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## FROM SOISSONS TO BELGIAN LINE ALLIED FORCES HURLING HUN TO DESTRUCTION—FRENCH MAKE MIGHTY GAIN, CAPTURING THOUSANDS

### CLEVER TOTS GATHER COIN FOR BELGIANS

Willson Park Fete Regular Kid Carnival and Many Little Hearts Overseas Will Be Made Happy

### PARENTS ASSEMBLE IN ADMIRING HUNDREDS

Captain Kidd and Bill Hart Invade Grounds—Pretty Dances Staged

They called it a Belgian fete. It looked like a kid carnival. Willson park, gayly decked with flags, parasols and brilliant-hued streamers yesterday afternoon and evening was thronged with youngsters riding ponies, investing in ice cream cones and simply playing. While the boys and girls parted with many a penny for the benefit of orphaned Belgian children, their parents patronized the oriental tea garden, where the Misses Esther Sun and Eunice Hule in native Chinese costumes served refreshments, or visited the fortune telling booths. Many even essayed to swat the knicker and early in the afternoon he paraded with an ear, while the crown prince, who stood beside him lost a large section of his nose. The opening event of the fete was a parade under the direction of Mrs. T. A. Livesly. Over a hundred tots in every sort of costume imaginable crowded into line and marched around the block while a host of admiring parents reviewed them from the curbing. All was merriment as (Continued on page 6).

### WILSON PUTS SKIDS UNDER JIM VARDAMAN

Letter of Condemnation Taken as Reason for Defeat by Politicians

### MISSISSIPPI CHANGES

Representative Harrison Running Far Ahead of Anti-Administration Man

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 20.—Returns from the central and southern portions of the state showed Representative B. P. Harrison running far ahead of Senator James K. Vardaman in the Democratic primary. E. F. Noel, a former governor was third. Vardaman lost his home city, Jackson, and was beaten in his ward 121 to 28. Warren county in which Vicksburg is situated, gave Harrison 1238; Vardaman 104. Politicians expressed the belief that President Wilson's letter stating that he "could not but regard Vardaman's election as a condemnation of my administration by the people of Mississippi" had a strong bearing on the vote. Both the other candidates put emphasis on loyalty. Vardaman headquarters tonight insisted the vote from the northern section of the state at least would make a second primary necessary.

### LIGHTNING PROVES FATAL

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 20.—Mrs. Annie Perkins and her daughter Helen, aged 10, were killed here tonight by lightning as they were riding in a buggy. The horse also was killed.

## MANGIN'S MEN PENETRATE LINES ON FIFTEEN MILE FRONT FOR DEEP GAINS AND BAG OVER 8,000 AS PRISONERS

East of Oise Numerous Villages Also Fall to Doughty French, According to Official Communication

### OFFENSIVE FORESTALLS CONTEMPLATED ATTACK

Extremely Heavy Artillery Preparation Precedes Titanic Advance

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Interpreted at first as a local operation intended primarily to enable the allies to retain complete possession of the initiative on the Picardy front, the rapidly developed success of the French east of the Oise tonight was accepted by military officers here as a definite and fully prepared effort having a specific part in the larger strategic plans of General Foch. Latest advices tonight describing the advance of the French tenth army for two and a half miles on a front of more than fifteen miles were taken as conclusive evidence that the major plan of the allied generalissimo is far more comprehensive than has been supposed. It is believed to include a series of actions which will occupy every moment until the arrival of winter rains makes the plateaus of Picardy and the plains of Flanders impassable. Most observers agreed that the immediate objective of General Mangin's forces appeared to be the "pickings" of the Roye pocket, with the subsequent control of the important supply lines between that city and Noyon. For the larger objective toward which efforts of the allies are being bent was seen the capture of Noyon and a resultant breakdown of the German defensive line over a front of scores of miles. Activities of the British army east of Arras, around the Merville sector, are thought to be linked up with this larger plan. Not a few strategists foresee in the near future a more important thrust by these forces, completing the cycle of offensives from Rheims to the sea.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—East of Arras along the Scarpe river the British in sharp fighting advanced their line slightly to the east of the village of Fampoux, while farther north, astride the Lys river the British have reached L'EpINETTE and north of Merville have captured the villages of Vierhoek and La Couronne, according to Field Marshal Haig's communication from headquarters tonight. It is possible the enemy may think that if he could arrange to leave a broad space, say of two or three miles, between the British lines and his own, holding the latter with fairly strong forces but keeping the greater part of his armies well to the rear, he would have a better chance to defend himself against the combined operations of the infantry and tanks, the effectiveness of which he apparently has learned to respect. If this is part of his plan, he seems (Continued on page 8.)

### Enrico Caruso Captures Bride From Family of Eastern Patent Lawyer

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Enrico Caruso, the grand opera singer, today obtained a license to wed Miss Dorothy Dark Benjamin, daughter of a New York patent attorney, and a few hours later was married in the Marble Collegiate church of Fifth avenue. Mrs. John F. Keith of this city was matron of honor, and the best man was Bruno Girata, the tenor's secretary. Mr. and Mrs. Caruso will remain in this city.

### WAR SUMMARY

(By The Associated Press) From Soissons to the Belgian border the German armies in various important sectors are being put to the test by the French and British. And it is a test that seemingly bodes ill for the Teutonic arms, for nowhere have they been able to sustain the shocks.

Northwest of Soissons from the Aisne, to the Oise, north of the region around Roye; in the Arras; in the Arras sector and northward on the famous Lys salient the Germans everywhere have been compelled to fall back under the pressure of the French and British troops.

In a new offensive launched by the French General Mangin over a front of approximately fifteen and a half miles from Bally, on the Oise, to the Aisne near Soissons, the French in bitter fighting have carried forward their line to an average depth of two and a half miles, and in the first phases of the battle had turned to French possession numerous enemy held villages and farms. In addition more than 8000 German had been herded behind the line prisoner.

At last reports Mangin's men were still hard after the enemy and unofficial accounts placed the French on various sectors well in advance of the positions outlined in the French official communication.

Along the Scarpe, east of Arras kept up their harassing tactics against the enemy who had been compelled to fall back eastward along the Scarpe river. The Germans resisted vigorously but all to no purpose and the British advanced their lines to the east of the village of Fampoux. Although Haig claimed only a slight forward movement here, particular significance attaches to it by reason of the fact that the Germans have been driven back until they are virtually upon the old battle line as it stood in December, 1917.

Northward the Lys salient again has been narrowed down by the operations of the British who, north of Merville, have taken the villages Vierhoek and La Couronne and also reached the hamlet of L'EpINETTE. This gain represents a forward movement of about a mile and a half and places the British astride the road running southeastward to Estaires.

The new victories of the allies are highly important. The advance of the French northwest of Soissons, taken in conjunction with the successful maneuvers on the Lassigny sectors, and south of Roye, where Beuvraignes has been captured, seemingly means that the enemy (Continued on page 4.)

### TWO SILVERTON AUTOS STOLEN

McCall's Studebaker and Ford Car Are Taken From Center of City

A 7-passenger Studebaker automobile belonging to Gordon H. McCall of Silverton was stolen from State street in front of the Gray-Belle about 10:30 last night. Mr. McCall, who is manager of the Silverton Lumber company, was in Salem with his family to attend the band concert. Just after the concert they went to the Gray-Belle and were in the confectionery establishment only about 15 minutes, but when they returned to the street the car was missing. There is no clue to the identity of the thief. Mr. McCall hired another car and the party returned to Silverton. Another Silverton car was stolen about 11:30 when unknown persons made off with a Ford which was standing on Liberty street in front of the Commercial club. Several young men from Silverton had come to Salem in the car which is the property of one of the Silverton garages.

THE WEATHER. Fair and warmer; gentle winds, mostly westerly.

Rapid Development of French Success East of Oise Taken as Part of Large Strategic Plans of Foch

### PICKING OF ROYE POCKET IN SIGHT

Capture of Noyon and Breakdown of German Defensive Is Also Seen

PARIS, Aug. 20.—The French forces fighting east of the Oise, on a front of about 15½ miles have advanced to an average depth of about two and a half miles and captured numerous villages, according to the French official communication issued this evening. More than 8000 prisoners have been taken. South of Roye, the town of Beuvraignes has been occupied by the French, after bitter fighting.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 20.—(By The Associated Press.) (1 p. n.)—The attack of General Mangin's forces from Pontenoy on the Aisne to Pimpreux on the Oise was progressing favorably when this dispatch was filed. Prisoners were continuing to arrive at the rear to add to the several thousand captured before noon and the gain in territory at 1 o'clock has been from one to two and a half miles. The enemy was resisting with the greatest vigor at vital spots. Where the fighting is thickest the ground is covered with German dead.

The artillery preparation, which was most violent, began yesterday morning, and the enemy anticipating an attack, hastened to reinforce his lines, sending up two of his best divisions which were held in reserve. These divisions arrived during the night in motor lorries.

An hour and a half after the order was given to attack, infantrymen were passing Audignicourt and Vassens and were followed immediately by batteries of three-inch guns. The first line of defense was then breaking. The Germans on retiring filled the entire ravine with mustard gas. This, however, proved only a temporary trouble, the entire ravine being turned in a short time and the French troops progressing toward Bierancourdele, eight miles southeast of Noyon.

Farther to the right Tartieres, two and a half miles southeast of Marsal, was entered at 9 o'clock and columns of prisoners began to appear upon the plateau to the rear. The artillery reaction was very weak over this part of the front.

French aviators, flying way down under the low-lying clouds, kept the staff regularly informed as to the progress of the attack and harassed the enemy with machine gun fire. No German fliers tried to interfere with their work. Few were seen in the air during the morning. The Germans made a desperate defense in the hilly and wooded region south of the Oise around Carlepoint, Caisne and Lombray, where they held strong positions which were (Continued on page 8.)

### Walla Walla Convicts Mutiny After Shooting of a Fellow Prisoner

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 20.—Convicts in the Walla Walla penitentiary are in mutiny tonight, having been aroused by the shooting of Fred (Tiger) Johnson by Guard John Davidson today. The noise made by the convicts can be heard by several blocks. Officers state that the convicts can not break out, as they are locked in their cells. A similar disturbance last year, led by Johnson, required several days to subside. Coroner McPartin, after an investigation, completely exonerated Guard Davidson.

### WAR WON THIS YEAR, BELIEF OF CLEMENCEAU

Complete Triumph of Allied Arms Predicted by Premier of France

### TALKS TO "JAMES HAM"

Showing of American Troops Has Amazed France, Is Another Assertion

PARIS, Aug. 20.—It is the belief of Premier Clemenceau that a complete triumph will be won during the present year by the arms of the allies and that the war will have ended before another year has passed, according to Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, who had a lengthy conversation with him. The gist of the conversation, with the consent of M. Clemenceau, has been given to The Associated Press by Senator Lewis. Premier Clemenceau paid high tribute to President Wilson as a constructive leader and secretary he was greatly impressed by Secretary Baker as a man of great resource. The premier said when American troops arrived, uncertainty existed as to whether they could bring their undoubted courage into immediate action after having been trained to a life of peace, but the first showing of the American troops had amazed France with their bravery and solid perfection. The premier declared that the work of the American troops on the battlefield did more to terrify Germany than any other thing the enemy has met.

### GREAT RECORD BY AMERICAN

Engages in Over 15 Raids Over German Lines During Three Weeks

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Lieutenant Edmund G. Chamberlain, an aviator of the United States marine corps, in three weeks took part in 15 bombing raids over the German lines carried out by a British air squadron to which he has recently been attached, the navy department announced.

Chamberlain went through five raids in one day without mishap, and on all occasions, according to the report of the commander of the squadron to marine corps headquarters, rendered conspicuous service and proved his capability as a war pilot.

While returning from one raid over Bruges, Chamberlain was shelled continuously for 45 minutes and while six British machines were put out of action he came through "undisturbed" and "full out for another job," the British commander reported. Chamberlain's home is in San Antonio, Texas.

### YOUNG DRAFTEES TO FIGHT LAST

Committee Includes Amendment to Manpower Bill to Preserve Nation's Youth—Bill Expected to Pass Soon

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Both senate and house will begin consideration of the manpower bill extending the army draft age limits to 18 and 45 years tomorrow. The house military affairs committee today closed its hearings and the bill will be reported tomorrow with an amendment adopted by a vote of 9 to 7 to defer service of youths 18 to 19 years of age until all others are called. An agreement was secured with Speaker Clark and with Representative Sims, in charge of the pending water-power bill, to give the manpower act right of way Thursday. Chairman Dent of the house committee believes it can be passed in a single day. Passage of the bill by the house Thursday and by the senate by Saturday is planned by leaders. Contests are expected in both branches. In the senate debate is expected on the "work or fight" amendment. In the house a controversy is brewing over the committee's amendment to defer calling boys of 18 and 19 years, a mandatory provision which Secretary Baker, General March and General Crowder have vigorously opposed. With both senate and house committees pledged to lowering the minimum age to 18 years, it appeared the age limits will be fixed as recommended by the war department. After a stormy executive session in which Representative Kahn of California led a fight which he promised to renew on the house floor, to retain the administration measure's provisions putting the order of calls for all men within the president's discretion, the committee voted 9 to 7 to write in an amendment offered by Representative McKenzie of Illinois, Republican, providing that all men 20 years and above shall be called before those of 18 and 19 with the 18-year-old youths to be called (Continued on page 8.)



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