

TREMENDOUS BATTLE RAGING IN FRANCE

HUNS DRIVE FORWARD ON 50-MILE FRONT IN EFFORT TO CLEAR THE ROAD TO FRENCH CAPITAL

RESULT OF TITANIC CONFLICT IS STILL IN DOUBT BUT REPORTS SAY FRENCH ARMY HOLDS

Amount of German Gain Is Not Known But Indications Point to Allied Retirement at Some Points of Front; Rheims One Goal

PARIS, July 15.—The French army of Champaigne is holding magnificently against the new German drive, declare the afternoon dispatches from the front. The enemy's greatest power seems to be between Dormans and Rheims, a front of 25 miles. The Germans have crossed the Marne at several points between Chateau Thierry and Dormans where the river is the narrowest. Elsewhere the French are holding the enemy in their original positions.

PARIS, July 15.—(By U. P.)—The Germans launched a heavy attack this morning on a 50-mile front between Chateau Thierry and Main De Massiges, between Verdun and Rheims. It is learned authoritatively that the Germans crossed the Marne at several points this afternoon. Several villages were captured in the early hours of the day, and at some points the Germans have advanced 5,000 yards, or about three miles. Details are not known at the present time.

The war office declared that the infantry attack was preceded by an artillery bombardment of the most violent sort. The French are maintaining their positions energetically, according to the official report. The early indications are that the Germans are combining a drive on Paris with a desperate effort to capture the city of Rheims, eliminating this city as an obstacle to further advance on the road to Paris.

This drive links the Champal sector with the Flanders, Picardy, Oise and Marne front, thus forming a continuous battle of 250 miles.

The present drive is not a surprise. On June 28th U. P. Correspondent Keene cabled that the main blow of the impending drive would be between Rheims and Verdun with simultaneous subsidiary attacks along the whole front.

At least two distinct American forces are in the sector along which the attack started. These are at Chateau Thierry and Butte de Mesnil.

The Germans attempted a simultaneous attack of a formidable nature on the Oureq front, 15 miles north of Chateau Thierry, today. They encountered a crushing barrage which stopped them short after leaving their trenches.

The main drive of the enemy seems to be to capture Chalons, which is obviously part of an attempt to advance toward Paris. The Germans also hope to take Rheims and to enlarge the salient created by the previous Marne drive.

The longrange bombardment of Paris was resumed again today, and the gunfire at the front has been audible here since early this morning.

AMERICANS HOLD

By Fred S. Ferguson, Staff Correspondent for The United Press

AMERICAN FRONT, Marne, July 15.—The Germans attacked the American front about Vaux at 6 o'clock this morning, following a heavy bombardment in which gas and high explosive shells were used.

The American artillery replied with a barrage, and when this is called, the situation is well in hand. The weather is ideal for army operations.

British Advance
LONDON, July 15.—Marshal Haig reported today that the British had advanced on a mile front east of Diekebush lake esters, taking 300 prisoners. All the objectives were captured including the ridge and wood immediately in front of the British trenches. Several machineguns were taken.

According to a Zurich dispatch printed in the London News, 40,000 Austrians deserted and fled inland after the disaster at the Piave. At Budapest, 3,000 of the deserters were captured.

The air ministry announced today that 16 German planes were felled Saturday, while the British lost three. The British airmen dropped 23 tons of bombs on the enemy posts behind the lines.

CITY WORKERS TO PREPARE FOR WORK OF HARVEST

Many thousands of boys and men who have enrolled for emergency work on farms during the rush of harvest will be trained for the service in courses offered by Y. M. C. A. organizations and athletic clubs in response to a request of the U. S. department of agriculture.

Baby Girl Born—

A baby girl was born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Gilbert. Mother and baby both getting along nicely.

W. C. T. U. Meeting—

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. McCheaney, 228 E. Sixth street, Tuesday, July 16th, at 2:30 p. m.

Noonday Prayer for Soldiers in France

In accordance with a resolution proposed in the United States senate the bell in the United Presbyterian church steeple will be tolled at noon every day until the war ends as a signal for a short prayer for the boys in France. It is expected that the custom will be followed by other churches in the county and that prayers will be offered at noon in every city, village and hamlet at the same hour each day.

The following statement was issued today by the Ministerial association on the subject:

To the citizens of Albany and vicinity.

Dear people: The senate of the United States has passed a resolution calling on the people of our nation to stop each day at noon for a minute to pray to Almighty God for national cleansing for the victory of our armies and the safety of the boys. The President is in full accord with this reverent spirit and noble purpose.

Already many parts of the country are in this practice for spiritual aid from our Creator and Father. We of this beautiful country, who have sent so many of our fine young men, will not be slow to respond.

Our citizens are therefore invited to carry out this program of prayer. Every day at noon the bell in the United Presbyterian church will be rung to remind the people of their religious privilege and obligation. Let the other churchbells also ring. Come, let us all with one accord practice this high patriotism.

For the Albany Ministers' Ass'n.
G. H. YOUNG.

SPECIAL SERVICE CALLS ARE MANY

June Registrants Have Good Chances Now to Enlist

The local exemption board has received two more special calls, this making a total of four such calls received by the board. One of the new calls requires four men, with grammar school education, to go to Spokane for mechanical training, and the other for 16 men for Camp Fremont, California. If the necessary number does not volunteer the board will draft the old registrants of class one, as the June class is not ready for service yet.

The men for Spokane will leave on August 15th, but the time for voluntary enlistment will close on July 23d. Those for Camp Fremont will leave August 5th and the time for enlistment voluntarily will close before that time. June registrants will be permitted to enlist on this call if they desire.

The other two special calls are for engineers, closing on July 17th, and which will go to Vancouver, and for limited service men for spruce production.

New registrants will be accepted on the call for 16 men for Camp Fremont, and this will probably be the last chance to enlist as they will be subject to draft in August.

New Flour and Sugar Regulations

People living in towns and cities can purchase one sack of flour (49 lbs.) at a time, provided they purchase an equal amount of substitutes along with the flour.

People living in the country can buy two sacks of flour at a time (98 lbs.) provided they buy an equal amount of substitutes with the flour.

There are no exceptions to these rules, except that retail stores are from now on not limited to 70 per cent of last year's purchases during this same period, as heretofore, but they must also buy an equal amount of substitutes with all the flour that they buy from jobbers and millers.

Every individual is entitled to three pounds of sugar per month.

Families living in town can buy two pounds of sugar at one time for general household purposes, and they can buy two pounds as often as is necessary in order to provide them with three pounds of sugar per month for each member of the family.

Families living in the country can buy five pounds of sugar at one time for general household purposes, and they can buy it as often as is necessary in order to provide them with three pounds of sugar per month for each member of the family.

It is the intention to furnish to each household all the sugar required for canning purposes, provided it is used economically, and provided it is purchased in 25-pound lots.

Each household can purchase 25 pounds of sugar at one time for canning purposes by calling at their grocers and signing up a sugar certificate card. For any additional 25-pound lots they must obtain a certificate from the county food administrator, and the county food administrator will issue these just as often as is required in order to furnish each household with the sugar necessary to do the desired canning, but the sugar must be used economically.

Cookshacks in connection with threshing outfits and haybailers and prunepickers will be granted special permits for sugar.

Retail stores must obtain their certificates for the purchase of sugar from the county food administrator. So must also all hotels, restaurants and public eating houses, also all bakeries must obtain their certificates for the purchase of sugar from the county food administrator.

Confectioners, ice cream makers and commercial canneries will obtain their certificates for sugar from the federal food administration for Oregon.

ALFRED C. SCHMITT,
County Food Administrator

Funeral Services for Charles Gregory Held

Funeral services for Charles Gregory were held this afternoon at the United Presbyterian church at Shedd, and interment was in the Shedd cemetery. Mr. Gregory died Thursday night after a short illness.

He is survived by his wife and four children, Mrs. Ethel McCormack of Montana, Glen Gregory, now in the navy, and Edna and Lyda Gregory, living at home.

LIMIT CLUB IS LARGE IN LINN

Sixty War Savings Stamp Buyers Went to the \$1,000 Mark

INCREASE POSSIBLE BEFORE END OF YEAR

No Rules Against Buying More Than One Pledge, and Committee Expects That Big Increase Will Turn Up Before Last of December.

According to the figures compiled by the executive committee of the war savings stamp organization, there are just 60 limit club members in Linn county. It is very possible that there may be more, however, as the committee does not have an accurate list of the purchases previous to the drive for pledges. The Albany list is complete, as the committee has checked up on the local people. Following are the names:

- War Savings Stamp Limit Club
- Amos Wickizer, Albany.
- Harry E. Mullen, Albany.
- John L. Vineyard, Albany.
- Simon D. Olmstead, Albany.
- Joseph H. Bikman, Albany.
- Anna Bikman, Albany.
- Jennie Bikman, Albany.
- John M. Ralston, Albany.
- Margaret M. Hart, Albany.
- John Meyers, Albany.
- Walter D. Watkins, Albany.
- Joseph W. Hart, Albany.
- James F. Patton, Albany.
- Wm. C. Burns, Albany.
- Fred L. Glaser, Albany.
- Wayne F. Dawson, Albany.
- Augusta Hausen, Albany.
- O. E. Holdredge, Albany.
- Samuel Bikman, Albany.
- S. H. Bikman, Albany.
- A. Bikman, Albany.
- Christy M. Morjan, Albany.
- Augusta C. Broker, Albany.
- Henry G. Broker, Albany.
- Wm. Wickizer, Albany.
- James K. Dirrett, Albany.
- Jessie G. Dirrett, Albany.
- Emma F. Dirrett, Albany.
- Wm. H. Dirrett, Albany.
- Mildred M. Dirrett, Albany.
- Henry D. Ryan, Albany.
- Frank C. Dannals, Albany.
- Joanna Leigh, Albany.
- Stephen G. Talia, Albany.
- H. N. Cockerline, Albany.
- Augusta Hanson, Albany.
- Smith Cox, Albany.
- D. Rottenk, Albany.
- Wm. Prine, Crabtree.
- Ira Young, district No. 4.
- C. A. Harnisch, District No. 8.
- C. F. Cooper, District No. 20.
- Alta Wilson, District No. 31.
- Geo. J. Wilhelm, Harrisburg.
- G. H. Cunningham, Harrisburg.
- C. E. Jacobson, Albany.
- F. E. Bridgewater, Albany.
- E. D. Cusick, Albany.
- C. H. Cusick, Albany.
- Mrs. Goodall, Brownsville.
- Wm. Collins, Scio.
- G. W. Wood, Albany.
- R. C. Samiel, Scio.
- Bert Wilson, Halsey.
- Lydia Mullen, Albany.
- H. F. Mason, Mill City.
- Harnisch, Albany.
- Geo. W. Wood, Albany.

Iron Workers Strike in Oakland Shipyards

OAKLAND, Cal., July 15.—(U. P.)—A total of 3,500 boilermakers and ironworkers struck this morning at three big shipbuilding plants at Alameda and Oakland, halting government contracts totaling millions. The strikes occurred in the Hanlon, Moore and Bethlehem shipbuilding companies plants. The men declare that the companies have not observed the Macv agreement.

PORTLAND, July 15.—Referring to the striking shipbuilders at Oakland as "damned traitors," Charles Feiz, vice-president of the Emergency Fleet corporation, in addressing the shipbuilders of Portland, declared they would be required to give a strict accounting. The shipbuilders cheered wildly.

Cascadia Is Proving Popular Resort Now

Albany people returning from Cascadia today declare that half Albany is in the mountains. The roads to Cascadia are said to be in passable shape, although rough beyond, and many Albany people have taken advantage of this condition to drive up over Sunday.

The reports of the fishing are that things could be better, but good catches are being made by local people. The fishing streams are crowded, declare the fishermen, but not so much so that more could not be accommodated.

Better Balanced Farming in South

Here is good news from the agricultural front in Southern Alabama: Four years ago not a carload of hogs was shipped from 17 counties in that section of the state. In the year ending April 1, 1918, 2,352 carloads of hogs were shipped from these counties. This change, illustrating the better balanced agriculture made necessary by boll weevil ravages, is accredited by officials of the states relations service to the efforts of the county agents of the department and the state agricultural colleges in demonstrating hog production to farmers and showing them how to ship hogs cooperatively.

Sunday School Rally Held at Dever Sunday

Two hundred fifty people enjoyed one of the most inspirational Sunday school rallies yet held in this district by the American Sunday School Union. This is the fourth such gathering this year, aggregating in attendance 1400 people. Another is planned for Liberty Chapel, five miles east of Crabtree.

Yesterday Dever, Connor and Talbot union and Millersburg Christian Sunday schools participated with an excellent program, followed in the morning by an address by A. C. Schmitt on the eternal results of faithful Christian training by parents and Sunday school leaders.

After an excellent community dinner Mr. Schmitt by special request explained the rulings, requests and provisions of the food administration.

Dr. W. P. White spoke on "The Bible vs. Hun False Philosophy and Theology," a masterly address. The day was closed by Rev. Hiram Smith and Rev. Schuster of Albany.

An offering for the benefit of U. S. soldiers amounted to \$19.66. It was sent to the A. S. S. U. George Connor publicly invited the gathering back next year.

Albany Cannery Appears Certain As Acreage Is Being Increased

Prospects for a large canning plant in Albany look brighter for next year and, although this may be postponed, it is practically certain that a big cannery will come within a few years. This was forecast by W. R. Scott, local manager of the Linn-Benton county fruit association.

Mr. Scott is not disturbed by the shortage of fruit this year on account of the drought. His establishment has not been overworked, but a fair amount of business has been done, and things look better for more business next year.

The creation of a local market for fruit and berries will have a stimulating effect on the growers, Mr. Scott believes, and the acreage next year will be largely increased, even though the crop this season may be small. In the past it was difficult for

the growers to depend on a local market with good prices regardless of whether there was a surplus or berries locally, and this need is supplied by the Linn-Benton company.

An increase in acreage means a cannery for Albany, it is believed, and there is but little doubt but that there will be an increase in the acreage. This will be especially true of strawberries, and local fruitmen look for this crop to be almost doubled this year.

The dry weather has had a bad effect on the fruits and berries, and has materially cut the crop, but it is believed that in the end the growers will profit almost as much this year. There has been a ready market for their goods at a good price, this not being the case in past years when there was a surplus of fruit locally.

HUN FORCE STOPPED BY YANKEES

HEAVY COUNTER BLOW BEING DELIVERED ALONG MARNE FRONT

COUNTER ATTACK DRIVES GERMANS BACK HALF MILE

TERRIFIC CHARGE BY PERSHING'S MEN STOPS HUN ATTACK ON NEWLY-WON VILLAGE OF VAUX; GERMAN LOSS HEAVY

AMERICAN FRONT, Marne, July 15.—(By United Press)—

The Americans, just before noon, launched a heavy counter attack against large German forces which had forced the crossing of the Marne this morning. The enemy crossed the river at three places along a four-mile front east of Chateau Thierry.

The result of the American attack is not known at present, but the battle is still continuing at this point.

Early this morning the Americans counter attacked successfully against the Germans at Vaux. This attack was made to repulse a German assault which was impending.

The Americans caught the Germans in a terrific charge, and before the drive was halted by the American staff, the Huns had been thrown back a half mile beyond where they had started from.

The Germans are apparently trying to reach Chalons, which is an allied base for operations in Champaigns. Bitter fighting has occurred east of Chateau Thierry, where the Americans are now counter attacking.

At daybreak the Germans threw pontoons across the Marne, and the infantry rushed forward, facing a heavy fire from the allied troops defending the banks of the river. The enemy loss was great in this sector.

The Germans have been stopped at Meszy, Jaulgonne, and at the La Bretonneux farm, it is learned.

The Americans at Vaux, fighting from shell holes and jumping into the open to hurl grenades, finally stopped the Germans, but only after a long hand-to-hand battle in which bayonets were freely used.

The Americans captured 30 prisoners from the advancing Germans, it was discovered after the attack had been repulsed.

On Business Trip—

M. McAlphin went to Portland this morning on business.

Returns From East—

Atty. Dan Johnston returned home Saturday from a four weeks' trip through Nebraska, St. Louis, St. Paul and Chicago. He transacted business for the estate of Funk vs. Gord and other business matters while gone.

Will Make Home Here—

Mrs. E. M. Kenyon arrived in Albany Saturday evening from Seattle to make her home. Her husband, Dr. E. M. Kenyon, who enlisted in the naval reserve, is now in France.

Corvallis People Here—

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cummings of Corvallis came over this morning on business.

Leave for Coast—

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pollack and children left this noon for Newport for a few weeks' outing.

HELPS RECRUITING

Sec. Daniels is helping recruit men for Y. M. C. A. service overseas. He says the Y. M. C. A. work is one of the biggest things in the war.

NEW CLASSIFIED

WANTED HOUSEKEEPER—Middle-aged woman between 30 and 40 wanted to keep house for bachelor. Write to F. E. Williams, Halsey, Oregon. 15117

WANTED, CHITTEM LOGS—Will buy chittem logs, with or without bark, 12 inches, and 16 feet long. Write M. Kingsley, 322 Marguerite Avenue, Portland, Oregon. 15120

FOR SALE OR TRADE FOR WOOD—3-year-old mare. J. E. Rolfe, Albany Fire Department. 15117

WANTED—Confinement cases taken at home. Good care. 714 Broadbalt. Home phone 4425. 15120

WANTED—Good house not far from Central School. Call Home phone 1252. 15120

FOR RENT—Modern furnished house for rent. See I. R. Schultz. 15117

LOST—A riding bridle. This appeared at the hiding rack Saturday, July 13. Finder call Bell phone 11F4. 15117