

BRITISH STRIKE HEAVY BLOW ON FRONT OF TEN MILES NORTH OF ANCRE

Attack Begun Shortly Before 5:00 o'Clock This Morning Under Cover of Heavy Fog by Third Army Under General Byng; Drive Extends From Arras to Albert and Maximum Penetration of Three Miles Is Reported Early.

The double allied drive is under way in Picardy. The British opened a new attack on a wide front north of the Ancre river today. The French are still smashing forward between the Oise and the Aisne, increasing the menace to the German armies from the Noyon and Soissons regions.

The British troops continue to progress in Flanders, perforating the enemy lines seemingly at will and advancing at other points as the Boches retire voluntarily.

Haig's men also are showing unusual activity in the Arras sector on both sides of the Scarpe river.

The extent of the new British drive was not announced in Haig's communique today. It is possible however, that it may extend from the neighborhood of Albert northward to the active sector south of the Scarpe, thus forming a fighting front of about 20 miles.

To reach this city would require an advance of between five and six miles. The great haul of prisoners taken by General Mangin between the Oise and the Aisne together with those in Flanders and elsewhere on the front, apparently has brought the total of Germans taken in the Picardy offensive to about 50,000.

London, Aug. 21.—British forces are believed to have reached the railway between Courcelles and Delocast in the direction of Bapaume, it was learned authoritatively this afternoon. This indicates an advance of two or more miles.

London, Aug. 21.—General Mangin has flung his left wing forward an additional three miles in the Oise valley, penetrating to within less than two miles of Noyon, according to despatches received this afternoon. His right wing (near Soissons) made a slight advance today. At 2 p. m., it was learned the French line between the Oise and the Aisne ran as follows: From Semplery, held by the Germans on the south bank of the Oise, a mile and a half directly south of Noyon through Pontoise-la-Pomerelle, Camelin and Hierancourt, all held by the French; through St. Aubin, held by the Germans and through Lt. Tour farm, Laval and Courtil, all held by the French.

By LOWELL MELLETT (United Press Staff Correspondent) With the British Armies in France, Aug. 21.—General Byng's army struck

the Germans on a 10-mile front between Arras and Albert during a heavy fog this morning.

The attack began shortly before 5 a. m. and by 9 o'clock the British had captured Moyenne, Uler, Courcelles, Buequoy, Ablainzeville, Achiet-le-Petit and Beaucourt-Sur-Ancre.

Advance Is Rapid At 5:20 the big guns which had been concealed in readiness for several days let loose in a general salvo, and the troops swung into action.

By 6:10, parts of the old line were passed, Moyenneville, where resistance was weak, was captured at 6:50. Prisoners taken there said they had expected the British for the past week.

Two hundred prisoners were reported taken at 7:05. Some machine guns had been captured. Only a few casualties were suffered by the British.

At 7:15 Courcelles was captured. The attack, which the Germans are known to have been expecting last week,

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FRENCH DRIVE WEAKENS HUN'S LINE ON VESLE

Allied Advance Between Oise and Aisne Threatens Enemy Positions East of Soissons and May Force Retreat.

YANKEE PATROLS KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH BOCHE

American Artillery Subjects Bazoches, Near Fismes, to Heavy Bombardment; Both Armies Digging In.

By FRED S. FERGUSON (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Aug. 21.—The French advance between the Oise and the Aisne is rendering the German line on the Vesle more difficult.

As the boche line is swung back east and south of Noyon, the enemy positions east of Soissons will become as pinched that there is every possibility of them being forced to retire before the Americans from the Vesle to the Aisne.

American patrols are in close contact with the boches, to detect the first signs of withdrawal.

Enemy Lines Shelled. The American artillery heavily pounded Bazoches (three miles west of Fismes yesterday.) High explosive and gas shells were used by the Germans in great quantities.

There is a peculiar state of warfare along the Vesle, having the artillery characteristics of a trench fight. Both sides have extensively dug in their front lines. There are no real trenches, or communication trenches, however, the front line being merely a series of shallow holes.

The Germans as well as the American realize this will not be the fighting line very long. The allies are expected to push the boches back. The boches, anticipating such action, are ready to move back to the Aisne.

RICE RIOTS THREE PARTS HUNGER AND ONE PART POLITICS

Manager of Many Japanese Hotels Says Only Severe Food Shortage Could Drive Natives to Destruction.

New York, Aug. 21.—Three parts hunger and one part politics is the formula of the present rioting and discontent in Japan, according to M. Yokama, manager of a string of hotels in Japan and Manchuria, and director of the east Manchurian railways who is today in New York.

"Only hunger could precipitate violent lawlessness in the scale of rice riots," said Yokama. "Politicians who are opposed to the government have been trying to spread discontent, of course, but their efforts never could have turned such loyal people as the Japanese into property destroyers. I know that thousands of the poor people have been going without sufficient food lately on account of the wealthy rice hoarders and the speculators."

"I can remember when rice sold for 10 cents a sho. That is about two and a half quarts. It has now gone up to 50 cents per sho. Poor people simply could not buy it. "The people were driven to acts of violence. That is not surprising. But that this should turn the destructive ones against the property of wealthy people as a class is something new and unexpected in Japan."

Yokama declares there is no danger of revolution. "The people are contented with the government," he said. "They may riot and burn things until they are fed, but they will not revolt."

"I am sure the government will stop the rice profiteering and the people will go back to their work again."

Yokama intends to make a tour of the principal cities of the United States to learn for himself and the Japanese government the methods and systems used in management of American hotels.

Enrico Caruso Marries 25-Year-Old New York Girl

New York, Aug. 21.—Enrico Caruso, world's famous tenor, today was a bridegroom. His bride was Miss Dorothy Park Benjamin, 25. She is a daughter of Park Benjamin, a Wall street lawyer.

Caruso made the news of the marriage public through his secretary, but kept to the exclusion of his apartments with his bride, declining to see newspaper men. He declared he was too excited to trust his scant English to interviewers.

McADOO WOULD HAVE ALL MAKE INCOME RETURN

Secretary of Treasury Asks Authority He Deems Necessary for Enforcement of Income Tax Measure.

COAL COMPANIES CHIEF TAX DODGERS, SAYS ROPER

Movie Stars and Actors to Be Asked to Verify Reports of Press Agents Regarding Fabulous Salaries.

Washington, Aug. 21.—A billion dollar drive on income and excess profit tax slackers will be authorized in the new revenue bill. To prevent further tax dodging, Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has asked congress for authority to force every person in the country to make an income tax return whether or not he is liable to the tax.

These two moves to get every possible dollar to carry on the war were revealed today in statements of Internal Revenue Collector Roper, before the house ways and means committee.

Roper assured the committee that if he was given \$10,000,000 to raise the necessary force of accountants, he could collect \$1,000,000,000 the sum he estimates the government has been cheated out of in 1918 and 1917 alone.

The committee authorized the appropriations following immediately Roper's statements.

Coal companies are among the principal tax dodgers, Roper showed.

Farmers Under Suspicion. Auditing has been done by a force of 35 men working from June 1 to August 10. Farmers are also under suspicion because of the fact that only 14,000 in the entire nation submitted tax reports last year, Roper's report shows.

Only about two per cent of the nation's saloonkeepers made returns.

Movie stars and actors are also going to be asked to verify press agent reports of fabulous salaries. Roper told the committee he plans to organize 20 auditing units of expert accountants, each unit to go into the returns of all companies in certain lines of business to get every dollar due the government.

The plan to force every person to submit tax returns would, according to Roper, apply to the revenue bill, the same principles now applied in the draft. This is aimed at income tax payers who are in the "twilight zone."

Thousands Escape Tax.

Thousands of persons of small incomes who are just on the tax border line, have been escaping because the department at present has no way of checking on them, Roper said.

Roper also plans to send throughout the country thousands of workers to explain the new revenue bill to the people. An important part of the campaign is the preparation of a farmers' account book, prepared by the department of agriculture, to enable a farmer to keep closer tab on his actual income.

The house ways and means committee today tentatively adopted an 80 per cent war profit tax and fixed profits tax rates for the new revenue bill.

The war profit tax takes 50 per cent of all earnings of corporations in excess of their profits for the years 1911, 1912, 1913.

If a corporation, however, earned less than 10 per cent on invested capital during these years it is given a flat 10 per cent exemption before the war tax becomes operative.

Rates Are Cited. The excess profits rates tentatively adopted gives an eight per cent exemption and taxes according to the following rates:

All profits from eight to 15 per cent are taxed 35 per cent; profits from 15 to 20, 50 per cent and all profits above 20 per cent are taxed 70 per cent.

The corporation will pay under the war profits or excess profits tax according to which will bring the most money.

The new rates, committee men said will be put into the bill finally as the treasury department approves them.

The adoption of the two sets of profits rates today completed the new revenue bill.

Other details of the measures have been previously announced by the United States.

Hindenberg Succeeds Von Ludendorff Reports Say

London, Aug. 21.—Swiss reports received here declare that Field Marshal von Hindenburg has succeeded General Ludendorff in command of west front operations. Reports have been current for some time in neutral countries that Ludendorff had succeeded Field Marshal von Hindenburg on the west front because of an illness of the latter.

STRIKE AT DEADLOCK. London, Aug. 21.—The deadlock in the conductors' strike continued today. A few women conductors on the tube trains also have quit working, but not enough to seriously interfere with traffic. Between 17,000 and 18,000 conductors are now idle.

32 DIVISIONS NOW IN FRANCE MARCH STATES

Chief-of Staff Says Transportation Problem Has Involved Scouring the World for Available Bottoms.

FRONT LINE SHORTENED 50 MILES IN PAST WEEK

American Unit Which Captured Frapelle Identified as Fifth Division; 77th Also Comes in for Praise.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Thirty-two completely organized American divisions (around 1,400,000 men) are now in France, Chief-of-Staff March announced them as follows:

One, two, three, four, five, six, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-five, thirty-six, thirty-seven, thirty-eight, thirty-nine, forty, forty-one, forty-two, forty-three, forty-four, forty-five, forty-six, forty-seven, forty-eight, forty-nine, fifty, fifty-one, fifty-two, fifty-three, fifty-four, fifty-five, fifty-six, fifty-seven, fifty-eight, fifty-nine, sixty, sixty-one, sixty-two, sixty-three, sixty-four, sixty-five, sixty-six, sixty-seven, sixty-eight, sixty-nine, seventy, seventy-one, seventy-two, seventy-three, seventy-four, seventy-five, seventy-six, seventy-seven, seventy-eight, seventy-nine, eighty, eighty-one, eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, eighty-eight, eighty-nine, ninety, ninety-one, ninety-two, ninety-three, ninety-four, ninety-five, ninety-six, ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine, one hundred.

March pointed out that to accomplish this remarkable task it had been necessary to scour the world for ships, while to maintain the present program and achieve the projected four million plan would require gathering more ships.

The emergency fleet corporation is doing "splendidly" to catch up, March said, "but hiring and charting of other ships will be necessary to meet the increased effort."

Line Shortened 50 Miles.

The chief pointed to the significant fact that the general effect of the blows recently dealt the Germans has been to shorten the line from the North sea to Rheims so that today it stands at less than 200 miles—a reduction of 50 miles through the past week's operations.

He identified as the fifth division the American unit which captured Frapelle in the St. Die region, smothering out a salient, leaving the Americans there only four miles from the German frontier.

In answer to questions he reported thus on several divisions. The seventy-seventh, last reported in the Vosges; thirty-sixth reached France between July 30 and August 13 and is being trained; ninetieth somewhere in France; eightieth went into the front line with the British in Flanders a part of its training and at the close there of all elements, were withdrawn; seventy-sixth, a depot division in the

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ALLIES SEEKING TO COMPEL RETREAT BY MEANS OF STRATEGY

New British Thrust Designed to Force German Withdrawal by Creating Another Dangerous Salient in Line.

By J. W. T. MASON (United Press War Expert)

New York, Aug. 21.—Today's attack by the British third army north of the Ancre, is for the immediate purpose of driving the German front back between Albert and Arras and creating another dangerous salient which will compel von Hindenburg to withdraw still further eastward.

General Byng, who commands the new offensive, is the creator of the tank shock tactics which have made obsolete the long bombardments preliminary to the infantry going over the top.

General Byng brought the element of surprise back into modern warfare. This is the first opportunity he has had to show his genius as an offensive commander since he broke the Hindenburg line at Cambrai, at the end of the British campaign last autumn.

The sector along which General Byng is attacking today is the nearest to the Hindenburg line of any part of the west front. The distance varies from two to 20 miles. The most important intermediate points is Bapaume, about eight miles east of the British front and 10 miles west of the Hindenburg line.

The principal high road and railway running into the German front between Albert and Arras passes through Bapaume. Its capture by the British would tend to push the Germans back to the Hindenburg line at a point where they would have to be supplied from Cambrai.

The association of General Byng's name with the British success at Cambrai immediately suggests that his present strategy has as its ultimate objective the development of a situation that may again bring Cambrai into the area of actual combat. The situation contains highly dramatic possibilities, while it is certain to discourage still further von Hindenburg's essential plans for building up a new reserve army.

DRAFT MEASURE IS DELAYED BY AGE QUESTION

Unwillingness of Some Members of Congress to Draft Men Under 20 Threatens Temporary Blockade of Bill.

PRESIDENT MAY TAKE HAND TO GAIN SPEED

Manpower Proposal, As First Reported, Will Carry Amendment Holding Boys of 18 and 19 in Reserve.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Unwillingness of some members of congress to draft men under 20 threatened today to block temporarily the army program of getting 80 divisions of American troops in France by next June.

This is the program Chief-of-Staff March has declared will beat Germany during 1919. The manpower bill, as it will be reported to the house today by the military affairs committee, carries an amendment placing boys of 18 and 19 in special classes to be called after all older men in class one are summoned. The amendment threatens to impede the army program in two ways. First to delay its passage through the house and senate and in all probability force prolonged conference between the two houses.

President May Take Hand. Second, to force Crowder to do over again much of the work already completed in preparation for the new draft.

As a result, President Wilson if necessary will appeal personally to congress to strike out the objectionable provision. Unless the manpower bill is enacted within the next month the war department will be forced to curtail troop shipments to France or take the chance of an industrial upheaval by using deferred classes.

Opponents of the amendment today however, still held out hope that it can be defeated on the floor. Every congressman who voted against the measure reserved the right to fight it. They will point out that the country already has the promise of Secretary of War Baker that boys of 18 will be last called.

Administration pressure may be called into the fight, if it becomes necessary. Baker Offers Amendment. Another amendment offered by Baker which will likely go into the bill providing for the drafting of the so-called marriage slackers Baker has asked that this be left to regulations because they are not so rigid as written statutes.

The Thomas work or right amendment is almost sure to be left out of the bill when it goes to the house.

Although the manpower bill will be reported today Chairman Dent of the military committee does not expect to call it up until Thursday. He believes it will go through in one day.

The house military committee today ordered Chairman Dent to report the new manpower bill, carrying an amendment to put men of 18 and 19 in separate classification, not to be called until all older men are taken.

The bill will be reported favorably as soon as it can be printed, either late today or tomorrow.

Committee members who voted against

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FRENCH IN NEW DRIVE MAKE GAINS

General Mangin's Army Continues Advance Started Yesterday Between Oise and Aisne; Taking Many More Important Villages.

FRONT LINE IS EXTENDED TO LENGTH OF 25 MILES

Enemy Rushing Up Reinforcements to Stem Tide, Concentrating Resistance at Ourcamp and Carlepont.

By JOHN DE GANDY (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Paris, Aug. 21.—French troops, outflanking Ourcamp forest have reached a point near Pontoise, less than 4,000 yards (slightly more than two miles) southeast of Noyon.

Pressure is being methodically exerted toward Lassigny and Noyon. The latter is now more threatened from the southeast than from the southwest.

Camelin (seven miles southeast of Noyon) and Bierancourt (a mile southeast of Camelin) have been passed. (This latter progress represents a total advance of six miles by Mangin's army.)

By WEBB MILLER (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Paris, Aug. 21.—General Mangin is continuing his advance between the Oise and Aisne and has made additional important gains at some points. Several more villages have been occupied.

He is gradually extending his fighting front eastward until now it reaches from the Oise almost to Soissons over an irregular line nearly 25 miles long.

The Germans are rushing up reinforcements in motor trucks and are concentrating their resistance in Carlepont and Ourcamp forests (bordering the east bank of the Oise from Bally northward to Sempiigny).

The French, however, are making good progress just east of these wooded areas beyond Nampeel, where the most furious fighting is going on.

Many Villages Taken. Mangin is now in possession of a score of villages and many acres of strong points. He is holding the entire Carlepont-Cuts road (Cuts is four and a half miles southeast of Noyon). The Bois-de-Lamontagne, hills 130 and 141, Belle-

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CAMPFIRE CONCERT IS SET FOR TONIGHT

Men in Training at University to Make Merry With Songs and Yells.

The second summer training camp campfire concert will be held at the trenches at the University of Oregon tonight. Colonel John M. Leader, commandant, announced today that Eugene residents have been invited to attend. The program has been scheduled to commence at 8:30 o'clock.

Special preparations for the concert have been made. Each company in camp will have its songs and yells.

Words for the songs have been prepared by various men in the camp and tunes of popular songs will be used.

Argentina's Contribution to Red Cross is \$185,000

Washington, Aug. 21.—A consignment of \$185,000 in gold reached American Red Cross headquarters here today from Buenos Aires as Argentina's contribution to the Red Cross drive. It was also announced that Chile was sending \$124,000. Word has just arrived of a combined Argentina-Brazilian Red Cross drive at Pernambuco, the proceeds of \$5,800 being divided between the two big allied societies.

Bulgarian Emperor Reported Near Death at Frankfurt

Madrid, Aug. 21.—The newspaper Liberator reporting from unauthoritative sources says that Tsar Ferdinand of Bulgaria is at Frankfurt desperately ill and believed to be dying. His family is said to be with him. The newspaper expresses the opinion that the death of the czar would create disturbances in Sofia that would end in the declaration of a republic in Bulgaria within a few days.

McADOO IN NEW YORK

Washington, Aug. 21.—Secretary McAdoo has gone to New York to confer with officials of the federal reserve bank of that city today. Treasury officials declined to make public the matter to be discussed.

LIEUTENANT IN SUICIDE

Chicago, Aug. 21.—Dr. Victor E. Lager, lieutenant in the dental reserve was a suicide here today. Melancholia induced by his failure to see active duty was the cause assigned by friends.

CAMPAIGN FOR NEW G. A. R. COMMANDER

Omahans and Seattle Veterans Most Prominent Candidates to Lead Organization.

Portland, Or., Aug. 21.—G. A. R. veterans here for the national encampment proved themselves good campaigners today when a big drive was opened for the election of a commander-in-chief.

Comrade C. E. Adams of Omaha, Neb., who has a large and ardent following from that and other states appeared to be a leading candidate. His campaign has been extensive and prolonged.

Opposing him is P. C. Hurd of Seattle whose followers got a somewhat later start.

Sentiment is being felt out regarding the city for the next encampment. Columbus, Ohio, has found favor with many veterans, who have a keen memory of the long trip here and admire the Ohio city's central location. Delegations also are urging Des Moines and St. Paul. The registration campfire was held last night. The soldiers today conducted a business session.

Commander of Allied Forces Arrives at Siberian Port

London, Aug. 21.—General Otzel, commander of the allied forces in Siberia, arrived at Vladivostok Sunday, according to a dispatch received from that city today.

British artillery is reported to have been active in that region for several days, reducing the superiority of the enemy's artillery.

PLANS ARE MADE FOR LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE

Chairman Goodrich Believes Lane County People to Respond Promptly.

"We expect that there will hardly be a family in Lane county that will not subscribe to the fourth Liberty Loan," said Luke Goodrich, county chairman of the Liberty Loan committee, today.

"This campaign will have the advantage of each of the others in that the people are expecting it, and a great number have actually been saving sums of money regularly so that they might be able to pay a substantial amount down on their subscriptions.

"As the number of our men in France increases it is necessary that the number of us who stay at home who contribute to their support increase also."

Letters are going out today from the county committee to each of the seven banking districts into which Lane county has been divided, asking them to select their chairman. Each of these districts will in turn be divided into precincts which will be presided over by the precinct chairmen.

The banking districts of the county are Eugene, Springfield, Colburg, Creswell, Junction City, Cottage Grove, and Florence. These being the distributing centers, and the places to which the roads center.

Every effort will be made to make this the most successful campaign of all city.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Tonight fair, warmer southwest portion; Thursday fair and warmer; gentle southerly winds.