

AMERICANS ATTACKING ON FRONT OF 25 MILES

HUNS "RUN LIKE HELL," DECLARES YANKEE COMMANDER AFTER TAKING THE VILLAGE OF GINRAY

SURPRISE DRIVE CATCHES GERMANS UNPREPARED AND FRANCO-AMERICAN ARMY IS STILL DRIVING AHEAD

Twelve Villages Were Taken by Allied Army Before Noon Today and Enormous Number of Prison- ers Are Gathered in

LONDON, July 18.—By United Press.—The Franco-Americans attacking between Soissons and Chateau Thierry have advanced from three to four miles, it is learned authoritatively today. The greatest advance has been in the Aisne Valley.

Thousands of German prisoners have been taken, and more than 20 cannon have fallen into the hands of the advancing Americans. This is the greatest allied attack since April, 1917.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Secretary of War Baker announced today that whole American divisions were involved in the allied counter-offensive. There are 27,500 men in an American division.

By Fred Ferguson, Staff Correspondent for United Press AMERICAN FRONT, July 18.—The Americans are advancing with the French on a 25-mile front between Soissons and Chateau Thierry. At noon today the Americans had captured more than a dozen towns and villages, had taken many prisoners, and had advanced more than three miles in three hours.

Among the towns captured by the Franco-American force were Viller-Heldon, Dammard, Courchamps, Liccygignon, Monthiers, Torcy, Belleau, Givray, St. Genoulph and Hauesvenes.

At headquarters, messages are coming in from everywhere asking for permission to push further. It is the greatest pursuit of the Boche the Americans have ever participated in.

It is impossible to estimate the enormous number of prisoners taken at present. The surprise was complete, and the concentration for the attack was unusually rapid.

Many reports of individual action are coming in. After killing or capturing the crew of four machineguns, and raking a Boche-filled trench with an automatic rifle until the survivors surrendered, Sergeant J. F. Brown walked into the American headquarters with 159 prisoners.

He declared he was sorry he was not able to bring all of them, but four had died of wounds on the way.

Following is the story of the Franco-American advance as received in the United Press dispatches today:

At 7:45 a. m.
PARIS, July 18.—American and French troops attacked this morning on a 35-mile front from Fontenoy to Belleau Wood, and have advanced from one to two miles at all points.

At 9:10 a. m.
PARIS, July 18.—American-French troops attacked early this morning on a 35-mile front from Fontenoy to Belleau, and made an initial gain of from one to two miles, taking many prisoners, the war office announced today. This front extends northward from the Marne battle front to the Aisne, making a continuous battle line of

nearly 100 miles. The allied assault apparently comes at a time when the German effort in the Champagne country is at its lowest ebb.

At 9:48 a. m.
FLASH—The Americans have captured 12 towns in their new offensive.

At Noon Today
AMERICAN FRONT, July 18.—The American commander at Givray, in reporting to headquarters, said: "We have met the Boche on his own line of resistance, and a sharp fight occurred. The Boche turned tail and ran like hell. We hope to have more prisoners."

At 4:30 p. m.
CHAMPAGNE FRONT, July 18.—At 4:30 this afternoon the Americans were still advancing everywhere along a 35-mile front. The Americans have been particularly successful near Soissons. This is the first intimation that the Americans are engaged along the whole new front.

Robert Uhrhammer Died Last Night

Robert J. V. Uhrhammer, aged 26, died last night at his home on the Island. He had lived in Linn county all his life, and his death is regretted by all who knew him.

He is survived by his parents and by three brothers, Otto, Frank and Louis Uhrhammer, and by four sisters, Lillie, Edyth, Cora and Hattie. Funeral services will be held tomorrow from the home, and interment will be in Riverside cemetery. Rev. O. B. Pershing will officiate.

FAMILY ROW SETTLED BY JUDGE L. L. SWAN

Brother and Sister Squabble Resulted in Feminine Fight Yesterday

A rather hectic family row was settled for a time by Judge L. L. Swan in the justice court this afternoon. The Hayes family, living near Brownsville, was concerned, and the trouble today was a culmination of a quarrel which has reached the supreme court.

Several years ago the father of the Hayes family died, leaving 50 acres to E. S. Hayes for labor before the father's death. While this was set aside and a house built by Mr. Hayes, the deed was not transferred. As a result the case went to court, E. S. Hayes winning, and is now pending in the supreme court.

Yesterday Mrs. Etta Hayes, wife of E. S. Hayes, was walking in front of the house occupied by Mrs. Bertha Hayes, wife of Lee Hayes. She claimed that she was attacked by Mrs. Bertha, who is her sister as well as a sister-in-law, and by a Mrs. Hulda Stewart, sister of the Hayes brothers. As a result she claims she was knocked down and later bitten twice by a dog.

Today Mrs. Bertha Hayes and her husband appeared before Judge Swan and received the minimum fine by the court as it was thought the matter might be settled amicably. The case against Mrs. Hulda Stewart was dismissed.

COL. ROOSEVELT MAKES ATTACK ON WAR DEPARTMENT

SARATOGA, N. Y., July 18.—U. P.—Addressing the republican state convention today Colonel Theodore Roosevelt bitterly attacked the war department for "procrastination in carrying on the war."

He declared that the achievements so far have been due to the senate military committee, and not to the department.

"We have played a poor part in the early stages of the war," he stated, and demanded that we have an army in France equaling the combined Franco-British force within a year.

Bird Lecture at Library Treat for Naturelovers

Mrs. Mamie Campbell, a teacher of Portland, will give an illustrated talk on birds tomorrow night, 8 p. m., with 60 slides of birds, eggs and nestling sights which will be shown. Mrs. Campbell will tell about taming wild birds, and about work in bird protection. All children are urged to attend.

Marriage License—A marriage license was issued today to I. B. Yancey, aged 43, of Blalock, Oregon, and Mrs. Laura Alice Bask, aged 25, of Brownsville.

Wheat Prices For Northwest Are Announced By Food Chairman

The following instructions were received today by County Food Administrator A. C. Schmitt, which is of special interest to the farmers and grain dealers:

The following is the food administration grain corporation buying basis for wheat harvested in 1918, for No. 1 grade in accordance with the federal grain standards, delivered in store in approved elevators and warehouses at Seattle and Tacoma, Washington, Portland and Astoria, Oregon; payment to be made against warehouse receipts therefor. A list of these approved elevators and warehouses will be mailed you in the near future.

DARK HARD WINTER	.....	\$2.22
HARD WINTER (Basic)	.....	2.20
YELLOW HARD WINTER	.....	2.18
DARK NORTHERN SPRING	.....	2.22
NORTHERN SPRING (Basic)	.....	2.20
RED SPRING	.....	2.15
RED WINTER (Basic)	.....	2.20
RED WALLA	.....	2.13
AMBER DURUM	.....	2.22
DURUM (Basic)	.....	2.20
RED DURUM	.....	2.13
HARD WHITE (Basic)	.....	2.20
SOFT WHITE	.....	2.18
WHITE CLUB	.....	2.16

No. 2 wheat will be bought by the grain corporation at three cents under No. 1; No. 3 wheat at seven cents

NEW CLASS ONE MEN ANNOUNCED

Total of 54 Have Been Put in Class One From the Deferred Classes

SIX MORE CASES ARE STILL BEFORE BOARD

New Registrants Will Be Sent to Army Before June Class Is Taken Up. Will Probably All Be Used Before End of August.

The exemption board has finally reclassified 54 men into class one, taking them from the deferred classes. In addition to the 54 who have been finally placed in the first class, there are six more men whose status is under consideration and whose questionnaires are still at Eugene. Following are the reclassified men, the E. F. after some of the names meaning that the registrant is working in the shipyards:

- Frank A. Senz, Scio.
- Clarence Pierre, Harrisburg.
- Earl Calvin Vanaken, Harrisburg.
- Dick Craft, Crabtree.
- Charles Schafer, Portland.
- Clyde Darrell Downing, Detroit.
- Christian Conrad Gerig, Albany.
- Merville Judd Thompson, Eugene.
- Walter Engelmann, Lebanon.
- Holt Craft, Crabtree.
- James Hoffman, Sacramento, Cal.
- Harvey Dellar Tolbert, Foster.
- Robert Silas Livingston, Albany.
- Jesse Ray, Joseph, Oregon.
- Lester Thomas Northern, Brownsville.
- Riley Gilbert Sylvester, Lebanon.
- Roy Dell Reynolds, Long Beach, Cal.
- Clarence M. Springrate, Harrisburg.
- William Storta, Brownsville.
- Hiram W. Torbet, Albany.
- Robert Lynn Houston, Albany.
- Roy Henry Kinzer, Crabtree.
- Harry Clifford Patton, Mabel, Ore.
- Fred Lee Connert, Lebanon.
- Emil Henkel, Leroy, Montana.
- Clarence Levroy Weger, Brownsville.
- Woodson Pierce Jenks, Tangent.
- Joseph Anton Schneider, Scio.
- Elgin Edgar Newton, Portland.
- Walter G. Stellmacher, Tangent.
- Frank W. Combs, Scio.
- Ray W. Billings, Foster.
- Orville J. Downing, Lacombe.
- Lyle Bigbee, Seattle. E. F.
- Charles H. Salzl, Scio.
- Clark B. Hulet, Portland.
- Givinarri Dioneji, Portland.
- Ralph M. Kenton, Portland.
- Louis M. Mochen, Albany.
- Clyde Earl Starr, Portland.
- John P. Silbermagel, Portland.
- Frederick H. Champagne, Portland.
- Fred Carlton, CleElum, Wash.
- Albin Benj. Nothiger, Sweethome.
- Ora D. Baker, Roseburg.
- Joseph Vanderzander, Lebanon.

JUNE REGISTRANTS EXAMINED TOMORROW

Mechanics Are Scarce in Linn County, Believes the Exemption Board

Mechanics who really want to join the army are apparently scarce in Linn county. A special call was received some time ago for mechanics for the engineers' corps, and the volunteer enlistment period was to close on July 17th, 16 men being needed. When the final report on enlistments was made it was found that but two had enlisted, and the remainder will have to be filled by draft.

A call for 175 limited service men is still waiting and must be filled by July 23d. This is for the spruce production work and men experienced in timber work are required.

The physical examination for the June class of registrants will be held at the Elks' Temple tomorrow starting at 1 o'clock. There are 120 of these in class one and who will be examined, and in addition there are around 60 men reclassified in class one who will be examined.

There are still a few questionnaires at the district board waiting for action of the local board's decision to reclassify the registrant in class one. About 60 have already been moved ahead in class.

Best of Foot Powder Makes Very Poor Punk

By Fred Ferguson, U. P. Staff Correspondent

WITH THE AMERICANS. Lorraine, July 18.—By Mail.—When flour won't biscuit, won't pie, won't doughnut, don't even dough, and above all, won't spaghetti, there must be something the matter with it.

And when you've ordered a ton of trench-foot powder, and it hasn't arrived; and more cases of trench feet are coming in; and your superiors are raising the roof and demanding the powder, and you can't get it—again there must be something the matter.

Two captains with these two lines of trouble in mind met recently. One was a captain in the quartermaster corps. The other was stationed at the front.

Captain X opened the conversation. He told of his trench-foot powder troubles. The particular powder he had ordered was the best thing for trench feet that had been found—but he couldn't get it for some mysterious reason.

Captain Y came back with his roar. He had just gotten in a batch of flour and had been deluged with kicks from everybody from the company cook to the French civilians and the Salvation army.

Now, everybody was trying mixing it with other flour to see if it would work, he said.

"The stuff simply won't do nothing that flour ought to do," was his final cry of anguish.

A light dawned in the eye of Captain X. "What does this flour of yours look like?"

"Just flour."
"But are you sure it's flour?"
"There's no analyst with my outfit, but I take it as such."

Captain X was hot on the trail. "You've got my trench-foot powder. I'll bet a horse," he shot at the quartermaster. "How much have you sold? Who did you sell it to? How can you get it back, and get it back quick?"

"There was a dash to the side of the remaining 'flour.'"
Captain X nearly embraced it.

Just then a man from the Italian mission appeared. He explained that they had had visions of a real spaghetti dinner. But he added in effect, with all respect to the Americans' flour, it wouldn't spaghetti.

Then came a man from a mess nearby. In a few minutes there was a line, and everyone carrying a package of flour that wouldn't act as it should.

Knowing that the "flour" had been sold out in 50 pound lots to several times as many buyers, Captain X was fretting over how it was to be gotten back.

Captain Y looked at the line, and consoled:

"I don't think I'll be long getting all your damn foot powder back, and I won't have to go after it, either."

Walter Juhnke, Foster.
Ernest H. Ruelow, Lebanon.
George W. Beers, Cornelia, Ore.
Roy T. Cooper, Tangent.
James Jasper Caswell, Albany.
Willis Earl Brown, Lyons.
Hugh Isom, Albany.

GERMAN ATTEMPT TO ENCIRCLE CITY OF RHEIMS HAS APPARENTLY BEEN DEFEATED BY ALLIED RESISTANCE

American Army Now Holds Front of More Than Two Miles South of River Marne Is Official Word Received Today

DESPERATE FIGHTING OCCURING IN CONDE WOODS WHERE BATTLE IS STILL UNSETTLED

General Pershing Reports that Americans Have Gained Possession of Entire South Bank of the River Marne After Fight

PARIS, July 18.—U. P.—There has been no material change along the Marne-Champagne front today. Southwest of Montheuil-A-Fosse and north of Prosnès, German rushes failed to gain against the French.

The stubbornness of the Franco-American resistance safely holds the allied flanks, and is punishing the enemy severely. About Mezy and Jaulgonne the enemy dead are piled four and five deep. One American regimental commander reported 5,000 dead before his position alone.

According to the estimate of the Paris Matin, the Germans sustained fully 70,000 casualties in the first two days of fighting south of the Marne. This would bring the casualties for the entire four-day battle over the entire front to a high figure, and higher than the original estimate of the officials.

GERMANS HALTED

By U. P. Correspondent F. Ferguson AMERICAN FRONT, Champagne, July 18.—The fourth day of the battle finds the Germans stopped in their attempt to envelope Rheims. The Germans have not attempted to renew their attempt to break the American resistance on the Mezy front and there has been no infantry action on this sector of the battle line.

Desperate encounters continue in the Conde woods, however, where the Americans and French are fighting side by side.

The battlefront south of the Marne is swaying back and forth as the death

grapple continues. Attacks and counter attacks follow in bewildering succession, with the tide of battle still undecided.

The American army is now holding an unbroken front of more than 20 miles south of the Marne.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—General Pershing reported today that the Americans have entirely gained possession of the south bank of the Marne river. This occurred during the fighting yesterday afternoon.

By Ed L. Keen, Staff Correspondent for the United Press

LONDON, July 18.—The astounding efforts of the Germans, originally spread over a 50-mile front, are now concentrated on a line of 20 miles between Virgny and Cobligny.

This is an effort to capture Epernay and to pinch off the Rheims salient, but the lagging offensive is petering out hourly.

CIVIL SERVICE TEST COMES ON AUGUST 23

The U. S. civil service commission announces that a clerk-carrier examination will be held at Albany, Oregon, on August 24, 1918, to establish an eligible register from which selection may be made to fill vacancies as they may occur in the positions of clerk or carrier in the Albany, Oregon, postoffice. Age limit 18 to 45 on date of examination. Both men and women will be admitted to this examination. Application blanks and full information may be obtained by applying to local secretary, board of U. S. civil service examiners, at the Albany, Oregon, postoffice, or to the secretary, 11th U. S. civil service district, 303 Postoffice building, Seattle, Wash.

On Fishing Trip—

Phil Baltimore left today on a fishing trip on the Marion Lake trail above Detroit.

In Harrisburg—

Attorney Dan Johnston left today for Harrisburg where he was called to confer with the city council. Mr. Johnston is city attorney of Harrisburg and has held this position for several years.

Wedding Held Yesterday—

At the M. E. parsonage last night, at 8:30 o'clock Fred Davis of Portland and Miss Blanche C. King of Sweethome were united in marriage by Rev. G. H. Bennett. The ceremony was witnessed by only the immediate relatives and friends of the contracting parties.

Leave for Tillamook—

O. A. Archibald and family left this morning for Tillamook for an outing.

Drove to Salem—

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Young and daughter, Miss Isabelle, drove to Salem this afternoon to visit friends.

On Way to Lebanon—

Miss Blanche Hammel of Corvallis was in Albany this morning on her way to Lebanon.

To Have Operation—

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Huntley will go to Portland in the morning, where Mrs. Huntley will have an operation performed, and the goiter on her neck removed.

CYRUS WALKER ADVISES VETS TO RALLY FOR BIG MEETING IN PORTLAND

By Cyrus H. Walker

In view of the approaching meeting of the National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic in Portland beginning Aug. 19 next, the following, taken from instructions, Department of Oregon G. A. R. Headquarters, Portland, will be of interest:

"The reduced rate of transportation (one cent per mile going and also for returning) is only given to G. A. R. members, members of the affiliated societies and families; and tickets will only be sold to those who present certificates from the G. A. R. that they are entitled to the rate. These certificates will be sent out from this office to post commanders who will be held responsible for them and are required to return all not used to this office.

"If any old soldiers in your jurisdiction are outside the G. A. R., now is a good time for them to get in."

Arrangements are being made in Portland to entertain 40,000 visitors from all parts of the United States or elsewhere G. A. R. members may be living. It will be the grandest gathering of the kind ever held on the North Pacific Coast, and the only one of the Grand Army of the Republic. To many it will be the treat of a lifetime. Catch the present opportunity. Seize it with avidity.

FIRST THRESHING OUTFITS ENTER FIELD NEAR ALBANY

The Season's first threshing outfit began operations yesterday south of Albany along the Lebanon-Brownsville Roads. Fair yields of winter grain are reported.

Winter grain has been down for periods varying from a few days to more than a month. There will be many small patches and the threshermen will do much moving in the season's course.

Weather Report—

Yesterday's temperature ranged from 52 to 86 degrees. The river is 1.2 feet.

NEW CLASSIFIED

WANTED—Women to work in sausage kitchen. Apply at Nebergall Meat Co. 1820
FOUND—Small purse containing money. Owner can have same by paying for this ad. 1820
FOR SALE—Household furniture, carpet, bedroom suite, table, chairs, etc. 624 Lyon St. 1820*
BOYS WANTED—We need the services of a number of Grammar school boys for permanent part-time work. The boys we select will be well paid and given an opportunity to earn, learn and advance. Apply to Mr. Forrest C. Wire, 638 E. 6th St., Albany, Ore. Bell phone 429-R. 1825a1