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BRITISH EXTEND DRIVE NORTH OF ARRAS

HUNS LOSE POINTS HELD TWO YEARS

British Extend Pleadly Battlefront to North, Launching Successful Attack in Scarpe Region—Good Progress on Entire Line—Bapaume Being Slowly Pockets—British Advance on Both Sides of Somme—French Pressing Forward.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—(By the Associated Press, 7 p. m.)—Suzanne and Cappy, towns north and south of the Somme respectively, were captured today by Field Marshal Haig's forces according to reports received here this afternoon from the British battle front. The British also took Avesnes-les-Bapaume, a suburb of the town of Bapaume.

British troops also reached the western outskirts of Thriller, south of Bapaume.

An unconfirmed report states that Montauban and the outskirts of Longueval also were reached by the British. British troops today also captured the town of St. Ledger.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, Aug. 26.—Extending the Pleadly battle line far north into the Artois sector, the British launched an attack this morning in the Scarpe region east of Arras. This attack may be considered as a new development of the terrific battle east of the Ancre river, which has been going on since last Wednesday.

The British war office reports good progress being made in the new attack which was begun in an area where the Germans hold strongly fortified lines and which have been held by them for the last two years.

South of the Cojeul river the British have seemingly encountered a slight setback, for today's reports show they are fighting west of regions of where the battle was said to be going yesterday.

Bapaume Being Pockets

Bapaume is seemingly being slowly pocketed by the British. Gavrenil, a mile and a half to the northeast, has been taken by the British, who have passed beyond the village, while farther north Morey has been taken.

Progress on each side of the Somme river is officially reported from London and it is said that the British are advancing toward Maricourt, four miles northeast of Bray.

There has been great artillery activity from Roye to the Aisne river, according to the French official report, but there is no mention of new infantry attacks in this vital sector. German surprise attacks on the French lines in the Vosges sector have been repulsed.

Near Old Line

As the battle stands today the British appear to be quite near the old Hindenburg line south of Arras, while they are making an attack directly against it along the Scarpe river. If the attack launched this morning is successful, it may have a determining effect on the course of the battle farther south, for a German retreat over a wide section might be forced. It also will affect the Flanders sector to the north, from which the Germans are said to be retiring.

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SOLDIERS IN RIOT OVER STRANGE FLAG

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—A white flag bearing in its center a red triangle raised in an uptown street by Jewish Red Cross workers resulted in several shots being fired and the banner destroyed in a bonfire.

Soldiers, sailors and civilians took part in the fight when the military men mistook the flag for the emblem of the Bolsheviks. No one was injured.

FRENCH REPEL GERMAN BLOW NEAR SOISSONS

Enemy Flung Back From Counter Attack With Losses—British Capture Monchy, and Other Towns Advancing in a Few Hours Over Two Miles on a Four Mile Front.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY ON THE OISE FRONT, Aug. 26.—(By the Associated Press, Noon.)—Violent counter attacks launched by the Germans this morning between the River Ailette and Mont Saint-Mard and Juvisy, north of Soissons, were completely smashed by the French. General Mangin's army is still menacing the German communications between the river Aisne and the Soissons and Laon region.

French troops are still stonily holding the positions they have won in this sector and further gains on the plateau to the eastward in the direction of the Chemin-des-Dames would put the enemy in another dangerous pocket.

PARIS, Aug. 26.—The Germans attempted a counter offensive today, on a large scale against the right wing of General Mangin's army in the region between Vailly and Soissons. The attack utterly failed.

General Mangin's army repulsed the German onslaughts everywhere and in some instances gained ground. The French flung back the attacking troops even beyond their starting points.

WITH THE BRITISH FORCES IN FRANCE, Aug. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—British troops in their new drive on the Arras front this morning are reported to have entered the town of Monchy-Le-Prenx and to have captured Orange Hill.

North of Bapaume the Germans have been driven further back. According to a report from the front lines the British have reached the Bapaume-Bengraine road and have established themselves there.

The British succeeded this morning in pushing back the German line southeast of Arras considerably relieving the position of that city.

The Germans are making great efforts to hold Bapaume but the town is gradually being surrounded.

Rapid Progress

LONDON, Aug. 26, 1 p. m.—This morning's attack was launched between the Scarpe river at Famprix and the heights northeast of Neuville-Vitasse. Monchy-Le-Prenx, Guenappe and Wanecourt, a little less than five miles southeast of Arras, have been taken in today's attack. Farther south the British have taken Mory and made progress to the southeast of the village.

In a few hours the British made an advance of two miles on a front of four miles, according to a dispatch received here from the battlefield.

In the battle area south of the Somme, General Dohenney's French army has captured Fresnoy-Les-Roye, about three miles north of Roye, according to today's dispatches. General Mangin's army also has made a slight advance between the Ailette and the Aisne. Four hundred prisoners were taken by this army yesterday.

Adds Four Miles

The towns of Monchy-Le-Prenx, Guenappe and Wanecourt were on the

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FRENCH RADICALS FOLLOW WILSON

Paris, Aug. 26.—(Havas.)—The executive committee of the radical party at a meeting yesterday adopted a resolution in favor of a society of nations as outlined by President Wilson. The party will urge its members in the French parliament to work for the realization of such a plan.

TEDDY SEEKS ARMY TRAINING FOLLOWING WAR

Colonel Roosevelt Advocates Compulsory Military Service Between Ages of 18 and 21 as Prevention for Future Wars—Urges Speeding Up of War Preparations.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 26.—Speed up the war, prepare to defend ourselves afterward and make ready to solve the industrial and social problems which will come with peace, were the demands of Theodore Roosevelt expressed in an address here today.

Colonel Roosevelt spoke at the centennial celebration of the admission of Illinois to statehood.

"The two great needs of the moment," he said, "are to insist upon thorough going and absolute Americanism throughout this land, and to speed up the war; and secondarily to make ready to prepare for the tasks that are to come after the war, the task of preparing so that never again shall war find us helpless, and the task of preparing for the social and industrial problems which this earth-shaking conflict of giants will leave in its ruinous wake.

Denounces Pacifists
"For the moment the pacifists and internationalists and pro-Germans dare not be noisy. But let our people beware of them as soon as the peace negotiations begin and from that time onward. They have worked together in the past and they will work together in the future.

"The pacifists are the enemies of righteousness. The internationalists are the enemies of nationalism and Americanism.

Universal Service
The speaker advocated universal obligatory training of boys between 18 and 21.

Referring to the effort to end the war as early as possible, he said, "By next spring we should have thousands of our own field guns and scores of thousands of our own airplanes at the front, and an enormous ship tonnage in which to ferry across so many troops that by April we may have 4,000,000 trained fighting men at the front, not counting non-combatants and reserves."

FISHING CRAFT SUNK BY U-BOAT REPLACED BY U. S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Fishing craft destroyed by German submarines off the New England coast will be replaced by the Emergency Fleet corporation at the request of the food administration with deep sea modern trawlers.

Construction will be begun immediately on seventy-five vessels, to be in operation on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and in the Gulf of Mexico early in 1919. The food administration asked for the boats in order to increase the production of salt water fish.

Heavy increases in the annual production of Haddock, small cod, flat fish and other salt water varieties are expected to result from operation of the new trawlers and enable cargoes to enter all the interior markets of the country every week in the year, stabilizing prices at low levels.

WITH HIS "T IN HAT" ON



General J. J. Pershing snapped for the first time wearing a steel helmet. This is the latest photograph of our commander-in-chief, taken at the front.

BRITISH LOSSES IN 10-DAY DRIVE PLACED 23,500

LONDON, Aug. 26.—The British third and fourth armies suffered casualties estimated at about 23,500 between August 15 and August 25, according to advices from the front. During this same period the German losses in prisoners alone have amounted to 20,000 men in the battle east of the Ancre.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Aug. 26.—(Reuter's Limited.)—British troops yesterday took another 1,500 prisoners and made further collection of guns, trench mortars and machine guns. Field Marshal Haig's forces swung forward as far as Longueval in their advance north of the Somme.

PARIS, Aug. 26.—The number of prisoners taken by the British since August 21, has reached 20,000, the Petit Journal declares.

According to Le Journal three new German divisions have been identified opposite the British. Since August 8, nearly 50 German divisions have been in the fighting against the British.

SUBMARINE SINKS FOUR FISHING SHIPS

ST. PIERRE, Miquelon, Aug. 26.—News of the sinking of four fishing schooners by a German submarine was brought here today by the crew of the E. B. Walters of Lunenburg, N. S., one of the vessels destroyed. All of the crews probably reached shore, the survivors said.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Aug. 26.—Sinking of the Gloucester fishing schooner J. J. Flaherty by a German submarine was reported in a message received here today by the owners from Captain Charles T. Gregory, who with his crew have landed safely at St. Pierre.

SEATTLE WAR WORKERS GO OUT ON STRIKE

SEATTLE, Aug. 26.—Following the breaking off of negotiations last night between representatives of the Pacific Coast Steel company here and employees of the company, engaged on contracts for the emergency fleet corporation, a strike was declared at 7 o'clock today. The employees declared that more than 1,000 workers went out. They demand pay and working conditions similar to those in effect in the shipyards.

BOLSHEVIKI FLEE UPON ARRIVAL OF JAP TROOPS

LONDON, Aug. 26.—General Semenov's opponent in the Trans-Baikal region has withdrawn as a result of the arrival of Japanese troops at Manchuria, according to a Tien Tsin dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. Only 3,000 of the Bolshevik troops remain in that region.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—Japanese troops are completing their concentration on the Ussuri front, according to dispatches from Vladivostok. At Engenika, sailors supported by armored cars, attacked the Bolshevik troops in the face of heavy artillery fire and routed them.

The strike at Vladivostok is terminating in a fiasco. At the arsenal shops a serious clash between strikers and non-strikers occurred but allied patrols intervened. The dispatch says the Bolshevik agitation among various elements of workmen is subsiding.

It is reported that Americans have privately loaned the city of Vladivostok 3,500,000 rubles, taking the tramways as security.

NAVAL SEAPLANE LOST IN COLLISION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Loss of a naval seaplane carrying a crew of three, including Ensign Donald C. Pero, in collision with another seaplane off Fire Island Saturday, was announced today by the navy department.

Pero's machine is believed to have sunk immediately after falling into the water. Mine sweepers searched the vicinity but could discover no trace either of the crew or of the plane.

Ensign H. Stevens, piloting the other plane, landed safely with his mechanic and assistant and aided in the unsuccessful search. The accident occurred at about 7 o'clock in the evening.

The two men missing with Ensign Pero are W. C. Jaeger, chief machinist mate, and F. A. Newman, machinist mate.

31 FORD PLANTS OFFERED GOVERNMENT

DETROIT, Aug. 26.—The Ford Motor company has offered its 31 assembling and service plants throughout the country to the government.

One of the eastern plants already has been accepted and is being used in the production of gas masks.

SENATE VOTING AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT BILL

House Measure Taken Up and Given Clear Track—Clothes for Officers at Cost—Education for Boys Under 21 at Government Expense When Drafted.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—By unanimous consent the senate agreed tonight to vote not later than 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon on the administration man power bill extending the draft ages to 18 and 45 years. Debate will be limited after 1 o'clock.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—A clear track was given in the senate today to the man-power bill, passed Saturday by the house, broadening the army draft age limits to 18 and 45 years.

When the senate convened under a long standing agreement to take up war time prohibition, Senator Shepard of Texas, prohibition advocate, moved to temporarily lay that measure aside. It was agreed to and debate on amendments to the man power bill was resumed with passage late today or tomorrow expected.

Use House Bill
To expedite and simplify procedure, the house bill was substituted for the draft which has been pending in the senate. The senate military committee met before the senate convened and reported the house bill with minor amendments, after adding amendments including the "work or fight" proposal.

The senate committee struck out the amendment of Representative Treadway of Massachusetts adopted by the house, providing for appointment of special examiners by the provost marshal general to reclassify men in existing deferred classes. This amendment, the committee agreed, would cripple authority of state draft boards and is unnecessary because General Crowder already has power to make any reclassification deemed desirable.

Amendments Passed
An amendment by Senator Smith of Georgia providing for purchase from the government at cost by army, navy and marine corps officers of their uniforms and equipment was adopted.

After attempts to modify it had failed, the senate accepted without a record vote the committee amendment providing that the wife of a soldier or sailor shall not be disqualified for any position under the government because she is married.

Senator Shields of Tennessee proposed a substitute, in effect waiving the civil service laws insofar as they would affect such women which was rejected by a vote of 46 to 19.

Education Clause

By a vote of 53 to 13 the senate also accepted the committee amendment presented by Senator Reed of Missouri, providing for the education after the war at government expense of boys under 21 years of age who either enlist or are drafted into the military or naval service.

The provision permits such boys as desire to attend approved educational institutions for a period equivalent to that of their service providing it does not exceed two years. Those

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EIGHT BILLION TAX MEASURE DRAFTED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—After nearly two months' work on the \$8,000,000,000 revenue bill, the house ways and means committee planned to complete the measure today preparatory to reporting it to the house Thursday.

Passage by the house before September 15 is planned. Senate leaders, however, do not anticipate disposal of the measure in the upper house before the first of November.

PROHIBITION TO BE EFFECTIVE ON JULY 1ST, 1919

President Said to Favor Extension of Date When Dry Amendment Will Become Effective—Compromise for July 1 Instead of January 1 Favored.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—President Wilson, senate prohibition leaders today declared, is not opposed to legislation pending in the senate proposing national prohibition during the war, but has suggested that the proposed time for its becoming effective—January 1, next—be extended. Negotiations to that end, it was said, seemed to assure an agreement for the passage of the bill and also for some extension of time to liquor interests.

The prohibition bill was temporarily sidetracked today in the senate in favor of the man power extension and also to give time for the negotiations between the opposing factions. Senator Shepard of Texas, manager of the prohibition bill, stated today following a recent conference at the White House that the president did not object to action by congress on the legislation, but discussed extending the effective date of the restrictions. Sufficient time, the president was said to feel should be given, the interests involved in the liquor business to close on their affairs, including banks holding bonded warehouse certificates. July 1, 1919, was the new date suggested. That time also should be afforded for special adjustment was said to have been suggested by the president.

The new date, it was said, would not interfere with government revenue collections on liquor for the fiscal year and thus avoid re-drafting the war revenue bill which is based on estimated returns of about \$900,000,000 from intoxicants.

Senator Shepard said the bill's passage is certain, but "wet" and "dry" leaders disagreed over the extension of time today. The latter were said to be willing to postpone operation of the law for a few months after January 1, but opposed demands from opponents of the bill for extension to July 1, or longer.

Later today, after much cloak room negotiation, leaders said the prohibition supporters had agreed to fix July 1, 1919, instead of January 1 of next year, as the date when prohibition would become effective. Although some of the bill's opponents were demanding a longer extension, representatives of both factions said it appeared probable that July 1 finally would be agreed to.

BLOOD HOUNDS TRAIL PRIEST LOST IN WOODS

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 26.—Bloodhounds from the Oregon penitentiary were taken today to a point near Mount Angel, Ore., to attempt to trail the Rev. Father Othmayer, an aged priest from Mount Angel college who became lost a week ago when he started to walk to Grassy Flat, several miles away, to attend a celebration. It was feared that he had wandered into the nearby mountains and become exhausted.

ST. LOUIS BANK FAILS TO OPEN DOORS

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 26.—The Union Station bank, with deposits of \$1,800,000 did not open for business today and it was announced the bank was in the hands of the state bank commissioner. Bank examiners began an investigation a week ago. Poor collateral and slow security are attributed to the bank's financial condition.