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## ALLIES ADVANCE ON BROAD FRONT

**WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE MARNE FRONT, July 25.—1:30 P. M.—Franco-American troops this morning advanced their lines north of the river Marne more steadily. The Germans continued their retreating movement to the northward. The French and Americans also made gains on other parts of the 55-mile of battle front. The Germans viciously resisted in a majority of cases.**

**LONDON, July 25.—The Pall Mall Gazette says that rumors are current that British troops have made a great advance in the direction of Fismes, about midway between Rheims and Soissons.**

**LONDON, July 25.—On the western front of the Soissons-Rheims salient the allied forces have advanced to an average depth of three miles on a 12-mile front during the past two days.**

## ONLY ONE LINE TO GET AWAY

**WASHINGTON, July 24.—Massed German reserves are holding open the jaws of the trap General Foch has sprung in the Aisne-Marne region, in a desperate effort to stabilize their lines without the crushing of the forces withdrawing from the Chateau-Thierry and Marne salients. Official reports to the war department, however, show that the enemy has but a single railway line remaining in his hands, over which to get his heavy material out of the pocket into which he has been forced by allied and American advances.**

## HUNS FIGHT DESPERATELY TO STOP THE ALLIES

**WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, July 24.—Both sides of the pocket in the German line have been scenes of the most violent attacks and counter attacks throughout the night and morning. Few fluctuations of the line have occurred, but in all these they have favored the allies, who keep up an incessant pressure of the retreating Germans, who are endeavoring to cover the withdrawal of the bulk of their troops from imminent danger. Southwest of Rheims the Germans have shown their disappointment over their inability to hold with their crack divisions their positions around Vigny and have turned all their available artillery onto the British and French who drove them out, but the enemy could not prevent a still further advance today.**

## GERMAN POSITIONS GROWING PRECARIOUS

**PARIS July 24.—Violent German counter attacks and rear guard actions in great strength still fail to serve the German high command as barriers to the advance of the allied troops on the Soissons-Rheims salient.**

**True, they have aided somewhat in slowing down the fast pace set by the allies at the commencement of the offensive, but nevertheless on the three sides of the now U-shaped battle front further important gains have been made. Driving slowly, but surely, south of Soissons, the American and French troops have pushed their fronts further eastward toward that part of the Soissons-Chateau Thierry Railway line that is still in the hands of the enemy, and further south, along both sides of the Ourcq River and the road leading to Fereen-Tardenois, Germany's great storehouse for the supply of her troops to the south, important penetrations into enemy-held territory have been made, until the maximum point where the allies are fighting near Concy is about 10 1/2 miles from their point of departure last Thursday.**

## WEEKLY REVIEW OF WAR

The Germans have not yet succeeded in stemming the great counter-offensive launched against them last Wednesday by American and French troops.

All along the 25-mile front from the region west of Soissons to the northwest of Chateau Thierry the French and American troops have dashed in brilliant fashion across positions held by the Germans, killing, wounding or capturing thousands of the enemy and taking towns, villages and large quantities of guns and other war supplies. Nowhere has the enemy been able to stay the progress of their assaults, although counter attacks were resorted to on some important sectors after the first stages of surprise occasioned by the big attack had worn away. Up to Sunday the Americans and French had penetrated enemy positions to a depth of 10 miles and captured more than 20,000 prisoners, besides vast quantities of war materials. Roads of supply for German forces and important positions were seized. Extremely heavy casualties were inflicted upon the enemy, which at various points fell back in disorder.

Advance guard of the allies have reached the important town of Soissons, which is now dominated by their big guns. The fighting was particularly violent around Soissons and in the region of Chaudun, where the Germans sent in a large force of reserves in an endeavor to push back the allied troops. Here the American artillery did notable work.

The rapid advance of the Americans and French compelled a retreating movement on the part of large enemy forces that had crossed the Marne river east of Chateau Thierry, and placed the whole German line from Soissons to Rheims in a precarious position.

July 22.—The French and Americans have broken through the German line northwest of Chateau-Thierry. Driving the spearhead to

ward the northeast, the allies have already advanced five kilometers (3.1 miles) at various places. The allied troops have taken many prisoners, including three officers, who said that they were tired of the war. Chateau Thierry is now in possession of the Americans. The Germans are giving ground along a 60-mile front from Soissons to Rheims.

The German retreat across the Marne began on Friday under cover of a great smoke screen. At last accounts great hordes of Germans were continuing north. Organized resistance has been met with so far only at a few places. The district south of the Marne and east of Chateau Thierry is entirely cleared of Germans.

July 23.—Notwithstanding desperate rear guard actions on the part of the enemy more ground has been gained by the allied forces south of Soissons, in the center of the line along the Ourcq river and north and east of Chateau Thierry. Additional large numbers of Germans have been made prisoners and numerous quantities of guns and war materials have been captured. Two additional towns were taken by the Americans on the front north of the Marne and one town was captured in the region of Soissons. The Americans have pressed forward four miles from their original positions on the Marne.

July 24.—Striking on a front of about four miles, between Soissons and Amlens, French troops penetrated the enemy lines for a distance of about two miles and gained the heights dominating the valley of the Avere river and the plains beyond. Fifteen hundred Germans were captured.

American, French and British troops on the Soissons-Rheims salient continued to gain ground, both on the western side of the battle front and on the south along the Marne and toward Rheims. The town of Jaugonne, to the east of Chateau-Thierry, has been recaptured by the allies.

## WOULD PREVENT MINE STRIKES

Plan Announced by Fuel Administrator Garfield.

## BUREAU OF LABOR CREATED

Headed Jointly by Former President of United Mine Workers and an Operator of Central Pennsylvania. Statement of Principles, Approved by Union Mine Officials, Duty Announced.

**Washington, July 24.—Creation of a bureau of labor which will be charged with the settlement of controversies between coal miners and operators for the period of the war was announced by Fuel Administrator Garfield. At the same time principles upon which the adjustment of grievances shall be founded were made public.**

John P. White, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, and Rembrandt Peale, a coal operator of central Pennsylvania, have been named joint heads of the bureau, which was organized after conferences between officials of the fuel administration and the United Mine Workers. Secretary of Labor Wilson and Dr. Garfield previously had agreed that all questions pertaining to labor in the coal mining industry will remain under the jurisdiction of the fuel administration.

In the statement of principles, which was approved by the union officials, the fuel administration announced that no strike shall take place pending settlement of any controversy until the case has been reviewed and decided by him; that recognition of the union shall not be exacted except where now recognized, and that present machinery between miners and operators for settlement of disputes must first be invoked.

In all such settlements the fuel administrator will insist that employers relinquish the right to discharge their employes because of affiliation with unions; that employers will recognize the right of their employes to organize by peaceful methods that do not interrupt production; that the automatic penalty clause now in force will be included in all agreements as a condition precedent to allowing increased prices to operators, and that where union shops now exist they shall continue and where union and nonunion men work together, the continuance of such conditions shall not be deemed a grievance.

Dr. Garfield made it clear that in all settlements, whether he is called upon to intervene or not, the principles, provisions and practices laid down in the Maryland and Upper Potomac settlement of last May 6 shall be accepted by employers and employees.

## TO TAKE OVER WIRES AT MIDNIGHT JULY 31

Government Promises a Better and Cheaper Service.

**Washington, July 24.—Official announcement was made that the government will assume control of the telegraph and telephone systems within the jurisdiction of the United States at midnight July 31. President Wilson signed an executive order placing the power of administration of the lines in the hands of the postmaster general.**

The purpose of the postoffice department in regard to the telegraph and telephone companies will be to "broaden the use of the service at the least cost to the people." Postmaster General Burleson announced. "There will be no change affecting the press wire service, except to improve it wherever possible," he added. Announcement was made that the preliminary work of operating the lines will be in the hands of a committee including David J. Lewis, now a member of the federal tariff commission; Justice M. H. Lamar and J. C. Koons, both of whom are now under Burleson in the postmaster's department. Burleson will be chairman of this commission.

Duplicating telephone systems in nearly 1,000 cities will be combined under government control, telephone wires will be utilized in extending telegraph service, and it is the intention to reduce the operating expenses.

**\$200,000 Blaze.** London, O., July 24.—Fire of unknown origin practically destroyed the factory building of the London Grave Vault company. The loss, partially covered by insurance, is estimated at \$200,000.

**Rail Veteran Dies.** Galion, O., July 23.—Stevon Casey, 73, is dead. He was a veteran engineer on the Big Four railway, having served 50 years on that road, 25 as passenger engineer.

**Sanoli Escama Prescription is a famous old remedy for all forms of Zozema and skin diseases. Sanoli is a guaranteed remedy. Get a 35c. large trial bottle at the drug store. adv.**

## BUNCHED PARAGRAPHS

Officially announced that no general order fixing minimum wages and hours for streetcar employes will be made by the war labor board. Each case will be decided separately.

Government has ordered 99,560,000 pounds of bacon and 134,000,000 pounds of canned meats at Chicago for the army, to cost between \$140,000,000 and \$145,000,000.

Colored nurses have been assigned to base hospital at Camp Sherman to render service for their own race in the Eighty-fourth division.

Physical requirements for selecta makes the minimum height 60 inches and the minimum weight 110 pounds. Two persons died and a score were overcome by the heat in New York. Temperature went to 94.

Republican party will have no state ticket in the Arkansas election this fall.

Striking employes of the Smith & Wesson company, Springfield, Mass., voted to return to work pending arbitration of the points at issue.

Federal food administration has appealed to hotels, clubs and restaurants to discontinue serving broilers. Farmers also were urged not to sell turkeys until they matured.

Ralph A. Hayes of Cleveland, who until a few days ago was private secretary to Secretary of War Baker, enlisted as a private at Camp Meade.

William Harman Black, former assistant district attorney of New York, has been chosen by Frank P. Walsh as his alternate on the national war labor board.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin Roosevelt has arrived in Europe aboard a destroyer. He will look over naval administration matters. The frontiers of the Baltic provinces and of the Ukraine have been closed by Germany on account of cholera.

New Spanish minister to Greece, Senor Devesa, who was aboard a Spanish ship torpedoed by an Austro-German submarine, is among the survivors of the disaster.

Henry Borrows Mullen, Long Island, N. Y., grand nephew of Stonewall Jackson, enlisted as a marine corps private.

Gustav Schulman, 21, Canadian, received a \$2,000,000 inheritance of cash and securities, then enlisted in the British army the same day.

Anchor line steamship Elysaea, 6,397 tons gross, was sunk by a German submarine in the Mediterranean while carrying a cargo from the far east.

American government agrees to a loan to China by American bankers of approximately \$50,000,000.

Wool substitute of fiber made from peat is being manufactured in Sweden.

A boast that he would rather fight for Germany than for the United States landed Charles Cordis, 21, in a cell at Yonkers, N. Y.

Oilers and firemen on Great Lakes steamships will strike July 29 unless the Lake Carriers' association abolishes the welfare plan for seamen, which they say amounts practically to a blacklist.

A repetition of a nation-wide launching day, such as Independence day, may take place on Labor day.

Bathers at Newport, R. I., were warned by naval authorities to stay out of the surf for the next few days, owing to important naval experiments.

Ninety-four German prisoners were killed by bombs dropped by German aviators on a prison camp in France.

Cuban legislature has passed a bill legalizing divorce among Cubans.

Thirty-five Americans, constituting the crew of the former Great Lakes steamer George Elliot, have arrived in London. Their steamer foundered at sea in a storm.

Private William T. Lusby of Washington was killed and three other soldiers wounded at the tank training camp at Gettysburg, Pa., by a premature explosion.

Floyd Bell, associate editor of "The Masses," was discharged from the army on the ground he was inducted while under indictment for alleged seditious utterances.

Arthur Guy Empey, author of "Over the Top," has been given a captain's commission in the American army and assigned to the adjutant general's department at Washington.

A new credit of \$1,680,000 was extended to Belgium, making the total loans to that government \$132,480,000, and total loans to all allies \$69,268,270,000.

Forty crack American aviators at Mineola, L. I., want to be permitted to make the first of the proposed airplane flights across the Atlantic.

Joe Welch, 46, Jewish comedian, is dead at Bridgeport, Conn.

## COLDWATER TO RAISE OLD GLORY

Coldwater is to show her patriotism Tuesday evening, when her people will raise a seventy-three foot steel flag-pole and have a parade and colored lights.

Hon. B. F. Welty, the congressman of this district, is to make the principal address. The Celina and Coldwater bands will furnish the music.

Celina people should take an evening off and go down there a thousand strong and help them celebrate.

Give Old Glory a real and heartfelt salute. Paste the date and place in your hat—Coldwater next Tuesday evening.

## WHO IS IDIOTIC?

Percy Andrae, the brewery agent who engineered the deal by which the brewers aided in financing the German-American Alliance, now says in an interview:

I blame Dr. Hexamer for the greatest part of the odium which has been attached to the German-American Alliance. His course was perfectly idiotic.

And yet, Mr. Andrae testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee that he corresponded with Dr. Hexamer, and traveled to Philadelphia to confer with him, as head of the German-American Alliance. As a result of these letters and this conference Mr. Andrae poured tens of thousands of dollars of brewery money into the treasury of the German-American Alliance, authorized a part of it to be used to spread German propaganda through the organ of the Alliance, and paid for an office in Washington for Alliance lobbyists. Much of this money was paid over after the sinking of the Lusitania, and just prior to this country's declaration of war.

If Dr. Hexamer's course was idiotic, what about that of Mr. Andrae?—The American Issue.

## FINDS LATEST VARIETY OF CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR

**Chicago.—Chicago has produced the latest variety of "conscientious objector," and, as a result, John Taylor probably will not serve Uncle Sam overseas. John, who had been called for service, walked into a courtroom here and confessed to embezzling more than \$9,000 from his employer during the last two years. He said he objected to going to the army with a black mark against him—so he confessed. He was held for the grand jury.**

## BLUE GOWNS ARE BUSY

Restoring Maimed Soldiers to Trades, Their Job.

**Washington.—Teachers, nurses and healers too, are the "Blue Gowns" of the army medical corps, at work now in the hospitals of the United States and "over there."**

Reconstruction aids is their official name, but the cheery hue of their distinctive uniform already has won a handier name for the special corps of seventy women whose membership treats and teaches among the maimed soldiers brought back from the battle front. Theirs is the work of coaxing back the wasted muscles and disused limbs of wounded men, and later by patient tutoring instilling deftness in new arts and vocations which the hospital schools are planning for the returned soldier.

"Beside a table a young fellow in uniform was carving a conventional flower border on a wooden picture frame," says an official description of their work. "The design was his own and the work was his first piece. He was inclined to be clumsy because he was using his left hand. A 'Blue Gown' was ready to guide and advise him. As he becomes adept in left-handed carving he is preparing for the time when he again will begin to draft, this time with his left hand. This mental concentration upon a new task is believed by doctors and psychologists to be a valuable antidote for discouragement."

"At the same open-air workshop one man was knitting a scarf. One group of men, temporarily crippled, were carving designs upon wooden blocks, and several were learning to weave up on hand looms."

In the treatment rooms inside the "Blue Gowns" were guiding electrical appliances and administering the complicated series of treatments that perfect the restoration work started by the surgeon at the front.

## Judge Miller Taken Suddenly Ill

Judge H. A. Miller was taken suddenly ill last Saturday morning at his office at the court-house, where he was found unconscious from attack of heart trouble. As soon as he could be moved with safety he was taken home. Monday he was able to get down town to see the select off to Camp Sherman.

## MORROW CHOSEN FOR MAYORALTY

At a called meeting of council on the 18th the bond of J. L. Morrow, who succeeded the late S. S. Scranton to the Mayoralty, was accepted. Mr. Morrow has been president of that body since its organization. His wide experience in public affairs and ripe judgment makes him a fit man for the office, and the mantle could not have been transferred to more competent shoulders.

Mr. Morrow has also been appointed Justice of the Peace to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Scranton.

## GREAT SEND-OFF FOR THE SELECTS

The most enthusiastic bunch of selecta that have yet left Celina for camp took their departure last Monday. They were no doubt enthused by reports from France and the fact that some of our boys were mixing in the fray.

There was a great crowd to see them off, perhaps the biggest one yet assembled to do the departing lads honor. The exercises were in keeping with those of similar occasions, and the program was faithfully carried out.

## PATRIOTIC DAY TO BE FAIR FEATURE

(Wm. Wiley, Secretary of Banner Fair.) Wednesday, August 21, will be a red-letter day in the Banner Fair program by virtue of having been set aside as "Patriotic Day."

There has never been anything doubtful about the patriotism of American citizens. The spirit of 1776, of 1861 and 1898 burns with devouring intensity in 1918, and the splendid dash of America's young manhood against the modern Hun on the world battle front as volunteers since the beginning of the war, and now as American units, including the regular army, the militia, the enlisted men and the national army is bringing cheer and enthusiasm to America and America's allies.

Their splendid sacrifices, their heroic battling, their brilliant, manly sacrifice of all that is dear to man—even life and limb itself—will find laudation and honor on "Patriotic Day" at the Banner Fair, August 21.

Included on the program of events for that day will be public addresses by some of Ohio's ablest orators. Frank B. Willis has already accepted an invitation for that day. A declination has been received from Gov. James M. Cox, who pleaded pressing business, but other lines are out, and A. P. Sandles or some other equal celebrity will have been procured for the day when it arrives.

Delegations should be formed in every nook and corner of Mercer county to come to the fair and help to swell the patriotic demonstration on that day.

Let us keep the home fires burning for the boys on the world battle front.

## CHAMPION JONAH MAN OF AMERICA IS CLAIM

Los Angeles.—R. D. Jacobs of Los Angeles says he is the champion Jonah man of America.

While instructing his wife in the use of a revolver Mrs. Jacobs accidentally shot her husband in the shoulder. While Jacobs was receiving treatment burglars entered the home and stripped the place.

"The darned old thieves," wailed Jacobs, "took everything of value except the revolver which caused all the trouble. Can you beat it?"

The Bitter farm sells to pay the debts, July 27. It must sell. Be on hand at the court-house. Some one will get a bargain.

## CORNER STONE TO BE LAID ON AUGUST 4

Nothing preventing, the corner-stone of the new house of worship of the Church of God, in the west end of town, will be laid Sunday afternoon, August 4. The program will be published later.

## THE GRIM REAPER

James Harms, a brother of Mrs. Ed L. Bryson, died at the home of his son, at Toledo, last Monday.

Mrs. Mary Monroe, aged 78, a pioneer resident of the county, died suddenly at the home of her son, in this city, last Friday morning. She had been in her usual health up until a couple days before her death. The deceased is survived by three sons—Hugh, with whom she made her home, and John and James, residents of this township.

## WOMEN WANTED

The government is calling for 25,000 young women to join the United States Student Nurse Reserve and hold themselves in readiness to train for services as nurses.

The war is creating an unprecedented demand for trained nurses. Only those who have taken the first training courses are eligible for service with our forces overseas. These nurses are being drawn largely from our hospitals at home. Their places must be filled by student nurses enrolled for the full training course of from two to three years. Every young woman who enrolls in the United States Student Nurse Reserve is releasing a nurse for service at the front and swelling the home army which we must rely on to act as our second line of hospital defense. Upon the health of the American people will depend the spirit of their fighting forces.

The call is for women between the ages of 19 and 35. Small towns and rural districts as well as large cities must have the responsibility in providing this important part of the Nation's second line of defense. The campaign is to open next Monday, the 29th, and close August 11. Celina's recruiting stations will be at Red Cross headquarters, where leaflets and information may be secured. There will also be stations in all the other towns in the county.

Do you want a stock farm? A grain farm? A corn farm? The Bitter farm is all, and more. Running water, fountain, deep black soil, underlain with gravel and water.

## Among Soldier Lads

Prosecutor Stubbs, who went with a former contingent of Mercer county boys to Camp Sherman, has qualified for the officers training camp at Camp Lee, Va. His friends, and there are a host, are glad to note his advancement.

Frank Petrie, with the Canadian Royal Flying Corps, who was home on a brief furlough less than a fortnight since to say good-bye to home folks, is now on his way overseas.

John Hone, of Liberty township, was in town Monday and said he heard of the safe arrival of his son, Sergeant Harry Hone, Co. G, 34th Eng. Corps. Harry Thomas' arrival overseas is also announced.

Edward Creelan, who has been in a war hospital in England as a result of a gunshot wound received April 20, while in service in France, has written an interesting letter to his brother Joshua, in care of his brother Charley in this city. He has been serving with the Canadian expeditionary forces, and is probably now on his way back to Canada minus his right leg. He has seen much army life, having served in the Philippines, at Honolulu and along the Mexican border—thirteen years in all. His letter shows he would like to be back in the war game. He has the proverbial American cheerfulness and fighting spirit, and takes his medicine that way. His friends, however, are sorry to hear of his misfortune.

## TOWN THRILLED BY PREMATURE VICTORY

A telegram late last Sunday evening, citing a great victory over the Germans and a capture of four divisions, set the town wild, causing bells to be rung, old muskets to be brought into play, bonfires to be built and unloosed the most enthusiastic spirit that has been noted since our country entered the world war. There was no confirmation of the telegram, but once the thing got started there was no farthing questions asked, and the din kept up till the early morning hours. People swarmed in from the country, and all celebrated with a vim. The morning papers failed to reveal the claims the telegram cited, though there was continued aggressive fighting along the French fronts by the Americans and their allies with continued success since yesterday a week ago.

A fire loss of \$3,500, partly covered by insurance, resulted from a blaze that destroyed the farm house of Ludwig Ait, in Liberty township, on the evening of the 17th. Some of the household goods were saved. The fire originated from a defective flue.

106 acres will sell, and the balance of the 120 acres goes to the purchaser of the Bitter farm.

## IN CUPID'S DOMAIN

Orville Hardin and Miss Jany Arndt, well known young Rockford people, were wedded at the M. E. Circuit parsonage in this city Saturday, Rev. Eley officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Fell, of Rockford, intimate friends of the couple. A wedding dinner was served the party at the parsonage.

## In Honor of a Miami Select

A very delightful day was spent at the home of Carl Boice and family on Godfrey Heights, this city, last Sunday, where friends and relatives met to give a dinner in honor of Elmer West, of Covington, O., who was among the six-six who left for Camp Jackson, Charleston, S. C., yesterday. Those who participated of the excellent dinner were Mrs. Wm. West, s'n Arthur and daughter Pearl, John Martin and wife, all of near Covington; Elmer Tharp, wife and sons Alva and Theodore, of Greenville; Frank Brown, wife and son Ellis, of near Troy; Elmer Brown, wife and sons Willie and Chester and daughter Anna; Wm. Durbin; Roy Crouch, wife and children, of St. Mary; Carl Boice and family and Corean Betz, all of Celina. The afternoon was well spent in music, refreshments and boating. All departed with a glad heart. Mr. West returned home safe and soon.

Sycamore, Elm, Cottonwood, 60 feet to the first limb, is the character of the Bitter farm. Sells July 27. A description of the property will be found on another page under the head, "Administrator's sale of real estate."