

## FRENCH CAPTURE LASSIGNY HILLS AFTER HARD FIGHT

New Hun Retreat in Picardy Believed Near.

ENTIRE LINE IS PERILED

Artillery of Allies Now Dominates Town and Roads Beyond—Halt Reports Capture of 28,000 Prisoners and 600 Guns.

London, Aug. 14.—Since the allied offensive began on the Montdidier-Amiens sector August 8 the total capture by the French First army and the British Fourth army have aggregated 28,000 men and 600 guns, says Field Marshal Haig's communication from headquarters. The communication adds that the day passed in comparative quiet on the battle front.

French Held Heights of Lassigny. The Heights of Lassigny, the stronghold on which the left flank of the German armies in the Picardy fighting rested is in the hands of the French. The artillery of the allies now dominates the town of Lassigny and the roads beyond. After stubborn fighting the French have repulsed a heavy German counter-attack on Lassigny massif.

It now seems inevitable that the Germans must again break into a retreat, or else hurl their dwindling reserves forward in an attempt to retake the massif of Lassigny.

Cleared From Heights. The French official communication reveals that the enemy practically has been cleared from this high ground, since it is announced that the French have gained a footing in the park of Plessier de Roye, on the extreme northern end of the heights, and within a mile of the town of Lassigny.

Furthermore, more ground has been gained southeast of here, and a renewed advance undoubtedly will spell the doom of Noyon.

Line May Crumble. In some quarters here it is expected the entire line of present enemy resistance will crumble, now that the anchor, or pivot point at Lassigny has been won by General Foch's troops.

Control Divette Valley. The French, by gaining control of the massif of Lassigny now command not only Lassigny but the valley of the Divette, as well as the entire district to the north.

The capture of the massif must inevitably have the most serious effect on the German positions over a wide area, and this effect should begin to show within 48 hours.

Expect Roye to Fall. In the opinion of experts here the evacuation of Roye may be expected within a day or two, for the town is now under a cross fire. The abandonment of Roye by the Germans would also make Chaumes difficult to hold.

Thus recent history of the Marne is counted upon to repeat itself on this new front.

In the region of Des Loges, south of Roye, the French are consolidating their line. They hold the town, but have not yet regained the woods beyond.

The French gains on the Lassigny massif already have forced the Germans to evacuate a long line of trenches in the valley of the Oise and are calculated to force further evacuations almost immediately.

Noyon will come under the fire of the French guns as soon as the artillery can be moved up. Then the road transports on the whole network of highways around Noyon will become a difficult problem for the Germans.

The Germans have evacuated their trenches in the bend of the river west of Bailly and the French are occupying them. The move has been forced by French pressure in the valley of the Oise.

First Phase of Battle Over. With the French Army in France, Aug. 14.—The stabilization of the line on the old Roye-Lassigny front is considered as the closing feature of the first phase of the battle of the Aisne. The second phase awaits only the arrival of needed reinforcements and material. Reports from aviators state that the disorder on all roads leading to the rear of the German front is indescribable. Every crossroad constitutes an admirable target for the aviators.

Aviators, after serving to replace heavy artillery by bombing front areas are now aiding the infantry and cavalry in machine gun nests almost, flying low, give the gunners from their posts. Then the infantry or cavalry rush in and capture the guns before the enemy can resume fire. All through the battle of the Aisne the allies appear to have been masters of the air over the battlefield.

Heavy level fighting is reported at Fismettes on the north bank of the Vesle, where the Franco-American forces are holding their lines. The

became wizened and brown and altogether disreputable in appearance and were considered done.

almost gasped at recognizing some of them in the corner grocery yesterday, still looking like a collection of the guilty consciences of small children. And when I took a mess of them home and had them stewed for old-time's sake I found them just as unfit for human food as they ever

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Sentiment Uttered by Many. The origin of the expression "In union there is strength" is not known, but the sentiment is a very long time. A Latin author of ancient times said: "By union the smallest states thrive, by discord the greatest are destroyed." The American author of "The Flag of Our Union" said: "United we stand, divided we fall."

Optimistic Thought. He who weighs his own responsibilities can bear them.

## OPEN SEASON FOR PRINCES



## BRITISH STEAMER SINKS SUBMARINE OFF U. S. COAST

Officers of Ship Tell of Fight in Atlantic.

### NORWEGIAN SHIP SENT DOWN

Steamship Sommerstad, Taken Over by U. S. Government, Destroyed Off Fire Island by U-Boat.

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 14.—In a fight with a submarine off the north Atlantic coast, a British armed merchantman, arriving here, claimed to have sunk the U-boat. Details of the battle were not made public.

New York, Aug. 14.—German submarines took toll of American shipping in waters adjacent to this port for the second time when the Norwegian steamship Sommerstad, taken over by the United States government, was sunk off Fire Island. The \$375,000 freighter was sent to the bottom not far from the locality where the armored cruiser San Diego was blown up on July 19. The Sommerstad, whose crew of 31 was brought here by survivors, was under charter of the United States shipping board. The vessel was on the way from Bergen, Norway, to New York, in ballast.

Captain Hansen, master of the ship, said it was sunk at eight o'clock in the morning. The crew took to the boats, and later were picked up by a passing vessel.

Schooner Lotted and Sunk. Nantucket, Mass., Aug. 14.—The auxiliary schooner Earl and Nettie was added to the list of fishing vessels sunk by a German submarine off George's bank Saturday. The six members of the crew, picked up 100 miles east of Nantucket and brought here with four survivors of the schooner Anita May, reported that their vessel had been sunk by gunfire after having been looted by a raiding squad from the U-boat.

The Earl and Nettie's men reported that they were subjected to many indignities by the U-boat crew. The personal effects of the fishermen, of little intrinsic value, were taken along with provisions and clothing. When they were ordered into the dory they were told to be quick about it.

Stamps on American Flag. Nantucket, Mass., Aug. 14.—An American flag torn from the masthead of the little schooner Lena May, one of the fishing vessels sunk by a German submarine off the New England coast Saturday, was taken aboard the enemy craft by a German officer, who wrapped it around his neck and gave a grotesque exhibition of dancing, while his men, each armed with a revolver, looked on and cheered. This was the story told here by survivors of the vessel, who were forced to witness the performance and were knocked about when they failed to move as rapidly as the commander ordered. The flag was flung down and stamped.

2 GERMAN CHIEFS SHELVED. Generals Mudra and Liebrecht Are Put on the Retired List Here.

Paris, Aug. 14.—Generals Mudra and Liebrecht, who commanded German armies in the offensive, which began on July 1, have been placed on the retired list, according to Berne newspapers, which have been received here.

Launch Seventh Ferris Type Vessel. Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 14.—The seventh Ferris type vessel built at the Seaboard shipyard in this city was launched.

were, and still so woolly that while going down they felt like caterpillars. —Kansas City Star.

Repair Cement. A cement for making repairs on switchboards when iron or other metal has to be fastened to marble may be made from 30 parts plaster of paris, ten parts iron filings, and half a part sand. These are mixed with acetic acid to form a thin paste. It is imperative that this cement be used immediately after it has been mixed.

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## Yesterday's Games

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.			
Club	Won.	Lost.	Per cent.
Chicago	28	38	.424
New York	28	43	.394
Pittsburgh	27	40	.403
Cincinnati	25	47	.344
Philadelphia	24	46	.344
Boston	23	45	.338
St. Louis	22	44	.333
AMERICAN LEAGUE.			
Club	Won.	Lost.	Per cent.
Boston	28	44	.389
Cleveland	28	47	.369
Washington	25	43	.366
New York	24	51	.323
Chicago	23	54	.301
St. Louis	22	56	.286
Detroit	21	59	.261
Philadelphia	20	63	.244

Tuesday's Results.			
Club	Score	Club	Score
Chicago, 2-2; Pittsburgh, 1-7.			
New York, 5-5; Boston, 4-2.			
Brooklyn, 2-4; Philadelphia, 1-3.			
AMERICAN LEAGUE.			
Philadelphia, 3-1; Washington, 5-6.			
No other games played.			

## WILL TAX OCCUPATIONS \$10

Congress Body for Special Levy, Excepting War Work and Preachers.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Special taxes of \$10 a year on occupations or professions, except the war industry trades, farmers, teachers and ministers of the gospel, were written into the \$3,000,000,000 war revenue bill by the house ways and means committee. A similar tax was placed upon any business with receipts of \$2,000 a year or more, with a levy of \$25 a year on wholesale houses with receipts of \$200,000 or more.

Secretary Meadood will appear before the committee today to discuss the treasury's new plans for an excess profits tax.

After a vigorous fight by Representatives Bailey of Illinois and Longworth of Ohio, newspapers, press associations and periodicals were exempted from the proposed 10 per cent tax on the amount paid for leased telegraph and telephone wires in the pending \$3,000,000,000 revenue bill. It was understood so as to apply only to the stock brokers' lists.

In addition to the ordinary duty of 10 per cent on all jewelry sold at wholesale, the committee put on a 10 per cent tax on retail sales of jewelry composed wholly or in part of platinum.

## BIG STRIKE IN MONTEVIDEO

Commerce and Industry in the Capital of Uruguay Are Virtually Paralyzed.

Montevideo, Uruguay, Aug. 14.—Commerce and industry here are virtually paralyzed as the result of a general strike growing out of the tramway strike which has been in progress for several days and has developed into clashes between the workers and soldiers and the police. All business houses are closed, only a few cafes remaining open, and no newspapers are being printed. The street railway service is at a complete standstill.

## ROADS TO EMPLOY WOMEN

Thousands Will Be Drawn Into Service to Take Place of Men Entering Army.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Thousands of women will be drawn into railroad employment within the next few months to take the place of men entering the army and other industries, according to plans of the railroad administration. Women are to be employed as clerks, accountants, ticket sellers, station agents, crossing watchmen, car cleaners and to some extent in track work.

The general policy will be to pay women the same wages paid men. This course will not result in dismissal of men, since the demand for workers exceeds the supply. In employing women American railroads will be doing what English and French railroads were compelled to do long ago.

Training schools for ticket agents are being held in many cities.

Order Ex-German Consul Interned. Boston, Aug. 14.—Oswald Kunhardt, former German consul general in this city, was ordered interned at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., under orders received from Washington.

St. John's Bread. St. John's bread is the name given the carob in the Holy Land as it is said to be both the locust and wild honey described by the famous acclimator while in the desert. It grows practically everywhere planted in Palestine.

Unnecessary Noises Barred. The man with the new set of store fangs was alternately eating fresh celery and dry toast. Finally a waiter stepped up and tapped him on the shoulder, saying: "Harden, sir, but I must call your attention to the fact that this hotel is located in the hospital zone." —Farm Life.

Somebody Had To. "On that, pray, do you base your self-respect?" "On the law of supply and demand." —Farm Life.

Doves Not Always Peaceful. In spite of the fact that the dove is the emblem of peace, a couple of male birds of this deceitful species can give a very good account of themselves in the fight. The weapons they employ are their wings, which they use with terrific force.

Man's Steady Progress. Men no longer scratch matches on their trousers, because it leaves a mark. It will recur to the men some day that matches will do the same thing on a wall. —Kansas City Star.

## NEW DRAFT BILL IS READY FOR SENATE

18 to 45 Measure Carries Work or Fight Provision.

### ITS PASSAGE IS PREDICTED

Chamberlain Declares Baker and Crowder Have Shown Committee That Bill's Enactment Is Absolutely Necessary.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Carrying a work or fight provision that will apply to all men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five placed in deferred classification under the draft, the new "man power" bill was ordered reported to the senate by the military affairs committee.

The work or fight amendment, which was written by Senator Reed, is designed to prevent loafing and not as a weapon against strikes. The wording of the amendment is such that it could be so used, but the power to make regulations for its enforcement is left with the president. The president is ordered by the committee to make such regulations as could not be used as a weapon against organized labor.

The work or fight amendment is in the form of a provision to follow the paragraph in the original bill providing for deferred classification and exemption, and reads:

"Provided, that when any person shall have been placed in a deferred or exempted class for any of the reasons in this paragraph set forth, he shall not be entitled to remain therein unless he shall in good faith continue, while physically able to do so, to work at and follow such occupation, employment or business; and if he fails so to do, he shall again become subject to the draft. The president shall make regulations for enforcing this provision."

Three other important amendments to the bill were adopted by the committee before the bill was ordered reported. The most important of these was one giving to volunteers and drafted men below the age of twenty-one the right to receive an education at the expense of the government at approved educational institutions. The period of this education would be the equivalent to the terms served in the army or navy, but in no case would exceed two years.

Another amendment adopted by the committee would remove discrimination against drafted men and volunteers in securing commissions in either the army or the navy on the grounds that they are too young.

Wives of soldiers shall not be discriminated for position under the government because they are married, another amendment provides.

Chamberlain Predicts Passage. Passage of the bill was predicted by Senator Chamberlain.

"The secretary of war and chief of staff and General Crowder," he said, "have shown to the committee's satisfaction that its enactment is absolutely essential to the maintenance of an adequate army in France."

"It is a time when all must make sacrifices in flesh and blood as well as treasure and the sooner an adequate army can be placed on the battle front of Europe the sooner will our country be able to avoid future and greater sacrifices."

Under the bill's terms the president will have power to classify those selected. While I have no authority to indicate what he will do, I am inclined to the opinion that classes will be arranged so as to call the youngest last."

Draft Preparation Ordered. Chicago, Aug. 14.—Orders instructing local boards to begin preparations for the operation of the coming draft laws, now before congress, were received from Provost Marshal General Crowder.

The communication states that the registration will take place early in September and directs the boards to begin at once to train new clerks and enlarge their present offices.

## THE MARKETS

Grain, Provisions, Etc. Chicago, Aug. 13. Corn—1.10; 1.12; 1.14; 1.16; 1.18; 1.20; 1.22; 1.24; 1.26; 1.28; 1.30; 1.32; 1.34; 1.36; 1.38; 1.40; 1.42; 1.44; 1.46; 1.48; 1.50; 1.52; 1.54; 1.56; 1.58; 1.60; 1.62; 1.64; 1.66; 1.68; 1.70; 1.72; 1.74; 1.76; 1.78; 1.80; 1.82; 1.84; 1.86; 1.88; 1.90; 1.92; 1.94; 1.96; 1.98; 2.00; 2.02; 2.04; 2.06; 2.08; 2.10; 2.12; 2.14; 2.16; 2.18; 2.20; 2.22; 2.24; 2.26; 2.28; 2.30; 2.32; 2.34; 2.36; 2.38; 2.40; 2.42; 2.44; 2.46; 2.48; 2.50; 2.52; 2.54; 2.56; 2.58; 2.60; 2.62; 2.64; 2.66; 2.68; 2.70; 2.72; 2.74; 2.76; 2.78; 2.80; 2.82; 2.84; 2.86; 2.88; 2.90; 2.92; 2.94; 2.96; 2.98; 3.00; 3.02; 3.04; 3.06; 3.08; 3.10; 3.12; 3.14; 3.16; 3.18; 3.20; 3.22; 3.24; 3.26; 3.28; 3.30; 3.32; 3.34; 3.36; 3.38; 3.40; 3.42; 3.44; 3.46; 3.48; 3.50; 3.52; 3.54; 3.56; 3.58; 3.60; 3.62; 3.64; 3.66; 3.68; 3.70; 3.72; 3.74; 3.76; 3.78; 3.80; 3.82; 3.84; 3.86; 3.88; 3.90; 3.92; 3.94; 3.96; 3.98; 4.00; 4.02; 4.04; 4.06; 4.08; 4.10; 4.12; 4.14; 4.16; 4.18; 4.20; 4.22; 4.24; 4.26; 4.28; 4.30; 4.32; 4.34; 4.36; 4.38; 4.40; 4.42; 4.44; 4.46; 4.48; 4.50; 4.52; 4.54; 4.56; 4.58; 4.60; 4.62; 4.64; 4.66; 4.68; 4.70; 4.72; 4.74; 4.76; 4.78; 4.80; 4.82; 4.84; 4.86; 4.88; 4.90; 4.92; 4.94; 4.96; 4.98; 5.00; 5.02; 5.04; 5.06; 5.08; 5.10; 5.12; 5.14; 5.16; 5.18; 5.20; 5.22; 5.24; 5.26; 5.28; 5.30; 5.32; 5.34; 5.36; 5.38; 5.40; 5.42; 5.44; 5.46; 5.48; 5.50; 5.52; 5.54; 5.56; 5.58; 5.60; 5.62; 5.64; 5.66; 5.68; 5.70; 5.72; 5.74; 5.76; 5.78; 5.80; 5.82; 5.84; 5.86; 5.88; 5.90; 5.92; 5.94; 5.96; 5.98; 6.00; 6.02; 6.04; 6.06; 6.08; 6.10; 6.12; 6.14; 6.16; 6.18; 6.20; 6.22; 6.24; 6.26; 6.28; 6.30; 6.32; 6.34; 6.36; 6.38; 6.40; 6.42; 6.44; 6.46; 6.48; 6.50; 6.52; 6.54; 6.56; 6.58; 6.60; 6.62; 6.64; 6.66; 6.68; 6.70; 6.72; 6.74; 6.76; 6.78; 6.80; 6.82; 6.84; 6.86; 6.88; 6.90; 6.92; 6.94; 6.96; 6.98; 7.00; 7.02; 7.04; 7.06; 7.08; 7.10; 7.12; 7.14; 7.16; 7.18; 7.20; 7.22; 7.24; 7.26; 7.28; 7.30; 7.32; 7.34; 7.36; 7.38; 7.40; 7.42; 7.44; 7.46; 7.48; 7.50; 7.52; 7.54; 7.56; 7.58; 7.60; 7.62; 7.64; 7.66; 7.68; 7.70; 7.72; 7.74; 7.76; 7.78; 7.80; 7.82; 7.84; 7.86; 7.88; 7.90; 7.92; 7.94; 7.96; 7.98; 8.00; 8.02; 8.04; 8.06; 8.08; 8.10; 8.12; 8.14; 8.16; 8.18; 8.20; 8.22; 8.24; 8.26; 8.28; 8.30; 8.32; 8.34; 8.36; 8.38; 8.40; 8.42; 8.44; 8.46; 8.48; 8.50; 8.52; 8.54; 8.56; 8.58; 8.60; 8.62; 8.64; 8.66; 8.68; 8.70; 8.72; 8.74; 8.76; 8.78; 8.80; 8.82; 8.84; 8.86; 8.88; 8.90; 8.92; 8.94; 8.96; 8.98; 9.00; 9.02; 9.04; 9.06; 9.08; 9.10; 9.12; 9.14; 9.16; 9.18; 9.20; 9.22; 9.24; 9.26; 9.28; 9.30; 9.32; 9.34; 9.36; 9.38; 9.40; 9.42; 9.44; 9.46; 9.48; 9.50; 9.52; 9.54; 9.56; 9.58; 9.60; 9.62; 9.64; 9.66; 9.68; 9.70; 9.72; 9.74; 9.76; 9.78; 9.80; 9.82; 9.84; 9.86; 9.88; 9.90; 9.92; 9.94; 9.96; 9.98; 10.00; 10.02; 10.04; 10.06; 10.08; 10.10; 10.12; 10.14; 10.16; 10.18; 10.20; 10.22; 10.24; 10.26; 10.28; 10.30; 10.32; 10.34; 10.36; 10.38; 10.40; 10.42; 10.44; 10.46; 10.48; 10.50; 10.52; 10.54; 10.56; 10.58; 10.60; 10.62; 10.64; 10.66; 10.68; 10.70; 10.72; 10.74; 10.76; 10.78; 10.80; 10.82; 10.84; 10.86; 10.88; 10.90; 10.92; 10.94; 10.96; 10.98; 11.00; 11.02; 11.04; 11.06; 11.08; 11.10; 11.12; 11.14; 11.16; 11.18; 11.20; 11.22; 11.24; 11.26; 11.28; 11.30; 11.32; 11.34; 11.36; 11.38; 11.40; 11.42; 11.44; 11.46; 11.48; 11.50; 11.52; 11.54; 11.56; 11.58; 11.60; 11.62; 11.64; 11.66; 11.68; 11.70; 11.72; 11.74; 11.76; 11.78; 11.80; 11.82; 11.84; 11.86; 11.88; 11.90; 11.92; 11.94; 11.96; 11.98; 12.00; 12.02; 12.04; 12.06; 12.08; 12.10; 12.12; 12.14; 12.16; 12.18; 12.20; 12.22; 12.24; 12.26; 12.28; 12.30; 12.32; 12.34; 12.36; 12.38; 12.40; 12.42;