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Fair tonight and Wednesday; winds mostly westerly. Humidity 63.

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Enthusiastic Greeting Is Given Entente Troops by People of Northern Russian City, Says London Official Announcement.

Landing Which Took Place Friday Carried Out With Assistance of Naval Forces-Port Is Largest on Northern Coast.

ONDON, Aug. 6 .- (I. N. S.) --Allied forces have landed at Archangel, in northern Russia. Official announcement to this effeet was made this afternoon.

Archangel is the chief port on the northern coast of Eurepean Hussia, on the White sea. It is connected with Petrograd by railway. Previous forces had been landed on the Murman coast, to the west of the Archangel dis-

The landing was carried out with the assistance of naval forces and the active concurrence of the Russian popula-

The soldiers were landed Friday.

Bolsheviki Vote Big Sum Amsterdam, Aug. 6 .- (I. N. S.)-The Bolsheviki regime at Moscow has voted 200,000,000 rubles for war against the

ficers were arrested there. Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, has arrived at Petrograd. Domestic conditions are still serious and

the cholera is increasing at Moscow. was worth 51 cents in American money.

Assassin's Plot Frustrated

Washington, Aug. 6 .- (I. N. S.)-A Foreign Minister Trotsky of the Bolshe- throw any light on this question, and it vik government, on the occasion of the first audience with the new German am- chief of staff, appear before the combassador to Russia, was frustrated, ac- mittee tomorrow. reaching the state department this aft-

Refuses to Declare War

Lenine refuses to declare war, as the re-suit of the negotiations of Japan's intervention into Russia, said a dispatch from Moscow this afternoon.

growing antipathy among the Russian

Bolsheviki Arrest French Officers Amsterdam, Aug. 6.-Ten French officers have been arrested by the Bolsheviki at Jaroslav, charged with cooperating with social revolutionaries against the Russian government, ac-

cording to a Moscow dispatch received here today via Berlih. The dispatch also said that other entente officers have been arrested in Vo-

Jaroslav is on the Volga river, 160 miles northeast of Moscow. Vologda, 119 miles farther north, housed the embassles of the allied countries until recently, following their removal from

Letrograd. Former Russian Minister Murdered Amsterdam. Aug. 6 .- M. Stiejenko, former Russian minister of education, was murdered on a street in Poltawa by

social revolutionary, according to the Cologne Gazette. ROLL OF HONOR

Washington, Aug. 6 .- (I. N. S.) -Three marine corps casualties lists were names, divided as follows:

y-one killed in action, six died from wounds 313 wounded severely, seven wounded going to take to his farm, three miles the officials of the Emergency Fleet cordegree undetermined, and one made prisoner. The marine lists contained 140 names, divided frightened several times at the moving and capital, it was intimated that the killed in action, three died from

in action and one slightly wounded in action. The army casualty list contained today the name of Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt as "killed in action" and burjed. The additional officers in the army list were as follows: Severely Wounded

Captains John L. Dunn, Happange, N. Y.; Alvin Colburn, Washington, D. C.; Roland G. Mindley, Houlton, Maine; Daniel W. Finlayson, Lucknow, Canada; Albert Natiness, West Menominie, Wis.; Lieutenauts Harold F. Bid-Menominie. Wis.; Lieutenauts Harold F. Bidweil, Hartford, Conn.; Earl H. Brockman, Weiser, Idaho; Herbert L. Weyman, Caledonia, Miss.; Weir W. Wieoff, St. Charles, Minn.; Newman H. Rellis, Wausau, Wis.; Wesley G. Brooker, Lindstrom, Minn.; Randolph R. Brown, Rome, N. Y.; Albert Clements, Brooklyn, N. Y.; James T. Hartney, Maynard, Minn.; William H. Howard, Lockport, Ill.; George H. Morgan, Brooklyn, N. Y.; George C. Pilkington, Parker, S. D.; Robert L. Hayburn, Hurley, S. D.; A. H. Thall, 2839 Cherokee street, St. Louis; Edgar C. Westervelt, Lincoln, Neb.; Dudley W. Woodard, New Amsterdam, Ind. The marine afficers in the list included;

The marine officers in the list included Wounded In Action (Degree Undetermined) Captain Robert W. Voeth, Pittsburg, Kan-sas; Lieutenants Charles Z. Lesher, Carbondale, Pa.; Clive H. Murray, Kenefick, Okla.; Charles Ethieridge, Norfolk, Va.; Walter S. Faut Jr., Weatherford, Texas; David A. Rutherford. Weatherford, Texas; David A. Rutherford, Pawtneket, R. I.; Aibert G. Skelton, Corvallis, (Concluded on Page Ten, Column One)

TIME TO COAST, PLAN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Exten-sion of the mail air service from New York to Chicago is being considered by the postoffice department, it was officially announced today. This route would cut the time between these two cities in half and would bring the Pacific Coast 12 hours closer to New York and the Atlantic sea

Six additional planes for the air mall service between Washington and New York will be inspected today at the plant of the Standard Aeroplane company, Elizabeth, N. J., by representatives of the postoffice department. The specifications of these plans call for a speed of 100 miles an hour.

Within the next week, possibly August 10, the postoffice department will assume full control of the air mail service, relieving the war department.

Senate Military Affairs Committee Seeks Information on Man Power Bill.

Washington, Aug. 6.-(I. N. S.) -Provost Marshal General Crowder was called before the senate military affairs mmittee today when the first hearing on the new man-power bill was held. Crowder stated before entering the neeting that he did not know why he had been called, as all the information he had on the subject had been incorporated in his letter to Secretary Baker.

The provost marshal general told members of the committee that the amendment to the present selective ser-An enthusiastic greeting was given vice act substituting the words "occuthe entente troops by the inhabitants of pations and employments" instead of industries, including agriculture" were because it was thought that the draft boards should "have a wider scope" in the control of exemptions and of men between 32 and 45.

which was filed by Senator Chamber-

He said that the date of registration suggested, September 5, was only tentao-Slavs, according to advices from tive and that the department may change this. It was planned, Crowder A counter revolutionary plo has been told committee members, to make the discovered at Vologda. Forty army of- registrations and the drawing fall on the same day.

Rason for Change Sought General Crowder was closely questioned by the members of the committee, who were anxious to learn the rea-At the outbreak of the war a ruble son for the war department's about-face on the subejet of changing draft ages. t was recalled that Secretary Baker. before the same committee several weeks ago, said there would be no need of raising or lowering the present ages. Genolot to assassinate Premier Lenine and eral Crowder said he was unable to

If Secretary Baker cording to Swedish press dispatches returns from his Western trip in time. he, too, will be summoned Senator Chamberlain said that there were now 1,700,000 men in the canton-

was decided to have General March,

ments of the country, and at the present London, Aug. 6 .- (I. N. S.) - Premier rate of shipping them overseas it would equire six months to move them. May Recall Congress

The advisability of calling back both houses of congress for immediate con-The dispatch added, however, that the sideration of the bill was canvassed at ken Sunday in Omaha and Des Moines, war issue may be forced despite the a series of conferences today. Senator Chaimberlain, chairman of the senate nilitary affairs committee, believes that the draft bill can be reported out by his committee later this week and is in favor of having the senate assembled and ready by that time.

Chairman Dent of the house military affairs committee on the other hand, is not inclined to back Senator Chamber-It is understood that he is opposed to the proposal to lower the draft age and is not in favor of "rushing the bill through.'

Farmer Run Over By Wagon; Killed

Horse Takes Fright While August Renilla Is Loading Manure and Victim Thrown Under Wheels; Neck Broken.

August Renilla, an Italian farmer, was almost instantly killed this morning when he was run over by his own horse and wagon at East Twenty-third and Woodward avenue. The front wheel passed over his neck, breaking the ver-

According to the statements of George P. company, Renilla was loading manure into a light farm wagon, which he was to the second day's conference between going to take to his farm, three miles of the wires by the linemen, but was wounds received in action, 111 wounded in action, degree undetermined, 18 severely wounded and Renilla seized his head, but they raise in wages. quieted. Finally he reared. Both New bor leaders insisted on a too substantial could not hold him. The horse darted across the street and into some brush. Both men tripped in the brush and Re- ington next week for a minimum scale nilla was thrown under the wheel, New of a dollar an hour, which is far in exwas thrown under the wagon and cess of the present scale. To overcome crowded between the axle and the this, it is believed that the Pacific ground. His back was sprained. He coast yards will not receive as many lives at 1074 East Eleventh street shipbuilding contracts as in the past, the dead man, are said to work at the care of itself. Northwest Steel plant. The body was

Cholera Epidemic in Petrograd Spreads

Amsterdam, Aug. 6 .- (I. N. S.)-There ported killed or wounded: are 20,000 cases of the Asiatic cholera in Petrograd, according to the Hamburger died of wounds. Fremdenblatt

One thousand of the new cases have The epidemic is spreading

Weather Bureau Predicts That Violent Tropical Storm Will Strike at Some Point Between New Orleans and Galveston.

East and Middle West Is Sweltering in Hot Wave; Many Die in Populated Communities.

T TOUSTON, Texas, Aug. 6. — All wire communication with Orange and other points east of Galveston on the Gulf coast went out this afternoon in a heavy wind storm.

Government warnings posted here indicated the hurricane would strike the coast between Galveston and the south of the Sabine

TOUSTON, Texas., Aug. 6.-A violent tropical hurricane is headed for the Gulf coast and probably will strike somewhere between Galveston and New Orleans within the next 24 hours, according to weather bureau officials here today.

Storm warnings have been issued to shipping. The storm is reported to be of unusual vio-The barometer was falling rap-

idly this afternoon and the wind velocity had greatly increased at 2 o'clock. At that hour it was believed

the storm was not more than 300 miles off the gulf coast.

Washington, Aug. 6 .- A record breakng heat wave is sweeping the western and central states, the weather bureau announced today. Many high marks have been shattered and today promised to be the hottest August day in this section in years.

In Toledo the official temperature has reached 102, the highest in the history of the weather bureau for that district. while the following records were established for August heat:

Pittsburg, 100; Evansville, 104; Chicago, 102; Columbus, 104; Indianapolis. 102. Davenport, 104. The August record for heat was bro-

when 110 was reached. The highest temperature ever corded by the bureau is 130 in the desert lands in Southwestern United States. It was just 116 above at an open door shop at the navyyard today, where white hot ingots were being turned out to make munitions for Uncle Sam. At 3 p. m. the official temperature here was 104, the hottest August here in the history of the weather bureau.

100 Degrees in Philadelphia Philadelphia, Aug. 6.-One man is dead here, four persons in a serious condition and scores of others have been overcome as the result of the heat. The temperature at 3 p. m. this afternoon registered 100 degrees.

Two thousand employes of the Pusey & Jones, shipbuilding company quit (Concluded on Page Five, Column Two)

Shipyard Labor May Ask \$1 Hour Wage

Philadelphia, Aug. 6 .- (I. N. S.) -The seriousness of the labor situation in New, wire foreman for the P. R. L. & the shippards of the Pacific coast was further emphasized today when prior the officials of the Emergency Fleet corshipyards would be "starved out" if la-

It is believed that labor representatives will ask the Macey board in Wash-Sam and Joe Renilla, sons of and the labor situation will thus take

taken in charge by Deputy Coroner Ambulance Driver Dies From Wounds

Paris, Aug. 6 .- (I. N. S.) -The following American ambulance drivers, serving with the French army, have been re-Lester P. Harris, Johnson City, Tenn.

William L. Morgan, Honolulu, Hawaii wounded by a bomb splinter Albert C. Armstrong, Duluth, Minn. seriously wounded

Aged Man Slays One Son, Wife of Another, Then Takes Own Life

James Crane, Mrs. Claude Crane and Father, Wm. Crane, Victims; No Motive Known.

Dallas, Or., Aug. 6 .-- For reasons not determined, William Crane, 68, Monday afternoon shot and killed his son, James Frane, 33; another son's wife, Mrs. aude Crane, 19, and committed sui-

The tragedy took place on a small farm in the McTimmonds valley, about 20 miles from Dallas. First intimation of it was when Claude Crane returne to the farm about 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, after an hour's absence, found the bodies of his wife and father in the house and his brother breathing his last in the front yard. The brother had evidently been trying to escape when

"Father did it," said the wounded man. Claude put him in an automobile and started for the nearest neighbor's. the house was reached. Coroner Chapman and Sheriff Orr

were called to the scene of the tragedy Congested Districts of Thickly and conducted an inquest, later bringing the bodies to this city. The Cranes had lived on the place about a year, coming from Boise, Idaho.

Succeeds J. P. O'Brien, Whose Jurisdiction Is Extended to Include Terminals.

At a meeting of the directors of the Northern Pacific Terminal company of Oregon this morning, J. P. O'Brien resigned as president of the company. I D. Farrell, manager of the corporate interests of the Union Pacific system in the West, was elected to succeed him,

Property owned by the Northern Paeffic Terminal company consists of the Union station and terminal yards in Portland. The stock of the company is owned by the Southern Pacific company, Northern Pacific railway and O-W. R. & N. company. Mr. O'Brien was made a director of the company in 1905 and has been president since 1913.

O'Brien's resignation' followed advices received today from R. H. Aishton, regional director of the Northwest, extending his jurisdiction as federal manager of the roads in Oregon to include the facilities of the manager, under the United States railroad administration, of the lines of the O-W. R. & N. company, all lines threatening it. of the Southern Pacific company north of Ashland, the San Francisco & Portand Steamship company, the Pacific coast Railroad company and the Northern Pacific Terminal company of

Oregon. Mr. Farrell, who was formerly president of the O-W. R. & N. company, now manager of the corporate interests of the Union Pacific system est of the Missouri river, including 38 ubsidiary corporations. His election the presidency of the Northern Paific Terminal company wil involve no hange in the management of that

Germans Get Little Grain From Ukraine

Washington, Aug. 6 .- (I. N. S.)-Despite drastic requisitioning of harvests in the Ukraine, Germany's attempts to secure grain there have been pitiful, acording to advices from neutral sources eaching here today. The last harvest was 576,000 bushels, as against 13,000,000 Berlin Reports No bushels harvested by the Ukrainians in was 576,000 bushels, as against 13,000,000

Hun Airship Is Lost in Attempted Raid

London, Aug. 6 .- (U. P.)-Of three on the east coast of England Monday ful to the enemy. night, one was brought down in flames in the sea and another was badly damaged but probably reached its base, the admiralty announced today. The aircraft did not penetrate far in-

Dead in Pocket. By Webb Miller United Press Staff Correspondent

Intimation Made That Germans May Retire to Meuse River, Practically Freeing France and Two-thirds of Belgium.

a mile away. James was dead when Are Practically at Bay Everywhere, Facing Failure of Summer Campaign, Used-up Reserves and Fresh Americans.

> THE HAGUE, Aug. 6 .- The Ber-I lin Vossische Zeitung, in a pessimistic article, hints at the possibility of a German retreat to the line of the Meuse, according to advices here.

A neutral traveler, returning from Berlin, declared today that the "man on the street" there is nervous and beginning to reckon on the ultimate defeat of Germany.

Such a retirement as hinted at in the Vossische Zeitung would mean the relinquishment of practically all occupied French territory and two thirds of Belgium. The Meuse river, rising 25 miles south of Neufschateau, flows through Verdun northward crossing the Belgian border south of Dinant. It turns sharply northeastward at Namur, flowing through Liege and crossing the border into Helland near Mammstrich.

By William Philip Simms

United Press Staff Correspondent With the British Armies in France Aug. 6-Crown Prince Rupprecht's readjustment of his line, especially abandonment of the plateau west of the Avre from Montdidier to the confluence of the terminal company. Mr. O'Brien is now Luce, is very significant, as the plateau gave observation of the entire valley of the Noye and the Amiens-Paris railway,

The German armies are at bay. Their (Concluded on Page Two, Column Five)

108 Suffragettes

Washington, Aug. 6 .- (I. N. S.) -One Mundred and eight members of the National Woman's party were arrested late this afternoon when they attempted to stage a demonstration opposite the White House without first having obtained a permit for the meeting. The arrests were made on complaint of Colonel Clarence N. Ridley, superintendent of public buildings and grounds, who earlier in the day had hinted that the meeting would be broken up by the police if the women did not secure the nec- Warilda Survivor Tells of End

essary permit. The demonstration was styled a "pro test against the administration for delay in passing the Susan B. Anthony amend-

Losses in Retreat

Amsterdam, Aug. 6 .- A semi-official vivors. statement issued in Berlin claims the withdrawal in the Marne pocket Thursday night was effected without the loss of a single man and after the re- stairway was blown up. I was put into Boche positions. German airships which attempted a raid moval or destruction of everything use- a lifeboat along with the wounded, but

Allied official and unofficial dispatches reported the capture of 1000 American officer and an Australian icans occupied Vera Cruz. Although cannon, thousands of machine guns and pulled me into another boat. The the town is held by our troops, German Prince Rupprecht's armies. The mahundreds of thousands of shells as the wounded in this boat insisted that I be snipers are still concealed in buildings

All-American Flyers Must Live Up to Their 'Hat in the Ring' Emblem

(Following is the second of the Eddie Rickenscker series, describing life among the American irmen in France.)

With the American Airmen in France, July 10.—(By Mall.)—"All gimpers have to live up to the idea of the squadron emblem." explained Lieutenant Eddie Rickenbacker, all-American ace and former auto racer. "Every man has a picture of a

hat in a ring on his machine. That means he is ready to fight at any time, whether he wants to or not. The squadron is sometimes known the hat-in-the-ring squadron. But among ourselves it's the gimpers. We adopted the hat in the ring as our emblem back in our training Then it was our hope to be the first fighting squadron to get to "Our commanding officer, who had flown with the French, used to have a hat as the emblem on his machine. Someone suggested that we take the hat, but draw a ring around it, carrying out the idea of ex-President Roosevelt's statement that we were ready to fight any time.

The hat we had in mind then was a derby, and someone suggested, when we were discussing the emblem, that it be made Uncle Sam's hat, with stars and stripes on it The idea was a gimper itself, and we soon designed an Uncle Sam hat in a ring of red, white and blue on each machine. "For a long time we could say nothing of the emblem, but finally a

couple of the boys were forced down in Germany. I can't say we noticed any difference in the way the German flyers treated us, for they never (Continued on Page Two, Column Four)

75.000 Germans Out of Fighting As Consequence \/[Of Present Drive

40,000 Prisoners, While Tens of Thousands Other Boches Are

Paris, Aug. 6 .- (U. P.)-One of the ost important results of the present lighting, aside from regaining the initiative, recovering French territory and wiping out the menace to Paris, is the effective depletion of Cerman man

less-and probably more-than 750,00 men against the allies, of whom 75,000 will never fire another shot. More than 40,000 of these are prisoners. Tens of thousands are buried in the Rheims Solssons pocket or are lying in German hospitals permanently maimed.

Since July 15 Ludendorff has hurled no

In some places the former enemy bulge is still cobbled with Boche dead, th French and Americans having no time to bury them. Reports received from Switzerland state that long trains be hind the German lines are bearing off wounded to the already congested hospitals.

In man power alone the allies have dealt the enemy a staggering blow, from which he cannot recover. German power passed its zenith months ago, while aily, almost hourly, the allied strength is growing as every American troop ships touches these stores.

War Industries Board Issues Orders for Newspapers to Enforce Rigid Economy.

Washington, Aug. 6.- The war indusies board is preparing pledges to be ent to paper mills and newspapers, assuring drastic economy in the use of paper, including reduction of 15 per cent weekday editions and 26 per cent on unday editions. The board has also ruled that during

tablished. In weekday editions newspapers are matter up to 50 columns, 15 per cent in matter over 50 columns up to 70 columns, 30 per cent over 70 and up to columns, and 50 per cent on all additional space over 90 columns.

Sunday editions must be reduced as Ten per cent in reading mater up to 50 columns, 20 per cent over 150 and up to 200 columns, 30 per cent over 200 and up to 250 columns, 40 per cent over 50 and up to 300 columns, 50 per cent over 300 and up to 350 columns, and 60

columns agency dispatches received here from the front report. If the conservation is not accomplished by October 1, additional curtailments will be put into effect then. Computa-Put Under Arrest tions on reading matter are based on the six months period between January and

VICTIM OF U-BOAT

of Miss Violet Long, Chief Controller.

London, Aug. 6 .- (I. N. S.) -A graphic description of the sinking of the British transport Warilda by a German submarine on Saturday was given today by Miss Charlotte Trowell of the women's. auxiliary army corps, one of the sur-

explosion and hurried on deck," said and the approaches to the heights. as the vessel sank the davit ropes were cut and we upset. All were thrown into the water. I clung to a rope and an forget the end of Mrs. Violet Long, of the Vesle are mopping up these chief controller of the women's auxiliary snipers and stray machine guns army corps. She clung to the boat into which I had been dragged. I caught her hair, and as I did so she exclaimed "'Oh, save me. My feet are fastened.

have lost my foot.' "Her feet had become entangled in a rope, but finally she was freed. A sailor managed to get her into the boat, but she collapsed, fell back and was drowned.

We were in the boat about two hours before a rescue vessel put in an appear-"An officer gave the order to lift up

the wounded first, but the wounded

"There is a girl aboard. You go up first, Missy.' "It was impossible to reach the cot of the helpless men as they were drown- climbing over the wreckage that still

There were 600 sick and wounded on the Warilda. Of these 123 are missing.

Four Planes Downed By American Flyers

Washington, Aug. 6.-American airmen gust 3, the French war office reported my beyond the river, which divides the officially today.

Germans Are Resisting Fiercely, While High Lands and Crossings Are Subjected to Terrific Fire; Franco-American Flyers Bomb Enemy's Pontoons

Two Boat Bridges Are Destroyed; Enemy Artillery Fire Has Little Effect, but the French Are Encountering Dense Machine Gun Barrages as They Advance

By John De Gandt

ARIS, Aug. 6, 4 P. M.—(U. P.)—With the Germans resisting fiercely along the Vesle, French heavy artillery on south bank of river this afternoon laid down a terrific fire on the tableland between the Vesle and the Aisne. The crossings of the Aisne were also heavily shelled. Simultaneously, Franco-American aviators flew over the enemy forces and dropped bombs on the pontoons thrown across the Aisne by the Germans. Two of these were destroyed.

The enemy artillery fire is having little effect, but French advanced troops are encountering dense machine barrages. The French are awaiting the bringing up of more artillery before attempting further advances in force.

By Lowell Mellett

With the French Armies in the Field, Aug. 6.—(2:10 P. M.)— French troops today maintained their bridgeheads across the Vesle river despite two strong German counter attacks. A mill e war "no new newspapers shall be es- on the edge of the village of Braisne, on the Vesle, six miles northwest of Fismes, was occupied by the French during the night. required to reduce 5 per cent reading Two bridges in that region were also seized. The Germans are still holding out in Braisne.

Machine gun emplacements have been established in Braisne and the enemy is making heavy resistance there. Artillery of both armies is heavily shelling along the Aisne, Vesle and Oise rivers. Farther north the French are solidly established on the banks of the river Avre, north of Braches and Neuville wood.

London, Aug. 6.-Since the Germans began their retreat from the Marne the allies have captured a thousand guns, thousands of per cent in all reading matter over 350 machine guns and millions of rounds of artillery ammunition,

By Heny G. Wales

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE MARNE-VESLE FRONT, Aug. 6, 8 A. M .- (I. N. S.) - North of the Vesle river the Germans are resisting the onslaughts of the Americans in order to gain time, but the doughboys are

slowly progressing toward the heights beyond the river. Sunshine permitted air observations today and numerous airplanes were in the air reconnoitering.

By Earl C. Reeves London, Aug. 6, 2:37 P. M .- (I. N. S.) - The Vesle river is flooded, which is aiding German resistance south of the Aisne. The Germans are making heavy resistance in an effort to delay

the allies until their heavy guns can be moved to the northern

bank of the Aisne. With the American Armies in France, the snipers, Aug. 6 .- (U. P.) -- German resistance continued today along the Vesle. Heavy fighting is under way on the entire line. the north bank of the river. His ar- town.

Meantime additional allied infantry and other units have crossed the river. The situation in Fismes is peculiarreminiscent of the days when the Amerwrapped in their blankets. Never will and cellars. Americans on both sides 20 years old. Their best men have been

> Weather Slows Up Operations. Our advance forces are likely to continue beyond Fismes and let the rear guard regiments, as well as other types elements finish the mopping up opera-

American cavalry is patrolling the lismes region. Rain has fallen and all roads are semi-rivers. Fields are soft under foot, men and horses sink deep in the mud at every step. The banks of the Vesle are more marshy than ever. making operations slower and more dif-

ficult. In spite of these handicaps, the Americans continue to feel out the German lines, constantly pressing forward. The Vesle in this region is about 15 meters (about 50 feet) wide and is swift and cases in the lower part of the Warilda deep. Crossings were made, however, and it was terrible to hear the groans over partially wrecked bridges, the men protruded above water.

Heavy Losses Inflicted Stiff fighting marked the taking of Fismes. The Boches had extensive machine gun defenses and rather heavy artillery concentrations.

Extended artillery preparation preceded the American attack, smashing some of the machine gun nests and putting a few batteries out of action. Then the infantry stormed the others, fighting partly through the streets and brought down four enemy planes on Au- partly in the open and driving the ene-

completely out of the city, except for Just prior to the attack on Fismes

the Americans inflicted bloody losses on the enemy as the latter retreated The enemy is holding the heights along down the heights south and east of the The Americans reached the tillery fire has increased, while his ma- crest of the heights as the Boches were "I was thrown from my bunk by the chine guns sweep the river crossings retiring down the slopes. Our riflemen and machine gunners opened up a Miss Trowell. 'Just as I got there the American artillery is pounding the deadly fire and soon carpeted the hillside with German dead and wounded

Prisoners Mainly Youths Fismes was held by a German regiment with a special machine gun detachment which, according to prisoners, formed part of the reserves of Crown jority of prisoners are between 18 and killed and replacements have been made from young reserve divisions. Included among the enemy divisions in this region, however, are some of the crack

of their best troops. The Americans are improving in their work of cleaning up machine gun posi-

tions without heavy loss. Towns Searched for Spies

Every day they are encountering tricks new to them, but are meeting them by springing new tricks of their The Boches strung quantities of barbed wire in the Vesle, but did not retard the Americans' crossing. Possibly due to the hasty nature of their retreat, the enemy left none of the devilish devices behind that characterized their retreat before the British on the Somme Every grenade or suspicious looking article found in any of the houses is care-

fully handled. In the meantime, careful search in being made in all of the captured towns for spies. The Boches have a trick of leaving a spy in French or American uni form hidden in a town, to come out after allied occupation.

French Cross Avre River Paris, Aug. 6 .- (I. N. S.) -- Sharp

German counter attacks north of the Vesle river failed completely, according to the French war office today. The German attacks went to pieces and the French maintained their positions on (Concluded on Page Two, Column Seven)

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