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# 180,000 MEN LOST BY GERMAINS IN THE LAST EIGHT DAYS FIGHTING

### Crown Prince Up Against the Real Thing—Allies Still Hammering Away and Germans May Retreat to Vesle River —400,000 Huns Being Used in the Battle

With the American Army on the Aisne Marne Front, July 24—12:50 p. m.—Along the line north of Chateau Thierry the Franco-American forces have driven the Germans out of nearly all of the Chatelet forest. The allied advance was made in considerable jumps in that area the Germans continuing their rear guard fighting and depending much upon their machine guns.

Further to the west the Americans gained the ascendancy over the Germans and drove through and beyond the town of Epieds.

American cavalry was used at one point in the operations north of the Chateau Thierry line.

To the northward the most intense resistance was offered along the extended German right flank, but the reports are that the allies have made gains and that the Germans have been unable to halt the movement toward their lines of supplies.

**Germans Using 400,000 Men**

Paris, July 24.—Each day's operations bring further proof of the completeness with which the genius of General Foch has turned the tables on the Germans. Instead of slowing down to a condition of what has been called stabilization, as the general public from experience expected, the allies continue to push forward in the face of determined and skilful resistance by the Germans.

The enemy, according to reports, now has 35 divisions in the battle zone, 400,000 men of which are in the region north of the Marne. In

the opinion of military observers the violent German resistance is due more to political considerations for it is to the immediate interests of General Ludendorff from a military standpoint to straighten out his line without delay.

Allied airmen report conditions back of the German lines as indicative of a German retreat to the Vesle river. The line of the Ourcq has been virtually rendered untenable by the allies' advance to the neighborhood of Oulchy-le-Chateau and Ouchy-le-Ville, north of the stream.

South of Soissons the French and Americans are known to have reached the western bank of the Crise river. Should the allies succeed in crossing the Crise in force and in gaining the plateau to the eastward of that stream, German occupation of Soissons would probably be short lived. Such an advance also would make the line of the Vesle of slight advantage to the Germans and would probably compel their eventual retirement to the Aisne river. For this reason the allied efforts to forge eastward of Bazancy may be expected to be redoubled and the German resistance at this point probably will be of the sternest character.

Since the fighting began July 15 the Germans are reported to have used between sixty and seventy divisions. Estimated from French headquarters place the German losses in that period at 180,000 in killed, wounded and prisoners.

# MANY WILLISTON BOYS AT THE LAKES

### INTERESTING LETTER FROM LEONARD POE TELLS OF LIFE AT TRAINING STATION

Camp Farragut, July 21.  
Dear Friend:  
I am now at Camp Farragut and have just returned from church or rather Catholic Mass with Joe Ledosquet. I found him and George Merrill and Ralph Greengard all here. It helps some to meet people you know especially when you are not looking for them. George is in Camp Decatur right across the ravine and Ralph is in Camp Perry just north of here while Joe is in this Camp.

Last night, in fact every night there is a show on in the "ravine" which is a natural theatre in the trees and seats several thousand. It is really a sort of a pit with seats around it and when they are filled with "Jackies" in white uniforms it makes a picture in itself. Once a week there is a vaudeville company from Chicago and during the week it is all home talent. In a bunch like this there is real talent too. It seems strange not to see any women around but they are not allowed only at the Y. M. C. A. hostess house, by the gate and there visitors may be received.

We received our inoculations the other day and my arms are so sore I can't touch them.

Scott field (aviation camp) is not very far from here and the planes fly over every once in a while. I'm crazy about getting a chance to ride in one but I may latter on.

Everyone is writing letters today and reading the papers as there is no drill. We get up at 5 have breakfast about 6 and drill and so on until 11:30 then "chow" as they call it and drill some more till 6:30, then supper and recreation until 9 and taps. Well as it is almost dinner time I must close.

Yours truly,  
Leonard Poe.  
Camp Farragut,  
Great Lakes, Ill.

# SHELLS BARGES AND CROWDS ON SHORE

### SUB DESTROYS BARGES NEAR CAPE CODE—SENDS SHELLS AT PEOPLE ON BEACH

Orleans, Mass., July 22.—An enemy submarine attacked a tow off the easternmost point of Cape Cod yesterday, sank three barges, set a dropped four shells on the mainland, fourth and their tug on fire and the action lasted an hour and was unchallenged except for two hydroplanes from the Chatham aviation station, which circled over the U-boat causing her to submerge for only a moment to reappear and resume firing.

The crew of the tow, numbering 41, escaped amid the shell fire in lifeboats. Several were wounded.

The barges were in tow of the tug Perth Amboy. The attack was without warning and only the poor marksmanship of the German gunners permitted the escape of the crews.

The one-sided fight took place three miles south of the Orleans coast guard station, which is located midway between Chatham, at Elbow, and Highland Light at the extreme tip of the cape.

**Shell Crowds On Shore**

The firing was heard for miles and brought thousands to the beach from which the flashes of the guns and the outline of the U-boat were plainly visible. Possible danger to the onlookers was not thought of until a shell whizzed over their heads and splashed in a pond a mile inland. Three other shells buried themselves in the sands of the beach.

# WILLIAMS COUNTY FARM BUREAU HAS VERY INTERESTING MEETING

### The Feed and Labor Question Discussed at Length—Township Chairmen Report Crop Conditions and Their Reports Give Average Better than Expected

At a meeting of the township chairmen of the Farm Bureau held Tuesday at the Court House many important questions were discussed for the benefit of the farmer in the near future. The bureau took up the question of the supply of feed and hay for the coming winter and from a thorough survey of all the sections of the county it was determined that a large amount of hay will be needed for the coming winter if not before as the hay crop here this year is very poor and far from sufficient to supply the demands. Steps must be taken at once to procure enough hay for the farmers to feed their stock during the winter and it was decided to send men to Minnesota to cut and put up enough hay to supply the needs of those who wanted it. Each township chairman was authorized to call a meeting in his district at once and ascertain the amount that each farmer will need and report the amount to the Farm Bureau Secretary Mr. Gene Howard not later than next Tuesday so that work can be started at once on getting the hay here. It was suggested that those farmers who could get away and furnish teams and men do so and ship them to Minnesota where there is plenty of hay to be had at this time at a very reasonable price. The farmers of course must make arrangements for cash payments for the hay in order to obtain the low price and not run any expense against the Farm Bureau at this time. The government seems to be very interested at this time in the conditions in this section of the country as

they had present at this meeting Mr. Fisher from the Agriculture Department at Washington, D. C., and for his benefit the various township chairmen gave an outline of the crop prospects and conditions in their respective sections. It seems that it is the intention of the government to be of as much aid to the farmers here as possible and steps will probably be taken to help them further in the future but to what extent Mr. Fisher was unable to state at this time.

The county crop prospect as a whole is not as discouraging as was first thought. From the survey it is estimated that the wheat average will run better than five bushels to the acre. When taking into consideration the fact that some sections of the county will not have any wheat crop at all this average is very good. The rye crop has turned out better than expected and in some sections it is reported that twenty bushels to the acre will be harvested. The oats crop is poor in general as well as the hay crop. Below is the reports given by the township chairmen. This report does not cover the entire county as some of the districts were not represented at this meeting and no report could be obtained.

Bull Butte—Fair crop. Wheat will run 8 to 10 bushels to acre. No hay. Judson Twp—No hay, Fair crops. Mott—Some hay. Fair crops. Twp. 153-103—Some good crops in spots. Very little hay. Good Luck and Barr Butte—No hay. Good crops. Plenty of straw to (Continued on page 8)

# ROOSEVELT DEATH CONFIRMED BY HUNS

### GERMAN REPORT TELLS OF DEATH OF YOUNG ROOSEVELT —BURIED WITH HONORS

Amsterdam, July 21.—The death of Quentin Roosevelt is confirmed by a Wolf bureau message from the front, according to a Berlin dispatch received here. The message adds that young Roosevelt was buried with military honors by the Germans. The story of the fatal encounter, as told by the Wolf bureau correspondent follows:

"On Sunday, July 14, an American squadron of 12 battleplanes was trying to break through the German defense over the Marne. In the violent combat which ensued with seven German machine one American aviator stubbornly made repeated attacks. This culminated in a duel between him and a German non-commissioned officer, who, after a short fight, succeeded in getting a good aim at his brave but inexperienced opponent, whose machine fell after a few shots near the village of Chambray ten kilometers north of the Marne.

His pocket case showed him to be Lieut. Quentin Roosevelt of the aviation section of the United States army. The personal belongings of the fallen aviator are being carefully kept with a view to sending them later to his relatives.

# Scholander Elected As County Agent

At the Farm Bureau meeting that was held here Tuesday Mr. Scholander formerly of Williston was elected to take the place of County Agent Hall who leaves here soon to take up his work at the Agricultural College. Mr. Scholander lived in Williston for five years and was the man who first had charge of the Experimental Station here. He is familiar with the county and county work and is an expert in his line of work. We feel sure that the Farm Bureau has not made any mistake in selecting a man of his caliber. Mr. Scholander was wired as soon as the meeting was over and is by this time on his way to Williston from points in Washington to relieve Mr. Hall.

At this meeting Tuesday a uniform wage scale for the county during harvest season was decided upon. It is as follows: \$3.50 per day during harvest for ten hours work, \$4.50 per day for twelve hours work and \$2.00 per day for teams.

Mr. Lloyd Fridman of Grand Forks spent several days last week visiting the Rawitscher family here.

# Alec Rawitscher On Firing Line

Letter to father and mother at Williston tell of the terrific noise of the artillery. Making it hot for the Germans. Alec left last year with the company from Minot: France, June 15, 1918.

Dear Father and Mother:  
I am now up to the front and my address is as follows: Headquarters Co. 12th Field Artillery, 2nd Division. Matters are much more interesting up here than they were behind the lines for there is more going on here at all times.

The first few nights I was here I could not sleep at all, on account of all the noise but now I pay no attention to it at all. The more noise the merrier, for more noise less Germans. I have been up here just a week today.

Certainly am glad I am out of the Infantry for no more rifle to pack around. I now have an automatic.

The day I left for the front the General came down and bid me goodbye for you know I was supposed to go back to the Brig. Hdqts., as signalman, but they needed us up here immediately, so could not go back to the Brig.

Regards to all, with love, Alec

Alec Rawitscher,  
Hdqts., Co. 12th F. A.  
2nd Division.

Mrs. S. J. Creaser and daughter Jacqueline were the guests of Miss Maude Hart at Ray last week.

# C. Joseph Buys O'Dell Stock

A business transaction took place this week by which Mr. C. Joseph of this city became owner of the ladies furnishings stock formerly owned by Arthur O'Dell. Mr. Joseph has had several years experience in this line of business and plans to conduct the business in the same high class manner as formerly. He contemplates leaving shortly for the east to purchase a full line of the best possible goods on the market so that when the store is stocked it will be second to none in this part of North Dakota or Eastern Montana.

Mr. O'Dell will stay with Mr. Joseph to help with the buying and managing of the business. Mr. Joseph will open the store tomorrow and clean up as much of the old stock as possible before the new fall goods arrive. Your attention is called to their announcement elsewhere in this paper.

Asa LeVett left here Wednesday on No. 2 for Minot where she was called regarding his enlistment in the National service. On Friday he left Minot for Minneapolis where he will enter training.

# Soldier Boy Married Monday

Before leaving Monday one of the draft boys, Andrew Smith, of Alamo, was married and left behind him a war bride. Mr. Smith married Miss Olga Skar also of Alamo. The wedding took place at the residence of Rev. Monson. At the program at the Armory in the evening the bride was presented with a large bouquet of red, white and blue sweet peas.

# Rousing Sendoff For Draft Boys

Over one hundred Williams county boys left here Monday evening for Camp Custer at Battle Creek, Mich. A splendid program was given at the Armory Monday evening prior to their leaving and a fine talk was given by C. E. Blume Superintendent of the Williston City Schools. By request Prof. Blume gave the same talk that was delivered by him on the Fourth of July at the Fair Grounds entitled "The Price Paid For Democracy." His address was very stirring and patriotic from start to finish.

Perhaps the largest crowd ever assembled in the Armory for such an occasion was present there Monday evening. The building was packed to capacity and many were unable to procure seats. Edwin A. Palmer acted as chairman at the meeting and a short address and roll call was given by Rev. Monson. The Williston Band furnished the music for the occasion. Kit bags were furnished to all of the 'draft' boys at the close of the meeting by the Red Cross and escorted by the Williston Band, Home Guards, and a number of the Old Soldiers, the boys marched to the depot where they took the special train which left here about eight thirty.

The following boys left here Monday evening:

Dodge Bennett Hessong, Dow. Ole Kvern, Williston.  
Wm. D. Edgar, Accident, Md. Charles Henry Woodfill, Wheelock. Ole Wilkum, Williston.  
Anthony Berstock, Manistique, Mich. O. E. S. Waagen, Grand Forks. Hans Eilertsen, Killier, Minn. Michal Guawan, Williston.  
George W. Emerson, Williston John Muller, Chaldron, Neb. Dwight R. Gilbert, Hanks. Carl C. Rambo, Hendrick, Minn. Guy Ottis Shanks, Williston.  
Selmer Hanson, Milwaukee, Wis. Fred Wm. Johnson, Joliet, Ill. Christian Christianson, Columbus. Joseph M. Johnson, Williston.  
Andrew T. Estby, White Earth. Basil G. McDougal, Temple. N. Gordon Phillips, Williston. Harry B. Rawitscher, Williston.

# Williston Boys Qualify In Navy

V. A. Levitt and N. Gordon Phillips who left here last week for examination in the aviation department of the navy report that they have successfully passed the examination and have been put on the reserve list to be called at a later date. Both of these men went to Minneapolis to take the examination.

# Elect Williston Man President

At the first annual convention of the Young People's League of the North Dakota District of the Norwegian Lutheran Church held in Grand Forks this week Rev. George S. Natwick of this city was elected president of the organization. A permanent organization was affected and a splendid program was given. The other officers of the organization that were elected are as follows:

Rev. O. J. Nesheim, Lisbon, vice president; Ella Gummer, Mayville, secretary; Harold Pederson, Grand Forks, treasurer; Mrs. David Steeve, Grand Forks, musical director; and Rev. Mr. Nesheim, assistant musical director.

**ERNEST ALFRED LUNDSTROM BURIED TUESDAY**

Ernest Lundstrom, the thirteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lundstrom of this city who died June 19, was buried Tuesday afternoon at 2 P. M. from the Methodist church, Rev. Hitchcock officiating.

Miss Elizabeth Gangon, of Bottineau, N. D., has accepted a position at the Lyric of Williston as pianist.

# Fine Program For Community Club

From a letter received this week from Alex Karr of Jamestown we are able to get some idea of the splendid program that will be furnished the Community Club during the coming year. Mr. Karr writes as follows:

While in your city last week thirty six of your business and professional men were enrolled to boost our program in your city. I intend to return there in the near future and secure an equal number of farmers.

I am certain that your people will make your Community Club a unique affair in the history of your city and state. I am sure that all those who met with me while there agree with me that such an outcome is both desirable and necessary.

We have just completed arrangements with the Civic Bureau of Chicago for our list of concert and entertainment companies. We believe that we have secured a line of talent that will make a bit hit in the large cities and at the same time go big in the smallest villages. We will have a splendid negro Jubilee Company, a very good male quartet, a ladies novelty quartet and a very fine harp orchestra. Our list is a very expensive one but we believe that the best is none too good.

Sincerely,  
Alex Karr.

Besides these entertainment companies there will appear a lecturer at each entertainment to help the people in the building up of the community.

# Reunion To Be Given By Local Odd Fellows

Next Wednesday evening the local order of the Odd Fellows will hold a reunion in honor of all those members of the lodge who have been in the order for twentyfive years or over.

A fine program is being arranged by the committee and a light lunch will be served. All Odd Fellows as well as their wives and all Rebeccas are urged to attend. There are only four of the members of the local lodge that have been members for over twentyfive years but there are quite a number in the lodge here that have been transferred here that have belonged that length.

Among the members that have belonged to the local lodge that length of time and those who joined here are the following:

George Knickerbocker, Ed Jack, G. B. Metzger, J. C. Field.  
George Knickerbocker, Ed Jack, living charter member of the local lodge and has been an active member ever since the order was started here April 22, 1885.

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# SUBMARINE SINKS LINER ON SATURDAY

### TEN TORPEDOES USED TO SINK THE GREAT SHIP—ELEVEN OF CREW KILLED

London, July 24.—The White Star liner Justicia, says a Belfast dispatch today, was sunk off the Irish coast on Saturday morning, last.

The Justicia carried a crew of between 600 and 700. Eleven members of the crew are dead.

London, July 24.—The news of the sinking of the Justicia was announced by The Belfast Evening Telegraph. The liner was torpedoed, the newspaper states. One of the crew of the Justicia is quoted by the newspaper as asserting that ten torpedoes were discharged at the Justicia. Four of the approaching missiles, he added were exploded by gunfire from the ship.

The Justicia in size and tonnage, nearly approached the dimensions of the Vaterland, now in the service of the American government and being used for a carrier of American troops to Europe. She was designed as a modern passenger liner for the trade between New York and Rotterdam.

An Irish Port, July 24.—Four hundred of the crew of the torpedoed liner Justicia have been landed here. They report that the liner was sunk after a 24-hour fight with submarines.