

SOISSONS-RHEIMS SALIENT CUT OUT BY ALLIED FORCES

AMERICAN TROOPS NOW HOLDING THE OUTSKIRTS OF FISMES, THE GERMANS' GREAT SUPPLY BASE

French Cavalry Operating Along Railroad between Soissons and Rheims.

THE AISNE NO BARRIER.

Allied Advance Guards Have Already Reached Southern Bank of the River.

BRITISH DRIVE IS NEAR

Several Thrusts in Picardy and Flanders Likely.

(By the Associated Press.) The great salient between Soissons and Rheims, on the Aisne-Marne front, in which terrific fighting has been going on for two weeks, has been virtually cut out by the allied forces.

America and Japan Will Send Troops to Siberia

Each Country Will Dispatch a "Few Thousand Men" to Vladivostok to Safeguard the City and Protect Czecho-Slovaks From Armed Austro-German Prisoners.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Official statements by the American and Japanese governments, made here tonight, announce that the plans for extending military aid to Russia in Siberia will be undertaken by the United States and Japan alone, with the other allied co-belligerents assenting in principle.

army in Siberia, the United States will continue to co-operate with the allies operating from Murnansk and Archangel. To what extent and in what nature is not announced.

ALLIES CAPTURE FIFTY VILLAGES IN A SINGLE DAY

Franco-Americans on Yesterday Continued to Advance Along a Broad Front.

HUNS QUITTING FISMES

Information Indicates They Are Busy Removing All Possible Supplies.

Paris, Aug. 3.—American troops hold the outskirts of Fismes, the great German base in the center of the Aisne-Marne salient, according to the war office announcement tonight.

NO ESTIMATE OF U. S. CASUALTIES IN MARNE BATTLE

March Flatly Denies Saying That Pershing Placed the Losses at 12,000.

FIGURES NOT AVAILABLE

False Reports Cause Consternation and Regret at the War Department.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Widely published reports today that General March, chief of staff, has told the senate military committee that General Pershing estimated the American casualties at 12,000 not only grossly misinformed the country, but caused consternation and regret among war department officials.

EXTENSION OF AGE LIMITS TO 18 AND 45 YEARS PROPOSED

Coveted Cross Awarded to General Pershing by The French Government

Paris, Aug. 3.—General John J. Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American expeditionary forces in France, was today awarded the grand cross of the legion of honor by the French government.

Secretary Baker Will Make Recommendations in the New Man-Power Bill.

TO DRAFT YOUTHS LAST

They Will Be Placed in a Deferred Class Until the Older Men Are Called.

TO PUSH LEGISLATION

Will Introduce Bills in Both Houses Tomorrow.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Draft ages of from 18 to 45 years will be recommended to congress in the bill embodying the war department's new man-power program which will be introduced in both houses of congress Monday and expedited by committees with a view to prompt consideration when regular sessions of the senate and house are resumed late this month.

TRAVIS IS RELEASED UNDER \$5,000 BOND

Former Chairman of Corporation Commission Spent Night in Jail.

LAWYER SAYS INNOCENT

Robert H. McNeill, Attorney for Defendant, Insures Statement in Which He Declares Officially Hysteria.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Edward L. Travis, recent chairman of the North Carolina corporation commission and a lawyer of Halifax, Halifax county, was this afternoon released from the custody of the department of justice under a bond of \$5,000, subject to his appearance before U. S. Commissioner Mason N. Richardson, August 14, at 12:45 o'clock p. m.

After formally announcing the new draft ages today, Secretary Baker said all the possible combinations of the age limits were carefully studied and it was found that in order to get the men into class one for the program proposed, 18 to 45 was necessary.

The war department program, the war secretary said, is purely a military one and cannot be called a conscription of labor, although it naturally will have the effect of sending men to the front in the army all age-graded.

There has been considerable opposition in congress to lowering the minimum age, many members being reluctant to draft youths before they attain their majority and come into full citizenship.

WAKE COUNTY DEMOCRATS START MOVEMENT TO SECURE THEIR BALLOTS.

Raleigh, Aug. 3.—The Wake county democratic executive committee, with the cooperation of the democratic state chairman, Thomas E. Warren, launched a movement today to locate and perfect the machinery for the absentee voting in the election this fall, with special reference to the ballots of the boys in concentration camps and overseas.

PIERRE WALLET CHIP OFF THE FAMILY BLOCK—DECORATED

Fayetteville, Aug. 3.—Pierre Mallet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Mallet of Washington, D. C., has been decorated by a French commander with the croix du guerre, for distinguished conduct in operations in No Man's Land, according to a letter received by relatives of Mr. Mallet here.

LIGGETT IS DRIVING AT HUNS' CENTER

Americans Reach Fismes, the Germans' Main Base For Aisne-Marne Area.

THE ADVANCE IS SWIFT

General March is Elated Over Decisive Defeat of Enemy—Around 300,000 of Pershing's Men Were Engaged in Battle.

Washington, Aug. 3.—The first army corps, commanded by Major General Hunter Liggett, is still driving at the center of the retreating German lines and has reached Fismes, the enemy's main base for the Aisne-Marne battle theatre, according to the French announcement tonight.

HUNS CAUGHT IN HELPLESS PLIGHT

With Railroad Cut, They Have To Leave Locomotives and Cars Behind.

ALLIES' GUNS DOMINATE

North Carolina Lieutenant Heads Group of American Engineers Aiding in Restoring Villages of Fere-En-Tardenois.

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne front, Aug. 2.—(Morning.)—Before evacuating Saponay the Germans desperately endeavored to remove several locomotives and railway cars, which, finally, they were compelled to leave behind.

NORTH CAROLINA WILL SEND 100 TO SYRACUSE

Twenty-Nine States Called Upon to Supply Six Thousand Men for Limited Service.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Twenty-nine states and the District of Columbia were called upon today by Provost Marshal General Crowder to supply six thousand white registrants qualified for limited military training.

GERMANS AT FISMES ARE DESTROYING AMMUNITION

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne front, Aug. 3.—(P. M.)—American engineers under a lieutenant from North Carolina, today worked side by side with French engineers, repairing the roads and streets, and other detachments were busy burying the Germans dead.

WHOLE ARMY ADVANCED ON FRONT OF ALMOST 45 MILES

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne front, Aug. 3.—(P. M.)—American troops entered the southern part of Fismes today while other forces of the allies hold the southern banks of the Aisne and Vesle rivers from Soissons to Fismes.

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