

ALLIED OFFENSIVE MAKES RAPID PROGRESS

YANKEES FIGHTING FINELY

Marne Fight Biggest for U. S. Since Civil War

TRANSPORT PERFECT

American's Behaved Splendidly in All the Open Encounters.

(By Associated Press)
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Thursday, July 18, 6 P. M.—With night fall of the fourth day of the battle east and west of Rheims a feeling of confidence pervades the allied line. After 80 hours of assault along lines of his own selection the enemy offensive seemingly has failed. He is still behind the objective set for the first day's attack.

While the American force engaged in the present battle is small in comparison with the total allied train it can be said that it is greater than any participating in a battle since the Civil war and the conduct of the men is eliciting the commendation of the French.

They have performed the part assigned to them with steadiness, courage and skill.

To a large portion of the Americans the four days have been their first real fighting. Reports from along the line indicate a great deal of clean open warfare. Some spontaneous localized operations being undertaken without a preliminary barrage and it is in action of this character that the American units have won praise of the French.

The American transport both of munitions and of the hospital service is working smoothly and efficiently behind the lines. The correspondent encountered ambulances and trucks filled with what are known as sitting cases which had already been attended to at the advanced dressing stations. These were on the way to the rear and frequently in their passage they forced to the roadside groups of German prisoners being escorted to the pens.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—General Pershing's communique for yesterday confirmed reports of the complete success of yesterday's attack between the Aisne and the Marne by combined American and French forces. The dispatch follows:

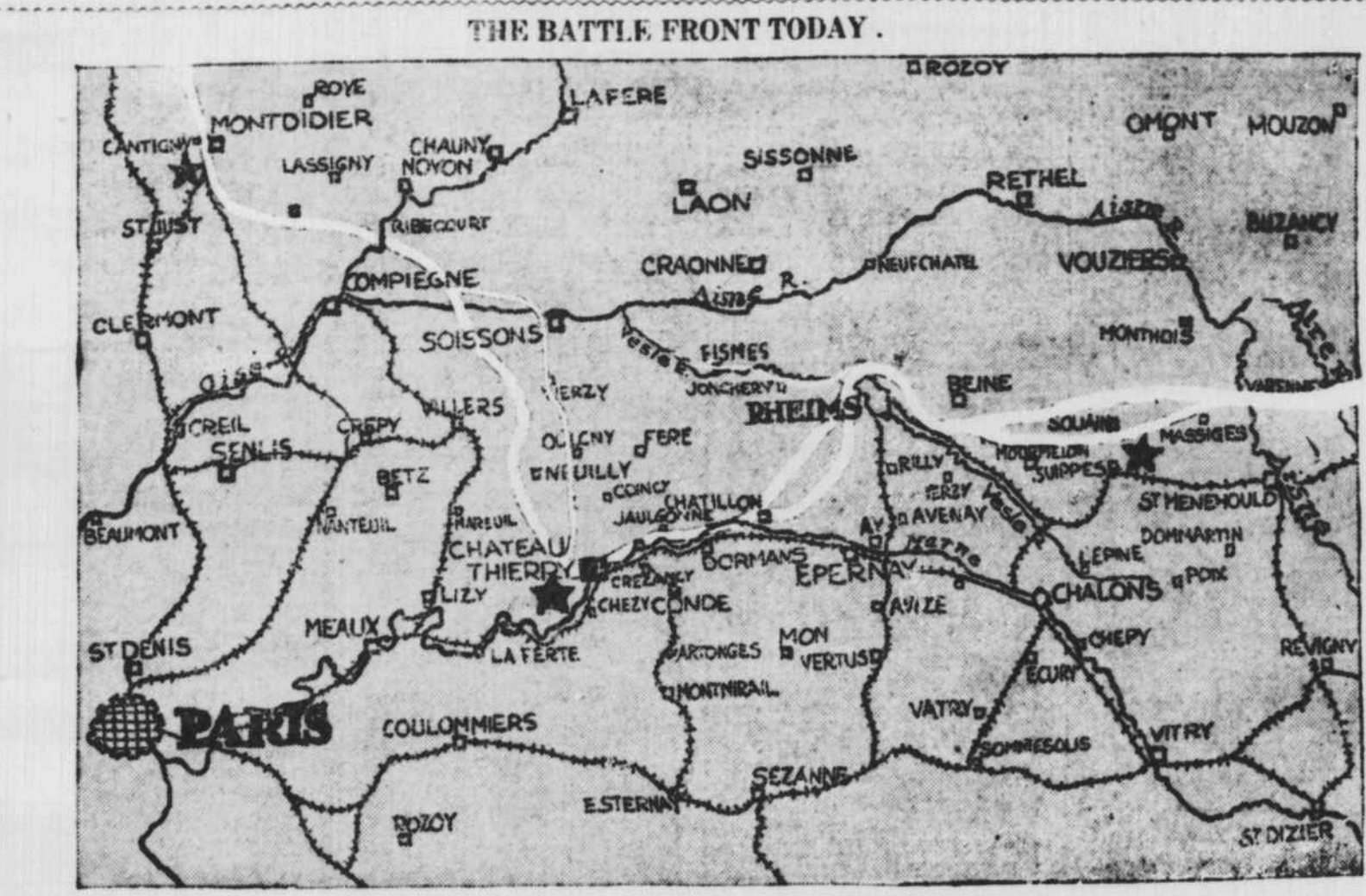
Section A: American troops co-operating with the French in an attack on the enemy position between the Aisne and the Marne penetrated his line to a depth of several miles, capturing many prisoners and guns.

FOR SALE.
Flat Top Office Desk; Typewriter; Safe; Chairs, and other office fixtures. All Practically new. Also one six Cylinder, five passenger, 1917 Model Paige Car in first class condition. Also some vacant lots and two houses and lots. Will sell all at bargain prices as I am going to leave for France at an early date. Do not call unless you mean to buy. Phone 1282.

NOTICE FELICITY LODGE NO. 99 K. of P.
The funeral of Brother Guy A. Leonard will be held Saturday 2:30 P. M. at M. P. church (1st ward), Fairmont Marion Lodge No. 27 in charge.
Dr. GEORGE YOST, C. C.

Wanted

First class machinists, blacksmiths, and blacksmith's helpers, air hammer man, and layer out. Good wages, Steady employment.
Fairmont Mining Machine Co.



The heavy white line on this map is the front as it was on July 14 before the German drive began. The two bulges below that line show the gains made by the Germans in that drive. The white line to the right which runs close to Soissons shows the scope and depth of the Allied drive at last reports.

Rotarians Ask Daily Prayer For U.S. Army

Home Service Man Gave Talk at Last Night's Meeting of Club.

T. J. Edmunds, who came to Fairmont to attend the Home Service conference of the Red Cross, gave a very interesting talk at last evening's meeting of the Rotary club which was held at the Country Club, and during the evening a committee was appointed to visit the coal companies and get them to take over the books left over from the smudge campaign for the benefit of their men who have gone and will go into the service.

Another matter which came up, but upon which no action was taken, was a resolution adopted by the recent convention of International Rotary clubs urging the local clubs throughout the country to secure the adoption in their respective towns of a War Angels to be observed at 11 o'clock local time each day at which time all are asked to observe one minute in prayer for the success of our arms and the triumph of our cause. The idea is to have the exact minute announced by blowing whistles and ringing the bells.

One Appeal From Draft Classification

Of the one hundred and thirty-nine men who have been given their classifications by the local draft board there was but one person who appealed from the decision of the local board, this being Rennie Lipscomb. Lipscomb was placed in Class 2 by the local draft board. Apparently he was not satisfied with his already deferred classification and placed an appeal with the district draft board.

This is the last day on which registrants may make an appeal to the district draft board, the five days from the date the classification was mailed expiring today.

WILL CONSULT SPECIALIST.
Mrs. J. J. Brennan and daughter, Miss Katherine, leave tonight for Baltimore where they go to consult Dr. Friedmont, a stomach specialist, in regard to the latter's condition. Miss Brennan has been ill for several months with stomach trouble and was for a time a patient at Cook hospital. She recovered partially but it was decided to consult a specialist at this time.

Consult the Union Dentists
for expert dental services. Our prices are reasonable. Offices over McCrory 5 and 10c store. All work guaranteed.

Wanted

Good boy over 16 years of age to learn trade in printing office. Permanent for the right man, and an excellent opportunity to learn a trade in which employment is steady. Ideal working conditions. Apply to Mr. Mapel, The West Virginian Office.

RETAIL COAL MEN MUST REPORT TO THE CO CHAIRMEN

Fuel Administrator Barnes Back From Conference in the East.

Notice has been received from the Fuel Administration that all dealers must file statements with the county fuel administrator showing that they are dealers and giving certain other required data.

State Fuel Administrator J. Walter Barnes has returned from Philadelphia, Pa., where he has been with County Fuel Administrators Henshaw and Nelson, of Berkeley and Jefferson counties, respectively, looking after an allotment of anthracite coal for Berkeley and Jefferson counties. The three men met in conference with the committee on anthracite coal, returning with good prospects of getting their allotment.

Canada's Youngest Sergeant.
Sergeant Manichell, aged sixteen, who has the distinction of being the youngest sergeant in the Canadian army, arrived in Fairmont this morning to spend several days in this section under the auspices of the United States Fuel Administration.

Although only sixteen years of age, he has seen much actual service and for five months was a prisoner in an Austrian prison camp. He was born in New York City and enlisted with the Canadian forces.

Operators' Association Charter.
A charter was issued yesterday by the secretary of state to the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' Association, of Fairmont, to ascertain and compile data on the conservation, production, transportation, marketing and utilization of coal and its products. Capital stock alone; membership shall extend to operators only in Monongalia, Marion, Harrison, Preston, Taylor, Barbour, Randolph, Upshur, Lewis, Gilmer, Braxton, Webster and Nicholas counties. Incorporators, C. H. Jenkins, C. H. Tarleton, S. D. Brady, of Fairmont; D. Howard, of Clarksburg, and E. Brennan, of Elkins.

Work of the Organizers.
The organizers for the United Mine Workers who are now in northern West Virginia are doing a great deal of educational work, showing the miners how to run their unions, encouraging the mine workers to greater endeavor and insisting upon the necessity of loyal co-operation with the government in every move. James Diana and H. E. Peters, organizers, were at Gypsy Thursday night for a meeting. P. T. Gates was at Lumberport. W. F. Ray and Sam Ballentine attended a meeting at Wilsonburg, and E. A. Scott and Joe Angelo addressed a meeting in Clarksburg. These organizers make their headquarters at Fairmont and journeyed to all these points on the street car. They are men of intelligence and ability, who recognize the serious situation in which the country finds itself and by example (Continued on page four.)

Laborers Wanted in Shipping Department, Apply, Owens Bottle Machine Company.

13 Million Feet Well Comes In On Gump Farm

Is Best Gas Producer Struck in Marion County in Past Five Years.

A thirteen million cubic feet gas well, owned by the South Penn Oil company, located on the Gump farm, near Loganport, about five miles from Mannington, came in on Wednesday.

The new gas well is the best that has come in in Marion county for at least five years. The second largest in recent years was that of the Hope Natural Gas company which is located in the same locality which came in one month ago and registered 12,000,000.

M. V. T. Laying Seven Miles of Gas Line

Seven miles of six inch gas line is being laid from near Downs to Loganport by the Monongahela Valley Traction company. The work was begun on Wednesday in an effort to complete the job in three weeks, which will mean a big increase in the number of men working. Approximately forty men are working today; at least forty more will be given employment immediately.

The new line will go to the Straight and Gump farms near Loganport where the traction company is now drilling and where other important developments are anticipated.

THIS IS NOT THE BIG OFFENSIVE

But Eight Divisions of American Troops are Engaged.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, July 19.—Eight divisions of American troops are believed to be represented in the Allied fighting on the Aisne-Marne front, according to information given today to members of the House military committee in their weekly conference with General March, chief of staff.

It was stated that the drive now going on will not replace nor hinder the preparation for the great Allied offensive planned for later in the year.

Details of the fighting are lacking because official dispatches from General Pershing have been greatly delayed. General March and Assistant Secretary Crowell, who participated in the conference, expressed their gratification over the part the American troops are playing.

HOME FROM FRANCE.
Herbert Hamilton arrived in the city today after a trip to France. Hamilton is an armed guard in the navy and has been seeing some actual service. In the last five months he has been in the United States but four days. He will spend about twelve days in Fairmont with local friends and relatives.

159 MEN TO LEAVE MANNINGTON FOR CAMP WEDNESDAY

Complete List of the Men Who Will Be Sent Then.

COUNTY'S LARGEST LIST

Takes All of Number 2 Board's Class One Under 3043

One hundred and fifty-nine men will embark at Mannington next Wednesday morning, July 24, at 11 o'clock for Camp Meade, Admiral, Md., representing Marion county (excepting Fairmont) in the big July draft. The men who depart will appear at the draft board headquarters in Mannington on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

The contingent will be the largest that has ever yet left Marion county and a monster crowd is sure to gather in Mannington on Wednesday to see the boys off.

In order to fill the quota of one hundred and fifty-nine men it was necessary for the draft board to summon all men with order numbers under 3043, either to appear for enlistment or as an alternate. Before the call was issued no men with order numbers over 2205 had been taken.

Originally there were but 3064 men registered with the county draft board, which means that the present call will leave few men in Class 1 from the first registration.

It is estimated by George W. Bowers, chairman of the Marion county draft board Number 2, that after Wednesday he will have about one hundred men of the first registration qualified for military service and in Class 1 ready to go. Of this number (Continued on Page Six)

License Money is Sent to Capital

According to figures compiled today Sheriff A. M. Glover will forward the state treasurer at Charleston the sum of \$4,658.54, which was collected in Marion county for state tobacco, pool and billiard and miscellaneous licenses during the past quarter. This embraces April, May and June and is about the normal showing for Marion.

BRING FEDERAL CHARGES.
Federal authorities have preferred charges against William Jordan, charged with bringing eleven and a half pints of whiskey into the state, on Saturday morning. United States Commissioner Kirby will hear Jordan.

IS OFF FOR CINCINNATI.
John S. Glover, deputy sheriff, last evening went to Cincinnati, O., to bring back to Fairmont, C. L. Richardson, of Mannington, who is charged with defrauding his uncle, E. A. Richardson, of Mannington, out of \$3,500 through a deal involving the purchase of a store.

ALLIED TROOPS HAVE ROAD FROM SOISSONS TO PARIS UNDER FIRE OF THEIR GUNS

Cavalry has been Used Freely Against Retreating Enemy Who Has Lost Heavily in Guns and Men

FOE'S COMMUNICATIONS IN DANGER

Fighting Continues Today With Violence All Along the Line From the Aisne to the Marne—Germans Also Losing Near Rheims.

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES ON AISNE-MARNE FRONT—(By Associated Press) One, p. m.—American and French forces are continuing to advance their spearhead midway between Soissons and Chateau Thierry.

The Americans took several towns in the course of the night.

Early this morning the Americans also made further progress.

During the night German reinforcements were coming from the region in the north but the expected counter attack has not appeared up until an early hour this afternoon.

American troops continue to hold the plateau southwest of Soissons where on Thursday the Germans made their first organized counter attack.

This sour fell down however as soon as the American heavy artillery got into action.

This was one of the fiercest struggles in connection with the Franco-American offensive. The battle raged south west of Soissons for some time.

It resulted in the Germans falling back finally under the rain of heavy gun fire of the Americans.

One of the towns taken by the Americans last night was Vierzey 6 miles south of Soissons.

Towns to the north and south of this were also taken in the carrying out of the plan to straighten the entire line on the Soissons-Chateau Thierry front.

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, July 19.—On the front between Rheims and the Marne the French have recaptured Mount Volain and made progress in the Roy wood on the Courton woods, capturing four canno and 400 prisoners.

LONDON, July 19.—On the left wing which includes the Soissons sector the Allied troops have cut or have under fire the highroad from Soissons to Chateau Thierry, says a Reuter dispatch from the French front dated 11 o'clock Thursday.

The railway from Soissons to Villers Cotterz also has been cut.

At several points infiltration movements have been carried out by cavalry. They advanced through gaps in the retreating enemy lines and established themselves in villages further ahead.

PARIS, July 19.—(Havas Agency.)—Reviews of fighting in the Allied counter offensive printed by the Paris papers today laid stress upon interference with the enemy's railroad communication occasioned by the speedy Allied advance. Their progress southeast of Soissons, says the Echo de Paris, prevented the enemy from bringing into action his reserves over the railway in the vicinity of Laon.

Near Chateau Thierry, around Rheims and along the Aisne he had expected to secure great results from the use of these reserves.

PARIS, July 19.—Between the Aisne and the Marne in spite of new arrivals of German reinforcements the allies are making sensible progress and are capturing a large number of prisoners, according to the official statement issued by the War office today.

Along the whole front between the Aisne and the Marne the battle continues with violence.

South of the Marne by a vigorous attack the French have ejected the enemy from the outskirts of Oeuilly de Ardre, south of Marfaux and southwest of Pourcy.

PARIS, July 19.—(Havas Agency.)—L'Homme Libre without intending to divulge the number of prisoners and guns captured says it is fully equivalent to the number announced by the Germans as having been captured on July 15 (the German official statement on Tuesday announced that 13,000 prisoners had been taken Monday.)

The newspapers intentionally give little information in regard to the battle going on or the results obtained.

GERMANS LOSE LIVES.
PARIS, July 19.—More than 100 guns have been captured in the Allied attacks on the Aisne-Marne front according to the Herald today.

GERMAN RAID FAILS.
LONDON, July 19.—German raids last night in the Villers-Bretonneux and Marincourt sectors on either side of the Somme were driven off by the British, says the official statement from Field Marshal Haig today. The British captured a few prisoners in successful raids in the region of Bazoucy and Willerval and Locre.

ZEPPELIN DESTROYED.
AMSTERDAM, July 19.—A zeppelin fell in flames at the German front here near Dalheim on Monday evening, the Rotterdam Sche-Bourant announces today.

Water Department Men Go on Strike

Eleven laborers who have been working for the city water department making repairs to the city mains, have gone on a strike. The men have been getting \$3.25 for an eight hour day and asked to get \$4.55, which was refused.

Seven of the laborers who were on the job are still working.

MRS. E. B. MOORE ILL.
Ms. E. B. Moore is quite ill at her home in Locust avenue. Dr. Leitch, a specialist from Pittsburgh, was called here yesterday in consultation with local physicians over her condition.