

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN LORRAINE, May 31.—By United Press.—American officers reported today that practically every German body found after Wednesday's fighting in the Luneville sector was shot thru head or heart, showing the quality of American marksmanship.

If you want ALL the big news about the big battle, the principal matter of importance in the world today, you must read The Times.

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FIGHT TO REACH MARNE!

Joyride Ends In Killing!

Harry Boren, 1106 Pike st., Seattle, is dead, and Louise Luftsky, same address, is injured as the result of an auto accident shortly after midnight Thursday on the Puyallup valley road near Ardena station. Boren apparently drove his auto into a telegraph pole. Arriving at the scene of the accident the police found scattered about the car pieces of broken bottles that had contained liquor. The automobile, almost demolished, was found bottom side up. C. H. Wold and W. Dinfield notified the police about 12:15 a. m. Friday that a big Studebaker car was lying wrecked near Ardena station and Officer Paulsen immediately drove out to investigate. He found Boren lying a few feet away from the car dead, having apparently been thrown out with terrific force. The woman was lying some distance away moaning as the in pain. Paulsen summoned the coroner, and the girl was rushed to the Tacoma General hospital but it was found that her injuries were only slight bruises, and that she was suffering from shock. She left the hospital a few hours later and stayed the remainder of the morning with a friend, Mrs. Herman, at the Lawrence hotel, who declared she went back to Seattle on the interurban. The police are investigating.

CARDINAL IS ABOUT TO LEAVE RHEIMS

ROME, May 31.—Cardinal Lucon of Rheims is about to leave that city, according to a telegram he sent today to Pope Benedict.

The pope in reply expressed anxiety regarding the fate of the magnificent cathedral of Rheims and declared he was about to petition the German authorities to spare what remains of the edifice.

TALK OF THE TIMES

Greetings, are you keeping the home fires burning and the heavy flannels handy?

A Florida town has established a community canning scheme. Possibly the folk got the idea from the way McAdoo handled the railroad proceeds.

Doc Garfield is considering the question of cutting off the fuel supply for private yachts that burn oil. The private yacht is such an essential thing that it will take a great deal of earnest thought to decide the question.

Which reminds us that we looked in vain thru the list in the "man's work or fight" order and we noticed that the chauffeurs of pleasure cars are not affected.

The Chicago News make-up man must have had an inspiration. Following the report of the Lusk case he planted, "Uncle Sam's Tips to Prudent Housewives."

MORE SNAPPY STUFF

(From "Whispering Wires," in the Sat. Eve. Post.)
"Quite so!" snapped Stockbridge with cholera.
"I'll take the case" snapped Drew.

Drew stepped back from the table followed the figure in somber ivory down to the basement, where he snapped a series of orders into the phone.
"Yes," snapped Stockbridge.
"Yes, show him up."
"The butler," snapped Drew.
"Hello!" he snapped. "This is Drew."
"Or was talking to one when he died," snapped Drew.
"Everybody," snapped Drew.
"Dirt!" snapped Drew.
"That's our man," he snapped to Delaney.
"The trouble hunter," snapped Drew.
"He won't talk, eh?" snapped Drew.
"Out with it!" snapped the detective.

The Fishpole or the Hoe?



HUNS IN ELEMENT!

"Me Und Gott" Very Busy

WHAT THE ALLIES DID ON CORPUS CHRISTI DAY
Strictly observed their promise to the pope, made at the request of the German archbishop of Cologne, not to bomb German cities outside the war zone on this religious holiday.

WHAT THE GERMANS DID ON CORPUS CHRISTI DAY
Shelled Paris with long range guns, killing 18 persons. One shell struck a church.

Attempted an air raid on Paris. On being driven off by an aerial barrage, they dropped bombs outside the city.

Bombed a British hospital, killing large number of nurses, attendants and wounded, after dropping flares so as to plainly reveal their targets.

Attacked three hospitals in the rear of the American areas in Picardy on Corpus Christi eve, dropping bombs and pouring gunfire into the tents.

(United Press Leased Wire.) PARIS, May 31.—German airmen, on Corpus Christi day, again bombed a British hospital, far behind the lines killing women nurses, doctors and patients, setting fire to the buildings.

After dropping flares, so as to reveal their targets, the Germans dropped a large number of huge bombs.

One, scoring a direct hit on a large hospital prominently displaying the Red Cross, wrecked the building, in which sisters administering to patients were pinned under the wreckage, together with the wounded soldiers and stricken attendants.

Eighteen were killed and wounded in Thursday's long-range gun bombardment of Paris, it was officially announced today.

This bombardment took place on the feast of Corpus Christi, when the British had agreed not to conduct raids against towns not in the war zone.

One church was struck by a shell.

Soon after the shell struck the Corpus Christi procession was started again.

An attempted air raid on Paris

NO MORE 'JAMAICA' ALLOWED

The reign of King "Jamaica Ginger" in Tacoma is at an end. An ordinance passed Friday morning by the city council aimed to stop the promiscuous sale of all preparations containing more than 24 per cent alcohol passed its final reading at the morning session.

The ordinance provides that no medicine or chemical preparation of any kind which contains more than 24 per cent alcohol shall be sold or dispensed by druggists or by anyone else, except on a written permit issued by the chief of police.

No person who shall have been convicted of drunkenness within 30 days of his application for such permit shall be granted one, neither shall permits be issued to anyone who has been convicted for any offense under the liquor laws.

Assistant City Attorney German appeared before the council and exhibited more than a dozen empty Jamaica ginger bottles, to support the contention of commissioners to the promiscuous sale of this preparation. Most of the bottles bore the label of one drug store, and Commissioner Pettit told the council that no less than four men were brought in together about the other evening and each man had a bottle of Jamaica ginger in his possession.

Secret Letter In Mooney Case

(United Press Leased Wire.) SAN FRANCISCO, May 31.—Superior Judge Griffin, who on Tuesday re-sentenced Thomas J. Mooney to death, today sent a communication to Gov. Stephens about the case. The judge declined to reveal the contents of his message.

Frequently in the past Judge Griffin has expressed the belief that Mooney should have a new trial.

MISS LUSK MAD; TRIES TO ESCAPE

(United Press Leased Wire.) WAUKESHA, Wis., May 31.—Miss Grace Lusk, once brilliant-minded school teacher, gave way to fits of violence in her jail cell here today.

The jury's verdict of second degree murder for shooting Mrs. Mary Newman Roberts, followed by Miss Lusk's tigerish assault on Prosecutor D. S. Tullar Wednesday night, has completely unstrung the former Waukesha club leader.

A deputy overpowered her when she sought to escape her nurses and batter the cell bars.

It was necessary to hold Miss Lusk on the prison cot.

These fits of violence, accompanied by piercing screams which frighten the feathered tree dwellers outside her cell window, occur frequently, according to her attendants.

At other times she lies in a coma, from the effects of opiates administered by a physician, and talks incoherently.

Attendants deny that she ever calls for Dr. David Roberts, whose relations with Miss Lusk cost his wife's life.

Miss Lusk's attorneys fear she may not recover her sanity.

If she does not rally soon they will ask for a commission to investigate the advisability of placing her in an asylum.

HEAR HEAVY GUN FIRING

(United Press Leased Wire.) RAMSGATE, Eng., May 31.—Heavy gunfire was heard in the direction of the Belgian coast for five hours last night.

There were also terrific explosions and a great flare accompanying each one.

WEATHER FORECAST

Beats all how the weather kicks up when Forecaster Cover takes a day off. But, as Louis Bean would say, "Doing our best." Tonight and Saturday, fair.

HUNS DRIVE FOR STREAM

Enemy's Casualty Toll Big

(United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—Foch has insufficient men for a great counter drive, although he can operate to upset seriously the German advance, army officers here said today.

So critical has the problem of reserves become that the chief of the allied armies can hope only to bring the enemy drive to a full halt, it was added on responsible authority.

Some significant revelations were made today concerning the situation on the allied side. Information received by army officers here shows that the French line was stripped of troops to a dangerous extent in the quiet sector in order to bolster up the Flanders and Picardy fronts at the crisis of the March fighting.

Outnumbered.

In many sectors of the French line, the average strength left was one man per meter in the entire front line system, three trenches deep. This means that in the very first trench there was only one man to guard seven meters. In some places the number was even smaller.

Before the fight began in March the Germans had 186 divisions in the west. The number was increased to 210 and now is believed to be near 230 divisions. The allies have been unable to meet this increase in strength, despite the flow of American troops.

The line between Soissons and Rheims was lightly held when the present attack began, the number of allied troops being about one fifth the size of the German forces used in the attack.

Marne Will Be Fortified.

Under the circumstances the line was forced to give, but the redeeming feature is that there was no breaking, the allies receding gradually and are holding a uniform front.

The number of prisoners claimed by the Germans, it is explained, probably is due to the tenacious resistance of the French and British. Positions were swept over them. It was impossible to carry off their wounded and these fell into enemy hands.

Military men here looked for a tightening of the allies line when the Marne is reached. There are splendid defensive positions along that river.

German Losses Large.

British military officials today still believed the present action between Soissons and Rheims is not the "big drive" the Germans have been preparing for.

Official dispatches state that the far only 40 enemy divisions have been identified as participating in the battle. Fifty other German divisions are in reserve ready for any sector.

While they regard the situation as serious, and admit that Germany's claim of 35,000 prisoners probably is "conservative," British military men declare that the Germans have lost more than that number in dead alone.

Fugitives Flee Homes Before Invading Hun

By Henry Wood
(United Press Staff Correspondent.) WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, May 31.—From every point of the 60-mile battlefield between Rheims and Soissons streams of refugees today poured down roads leading to Central France—fleeing the Hun invasion.

Late last night, when I returned from the fighting line where the homes of these people are being engulfed, the highways were bordered with the bivouacs of fugitives.

For miles and miles the rolling countryside was all aflicker with tiny campfires of the refugees.

On their weary march to God knows where, they tarried for rest wherever night found them, sleeping beneath vehicles; the lucky ones who had thought to bring a little food, cooking and eating it under the stars.

Like Bible Scene

The streams of fleeing humanity makes a pitiful spectacle.

Each road seemed to have its own particular caravan and the whole scene resembled the exodus of the Children of Israel from Egypt as it is described in the Bible.

Every conceivable vehicle was in use, from huge two-wheeled French farm wagons, hauled by oxen, to baby carriages.

The ox carts are capable of transporting the effects of an entire household.

On top of the piles of goods on some of these wagons I saw groups of old women sitting, with babies among them, some of the children clutching pet goats and chickens.

In line with these farm lorries we saw buggies, decrepit cabs, smart traps and dog-carts, even automobiles, and between them and flanking them placed the less fortunate families who had to march on foot, carrying their sole possessions in wheelbarrows and baby carriages and hand carts.

Drive Animals Along

And there were some folk still poorer, whose only possessions were only what they were able to carry on their backs.

Sometimes the luggage which these wanderers bore on their shoulders was topped off by a sick baby, tied firmly to the bundle of household effects.

Intermingled with the human caravan were herds of oxen, horses, sheep, goats and cattle.

Here and there little girls drove flocks of geese before them.

Others herded chickens and pigs, poking them with long sticks to hustle them along, some times stopping a moment to glance back at the familiar scenes that were being left behind, then hurrying on to give the family livestock another urge on its way.

Not One Young Man

The peasants walked behind the single cow, those who had only been fairly well to do rode behind dozens of cows but all were homeless and few any particular goal in sight.

As mile after mile of the endless column trudged past, we scanned their faces, and saw there were no young men among them. Every Frenchman who can fight is at the front.

Few of the refugees had any particular haven in view. With them it was simply a case of keep going—keep going.

Germans Encircle Rheims

(United Press Leased Wire.) LONDON, May 31.—The German drive in the Aisne region is now centered in an effort to reach the Marne river, it is indicated in the night official statements.

Checked on the wings, the enemy is striving desperately to push the allies back in the center, where strong French reserves are being concentrated.

The Germans are now within six miles of the famous river, perhaps nearer. The French command admitted the loss of Fere-En-Tardenois and Vezilly.

"To the south of Fere-En-Tardenois we are fighting our way toward the Marne," the German war office declared.

The Berlin communique claimed a total of 35,000 prisoners taken in the present phase of the offensive, together with a large amount of material, including ammunition, provisions, railway trains and an aerodrome full of airplanes.

On the right flank, the Germans now occupy La Neuville and Betheny, north of Rheims and have thrown a semi-circle about that city, being within two miles on the east, north and west.

On the left wing the French still claimed to hold the western outskirts of Soissons, although the Germans pushed forward about a mile and a half north of that city, straightening the line so it runs north and south between Coucy-le-Chateau and Soissons.

The Aisne battlefield now apparently stretches from Coucy-le-Chateau southward thru Juvisy and Soissons to Hartennes southeastward thru Beignieux to Fere-En-Tardenois, eastward to Vezilly, north-eastward to Brouillet, eastward to Thillois, north-eastward thru Champagne to La Neuville and eastward to Betheny.

On the Flanders front, the French improved their positions east of Dickebusch lake by a local operation last night. Elsewhere the British and French fronts were quiet.

Minor operations by the British on the northern battlefield were announced by Haig in his official statement today.

HUNS CONSOLIDATE

(United Press Leased Wire.) PARIS, May 31.—The Germans, by an attack in the Ailette region between Coucy-le-Chateau and the Oise river, have definitely consolidated the Aisne and Picardy battle fronts, according to the French war office announcement today.

(Seemingly this is an effort to drive toward the Oise, to the westward, in an effort to flank the allied forces below Noyon, on the southern portion of the Picardy front.)

Before this attack the French have withdrawn from Berlincourt and Epagny, fighting stubbornly. Epagny is six miles northwest of Soissons. Berlincourt is five miles northwest of Epagny and about eight miles southeast of Noyon.

In the center the Germans have advanced slightly toward the Marne.

On the left the French are still holding the western outskirts of Soissons.

On the right a French counter attack recaptured Thillois, two miles and a half west of Rheims.

BREAD UP ONE CENT IN TACOMA

The maximum price of bread in Tacoma went up a cent Friday.

On the recommendation of County Food Administrator H. S. Griggs, an order has been issued by State Administrator Hebbard allowing Tacoma bakers a retail price of 11 cents for a pound loaf and 16 cents for a pound and one-half loaf.

The maximum wholesale price also was raised a cent, to 9 cents and 13 1/2 cents.

The reason for the increase, which has been in effect in Seattle, Portland and other northwest cities for several weeks, is the increased cost of wheat substitutes, material and labor, according to Griggs.

He declared it will be optional with the bakers and retailers whether they raise their prices; also that any concerns that are found to be making unreasonable profits with the increase in effect will be held to the lower price.

CLUTCH AT RHEIMS

By Henry Wood
(United Press Staff Correspondent.) WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, May 31.—The Germans are determined to capture Rheims from the east, north and west of that city, the enemy plans a wide encircling movement to the southeast, hoping to surround it, military authorities believe today.

To accomplish this, the Germans are expected to increase their pressure between Brouillet and January, with the intention of breaking thru along the Ardre river and, following this vally south-eastwardly gradually turning to the east so as to approach Rheims from the south.

This strategy would entail the capture of Ville-En-Tardenois, four miles southeast of Brouillet and two miles to the west of the Ardre.

The Ardre rises in a small lake four miles north of the Marne at

Bankers Will Meet June 14

Representatives of Tacoma's banks are preparing today to attend the 23rd annual convention of the Washington Bankers' association to be held in Yakima June 14 and 15.

It will be entirely a business convention this year, with no frills or entertainments. The bankers will transact their business in two days and return home.

Among the speakers will be Gov. Lister, H. A. Elmore, president of the Farmers' union; Dr. E. H. Lindley, president of the Idaho state university, and J. J. Rouse of Spokane.

TODAY'S CLEARINGS

Clearings \$ 847,822.76
Balances 1,379,822.76