

Franco-Americans Start New Offensive; Important Gains Made

HUNS UNABLE TO STOP CHARGING AMERICANS

YANKEES STORM HEIGHTS BETWEEN SIERGY AND SERINGES LAST NIGHT; HUNS ARE REINFORCED

FRANCO-AMERICANS GAIN MORE THAN TWO MILES AT SOME POINTS; ADVANCE IN THREE SECTORS

Germans Throw New Army Into Soissons-Rheims Pocket in Vain Attempt to Stop Allied Advance; Allies Have Most Reserves

The allies smashed forward on three sectors of the Soissons-Rheims salient today, tearing in to the Germans for gains of more than two miles at some points.

The attacks were made on the southwestern, southern and southeastern portions of the pocket over a combined front of 25 miles. Points which have held up the allies for several days were captured.

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WITH THE FRENCH ARMY
Aug. 1.—General Mangin's army attacked between Fere-en-Tardenois and Plessier-Hulla this morning on a ten-mile front, taking Hill 205, east of Grand Rossy, from where Fismes is visible, and capturing Cramoisse, four miles northwest of Fere-en-Tardenois. The attack was not halted at 8 this morning.

Other troops took Meunere wood, in the salient southeast of Cierges. Throughout the French front the Germans are again retreating heavily, especially about Rheims and Omatidier.

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WITH THE AMERICANS,
France, Aug. 1.—The Americans struck again last night at the point of the allied wedge, storming the heights between Serierges and Sergy, gaining all their objectives.

The doughboys advanced behind the American-made smoke screen, protected by heavy rolling barages.

The advance was made possible because the allies demolished the German pocket on the Americans' right.

The Germans in their efforts to hold the present line are digging themselves in.

PARIS, Aug. 1.—The communique announced the repulse of a heavy German attack on Bligny Mountain southwest of Rheims. German raids were unsuccessful elsewhere.

PARIS, Aug. 1.—New Franco-American advances over a large part of the Rheims-Soissons salient are reported. The allies advanced in the Saponay region between Oulchy-le-Chateau and Fere-en-Tardenois near Cierges, and made considerable progress toward the Rheims road near Bligny.

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WANTED.—By U. S. Government, ambitious, intelligent men and women to enter Civil Service. Prepare for examinations through sure, easy home study methods. Write for interview. Address L. C. S., care of Democrat.

FOR RENT.—Good house on corner of 3d and Ellsworth. Inquire of Henry Lyon, Bell phone 221-J. 1st floor. FOR SALE.—Lot on paved street. Will take Ford as part payment. Terms to suit on balance. Home 4546. tf

"NO FEAR OF U.S." SAYS HUN KAISER

Numerical Superiority of the American Troops Cause of Royal Proclamation

WAR LORD HAS FAITH IN U-BOATS

Simms Says German Prisoners Are Depressed, Morale Is Lowest of War

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 1.—The Kaiser issued a proclamation to the German army and navy declaring that the "American army's numerical superiority doesn't frighten us. Despite the efforts of the world's greatest naval powers, our U-boats, sure of success, are attacking the forces which are streaming across the sea to aid our enemies."

By Will Phillip Simms, U. P. Staff Correspondent

WITH THE BRITISH, Aug. 1.—German officers and men taken prisoner near Meris, Merlancourt and Amiens are extremely depressed as a result of the Crown Prince's failure and Foch's staggering offensive.

In April I declared that the German morale was at its highest point. Officers and men taken prisoners then were insolent, contemptuous and condescending as though they already owned the world.

The German soldier is deeper depressed now than ever before. Munitions and supplies are not plentiful and food is scarcer, while the allies are weekly growing stronger.

D. A. R. Gives \$100 to Local Red Cross

Linn Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, today turned over to the local Red Cross the sum of \$100 which was raised by the D. A. R. through the sale of allied stamps. The work was in charge of a committee consisting of Mrs. W. H. Hornbrook, Mrs. P. A. Young and Mrs. R. E. Mason.

Duncan Monteith Is Made a Captain

Duncan Monteith has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain in the United States signal corps. This news was conveyed to his grandmother, Mrs. Marguerite Monteith, in a cablegram received late yesterday afternoon.

Duncan Monteith is a former Albany boy and has been with the United States signal corps in France for several months. The news of his promotion will be pleasing to his many friends in Albany.

Six Linn Men to Leave August 15th

Six Linn county men will leave on August 15th for Portland where they will attend the Benson Polytechnic school and receive a short course in mechanical training under the direction of government officials.

The men who will leave are Walter Stellmacher, Tangent; Paul K. Kean, Albany; Clair McHenry, Harrisburg; Adna Ray Gleason, Lebanon; Harold Hamilton, Halsey; John Sticha, Seio.

Red Cross Carnival Friday Night

(Communicated)
Come to the corner of Main and Santhan streets Friday evening at 7:30. There is to be a carnival given by the Red Cross. A patriotic program will be the main feature of the evening. There will be also ice cream, sandwiches and coffee, tea and cake served at the grounds. Bring your children, friends and above all, don't forget your pocketbook.

TELEPHONE LINES UNDER U. S. CONTROL

Local Manager of Bell Company Receives Instructions from Vail

The following communication was received today by Manager Geo. Sanders of the Bell company:
NEW YORK, July 31, 1918.—Employees of the Bell Telephone company: Under the authority of the law and by the proclamation of the President, possession and control of the wire systems pass to the postmaster general. In a conference held in Washington on August first.

at which were present the postmaster general, the government operating committee and representatives of the Bell companies, the postmaster general expressed most emphatically his appreciation of the service which the Bell companies were rendering and that such improvement possible to be made, would be because of the additional power derived from the government. He asked for the cooperation and assistance of those who have heretofore been responsible for the service.

The postmaster general was equally emphatic in the statement of his desire to conserve the service and properties of the companies with a view of returning them when called upon so to do to the owners in as good condition as received, that it was his earnest desire that the owners should receive just compensation in the full sense for their use.

The postmaster general, until other instructions are issued, desires that the conduct of operations shall continue as heretofore, and also states that no changes will be made until after consultation, and full and careful consideration to all who are identified with the Bell companies who have shown your fine sense of obligation and your loyalty and fidelity to the country, to the public service and to the property in the past, and to whom the credit is due for the prestige and position of the companies in the public eye.

It is asked that it is not too much to ask of you that same loyalty, fidelity and devotion to the service under the new order of things.

On your behalf such loyalty, fidelity and devotion to service has been promised, knowing full well the spirit in which you would meet and respond to the request. To do one's full duty in each position is the greatest obligation resting upon every person and is also the greatest opening to future preferment. THEO. N. VAIL.

Bonar Law Asks for Big British Credit

LONDON, Aug. 1.—By U. P. Chancellor Bonar Law today moved for a credit of \$3,500,000,000 in the house of commons.

ANZACS ARE RIGHT THERE WHEN IT COMES TO HITCHING

LONDON, Aug. 1.—Australian troops are marrying English girls at the rate of 800 per month, according to figures announced. Arrangements are being completed whereby the Australian government pays part of the passage of brides wishing to go to Australia at once.

THIS DAY IN THE WAR
AUG. 1, 1917.—British and French gain more ground in new Belgium offensive.

AUG. 1, 1916.—Germans counter-attack fiercely in Somme region. Zeppelins and airplanes bombard English coast towns.

AUG. 1, 1915.—Austro-Germans drive back Russians in five engagements.

AUG. 1, 1914.—Germany declares war on Russia. Invades Luxembourg.

BUY W. S. S. NOW

Buy your War Savings Stamps promptly to fulfill your pledges. Over 32,000,000 people in the United States have made War Savings pledges.

Help the department to handle these pledges by being on time with your own.

Whether bought at the place designated on the pledge or elsewhere, the possession of the stamps is final evidence of their purchase. P. A. YOUNG, Chairman for Linn County.

BAD CHECK ARTIST VISITS ALBANY

Man Claimed to Be Connected With U. S. National Bank of Portland

CORVALLIS BUSINESS MEN "STUNG" BAD

Several Stores in Albany Visited; Small Sums Are Raised Here

Albany and Corvallis merchants have anything but a pleasant recollection of one "O. A. Muller of the United States National Bank of Portland." The above name and connection was vouched for by "Muller," but for some reason or other his handwriting was not regarded as sufficiently valuable to justify his bank in cashing the checks which he issued to local businessmen in payment for a small amount of goods and considerable change.

Muller first made the town of Corvallis and is said to have picked up about \$100 among the businessmen of that place. He then came to Albany but met with less success.

His plan was to order a small bill of groceries, explain that he was on his vacation and a little short of ready cash. He then requested the clerk to cash his check for \$15. This was done in most cases for he was a man of good appearance and of a type that appeared to inspire confidence.

The Democrat was unable to learn the names of all the stores in which he operated in Albany but he cashed checks for small sums at both Eastburns and Hamilton's. It was reported that he also cashed a check at Holmways but this is denied by the proprietor.

CITY NEWS

Returns from Roseburg—Miss Dorothy Gilbert returned yesterday, after a month's visit in Roseburg at the home of her sister, Mrs. Roderick McCauley.

Visiting Here—Mrs. Frank Tracy and children, of Eugene, are here to spend a few days at the home of Mrs. J. J. Whitney.

Here from Corvallis—Mrs. Walter Toole, wife of Captain Toole of Corvallis, was in the city yesterday for several hours.

For Week's Vacation—Miss Clara Mulver left today for Walpole for a week's vacation visiting her aunt.

Back from Vacation—H. Warnke and family have returned from a two weeks' vacation at Nye Beach.

Left for Newport—Miss Flora Mason and Miss Isabelle Young left on the noon train yesterday for Newport, to be present for the wedding of Miss Anna Dawson to Lieut. Gordon Van Gundia, and to spend several weeks in the Mason cottage.

Move to Aumsville—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Chance are moving today to Aumsville, southeast of Salem, where Mr. Chance has bought an interest in a flouring mill. They will be missed by their many friends in this city.

Left for Newport—Charles Dannels left on the noon train yesterday for Newport, where he will spend his vacation.

Return from Outing—Mr. and Mrs. John Bassett, Linn Bassett and Lyle and Race Cobb of Seio returned to Albany yesterday after a motor trip to Tillamook Bay. Lyle and Race Cobb will remain in Albany for several days, the guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bassett.

To Newport—Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Anthony and family were among the crowd leaving for Newport this noon for a summer's outing. They expect to be gone during the month of August.

CARS COLLIDE ON SECOND STREET

Woman Tourist Is Injured; Chevrolet Car Badly Damaged

An auto collision occurred about 12 o'clock on the corner of Second and Hill streets when a Studebaker car owned and driven by C. G. School of Albany going south on Hill collided with a Chevrolet truck containing tourists from Washington en route to Eugene.

A man and wife and three children named McMillan were in the car at the time.

Mrs. McMillan was severely bruised. The Chevrolet's two fenders and running board were ruined.

FINDS SICK WOMAN ON STEEL BRIDGE

Ad Wheeler Forced to Fight With Woman He Tried to Help

Driving across the steel bridge at 5:30 last night Ad Wheeler of North Albany noticed a woman lying on the sidewalk. He stopped his car, climbed over the rail and found the woman to be unconscious. In her hands was a damp bathing suit and he bathed her temples with this until she partially regained possession of her faculties. As soon as she regained her strength, however, Wheeler says she turned on him and fought like a mad woman. It required the aid of several pedestrians to get her in the car and hold her there until he could place her under the care of a physician. Wheeler says he has never seen the woman before and does not know her name.

Swank Delivers First Load of Wheat

J. H. Swank was the first farmer to deliver a load of new wheat to the Tangent warehouse. The wheat is said to be of fair quality.

Father Returns With Portland Boys

The two boys arrested yesterday on the charge of stealing an auto in Portland were taken home today by Mr. Rozenfel, father of one of the youngsters. The car was owned by the Union Meat company of Portland and one of their representatives came down last night and drove the machine back.

CANINE POLITICAL MASCOT SNAPS AT ASQUITH

LONDON, Aug. 1.—Lloyd-George's inseparable companion on his short motor trips is a fussy little Welsh terrier.

The dog's ardent admirers declare it can distinguish between liberals and Tories, and fraternizes with them accordingly.

QUEEN MARY SPINS BEHIND DOBBIN TO SAVE EXPENSES

LONDON, Aug. 1.—Queen Mary and other members of the royal family are using a carriage for their drives about the city to save gasoline for war work.

Will Go to Portland—Dr. Arthur Leininger will leave for Portland in the morning to spend several days.

Dr. Davis Back—Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Davis have returned from their recent trip. Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Wilson went as far as Alaska and were met by the doctor on their return trip in Washington.

Visiting Here—D. M. Borer of Plainview is a guest at the home of Mrs. O. E. Holdridge.

Weather Report—Yesterday's temperature ranged from 51 to 89 degrees, and the river is at 1.1 feet. Showers are predicted for tonight and Friday, and cooler tonight.

Pass Through Albany—Mrs. E. Wallace and daughter, Mrs. Vesta Wallace Fuller of Portland, were in the city for several hours this morning en route to Newport for an outing at the beach.

U.S. TROOPS TO HELP IN RUSSIA

American English and Japanese Troops Now on the Siberian Coast

NATIONS ARE IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT

Baker Says Draft Age Limits Will Be Changed to Meet New Requirements

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Sec. Baker announced that a new man power bill, changing the draft age limits, will be reintroduced in congress early next week.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—U. P.—A great program for allied aid for Russia is definitely under way.

Without announcement, the United States, Japan and England have dispatched troops to Vladivostok. More will arrive soon from colonial possessions nearby.

Japan agrees with the American plan for economic aid.

YO DONE LOST YO OWN LANGUAGE?

WITH THE AMERICANS, Aug. 1.—He was a black boy from Alabama, lonesome. He had been working in a stone quarry most all day and no one had said a word to him. He happened to look across the way and there was another black boy in khaki. The other black boy was a French colonial, but the American boy looked only at the face and the color of the uniform.

"Low niggah, how's tricks?" was he opening social parry.

No answer.

Ah say, niggah, does you know Ah's nikin' to you?"

Then astonishment. From the other black came a rattle of French that would put a machinegun to shame.

The Alabamian gasped. He couldn't believe his eyes or his ears.

"Foh da Gawd's sake, niggah, has you been mixed up wid dese here Frenchers so much you done lost yo' own language?" and he went back to work.

PLAN FOR NEW ARMY COLORS

O. A. C., Corvallis, Aug. 1.—Special.—The final details for the students' army training corps to be established in educational institutions will be discussed at meetings of government and college representatives in August. O. A. C. and other institutions eligible for the new corps will send representatives to the Presidio for a conference to be held August 23 and 24 from the states of Oregon, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

NEW OFFICERS' TRAINING SCHOOLS ARE POPULAR

O. A. C., Corvallis, Aug. 1.—Special.—Applications from those who wish to attend the new central officers' training schools continue to pour in at the office of Captain T. F. Maginnis, professor of military science and tactics in the Oregon Agricultural college. In a day spent in Portland Captain Maginnis met 65 applicants.

APPLY POISON SPRAY NOW

O. A. C., Corvallis, Aug. 1.—Special.—The new generation of the codling moth is due soon and the poison spray application to apples and pears for the control of the worm should be applied throughout Western Oregon between now and August 8 for best results. The worms are unusually abundant this year and great care should be taken to make this application thorough, points out A. L. Lovett, entomologist in the Oregon Agricultural college.