

# ALLIES STRAIGHTENING OUT SALIENT

## GAIN THRU HILLS AND FORESTS IS EFFECTED

GERMAN RESISTANCE IN VICINITY OF CHAMBRAY FAILS TO STOP FRENCH AND AMERICANS WHO MAKE PROGRESS

TEUTONS TRY NEW GAS ON ALLIES—ENEMY'S BARBED WIRE ENTANGLEMENTS DESTROYED BY ALLIED GUNS

With the American Army, Aug. 1.—The American and French forces launched an attack yesterday from Chambray to clear the salient and demolish the barbed wire entanglements which the Germans had placed thru the hills and forests. An advance was secured by the Americans beyond Serzy, their forces reaching within two kilometers of Chambray.

The Allied forces are now effecting progress against stubborn resistance by the Germans in the vicinity of Chambray, which the Americans are now approaching and where young Quentin Roosevelt fell to his death a short time ago.

The Germans used a new gas yesterday which had a white flame and smoke.

The artillery of the Allies succeeded in finding mine after mine of the barbed wire entanglements which the Germans had placed.

Some of the enemy infantry had dug in behind the wires but they were mowed down by the Allied machine gunners.

The Allies' attack is for the purpose of outflanking the Maniere wood and cutting off the blunt edge of the salient between Romigny and Clerges.

Paris, Aug. 1.—The Germans have attacked the French forces in the Bligny section this morning, but have been repulsed.

Washington, Aug. 1.—The army casualty list issued today contained 120 names. Twenty were killed in action, 20 died of wounds and 11 of disease.

The marine casualties numbered only five.

## NARROW ESCAPES WHILE DRIVING CAR

While driving down Sixth street this morning Jud Low ran into a telephone pole and badly smashed the car he was driving, but with the exception of a few scratches was unharmed.

## YANKEE LADS EFFECT COUP BY STRATEGY

BRILLIANT MOVE BY AMERICANS GETS HUGE BUNCH OF ENEMY WHICH ARE EITHER KILLED OR CAPTURED

With the American Army, Aug. 1.—German effort to advance their lines against the Americans yesterday proved fruitless, and they are gradually giving way to the right and left.

On Monday night the Americans pretended to retire from a part of Seringes. The Germans then advanced, whereupon two companies of Americans closed in and enveloped the force, killing or capturing every man in it.

American aerial observers were attacked by eight enemy planes but escaped.

Paris, Aug. 1.—The air observers say that the enemy is destroying material behind his present front and preparing to retire further north.

## DRAFT AGE LIMIT MAY BE RAISED

BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS NEXT WEEK—AGE LIMITS RECOMMENDED NOT REVEALED BY BAKER

Washington, Aug. 1.—The war department announced plans today for enlarging the military program including the extension of the draft age in both directions.

Secretary Baker says the bill will be introduced in congress next week, enabling the military committee to begin considering it without delay.

Secretary Baker would not reveal the age limits recommended by the department. Published reports of 19 to 45 years were incorrect, he said, and added that this limit was among those considered and rejected.

## COTTON CROP ESTIMATE IN MATERIALLY REDUCED

Washington, Aug. 1.—The loss of 1,616,000 bales of cotton in the prospective crop due to the drought in the western part of the cotton belt, is shown by the department of agriculture forecasts issued today, which places the crop at 12,619,000 bales.

## SERIOUS RIOTS IN UKRAINE

London, Aug. 1.—Serious riots are reported from country districts in the Ukraine, according to a Kiev dispatch. The peasants are declared to be offering armed resistance to the "German usurpers."

## Czecho-Slovaks Make Progress In Far East

London, Aug. 1.—A dispatch from Moscow declares that the Czecho-Slovaks have captured a large railway bridge at Ryazan in the Volga region, which secures them communication with Siberia. They have also taken the town of Yokaterburg, near the Siberian border.

## Hungry Flames Destroy Many City Buildings

Fire Losses Aggregating Over Ten Thousand Dollars Result From Sweeping Blaze at Early Hour This Morning

Main Part of Business District Has Narrow Escape. Big Pavilion, Two Residences and Paint Shop Lost.

The most destructive fire since the burning of the Martin brothers mill a year ago, early this morning burned the big pavilion at the corner of Fourth and Klamath avenues, the home of A. A. Mohaffey adjacent and that of J. H. Garrett across the street.

The paint shop owned by Paul Lambert next to the Mohaffey home was also destroyed and the entire business district of Klamath Falls had the most narrow escape imaginable from destruction.

The unusually high wind served to fan and spread the flames which cracked the windows of the Dodge garage on the opposite corner and sent sparks which caught temporarily on one or two of the buildings further on in the same block.

The fire was discovered shortly after three o'clock by A. A. Mohaffey, who was awakened by the heat from his open window. Failing to raise central over the phone he ran over and aroused the fire department at the city hall, but by the time the engine could be gotten out and put into action the fire had gained such headway on the dry frame building that there was no hope of saving it.

Mrs. Mohaffey, who has been in an unusually nervous condition for some time past, fainted from the shock and had to be carried from the house. Practically everything in the way of furniture and personal belongings was lost.

Mr. Garrett's home and furniture is also almost a total loss, nothing except a few papers of value and one or two pictures having been saved.

Mrs. Garrett being away on an extended visit, the house had been rented temporarily to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Edmunds, who had moved in yesterday, Mr. Garrett retaining one room.

Opinions vary as to the cause of the fire. Many are of the opinion that it was started by some one who carelessly threw away a cigaret or cigar stub following the dance at the pavilion, which was held until a late hour. Some who were on hand among the first, believe that it was set with kerosene or inflammable oil. The buildings being dry, everything burned with remarkable rapidity.

The pavilion, which had been the property until a short time ago of Major C. E. Worden, had been taken over by James Wilson of Waterman, Oregon. He is known to have carried insurance of \$1000 on it, but whether other policies were held is not known.

The loss of the building is estimated by the insurance agent to be about \$5000. Mr. Mohaffey's loss is estimated at about \$2000, which is half covered by insurance. The Garrett house, which was completed only a short time ago, was valued at \$2000, in addition to the furniture. The

insurance will aggregate about \$2300. The Lambert loss is estimated at between \$200 and \$400.

It was expected by a large part of the crowd witnessing the fire, that the Dodge garage was doomed to follow the other buildings in which case there is little doubt but what the whole block would have gone. All the cars were run out to a place of safety and other precautions taken but by a fortunate chance the building escaped.

A wood shed belonging to Mrs. Moley Wann just below the Garrett residence was burned to the ground, as were several sheds back of the pavilion. The sidewalks around the burned buildings also are in ruins. An explosion of a gasoline tank near the pavilion was another feature of the fire.

## ENEMY GIVING WAY TO HEAVY ALLIED FORCE

RETREAT OF HUNS TO VESLE RIVER IS DEEMED IMMINENT—WEDGE DRIVEN BY ALLIES NEAR NESLES

By Associated Press

Dateless Dispatch—Despite the tremendous efforts put forth by the Germans to check the pressure of the Allies north of the Oureog, the Huns yesterday found their positions there in grave danger.

The Allies now seem to be in a position to compel the hurried retreat from Ronchores and Sigemme at the extreme bottom of the salient.

The Allied line now runs south from Soissons to Grand Rozy, then begins to turn east and passes north of Fere-en-Tardenois, and continues to the apex of the wedge at Nesles, where it turns sharply south again toward Ronchores.

German counter attacks at vital points have failed and the Allies have succeeded in gaining ground. There now seems to be little doubt but that the enemy will retreat to Vesle river.

The Americans have driven a wedge into the German lines near Nesles. The fighting here is so desperate that few prisoners have been taken.

## GARRETT GETS CONTRACT FOR NEW PAVING

OIL MACADAM IS IMPROVEMENT DECIDED UPON FOR PAVING SHORT STRETCH OF COUNTY ROAD—DONE IN TWO MONTHS

The County court decided at a meeting yesterday afternoon to accept the bid of Contractor J. H. Garrett for the oil macadam improvement of the county road from the lower end of the Sixth street paving east past the Altamont ranch, for a distance of 5180 feet.

The new road will be 30 feet wide and the bid is accepted on a basis of \$1.43 per square yard. The contracts will be signed Saturday.

The improvement is to be completed within 60 days after the signing of the contract.

This stretch of road was filled several years ago with crushed rock, but the constant travel upon it has worn holes and hummocks which now render it almost impassable. Its improvement will be hailed with joy by the majority of farmers who have occasion to visit the city.

## MANY RESERVISTS CALLED FOR SHIPS

Washington, Aug. 1.—The navy department is now calling into active service the thousands of reservists to man the new ships being turned out by the shipping board.

## LONDON MUNITION STRIKE IS ENDED

London, Aug. 1.—The munition workers strike here is now definitely ended.

## How American Destroyer Looks When Out of Water



This is the latest destroyer built by the United States navy. The picture was taken before she was launched near San Francisco. It shows how one of these swift vessels looks out of water.

## NEW DRAFT CALL MADE BY CROWDER

Washington, Aug. 1.—Provost Marshal Crowder has called for 5,599 grammar school graduates from 22 states for special training courses. The men may volunteer until August 6, and will be entrained on August 15.

Out of Oregon's quota 303 men will be sent Benson Polytechnical Institute and 247 from Washington will be sent to the Oregon Agricultural College.

## RUSSIA TO LOSE PART OF TERRITORY

Amsterdam, Aug. 1.—The Berlin newspaper correspondents say that Russia has agreed that Livonia and Esthonia be separated from Russia as a result of negotiations between Germany and the Soviet government. Courland will be united with Livonia and Esthonia.

The purpose of the National War Savings committee is to create an army of savers who will, by saving, release labor and materials for the use of the government in the war, and who will lead their savings to the government to prosecute the war.

## ENEMY NOW PREPARING TO RETIRE TO VESLE

AMERICANS AND FRENCH EXERTING PRESSURE OVER WEDGE SECTIONS WHICH WILL FORCE TEUTONS BACK OF FINNES

NEW STRIKE TODAY SOUTH OF SOISSONS CUTS OUT BELIEF NEAR OULOHY LE CHATEAU—HUNS RECRUIT FROM MASS

By Associated Press

Dateless Dispatch—The American and French troops have now begun a turning movement, which if successful will compel the retirement of the Germans over a wide sector east of Fere-en-Tardenois.

They have attacked on a three mile front on each side of Nesles, the furthest point of the wedge driven into the enemy's lines.

Berlin claims to have taken 20,000 prisoners. It is unofficially reported in Paris that Germany has attempted the withdrawal of more troops from the eastern front.

With the American Army, Aug. 1.—The Germans are now believed to be planning a withdrawal to a new position along the Vesle river. A deserter who crawled into the lines last night declared that orders had been issued for retrograde movements until the railway junction at Fismes was reached. Up till noon today the activity along the line was confined to artillery fire.

London, Aug. 1.—The Allies delivered a new stroke today over a ten mile front, between Busancy, four miles south of Soissons, to Seringes north of Fere-en-Tardenois. The lines were advanced substantially and the elbow in the line at Oulohy Le Chateau wiped out, according to report.

Seattle firm gets big ship contract

Washington, Aug. 1.—The emergency fleet corporation has awarded the contract for 30 steel cargo vessels and 10 tugs to the Ames Shipbuilding company of Seattle.

Fourteen of the cargo vessels will be built at Seattle and the others at Long Beach, Cal.

The city of Seattle has been authorized today to sell five and a half million dollars worth of bonds for the construction of hydraulic plants on the Skagit river to serve in the war industries.

## Kaiser Brags of Undaunted Courage

Amsterdam, Aug. 1.—The coming of the American armies and the numerical superiority of the Allies do not frighten Germany, according to a proclamation of Emperor William.