



HAIG SEIZES MT. KEMMEL, KEY TO WHOLE OF FLANDERS FRONT

September 12 Fixed by President as Registration Day

BATTLEFIELD ON YANKEE FRONT VAST PANORAMA OF DEADLY FIRE

German Armies Offering Most Desperate Resistance Because of Danger of Franco-American Advance Along Dangerous Salient

SHELLS ARE BURSTING LIKE HEAVY SURF

Huns Told by Commanders That Americans Kill All Prisoners; U. S. Fighting Men Battle Against Enemy Center

By Associated Press
Paris, Aug. 31.—The positions won yesterday by the American troops northwest of Soissons, La Liberté points out, give them a fine view along the Chemin des Dames. The Americans now can see the towers of the Laon cathedral.

With the American Army in France, Aug. 31.—Between the Ailette and the Aisne and far to the southeastward, along the line of the Vesle the battlefield is one vast panorama of fire. Here at the moment the Germans are offering the most desperate resistance since the issue in this sector has a graver strategic bearing than anywhere else along the whole front.

Enemy Hold Threatened
With General Mangin's men already across the Ailette on either side of the village of Champs, the enemy's hold on Coucy-le-Chateau is threatened. Coucy-le-Chateau is highly important to the Germans as a distributing center of troops falling back from Noyon and those fighting stoutly on the left bank of the Ailette.

From the crest of the plateau north of Soissons shells can be seen bursting like surf against the German lines. American troops, in the center, are still fighting to clear the difficult entanglement of ravines before them. There has been no close fighting in these valleys as yet.

Philosophic Hun
A philosophic wounded prisoner was encountered to-day in the road near the battlefield. He said: "They told me that the Americans murdered their prisoners."

Ten Battered Yankees Drive Off 40 Germans

With the American Army in France, Friday, Aug. 30.—German troops attempted to raid American advanced posts in the Vosges sector early to-day. Their artillery and machine gun activity had caused in the American outpost, burying twelve men and wounding two others lightly, before the enemy made his attack. The ten unwounded men dug themselves free as soon as the artillery fire stopped. They drove off between thirty or forty Germans and killed at least one. The body of the man who was brought to the American lines for burial as soon as he can be rescued from the German machine guns which are keeping up steadily all around it. Several buildings at Contans. Several S. Flyers Drop Bombs on Enemy

With the American Army on the Aisne Front, Aug. 31.—American bombing machines yesterday morning successfully attacked railway yards

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THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Thunderstorms this afternoon or to-night; Sunday fair; moderate temperature.
River
The main river will continue to rise slowly this afternoon and to-night and probably begin to fall Sunday.

ENEMY RETREAT IS HURRIED BY BRITISH GAINS

Foe Forced Out of Positions For Which They Paid Terrible Price in April; Advances of Two Miles Is Made at Vital Battle Sectors

With the British Forces in France, Aug. 31.—British successes on the Lys salient sector of the battle front have caused the Germans to start a retreat from the neighborhood of Kemmel to opposite Bethune. The withdrawal is progressing rapidly. Field Marshal Haig's men to-day are attacking near Marriennes wood, between Bapaume and the river Somme, which position is strongly held by the enemy.

Mt. Kemmel, the height dominating virtually all the northern side of the Lys salient in Flanders, again is in the hands of the British. Dispatches to London state that this famous hill, for which the Germans paid a terrible price in April and which was defended to the death by the allies, has been captured.

There have been no reports, however, of an attack being made on this hill, and it seems probable that the Germans retired from it and that the British quickly moved in. There are evidences that the enemy's retreat from the Lys salient is being accelerated, the British having taken the station of Bailleur, as well as Mt. Lille, to the east, and being in possession of the bank of the Lawe river from Vielle Chapelle to Lestrem, on the southern side of the salient.

Haig's Advance Rapid
In certain vital sectors of this battle area, the British have gained from one to two miles during the past day.

While there is every evidence that allied pressure against the German lines from Soissons to Arras continues, the desperate attempts of the enemy to cover his retreat seems to have brought about a virtual pause for the moment. At only two points—southeast of Arras and northwest and north of Arras—have the allied forces moved to-day.

Capture Villi Point
In the former sector, north of the Arras-Cambrai road, the British have occupied the Servins farm, close to the highway, and have moved into the village of Eterpigny, to the northeast. This village is on the east bank of the Seneze river and its capture marks the passage of that small but important waterway at a vital point.

The British official statement says the town of Clerf, which is located on the Somme to the northwest of Peronne, has been taken from the Germans. Advice reaching London today, however, state that Mont St. Quentin, a mile and a half north of Peronne, has been captured by the British. This report would seem to have been a mistake, as the British are surrounded by the British, Field Marshal Haig's men having forced their way across the Somme to the south of Peronne yesterday.

Hard Work at Soissons
There is hard fighting going on north of Soissons, American and French troops striving to capture the high plateau that dominates the Aisne and Ailette valleys and also endeavoring to force their way farther toward Coucy-le-Chateau, an important concentration point between the Oise and the Ailette. The Germans are fighting hard in this sector, however, and appear to have checked the allies for the time being.

Driven From Villages
London, Aug. 31.—German troops have been driven from their positions east of Clerf, on the Somme north-west of Peronne, and the British advance in this locality is continuing, says to-day's war office statement. British forces have entered the village of Draoutre, south of Locon, on the north side of the Lys salient. On the south side of the Lys salient, the British have occupied the

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63 LOST AT SEA WHEN U.S. CARGO VESSEL IS SUNK BY TWO U-BOATS

Twenty Members of American Naval Guard Believed Dead in Sinking of Steamer Joseph Cudahy, Seven Hundred Miles Off Coast

CAPTAIN TAKEN ABOARD ONE OF PIRATE CRUISERS

Only Thirteen Men Reported Rescued; Ship Went Down Quickly When Struck Twice in Vital Spots by Torpedoes

By Associated Press
Washington, Aug. 31.—The United States cargo steamer Joseph Cudahy was torpedoed at sea about 700 miles from the English coast August 17 and sixty-three members of the crew are reported missing. Thirteen were rescued.

Two submarines made the attack and two torpedoes struck the ship, the first attacking the fuel tank and the second the engine room. The captain of the Cudahy reported that he was taken aboard one of the U-boats and questioned.

Of the missing twenty-two were members of the naval armed guard, only two of the guard being reported rescued.

The ship was torpedoed about 12:30 o'clock at night and apparently went down quickly. How many, if any, of the sailors lost their lives in the explosions has not been reported.

LOCK HAVEN PICKED ON AERIAL MAIL ROUTE

By Associated Press
Lock Haven, Pa., Aug. 31.—Lock Haven will be one of the landing places on an aerial mail route between New York and Cleveland to be started next week. Paul O. Brown, postmaster, has completed plans for a landing field on the banks of the Clinton Country Club, two miles from here. The line will be started Thursday or Friday. It will follow a direct route from New York to Mauch Chunk, Lock Haven, Warren and Cleveland.

GROCCERS PLAN TO CLOSE THURSDAYS DURING WINTER

Fuel Administrator Endorses Movement to Save Light and Fuel
Shorter hours throughout the winter and the continuance of the Thursday afternoon closing plan in vogue throughout Harrisburg during the past several months as a light and heat conservation measure, is wanted by many Harrisburg grocers for the coming winter months. At a meeting on Monday evening the plan will be considered.

Believing that they could just as well serve their patrons with shorter hours and one afternoon a week closed, while they would at the same act in a manner beneficial to the country's best interests, many dealers belonging to the Harrisburg Retail Grocers' Association petitioned Ross A. Hickok, Fuel Administrator for Dauphin county, asking that he pass an edict making such hours compulsory on dealers of at least Harrisburg.

Three Motor Messengers Ready to Serve Overseas

Three Motor Messengers, members of the local Red Cross Corps, have been driven from their positions of service and other members of the service contemplating applying, it was announced by Mrs. S. F. Dunkle, secretary of the association. At the meeting it was decided to change the present uniform of khaki for the regulation government uniform of oxford gray, and with these uniforms as their garb, to begin sanitary drill and mechanical instruction as preparation for overseas service.

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MAN-POWER BILL IS SIGNED BY WILSON

Proclamation Calls Upon All Americans to Enroll For War Service; President Explains Act's Provisions and the Crisis

Washington, Aug. 31.—President Wilson to-day signed the man power act bringing all men in the United States from 18 to 45 years of age, within the army draft and immediately afterward issued a proclamation fixing Thursday, September 12, as registration day. In case of illness on the registration day, arrangements for tardy enrollment may be made with local boards and men who are unable to be absent from their homes may register by mail, sufficiently in advance that the registration record reaches the board by September 12. If a man has no permanent residence he is to register at the place he is on September 12 and those out of the country on that day are required to enroll within five days after their return.

YANKEES THROWN INTO ONE OF WAR'S MOST FEROCIOUS ATTACKS ON HUNS

General Mangin Commands Some of Finest American Divisions and Elite French Troops in Terrific Battle Along Vesle River

Concentration of Men Under American Flag Formerly Brigaded With French and British Going on With Great Rapidity

PICKED FOE OPPOSE GREAT ALLIED FORCE

Paris, Aug. 31.—While the center of the eighty mile battle line was relatively quiet, enemy resistance increased yesterday on both wings. He was unable, however, to arrest the progress of the allies. At the northern end of the line, the British gained important ground for future operations by taking Bullecourt, the most solid position in that sector. Last night's British official statement

BOTH RAILWAYS COMPANIES WILL INCREASE FARES

Harrisburg Rates to Be Six Cents; Valley, Seven; Effective October 1
Increases in fares on all Harrisburg Railway Company lines from five to six cents, and on all Valley Railway Company lines from five to seven cents, both effective October 1, were announced to-day. Notices of these changes in tariffs have been filed by attorneys for the companies, with the Public Service Commission. In making the advance in fares officials of the two car companies give as reasons the constant advance in the cost of materials with the necessary wage increases for employees in order to maintain a sufficiently large working force to man the street cars.

Thirteenth Ward to Float Service Flag For Its Men in Army

Businessmen and residents in the Thirteenth ward have contributed a sufficient fund to purchase a large service flag in honor of the men from that district of the city who have entered army service and are now either in training camps in the United States or on the firing line in France. Compared with other districts of the city the ward has contributed a proportionate share of man power for the United States Army and some of the boys have already been mentioned in letters home for bravery.

The fund for the flag has been given to William T. Hollands, 1917 Derry street, who will purchase one as soon as he ascertains how many men from the ward are in service. He has made an appeal that parents, wives and friends of soldiers furnish him with the names, addresses and units of all men in the army, navy or marines, so that the total number can be determined. As soon as this is done the flag will be purchased and floated at Nineteenth and Derry streets.

The Thirteenth ward boundary is Rudy street on the north and Rudy street extended; east by Poorhouse Road; south by Philadelphia and Reading railway and west by a line 150 feet east of Eighteenth street. All persons residing within this district who know of men from that section who are in service are requested by Mr. Hollands to furnish the names to him at once.

WAR STAMPS ARE GOING UP ONE CENT TOMORROW MORNING

Start Your Card Tonight

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LATE NEWS

BRITISH ADVANCES ARE SLOWED UP

With the British Forces in France—Advances have been made here and there by British forces along the battle front but they generally have been slight. The night was comparatively quiet throughout the zone but fighting again became heavy after dawn this morning. The enemy has delivered vicious counterattacks with powerful forces south of the Arras-Cambrai road. As the result of one of these counter blows the British withdrew to the edge of Rincourt-Les-Cagnicourt. On both sides of the river Scarpe on the Arras front there have been heavy counterattacks, delivered apparently by fresh troops. Here, as elsewhere, the British have maintained their gains only by retiring slightly where a few yards are not as valuable as lives, and where the opportunity has offered to inflict heavy casualties on the enemy. In all these places many Germans were killed and wounded and they lost a considerable number of prisoners.

12,778,758 MEN EXPECTED TO ENROLL

Washington—An official estimate by the War Department places the number of men who will register for military service on September 12 at approximately 12,778,758. This is on the basis of the last census, and the figures in the opinion of some officers may be exceeded.

BOSTON WINS AMERICAN TITLE

Boston—The Boston American League team clinched its title to the league championship to-day by winning from Philadelphia in the first game of a double header, six to one. Ruth pitched. Should Boston lose all its remaining games and Cleveland win the rest of its games the Red Sox still would be champions.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS SPREADS

Chambersburg—Two new cases of infantile paralysis in Chambersburg three new ones and a death in the county outside yesterday add to the gravity of a situation which is causing much concern. The child who died yesterday at Clay Hill and had been sick but a day. The big Labor day celebration is called off, parades picnics and church services are all annulled. Children 18 and under will not even be admitted to churches to-morrow.

LENINE WOUNDED BY ASSASSIN

London—Criminal attempts have been made on the life of Lenine, the Bolshevik premier, at Moscow, according to a Russian wireless message received here to-day from the Russian capital under date of August 30. Lenine was wounded.

BOYS STEAL RIFLE CARTRIDGES

Harrisburg—Five boys charged with stealing 600 rifle cartridges, .38 calibre, from the building at Nineteenth and Manada streets, used by the Morton Truck and Tractor Company, now bankrupt, were held for juvenile court at a hearing in police court this afternoon. The cartridges are valued at \$120. The boys are Earl Harker, Oscar Heffelfinger, Theodore Ney, Clayton Shell, Casper Moore. They live in the neighborhood.

JITNEYS NOT UNDER GASOLINE ORDER

Harrisburg—O. G. Wickersham, counsel for Harrisburg jitney drivers said to-day that the operation of jitneys is essential and that the new gasoline regulation will not affect their operation in his opinion.

LONDON POLICE STRIKE SETTLED

London—The strike of members of the London police force has been settled, according to an announcement made this evening by the Exchange Telegraph Company.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Frederick C. Pierce and Anna M. Santo, Harrisburg; Henry East, Jr., Johnstown, and Flora L. Jones, Harrisburg; Ira C. Keller and Amy D. Fawber, Altoona; John R. Miller and Mary O. Fertig, Harrisburg; Lorin W. High, Harrisburg, and Ada E. McClain, Lancaster; Elwood E. Eschenbade and Sue May Walters, West Fairview; William H. Eitweller and Prudence C. Wisnarski, Harrisburg; Andrew S. Hall, McKeesport, and Helen E. Freed, Liverpool.