WELLS GILBERT TO ENTER RED CROSS

Prominent Portland Timberman to Be Attached to Civil Affairs Department of Organization.

WILL LEAVE HERE TONIGHT

Taken in Near Future; Is Well Adapted to Work Overseas.

Wells Gilbert will leave for New York France. Mr. Gilbert will be attached to best adapted to the work overseas. Mr. Portland. He has been interested in all assisted in several of the big drives.

He has also been in charge of the funds of the Portland ambulance unit. which was established by a number of local people and which has been recently reported as totally destroyed. captured by the enemy and as partly taken by the enemy and much broken up during the big drive in June. Unit Is Smashed Up

Sergeant Kenneth A. Wood, one of the drivers in the unit (which is manned by easterners) and who has kept Mr. Gilbert posted on the condition of the ambulances and their experiences. has written that the unit has pretty well smashed up, most of the cars being lost and some captured by Not without honor, however, for the French general cited the unit for bravery under action and the few battered remaining cars are now proudly wearing their Croix de Guerre. There is a small balance to the ac-

count of the Portland ambulance unit still remaining here in Portland and this will go to France with Mr. Gilbert, who will there look further into the details of its needs. In case any drivers are prisoners in Germany the money will be used for their relief through the International Red Cross, otherwise it will go to assisting the remaining driv-A copy of a letter written by one of the boys to his father in an eastern city is inclosed by Sergeant Wood and gives further details of the experiences of the unit. The letter follows:

Plenty of Hell

June 18, 1918.

Dear Father:—Just a few lines after 10 days of hell and plenty of it. We have again been through the mill, and believe me this was the worst of all. We had casualties and they are indicable in a small care. are noticeable in a small outfit as ours, who are all alone in the work with the French. Our division is 85 per cent gone; they were in first line when "Gerry" started his punch, but they accomplished a great work. Our men were equally as brave and today they are the heroes among the pollus that are left. We expect to be reinforced with American men. ect to be reinforced with American men. Father, the boys ran those roads while Father, the boys ran those roads while "Gerry" wasn't missing hardly any foot. Drove them over the dead men and horses; one fellow had to stop and remove the dead from his wheels. They went through fields, kept running while the trenches were the open fields, enemy machine guns were turned on them. This isn't a mind story; I didn't, do it, but the men did. They were eight hours of gas and in it my little dog fell a victim. We had five cars smashed as clean as a whistle, three of the drivers had to make their way on foot back."

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smashed as clean as a whistle, three of the drivers had to make their way on foot back through the trenches.

I'm mighty proud of these men. My heart ached that first night when we had to order the cars out as the need came in. It was like giving a man a ticket to the undertaker. Yet did they hesitate? No, each went his way with a set fabe and you knew that God willing he would perform his task. Oh! how elated I am now that it is over, with the way they came through this severe test. It fook a courage and nerve of steel to run those shell swept roads, alone that night. No company with you. To charge? No! You go alone, and it is a hard job for any man.

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With the American Armies in France, Aug. 7.—(U. P.)—German heavy artillations attacked in the Villers-Bretonneux sector the Boches were driven across the Ourcq. The firing is now the most vio-

Berthelot Proves Game Fighter General in America Recently

Some of Hardest Fighting in the Marne Pocket Was Under His Direction.

By Lowell Mellett.

With the French Armies in the Field. Aug. 7.-(U. P.)-Now that the battle of the Marne pocket has been definitely won, there is time to tell the part played by the army of General Berthelot, who visited America en route from Siberia to take command, only two weeks before the battle opened. Berthelot's army Departure for Paris Will Be held the line from Rheims to the Marne and participated in some of the hardest fighting of the whole conflict.

A visit to the battlefield today reveals to some extent the nature of the engagement, which finally culminated in success. One indication is the unburied enemy dead and the great quantity of captured material such as 300,000 shells in this evening and will sail shortly for Bois De Arrery, two complete German Paris to enter the Red Cross service in batteries and hundreds of machine guns. These also show how well the enemy is prepared.

In many parts of the front line ma-American Red Cross, where his wide chine guns were arranged seemingly like pickets, while in nearly every nest was a minenwerfer. The Germans had 15 divisions (180,000

men) in their front line. Berthelot had fewer. Nevertheless, on July 16, the second day of the German to attack also, sending his reserves offensive, he received an order to coun- against the Ardre river, a vital German ter attack. He did so effectively and position.

GERMANS MASSING TO PREVENT FLANKING

Heavy artillery firing is under way along the whole front. Occupation of the Ciry-Salsogne railway station (six miles east of Soissons) has created an interesting situation in the region northwest of Braisne, where fairly strong forces of allied troops are

In the Montdidier region, French troops are reported to have reached the suburbs of Moreuil. (Moreuil is the most important town between Amiens and Montdidier. It is on the east bank of the Avre, nine miles north of

West of Montdidier the allies made progress on a front of about two miles. "In the Montdidier region the French made local progress south of Framicourt and southeast of Mesnil - St. Georges," the communique said.

of Montdidier, and a mile east of Can- untenable. They had fied rather than tigny. Mesnil-St. Georges is two miles south of Framicourt.) engmy attempts against La Grange



General Henri Berthelot

the next day repeated it. The spirit with which Berthelot's army fought contributed greatly to slowing up the German advance across the Marne, farther to the west, which was their principal purpose. Some points, like Hill 240, had orders to hold at any cost. They did. Others, instructed to hold off the Germans as long as possible, even ex

ceeded their instructions. Berthelot was unaware of the French counter attack plan until it was under When General Mangin's counter offensive started, Berthelot was ordered

This is the first indication that the

(Continued From Page One.)

Paris, Aug. 7.-(U. P.)-(12:35 p. m.) river line, and captured the Ciry-Salsogne railway station, the war office announced today.

(Framicourt is two miles northeast

lent since the enemy retreat from the

German guns have reached the line four hours. where the enemy intends to make a stand. Some are probably firing from north of the Aisne, but the main line of resistance appears to be along the heights between the Aisne and the

The American rear areas are being shelled and Fismes is under fire of high explosives and gas. Our gunners are giving as good as they receive, or even

Weather Slows Up Battle. The sogginess of the ground, resulting from the recent rains, together with the necessity for caution, has resulted in complete slowing up of operations. The southern portion of Fismes is held in force by the Americans. Snipers

are being routed out in a house-to-

house search. But infantry operations in the past 24 hours have been confined to patrolling and searching out Ger-The Boches are keeping the Vesle under constant machine gun fire and patrols are doing daring work in crossing -Allied troops repulsed German attacks the river. Marshiness of the ground against La Grange farm, on the Vesle along the river banks also aids the Boches, making any movement there

> fordable spot, then half swim and half wade to the opposite side. Boches Fear Americans. Increasing Boche terror of failing into the hands of the Americans can be observed. A hill southwest of Fismes was littered with German dead, all shot in and Aisne also are under a flanking fire. the back when the position had become

surrender. Two wounded Boches, who had been "On the Vesle the French repulsed hiding three days, begged not to be as managerial form of government killed when they were brought in. They farm and took the Ciry-Salsogne rail- said their officers told them the Amer-

An American balloon observer made "In the Champagne a local attack this a sixth daring leap to safety when a morning against French positions south Hun plane brought down his gas bag. of Auberive (18 miles east of Rheims) In five previous attacks the Boches had not got his balloon but had forced him to jump. Tuesday afternoon his balloon

BUCKSAW NOW HOOKEY CURE AT_STATE PEN

ALEM, Or., Aug. 7 .- In the good old days when a boy played "hookey" and was caught, dad took him out to the woodshed and implanted a few lessons in obedience where he thought they would do

the most good. Governor Withycombe is going to try similar inethods at the state penitentiary, only instead of a hickory switch he will use a bucksaw. All convicts who play hookey hereafter will be sent to the woodshed where an armed guard will see to it that they everlasting saw wood from morning to night.

Thurber, Kelly, Armstrong and Jones, the four who recently escaped and were caught, are making sawdust fly today. The governor says this method of punishment will not only keep the men from playing hookey again, but will keep the prison supplied with cut wood. ...

astride the Cobbie-Bray road on July 31 The Germans advanced on a front of 1000 yards to a depth of about 500 yards.

front brought down four German airplanes in one day and shot down two others out of control, making a total of 40 in a single month. Finding their sector quiet, the Amer-

youd the zone assigned to them. Four German machines were attacked and sent down in flames within One Yankee airman from Chicago has

four Boche airplanes to his credit and diction of each local board. several others have bagged three apiece.

brisk machine gun duels. In the combat in which four German ters should be made also, it was pointed machines were bagged the Yankee out. marksmanship was easily superior, but

Haig Reports Advances

London, Aug. 7 .- (U. P.) -Counter attacking between the Ancre and the Somme, the British troops early this cialists and many labor union members morning regained all the more important positions lost Tuesday southwest of Moriancourt and took a number of Field Marshal Haig anprisoners.

The British also advanced their line short distance on both sides of the larence river, taking a few prisoners and two machine guns. Huns Under Flanking Fire

most difficult. The Americans are ferced to flounder through the marsh to Paris, Aug. 7.—(U. P.)—(12:30 p. m.) -German positions at the flanks of the Aisne-Vesle line, west of Rheims and east of Solssons, are being subjected to an enfilading artillery fire, it was learned here this afternoon. More than half the enemy lines between the Vesle

> City Charter Defeated Aberdeen, Wash., Aug. 7 .- (I. N. S.)-The new city charter which provided for

Burleson Is in Favor PREPARATIONS START FOR REGISTRATION OF Consolidation of telephone companies under federal control is indicated as a NEW U. S. MAN POWER part of Postmaster General Burlesoh's

Machinery to Be Made Ready When Bill Extending Ages Is Passed by Congress.

William F. Woodward, chairman o local board No. 7, has accepted the appointment as chairman of the central registration committee, called for in lengthy message received Tuesday by Captain J. E. Cullison of the Oregon selective service from Provost Marshal General Crowder. The committee will formulate plans for the registration of America's man power under the bill nov before congress.

The central committee includes all 1 of the Portland local boards and the Multnomah county board. The extension of the draft ages to include 18 to 21 years and 31 to 45 years, and the shortness of time in which to prepare for registration, as it is believed that September 5 will be the date on which the men included in the new ages will register, makes it necessary that the as the bill is signed by President Wilson. The central committee will coordinate and supervise generally all preparation for this registration and direct the reg-

istration itself. The task confronting the state or ganization of the local board icans asked for permission to patrol be- known to be great, but it is expected. known to be great, but it is expected that the national draft organization will respond and make all preliminary arvate lessons all hours. A full printed

rangements. The registration will be made in the customary voting precincts in the juris-

The British are elated over the fine ried on without great delay, local boards very few. Phone M. 7656. work of their comrades in such a short are requested to appoint a registrar or registrars for each precinct, one for The sky fighting has been marked by each probable 80 registrants. Adequate arrangements for interpre-

In a circular to all draft boards, Capthe Germans had all the advantage of tain Cullison advised them to begin immediate preparation.

this city was defeated at a special election yesterday by a majority of 230 votes according to figures compiled today. So

opposed the charter.

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other companies to do the same, the

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solidation of telegraph companies, it

was believed that no opposition to such

a move would be made by the post-

Eleven Injured in Wreck

Blanca, Colo., Aug. 7.-Eleven passen

gers were injured when a Denver & Rio

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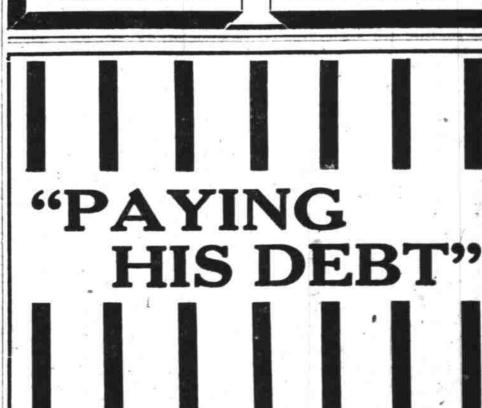
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