

BIG GUNS BOMBARD VESLE LINE

ALLIES PROGRESS ON 2- MILE FRONT WEST OF MONTDIDIER TODAY

GERMANS LOSE SIRE- SALOGNE STATION

Hindenburg Brings Up Big Guns to Make Stand on Vesle River; Fire Tremendous

PARIS, Aug. 7.—U. P.—The allies repulsed German attacks against LaGrange farm on the Vesle and captured the Sire-Salogue station and progressed on a two-mile front west of Montdidier.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—German positions on the flanks of the Aisne-Vesle line west of Rheims and east of Soissons are being subjected to an enfilading artillery fire and more than half of the enemy lines between the Vesle and the Aisne are being subjected to a flanking fire, it is learned this afternoon.

The greatest activity is reported on both flanks, where the Germans have massed heavy forces to prevent any flanking movement by the allies.

Heavy artillery is progressing along the whole front. The allies have occupied Ciry-Salogue station, six miles east of Soissons, creating an interesting situation in the region northwest of Braine, where fairly strong allied forces are filtering in.

The French reported they have reached Moreuil suburbs in the Montdidier region. Moreuil is the most important town between Amiens and Montdidier.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—The longrange bombardment of Paris has been resumed today.

By Fred S. Ferguson, Staff Correspondent for The United Press
WITH THE AMERICANS, France, Aug. 7.—German heavy artillery is in action for the first time since the Jerries were driven across the Ourcq. The firing is now the most violent since the Marne retreat. This is the first indication that the Germans intend to make a stand with their main resistance line on the heights between the Aisne and Vesle.

American rear areas are being shelled. Fismes is receiving high explosives and gas. Our gunners are giving better than they receive.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—General Haig announced that the British counter attacking between Ancre and the Somme regained all the more important positions lost yesterday southwest of Morlaucourt, taking prisoners.

Telephone Manager Here—
J. B. Middleton of the Home Telephone company is attending to business matters in Albany. Mr. Middleton is general manager of the company.

NEW CLASSIFIED

LOST—A crescent tiepin. Return to Democrat Office. 7a9*
FOR SALE—6-year-old Jersey cow. Inquire at 5th and Chicago Sts. Home phone 4536. 7a9*
LINOLEUM for binder reels, 50c. Comforters for harvester hands, 25 and 50c. Albany Furniture Exchange, 415-417 West First St. n7
FOR SALE—Lot on paved street, will take Ford on part payment. Terms to suit on balance. Home 4546 tf

HENRY McELMURRY WILL NOT RUN

Councilman From East End Has Decided Not to Ac- cept Office Again

Councilman Henry McMurry will not be a candidate for reelection this fall, according to a statement made this morning to a Democrat representative.

Asked for his reason for declining to accept the office for another two years, Mr. McMurry said:

"I have served for five years and devoted a good deal of time and energy to the office. I feel that it is time that I step down and permit some other resident of my ward to serve."

CORVALLIS MEN ARE FINED FIFTY DOLLARS

Men Arrested As Result of Visit of State Police to Albany

According to Mayor Lowe of Corvallis who is in Albany today, Will Looney and Clot H. Os were fined \$50 each on the charge of maintaining a nuisance within the city limits of Corvallis. They entered a plea of guilty.

The men were arrested as a result of a confession made to the state police by a man arrested some days ago in Albany on the charge of being drunk and disorderly.

Wheat Prices Fixed by County Food Administrator Schmitt

This is the season of the year when the crops are harvested, and farmers are particularly interested in marketing of the same. The federal food administration has issued the following statement with regard to the marketing of wheat:

"It is, of course, generally known that the value of wheat of various grades and varieties depends upon three factors: First, the relative distance from the consuming markets, because of the differences in freight rates to the points named below. Second, the variety of the wheat and its relative value for flour production. Third, the grade of the wheat as to quality and impurities within the various varieties.

These differences have been established by years of custom and experience; and it is the object of the food administration, in giving effect to the law, to equably reflect these differences in value as far as physically possible.

In order to simply accounting and to avoid red tape, the President authorized the creation of the United States Food Administration Grain Corporation as an instrument of the food administration to carry out the financial details of buying and selling wheat and various cereal commodities. Therefore contracts and payments are made in the name of the United States Food Administration Grain Corporation, which operates without profit, charging such differentials as will cover risks, storage and insurance.

Likewise the United States Department of Agriculture, acting under the grain standards act, has endeavored to establish wheat-grade definitions according to relative merits of various qualities and varieties.

The following are the fair price basis and wheat classes and grades on which the Grain Corporation will buy wheat in elevators at the points named:

1. The wheat grades are those adopted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, under the grain standards act.
2. The food administration "fair prices" are named below for "basic"

General Mangin Praises American Troops

By Lloyd Mellett, United Press Staff Correspondent

WITH THE FRENCH AFIELD, Aug. 7.—General Mangin, in addressing the third United States army corps, said: "Your magnificent clan has taken the enemy by surprise. Your indomitable tenacity stopped the return of the enemy's offensive by his fresh divisions. You've proved yourselves worthy sons of your great country."

HUN WAR AIMS STARTLE WORLD

Hertling Declares Belgium to Be Held Until Allies Grant Terms

KAISER WOULD HOLD ALSACE AND LORRAINE

Allies Must Pay Indemnity. Restore German Colonies Says High Official

BERNE, Aug. 7.—By United Press.—Chancellor Hertling, replying to questions in the Reichstag recently, declared that Germany intends to keep Belgium until the allies pay indemnities, France renounces all claims to Alsace-Lorraine, the allies recognize the Brest treaty, restore German colonies, recognize German and Austrian integrity as before the war, recognize a German sphere of influence in Courland, Lithuania, Estonia and Livonia, recognize the solution of the Polish question as solved by Germany, grant freedom of the seas, and make a renunciation of the anti-German boycott after the war.

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WOMEN OF COUNCIL ARE ACTIVE

The matter of the registration of nurses was brought up and Mrs. Franklin was appointed chairman of the committee. She will see that all registration cards are filled out correctly, and give any desired information.

The Linn county quota was ten, but 13 girls of Albany alone have already registered. This is a fine chance for a girl to learn to be a nurse and do her bit at the same time.

The girls will be sent to some good hospital for training, and will later take the place of well trained nurses in this country, while the better trained nurses go to France. The girls will also have their expenses paid, and receive a small salary while learning.

The organization of Uncle Sam's canning kitchen has also been turned over to the women of the Council of defense. Mrs. Mary Bilyeu was appointed chairman of this committee with the following lieutenants: Mrs. P. A. Young, Mrs. G. T. Hockensmith, Mrs. L. L. Swan and Mrs. C. B. Winn.

Mrs. Harry Cusick was appointed to see about the transportation of all the supplies.

The purpose of this organization is to save all the fruit possible that would otherwise be wasted. Anyone having any kind of fruit, no matter how small a quantity, should notify Mrs. Bilyeu and it will be taken care of.

The use of the domestic science room at the high school has been secured, and the work of canning will all be done there. The fruit jars and labor will all be donated, but the government will furnish the sugar necessary for the canning. After the fruit is canned it will be sent directly to some cantonment for the use of the soldiers.

County Court in Session Today

County court convened at 10 o'clock this morning and the greater portion of the day was spent in auditing bills. It will remain in session during the balance of the week and will decide one or two road matters before adjournment.

At Dallas—
Rev. G. H. Bennett and wife made a trip to Dallas today.

LLOYD-GEORGE PAYS TRIBUTE TO AMERICA

Yankee Army Will Soon Be Nearly as Large as That of Hun, He Says

LONDON, Aug. 7.—By U. P.—The chance Germany had on March 21 will never come again," Premier Lloyd George told the house of commons this afternoon.

"The American army soon will be only slightly smaller than that of Germany. "We all desire peace, but it must be a just and durable peace with power behind to enforce it. I believe in a league of nations but we must be careful of conditions under which it is established.

"Marshal Foch's counter stroke was the most brilliant in the annals of the war. We drove the enemy back, but the danger is not over." Wild cheering greeted Foch's name.

"The tonnage of the British navy at the war's beginning was two and a half millions. It is now eight."

He said that everyone knew of the American army's courage, "but its trained skill, especially that of its officers, is beyond expectation."

LADIES OF ALBANY WORKING HARD TO HELP SUPPLY UNCLE SAM'S NEEDS

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TWO CENTS POUND FOR GREEN PRUNES

Linn & Benton Fruit Associ- ation Will Purchase 300 Tons

According to a statement made this morning by W. R. Scott of the Linn & Benton Fruit association, the company is prepared to pay two cents per pound cash for green prunes and furnish the boxes. This is equivalent to \$120 per bushel, which is a much better price than was received.

There are a large number of orchards coming into bearing this year for the first time and as many of the owners will be forced to patronize the commercial dryers, the sale of the green prunes at two cents per pound to the local cannery will be of no little help to the growers. The cannery is prepared to purchase between 200 and 300 tons.

GERMAN PRESS DOPING PUBLIC

Many Newspapers Ignore Al- lied Gain on West Front

MINOR NEWS PLAYED UP BY EDITORS

One of Semi-Official Papers Asserts There Is No Major Fighting

LONDON, Aug. 7.—By United Press.—The German press continues duping the public regarding the West Front defeat.

Some papers are lying and others ignoring the situation, playing in minor news. Simultaneously they are expressing alarm over the allies' growing strength in Russia and ignoring the West Front.

The Tageblatt mentions "extended gains" in Albania, and the Vorwaerts declares there is no major fighting on the West Front.

LOCAL BOARD WILL RECLASSIFY MEN

According to a statement given out this morning by the local exemption board, new instructions have been received which order a complete reclassification of married men with no children.

Clerk Mae Tillman this morning prepared the following extracts from the new rules which are quoted below: "If a registrant has a wife but no children, and there are such other sources of support available that the removal of the registrant will not deprive the wife of reasonable, adequate support, he goes in class one as not being included in any other division of the schedule.

"There are many registrants in this state who are married but without children and who are enjoying deferment from military service under the above regulations, and who are occupying positions of lucrative pay, and whose wives are also employed in positions which pay very comfortable salaries of wages. At a meeting of draft executives of various states with the provost marshal on July 9, 1918, the foregoing ruling was made, in which the registrants having no dependent other than a wife, be reclassified and placed in class one. In reclassifying, other sources of support, including income from property, earnings of the wife at employment in which she is now engaged or in which she can readily become engaged, plus the allotment and government allowance, should be taken into full consideration."

Honor Guards to Give Dance Saturday Night

The Honor Guards are going to have another one of their delightful dances Saturday evening, August 10, at the Elks' Hall. This promises to be a big affair, and is a jitney dance as usual. Hester's orchestra will furnish the music and everyone is promised a good time. Please come and help win the war.

Submarine Sinks Lightship Off Coast

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—U. P.—A submarine, approaching within a half-mile of the beach, shelled and sank a Diamond Shoal lightship off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, yesterday afternoon, the navy department announced today.

The crew escaped in boats.

On Business Trip— H. R. Worth went to Portland this morning on business.

U. S. CASUALTIES NOW 2544

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—
Eight hundred and 71 casualties were announced today, making the total reported from the Big drive so far, 2544. Two hundred 92 of today's list were marines.

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INSANE MAN TAKEN BY LOCAL POLICE

Chief Catlin and Officer Rod- gers Round Up Hospital Inmate on Road

J. D. Pepley, escaped from the state hospital for the insane at Salem, was arrested at 5 o'clock last night by Chief of Police Catlin and Officer Rodgers of the local police force.

Everett Davis, who drives a Standard Oil wagon between Albany and other Linn county points, called up Catlin by phone late yesterday afternoon and notified him that an insane man had asked him for a ride from Jefferson to Albany. Davis consented but left the wagon long enough to phone the officers to meet him on the road. They met the oil wagon at a point this side of Jefferson and induced Pepley to ride back to Albany in their car. The man was locked up last night and taken to Salem this morning by an attendant from the state hospital.

U. S. AIRMEN INVENT THEIR OWN SLANG

Well-Known American Ace Tells of New Additions to Yankee Dialect

WITH THE AMERICANS, France July 10.—By Mail.—"We'd better translate some of this gimper talk in to honest-to-gosh American, or the United Press readers won't be able to step it," observed Lieut. Eddie Rick-anbacher, American ace and former automobile racer, as he began some gimper talk, which is the aviation word for aero slang.

"We'll start out with the rudiments of the aviators' language," said Rick-anbacher. "It completely ignores the study of grammatical formations. The only formations we know are aero formations, which is group flying. "First of all, there's an airplane. With us it is never an airplane—it's always known as a 'can.' Probably we call it that because it carries such big gasoline tanks and when you stop to think of how easily the German could set the can afire, if we didn't let them have it first, you understand why an airplane is a can."

"Letting them have it is just the aviation way of saying you're firing the machinegun as fast as it will go into Jerry. You almost always have a chance when you go to a pink tea. "Going to a pink tea is going up in the air after a German. Cuckoo birds are always talking about pink teas though they never have them. A cuckoo bird is an aviator who does all his fighting while none of the gimpers are around, and then comes back and tells about it.

"If you spot something, which is seeing another plane, you jockey position. That is trying to get where you can shoot at him without his shooting you. Usually you try to 'get under his tail,' which is behind and under him and coming after him. He can't shoot then, and you can."

"He would probably zoom or dive or vrilte then. If he zooms he runs for home; if he dives he goes straight groundward without turning, while if he vriltes, turning around like a top, so it's difficult to shoot him.

"If it's a gimper you've piqued on—and pique is only the aviation way of saying attacked or charged at—he wobbles his flappers frantically, probably to signal you. That means his wings move up and down. You know he is American then because you can see the allied coquards on his wings.

"If he were a boche he would be letting you have it, probably, and you'd probably get into the blind spot. That is a point between him and the sun, where he can't see you buy you can see him. It is a point of vantage, technically speaking.

"Good luck and your gun doesn't jam and you've got a boche, which means bringing him down. Let him get away to Hunland and the gimpers with you will razz you with the serpent action which is going up and down by moving the wings abruptly.

"Probably by this time the Archies have discovered you and begin to pepper you. That means the German anti-aircraft guns are shooting—they're called Archies and they pepper you because of the clouds they leave behind you are little black ones. You can kid them along, if you wish, which is getting first out of range and then doing stunts, usually loops. It's bad form, though unless you are trying to draw their fire from some other

LELAND GILBERT ON FIRING LINE

Former Albany Newspaper- man Says "Something Do- ing Every Minute"

AIRMEN FIGHT OVER AMERICAN TRENCHES

Men and Women at Home Urged to Support Red X; Interesting Sidelights

At the Front in France, Saturday, June 15, 1918.

Dear Father: Here I am at last—with my battery—now occupying a prominent position in one of the busy sectors of the front in France. There is something doing every minute now, and thus far the show has been good, especially at night, this being the time of day when the Americans and allies are giving the bosche hell.

Airplanes fill the air, either bombing or scouting, while frequently our machines and those of the enemy clash high in the air, and the popping of the machineguns can be heard for many minutes. The artillery duel between the big guns of the allied and enemy forces at night is incessant, and the steady boom can be heard for hours at a time.

Often the darkness of night is broken by the red flash of the guns, or the white light made by starshells which are used for illumination of the terrain where the engagement is taking place. Then, too, signal lights and rockets often blaze forth, giving night time on the front an American Fourth of July tinge.

There is little time for anything but work up here, now and all hands are busy but you don't care about that anyway as long as you know that I'm all right—and I am. Never felt better, have plenty to eat and can always sleep, no matter where. Have tried everything from box stalls, brick kilns and baled hay to the bare ground, the latter predominating.

Have finally got my first good look at a dugout—quite an interesting place, made of earth, rocks and heavy timber, and quite comfortable, especially if the bosche are sending over a shower of ash cans (large shells). Have during recent weeks seen excellent samples of the destructive qualities of large-calibre guns, as I was in several places which unfortunately were within range of the "bombarding party, and suffered accordingly.

I went into one church which had a large shellhole over its front entrance. I expected to find the interior in ruins and was quite surprised to find that it was intact there, the shell having passed through an attic over the auditorium proper. Have seen many dwellings with ragged holes in their roofs, others with roofs gone and walls completely wrecked.

In one place where we spent considerable time, I talked with Belgian women who with their children—generally little tots—fled from their homes and country when it was left torn and bleeding by the Hun during the early part of the war. From these

Mayor Makes War on Sewer Gas

Mayor Curl has declared war on sewer gas. The street commissioner has been ordered to flush all main sewers and the work was started today.

2500 MEN EXPECTED TO REGISTER IN SEPTEMBER

According to D. H. Bodine, president of the local exemption board, there will be in the neighborhood of 2500 men who will be registered in Linn county during the month of September if the proposed law fixing the draft ages from 18 to 45 passes. Instructions have already been received in regard to the manner of handling the registration and it is generally considered in official circles that the law will be passed in the very near future.