

SPLENDID STRATEGIC GAIN BY ALLIES

Best Move Since Hun Retirement From Marne Made

Allied Armies Now Holding Commanding Positions Which Will Cause Rapid Evacuation By the Enemy.

Substantial Gains By Americans, French and British Along Marne Salient Put New Aspect on Situation.

(By Associated Press.) What is described by London reports as the turning point in the summer campaign and possibility of the whole war, is the result of the most recent activities on the West front which the Allied forces have...

clied Villa En Tardenois a short distance to the southwest of Fere-Ba-Tardenois, and are pressing the Germans gradually further back toward the Vesle river.

Yesterday the Franco-British attack on the western side of the Marne salient penetrated to a depth of three miles on a five mile front and resulted in the capture of the entire ridge forming a watershed beyond the Ourcq.

This advance is declared to be possibly the most important thing the Allies have accomplished since the Germans retired from the Marne.

The new Allied positions command the whole area to the northward, taking in the entire western gate thru which the Germans have been retreating.

The French have taken the town of Goussancourt and the situation is considered extraordinarily good.

The Americans gained a better position by the capture of the Melere wood, which one critic says is the keystone of the whole German line in the center.

German prisoners taken in the engagement said they had been ordered to hold their positions at all costs.

The French, in dispatches from the French army, are declared to have continued their advance and to have taken additional towns and villages in this sector. The enemy has lost many prisoners in the recent actions.

The Allied forces have now estab-

HOME ON FURLOUGH

Garner Lundy and Ira Orem came in from the naval station at Mare Island last night for a furlough, with their parents here. Mr. Lundy has been granted 30 days leave to assist his father, Amos Lundy of the Bly district, in gathering his beef and other work on the ranch.

FOUR LOCAL MEN ANSWER LATEST CALL

TWO MORE WANTED TO COMPLETE QUOTA—WILL BE SENT TO POLYTECHNICAL SCHOOL AT PORTLAND

Four out of the six boys asked of Klamath county by Provost Marshal Crowder under the latest call, have already volunteered at the office of the local exemption board, and will report at the Benson Polytechnical school at Portland August 15th for special training.

The four volunteers are Kart Hamaker, George Orle, A. M. Melby and Don C. Redfield.

WEATHER REPORT

Oregon—Fair with gentle westerly winds. Maximum yesterday—84. Minimum today—45.

Early Joint Action In Siberia Assured

Washington, August 2.—A joint action immediately between the Japanese and the Entente Powers and America for Siberia is now assured. Aid will be extended to the Czech-Slovak forces.

GERMAN PRESS PREPARES HUNS FOR BAD NEWS

TEUTON OFFENSIVE ON WEST DISCLOSED "POSTPONED"—PROMISE OF DECISIVE BLOW IS REHEWED

Washington, August 2.—Official dispatches from France tell how the German high command has published in the newspapers through Germany an official statement preparing the people for the defeat in the second battle of the Marne, but renewing the promise of a decisive blow against the Anglo-French front.

"An official note published in all the papers of the empire," says the dispatches, "tries to make the German public accept the total failure of the ambitious program which was destined to develop into the ultimate crushing of the Entente."

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"With this end in view, new basis for subsequent operations, proceedings for displacements and strategic regroupings have to be created. Whilst awaiting preparations for future operations they have been forced to retire in the northern direction of the Marne front."

"How far will this retirement be carried out? A treatment of about a dozen kilometers will perhaps be sufficient. It is not thought necessary to day that Hindenburg should find himself under the obligation of withdrawing the front as far back as the Vesle."

The German 'interior' front is implored 'not to renounce its confidence in our Hindenburg on account of that.'

BRINGS BACK MEN AFTER LONG CHASE

T. D. Carson and Bill Smith, alleged to have stolen harness tools and other goods from Lake E. Walker on July 26, were brought in today by Constable Fred Herley, after an extended chase. The culprits were finally apprehended at Phoenix, near Medford. They left here with a team several days ago.

FLAG POLE BLOWS DOWN

In the high wind yesterday the big 100 foot flag pole at the U. S. S. S. building fell with the flag flying. It fortunately missed the main building by a fraction of a foot and struck the fence smashing it rather badly.

Men Who Control Our Wires



Left to right—David J. Lewis, Postmaster Burleson, John C. Koons and William H. Lamar.

Yesterday all telegraph and telephone systems passed into the control of the United States government under Postmaster-General Albert S. Burleson as the directing head. A committee of three will help him in the operation of the lines. Reading from left to right: Former Congressman David J. Lewis of Maryland, now member of the United States Tariff commission; Postmaster-General Burleson; First Assistant Postmaster-General John C. Koons, and William H. Lamar, solicitor for the Postoffice department.

ESTIMATED CASUALTIES VERY LARGE RETIREMENT OF HUNS IS NOW GENERAL

DAILY LISTS ISSUED BY PRESS—ING ARE FOR NEARLY MONTHS—BELIEVED AMERICAN CASUALTIES WILL BE 25,000

Many local people are inquiring as to the reason of the relatively small casualty lists issued daily by General Pershing, in view of the heavy engagements now in progress on the western front, and in which the Americans are taking so prominent a part.

It is therefore explained that the list of casualties are completed and issued from 20 to 30 days after their occurrence, and that the official list of the dead and wounded and missing from the big battle has not commenced to come in.

It is estimated by reliable authorities that about 25,000 American casualties have already resulted from the Allied offensive. The list today is unusually large, containing 228 names.

VISIT FROM REDDING

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Estep, parents of Mrs. C. C. Whitmore, of this city, are here with their family for a short time from Redding, Cal. They expect to leave tomorrow, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore for an auto tour of the northern part of the state.

HEARING ON COURT HOUSE CASE ASKED

MOTION TO STRIKE FILED BY COUNTY COURT AGAINST DEFENDANTS' ANSWER IN BIG LAW SUIT

Declaring that the defendant's answer to the County court in the suit brought against Former County Judge Marion Hanks, J. M. Deagan Company, C. R. DeLap and E. E. McClaran, "is a sham, frivolous and irrelevant as a cross complaint," a motion to strike the defendants' further and separate answer, together with an application for a hearing before Judge F. M. Calkins at Medford on Saturday, August 3, has been filed in the office of the Circuit court clerk by Prosecuting Attorney Wm. Duncan, Deputy W. E. Wiley, E. L. Elliott, Jay Dowerman and Fred Mills.

The motion to strike alleges that "if the defendant's answer to the court is filed as a cross bill, it is not so entitled, and that the allegations therein are untrue and that the defendant's answer is a sham and a fraud."

An extended list of citations are asked struck from the answer. This is the latest step in the action of the court to collect a sum exceeding \$41,000 allegedly expended on the construction of the new courthouse on Main street.

NEW AMERICAN INSTRUCTOR AT CAMP LEWIS

Washington, August 2.—The American forces in France are now so proficient in their new methods of warfare that they will furnish instructors for the new units being organized in the United States. Brigadier General Cornelius Vandenberg has been assigned to Camp Lewis.

BRITISH CASUALTIES FOR JULY SMALLER

London, August 2.—British casualties reported during July totalled 67,391. This compares with total casualties reported in June of 141,147. The losses for July are divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds: Officers 231; men 6474. Wounded or missing: Officers 1537; men 56,769.

ALLIES ARE CROWDING THE ENEMY BACK FAST

IMPORTANT RAILROAD CENTER CLOSE TO FRENCH ON VESLE NOW IN HANDS OF VICTORIOUS ADVANCING ARMY

CHEQUES TAKEN AFTER BARD STRUGGLE—GERMANS IN FRONT OF AMERICANS WITHDRAW DURING NIGHT

The exact location of the new line is not given, but it is announced that the Allies have reached within five miles of Ameeves, which is an important railway center near the Vesle river and a very short distance from the junction at Fismes, which has apparently been one of the Allied objectives.

The Allies captured the town of Chiffres after severe fighting. It is assumed that the Germans at the St. Gemme tip of the salient retreated when Goussancourt was taken and the northern edge of the Meuniers wood cleared of the enemy. This marked an advance of a mile and three-quarters.

Seven hundred prisoners were taken by the Allies, bringing the total for the entire offensive up to 24,000. The French and British now outflank the German line northward to Solmons.

With the American Army, August 2.—The whole American line moved forward today while the armies along the flank pressed against the sides of the German salient. Gains were made almost without resistance, and after being hammered for days the Germans withdrew during the night so that when the Americans started early today they did not encounter the usual machine gun fire.

London, August 2.—The British forces carried out raids in the Ordeurde vicinity, capturing some prisoners.

Well Known Russian Author Is Arrested

London, August 2.—The arrest of Maxim Gorky, the Russian revolutionary author, has been ordered by the Soviet government investigating commission, according to a dispatch just received. His paper has been permanently suppressed.