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## 17,000 GERMANS TAKEN PRISONER IN BIG SOMME DRIVE

### RUSSIA AT WAR WITH ENTENTE SAYS GERMANY

CLAIMS DECLARATION NOT MADE BUT TROOPS FIGHTING THE BRITISH INVADERS

### ALLIES DEFEAT SLAVS & HUNS

50,000 Germans March Against Murman Coast—Allies Continue to Advance Against Bolsheviki

London, Aug. 9.—"It is not true that we have declared war on Great Britain, but our troops are fighting British invaders and a declaration of war can hardly be avoided," is the declaration ascribed to M. offe, Bolsheviki ambassador to Berlin, by the Amsterdam correspondent of the Express.

Washington, Aug. 9.—The American consul at Moscow, Consul Poole, informed the state department that Lenin, the Bolsheviki premier, declared to the Soviets that a state of war existed between Russia and the entente allies.

Stockholm, Aug. 9.—The Russian government has declared that a state of war exists between England and Russia, according to a dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin, which prints the news "with reservation."

London, Aug. 9.—After the occupation of Archangel by the allies, the Bolsheviki withdrew across the River Dvina and on August 4 were again driven out of their positions there, chiefly by shell fire, according to news received today.

The allies have since pushed rapidly southward along the railway toward Volodga. The German forces north of the Gulf of Finland have been recently reinforced and are estimated to number 50,000, mostly inferior troops. These forces are being concentrated for an advance against the Murman railways, along which there has been some skirmishing.

### 1,000,000 VOLUNTEERS SAVE U. S. WHEAT CROP

Washington, Aug. 9.—An army of 1,000,000 volunteer farm hand is mainly responsible for success in harvesting America's biggest wheat crop now nearly all in, agriculture department records today show. More than \$40,000,000 was paid the volunteers.

### FOREST FIRES TROUBLESOME

Portland, Aug. 9.—A Campus fire in the Columbia forest reserve, is again reported troublesome.

### MERLIN MURPHY KILLED WHILE FIGHTING FIRE

Merlin Murphy was killed and Robert Benham seriously injured yesterday while fighting forest fires near West Fork.

The men were trying to control the fire, which was spreading rapidly in that district, when a landslide caught them, killing Mr. Murphy instantly and injuring Mr. Benham. It is believed that Benham will recover. The two were residents of West Fork.

N. F. Maeduff of the forest service was called, and left this morning for the scene of the accident.

### SLAVIC LEGION FORMING IN S. C.

Immediate Mobilization of Foreigners at Camp Wadsworth Announced by War Department

Washington, Aug. 9.—Orders for the immediate mobilization at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., of the Slavic Legion, authorized by the army appropriation bill, were announced today at the war department, providing voluntary enlistment of Jugo-Slavs, Caecho-Slovaks and Ruthenians and other oppressed people who are anxious to fight against Germany and Austria-Hungary.

### U. S. CASUALTY LIST

Washington, Aug. 9.—In the army casualties for today, 90 were killed, nine died of wounds, 63 are wounded and 303 missing. Private Arthur Vincelet, of Portland, is wounded.

### SEATTLE WANTS LABORERS

Seattle, Aug. 9.—Hundreds of building carpenters, at a wage of \$6.60 and hundreds of laborers, wage \$4.50 to \$5, were called urgently today by the labor committee of the war house-building drive, Frederick T. Sherman, chairman. Labor union officers are cooperating.

### HOME OF H. A. CORLISS DESTROYED BY FIRE

The home of H. A. Corliss on North Seventh street was entirely destroyed by fire this morning at 6:30 o'clock.

Mr. Corliss had risen early to build a fire, putting in quantities of pitchy wood. He felt ill, so went back to bed. It is thought probable that the fire became so hot that the roof caught fire from the chimney. The whole upper part of the house was in flames when neighbors noticed it and awoke the family. The fire alarm was given but by the time the engine could get there, the home was too far gone to be saved.

Mrs. Corliss had all of the household goods packed, preparatory to moving to the mine, where Mr. Corliss is working and the house had been rented. The house and contents were fully covered by insurance.

The new city pump was used for the first time and gave 180 pounds pressure at the pump or about 75 or 80 pounds at the nozzle, instead of the 25 or 30 pounds at the nozzle which was all that could be gotten from the hose before.

### BULGARS AND KAISER "WILLIE" ARE AT OUTS

Milan, Aug. 9.—Germany's position in Bulgaria is becoming serious, according to reports received here. Bulgarian soldiers are refusing to obey German officers. At Sofia bombs have been thrown at the German legation. The German minister's demand for protection is alleged to have been refused. German soldiers have protested because they were forced to wear Bulgarian uniforms.

On July 1 a mob is reported to have made a joint demonstration against the Turks and Germans. The Turkish legation was attacked and windows broken. Mud was thrown on the Turkish flag.

### ARMENIAN SITUATION IS REPORTED IMPROVING

London, Aug. 9.—Armenians reported the Turks in the Baku region August 1, and the situation there is improving. It was learned today.

### WEDGE 11 MILES DEEP DRIVEN IN ENEMY LINES

Allies Within One Mile of Chaumes Roye Railroad Which is Huns Chief Artery of Supplies—7 Villages Taken in Flanders—German Divisional General Captured

London, Aug. 9.—More than 17,000 prisoners and 200 guns were captured by the allies in the Somme drive up to noon today.

With the British Army, Aug. 9.—It is reported that a German divisional general was captured in the drive.

London, Aug. 9.—The Canadians have taken the town of Beaufort, near Rosieres. The Australians are fighting farther north along the Somme. Small parties of Germans are still in Rosieres, but the British are all around them.

London, Aug. 9.—The situation on the west front is considered now more favorable for an allied victory in the field than at any time since the beginning of the war. The period of anxiety has definitely passed. The allies soon will have a great superiority in men and material to further assist in retaining the initiative.

London, Aug. 9.—Fourteen thousand prisoners and guns too numerous to mention have been taken. The French have taken Fresnoy-En-Chaussée. The British reached a point east of Lequesnel and Caix.

The Germans are evacuating positions on the Flanders front.

Paris, Aug. 9.—The German lines in the Picardy sector, south of the Somme, are badly broken by the British and French armies. A wedge was driven to the depth of 11 miles along the Amiens and Chaumes-La Fere railroad, which was the chief artery of supplies for the Germans in the Montdidier sector. The allies are progressing south of the Somme without serious opposition, almost on the north bank of the stream. The

### ENGINEERS NEEDED FOR ACTIVE SERVICE

San Francisco, Aug. 9.—A call for men not registered in the draft, and draft men who have been given deferred classifications, to enlist in the 472d Engineers was sent out by the western department of the army here today.

The 472d Engineers engage in producing military and aerial maps, and are used in both domestic and overseas service.

### DRAFT ORDER DOES NOT NEED APPLY TO NAVY

Washington, Aug. 9.—Admiral Palmer, representing the navy department, today told the senate military committee he believes there is no necessity for applying the draft to the navy, as suggested by certain senators. The navy is already practically filled, Palmer testified.

### 159 SICK AND WOUNDED AMERICANS ARE RETURNED

Washington, Aug. 9.—Sick and wounded soldiers landed in the United States from the American expeditionary forces and sent to various army hospitals during the week ended August 2 numbered 159, the surgeon general announced.

### YANKS IN ACTION IN NEW DRIVE

Offensive Designed to Nip the Contemplated Hun Drive on Amiens in the Near Future

Washington, Aug. 9.—American troops, brigaded with the British, are in action in the great new British offensive before Amiens. Until their identity is disclosed by General Pershing, however, officials here will not say what units are actually there.

On July 4 General March stated that the Twenty-third division, made up of Illinois troops, was in action on the Picardy front. Since then, however, army officers say they have been returned to General Pershing's direct command.

The offensive begun yesterday is designed, army officers say, to remove a serious menace from the British front. The Germans have been concentrating their forces in great strength at Amiens and it is believed here that the purpose of the present battle is to shove them back here and thus compel a general retirement along the northern front.

It is assumed here that the withdrawal of reserves from all along the Picardy front to save the crown prince's army in its retreat from the Soissons-Rheims salient has weakened the German forces sufficiently to make another allied success possible. Some army officers here, however, were inclined to believe that Marshal Foch and Haig had discovered evidences that the Germans were planning an attack to lift the pressure on the Vesle line and had simply "beaten them to it."

### NEW FLOUR RULE MADE BY ADMINISTRATION

Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 9.—Graham and whole wheat flour may now be purchased without buying the usual substitutes. This was the welcome news received and given out today by George B. Sampson, Clarke county food administrator. However, if one buys white flour he must also buy the 50 per cent substitutes.

### AVIATOR INSTRUCTOR IS KILLED WHEN PLANE FALLS

St. Louis, Aug. 9.—Lieutenant L. R. Evans, of Philadelphia, an instructor at Scott Field, died last night from injuries received Wednesday when the plane in which he and Cadet Thomas Douglas were flying fell 40 feet near O'Fallon, Ill. Douglas was uninjured.

### GEN. PAYS TRIBUTE TO FRENCH TROOPS

Paris, Aug. 9.—General Petain, commander-in-chief of the French armies, has issued the following order of the day to the French troops: "Four years of effort, with our staunch allies; four years of trials, stoically endured, begin to bear fruit.

### KLAMATH COUNTY HAS \$12,000 SAWMILL BLAZE

Klamath Falls, Aug. 9.—A sawmill owned by John M. Robins at Swan Lake valley was destroyed by fire between 12 and 1 o'clock Wednesday with a loss of between \$10,000 and \$12,000.

The blaze was believed started from a spark, which lodged on the roof of the mill building, and the fire gained such headway while the mill crew was at dinner that all efforts to fight it were without avail and the mill, lumber and tramways were burned to the ground. Robins himself was slightly burned in an attempt to fight the blaze, and his son was scorched on the arm.

The mill had a daily capacity of about 30,000 feet. It had been engaged this season in sawing lumber for the Chelsea Box company here. The loss is covered by \$7,000 insurance.

### DRAFT LIMIT BILL WILL BE LIBERALIZED

SECRETARY BAKER URGES CONGRESS TO MAKE PROMPT ACTION ON MEASURE

### 2 DIVISIONS MADE OF CLASS 1

Registrants Not to Claim or Refuse Exemption Under the New Plans of the War Department

Washington, Aug. 9.—Plans for liberalizing draft regulations are being worked out at the war department. Secretary Baker said today that he thought that the whole plan of fixing deferred classifications would be changed to relieve registrants the duty of claiming or refusing exemption. The plan contemplates two divisions of class one men. The first is composed of men between 18 and 19, others between 19 and 45.

Washington, Aug. 9.—The prompt enactment of the draft extension bill so that the registration day may be fixed at September 5, was urged by Secretary of War Baker, before the senate military committee today.

Without immediate extension, he said it would be necessary to invade the deferred classes.

### LIBERTY BONDS BRING HIGHEST PRICE OF YEAR

Washington, Aug. 9.—Bonds of the first liberty loan, bearing 3 1/2 per cent were sold at 100.02 on the stock exchange today. This is the highest price of the year.

### 18 ARE LOST IN GULF STORM

Lake Charles, La., Aug. 9.—The known dead as the result of the hurricane which struck southwest Louisiana Tuesday afternoon stood at 18 today. Many persons believed to have been in the path of the storm, however, had not been heard from, and it was believed the list was incomplete.

The number of injured will probably reach 100. The property loss will total \$1,000, according to conservative estimates.

### CAPTAIN OF JAPANESE STEAMER ENDS LIFE

A Canadian Port, Aug. 9.—Sandbags carried to the sea's depth the body of Captain Y. Yamamoto, master of the Japanese steamer Canada Maru, who ended his life early Wednesday because, it is believed, he feared disgrace as a result of the stranding of his command July 30, according to reports received here. The captain took his life aboard his boat as she was being towed to dry-dock.

A detailed report said the Japanese skipper carefully planned his end. During the night he made his will. At 5 o'clock he went to the side of his boat, weighed himself with bags and fired three shots into his brain. His body toppled over the side and no trace of it has been found.