

SOISSONS TAKEN IN ALLIED SWEEP

On-Rushing Forces Hammer Hun Army Steadily Backward

FEROCIOUS ONSLAUGHT REACHES VESLE RIVER. GERMANS ON RUN TOWARD AISNE—HIGHEST HOPES OF ALLIES SURPASSED

BATTLE SITUATION IS IRREVOCABLY DECIDED. FRENCH OCCUPY FIVE MILES ALONG AISNE RIVER—FURTHER RETREAT INDICATED

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Aug. 3.—The City of Soissons, which the Germans have defended so stubbornly, was taken by the French forces at 5 o'clock last night, one hour after the enemy had been driven from the suburbs.

The French advance forces have now reached the Vesle River, and are preparing to cross the stream, the Germans continuing their retreat towards the Aisne, while the French are pursuing close on their heels.

The newspapers say that the result of the battle surpasses the highest hopes of the allies, and the fall of Soissons irrevocably decided the fate of the battle, and that the situation will revert to where it was at the end of September, 1914.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—A German retreat on all three sides of the salient conquered by the Germans in May is now in progress. The allies are pressing close on the heels of the retreating foe.

The Germans are executing a local retirement to the east bank of the Aisne River in the Albert section, along a three or four mile front.

The French, after completing the occupation of Soissons, occupied the south bank of the Aisne between Pommiers and Venisel, a distance of five and a half miles.

Burning villages in the area north of the Vesle, between Muses and St. Thierry, indicate that a further withdrawal by the Germans is intended. Fourteen large fires are observed in this district.

It is unlikely that there will be any large capture of prisoners.

On the east of Rheims the French have made an important recovery of ground near St. Hillare.

The enemy had evidently not intended to evacuate Soissons, at which the big tanks and cavalry inflicted heavy losses.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 3.—The army casualties today numbered

UNITED STATES BOAT SUNK IN COLLISION

New York, August 3.—The American steamer Pocicon, formerly a Dutch vessel, was sunk in a collision with an American tanker off the Atlantic coast. Five of the crew are missing. The captain died after being landed, as a result of exposure.

Schooner Submerged Off Coast of Maine

Atlantic Port, August 3.—A crew of nine men from a lumber schooner was sunk by a submarine last night, between Grand Manan today. The Briar Island and Grand Manan.

106. One hundred and twelve were killed in action, eleven died of wounds. Private Forest I. Isom of Mosier, Or., was among those killed in action, and Private Leroy Melchisedeck of Bend, Ore., was among those severely wounded. The Marine Corps casualty list contained eleven names.

PARIS, Aug. 3.—Throughout the night the allies continuing to advance toward the Vesle, east of Soissons. The French have reached the Aisne, between Soissons and Venisel.

FOREST FIRES ARE BELIEVED LESS SERIOUS

Altho representatives of the Felican Bay Lumber mill have been unable to reach their camps at Kirk for the past two days and obtain the particulars regarding the forest fires which were so threatening early in the week, they are of the belief that the situation has been materially improved owing to the substantial rain which fell over the northern part of the county Wednesday night.

It is believed that if the situation had continued as alarming as before the word would have assuredly been brought in.

NEW HYGIENE CLASS MEETS WEDNESDAY

NEW CLASSES IN HYGIENE AND CARE OF THE SICK ARE TO BE LAUNCHED IMMEDIATELY AT DOMESTIC SCIENCE ROOM

The class in elementary hygiene and care of the sick to be instituted by the Red Cross chapter will hold a preliminary meeting next Wednesday afternoon at 8:30 at the domestic science rooms of the public school for the purpose of arranging for the course of study to be taken up by mothers with young children and mothers with growing children, and other married women.

The second class arranged for girls from the age of 16 will hold a meeting next Wednesday evening at the same place to organize classes.

The course of study adopted by the Red Cross chapter will be fully explained at that time.

Anyone not able to attend these meetings can make application by postal card to Mrs. Cecelia M. Berglund.

OVER HALF OF LAST CLASS IN CLASS 1 NOW

JUNE FIFTH REGISTRANTS HERE MORE THAN MEET ESTIMATES MADE BY DRAFT OFFICIALS—ALL NOW EXAMINED

Out of the 81 registrants who registered in Klamath county in the class of June 5th last, more than 50 per cent have qualified and have already been placed in Class I, according to announcement made by the local exemption board this morning.

It was estimated by the authorities that 50 per cent of the new class would be available for Class I and Klamath county has exceeded the estimate.

Every man has appeared now for his physical tests and all but one, R. J. Moore, of Klamath Falls, and John Kitchen of Merrill, have submitted their questionnaires.

HUGE STOCK SHIPMENTS FROM MODOC COUNTY

Alturas, August 2.—From 100 to 150 carloads of sheep and lambs are being shipped weekly from this and other nearby stations of the Oregon-California-Nevada railroad. This will continue for at least four months, and the wealth represented in the shipments will exceed \$2,500,000. The sheep all come from the extensive ranges of Modoc county, Cal., and Lake county, Oregon, where favorable conditions have existed during the last year.

WILSON FAVORS BIG TAX ON ALL WAR PROFITS

Washington August 3.—President Wilson indicated today that he favors a heavy tax on all war profits.

ARMY OF THE CROWN PRINCE IS IN RETREAT

FRENCH ARMY NOW HOLDS SEVERAL FORDS ACROSS VESLE RIVER—GERMAN IDEA OF MAKING STAND ABANDONED

With the French Army, August 3.—The crown prince's army is now in full retreat. There is no heavy artillery in action. The German losses are very heavy.

Paris, August 3.—Latest Dispatch—The French army is now holding several fords across the Vesle river, and the Germans have evidently given up the idea of making a stand there.

They are retreating north of the Vesle river with great precipitation. Great fires are raging in the territory evacuated by the enemy.

The German right wing on the north bank of the Aisne is in a dangerous position, and it is expected that the Teutons will be unable to hold their present stand.

West of Rheims the allies have now reached or are approaching Tinqueux, Thillois, Gueux and Rosny.

CONDITIONS IN FAR EAST ARE CHAOTIC

FINNISH NOW HOSTILE TO GERMANS—HUGE PEASANT UPRISING IN UKRAINA—FRUSTRATION BETWEEN HUNS AND TURKS

LONDON, Aug. 3. There are indications that the situation has changed in the last three weeks in Northern Russia, and that the Germans will shortly begin an offensive against the southern part of the Murman railway. The Finnish population is intensely hostile to the Germans.

There is a great shortage of food, and the people are entirely dependent on the extent of sustenance. Both the government and the army, however, are completely undergoing control.

The Germans have induced the Bolshevik government to agree to the cession of the whole of the Murman coast to Finland, notwithstanding the desire of the inhabitants to remain Russian. The Finnish army capable of undertaking an offensive probably does not exceed 20,000 men.

In the Ukraine the peasant rising has assumed large proportions and apparently seriously menaces the German and Austrian communications. The peasants are destroying the railroads and have blown up the bridge southeast of Kiev. The Austrian troops in the district have been unable to control them.

In the Caucasus there is great friction between the Germans and Turks. The Germans are trying to prevent the Turks from occupying Baku, on which a Turkish attack appears to be imminent. Baku is tightly garrisoned by Armenians and Bolsheviks and probably will fall.

There is evidence of growing discouragement in Bulgaria, which is said to be due chiefly to the exploitation of the Bulgarians by the Germans.

THRESHERMEN MUST REPORT WHEAT YIELD

MONTHLY REPORT MUST BE MADE IN ORDER THAT GOVERNMENT MAY KEEP TAB ON NATION'S PRODUCTION

In order to keep an accurate account of the wheat yield of the United States, all threshermen are this year obliged to make a monthly report to the county agricultural agent of the amount threshed. The price charged each farmer with the amount of his yield last season must also be recorded.

County Agent H. R. Glayner now has these books ready for distribution and threshermen are requested to call for them at his office when in town.

A record of the other grains harvested must also be kept, but it is not necessary to hand this in until the close of the season.

MANY APPLY FOR THE NEW SUGAR CARDS

County Food Administrator Geo. Chastain and his daughter, Miss Meta have been the busy parties during the past two days issuing the sugar cards required by the new ruling of the food administration.

At closing time last evening 155 permits to families in and around Klamath Falls for the month of August had been issued.

Stores in the outside districts will issue the cards to residents of their respective districts so the burden will not fall altogether on the one office.

EICHHORN'S MURDER PROOF THAT RUSSIA HATES GERMAN YOKE

PARIS, Aug. 3.—The murder of Field Marshall von Eichhorn, according to the comment in the Paris newspapers, demonstrates that the Russian people cannot endure the German yoke. This crime, the papers say, coming after the assassination of Count von Mirbach, the German ambassador to Russia, shows that the return to dictatorial methods in Russia was bound to place bombs in the hands of those men who for many years know no other argument of opposition.

"The situation in the East," says the Gaulois, "presents particularly stormy omens. Who knows if Germany will not be obliged to reconstitute the eastern frontier."

TYPHUS EPIDEMIC NOW IN BULGARIA

LONDON, August 2.—Travelers from Bulgaria, says an Amsterdam dispatch, declare that a serious outbreak of typhoid is raging in the Bulgarian army and at Sofia. The number of casualties is said to run into the thousands.

The departure from Sofia of King Ferdinand, the arrival at Amsterdam say, was due to the fact that two cases of typhoid had broken out in the royal palace.

NEW DRAFT AGES FROM 18 TO 45

BILL WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION WILL BE INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS MONDAY—THOSE UNDER 20 CALLED FIRST

Washington, August 3.—Senator Chamberlain, after a conference with Secretary Baker, today announced that Baker will recommend that the new draft ages will be made from 18 to 45 years. A bill to this effect will be introduced Monday.

Chamberlain said that men between 18 and 21 will be divided into three classes subject to call in sequence of years prescribed.

A similar plan is proposed for those between 22 and 25 years.

He expressed the opinion that those under 21 would be called first and thought it would be unnecessary to call those over 21 years.

PLOT TO BLOW UP TRANSPORT IS FRUSTRATED

Atlantic Port, August 3.—The authorities here believe they have frustrated an anarchist plot to destroy an American transport, by arresting a man who was caught up a rope ladder on the side of a ship. The man declared he had been selected by lot to blow up the ship.

BIG RANCH NEAR TOWN SOLD TODAY

A really deal was completed here this morning by which the 275 acre irrigated ranch on the Midland road belonging to Mayor C. B. Cristler, was taken over by Jack Connor, a sheepman. The ranch is located three and a half miles south of Klamath Falls and has a large acreage in alfalfa.

The consideration was not made public.

EXPECTED HOME SOON

The Misses Fernie and Grace Hoagland are expected home today or tomorrow from Portland, where they have spent the past three weeks as the guests of their sister, Mrs. A. M. Beaver.

HUGE PLAN FOLLOWED BY ALLIED LEADERS

TAKING OF SOISSONS ONLY A SMALL INCIDENT IN BIG CAMPAIGN UNDERTAKEN—ALLIES FIVE MILES FROM FRENCH

YANKERS IN FRANCE NOW NUMBER 1,500,000—NO SHORTAGE IN MAN POWER FOR AMERICAN ARMY—SHOOT ON RUN

Dole's Dispatch—The right wing of the German armies south of the Aisne river appears to have crumpled. The recapture of Soissons is only a small incident in the real scheme being worked out by the Allied commanders.

The Allies have now reached Serre-St. Pierre, five miles from Fismes.

Berlin reports speak of "desultory fighting."

Washington, August 3.—General March told the senate military committee today that there is no present danger of shortage in man power to fill the American armies.

General Pershing now has a million men under his direct command.

Eight American divisions are now actively engaged in fighting. Over 200,000 men were shipped to European ports in July, which breaks the record for all previous months. There are now a million, three hundred thousand men in France, he said.

General March declared that information showed that the enemy was leaving a tremendous amount of ammunition, and had been driven back before having time to bury the dead. The bodies are so thick on the field that it is impossible to advance without walking over them.

"HUNGER STONE" BRINGS FEAR TO THE GERMANS

Paris, July 30.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—The famous "hunger stone" in the river Elbe near Tetschen, which, according to the popular belief in Germany, predicts a famine when seen, is visible for the first time since the beginning of the war.

The stone lies in the bed of the river and has never been visible save at exceptional low tide. On the stone is inscribed in old German: "When ye see me, ye will weep."

Russ Seaport Revolts Favoring the Allies

Bolshevik in favor of the Allies has occurred at Archangel. The Soviet troops have fled from the city.