BASEBALL MOGULS DISCUSS FUTURE OF GAME

BUSY DAY FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS

Beck, Fischer and Dornheim Were on Cynwyd Courts Almost 8 Hours

By PAUL PREP

"Some people have the nerve to say that this is what they term having nothing to do," remarked Rodney Beck, the Germantown Academy tennis star, as he dragged his weary frame to the Cynwyd Club shower baths yesterday afternoon after playing a four-set match, which took three and one-half hours to decide, with Carl Fischer, of the Lower Merion High School.

"I would like to get some of the people who look upon tennis as baby's play out here some afternoon," continued Beck, "with the sun boiling down and make them play a best out of five-set match if they wouldn't change their opinion of tennis nothing else would."

Herman Dornheim, the versatile athlete of the Frankford High School, joined Beck a few minutes later. Dornheim had just finished a four-set match, which also had taken almost four hours to decide, with Samuel Pennock in the semifinal round of the junior center championships. "Whew!" exclaimed Dornheim, "this is some sport. I would rather play a football game with the Gimbel Trophy at stake or play against Northeast in a basketball game than go through another tennis match like that."

Star Junior Players

Beck and Dornheim are not the only ones entered in the annual eastern Pennsylvania tournament who expressed their views that tennis is one of the most strenuous sports of the age. But the two junior players, along with two others, Gerald Emerson, of East Orange, N. J., and Carl Fischer, of Lower Merion, have played more than their share during the last week.

On Thursday Beck played a semifinal ronud match in the junior championship of Pennsylvania with Carl Fischer and qualified to meet Gerald Emerson in the final round, which will be played today. Emerson qualified by defeating Dornheim in a three-set match. But this was only half their day's work, for they competed in the men's singles.

They were out on the courts bright and early yesterday morning and were kept busy until after 7 o'clock last night. Both played a four-set match with Carl Fischer, while Dornheim played a similar contest with Samuel Pennock. They started to play at 11 o'clock and were not finished until half past 2. At 3:30 Emerson and Dornheim paired together to meet Rodney Beck and Carl Fischer in the final round of the junior doubles championship of the State.

Fischer Had Cramps

It was necessary for the match to go the full five sets before the winner was decided. Along in the third game of the fifth set with the score deadlocked Carl Fischer was seized by a slight attack of cramps and it was necessary to hold up play for fifteen minutes.

But that isn't all. Beck was scheduled to have met Parker, the sensational Californian now stationed at the navy yard, in the fourth round of the men's singles, while Dornheim and Emerson were to have played Sommer and Batty in a men's doubles match. Paul Gibbons made a wise move when he decided to postpone these two matches.

There will be no let-up for Beck, Dornheim and Emerson today. Beck is booked to play Gerald Emerson in the final round of the junior singles championship of Pennsylvania a best out of five-set match and then tackle Herman Dornheim in the final round for the junior center tennis title, another best out of five set contest. It is hardly likely that Beck will be capable of meeting Parker in the men's singles. Dornheim and Emerson, however, will play in the men's doubles.

Finish Next Week

The rain which held up the play on Tuesday and Wednesday in the men's events will cause the tournament to be carried over until next week. A meeting of the committee will be held this afternoon, at which time it will be decided as to whether the finals shall be played on Monday or next Saturday.

Chairman Gibbons announced today that the exhibition match between Kamagae and Kasjio and Beals Wright and another American star would not be played this afternoon. The Japs are taking part in a tourney in New York and were unable to come over. Gibbons, however, is planning to stage these matches next Saturday afternoon at Cynwyd.

CAUGHT IN THE NET

The Rev. E. T. Fancoast, Philadelphian, stationed at Hartford City, Ind., arrived in the city yesterday afternoon and immediately set out for Cynwyd. He arrived too late to make an entry in the singles. He will time up for the Ocean City tourney on the 15th.

E. P. Barker, of the navy yard, defeated another sob in the third round of the singles match by taking two of the three sets.

T. M. Martin, of Belfield, who downed Ensign Whelan the other day, advanced to the semifinal round in the lower bracket. He will meet Tremaine, who defeated Dornheim in the first round.

N. Swayne had an easy time in downing Sam Pennock yesterday. The Penn Charter star was "all in" as a result of his four-set match with Dornheim shortly before Swayne played first-class tennis and deserved to win.

C. N. Beard came near having his name dropped off the list. He notified Gibbons that it was more than likely that he would be detained in the city. Gibbons notified Schafer, Beard's opponent, of this, and Schafer was getting ready to meet Mattson in the semifinal of the upper bracket when Beard came along.

It will be up to Rodney Beck to stop the winning streak of Parker, of California. They may meet today.

The next big tourney for the players in this section is the annual play of the Ocean City Yacht Club, beginning on August 18. Entries close in the men's singles on August — with Thomas M. Scott, of Ocean City.

Navy Eager for Ball Players

Chicago, Aug. 3.—Members of the Chicago Americans, the world's baseball champions, yesterday received the first letters of invitation to "join the navy." Ensign W. I. Denny, in charge of recruiting at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, said that similar letters would be sent to all major league players.

Bacharach Giants Win

Atlantic City, Aug. 3.—Bacharach Giants continued their winning streak by defeating Chicago American Giants 3 to 1. Roberts's delivery was a hard thing for visitors to hit with men on the paths, he striking out eight men. Petway's all-around work featured for the Chicago Giants.

Noonan After Commission

Scranton, Pa., Aug. 3.—Pete Noonan, former local first baseman and later manager and owner of the Wilkes-Barre team of the New York State League, has applied for a commission as an athletic secretary for the Knights of Columbus in France. Noonan is residing at Wilkes-Barre.

Footballers Go Up

Reports have been received from the marine officers' training camp at Quantico, Va., that Johnny Beckett, of the University of Oregon, and Elmer Hall, both members of the famous Mare Island marines' football team of last season, have been commissioned second lieutenants. Beckett is regarded as one of the best tackles in the Pacific coast last season. Hall was a star guard.

Golf Events Scheduled at Country Clubs Today

Springhaven Country Club—Eighteen holes medal play, qualifying round. Classes of eight. Each class to continue at match play.

Bala Golf Club—Tombstone tournament, two prizes.

Country Club of Lansdowne—Medal play handicap for thrift stamps.

Woodbury Country Club—Trustees' cup, qualifying round. Ball sweepstakes.

MANUFACTURERS END 2D ROUND

Monotype and U. G. I. in Close Race for First Place

This afternoon's games in the Manufacturers' League mark the end of the second round of the schedule. At Sixty-ninth street and Church lane Becker, Smith & Page will endeavor to defeat Monotype, at present leading the league. B., S. & P. has been playing fine ball and after a string of victories was stopped last week by U. G. I. Monotype has eight straight victories. With Kreps pitching in wonderful form they expect to make it nine straight, but Manager Brumfield will use "Chick" Passon in an endeavor to upset the dope.

At Broad and Bigler streets U. G. I. engages Link Belt in a double-header. Benkert will oppose Gallagher in one of the games, while the other will no doubt see "Funk" Brennan in the box.

At Summerdale Stokes & Smith engages William Sellers Company. The other game brings together Lewis and Wheeler.

Dun & Co., champions of the first half of the Main Line League, meets Dobson, the present leaders, this afternoon. The game will be played at East Falls and a large crowd is expected, as the Dobson crowd now has a good lead for first place. The other games are Autocar at Wayne (United States Marines) and Warwick at Lansdowne.

The big game on the schedule of the Delaware River Shipyards Baseball League is at Hog Island, with Chester as the visiting attraction. It will be a hard-fought affair, as the clubs are bitter opponents. At Bristol the Merchant nine will oppose New York Ship, in connection with the launching of the Wotonwan. Merchant only recently walloped New York by 10 to 0. The other games are Traylor and Harlan-Bethlehem and Pusey & Jones at Sun.

Only three games are on the day's list in the Northeast Manufacturers' League, the Schwartz Wheel and Abrasive having played last evening and the former winning. The big battle is between the leaders, and Frankford Arsenal and Fayette R. Plumb are scheduled to tackle each other. First place goes to Arsenal if it wins. The other games of the day are Fitler at Quaker City and Frankford Laundry at Superglass.

It is a case of first and second division teams against each other in the Philadelphia Manufacturers' League. Quaker City has a game lead over Philadelphia Textile and, as both these clubs lost last week, surprises would again be in order. Should they lose, the pennant race will be a nip-and-tuck affair between six clubs, and the race is the closest in the league's history.

The Cressons Tigers will leave their lair at Cressona, Pa., and come to Fourth and Berks streets, with the express intent of mangling Stetson's Ball Club. Irving and Sattlozahn will go to the front for the up-State champions, against Hartline and Ralston for the Stetson team.

The All-Stars of the League Island Navy Yard will play Strawbridge & Clothier baseball team at Sixty-third and Walnut streets. The visiting team will be made up of such players as McInnis, Yeabsley, Schellenberger, Rath and "Jing" Johnson. Either Mason or Lennon, both new pitchers, will be in the box for Strawbridge & Clothier's nine, with Lidgate catcher.

At Front street and Erie avenue the crack Hess-Bright nine will meet Lit Brothers. The pitchers will likely be Plews against Slaughter.

WILLARD ASKED TO FIGHT DEMPSEY FOR WAR BENEFIT

Milwaukee, Aug. 3.—Tom Andrews, fight promoter, has wired Jess Willard asking him whether he would agree to meet Jack Dempsey at the Auditorium here any time this fall, the entire receipts of the bout to go to the war fund, less actual expenses. Dempsey, Andrews declared, already has accepted the offer.

Braves Trim Pirates

Boston, Aug. 3.—Northrop held Pittsburgh to four hits yesterday and Boston won, 4 to 2.

The only earned run of the game came in the eighth on Massey's double, Wickland's sacrifice and J. C. Smith's pop fly, which Center Fielder Carey failed to get in shortstop territory.

Kiwanis Nine in Front

Reading, Pa., Aug. 3.—At the Carsonia Park diamond the Kiwanis Club, of Reading, defeated East End Collegiates, of Allentown, 4 to 2. Bond struck out eight.

All Favorites Triumph

Worcester, Mass., Aug. 3.—There were no surprises in the racing at the Indian Lake Driving Club meeting. Favorites won all four races and in straight heats in all but the 2:20 pace, in which Violet Patch dropped the first heat to Marus.

Harper's Timely Catch

Birdsboro, Pa., Aug. 3.—A running catch by Harper, with the bases filled, saved the game for the visitors when the Hillsides, of Reading, nosed out the Nagle Iron Company, 7 to 5. The batting of Webber, Wickline and L. Hart featured.

Burns Beats Moore

Jersey City, N. J., Aug. 3.—Frankie Burns, of this city, outfought Pal Moore, of Memphis, Tenn., in an eight-round bout. Burns weighed 120 pounds and Moore 118.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland, 6; Boston, 3.
Washington, 5; Detroit, 0.
St. Louis, 3; New York, 2.
Chicago-Athletics, rain

NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis, 2; Phillies, 1.
Boston, 4; Pittsburgh, 2.
Chicago, 11; New York, 1.
Brooklyn, 2; Cincinnati, 1.

Schedule for Today

NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis at Philadelphia—Clear; two games, 1:45 and 3:45.
Chicago at New York—Clear; two games, 1:15 and 3:15.
Pittsburgh at Boston—Clear; 3.
Cincinnati at Brooklyn—Clear; two games, 1:30 and 3:30.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Philadelphia at Chicago—Clear; two games, 3 and 8.
Boston at Cleveland—Clear, 3.
Washington at Detroit—Clear, 3.
New York at St. Louis—Clear, 3.

What May Happen in Baseball Today

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.	Win	Lose	Split
*Chicago	67	32	.660	*.667	‡.646	.656
*New York	57	38	.600	*.625	‡.558	.596
Pittsburgh	54	44	.557	.534	.581	...
*Phillies	48	49	.467	*.477	‡.457	.465
*Brooklyn	42	50	.457	*.462	‡.447	.458
*Cincinnati	41	50	.451	*.462	‡.441	.453
Boston	42	54	.437	.448	.425	...
*St. Louis	40	59	.404	*.416	‡.390	.406

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston	60	38	.612	.616	.606	...
Cleveland	56	43	.566	.570	.560	...
Washington	53	44	.546	.551	.541	...
New York	48	48	.511	.516	.505	...
*Chicago	41	50	.451	*.462	‡.441	.453
Detroit	41	52	.441	.448	.429	...
St. Louis	42	53	.442	.448	.437	...
*Athletics	35	59	.372	*.377	‡.366	.366

*Two games. ‡Win two, lose two.

MEET TO DECIDE WORLD'S SERIES

American and National League Magnates Gather in Cleveland

CONNIE MACK IS THERE

By the Associated Press

Cleveland, O., Aug. 3.—The national baseball commission and members of the American League held special meetings here today to decide the question of playing a world's series and to make any schedule readjustments necessary preparatory to an early closing of the 1918 season to conform with Secretary of War Baker's ruling on the "work-or-fight" regulations.

Only two members, Chairman August Herrmann and Ban Johnson, of the American League, were here for the national commission meeting. John K. Tener, President of the National League and that organization's representative on the commission, did not attend.

All Clubs Represented

Every club was represented at the American League meeting. Among the first to arrive here were President Johnson, Charles A. Comiskey, president of the Chicago White Sox, and James C. Dunn, president of the Cleveland club. Connie Mack remained here after his Philadelphia team completed its series Thursday.

Barney Dreyfuss, president of the Pittsburgh club and a member of the National League schedule committee, was here to aid President Johnson frame the schedule for the remainder of the season.

Early indications were that the American League would vote to close its season about August 20 and then play the world's series. Although the National League at its special meeting in New York yesterday voted to continue playing through Labor Day, Dreyfuss was clothed with authority to acquiesce in the findings of the American League.

Meet at 11 a. m.

The American League meeting began at 11 a. m.

Before the meeting was called it was generally understood the club owners would vote to discontinue the baseball season on or about August 17 or 18 and immediately thereafter play a world's series with the National League.

After the American League meeting reaches a decision on the question, President Dreyfuss, of the Pittsburgh National League team, a member of the schedule committee and representative here of that league, will be called into the American League meeting to discuss the question of schedules and a world series. Following this meeting the National Commission will meet.

Among the late arrivals this morning to attend the American League meeting were F. J. Navin, Detroit; H. H. Frazee, Boston; Robert Quinn, St. Louis; Clark Griffith, Washington, and Secretary Sparrow, of the New York team.

NATIONAL IN FAVOR OF STARTING SEPT 2

New York, Aug. 3. — The National League baseball season of 1918 will end not later than September 2. Immediately afterward, the winning club will participate in a world's series with the American League flag winners, providing arrangements for such a contest can be made with the rival major league.

These were the outstanding decisions reached at a special meeting of the National League club presidents held in this city late yesterday. The conference, which had originally been set for today, was advanced twenty-four hours in order that the senior organization might be in a position to present its plans to the American League magnates who are scheduled to meet in Cleveland today to take action which will conform with Secretary of War Baker's order that baseball players must be prepared to observe the work-or-fight regulations after September 1.

Barney Dreyfuss, president of the Pittsburgh club and a member of the National League schedule committee, left immediately after the conference for Cleveland, where he will confer with the American League officers in reference to rearranging the schedules so that a world's series may be held, providing the junior association is in favor of the usual seasonal baseball climax. Dreyfuss was given full power to represent the National League, and the latter organization will abide by any agreement he may make.

The wording of the National League resolution is such that the pennant season may be ended considerably in advance of September 2 in case it is necessary to complete the world series by the end of the present month.

Reports from American League officials indicate that this is the desire of the majority of the club owners so that organization in order that there may be no conflict with the ruling of Secretary Baker. If Dreyfuss acquiesces to this arrangement the post-season championship series may be staged on or about August 20. This would give at least ten week days in which to play the best four-out-of-seven games necessary to decide the winner. All the National League club owners are in favor of such a series, and as the American League magnates are understood to hold similar opinions, it is said, the question of suitable dates for the series is the only one to be settled.

Those in attendance at the meeting here yesterday were Presidents Baker, of Philadelphia club; Hempstead, of New York; Ebbets, of Brooklyn; Dreyfus, of Pittsburgh; John K. Tener, president of the league; A. C. Wise, of the Boston Club, and P. D. Haughton, former president of the Boston Club. Haughton, who appeared in the uniform of a major, stated that he was taking the opportunity to bid his former fellow magnates good-by, as he was taking up his military duties.

None of those who attended the meeting was able to state what would be the ultimate outcome of the conference with the American League officials. It was intimated that in case a world series could not be aranged the league's schedule would be continued until the close of August. There was no expression of opinion as to whether the remaining games of the regular schedule should be doubled up in order to complete the full 154 contests or how many games should be played before August 20, in case that date is selected for the opening of the world series.

Should both leagues agree to begin the series on August 20 it is probable the regular pennant season will be terminated on Saturday, August 17, and the rival combinations given two days to prepare for the interleague clash. If the present schedules remain unchanged August 17 would find the eastern National League clubs playing in the West while the American League contests would be under way on eastern diamonds.

Including the results of yesterday's games, Chicago is leading by 5½ games over the New York team in the National League, and Boston is 4½ games ahead of Cleveland in the American League. Both these leads would be a promising margin to work on should it be decided to end the seasons on or about August 17.

Wyomissing Wins by a Run

West Reading, Pa., Aug. 3.—Wyomissing outhit West Reading, winning, 4 to 3. The batting of Boyer and Linton was a feature in the game. Boyer and Grimm contributed [illegible]

MOTOR-PACED RACES IN HEATS

Two Fifteen-Mile Contests To-night at Point Breeze

The first of the series of sprint motor-paced races will be held tonight at the Point Breeze Motordrome. Instead of staging the usual forty or fifty mile motor-paced race, Manager Jack Roden has arranged two heats of fifteen miles each, in which four of the best riders in the country, Percy Lawrence, the world's champion, Menus Bedell, Elmer Collins and George Wiley, will compete.

By shortening the distance the riders will now be able to ride the entire distance at top-notch speed and it is expected that they will do around a mile a minute for the fifteen miles. The pacemakers in this event will be Peerless Jimmy Hunter, Norman Anderson, Rody Lehman and Speedy Vanderberry.

Those who wish to see even greater speed should be on hand to witness the professional motorcycle races. Speedy Vanderberry, Dare Devil Harry Klebes and Billy Armstrong will endeavor to establish new track records for two and five miles. The present record for a mile is 41 1-5 seconds. There also will be a two-mile amateur bike race.

JOIN MUNITION PLANTS

Big League Players to Take Up War Work

Dayton, O., Aug. 3.—Allan Sothoron, star pitcher of the St. Louis Americans, and Outfielders Earl Neale and Tom Griffith, of the Cincinnati Nationals, were signed up yesterday by different teams of the Triangle Factory League here. They will engage in war munition work in industries included in this league. Sothoron reports in a few days, the other two by September 1.

The same league already has signed Rankin Johnson, of the St. Louis Nationals, and Artie Nehf and Al Wickland, of the Boston Braves, and Heine Groh, of the Cincinnati team. The Triangle factories have signed up more of the big league timber than any other one group of factories in the country.

BIG WATER CARNIVAL

Red Cross to Benefit by Aquatic Sports

Plans have been completed for a great two-day water carnival, to be staged for the benefit of the Red Cross at Belmar, N. J., under the combined supervision of the New Columbia Athletic Club, of Belmar, and the New York Women's Swimming Association.

The meet will be held on August 16 and 17 in the Belmar Lagoon, an artificial tidal pool, measuring half a mile in length, and the program only awaits the settlement news of whether America's two greatest watermen, Perry McGillivray, of Chicago, now attached to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, and Norman Ross, of San Francisco, an aviator at Rockwell Field, San Diego, can secure furloughs to attend the carnival.

Sports for Red Cross Benefit

Red Cross Day will be observed by the Philadelphia Suburban League tomorrow, when field events and ball games will be held at the various parks, the entire receipts of which will be given to the Red Cross. At the grounds of the David Lupton Company, Tulip street and Allegheny avenue, Frankford will meet the athletes of Lupton. At Fifth and Wyoming avenue Lindley will play the Fern Rock champions and at the P. and R. grounds, Tabor will play the Receiving Ship team from League Island. President Pike has instructed each team to pay the expenses of the games, so that the gross receipts can be turned into the Red Cross treasury, and the umpires and official scorers have donated their services for the day. The committee on arrangements includes Harold C. Pike, chairman; Barney Schaffer, secretary; Arthur Black, Martin Lattimer, Harry Hutzell, Lawrence J. Hogan, James B. Ellis, William Henderson, E. M. Stringfellow, Walter Lamon and George W. Miller.

Lewis Defeats Brown

In his last bout before leaving for one of Uncle Sam's army cantonments, Preston Brown, the sensational colored boxer, received a setback at the hands of Gussie Lewis, the affair bringing to a close the weekly program of the Cambria Athletic Club.

It was a case of lightweight against featherweight, and the deciding margin was not a big one, each lad showing his best all the way. Lewis was the quicker on his feet and it was this which earned him the verdict.

Brown is scheduled to depart for a training camp this coming Monday and tried his best to quit with a victory.

The semiwindup resulted in a good, clean draw between Freddie Williams and Johnny Morgan.

Shipbuilders to Box

Gloucester City, N. J. Aug. 3.—The program for this week's bouts at the New Jersey and Pennsylvania shipyards this afternoon has been changed because it was discovered that some of the boxers were too heavy for those with whom they were matched. Peter Pooley will meet Jimmy Martin, of Hog Island, in the wind-up. Muggsy Rudder, of the New York shipyard, will meet Andy Lewis, of the Sun shipyard, Chester, in the semiwind-up. Ed Wagner, of the New Jersey yard, will meet Young Earl, of the Pennsylvania yard. In the other bout Johnny O'Brien, of the New Jersey yard, will meet Mike Schules, of the Pennsylvania yard.

Stars of Links to Meet

New London, Conn., Aug. 3.—The well-known team of golfers, Francis Ouimet and Jesse Guilford, will play together again for the first time this season at the Shennecossett links here tomorrow against John G. Anders and Jerome D. Travers. Last season Ouimet and Guilford were invincible on the links and won all but one match in which they played.

Navy Invites Players

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BINGLES and BUNGLES

Inability to hit safely with men on the bags caused the Phils to drop a game to the Cards. The Moranmen had eight men left on the bases.

Mike Devine, the Phillies' new receiver from New London, broke into the game for the first time when he batted for Watson in the eighth. He went out to Paulette

Bill Sherdell, the brilliant southpaw recently recruited from Milwaukee, held the Phils to five hits. Bancroft got the first in the fourth frame.

Bradley Hoyt had a chance to win the game in the ninth frame. He batted for Oeschger with two down and the bases loaded and one run needed to tie. The best he could do was a weak roller to Betzel.

Two games for one admission today. The Athletics also play a double-header. They meet the Chicago White Sox.

Brooklyn made it two straight over the Cincinnati Reds. Zack Wheat led the Dodgers' attack with two safe hits.

Chicago Cubs tightened their grip on first place in the National League by handing the Giants another crushing defeat. The Cubs now lead by five and a half games.

The Detroit Tigers broke loose in the eighth inning against the Senators and pounded out five hits for three runs. Marty Kavanaugh made three of the Tigers' six hits.

Ray Caldwell registered another home run yesterday. This big fellow's clouted one out in his first appearance against Boston on [illegible]

SHIP TORPEDOED OFF MAINE COAST

U-Boat Sinks British Schooner Bound for South Africa

CREW OF NINE SAVED

Vessel Set Afire After Being Stripped of Provisions by Sea Wolves

Eastport, Me., Aug. 3.

The crew of nine men from the lumber-laden four-masted British schooner Dornfontein were landed at Grand Manan, N. B., today. The men reported that their vessel was sunk by a submarine last night while between Briar Island and Grand Manan.

(Grand Manan Island is eight miles east of the eastern extremity of Maine, and Briar Island, N. S., is thirty-five miles southeast of Grand Manan, on the eastern side of the Bay of Fundy.)

The schooner, which left St. Johns yesterday for South Africa, according to reports received here from Grand Manan, was attacked six miles southeast of Gannett rock, and seven miles south of Grand Manan. It was stopped by two shots across the bow.

The nine men, comprising the crew, took to their yawl, and arrived safely at Two Island life-saving station, on Grand Manan, three hours later. As they left their vessel it was set on fire by men from the submarine.

It was still burning during the forenoon, and could plainly be seen from land.

It was reported that firing was heard to the southward of Grand Manan during the forenoon.

The submarine had been lurking at the entrance of the Bay of Fundy, through which shipping from St. Johns, N. B., arrives in the open sea.

The mouth of the bay, which extends between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, is forty miles wide, but the passage, which is deep, is also comparatively narrow. Submerged ledges extend far into the bay from either coast, and the channel is a dangerous one for skippers, to whom it is not thoroughly known.

Washington, Aug. 3. The Navy Department issued this statement:

"The Navy Department is informed that nine men in a dory landed at Gannet Rock Light at 6.30 a. m. today, reported that a schooner was torpedoed at 11.35 o'clock yesterday morning thirty-five miles west-southwest of Briar Island, near the coast of Nova Scotia.

"The submarine crew took off provisions from the schooner and then set it afire, they reported. The submarine, they said, appeared to be about 200 feet long, and carried two guns."

Naval officers believe this may be the same submarine which began operations off the Atlantic coast last month by laying mines in the transatlantic ship lane near Long Island, one of which was believed to have caused the loss of the armored cruiser San Diego.

Thus far this second raid of German submarines on this side of the Atlantic has been without material results. Only a few ships, most of them unimportant, have been destroyed.

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Il Ministero della Guerra, in base ai rapporti del Quartier Generale Italiano, ha pubblicato, nel pomeriggio di ieri, il seguente comunicato:

"Una moderata attivita' da parte del l'artiglieria si e' verificata lungo tutto il fronte.

"Ad Aiano le nostre pattuglie forzarono i posti avanzati nemici a ritirarsi, infliggendo perdite e catturando alcuni prigionieri.

"Un pallone frenato e sei aeroplani nemici furono abbattuti.

"In Albania l'attivita' combattiva dei passati giorni e' cessata. Le linee avanzate delle nostre truppe di protezione sono state portate in avanti vicino le posizioni di resistenza. Durante la giornata di ieri riparti nemici in ricognizione furono respinti e trentacinque prigionieri furono catturati."

La rivista delle truppe americane passata da Re Vittorio Emanuele e' avvenuta in una regione dell'Italia settentrionale, compresa nella zona di guerra. Con il Re vi erano il Duca di Bergamo, Thomas H. Page, l'ambasciatore americano in Roma, il Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri on. Orlando, il Generale Armando Diaz, il Ministro della Guerra Generale Zuppelli, il Ministro di Grazia e Giustizia On. Sacchi, i membri delle Missioni Militari francese ed inglese ed il Cardinale di Verona.

Re Vittorio si congratulo' vivamente con il Comandante delle forze Americane per la magnifica apparenza delle sue truppe e della profonda impressione ricevuta delle qualita' militari che dimostrano.

Un giovane ufficiale della marina austriaca e' riuscito a disertare in idroplano ed ha dichiarato alle autorita' italiane che giornalmente gravi conflitti avvengono bordo delle navi da guerra dell'Austria-Ungheria.

Il corrispondente del "Giornale d'Italia" manda da Berna che il maresciallo von Mackensen e' stato chiamato al Quartier Generale tedesco e forse prendera' il posto di capo della stato maggiore tedesco, prima occupato da Hindenburg.

Da un Porto Americano dell'Atlantico, 2 agosto.

Con un vapore francese sono arrivati la scorsa notte 270 passengeri tra i quali si trovano cinque giornalisti, rappresentanti i principali gionali di Italia, i quali si recano qui' in missione per esaminare le attivita' di guerra ed i metodi per conservazione dei viveri negli Stati Uniti. I detti giornalisti sono: Antonio Agresti della Tribuna, Avv. Paolo Cappa dell'Avvenire d'Italia, Orazio Pedrazzi del Nuovo Giornale, Franco Raineri del Giornale d'Italia, e Giovanni Bitetti dell'Idea Nazionale. Il giornalista Aldo Cassuto del Secolo di Milano giunse, giorni or sono, in precedenza.

Parigi, 2 agosto

Le truppe Alleate hanno occupato, questa notte, la citta' di Soissons ed i tedeschi continuano precipitosamente la loro ritirata da tutto il saliente Soissons-Rheims.

Questo e' il giorno che segna il piu' grande successo della controgenesiva del Generale Foch, il quale rapidamente avvicina gli Alleati alla finale decisiva [illegible]

WHOLE ENEMY ARMY IN FLIGHT; ALLIES REACH AISNE AND VESLE

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French at Soissons, which was occupied at 5 o'clock Friday evening, one hour after the Germans had been driven from the suburbs. Those of the garrison not captured escaped by fleeing northward.

It seems the enemy did not expect to be chased from Soissons. There Swere no indications that preparations had been made for retirement and no fires were discovered anywhere.

On the left on Friday French cavalry and tanks kept in close pursuit of the enemy and inflicted heavy losses.

Allied troops, which are pursuing the Germans between Rheims and Soissons, have lost touch at no point with the rear guards of the enemy. The losses of the Germans are declared to be heavy, according to the Petit Journal.

By the United Press

Paris, Aug. 3.—The German retreat is gaining momentum as the Allies push forward on the whole front from west of Soissons to Rheims.

In the center American troops are driving toward the Aisne up d'Ordillon Valley and are within six miles of the important enemy base of Fismes.

(Cohan, reported captured in another dispatch, is about that distance south of Fismes.)

West of Rheims advanced elements have reached several points on the Vesle River (which flows from Rheims almost due west through Fismes).

East of Soissons many Germans are retreating northward along the Launoy-aux-Croutes road.

The German line is giving steadily at most points.

While there is no doubt that the Germans' immediate purpose is to get out of the pocket there is considerable speculation as to whether they propose to form a new line at the Vesle or drop back to the Aisne, or whether they are preparing for a new blow, utilizing, perhaps, some of the first troops withdrawn from the salient.

By the United Press

With the French Armies in the Field, Aug. 3. French troops now hold the wrecked city of Soissons.

General Mangin's poilus swept down the slopes of Montagne de Paris last night and drove the Germans out of the place. Then they resisted the enemy rebound from the hills on the other side.

The attack on the city followed a bombardment, which after the day's fighting permitted the French to occupy the place firmly.

The capture of Soissons, however, was only an incident in the advance which stretched around the length of the rapidly straightening salient. The boches fell back from one to two miles everywhere, while Allied cavalry at several points penetrated a mile farther.

Plessier and Hartennes woods, where Prussian Guards made the stiffest resistance of any of the enemy forces, are now virtually encircled.

A remarkable feature of the fighting is the manner in which the artillery is being pushed forward with the infantry, in spite of the bad state of the roads.

The Germans are unmistakably withdrawing from the whole pocket. Their generals are skillfully extricating them from the hottest hole into which any Crown Prince ever ordered an obedient army—with or without father's blessing.

Horse, foot, airplanes, trucks, ambulances, tanks—they are working their way northward before the avenging French, Americans and British.

Yesterday's Allied accomplishments eliminated the possibility of the boches making a stand on the high plateau positions stretching across the salient below Fismes.

By the Associated Press

Washington, Aug. 3.

With the city of Soissons in the hands of the French, official speculation today turned to the extent of the German withdrawal from the Aisne-Marne salient. The retreat of the enemy reported in the official communiques of the French War Office and from General Pershing, it is believed, will not stop until the line of the Vesle River is reached. In the minds of many officers there was a doubt as to whether the enemy will be able to make a stand on the Vesle or whether the onrush of the British, American and French troops will not carry them across the Vesle and within a few days force the Germans to withdraw to the heights of the Aisne.

The great value of the operations of the last few days in establishing a precedent for victory for the Allies on the western front was reiterated by officials today.

General Foch today held the initiative, and it had been demonstrated that the best troops the German high command is able to throw into the fray are of insufficient fighting strength to stop the progress of the combined French, American and British forces. In the view of many here it will not be long until General Foch will show further steps in his war plan by the starting of an offensive on other sectors of the front. The Flanders salient, in the northern front, may become the scene of Allied offensive operations at any time, as it is known that a great concentration of British troops there has been effected.

FOCH STRATEGY GIVEN CREDIT FOR VICTORY

By the Associated Press

Paris, Aug. 3.—Friday's splendid success is but a link in the chain of victories which have followed one after the other since General Foch launched his counter-offensive on July 18. Rarely in war has a plan been followed out with such clockwork regularity, and military opinion here is lo in admiration of the splendid genius which conceived it and of the masterly way in which it is being carried out.

The Allied victory is hailed generally as being equal to the first victory of the Marne as a strategic masterpiece.

What the consequence of yesterday's victory will be cannot yet be gauged, but that it will be far-reaching already appears certain to the commentators. The enemy cannot hold the Vesle line, it is believed, but must recross the Aisne, since by the recapture of Soissons the Allies are able to debouch on both sides of the river and take him in the rear.

The enemy appears to be perfectly aware of this and also of the necessity of getting out quickly if he wishes to avoid unpleasant accidents. In accordance with practice he already has set fire to the bases at Fismes and Braisnes and a dozen other villages. The smoke which pierces the horizon is believed to show that the enemy knows that he can no longer use these places.

The German retreat began Friday morning after the fall of the Tardenois line, brought about by the storming of the Hartennes plateau by the troops of General Mangin the night before. General Berthelot, on the east, entered Villers-Tardenois and advanced on both sides of the Ardre valley. The Americans in the center marched toward the Vesle down the Ordillon valley, while from Hartennes the French debouched into the Crise valley, taking in the rear the previously impregnable redoubt of Buzancy.

Little by little the movement quickened, three miles behind and Gueux, Poilly, Vezilly, Goussancourt and Coulonges were passed at a bound.

The forest of Nesles was cleaned out and Dole wood entered. Arcy wood was but a mouthful. On the west the troops carried on to Maast-et-Violaine. Charcry and Soutron at 8 o'clock yesterday afternoon the Allies were established solidly on the heights on both sides of the Crise, that is to say, south and southeast of Soissons.

The fall of Soissons, which the Germans were obliged to evacuate, irrevocably decided the fate of the battle. It was the pivot of the whole German line. Even admitting that the German left could cling to the narrow plain between the Vesle and the Aisne, the right wing could not have remained in the air, as its only supports are the Soissons plateau and the nearest spurs of the famous Chemin-des-Dames.

Thus, it is held here, the situation will revert to where it was at the end of September, 1914.

AMERICANS PURSUE RETREATING ENEMY, PERSHING REPORTS

By the Associated Press

Washington, Aug. 3.—American troops, pursuing the enemy whose forces on the Soissons-Rheims front began to fall back yesterday morning, have penetrated to a depth of five miles and their progress is continuing, General Pershing reported in the communique received last night by the War Department.

In Thursday's fighting American troops captured Hill 230, south of Coulenges and the wood east of the hill. American aviators last night successfully bombed the railroad station and yards at Conflans, numerous hits being made, the communique says.

The text of the statement follows:

"Section A—Yesterday on the line of the Ourcq our troops in hard fighting captured Hill 230, south of Coulenges and the wood east of the hill. This morning, the enemy relinquished his efforts to stop our advance, commenced to fall back with our troops in close pursuit. The fire of our artillery has interrupted his communication and he is attempting to destroy large quantities of material. Our advance, which has already progressed to a depth of five miles, continues.

"Last night our aviators successfully bombed the railroad station and yards at Conflans. Numerous hits were made, causing several fires and one large explosion. All of our machines returned."

FISMES IN RANGE OF U. S. GUNS, YANKEE BOYS KEEP PRESSING ON

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pressing through the Concrois Wood were soon more than a mile east of Villemontoire.

"As in March of last year, the French army is advancing in pursuit of the enemy, with cavalry patrols far in advance, while the horse artillery and engineers accompany the infantry. Rain has fallen heavily all day and the roads are in a state which sensibly retards the pace of our advance.

"The description given by the correspondent of the Berlin Tageblatt of the devastation of towns, villages and farms by the enemy is true, and the destruction the German boasts of is all the Germans gained by three great offensives, which cost them hundreds of thousands of killed, wounded and prisoners."

By the Associated Press

Paris, Aug. 3.—Throughout last night the Allies continued to advance toward the Vesle, the French War Office announced today.