

Thirty Thousand German Troops Captured

SOISSONS TAKEN BY AMERICANS

RETIREMENT OF HUNS ON RHEIMS FRONT IS PREDICTED

THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS CAPTURED

Germany Has Used 276,000 Reserves in Effort to Stem Allies

WASHINGTON, July 19.—The Franco-Americans have captured Soissons, it is officially announced. This, with the capture of 30,000 prisoners, marks the war's turning point.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—It is officially announced that the Franco-Americans have already captured 30,000 Germans. This is the biggest single capture on the Western Front during the war.

LONDON, July 19.—Military men predicted this afternoon that the Franco-American offensive may force the Germans to retire on the entire Rheims front where the enemy has used 23 reinforcement divisions, or 276,000 men.

Crown Prince Rupprecht probably will start an immediate offensive on the British front, trying to retrieve the Rheims disaster. The maximum advance is now eight miles.

PARIS, July 19.—The allies have taken the initiative and the Germans are on the defensive everywhere, said the official statement issued by the allied high command.

It said "the Franco-American forces are exerting great pressure on the enemy salient between Montdidier and Rheims. West of Rheims the most interesting movement is happening. South of Oureq, the Americans are occupying Courchamps and Priez and seem able to envelope the Neuilly front. The number of prisoners and guns surpasses our fondest hopes. Premier Clemenceau is witnessing the battle near Soissons."

Prisoners taken by the Franco-Americans total more than 10,000 at 2 this afternoon. The number of captured guns is also greatly augmented.

LONDON, July 19.—General Haig reported successful raids at Buequoy and Loere, where the British took prisoners. Hostile raids in Vallers Bretonneux and Morlancoeur sectors were repulsed.

Heirs Ask for Appointment of Administrator in Estate The heirs of the late F. M. Miller today filed a petition asking that Leo Miller be appointed administrator of the estate. The deceased left property which is valued at \$39,000 and the names of Nancy E. Miller of Jefferson, Nora J. Holt of Albany and A. A. Miller of Jefferson appear as the heirs.

NEW CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE—CAR BARGAINS—1916 Maxwell \$595; 1917 Maxwell, \$675; new tires, Ford light delivery, \$275; Ford truck, \$575; Studebaker, \$295; Waldo Anderson & Son. j194f

CURTAILMENT OF EXPENSES URGED

P. D. Gilbert Would Close Stores at 6 Saturday Night and Discontinue Delivery

P. D. Gilbert, chairman of the Linn county council of defense, is urging a curtailment of expenses and the conservation of both light and fuel by the local merchants and it is understood that the proposal is meeting with considerable favor among the business men.

The statement issued is as follows: The Present Necessity of Everybody Doing as Much of Their Own Work as Possible

The government calls our attention to this and the need is growing daily.

There are two things that I would call the attention of the people to, and ask that they encourage the merchants in the curtailment of both.

One is the discontinuance of the delivery of goods altogether, and the other is to close the stores on Saturday nights at 6 o'clock the same as on other nights of the week. The latter conserves both fuel and light, and both are recommended and urged by the government.

The delivery of goods is a heavy expense and should be cut out at least until after the war; everybody can find some means to get their goods home and should do so, though this may entail some personal sacrifice.

I hope the people and the merchants will cooperate to the extent that these two things may take effect at an early date, and before we are ordered to do so from Washington.

P. D. GILBERT, Linn County Chairman, Council of National Defense.

CITY NEWS

Returns From Trip—

J. H. Ralston and family have returned from a four days' camping trip on the McKenzie river.

Back From Washington—

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Eastburn have returned from a trip to Washington where they visited their daughter.

Visited Daughter—

Mrs. Lee Bilyeu of Lebanon spent yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Neely.

Epworth League Social Tonight—

There will be an Epworth League lawn party this evening at the home of Miss Vieta Manning on West Second street. All leaguers and friends are invited to be present at 8 o'clock.

Visiting Friends—

Miss Stella Durgan has gone to North Bend for a visit with friends.

Fords Sold—

W. W. Crawford reports the sale of cars to the following: W. S. Hofer, C. L. Gearhart, E. Nofziger, W. A. Cory, D. E. Nebergall, A. A. Rainwater, J. A. Taylor, D. O. Woodworth, W. H. Fehmerling, Otto Kaston, John Hansen, P. S. Freerksen, Geo. Dodele, J. L. Vineyard, J. L. Savage and Carl Holzappel.

Funeral Today—

The funeral of the late Robert J. V. Uhrhammer was held at the family residence at 2 p. m. today, Rev. Pershing officiating.

Visited Parents—

Sergeant Geo. Crawford who was here on a short leave to visit his parents, has returned to Camp Lewis.

New Fords—

Agent Crawford has received a new shipment of Ford cars.

Mrs. Young Improving—

Rev. G. H. Young returned home last night from Portland where he has been to see Mrs. Young, who is getting along nicely.

Bird Lecture Tonight—

An illustrated talk will be given this evening at 8 at the public library, on birds, by Mrs. Mammie Campbell of Portland.

KAISER'S TROOPS LOSE INITIATIVE

London Correspondent Says Tide of War Has Turned Toward Allied Arms

AMERICAN TROOPS ARE THE DECIDING FACTOR

Smash of Franco-Americans Held to Be First Step in Move to Engulf Huns

By Ed L. Keene, U. P. Staff Correspondent

LONDON, July 19.—Opinion is unanimous that the onward smash of the Franco-Americans marks the first stage of the tide now moving to engulf Germany, which in the face of the allies new offensive is everywhere downgraded and losing the initiative.

The upper hand of the allies grows more noticeable along the entire front as the American troops continue to pour into the French ports. On all of the fighting fronts in the military activities the allies have been victorious and significant of the future.

ELKS WILL PRESENT FLAG TO DRAFTEN MEN

Red Cross Work Will Be Explained to Soldiers by Representatives of Chapter

A Red Cross representative will meet the drafted men at the county courthouse at 3:30 Sunday afternoon and explain the government allowances, compensations and insurances.

The Red Cross is directed to do this by the government. If any of the parents as well as the boys desire this information they can secure it from these representatives or later from Miss Elizabeth Cosper, secretary of the home service.

C. H. Burggraf will be present to present in behalf of the Elks lodge a beautiful silk flag to each man entering the service.

Oats Run Thirty Bushels to Acre

Clyde Bryant and Frank Uhrhammer have completed the harvest of a crop of oats on their places adjoining Bryants' Park and their oats ran 30 bushels to the acre.

Food Prices Fixed by Local Board

The government through the food commissioner has directed that fair prices for the staple food products be published weekly in every county in the United States. The fair prices for Linn county have been compiled by the local board and is presented. In the first column is the price paid by the local dealer and in the second is the fair price asked by him of his customer:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Items include Fresh eggs, Fresh Creamery Butter, New potatoes, Full Cream Cheese, etc.

Many grocers have on hand, in cartons and small sacks, wheat products which it is desired be bought and consumed before they become weavily

RED CROSS SENDS OUT S. O. S. FOR HELP

Volunteers Needed for Gauze Rooms; Much More Help Needed

The Red Cross executives feel keenly the lack of volunteers in the gauze rooms. The government began drafting men when volunteers failed. The question is serious. Shall the board draft workers for the Red Cross?

Surely the women of Albany will not let the word go to our men that their mothers and sisters, sweethearts and friends were too busy, too hot or too uninterested to go to pleasant, cool rooms and fold clean cotton and gauze into surgical pads for our wounded allies! Daily the work is falling short. We are one month behind at the start—but 1500 pads are finished today instead of 3,000. All of the work is done by practically 100 women. Where are the other 900 women voters?

Next week the drafted men are to be entertained at the armory. Many of our gauze workers will have to serve there. This will be an excellent opportunity for new workers to fall in line.

The work with the moss is progressing but the supervisor says: "We could use more women." A word of praise was given last week as encouragement but it seems to have served as an excuse to some who say, "They don't need me as the rooms were full."

Come! You will be given work. Come as often as possible. Be sure you are not needed before you plan unnecessary work or pleasure.

The Northwestern Division inspector, Mrs. H. L. Brakel, met with the instructors on Wednesday. She spoke encouragingly but she found the pads not properly uniform. Some were too thick, others too thin, on others the measurements were not exact. Considering that they were the first of the sphagnum pads made here, they were good. Only a few had to be made over. Linn county chapter work has always been up to standard and the instructors feel confident that now the pads are just right.

Baseball Men Are Subject to Order

WASHINGTON, July 19.—U. P.—Sec. Baker ruled today that baseball men are subject to the work or fight order.

TWO STEAMSHIPS ARE TORPEDOED

LONDON, July 19.—U. P.—The British 15,000 ton steamer Carpathia was torpedoed and sunk. Passengers and crew were landed. The transport "Barunga" en route to Australia with unfit Australians was also sunk by a U-boat. There were no casualties.

TASKER H. BLISS. Brigadier General in Charge of Southern Army Division.



AMERICAN TROOPS ARE IDENTIFIED

Rainbow and New England Divisions Are Complete U. S. Units Engaged

1,200,000 AMERICANS ARE NOW IN EUROPE

Many Troops Not Included in Divisions Mentioned Brigaded with the French

WASHINGTON, July 19.—By United Press.—The "Rainbow" and New England divisions are the complete American divisions now battling the Germans in the great Franco-American offensive. Chief of Staff March told this to the house military committee today.

Parts of eight American divisions were engaged early in the week checking the Germans on the Marne. Many other Americans are brigaded with the French in this offensive.

General March said that nearly one million two hundred thousand American troops are now in France or en route.

Mayor Curl Congratulates Pendleton Authorities

"Pendleton should be congratulated upon her enterprise in ringing the fire bell yesterday to celebrate the victory of the American troops. This is the spirit which should be displayed in every city in the country."

The above statement was made this morning by Mayor L. M. Curl to a Democrat representative.

Mayor Curl thinks the allied victory over the Germans was of such importance that some method should have been found in Albany to show our appreciation of the splendid work of the American troops.

Say Roads to Fish Lake Are Very Poor

J. B. Keeney of Sweethome is the authority for the statement that the roads between the Mountain House and Fish Lake are almost impassable and that within six months the rangers will have great difficulty in hauling provisions over the roads unless some work is done in that section of the county.

Mr. Keeney brought to the county clerk's office a wildcat pelt and claimed a bounty of \$2. The animal was killed in the vicinity of Fish Lake.

ALBANY YOUNG MAN MENTIONED IN ORDER

Raymond Archibald Is Commended Among Other O. A. C. Students Today

O.A.C., Corvallis, July 19.—Special.—Thirty-four of the 171 Oregon Agricultural college students who were given military training at the Presidio June 1 to July 3 have received special commendation, and their names have been sent by Colonel H. M. Dichmann, commanding officer, to the commanding general of the western department. Earl H. Chapman of Corvallis, one of the men in the list, will be cadet colonel at the college next year. The list follows:

Kenneth Cook, Portland; Earl Webster, Portland; Earl H. Chapman, Corvallis; Arthur E. McClain, Salem; Earl A. Hutchings, Brownsville; William E. Tle, Corvallis; Charles F. Beattie, Pendleton; Otto L. Canthrell, Rich; Chester L. Firsirotu, Vancouver, Wash.; Lewis H. Edwards, Monroe; Jack H. Grafton, Chehalis, Wash.; Elton M. Hattan, Oregon City; Raymond Archibald, Albany; Milton A. Kooreman, Salem; James M. Ruebke, Touste, Wash.; Orrin D. Dadmun, Independence; George V. Robinson, Forest Grove; Albert J. Schoth, Oregon City; James L. Spriggs, Medford; Benjamin H. Nichols Jr., Corvallis; Glenn E. Spriggs, Medford; Earl R. Reynolds, LaGrande; George V. Naderman, Turner; Vilas L. Plue, Rainier; Marion McCart, Selma, Cal.; George A. Powell, Portland; Whitney Waterman Jr., Pasadena; Allen W. McComb, Klamath Falls; Edward E. Radcliffe, Burbank; Claude H. Steusloff, Salem; Ben C. Staats, Portland; Richard M. Weber, The Dalles; Albert F. West, Corvallis.

BOOTHS AND PROGRAM IN DETROIT - R. C. BENEFIT

DETROIT, July 19.—Special.—A Red Cross party was given by the ladies in Outerson's Park July 13.

There were three booths where cake and sandwiches, coffee, ice cream and punch were sold. The park was decorated with bunting, flags, and Red Cross insignia. The sum of \$26.81 was cleared.

The following program was rendered:

- Song, "America."—Trio, Mr. Wood, Inez and Maud Wood, under the double eagle. Recitation—Charlotte Zeiber—"Where Are the Oregon Boys Tonight?" Song, by the ladies, "Keep the Home Fires Burning." Solo, Miss Filvox, "Joan of Arc." Violin Solo, Inez Wood, "Humoresque." Recitation, Mrs. Myrtle Dester, "A Soldier Boy." Talk by Professor Sprague. Song by the ladies, "Sons of America." Trio, Mr. Wood, Inez and Maude Wood, "Repaz Band." Recitation, Fred Hester, "The Irish Philosopher." Laughing song, Mr. Eugene Wood. Song, "Star Spangled Banner."

Many U. S. Troopers Visit Y. M. C. A. Huts

LONDON, July 19.—Special.—Between 2,000 and 2800 American fighters eat daily at the American Y. M. C. A. Eagle Hut. It costs them 14 cents for a satisfying American meal and 25 cents for a superlatively filling repast. The civilian would have to pay 85 cents. A typical shilling dinner includes Scotch broth, stewed steak or cold beef, potatoes, buttered beets, currant pudding, bread, tea or coffee.

The waitresses are women who have volunteered their services. They minister to the soldiers and sailors with smiling patience and friendliness. It is real home service in a foreign land. Eagle Hut dispenses other commodities, tobacco and candy topping to the list of favorites. The government has fixed a retail price for all tobaccos and dealers charge the maximum. At Eagle Hut the minimum is charged and smokers have found it to be the cheapest place in London to buy tobacco.

The hut provides 279 clean, soft beds at 14 cents a night and the supply is oversubscribed nightly. Eagle Hut is no makeshift, but a London institution.

BIG DRIVE IS RESUMED BY ENTENTE

FRANCO-AMERICANS START ONWARD DASH AT 4 A. M. TODAY

CAVALRY PURSUES FLEEING HUN TROOPS

Thousands of Prisoners and Hundreds of Guns Are Captured Today

BY FRED FERGUSON, U. P. STAFF CORRESPONDENT

AMERICAN FRONT, July 19.—The battle's intensity is increasing along the whole front from the Aisne to the Marne at 2 this afternoon.

The Americans and French are driving forward in an extended advance toward Soissons and the Chateau Thierry highway, which lies from three to ten miles east of the original line.

The Germans, aided by powerful reserves, made a heavy counter attack on the plateau southwest of Soissons. This was bloodily repulsed. The Franco-Americans there are either holding the line or making marked advances. Cavalry has pushed across Soissons and Chateau Thierry road with infantry driving forward to join them. The number of prisoners has as yet not been ascertained, but the number of guns are accumulating.

The allies' remarkable transportation system enables a constant flow of men and supplies toward the front. Solid miles of ammunition motor trucks are rumbling forward and returning with the wounded.

PARIS, July 19.—The allies are assailing the German Marne salient from both sides. While the Franco-Americans are driving against the Aisne-Marne line, the Franco-Italians are attacking a 15-mile front east of Chateau Thierry towards Rheims.

The Franco-American offensive was resumed at 4 this morning, and new progress was made. The Germans are apparently preparing to evacuate Soissons and are blowing up their ammunition dumps there. The Franco-Italians have taken two towns, two woods and 400 prisoners. Newspapers claim 10,000 prisoners for the French.

FORMER ALBANY NEWSPAPER MAN HERE

C. W. Tebault, former Albany newspaperman but now Oregon representative of the national service section of the emergency fleet corporation, arrived in Albany today from Coos Bay and will spend the day here. He leaves tomorrow for Newport.

U. S. TROOPS FOR SIBERIA

TOKIO, July 19.—U. P.—Newspapers say that the allied advisory council has accepted the American proposal for landing troops in Siberia. A war declaration is held unnecessary.