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YANKEE BLOWS OPEN WAY TO ALLIES IN ONWARD ADVANCE

YANKEES DRIVE 2-MILE WEDGE INTO HUN LINE

Pershing's Veterans Overcome Best of Crown Prince's Troops in Desperate Battle For Important Positions in the Marne Salient

FRENCH STRIKE A HEAVY BLOW

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne Front, July 23 (by The Associated Press).—Efforts made by the Germans to advance their lines against the Americans on this front last night and this forenoon were fruitless. The Americans, for their part, were content to hold their positions along their slightly advanced lines of the night. The German line, however, is reported to be gradually giving way both to the right and left.

There was hard fighting throughout the night, but concentrated attack in force by either side. During the night the Americans made a pretense of retiring from a part of the town of Seringes. The Germans advanced on the town on observing the supposed evacuation. Two companies of Americans then closed in and enveloped the Germans in a wide area. The air forces on both sides were busy this morning. One American observer was attacked by eight enemy machines and escaped and returned to his base.

Plunging northward from Seringes American troops have made brilliant and important advance in desperate fighting and apparently have opened the way for further successful operations against the Germans in the Marne salient. Enemy resistance of the stouter character was no obstacle for the Americans and they now are on the Fere-en-Tardenois—along highway just south of the forest of Nesles. The advance by the Americans late Tuesday measures a little less than two miles. French troops on the wings also moved forward and allied pressure on the west and east flanks of the pocket is being maintained with force.

Drive Deep Wedge Into Enemy In their advance the Americans drove a new wedge into the enemy line and the allies are now in a position to drive the Germans back by flank movements both east and west of the head of the apex which lies near Nesles. Most exposed is the German line from the Nesles region southward through Cirges to Roncheres. The line is about four miles in length and offers an opportunity to drive the Germans from the region southwest of Ville-en-Tardenois without frontal attack against the hills to the south.

In spite of the tremendous efforts put forth by the Germans to check the relentless pressure of the Allies north of the Ourcq river to-day finds the German positions there in grave danger. French British and American troops fighting their way forward to the east of Fere-en-Tardenois, have driven a wedge into the enemy's line and seems to be in a position to compel a hurried retreat from Roncheres and St. Gemme, at the extreme bottom of the salient between Soissons and Rheims.

In Dominating Position The allied line to-day runs south from Soissons to Grand Rozoy and then it begins to turn to the east. It passes just north of Fere-en-Tardenois and continues to the apex of the wedge at the village of Nesles, where it turns sharply south toward Roncheres. The allies' advance in this region seems to have placed them in a dominating position. All around the salient there has been a continuous battle during the past two days, with the Germans launching repeated counter-attacks against the allied lines. They have all failed and the allies have gained important ground at vital points.

Must Retreat to the Vesle Immediately south of Soissons and west of Rheims the German lines are strongly held, but enemy efforts to improve his position in the latter region have broken down. There now seems to be little doubt that the Germans will retreat to the Vesle river as soon as possible, any possibility of making a stand north of Ourcq being seemingly gone. Against the new British positions at Merris, in the Lys salient, where the Germans were driven back by a surprise attack on Tuesday, there has been a heavy bombardment.

Strong efforts have been made by the enemy to check the allies on the flanks and seemingly they have been successful. Attempts to drive the French from St. Euphrasie, an important port southwest of Rheims on the eastern flank however, were defeated with losses. Berlin says the fighting front was quiet Tuesday and that allied efforts Monday were repulsed everywhere. Best Hunts Had Some of Germany's supposedly best divisions, the Fourth Prussian guard and a Bavarian division, were opponents of American boys from the middle west and eastern states. The Americans had outfought them Monday in the battle for Seringe and defeated them badly Tuesday, although the enemy fought valiantly. The Germans were driven over the ridge north of Seringe and out of the villages of Seringes-et-Nesles and Nesles. Bitter fighting took place

in both places but when night fell the only Germans remaining in the villages were dead, victims of their own valor. Very few prisoners were taken, so desperate was the combat which raged throughout the entire day. Yankees Bear Up Under Fire Nesles forest probably will be defended as stoutly as was the ground already taken by the Americans. Machine gun and artillery fire forms the main part of the enemy defense. German shell fire from the forest, however, has had little effect against the Americans. The allied positions about Seringe also was improved by the capture of Hill 212 to the south-east and which commands Clerges. Determined counter-attacks by the enemy during the past forty-eight hours may indicate that the German Crown Prince believes he has withdrawn far enough and is prepared for heavy fighting before again moving northward. It is not improbable, however, that the allied pressure has been so forceful that he

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CITY ASKS U. S. FOR ONE OF FOE'S CAPTURED GUNS

Mayor Keister First to Put in Request For Bit of Hun Artillery

Mayor Keister to-day made application to Washington for one of the captured machine guns which are to be sent to the United States from the western front and distributed among American cities. The fact that various pieces of the ordnance captured during the American operations in France are to be sent to this country and distributed among American cities was hardly more than announced until the Mayor this morning declared his intention of making every effort to secure one of the history-making

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Nicholas, Given but Two Hours to Prepare For Death, Collapsed at End

Amsterdam, July 31.—Given two hours to prepare for his execution, Nicholas Romanoff, former Russian emperor, was taken out by his executioners in a state of such collapse that it was necessary to prop him against a post, says the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin, which claims to have received from a high Russian personage an account of the emperor's last hours. Nicholas was awakened at 5 a. m. on the day of his execution by a patrol of a noncommissioned officer and six men. He was told to dress and then was taken to a room where the decision of the Soviet Council was communicated to him. He was informed the execution would be carried out in two hours. The former emperor, it is added, received the announcement of the sentence of death with great calmness, then returned to his bedroom and collapsed in a chair. After a few minutes he asked for a priest with whom he was allowed to remain unattended. Subsequently he wrote several letters.

When the escort arrived to take him to the place of execution, Nicholas attempted to rise from his chair but was unable. The priest and a soldier were obliged to assist him to stand. The condemned man descended the stairs with difficulty and once he fell down. As he was unable to stand without support when the place of execution was reached, he was propped against a post. He raised his hands and seemed to be trying to speak, but the rifles spoke and he fell dead.

Local Draft Boards Are Called Upon to Send 72 White Men on August 8

The three city boards and first and second county boards this morning received orders to send 72 white draftees of the 1917 registration to Camp Wagner, Spartanburg, S. C., August 8. The men are to entrain at the Pennsylvania station at 9.10 in the evening. The remaining boards will announce their quotas to-morrow. The call is for 49 men from the city and 23 from the county. The Elizabethville county board will not have to furnish a quota under the call, which is part of the five-day movement beginning August 5. City board No. 1, will send eight men; No. 2, twenty-seven men; No. 3, twenty-four men; county board No. 1, at Steelton, fourteen men, and county board No. 2, the Paxtang board, nine men. City board No. 1, notified its men to-day to report Thursday, August 8, at 4 o'clock, for final instructions. The men announced are: Joseph Stuckney, Armstrong, 124 Vine street; Charles Powell, Tenant, 1504 Penn street; Hiram Ludwig, 1519 South Cameron street; Ralph Waldo McCord, 606 North Second street; Domenico Fortunio, 114 Dock street; Wilbert Luther Niemacher, 612 South Front street; Simon Lutz, 124 Boss street, and Charles Forster Hippie, 1404 North Sixth street.

10 PER CENT WAGE RAISE GIVEN BETHLEHEM CO. MEN

Announcement by President Grace Affects 7,000 Employees at Steelton Plant; Central Iron and Steel Company Hears of Increase

Bethlehem Steel Company will be affected by the new wage increase announced by President Grace to-morrow. Figures on the amount of money to be paid to employees in increased pay were not available to-day. When told of the announcement of increased wages to be paid to employees of the Bethlehem Steel Company, President Robert H. Irons, of the Central Iron and Steel Company, said that he did not know what the course of action of his company would be. He had not given the matter any previous consideration, he said.

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KILLING OF MEN NOW IS SOLE OBJECT OF BIG MARNE BATTLE

German Field Marshal, Ukraine Commander, and His Adjutant Assassinated by Social Revolutionist While Riding in a Carriage in Kiev

CRIME IS PLOTTED IN MOSCOW BY RUSSIANS Bolshevik Regime Nearing End Say Reports Reaching Stockholm; Masses of Peasants and Workmen Said to Be Rising in Arms

Amsterdam, July 31.—Field Marshal Von Eichhorn, the German commander in the Ukraine, and Captain Von Dresler, his adjutant were wounded seriously by a bomb in Kiev Tuesday, says an official announcement received here from the Ukrainian capital. The bomb was thrown at the men while they were driving to their headquarters from the casino. A later message from Kiev announces that Field Marshal Von

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MAKE NEW HOUSES OUT OF OLD, BIG PROBLEM FOR CITY

Philadelphia Octavia Hill Association Points the Way to Harrisburg

One of the big problems Harrisburg will have to face in the housing campaign is must undertake if it wants to grow, is the remodeling and rehabilitation of a large number of down-at-the-heel, unsanitary dwellings. The housing fault in Harrisburg lies not only in a scarcity of houses but in the character of many of the houses now offered for rent. Many of them are not fit for human habitation. These are mostly houses more than twenty years old. Most of the more recently built houses are of better type and are kept in better repair. "Housing," said a writer in the Telegraph the other evening, "is not a mere matter of building houses," and again, "if a big building program is not wise at the moment, at least we should make the best of what we have."

BROKEN FLANGE CAUSE OF WRECK ON PENNSY

When a flange on one of the cars broke and overturned on one of the rails at noon to-day eleven cars of a draft being transferred from the Pennsylvania yard tracks near Union Station to those of the Philadelphia and Reading, were derailed. One car, loaded with soft coal, was overturned near the Mulberry street bridge and narrowly escaped striking the Mulberry street trolley. No person was hurt.

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YANKEES HOLD PLACES TAKEN IN HOT FIGHT

Paris, July 31.—American troops maintained their position in the region of Seringes-et-Nesles, which they carried after violent fighting, according to an official statement from the war office to-day. The Germans made four attacks against the new French positions east of Oulchy-le-Chateau. They were repulsed and the French line was held intact. The French and the Germans carried out raids at number of points on sectors east and west of the Marne salient, but there was no change in the general situation at these points.

Drops 800 Yards With 12-Foot Umbrella to Test Parachute For Airplanes

With the American Army in France, July 31.—Captain Sarret, a French aviator, has carried out the first experiment on record of falling from a moving airplane with a parachute. He dropped 800 yards with an umbrella twelve yards in diameter and landed safely.

READING DEPOT MAY BE CLOSED DURING THE WAR

Regional Director Considering Joint Operation of Passenger Stations Here

That the railroad administration is considering not only the closing of the Reading freight station in this city and its joint operation with the Pennsylvania freight station in the large new building now being erected by the Pennsylvania south of Mulberry street, but that the combination of the railroad passenger stations for the period of the war is also under discussion, was disclosed to-day. For some time it has been known the regional director has been observing conditions along all of the lines of the railroads throughout the East with the idea of concentrating terminal and station forces where ever possible, but it was not believed that this would affect the passenger end of the business to any extent. Word was received from Philadelphia to-day, however, that this will be taken up within the next week or ten days at a general meeting of railroad officials and the federal administration heads to be held in

Camp Meade Soldier and Sweetheart Swallow Poison in Suicide Pact

Lancaster, Pa., July 31.—Cleve N. Farr, of Cleveland, S. C., a soldier from Camp Meade, is dead and Carrie Hill, of this city, is in a critical condition, the result of a suicide pact.

Italians Surprise Enemy Advance in Daone Valley

Rome, July 31.—An official statement issued to-day by the Italian war office says: "In the Daone Valley our troops have surprised an enemy advanced post and captured its occupants. In the Brenta Valley the enemy launched an attack in force against our line on the Corone. After brisk hand to hand fighting the enemy was forced to retire, losing machine guns and flame projectors. A few prisoners remained in our hands. Five hostile airplanes have been brought down."

Both Sides Continue Terrific Fighting With But One View, General March Explains in Semi-Weekly Interview to Correspondents

GERMAN RETREAT HAS REACHED 14 MILES Hope of Allies Bagging Large Number of Prisoners Dissipated by Flattening of the Salient; Form Six New Divisions For Training

Washington, July 31.—The sole object of the allies and the Germans in the Soissons-Rheims salient now is to kill as many men as possible, General March, chief of staff, said to-day at his semi-weekly conference with newspaper correspondents. Whatever objective either side had at the beginning, the general said, has been submerged by developments in the fighting. General March pointed out that the salient has been greatly flattened, thus virtually dissipating any hopes of the allies bagging large numbers of the enemy. The German withdrawal since last Sunday, he added, had reduced the length of the line another ten miles to 54 miles. The maximum German retreat in the center, is 14 miles.

Arrival of the 42nd (Rainbow) division and its participation in the fighting east of Fere-en-Tardenois, was announced. The third regular division also was identified in action at Seringe and Clerges, where the crack German guard divisions have been defeated in recent fighting by American tank units. General March announced the formation in the United States of six more divisions, numbered from 15 to 20 and to be located at Camp Logan, Texas; Kinney, California; Beauregard, La.; Travis, Texas; Dodge, Ia., and Sevier, S. C. As in the case of the six divisions announced last week, these will be built around two regular infantry regiments in each case.

Cavalry Made Artillery General March announced also the conversion of fifteen national army cavalry regiments into artillery units to be sent to the front. These will comprise part of the artillery units for the new divisions. General March had nothing to reveal as to the extent of the casualties sustained by the American forces in the recent fighting. He said, however, that General Pershing had been ordered to make the casualties as received and that these would be given out here at once. He added that there would be no distribution of casualties over a long period hereafter.

The chief of staff said that in carrying out the new policy of "one army" the war department intends to put the letters "U. S." heretofore reserved for the regulars on the collar of every man serving in the military forces of the United States. The sub-designations of "N. G." for National Guard, or "N. A." for National Army, will be abandoned. In the same connection, General March announced that the twelve major generals and the thirty-six brigadiers necessary for the new divisions will be selected from all elements of the service. This statement was taken to mean that both National Guard and National Army officers hereafter will be eligible for promotion to the rank of general officers even in regular army divisions. General March said that where a division commander was selected to a temporary corps command the command of his division passed to the senior brigadier.

State Balances Drop Because of Payments

Heavy payments, during July caused the balances in the State Treasury at the end of this month to drop below the total at the close of June and to almost meet the figures at the end of May. The statement of the operations of the Treasury during July shows: July receipts, \$2,543,797.40. July expenditures, \$3,726,629.17. July 31 balances, \$3,429,618.50. June 30 balances, \$10,812,448.27. Detail of balances general fund, \$6,688,228.36; sinking fund, \$651,110.02; school fund (uninvested) \$23,235.72; motor vehicle license, \$1,256,292.60; game fund, \$24,690.74; county fund, \$167,822.73; fire insurance fund (uninvested), \$91,829.75; prison manufacturing fund \$36,944.95; federal vocational aid fund \$95,484.06.

LATE NEWS

ALABAMA FLYER IN FATAL FALL Fort Worth, Texas—Flying Cadet William Vann Weir, of Galaden, Ala., was killed as noon to-day when his plane crashed to earth at Carruthers field.

AUSTRIA'S FOOD CRISIS ENDS Amsterdam—The food crisis in Austria is nearly over-come and presumably never will recur, says Food Minister Paul, according to the Neue Freie Presse, of Vienna. He says harvest prospects are promising and that the situation, especially as to fodder, is better than the previous year.

MARKET CLOSES STRONG New York—Leaders were at their best later but reacted fractionally in the final hour. The closing was strong. Liberty 3 1/2s sold at 99.82 to 99.92; 4s at 93.10 to 94.44 and 4 1/4s at 95.02 to 95.52. United States Steel, on its extremely favorable quarterly report, contributed 50 per cent. of to-day's moderate stock dealings at an extreme advance of two points. Sales approximated 350,000 shares.

MINIMUM WAGE RATE ABANDONED Washington—A minimum wage to be applied throughout industry will not be established at this time by the War Labor Board. In making this announcement to-day, the board said wage controversies will be considered individually as heretofore. Hearings on the question of a minimum wage had been held and the board was expected to establish a minimum in the near future.

GREEK ENVOYS REACH PARIS Paris—Two German Greek missions, each entrusted with a special mission to the Entente powers, are in Paris. They will leave soon for America.

NO PEACE OFFER SAYS BALFOUR London—Speaking in the House of Commons to-day Arthur J. Balfour, the British Foreign Secretary, said no enemy government had approached the Entente allies regarding negotiations for peace.

HUNS DECRY YANKEE DENTISTS Amsterdam—The fact that there are still a number of American dentists practicing in Germany is the subject of angry comment in letters to the Cologne Gazette. The correspondents think it is "scandalous" that American dentists should be permitted to attend the injured jaws of German soldiers.

18 PLEAD NOT GUILTY New York—Eighteen persons, indicted for alleged theft of beef from the army quartermaster's department, pleaded not guilty in the Federal Court to-day. Isidore Frank, declared by Federal attorneys to have been the ring leader of the conspiracy, gave \$8,000 in Liberty Bonds as bail.

WIRE OFFICIALS REMAIN IN CHARGE Washington—Under the supervision of a special committee from the postoffice department the wire system of the nation will be operated beginning at midnight, present officials continuing as government employees until further notice from the department.

BORIS DANSKIO EICHORN ASSASSIN Amsterdam—A Berlin dispatch regarding Field Marshal Von Eichhorn's death says that, after he had received severe wounds on the left side, heart stimulants only gave temporary relief. Captain Von Dresler, it is announced, died from loss of blood. The assassin calls himself Boris Danskio.

STRIKE, BELIEVING FOREMAN PRO-GERMAN Chambersburg—The 200 hands of the big Byron Tannery at Mercersburg went on strike this morning because their demands that Superintendent Herman Hundhausen, whom they allege to be pro-German, be removed were not complied with. Their has been no disorder and it is hoped to adjust the differences.

MARRIAGE LICENSES Ellis Spivey and Harry Jordan, Steelton; Minnie Jannan and Sophie Eversough, Steelton.