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WHOLE HINDENBURG LINE MENAGED BY FOCH AND HAIG

RAILWAY MEN RECEIVE BIG WAGE ADVANCE

NEARLY MILLION AND A HALF MEN IN U. S. TO SHARE IN INCREASE

30,000 IN CANADA EFFECTED

Will Add One Hundred Million Annually to Payrolls in United States Alone

Washington, Sept. 3.—Nearly a million and a half men, about half of them employees of the railways of the United States, will share an additional wage increase approved today by Secretary McAdoo. The order will add \$100,000,000 annually to the railroad payrolls.

The increase in wages for railway telegraphers is to be decided soon.

Montreal, Sept. 3.—Wage increases totalling \$15,000,000 annually have been granted 30,000 railroad shop men throughout Canada.

U. S. CASUALTY LIST

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday:

Killed in action	231
Missing in action	320
Wounded severely	670
Wounded, degree undetermined	543
Died of wounds	62
Died of disease	21
Died of accident and other causes	5
Prisoners	1
Died of aeroplane accident	1
Total	1854

PORTLAND MAN BUYS THE JOSEPHINE HOTEL

A deal has just been consummated wherein Frank Metachan has disposed of the Josephine hotel, building and all, to A. J. Martineau of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Metachan are undecided as to what they will engage in in the future, but will remain here for a few days after which they will take a short vacation. They have been conducting the hotel for several years. Mr. Metachan is a brother of Phil Metachan, owner of the Imperial hotel at Portland.

Mr. Martineau was superintendent of service at the Imperial hotel at Portland for about 10 years and has also had experience in the business in Chicago and other eastern cities. He and Mrs. Martineau are here, having taken charge of the business September 1. Mrs. Martineau's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Huber, will reside with them and assist at the hotel.

CHICAGO NATIONALS READY FOR THE BATTLE

Chicago, Sept. 3.—The Chicago Nationals began practicing on the home grounds today for tomorrow's opening of the world's series. The Boston Americans will arrive to-night.

128,302 HUNS AND 2069 GUNS TAKEN

Total British Losses for August Are 48,379 While they Captured Alone 57,318 Germans

Paris, Sept. 3.—The allied forces on the western front have taken a total of 128,302 prisoners, 2,069 guns, 1,734 mine throwers and 13,782 machine guns since July 15, says an official statement issued yesterday. Of this number, 75,900 prisoners and 700 guns have been captured by the French since July 18.

London, Sept. 3.—The British captured in the month of August 57,318 German prisoners, 657 guns and 1,000 trench mortars.

British casualties reported during the month of August totaled 48,379. They were divided as follows:

Killed or died of wounds, officers, 1,041; men 7,364.

Wounded or missing, officers, 3,294; men 36,480.

The total casualties reported in July were 67,291, and in June 141,147.

WILL IRRIGATE LAND FROM THE AMENT DAM

Sidney Sprout, who is stopping at the Oxford, has some men at work making repairs at the Ament dam three miles up the river from Grants Pass. The break that was made by the game warden blowing out a part of the dam some time ago is being repaired, says Mr. Sprout, and the dam being fixed so that it will not go out this winter during high water. Later, water will be taken from this point to irrigate three or four thousand acres lying on the north side of the Rogue.

Mr. Sprout states that the fish ladders are in good shape and that the first run of fish are now above the dam.

THE PRUSSIAN GUARDS REFUSE TO ADVANCE

Paris, Sept. 3.—Hard pressed by French armies under Generals Humbert, Debeney and Mangin, which, overcoming desperate resistance, continue to advance, the German forces are slowly retiring to the Hindenburg line.

The battle between the Alsace and the Oise is of the fiercest description, particularly in the part where General Mangin's army is pushing forward.

Realizing the serious position in which further progress by the French armies would place him, General Ludendorff is continually throwing in fresh divisions to stem Mangin's advance. He called in 12 divisions, which have counter-attacked time after time but which in each instance were driven back.

At one point the 11th regiment of Prussian guards, which was brought into the fray, is said to have refused to attack. It was then taken to the rear, regrouped and sent further north.

This incident gives an idea of the declining morale of the German troops.

Prisoners are almost unanimous in saying the German army is beaten and is tired of the war. Nevertheless there are some elements which fight desperately.

FOCH'S HAMMER BLOWS FORCE GERMANS BACK

Huns in Swift Retreat on a 50 Mile Front—Important Coal Town of Lens is Evacuated—Haig Breaks Strong Defenses at Douai and Cambrai

London, Sept. 3.—On a front of 50 miles from just below Ypres to a point near Peronne the German armies are in retreat. The retrograde movement forced by a series of unremitting hammer blows inflicted by General Foch within the past six weeks is now accelerated by the notable victory of Haig in breaking through the strong defensive lines protecting the railway centers of Douai and Cambrai, and threatening to outflank even the main Hindenburg line south to St. Quentin.

So pronounced is the retirement that it seems that if the enemy has not already met disaster he is seriously near one. The German retirement is accelerated north of the Somme and in the vicinity of Lens, the important coal town evacuated by the Germans and now occupied by the British.

On the St. Quentin-Drocourt line, where Haig's break was effected, the Germans are retreating fast. Still further south the Germans evacuated areas three to four miles deep.

London, Sept. 3.—The capture of Quent, the southern support of the

MASTER STATE GRANGE SAYS "NOT GUILTY"

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 3.—A plea of "not guilty" was entered in federal court today by William Bouck, master of the Washington state grange, arraigned on a charge of sedition, in making utterances contrary to governmental policy in a speech at Bow, Wash., in July. His trial is set for October 22.

THE KIND OF A MAN WHO IS DIRECTING THE ALLIES' GREAT OFFENSIVE

The following story is going the rounds of the newspapers in Italy:

The Italians—influenced by devil-made rumors—were still retreating before their German-Austrian "kammerads."

The British and French troops poured into Italy, commanded by Foch.

At once the Italians began to make some sort of a stand.

An Italian boy soldier, loaded down with a heavy bag of supplies, was climbing a steep path. No horse or automobile could make it; everything must go on men's backs.

The young Italian was very tired. The load was too much for him, but he kept plugging ahead.

He heard a footstep. A briak old man, dressed in the horizon blue of France came up beside him.

"Pretty heavy load for you, son," said the old Frenchman, speaking Italian.

"Oui, m'sieu," agreed the son of Italy, speaking French to be courteous.

"Let me give you a hand," said the old French soldier, and he seized the heavy bag and threw it over his

REGISTER OR GO TO JAIL ONLY WAY

Sickness Nor Absence No Excuse—Former May Have Friend Attend to Matter for Them

Portland, Sept. 3.—Every man in the United States and its possessions between the ages of 18 and 20, inclusive and 31 and 45, inclusive, whether he is a citizen or an alien, must register on the day proclaimed as registration day by President Wilson under the new draft law lowering and raising the draft ages.

The only exceptions are men already in the military and naval service.

Even sickness will be no excuse for failure to register. Nor will absence from home, no matter how necessary. And ignorance of the date set for registration day will not be a valid excuse. The burden of learning when and where to register, and of registering accordingly on registration day, is on the individual.

Failure to register is punishable by imprisonment up to one year. Moreover, there is no alternative of paying a fine.

Though sickness and absence from home will not be accepted as excuses for failing to register, special arrangements have been made for registering sick persons and absentees by mail.

Any man who is unable to present himself for registration on registration day must send some competent person to apply to his local board for a copy of the registration card. The friends will be authorized by a representative of the board, if he considers the case bona fide, to take the card back to the sick person and make it out for him. The card must then be mailed or taken to the local board.

A man who must be absent from his home precinct on registration day should go at once to the local board nearest the place where he happens to be and have his registration card made out and certified to.

This registration card will then be given to the man registering, with instructions to mail it without delay to his home local board in time to reach the board by registration day. This is very important, for the burden is on the registrant of seeing that his home local board receives the card by registration day.

He is not registered until his home local board does receive his card.

When mailing the card, the registrant should enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope for the return to him of a registration certificate.

It is important that every registrant have this registration certificate, and that he keep it always on his person. Otherwise, he may be put in jail, for all police officers are authorized and instructed to arrest men of draft age who cannot produce their registration certificates.

Thursday, September 12, is registration day.

ALL ALLIES RECOGNIZE THE CZECHO-SLOVAKS

Washington, Sept. 3.—Great Britain, France and Italy have already recognized the Czecho-Slovaks and Japan has implied recognition by participation in the Siberian expedition. Headquarters of the nation are at present in Paris.

RYAN TO DEVOTE TIME TO THE AIR SERVICE

New York, Sept. 3.—John D. Ryan has resigned the presidency of the Anaconda Copper company, to devote his entire time to the direction of the air service.

\$2.20 MINIMUM WHEAT PRICE SET BY WILSON

Washington, Sept. 3.—By proclamation issued today President Wilson set \$2.20 a bushel as the minimum price guaranteed by the government for the 1918 wheat crop.

AMERICANS IN GREAT BATTLE WITH GERMANS

HUNS DEPENDING ON TUG AND LAON RAILWAY WITH GREAT VIGOR

YANKS WIPE OUT THE LYS SALIENT

Villages Held by Foe Burning Like Huge Torches—Net-work of Barbed Wire

American Headquarters in France, Sept. 3.—(Reuters)—A great fight has been in progress all day north of Soissons. The Germans are defending Pont Ruge and the Laon railway with great vigor.

The Americans are bombarding the German positions from the south and west and the villages held by the Germans are burning like huge torches.

The American troops reached the embankments of the Bethune-Soissons roadway late Sunday night by literally cutting their way through wire after wire of barbed wire—the work of two great armies. In gaining the road the Americans passed over great open places consisting of an immense network of wire.

London, Sept. 3.—The Americans have passed through Voormezele in an easterly direction, overcoming stiff resistance.

On their entrance into Voormezele, the Americans found that all that remained of the town were piles of debris, for the shell fire had been so intense that hardly one brick was left standing upon another.

As the Americans advanced, the German rear guards from what little cover remained, opened up with their machine guns, but these were quickly silenced. Elsewhere in the same locality, the Americans also advanced the line, keeping in contact with the retreating enemy.

Counter attacks by the Germans resulted in their gaining little more than a slight foothold which in every case was quickly loosened by British and American re-attacks.

AMERICANS MURDERED IN THE OIL FIELDS

Laredo, Texas, Sept. 3.—Because five American employees of British and American oil companies in the gulf oil fields of Mexico have been murdered within six weeks, while two others have been seriously wounded, the other employees of those companies threaten to strike unless protection is afforded them. This information comes from travelers who have just returned here from Tampico.

ALL MONTHLY RECORDS BROKEN FOR AUGUST

Washington, Sept. 3.—The government expenditures for August were \$1,714,000,000, breaking all monthly records by more than one hundred millions, according to reports up to today.