

## FORMER CITIZEN VISITING IN CITY

H. C. Hyatt, formerly foreman of the old Nester Farm, arrived in the city Friday and is renewing acquaintances with friends in the city. Mr. Hyatt is on the way to Montana to look after business matters for the Deere & Webber people. This firm purchased 20 sections of land 36 miles north of Terry, Montana, and last spring broke up several sections and put it into flax. It got rather dry out there this summer and breaking had to be stopped, however, Mr. Hyatt says that on the land seeded they expect to get from eight to ten bushels of flax per acre. This seeding was done as a war measure. He tells that four outfits from the state of Washington had several sections in that vicinity and put five sections into flax. Mr. Hyatt will leave this evening for Montana to look after this crop.

## SHOCKERS AND SHOCKERETTES

The Valley City ladies have joined in the big job of shocking the grain of the farmers and Hugh McDonald had the distinction yesterday of having a bunch of shockerettes go out to his farm and do things. In the party were Mrs. W. T. Craswell, Misses Betty and Constance McPherson, Emma Von Dumaris, Elsie Stenshoel, Anna K. Cook and Miss McCullum and Chief E. H. Swanson, Oscar Adahl, F. E. Hedstrum, Rew Healy, W. T. Craswell, and of course Hugh McDonald—but as he was the boss we figure that outside of telling the rest what to do he did not shock more than ten acres himself. This bunch put up a lot of shocks and greatly pleased Mr. McDonald. They are telling a rather funny joke on Chief Swanson and we are not going to repeat it to say that it was but we will just give you a hint and you can figure it out for yourselves. It seems that the chief wears tight pants and is rather corpulent and when he stoops over something is going to give away—but then we are not going to tell as far as we will go along that line, anyway Ernie seemed to be imbued with an idea to back up instead of going forward like an auto that is reversed does sometimes and backing up to Craswell he said in a stage whisper "loan me a safety pin." Now why will Craswell should be carrying around safety pins is more than we can figure out and that is the way it turned out—he didn't have any, but he gave the chief an ordinary pin, which, after careful manipulation he managed to use to good advantage, so

long as he did not take any long breaths or step too wide and lively. The boys had a watermelon in the car in which the chief was sitting and in order "not to have him step on the melon"—he would have to back out of the car with his rear towards where the ladies were working—the boys asked him to back out of the car, but he would not fall for it, and as we said we would not tell the joke we are going to quit right here and if you want to know any more ask him.

Mr. McDonald says he is greatly pleased with the work the girls did for him and says one beauty about the whole thing is they did not care anything about union hours but stuck on the job until dark.

## BETTER PRICES FOR 1919 WHEAT

Bismarck, Aug. 17.—Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor John N. Hagan returned at noon today from Washington, D. C., where he has been attending a meeting of the federal agricultural advisory committee of which he is a member. The government guaranteed price for 1919 wheat was one of the chief subjects of discussion before the committee, Mr. Hagan reports. The committee, he said, passed unanimous recommendations to the president and the food administration for a price for next year's wheat, but the members of the committee are bound to secrecy until the price has been released at Washington. Mr. Hagan would give no intimation of what the 1919 price for wheat would be but he intimated that it would be more favorable to the farmers than the price for 1918.

The matter of removing beardless days was also considered by the committee and after recommendations were made to the food administration beardless days were suspended. Inability to get feed in the drought stricken section of the country which makes it necessary to market stock before they are ready for the market was given as the reason for removing beardless days at this time, in order to create a demand for the beef.

The farm machinery problem was also discussed at the meeting. Mr. Hagan reports. Another meeting of the committee will be held in September to continue the discussion of farm machinery looking to the standardization of all farm implements.

Mr. and Mrs. Jens Ellingworth, of Hannaford, N. D., autoed to Valley City Sunday and spent the day in the city.

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## OFFICERS COMING HOME FOR REST

Washington, Aug. 17.—Because of the severity of the fighting on the western front in which the Americans are engaged a number of high officers, including Major General March declared in his address to the newspaper correspondents today. Among those singled out for brilliant conduct was Major Duncan, the first officer to receive the French Croix-de-Guerre. Warning that heavy casualties may be expected were made when March declared that the 110th regiment of the 28th division including many Pittsburg men doing heavy fighting for the past two weeks but the casualties are not heavy compared with the fighting done. The Germans have been retreating and consolidating their lines Gen. March advised on their 1916 and 1917 fronts. There is little material change in the situation. Resistance by the Germans is stronger and the allied attacks more or less isolated. March pointed out the fourth instance where the Germans voluntarily gave up their lines, the last time in the small sector near Albert which sector was taken by the British after being evacuated by the Germans. The total number of American troops in England, and en route there is 1,450,000 March is quoted as having told members of the senate military committee. He said the speed with which the Americans are being sent to Europe is again increasing. Because of the high speed maintained early in the summer some delay is necessary for the repair of transports. March said that the 1,450,000 which had left this country to fight in France, Siberia, Italy and Russia proper, and further all members of the American Expeditionary Force sent abroad include those sent to all points of the world March said. High praise for American valor is given by French commanders. The report that American prisoners in Germany had been singled out for bad treatment is denied by March. After careful inspection the Spanish representatives replied that American prisoners were treated the same as the allied nations.

## LIVELY FIGHTING ON VESLE RIVER

With the American Army in the field, Aug. 17.—Fighting around Vesle river line is the liveliest today that it has been for several days. The Germans shortly after midnight opened with a bombing which continued for several hours. They used more gas shells than at any time in more than a week. The big guns of the French and Americans answered effectively and shelled the enemy from the heights north of the Vesle clear back to the Aisne. American airmen who bombed the Aisne bridges effectively yesterday continued today, making efforts to destroy the bridges. Traffic across the Aisne the last few days is heavier than at other times. According to an observer it consists largely of ammunition trucks headed south indicating that the Germans will hold the present lines in defense. German bombing planes attempted to drop explosives on the American and French on the Vesle this morning and were driven off by anti-aircraft guns. They then slipped around the battle line and visited the back areas where they believed troops were quartered. Their aim was poor however, because of the darkness. Many German machine gun nests on the plateau west of Fismette were destroyed by American barrages.

## MILITARY OFFICIALS DIFFER

Washington, Aug. 17.—Despite the opinion of high military officials here that the war must be won entirely on the western front, military men and diplomats are hopeful today that America and her allies will attack the central powers from other sides. Announcement recently made by Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt that more American troops will be sent to Italy gave hope to Siberian, Greek and Italian representatives that the United States would hammer German rear areas just as hard as along the west front. March, intimated that an offensive in Russia, the Balkans and Palestine are impracticable. Gen. March is supported by the general staff who announce that the United States would adopt the Napoleon strategy of striking the enemy hard at the best point. President Wilson is believed to have been won over to this point of view for the time being.

## DROP BOMBS ON ENEMY POSITIONS

London, Aug. 17.—Concentration efforts on the Zebrugge German submarine base in Belgium, the British aviators dropped 60 tons of bombs on the enemy positions during the period from August 8 to August 15, the British air ministry reported. In addition to the operations against Zebrugge bombs were dropped on the Osten docks and on the airdrome at Versannacre where fires were observed. The statement said that sixteen enemy machines and one balloon were destroyed and fifteen machines driven down out of control. Three British machines are missing. A zeppelin was also bagged over the north sea and a direct hit made on a German destroyer.

## LIEUTENANT OF AVIATION SCHOOL MISSING

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 17.—Lieut. Edward Hadden, of the aviation school is missing today. While an investigation is being made into the conduct of the school last January. The investigation started some weeks ago. Last Sunday Hadden left the school with leave but failed to appear on time. Afterwards it was learned he went to a lake west of Minneapolis and obtained a suit and a bathing room. Monday afternoon a uniform of a lieutenant was found in a dressing room. The man who rented this room has not reappeared. It was learned that a man of his description had bought a ticket to Willmar, Minn.

## EIGHT DOLLARS A GALLON TAX

Washington, Aug. 17.—A tax of eight dollars a gallon on whiskey and other distilled liquors was tentatively declared by the house ways and means committee. The old tax was \$3.20 per gallon. The new rate is subject to change if the committee finds itself short of the eight billion goal ready to report.

## American Troops Continue To Advance on German Border

With the Americans Afeld, Aug. 19.—American troops advanced between Frapelle this morning and last night and last night consolidated with a juncture at the town this morning. The Germans in return dropped 25 shells at Frapelle but failed to drive out the Americans. Frapelle is in Alsace, five miles east of St. Die and on four miles from the German border. It was captured by a surprise attack. West of Gebweiler 45 Boches attempted to raid an American position but were driven off by artillery fire and rifle fire and were unable to reach our lines. Lively patrol activity in the Woerne region.

## ADVANCING YARD BY YARD

Paris, Aug. 17.—Yard by yard the French and British are prying their way between the five vital points in the German Picardy line and regaining the enemy A.O.I. 40 German Picardy line and rendering the enemy hold on the central plateau more precarious, at the same time the southern corner of the battle front the French have already shoved Gen. Von Boehm over the edge of the important Lassigny heights dominating the country for miles around and are pushing slowly along the difficult country southwest of Lassigny which is cut up by little hills and valleys and is ideal for machine gun nests. Carefully and thoughtfully Foch is tightening the crescent lines at Lassigny and Roye and exerting pressure on the horns of the crescent behind Chaulmes and Roye and Lassigny and in the central part, meantime a thrust is being made between Lassigny and Noyon. Further north the crescent is less prominent. From their new positions the French guns cover Butre-de-Mont, Bois-de-Reserve and Mount Renaux. They also cover Noyon from the west and southwest, therefore it seems but a matter of time until the Germans will be forced to evacuate Lassigny, the second of the bulwarks of the present line to go.

## MEN OF 18 NOT TO BE TAKEN AT ONCE

Washington, Aug. 19.—Men of 18 will not be taken into the army unless it is absolutely necessary, Secretary Baker said to the house military committee in an open hearing on the man power bill fixing the ages from 18 to 45. Gen. Crowder is now preparing for two classifications, Baker said. On the first list men from 19 to 35 be called first. The other list includes men above 36 have planned to have men up to 19 in a separate call; deferred call until necessary. Baker and March emphasized that the whole class one would be exhausted in June. Baker also said that the classification of men over 31 would be an exceedingly long process and it might be necessary to take men of 18 before men above the 32 class.

## BURLESON APPROVES WAGE SCALE

Washington, Aug. 19.—Postmaster General Burleson announced today that he had approved the wage scale given by the Western Union to their men. He said the wage question was under discussion when the government took control and he has given the matter careful consideration.

## FOREST FIRE RAISING HOB IN MINNESOTA

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 19.—Five forest fires are now being fought in northern Minnesota according to word received by State Forester Cox. All are near Ely and Tower on the Mesaba range and lumber and mining employees are helping skilled firemen in getting them under control.

## ANOTHER CALL OF MEN MADE

Washington, Aug. 19.—Gen. Crowder has issued a call for 5,709 white registrants for special instruction to enter September 12. North Dakota will furnish 206 men to go to the School of Mines at Grand Forks.

## SENATE ADJOURNS OUT OF RESPECT

Washington, Aug. 19.—The senate today adjourned shortly after convening out of respect to Senator Gillingham, of New Hampshire who died yesterday. Senator Nelson of Minnesota, introduced the resolution to adjourn.

## AMMONIA PLANT EXPLOSION KILLS THREE

Winnipeg, Aug. 19.—Three employees of the Swift & Co. ammonia plant were killed when an explosion occurred at the plant at Elmwood today, which is located in the suburbs of Winnipeg.

## FRENCH TROOPS ADVANCE

London, Aug. 19.—4:20 p. m.—French troops advanced one and 1-4 miles between Lassigny and Oise and reached Le Hamel 1 1-2 miles north of Ribecourt, according to reports received this afternoon.

## AMERICAN TROOPS CAN END WAR

Washington, Aug. 19.—Eighty divisions of American troops in France can end the war in 1919, Gen. March told the house military committee today. March stated in reply to questions of the members this American force can break through lines whenever they want to.

## FRENCH TROOPS ADVANCING ON LASSIGNY

Paris, Aug. 17.—9:55 a. m.—French troops are within a mile of both Roye and Lassigny. Camp-de-Car, one mile west of Roye has also been occupied, while the Meuse French and Plessis-de-Roye, less than a mile southwest has been occupied. A number of prisoners and a great quantity of material have been taken. The enemy is reported preparing to evacuate the Roye-Lassigny-Noyon salient. The Germans are said to be constructing another Hindenburg line.

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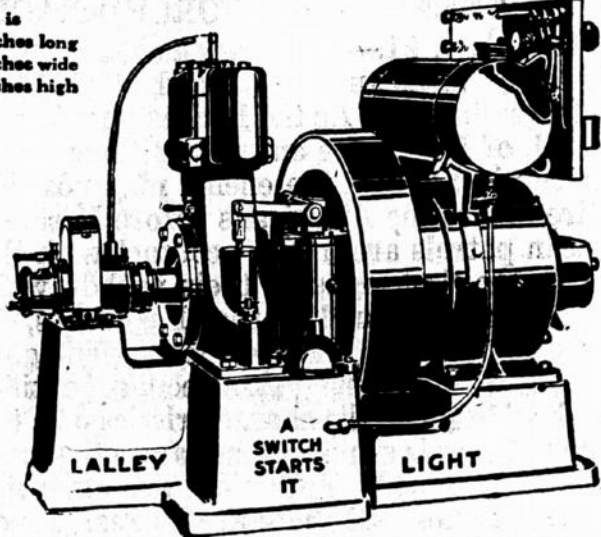


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