

# AMERICANS SMASH EVERY COUNTER-ATTACK OF GERMANS

were taken. One German division was surprised as it was coming up to relieve the front line troops.

The main weight of the Allied blow was directed against Gen. von Hutler's Eighteenth German Army.

## BRITISH AND FRENCH ARMIES QUICKLY GAIN OBJECTIVES ON ENTIRE FRONT OF ATTACK

### Sweep Into Towns of Marcelcave and La Motte-en-Santerre and Capture Two Important Woods.

ON THE FRENCH FRONT IN FRANCE, Aug. 8 (Associated Press).—A combined attack by the French and British was begun at dawn to-day along the front between Albert and Montdidier. Satisfactory progress was made despite strong enemy resistance.

East of Amiens the British have taken Hahner Wood, Dodo Wood, and probably have possession of the towns of Marcelcave and La Motte-en-Santerre.

[An advance by the British to Marcelcave and La Motte-en-Santerre would represent a penetration of approximately two miles into the German lines. The latter town is about three miles east of Villers-Bretonneux, slightly to the east of which the former British line ran. Marcelcave is two miles southwest of La Motte-en-Santerre and about two and one-half miles southwest of Villers-Bretonneux. The woods named do not appear on available maps.]

The line attacked extends roughly from the neighborhood of Morlan-court, about three miles and a half southwest of Albert, to the Avre Valley, south of Moreuil.

The British attacked over a twelve mile front on both sides of the Somme. They gained all their objectives within four hours and have captured a considerable number of prisoners and guns.

Along the French front the artillery preparations lasted for forty minutes, after which the troops left their trenches with wonderful dash. Before 8 o'clock considerable progress had been recorded and all the first objectives had been attained.

The assault began exactly at dawn and a success was scored immediately. The British advanced toward Cerisy-Gailly, on the south side of the Somme east of Sully-Laurette and Marcelcave. The French advanced at the same time in the direction of Demuin and Aubercourt.

Around Moreuil and Moreuil the German resistance is terrific.

## AMERICAN BAYONET CHARGE DRIVES THE GERMANS BACK NORTH OF THE VESLE RIVER

### Additional Units Cross and Attack Enemy Forces Entrenched on Hill Near Bazoches—Reach Soissons-Rheims Highway.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE VESLE, Aug. 8 (Associated Press).—The River Vesle was crossed east and west of Fismes late yesterday by additional American infantrymen. West of Fismes the Americans broke up counter attacks by German infantry and held their ground despite the enemy efforts.

In support of the Americans who had crossed the river during Tuesday night and Wednesday morning a detachment of infantry crossed the Vesle under a Franco-American barrage just before noon Wednesday. Two other detachments reached the north bank during the afternoon.

The Germans counter attacked the Americans west of Fismes Wednesday afternoon, but were scattered by the American artillery fire. The enemy tried to prevent the American advance, but the Americans pushed on under a heavy fire, and in bitter fighting, in which the men from overseas used their bayonets effectively, a few Germans were taken prisoner, while the others retired.

The stiffest resistance now facing the American infantry north of the Vesle, in the region west of Fismes, is from a knoll north of Bazoches. Here a number of German machine gun companies have dug in, and are clinging desperately to the hill despite the fire of the heavy Allied guns. One of the American detachments which crossed the river yesterday reinforced the Americans along the Rheims-Soissons highway in an effort to drive the Germans from the knoll.

Among the prisoners taken by the Americans were an officer and several privates from a fresh division which has just arrived from the German front in Flanders.

### DRIVING ON BETWEEN VESLE AND AISNE.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMIES IN FRANCE, Aug. 8 (United Press).—American and French troops, crossing the Soissons-Rheims highway, are driving on the heights between the Vesle and the Aisne.

The Americans late yesterday reached the railway and main highway north of the Vesle. They crossed the river on footbridges improvised from the trunks of fallen trees lashed together.

The Yankees waded through the marshes on the south bank and charged up the high northern bank in the face of heavy machine gun and artillery fire. The Germans counter attacked immediately, but were completely repulsed.

The advance yesterday was made in the midst of a heavy rain, but when the attack was resumed on a larger scale this morning the weather had cleared.

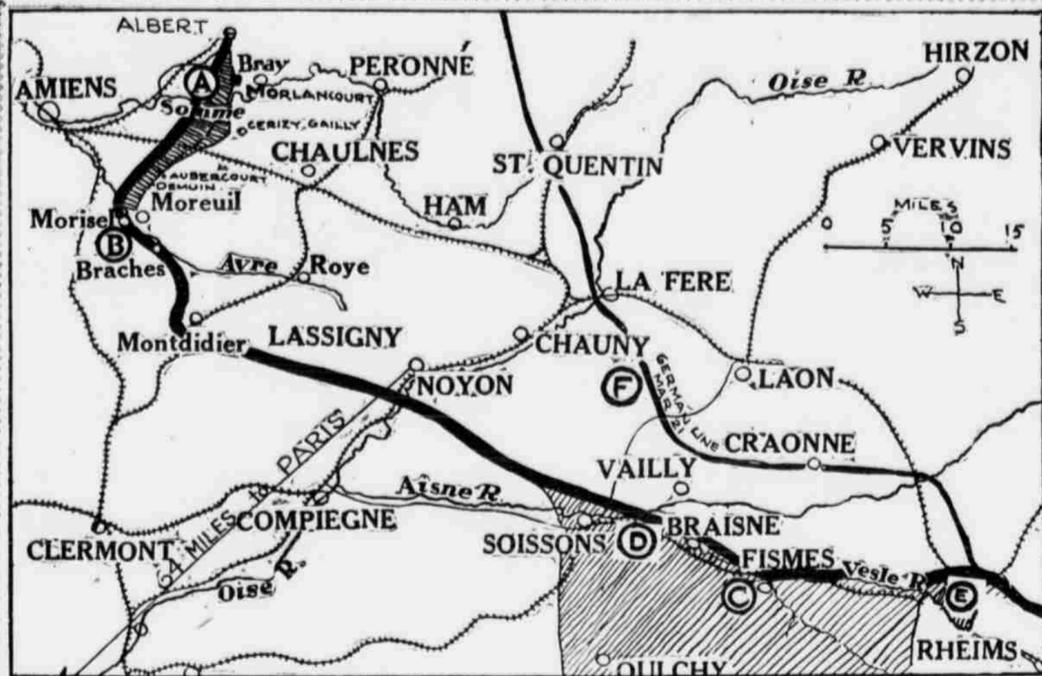
## FOCH IS GIVING NO REST TO BATTERED GERMAN ARMIES; PUSHING ON ABOVE THE VESLE

### Franco-American Troops Force More Crossings of the Vesle in the Height of a Rain Storm.

PARIS, Aug. 8.—Germany's battered armies are getting no rest. On five distinct fronts the Allied Armies of Marshal Foch are striking and advancing.

French and American troops have smashed their way across the

## HOW FOCH IS CARRYING ON TWO DRIVES AT ONCE



The shaded portions of the map indicate to-day's advance and its relation to the Marne salient (shaded). The letters "A" and "B" show the extent of the day's drive. "C" shows where the Americans crossed the

Vesle on a new five-mile front, in the face of desperate resistance, and are holding all their gains.

The Associated Press correspondent with the American Armies on the Vesle wired early to-day:

"More American infantry units crossed the Vesle east and west of Fismes late yesterday. The Germans are counter attacking the Americans west of Fismes, but the Americans are shattering the enemy efforts and holding their ground."

The fighting is of a most desperate nature and losses are high. In the rain storm of Tuesday night and early yesterday, French and American units, acting in conjunction, crossed the Vesle on the five-mile front from Fismes to west of Bazoches. Some used bridges left by the Germans, while others piled into the stream and waded through in water up to their necks in the face of machine gun and shrapnel fire.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—So far as known here, no American divisions were involved in the Franco-British thrust. American troops formerly in the Cantigny sector, where the first American attack resulted in the capture of the town of Cantigny, are understood to have been withdrawn many weeks ago.

The troops who captured Cantigny have been engaged in the fighting in the Aisne-Marne salient. Some American units are brigaded with British units and may be participating in the new blow struck by Gen. Foch. It is also possible that Americans are with the French First Army.

## NEW GAINS IN VESLE SECTOR ARE ANNOUNCED BY PERSHING

### American Troops Reach the Rheims-Soissons Highway—Counter Attacks Broken Down.

#### [AMERICAN REPORT]

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Further progress by Americans in the Vesle sector Wednesday was reported to-day by Gen. Pershing. The communique said:

"East of Bazoches our troops have crossed the Vesle and gained the Rheims-Soissons highway. Hostile counter-attacks broke down under our fire."

### CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Table with columns for stock names, high, low, last, and net change. Includes stocks like Alaska Gold Mine, Am. Car & Foundry, etc.

## GERMANS WARN FRENCH PEASANTS OF COMING AMERICAN "ATROCITIES"

### Ready to Make Peace With France, Which Cannot Win at Any Time, They Say.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE VESLE, Aug. 8 (Associated Press).—French peasants found by American soldiers in a cave near Villers-Savoie, just south of the Vesle, had been told by the Germans that if the Americans discovered them the men would be killed and the women mistreated. The Germans gave the peasants a letter dated Fismes, Aug. 2, addressed to French Army Headquarters and purporting to be signed by "The Artillery Commander." The letter said in part:

"We have received the announcements from airplanes. Thanks. We are not Russians, however."

A reference to the American troops was contained in the letter and was written in French. It said: "Do not count on the Americans. They will be your masters. Germany has so many soldiers that you will never win by force of arms. On the other hand, Germany is ready to make peace with France at any time. France is her enemy which merits it the most."

### NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE.

Table with columns for cotton grades (Sep, Oct, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar) and their respective prices.

## SMASH THE PACKERS' TRUST IS AIM OF FEDERAL TRADE BOARD

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quire, through the Railroad Administration, the principal and necessary stockyards of the country, to be treated as freight depots and to be operated under such conditions as will insure open, competitive markets, with uniform scale of charges for all services performed, and the acquisition or establishment of such additional yards from time to time as the future development of live stock production in the United States may require. This to include customary adjuncts of stockyards.

WOULD TAKE ALL PRIVATELY OWNED REFRIGERATOR CARS. Third—That the Government acquire, through the Railroad Administration, all privately owned refrigerator cars and all necessary equipment for their proper operation and that such ownership be declared a Government monopoly.

Fourth—That the Federal Government acquire such of the branch houses, cold storage plants and warehouses as are necessary to provide facilities for the competitive marketing and storage of food products in the principal centers of distribution and consumption, the same to be operated by the Government as public markets and storage places under such conditions as will afford an outlet for all manufacturers and handlers of food products on equal terms. Supplementing the marketing and storage facilities thus acquired, the Federal Government establish, through the Railroad Administration, at the terminals of all principal points of distribution and consumption, central wholesale markets and storage plants with facilities open to all upon payment of just and fair charges.

### ITALIANS HONOR WILSON.

Arezzo Council Confers Honorary Citizenship on President. ROME, Aug. 8.—The municipal council of Arezzo has conferred honorary citizenship upon President Wilson. The announcement was received with enthusiasm by the population. Arezzo is one of the provincial capitals of Italy. It is the birthplace of Petrarch.

### Aerial Service May Be From Nice to Salonica.

ROME, Aug. 8.—Plans are being worked out for establishment of aerial service between Nice, Rome and Brindisi. The agreement is presented in splendid variety in many attractive forms and designs.

Agreeably like coffee in flavor. But with none of coffee's disagreeable effects. INSTANT POSTUM. 29c

## ONE CROWDED CAR VICTIM KILLED, ANOTHER DYING

### Brushed From Running Board, One Is Crushed, Other Falls Into Subway Cut.

Brooklyn street car accidents caused the death of one man and the serious injury of another to-day. Xavier Inzer, of No. 1235 St. John's Place, Brooklyn, was riding in from Sheepshead Bay on a crowded Ocean Avenue car. He leaned out and was struck by a southbound car, runned between the two cars and killed.

Louis Golavatt of No. 52 Cook Street, Brooklyn, was brushed from the running board of a Lorimer Street car by a force guarding a subway excavation at Montgomery Street and Nostrand Avenue. He slid thirty feet into the subway cut and was taken to the Kings County Hospital with a fractured thigh and internal injuries.

## Do You Buy Thrift Stamps Regularly?

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CANDY PENNY A POUND PROFIT. Special for Tomorrow, Friday, August 9th. CHOCOLATE COVERED ENGLISHES—This is an exclusive LOFT creation in the candy world, and the name never fails to signal a rare treat at a small outlay. Here we have a collection of Chocolate Covered Seers, etc., in the best varieties of styles and centers so diversified that it will not permit variety description. SPECIAL REDUCTION. POUND BOX 25c

Impressive Offerings for Thursday, August 8th. AMERICAN FILLED CONFECTIONS—Here we have a collection of Candy Jewels, that have jackets as beautiful as the finest, finished delicately flavored hard candy and fillings of either some luscious fruit jelly or tasty crushed Nut. The assortment is presented in splendid variety in many attractive forms and designs. POUND BOX 49c

ASSORTED JELLY TID-BITS—A collection of dainty little egg shape sweets, that are made delightfully chewy. The assortment is presented in excellent varieties of pleasing Mint, Fruit and Spice flavors. POUND BOX 29c. CHOCOLATE COVERED COCOA NUT ROYALS—The heart of this candy is the chocolate. Prepared with Sun Brand Cream, it is blended with Confector's Sugar. The sweet is completed by delicate hazelnut. This excellent rich, fragrant Chocolate, a combination with a nut, out a treat. POUND BOX 44c

## TEN ARE INDICTED FOR HELPING GAFFNEY

### Charged With Aiding Youthful Murderer After He Escaped From the Tombs.

The Grand Jury filed indictments in the Court of General Sessions before Judge Malone to-day, charging ten persons with "harboring and concealing" Vincent Gaffney, who escaped from the Tombs after he had been sentenced to Sing Sing for nineteen years and seven months for manslaughter.

Gaffney made his escape on June 12. Those indicted include Catherine Coyle, Gaffney's sweetheart; John Clinton, Daniel Tynan, James Kelly, Kate MacCall, and Alfred, her husband, and Joseph Robertoli, known to the police as "Little Joe."

## ITALIANS TAKE PRISONERS, ALSO AN AUSTRIAN GUN

### Drive in Enemy Advance Post on Mountain Front North of Col Del Rosso.

ROME, Aug. 8.—Italian troops drove in an enemy advance post on the mountain front, north of Col Del Rosso, yesterday, taking prisoners and a machine gun, the War Office announced to-day. An enemy attempt on the Italian positions on the Corone was repulsed.

## B. R. T. PASSENGERS ACT AS THEIR OWN TRAINMEN

### Have to Open and Close Gates on "L" Lines—Many Cars Operated Without Guards.

Passengers on the Brighton Beach, Fulton Street and other elevated lines of the B. R. T. are opening train gates themselves these days; there are two guards to a five-car train in many instances and trains fully manned often are held up at Sands Street while the crews get ice water. All of which conditions, B. R. T. officials said to-day, were due to the heat and a shortage of operatives.

Because of the practically continuous rush of thousands to and from the beaches all day and most of the night, elevated and surface cars have been running on a rush hour schedule for twenty hours of the twenty-four.

## Jersey Stenographers Wanted for Army Service.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Provost Marshal General Crowder to-day issued a call for 204 registrants, specialists for limited service. The quotas include twenty-five stenographers from New Jersey to entrain Aug. 20 for aircraft production at Washington.

## U. S. TO BE CONSIDERED IN TRADE AFTER WAR

### Bonar Law Says Any Steps Taken on Paris Resolution Will Be in Conjunction With America.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—Any steps that are taken in respect to the Paris resolution on trade will, as far as possible, be taken in conjunction with the United States, Arthur Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said in the House of Commons to-day.

## WHEAT CROP IS GIVEN AT 878,000,000 BUSHELS

### Bumper Yields, However, Despite Adverse Weather Conditions Prevailing in Last Month.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Loss of 171,000,000 bushels of corn and 113,000,000 bushels of wheat from the prospective production of this year's important food crops, as indicated a month ago, was shown to-day in the Department of Agriculture's crop report, resulting from a canvass made Aug. 1.

Corn and wheat are bumper crops this year, despite adverse weather conditions which have curtailed somewhat the heavy production indicated earlier in the growing season. A total wheat yield of 878,000,000 bushels was estimated, with winter wheat reaching 558,000,000 bushels, as against the July forecast, 527,000,000 bushels, and a spring wheat yield of 320,000,000 bushels. The corn yield is estimated at 3,293,000,000 bushels; oats, 1,428,000,000 bushels; barley, 232,000,000 bushels, and rye 78,700,000 bushels.

## Louisiana Ratifies Federal Prohibition Amendment.

BATON ROUGE, La., Aug. 5.—Louisiana to-day ratified the Federal Prohibition Amendment when the House passed the measure 95 to 51, following favorable action by the Senate.

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DIED. MORAHAN.—JAMES, beloved son of the late Timothy and Mary Morahan of Clark-on-Shannon, County Leitrim, Ireland, and brother of Tom, Eddie, Tim, Joe and Bertie. Funeral Friday, at 9 A. M., from Leon Halley's funeral parlors, 234 West 43d St., thence to Holy Cross Church, where there will be a requiem mass for the repose of his soul. Interment Calvary.

LOST, FOUND AND REWARDS. LOST: Package of costume papers, including reg. attraction card, book and map, on Staten Island, between St. George and Staten Island ferries, on August 7, 1918. Reward \$10.00. Found on Staten Island, between St. George and Staten Island ferries, on August 7, 1918. Reward \$10.00. Found on Staten Island, between St. George and Staten Island ferries, on August 7, 1918. Reward \$10.00.