspaper attributes to the Foreign Office a statement that there is no reason to believe it is true that the British at Archangel shot representatives of the Soviet and adds:

"There was some shooting before Archangel incidental to the landing operations but this could not have been in reply to shots fired at our forces by the Bolshevik forces. The arrest of Lockhart is, of course, an act of hostility in international law and will be so regarded by us. It is possibly a reprisal for our landing at Archangel and in the Murmansk region."

LONDON, Aug. 10.—The Evening News says that J. O. Wardrop, the British Consul at Moscow, was arrested with R. H. B. Lockhart, Messrs. Lockhart and Wardrop remained in Moscow when the diplomatic staff went to Archangel.

PRIMARY CONTEST CLOSE

Democratic Senatorship Candidates 9 Votes Apart in West Virginia.

WHEELING, W. Va., Aug. 9.—Nine votes tonight separated the two candidates for the Democratic nomination for its Senator in the state primary election held last Tuesday.

Missing precincts in the southern end of the state reported late tonight give Clarence W. Watson a nine-vote lead over former Senator William E. Chilton. Davis Elkins leads Virgil Highland by 1520 for the Republican Senatorial nomination.

SHELL SHOCK KILLS MAJOR

Former Athlete Found on Field of Battle Without Mark on Body.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Major James McKenna, Jr., a New York lawyer, who was prominent in American Eastern college athletics a few years ago, was killed by shell shock the day the Americans crossed the Ourcq river on the Soissons-Rheims front.

Not a wound or a bruise was found on his body.

JAPAN DEFIED BY LENINE

Ultimatum Sent Regarding Intervention in Siberia.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen says the Petrograd newspaper Pravda, organ of the Bolsheviks, announces that following a stormy meeting of the workers' and soldiers' deputies, Premier Lenine sent an ultimatum to Japan concerning Japan's intervention in Siberia.

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17,000 GERMANS, MANY GUNS TAKEN

Between 200 and 300 Pieces of Artillery Captured.

TANKS ASSIST IN ROUNDUP

British Prisoners Pass 13,000. French Bag 4000 and War Material.

NARROW TRIANGLE IS TRAP

Large Bodies of Foe Give Up in Somme-Ancre Sector When Cut Off.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—An official

communiqué issued this evening says that 17,000 prisoners and between 200 and 300 guns have been captured on the Somme-Ancre front.

The Canadians, the advices state, have taken the town of Beaufort, two and a half miles southwest of Rosieres. The Australians are fighting farther north, along the Somme.

Small parties of Germans are reported to be still in Rosieres, three and one-half miles west of Chaules, but the British are all around them and their life as fighting men probably will be short.

French Bag 4000.

The figure of 17,000 prisoners taken embraces the number that had been counted. Of these the French reported that they had taken more than 4000, while the British total at noon was more than 13,000. The French have been doing good work today on the south of the new drive and probably have taken many additional prisoners there.

Most of the prisoners and guns captured by British troops have been taken in the narrow triangle between the Roye and Peronne roads. British tanks advanced with great rapidity up these highways. They were followed promptly by infantry, and thousands of Germans within the triangle found themselves well behind the British line when the attack reached them, so laid down their arms.

Best Gun Position Taken.

This triangle contained some of the best German gun positions in the whole front facing Amiens.

PARIS, Aug. 9.—The official communication from the War Office tonight says that the British and French troops continued their advance today and won new victories after breaking the enemy's resistance. The French troops took 4000 prisoners besides a great quantity of war materials, and captured several important towns on the southern end of the battle zone.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—It is reported that a German Divisional General has been captured in the drive.

Cavalry Rounds Up Prisoners.

Allied airmen have blown up many of the bridges over the Somme River and the enemy's retreat is seriously embarrassed. The British cavalry has rounded up many prisoners, but the larger part taken were captured by Australians and Canadians.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—(Via Montreal.)—Canadian horse troopers, co-operating with French cavalry, cut off a large force of the enemy in today's operations on the Somme front.

PARIS, Aug. 9.—The French War Ministry at 10:30 o'clock today issued the following statement:

"The brilliant operation which we, in concert with British troops, executed yesterday, has been a surprise for the enemy. As occurred in the offensive of July 18, the soldiers of General Debeney have captured many soldiers engaged in the peaceful pursuit of harvesting the fields behind the German lines.

Artillery Preparation Slight.

"Our artillery preparation was short, lasting less than an hour. The enemy artillery had made no counter preparation at the beginning of the action, merely replying feebly.

"The original front of the attack was only four kilometers, situated south of the Amiens-Roye road, where our infantry went over the top at 5:05 o'clock, but gradually the offensive de-

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