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THE WEATHER—			
Nebraska—Monday partly cloudy; possibly showers.			
Hour.	Dir.	Hour.	Dir.
5 a. m.	82	1 p. m.	82
6 a. m.	86	2 p. m.	84
7 a. m.	85	3 p. m.	80
8 a. m.	84	4 p. m.	76
9 a. m.	80	5 p. m.	72
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12 m.	72	8 p. m.	60

# YANKEES TAKE FISMES; Foe's Flanks Turned; Hun Losses Enormous

## ALLIED TROOPS CROSS AISNE AT SEVERAL PLACES

Forces in Pursuit of Enemy Pass Through Veritable Charnel Houses; Number of Prisoners Taken "Will Thrill the World," Says Paris Dispatch; Flood Hampers German Rear Guard.

Paris, Aug. 4.—Both flanks of the German forces between Rheims and Soissons appear to have been turned. The French have forced a crossing of the Vesle west of Rheims. German reinforcements are reported arriving in the Soissons sector from the north. The allies continue their advance, according to latest reports, although it is held within prudent limits. The allied left wing has moved faster than the right and further progress in the Soissons region might expose it to a counter attack from the enemy.

Allied troops have crossed the Aisne at several points between Soissons and Venizel. The German resistance is faltering on the left wing of the allied advance while it is growing stubborn and desperate on the right wing, where the Germans still retain a foothold on the southern bank of the Vesle, between Champigny and Jochery, northwest of Rheims.

Allied forces in pursuit of the Germans have passed through veritable charnel houses. Bodies of men and horses are mingled with broken-down vehicles alongside ammunition dumps, some partially exploded and others intact. Bodies of Germans found in clusters beyond the range of the allied artillery indicate that severe punishment was inflicted on the fleeing columns by the aviators.

Many Prisoners Captured. The number of prisoners captured by the allies during the last two days will thrill the allied world when announced. The Vesle river, which was flooded owing to the recent heavy rains, has hampered the German rear guards, which were unable to ford the stream and had to fight for their lives. The most of these Germans were killed and the rest were made prisoners.

Indications are the Germans do not intend to make a permanent stand on the banks of the Aisne, but that they will retreat to the Chemin Des Dames ridge, which is one of the strongest positions in France, and for the moment will try to hold the French while getting away with their stores. The allies captured the Chemin Des Dames once.

The war office statement today reads: "During the day we reached the Vesle to the east of Fismes. The enemy's rear guard opposed spirited resistance especially between Muizon and Champigny. Our light elements succeeded in taking a footing on the north bank of the river at several places."

"Fismes is in our possession. Huns Defend La Neuvillelette. Northwest of Rheims we have won ground up to the village of La Neuvillelette, which the enemy is defending with great energy."

"On the left bank of the Aisne between Castel and Mesnil St. Georges the Germans were forced to abandon a part of their positions. We have occupied Braches and penetrated into Hargicourt. We have also advanced our lines to the outskirts of Courtemanche. We took prisoners."

"Belgian communication, Aug. 4.—Our patrols brought in some prisoners in the region of Kippe and near Dreibank."

"Aviation.—Second Lieutenant Coppen of the aviation service on August 3 downed in flames a captive balloon near Zonnebeke. This was his 22nd victory."

"Eastern theater, Aug. 3.—There has been enemy artillery activity at the mouth of the Struma and to the east of the Vardar and artillery fighting and patrol encounters in the sector south of the Huma and before the Serbian front."

"In Albania here have been patrol encounters."

Retire on British Front. London, Aug. 4.—On the British front the Germans have withdrawn between Montdidier and Moreuil, a distance of 10 miles. The French hold (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

Widow Runs for Office of Sheriff who Was Slain. Reno, Nev., Aug. 4.—Mrs. Mark L. Wildes of Fallon, Nev., widow of Sheriff Wildes, who was shot and killed by Paul Walters, a draft evader, has filed nomination papers for the office her husband held, in opposition to George A. Cole, who was appointed to the vacancy. All efforts to the part of Churchill county democrats to dissuade her were in vain, her reply being that she was "determined to run."

## Great Battle Resolves Itself Into Race For Northern Bank of Aisne by Germans Evicted From Strategic Positions on Vesle

By the Associated Press. The German retreat continues unabated, with the allies everywhere in hot pursuit. Apparently, the situation now has resolved itself into a race for the northern bank of the Aisne river by the Germans, who have been evicted from strategic positions along the Vesle river, in the center of the line and directly east of Rheims, which seemingly renders necessary that they put the Aisne between themselves and their pursuers to escape further large losses of men made prisoner.

Just how large the bag of captives is at present cannot be reckoned, but unofficial advice from Paris assert that when the figures are made public they will thrill the allied world. General Pershing in his communication says the Americans alone have taken 8,400 prisoners and, in addition, 133 guns.

FISMES FALLS; ALLIES CROSS THE AISNE. After hard fighting the Americans and French have succeeded in taking Fismes, once Germany's great ammunition and supply depot, midway on the railway between Soissons and Rheims, while to the east at a number of places along the Vesle river the French have crossed the stream, driving the enemy northeastward. East of Soissons allied troops have negotiated the passage of the Aisne and are in position to harass the enemy as he endeavors to straighten out his line in conformity with that running northwestward.

So fast has been the retreat in the center that already some elements of the enemy forces have succeeded in reaching the northern bank of the Aisne and getting numbers of their big guns across with them. All through the salient towns are still ablaze behind the retreating Germans, and even corn fields have been set afire in order to prevent the allied troops from garnering the ripened grain.

HUNS MAKE FORLORN STAND WITH BACKS TO RIVER. With the Vesle at freshet and the Germans unable to ford it, they stood with their backs to it and gave battle for their lives. Most of them were killed and the remainder made prisoner. One of the most important maneuvers north of the Vesle was the penetration by the French to the village of La Neuvillelette, which releases the German hold on the northern outskirts of Rheims and seemingly delivers the cathedral city from the German menace.

With the Germans now thoroughly vanquished thus far on the Soissons-Rheims salient, eyes are being turned to the regions in the northwest on both sides of Amiens. Here the French and British are keeping up their hard pressure against the armies of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, and have forced them on two highly important sectors to retreat.

RETIRE ACROSS AVRE AND ANCRE RIVERS. Southeast of Amiens on the old Montdidier sector the Germans have fallen back across the Avre river over a wide front, while northeast of Amiens, in the regions of Albert, a similar retrograde movement has been made across the Ancre. The German official communication in admitting the withdrawal near Albert declares the maneuver was carried out without interference by the British.

There again has been considerable activity on the Italian mountain front, where at several points the Italians have attacked and defeated the Austrians.

## THREE AMERICAN FISHING VESSELS SUNK BY U-BOATS

Crews Land on Nova Scotia Coast; Submarine Commander Boasts of Having Had Other Victims.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 4.—Three American fishing schooners were sunk by German submarines off Seal Island, Yarmouth county, on the Nova Scotia coast yesterday. The crews landed on the Nova Scotian coast today.

The commander of one submarine told an American skipper that he had sunk more American schooners hailing from Boston and Gloucester Friday afternoon. He did not give the names of the vessels or mention what became of the crews.

The names of the schooners sunk Saturday afternoon are the Rob Roy, Capt. Freeman Crowell; Annie M. Perry, Capt. James Goodman, and the Muriel, Capt. E. Nickerson.

The United States cruiser San Diego was sunk off Fire Island last month by a mine laid by the German submarine U-56, which captured and burned the Canadian schooner Dornfontein in the Bay of Fundy last Friday, according to statements made by members of the crew of the submarine to the captain and crew of the Dornfontein, who arrived here late last night after having been held on the boat for five hours.

## German Leaders Say They Are Masters of Situation

Amsterdam, Aug. 4.—"The enemy evaded us on July 15 and we thereupon as early as the evening of the 16th, broke off operations. It is all ways our endeavor to stop an undertaking as soon as the stake is not worth the cost. I consider it one of my principal duties to spare the blood and strength of our soldiers."

## War Labor Board Grants Important Concessions To Steel Plant Workers

Washington, Aug. 4.—The national war labor board through its joint chairmen, W. H. Taft and Frank P. Walsh, today announced its decision in the dispute between Bethlehem Steel company and its employees, granting important concessions to 28,000 workers.

Workers are given the right to organize and to bargain collectively. Revision or complete elimination of the bonus system now in operation is ordered.

The decision grants the revision of piece work rates and the establishment of a designated, guaranteed minimum hourly wage rate for about 5,000 machine shop workers. It applies the basic eight-hour day with payment of time and a half for all overtime and double time on Sundays and holidays.

## Chartering of Vessels Brought Under Control

Washington, Aug. 4.—Shipping board control over the chartering of vessels was made more complete by a proclamation issued by President Wilson, providing that no American sailing vessel over 50 tons and no American steamer over 350 tons can be chartered unless approved by the shipping board. No foreign vessel can be chartered to an American citizen without the shipping board's approval. The proclamation does not cover vessels on the Great Lakes, inland canals or rivers, or coastwise vessels.

## HAWKEYE LOSSES HEAVY IN FIGHT ON MARNE FRONT

Many Iowa Names in First Casualty List of Battle to Wipe Out the Soissons-Rheims Salient. That Iowa troops have been in the thick of the recent fighting between the Marne and the Ancre and the elimination of the Soissons-Rheims salient is attested by the large number of names of Iowa boys in the Sunday casualty list. Recent reports have agreed in saying that the Rain-bow division, as part of which the first Iowa units crossed to France, has been bearing the brunt of the American share of the offensive.

## OMAHA HEAT RECORDS

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The Chinook zephyr which blew over Omaha and environs yesterday reached a temperature of 110 degrees at 5 p. m. and established a new heat record for Omaha.

The last record was 107 degrees on July 5, 1911, and on June 16 of this year the maximum was 105, breaking the record for June for the 43 years the weather man has been keeping the record in Omaha.

Yesterday afternoon the wind carried a hot blast from the southwest. It was a wind which caused many to express solicitude for the corn crop.

In sections which were not recently favored with rain the corn was damaged, but no estimate yet can be given of the extent of the damage.

Cooler in Evening. The wind during the afternoon veered around to the northwest, causing the temperature to drop 10 degrees in two hours, from 5 to 7 p. m.

Yesterday's extreme heat in this vicinity was the culmination of heat which extended over a wide area on Saturday when the temperature at Holdrege reached 107, at North Platte 102 and at Kansas City 108.

## MAIN GERMAN BASE CARRIED BY STORM BY AMERICAN BOYS

"Full Fruits of Victory Reaped When Enemy Was Driven in Confusion Beyond Line of Vesle," General Pershing Reports; 8,400 Prisoners and 133 Guns Captured by United States Forces.

Washington, Aug. 4.—"Our troops have taken Fismes by assault and hold the south bank of the Vesle in this section," says General Pershing's communique covering today's fighting, as received tonight by the War department.

Allied troops in the Aisne-Marne salient reaped "the full fruits of victory" Saturday, "when the enemy, who met his second great defeat on the Marne, was driven in confusion beyond the line of the Vesle," General Pershing reported in his communique for yesterday, received today by the War department. American troops alone captured 8,400 prisoners and 133 guns.

"The enemy, in spite of suffering the severest losses," says General Pershing, "has proved incapable of stemming the onslaught of our troops fighting for liberty side by side with French, British and Italian veterans. In the course of the operations, 8,400 prisoners and 133 guns have been captured by our men alone."

## MERCURY AT 110 SUNDAY MAKES RECORD FOR CITY

Overtops Previous High Mark, Reached in 1911, by Three Degrees; All Omaha Suffers From Heat.

## Advance Under Barrage

Their reconnaissance has been completed and they were ordered to fall back. The Germans had been dropping shells about the town intermittently since daylight. When the Americans decided to advance it was after careful preparation and under a sweeping barrage of shrapnel and gas, the infantry advanced. There was opposition from many guns, but the Americans quickly silenced them.

## Great Chase Near End

From Rheims to Soissons, and far back toward the Marne, the Americans, French and British were being concentrated today for the battle of the Vesle. All the indications were that the great chase of the Germans, which began July 18, is nearing an end.

Beyond the Vesle the enemy has planted his artillery and at different points has challenged the allies to pursue him. Along the southern bank General Foch's armies have slowed down to give an opportunity to those outdistanced to catch up.

German guns were active early in the day in front of Fismes and in other locations, and the character of (Continued on Page Two, Column Five.)

## Five Big New York Hotels Penalized for Violating Regulations

New York, Aug. 4.—Five of the leading hotels of New York City and two leading restaurants have been found guilty of violating the food regulations by having in their possession an over supply of sugar, the federal food board has announced.

The establishments, with the penalties imposed, are: Hotel Imperial: Public eating place to be closed two days. Food may be served to tenants and employees. A sign is to be posted admitting violation of the rules.

St. Regis and Hotel Plaza: Baking, pastry and ice cream licenses have been suspended for 30 days. Greely Square Hotel company, operating the Hotel McAlpin, Hotel Claridge, Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, the Savarin and Fifth avenue restaurants: Candy manufacturing licenses have been suspended and the management must contribute \$10,000 to be equally divided between the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. war funds.

## 6,000 Registrants Called For Military Training

Washington, Aug. 4.—Twenty-nine states and the District of Columbia were called upon today by Provost Marshal General Crowder to supply 6,000 white registrants qualified for limited military training. They will

## Edward A. Rumely

Life Story of Man Who Bought New York Mail for the Kaiser on Page Three of This Issue.