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## BRITISH SMASH HUNS ON TWO FRONTS FRENCH NEAR NOYON, CAPTURING 10,000

### FRENCH WIN VITAL POINTS ALONG OISE

Victorious Advance of Poilus Continues—10,000 Prisoners Captured and French Within Mile of Noyon—Cracking of Whole German Defensive System from Ypres to Rheims Probable—Foch's Triumph Appears Greater Threat.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—4:45 p. m.—French troops advanced three miles today along the Oise and reached Zempigny, a mile from the outskirts of Noyon, according to reports from the battlefield.

The line occupied by General Mangin's army at 2 o'clock this afternoon ran from Sempigny to Pontoise and thence to La Pommeraye, Montchoisy, Cuts, Camelin, Blierncourt, St. Aubin, La Tour farm, Mont Du Crocq farm, Vesaponin, Biexy Laval and reaches the Aisne at Courtil.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS, Aug. 21.—French progress on the vital sector between the Oise and Soissons bids fair to bring about a cracking of the German defensive system from Ypres to Rheims, Marshal Foch has connected his Marne and Picardy successes with a new triumph which appears to be a greater threat than either of the others.

In the new operation between the Aisne and the Oise the French have gained the heights and are advancing rapidly toward the Oise and the supply line connecting Laon and other places with the Noyon pocket. In two days General Mangin has advanced more than two and one-half miles on a front of more than 15 miles. The Oise and the railway line, paralleling it are but three miles away and the French apparently hold all the important high ground which had barred the way to Noyon and the line of the Oise.

#### 10,000 Prisoners

If Marshal Foch can push the advance to the north of the Oise it would appear inevitable that the Germans must retire in Picardy, probably to the old Hindenburg line, and withdraw from the Vesle, at least to the Chemin Des Dames. With the French north of the Oise both these enemy positions would be outflanked. Apparently the Germans realize the possibilities of the new allied operation, as they are resisting most stubbornly.

Berlin report that it anticipated a French blow north of the Aisne and the Germans are reported to have prepared for a counter attack. The French, however, surprised them and gained on Tuesday a half score of villages and captured 8,000 prisoners, bringing their total for the three days to 10,000. The German war of—

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### VARDAMAN DEFEATED FOR RENOMINATION

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 21.—Defeat of Senator James K. Vardaman for the Democratic nomination for United States senator from Mississippi by Congressman Pat Harrison in yesterday's primary appeared certain today on the basis of returns from all except 14 of the 82 counties of the state.

Representative Harrison had a majority of 5,691 votes over Senator Vardaman.

### TRAWLER USED BY HUN TO RAID FISHING BOATS

German U-Boat Captures Steam Trawler Triumph—Fits It With Guns and Wireless, Mans It With 16 of Crew and Sinks Fishermen of Nova Scotia Banks.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Strong forces of naval patrol boats and destroyers have been dispatched today to the North Atlantic fishing banks, where the armed trawler Triumph, captured yesterday by a German submarine which armed and manned her, is reported raiding fishing fleets.

A CANADIAN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 21.—The steam trawler Triumph, fitted with two guns and wireless and manned by 16 Germans from the U-boat which captured her yesterday, is raiding the fishing banks off the Nova Scotia coast. Crews of the schooners sunk by the Triumph have arrived here.

#### Fishing Vessels Sunk

Vessels known to have been sunk by the convoyed raider are the Una P. Saunders of Lunenburg, the A. Platt Andrew of Gloucester, Mass., and the Francis J. O'Hara of Boston.

Captain Wallace Bruce, master of the E. Platt Andrew, said on his arrival here that his vessel was held up by the Triumph yesterday afternoon and that he and his crew were given 10 minutes to leave the ship. The Germans then sank her with bombs.

The raider then bore down upon the Una P. Saunders and the Francis J. O'Hara and sank them. The dories carrying the crews of the three vessels reached here today. The fishermen say that while making for this port they heard firing and believed other fishing vessels were sunk.

#### One of Six U-Boats

Captain Myrrhe, master of the Triumph, who landed here with his men this morning, said he was told by the captain of the submarine which captured his vessel that he was only one of six U-boats operating on this coast.

"We intend to destroy the fishing fleets," the German commander said to Captain Myrrhe.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 21.—A German submarine late yesterday seized the big fishing trawler Triumph. The crew, who have reached shore safely, said they believed the Germans intend to use the trawler as a raider. The fishermen reported that the U-boat is "playing havoc" with the fleet of fishing vessels on the Grand Banks.

#### Short on Coal Supply

BOSTON, Aug. 21.—Fishermen here said today that if the German submarine made use of the trawler Triumph seized yesterday, as a raider, they would have to recast the craft at least every 10 days. The Triumph was manned by a Canadian crew and is owned by a Canadian company. The vessel is 125 feet in length and registers about 250 tons gross.

### NEW PRIORITIES LIST BEING COMPILED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—A new priority list of industries to receive coal, transportation, labor, materials and financial assistance, with provision for civilian needs, is being compiled by the war industries board. It will be issued, it is expected, within the next ten days or two weeks, according to announcement made today. The list also will form the basis for operation of the work or fight order.

### STEPS TAKEN TO CHECK REVOLT IN HUN ARMY

Captured Orders Show Deplorable Condition of Morale Amongst Germans—Troops Searched for Weapons—Talk of Revolution After War to Bring Prompt Punishment.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Aug. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—An order issued by a German military commander and which is more illuminating than anything that has come out of Germany in many months, says:

"It has come to my knowledge through a letter addressed to the Royal Prussian ministry of war that men on leave have spoken publicly of a revolution which is to break out after the war."

"I wish to impress all superior officers who happen to overhear such objectionable talk or who hear of it through others that they must deal with it at once and without hesitation. The home authorities and the director of military railways have been requested to take corresponding measures."

"A soldier, said to have come from the industrial region of Rhenish Westphalia, declared in a statement, that in his home district, men going on leave are taking weapons with them for the aforesaid object and that it was easy to take home German or captured revolvers as well as hand grenades."

"I desire that the clothing of men going on leave be searched as test cases before their departure. It will be possible to carry this out at the baths and dressing stations."

Advise Shooting Soldiers

Another order just captured, bearing the signature of the chief of staff of the forty-first infantry division, recites that courts martial have had an increasing number of cases where subordinates emphatically refused to accompany their units into the line and where the superior officers have neglected to enforce obedience by failing to compel the cowards to go into the front line. "Obedience in this respect, the order said, must be enforced even to the necessary resort to the use of arms."

It is right, the order said, even to go to the length of shooting a man as an extreme necessity.

Another captured order deals with the investigation into a case where a German airplane was shot down, probably in mistake by German troops, and the occupants secretly buried. "Such procedure," the order said, "is unworthy of the German army."

Officers Criticized

In still another document, General Ludendorff says there are constant

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### SPAIN TO SEIZE GERMAN VESSELS

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, Aug. 21.—Eduardo Dato, the Spanish foreign minister, today denied that Spain had received a note from Germany intimating that a rupture between the two countries was likely.

MADRID, Aug. 21.—Spain will utilize German vessels now in Spanish ports, in place of Spanish ships sunk by German submarines and will continue to observe neutrality.

This decision is announced in an official statement issued after a meeting of the cabinet. The Spanish ambassador at Berlin has been instructed to inform the German government of this action.

SCENE OF VARIOUS ALLIED OFFENSIVES NOW IN PROGRESS.



- Broken line indicates battle front before Foch began offensive. Dotted line is today's battle front. Black line is old Hindenburg line.
- 1—British drive in Lys salient, Flanders.
- 2—Byng's drive today.
- 3—British-French drive for Chaunles and Roye.
- 4—French drive for Noyon now in progress.
- 5—French-American drive from Marne to Vesle river.

### HOUSE REPORTS FAVORABLY UPON MAN POWER BILL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—A favorable report was voted by the house military committee on the administration man power bill with an amendment providing that youths from 18 to 20 years of age shall be placed in separate classifications to be called into military service after ten from 20 to 45.

Another amendment by Chase, a Dent provision that the fact that a soldier has not reached 21 shall not bar him from a commission.

A section added at the request of the war department provides that men of draft age may be sent to college for technical training in uniform, without changing their military status.

### 420,000,000 QUOTA FOR BONDS

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 21.—The quota for the twelfth federal reserve district in the fourth Liberty loan will approximate \$420,000,000, if the government's call is for \$6,000,000,000. James K. Lynch, governor of the district reserve bank, announced at a meeting of Liberty loan county chairmen and publicity men here today. This is more than double the amount ever asked in this district.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—No objection will be raised by the Finnish government to the passage through Finland of Americans seeking escape from Russia, the state department was advised today through the Swedish foreign office.

### VLADIVOSTOK EASILY TAKEN BY CZECHO-SLOVAKS

VLADIVOSTOK, July 2.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) Three thousand Bolshevik Red Guards entrenched themselves in the fortress here and defended themselves with furious fighting when the Czech-Slovaks took over the command of the city on June 29. The Red Guards were aided by fifty Magyar and German prisoners of war.

The Czech-Slovaks had surrounded the fortress and placed machine guns on the roof of the British consulate and on the roof of the railway station nearby. They called upon the Bolsheviks in the fortress to surrender but the Red Guards shot down their messengers. Immediately the machine guns opened fire and for two hours a stream of bullets rained on the fortress. So fast and furious was the firing that the men in the fortress were unable to return the fire from its windows. Suddenly there was a tremendous explosion. A Czech had crawled near the fortress under the fire barrage and thrown a mine into the building. A white flag appeared at one of the windows, a party of Czechs rushed to the main entrance of the fortress burst open by a hand-grenade. The Bolsheviks threw down their arms and surrendered.

In this conflict the Czech-Slovaks lost four men, with 15 wounded, while of their opponents 145 had been killed and wounded. Thus, in the course of a few hours, the all-powerful soviet had been overthrown by force of arms, and its army of Red Guards had either surrendered or thrown away their arms and dispersed without fighting.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 21.—Regular steamship service between Japan and New Orleans ports will be inaugurated in October, according to announcement by the Association of Commerce. The service will be established by the Osaka Showan Kaisha.

### ALLIED DRIVES SHORTEN FRONT OVER 50 MILES

General March States That Battle Line in France is 200 Miles as Against 250 Before Foch Struck—32 American Divisions Now in France.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—As a result of the allied successes during the past month, the battlefront in France from Rheims to the North sea has been reduced in length more than fifty miles, General March told the newspapermen today in his mid-week conference.

When the Germans began their last advance the line stretched for 250 miles. It is now less than 200 miles.

Lacking official details of the British drive reported in Associated Press dispatches this morning, General March declined to comment upon this new allied thrust. He said, describing the period which had elapsed since his last talk that the allies had continued their attacks on limited fronts and at widely separated points.

Flanders Withdrawal

In Flanders, he pointed out, the points of the salient which had existed there have been bent in by allied attacks southeast of Meteren, on the north flank, and near Merville, on the south side. The apex was thus made "unhealthy" for the enemy and he was forced to withdraw from one to two miles on a 14-mile front.

On the plains near the Oise the allies advance has put the line well back of the old 1916-1917 line. General March said the war department had not yet received details of the capture of Frapelet in the Vosges by the fifth United States division (regulars). The line at this point is four miles over the German border.

32 Divisions in France

General March enumerated 32 American divisions as having arrived in France. They are as follows: First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 32nd, 33rd, 35th, 36th, 37th, 41st, 42nd, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 85th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd and 93rd.

The chief of staff said that the 26th national guard and ninth national army divisions including many Texas units reached France between July 30 and August 13 and have been in training. The 90th, he said, has not yet reached the front line.

The 26th Faigu division (New England), which participated in numerous attacks near Chateau Thierry and which aided in the capture of the towns of Torcy and Belleau, was removed from its position on the Marne front on July 22 and is now back of the lines for recuperation.

Troops Sent Italy

General March corrected a report that the 77th division (troops of New York City and vicinity) was being sent to Italy. It was last reported, he said, in the Vosges.

General March said the 76th division

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### BRANDENBURG TROOPS TO INSTRUCT OTHERS

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 21.—In an address to the Brandenburg battalion Emperor William, according to a dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Karl Rosner, said that the battalion would be employed in working out every new phase of modern fighting for the purpose of instructing all the German infantry.

### DRIVE NORTH ANCRE RIVER YIELDS GAINS

British Under Byng Strike on Ten Mile Front for Three Mile Gain Between Albert and Arras—Achet-Le-Grand is Reached—At Same Time Blow is Struck in Flanders That Forces Germans Back in Lys Salient.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—British forces have captured Courcelles, Achet-Le-Petit and reached Moyenville and Beaucourt-sur-Ancre in their drive which began this morning north of the Ancre river, according to advices from the front. British attacks this morning were between Moyenville and Beaucourt-sur-Ancre, a distance of about 8 1/2 miles. It is reported that the British have advanced from two to three miles along this front.

The attack of the British this morning was made without artillery preparation. It was completely successful. The attack was made by the British third army under General Byng.

After capturing Achet-Le-Petit the British troops advanced another mile and a half to the east and reached Achet-Le-Grand.

On Ten Mile Front

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS, Aug. 21.—British forces struck the Germans over a front of approximately ten miles on the line southwest of Arras at dawn.

According to messenger details the British have advanced from two to three miles and have captured the towns of Moyenneville, Courcelles, Achet-Le-Petit and Beaucourt-sur-Ancre and have reached the town of Achet-Le-Grand. A large number of tanks participated in the attack.

Unofficial dispatches indicate that the British advance has carried the battle line up to a point three miles from Bapaume, reputed to be an important German base in the Picardy sector.

If the British drive continues along the northern side of the Picardy salient, the enemy forces farther south would be in a serious position. They are at present holding back the French and British along a line west of and parallel to the Somme, and north of that river they have been desperately resisting allied attacks as far north as Albert. The advance seems to have placed the northern section of the enemy's front in great danger.

Blow in Flanders

In the Flanders battle area the Germans also are under heavy pressure. Last night an attack was made from Festubert to the Lawe river, a distance of more than four miles. The village of La Touret, at about the middle of this line, has been captured.

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### NORRIS LEADING IN NEBRASKA PRIMARIES

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 21.—United States Senator George W. Norris is leading his opponents in the republican race for nomination for the United States senate, according to returns from yesterday's primary election.

Returns from 28 of the state's 93 counties give Senator Norris a total of 8,985 votes, compared to 6,920 for Ross L. Hammond and 6,720 for Congressman Charles H. Sloan.