

FRENCH WIN EARLY MORNING VICTORY

GAIN TWO MILES ON TEN MILE FRONTAGE

FIVE HUNDRED PRISONERS ARE TAKEN BEFORE NINE O'CLOCK BETWEEN THE OISE AND THE AISNE RIVERS—VASSENS NOW CAPTURED

GERMAN POSITIONS NEAR SOISSONS ARE NOW ENDANGERED—ENEMY MAY WITHDRAW TO CHEMIN DES DAMES—BRITISH MAKE GAINS

(By Associated Press).

London, Aug. 20.—The French are attacking again today on a ten mile front between the Oise and Aisne rivers and have reached a maximum depth of two miles.

The advance endangers the old German division at Soissons and the Aisne and the Germans will possibly withdraw to the Chemin Des Dames. The French took 500 prisoners before nine o'clock this morning.

The British have repulsed four German attacks against Chilly, six miles north of Roye. Their lines have advanced in the neighborhood of Vieux Berquin and Outtersteen in the Lys salient. A hundred and fifty-two Germans have been taken prisoner here.

PARIS, Aug. 20.—The French last night occupied Vassens, northwest of Morait, between the Oise and Aisne rivers. The town of Nancy was bombarded by German airplanes. Six civilians were killed and a score injured.

To the north of Roye the French took Bracquemont and Fendu woods and occupied the greater part of Deuviagnes.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—(Later)—The latest reports say that today's attack by the French extended over a 15 mile front and that good progress was made everywhere. The advance since Saturday is over four miles at the maximum point.

Army casualties. Killed in action, 147; died of disease, 7; wounded severely, 109; wounded (degree undetermined), 4; prisoners, 1; missing in action, 2; died of wounds, 1; died of accident and other causes, 4; Private Edward A. Smith of Portland is reported missing in action.

MANY KILLED IN PETROGRAD HUNGER RIOTS

LONDON, Aug. 20.—Hundreds were killed and wounded in a veritable battle between the Lettish guards and rioters during the food disorders in Petrograd according to an Amsterdam dispatch via Berlin. The report says that after the city had been without food for two days, the procession of workmen marched the streets shouting "Down with the Germans, down with Kromlin." Martial law was proclaimed the same evening.

WILSON RETURNS FROM VACATION IN NORTH

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 20.—President Wilson returned today from his vacation on the Massachusetts coast as the guest of Colonel House.

OLDEST COWBOY STILL BREAKS COLTS

OCATA, N. M., Aug. 20.—Matt Crosby of this place is the oldest cowboy in active service in the United States. Recently he celebrated his ninety-first birthday by breaking a young horse just off the range, and followed this up by roping and tying a 3-year old steer in a little over four minutes.

Mr. Crosby is well known to the old timers from the Mexican border to the Colorado line. He has ridden the range for sixty years in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas. He performed valuable service during the Indian wars by acting as guide for soldiers, as he knew all the trails; is an expert shot with revolver and rifle and has hunted big game over most of the southwest.

UTAH COAL PRODUCTION NOW RAPIDLY INCREASING

SALT LAKE CITY, August 20.—Moroni Heiner, federal fuel distributor for Utah and southern Wyoming, at a recent meeting of fuel dealers here, stated that Utah will produce 1,000,000 tons more coal this year than in 1917. The increase for a half a million tons during the first six months of the year, Mr. Heiner explained, and he felt certain that the rate of production would be maintained.

U. S. STEAMER SINKS U-BOAT OFF VIRGINIA

CREW OF SUBMARINE CRY THAT THEY ARE FRIENDS BUT YAN-KEE CAPTAIN REPLIES THEY ARE NO FRIENDS OF HIS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 20.—The navy department announced today that a captain of an American steamer had reported that his vessel rammed and probably sank a submarine on August 17th off the northern coast of Virginia.

The submarine crew hailed in German accents saying that they were friends, but he replied that they were no friends of his. He kept on his course and thinks the submarine sank. The steamer was somewhat damaged.

AMERICAN CASUALTIES ARE TOTALED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 20.—Total casualties announced to date number 21,467, including 276 in today's army list. Total army casualties number 18,797; the marine corps list totals 2670.

Total deaths, including the killed in action, deaths from wounds, disease, accident and other causes since the United States forces landed in France, number 1132, including 291 lost at sea. Of that number 7296 were of the army and 227 of the marine corps.

The wounded to date number 11,615, of which 9755 are of the army and 1820 of the marine corps. Men missing in action and prisoners number 1719, of which 1626 are of the army and 93 of the marine corps.

The summary of the army casualty list now including today's follow: Killed in action, 2569. Died of wounds, 1189. Died of disease, 1556. Died of accident and other causes, 622.

Wounded in action 9755. Missing in action (including prisoners), 1626. Total to date, 18,797. The summary of the marine corps list follows: Deaths, 227. Wounded, 1820. Missing in action, 93.

HUGE YOUNG ARMY REGISTER SATURDAY

WASHINGTON D. C., Aug. 20.—The revised estimates by Provost Marshall Crowder today, show that 152,000 young men should register next Saturday who have become twenty-one since June 8. Crowder estimates that half of these will go in Class one. Oregon's estimated registration is 999.

COLLECTION SUIT FILED

An action for the collection of \$429.75 has been instituted in the office of the Circuit court clerk by the H. M. Edmunds Lumber company against W. L. Keesterson for logging machinery which is alleged to have been delivered July 28 of this year by the plaintiff to the defendant, and which it is declared the defendant neglects to pay for. The plaintiff is represented by Horace M. Manning.

LIBERTY BOND INTEREST DUE IS EXPLAINED

EXPLANATION GIVEN BY LOCAL BANKERS REGARDING INTEREST ON DEFERRED PAYMENTS—MANY INQUIRIES MADE

That the requirement that interest on the deferred installments paid by subscribers to the Third Liberty Loan is not well understood is evidenced by a letter received by one of the banks from a customer. He says:

"I am sending you the \$1.95 which you claim I owe the government. Now, there is one thing that I don't understand, and that is, why does the government expect me to pay interest on my own money that I am loaning the government? I thought that I was the one to receive the interest. It is something new to me to loan money to another and pay interest on it myself. I saw *** and *** said that they did not pay any interest; in fact, all of my neighbors have told me that they hadn't been requested to pay interest. Mr. *** told me that if he was in my place he wouldn't pay it. He was one of the solicitors and he should know about the laws concerning Liberty Bonds."

We are informed by a representative of the banks, that the misapprehension regarding this matter is due, largely, to the circumstances that the Third Liberty Loan campaign in Oregon was launched without the receipt by the precinct captains and the other solicitors, of instructions concerning the requirement that interest should be paid on the deferred installments. Consequently, the solicitors themselves, were ignorant of this requirement. The campaign was finished in Klamath county within a few days, with great credit to the people of the county, the quota being more than twice exceeded. Many persons paid cash outright for their bonds; these, of course, would have no interest to pay. It was not until the banks received detailed instructions from the government headquarters, after the campaign was well under way, that it became known that interest would be required.

However, when subscribers understood that their bonds, even though paid for in installments, draw interest on the full amount of the bond from May 9th, 1918, at 4 per cent, and will be returned to them when they cash their first interest coupons, they are usually satisfied.

For example, a man who subscribed for a \$100 bond on the installment plan, paid but \$5.00 cash with his subscription. Although he was not called upon to pay the next installment until May 25th, his bond began drawing interest on the full \$100 on May 9th. On May 25th, he paid \$20; on July 15th, \$25, and on August 15th, \$40. With this latest payment, when he is asked by the government to pay 78 cents interest on the deferred payments, his bond has already earned him \$1.13 interest.

The first interest payment, which, in the case of a \$100 bond, is \$1.49, will be payable to subscribers on September 15th. The coupons must be clipped from the bonds, and will be cashed at their face value by any bank, or by any merchant who understands their value.

The banks do not receive this interest on their own account, but on account of the government. Indeed, the banks were required to complete payment in full of their subscribers' bonds on August 15th, and did so, remitting hundreds of dollars for interest, a large part of which they had

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HUNS GIVE UP ALL HOPES OF REACHING SEA

EVACUATION OF MERVILLE TAKEN AS PROOF OF THIS—BRITISH CONTINUE ADVANCE TODAY—YANKS TAKE HUNS

(By Associated Press)

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY, Aug. 20.—By their withdrawal from the Merville sector the Germans have definitely given up the one point from which the drive for Calais logically could have been launched.

This is taken as an indication that they have abandoned all hope of finding the coast. The British have continued their advance today along the Merville sector closely following the retiring Germans, who still show no inclination to halt. The Germans have left behind many lines of retarding wire entanglements.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY, Aug. 20.—The Americans near Fismette took 69 Prussian prisoners without firing a shot. The prisoners declared that they had agreed to surrender if the opportunity offered.

HIG DRAFT REGISTRATION TO BE ON A SATURDAY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 20.—Provost Marshal General Crowder has decided to hold the national registration under the pending new man-power bill to extend the draft ages on a Saturday.

It has been announced that while the date could not be fixed until congress acted, a Saturday would be designated because of the half holiday which obtains in many localities.

CITY WOMAN BRINGS IN FINE BUCK

To kill a big 205 pound, six point buck deer on the run at a distance of 150 yards was the experience Saturday of Mrs. Lyle Mills of this city, who was hunting with her husband in the woods about five miles southwest of Keno.

The animal, which is a beautiful specimen, is now on exhibition in the window of the Palace Meat Market here. Mrs. Mills secured her trophy at the second shot with a 25-35 rifle and feels justly proud of her accomplishment.

FREIGHT RATES RAISED TO ALASKAN POINTS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 20.—The Pacific and Arctic Railway Navigation Company authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission to increase the freight rates five to eight dollars a ton from Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver, and San Francisco to Dawson and Yukon points.

WOULD LIMIT MINIMUM DRAFT AGE TO TWENTY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 20.—Representative Johnson of Washington is opposed to the drafting of men as young as 18 and wants the minimum placed at 20.

CENTRALIZED WAR EFFORT IS PLANNED

LEADERS OF VARIOUS WAR ACTIVITIES WILL WORK OUT PLANS TO SAVE MUCH LABOR FORMERLY WASTED

For the purpose of bringing about a greater co-ordination of effort among the heads of the various war activities in Klamath county a meeting is to be held at the Council of Defense headquarters at the city hall tomorrow night.

It is declared that since the entrance of the United States into the war there have been innumerable campaigns involving solicitation of funds, enrollment of individuals and accumulation of information and data. In almost all of these cases separate machinery has been created for the specific purpose of the campaign, only to be broken up at the completion of it, all of which involves an enormous waste of time and effort.

It is to be the means of organizing the conditions that the meeting has been called. The following officials will be on hand: county food administrator, county Red Cross chairman, county agriculturist, Thrift Stamp chairman, Armenian fund chairman, Liberty Loan chairman, boys working reserve chairman, chairman of Salvation Army drive, county chairman woman's unit, and chairman of Council of Defense.

FOOD RIOTS THRU JAPAN SUBSIDING

TOKIO, Aug. 20.—The rice disturbances are reported to be subsiding except in the north of Japan, where they are spreading.

Disorders broke out in Tokio on Tuesday night. A crowd of 5000 which was prevented from congregating in the park marched to the Ginn, the great retail store of the city, where they stoned and damaged 200 stores and restaurants, raided rice depots and unsuccessfully attacked the ministry of the interior. Ninety arrests were made and 20 policemen were injured.

Troops have been called out in nearly every important city in Japan. Even the naval station at Matsura is affected by the unrest.

At Nagoya, noted for its manufactures of porcelain, a mob estimated at 30,000 persons rioted. At several places the soldiers fired on the disturbers. At Kobe the soldiers and police also were obliged to use sabers and bayonets.

The newspaper comment here seems to indicate that the food riots throughout the country are an expression of the growing social unrest among the people and to reflect the belief that the empire is advancing toward a social crisis. The riots are spreading, involving the poor and the middle classes.

It is remarked that the uprisings are often anti-capitalistic mobs destroying the property and robbing the shops of workmen of luxury. Gold and silver have been stoned in the streets and the streets and the houses of the rich have been assailed. The war has increased the luxuries of the rich and the misery of the poor, as insufficient wages are paid. The riots are the first of the kind to occur since Japan was opened to western civilization.

POSITIONS OF HUNS IN SOUTH NOW PRECARIOUS

BELIEVED THAT ONLY RETIREMENT FROM VITAL POINTS CAN SAVE PORTIONS OF HUNNIT'S FORCES

NOYON ON OISE RIVER BECOMES APEX OF SALIENT HELD BY MONTENEGRO—SOUTHWEST AT BEGINNING OF COLLAPSE

(By Associated Press)

DATINER DISPATCH.—The Germans holding a vital sector between the Oise and Aisne rivers were hurried back over a ten mile front today by the French forces. The attack is a continuation of the Sunday night assault northwest of Soissons and an advance of two miles, which has been obtained, would see the line the Germans in a serious position from which only an immediate retreat appears possible.

The German hold on Roye now seems weakened by the recent progress and the town is believed to be enveloped on three sides. Noyon, 12 miles southeast of Roye, is fast becoming a central point of a salient line that formerly laid around Montdidier. Laon is now being approached from the south.

The second American transport has arrived at Vladivostok in eastern Siberia, and the third is expected at an early date.

LABOR FIGHTS WORK OR FIGHT AMENDMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 20.—Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, presented to the House Military Committee today, the Organized Labor's emphatic opposition to the work or fight amendment in the Manpower bill.

WEDDING SATURDAY NIGHT

The wedding ceremony uniting Oscar Ira Sweet of the Worden district to Miss Lillian Agnes Yager of Klamath Falls was performed at nine o'clock Saturday evening at the Methodist parsonage by the Rev. G. O. Oliver. The ring service was used at the ceremony.

The groom is a son of A. J. Sweet of Worden and the young couple expect to reside in that district.

OREGON MAN WOUNDED

OTTAWA, Aug. 20.—D. McDonald of Nyssa is listed as wounded in today's casualty list.

SALOONS CLOSED TO BELIEVE ICE SHORTAGE

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 20.—To be sure a supply of ice for domestic consumers and preserving food will be closed, Mayor James Cowgill has directed closing of all saloons from midnight till morning until the ice shortage is relieved.