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## BRITISH AND FRENCH CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS ALL ALONG THE 20 MILES OF BATTLE FRONT

Bag of Prisoners Largely Increased.

ATTACK ON NEW FRONT

North of Picardy Salient the Allies Forge Ahead At Two Points.

MONTDIDIER THREATENED

Miles in Depth.

(By the Associated Press.) Over a curving front of more than 0 miles the British and French troops east of Morlancourt to the astearn bank of the Avre northwest

bag of prisoners was largely increasd; numerous guns and great quantiwar stores were taken neavy casualties were inflicted on the nemy by tanks, armored motor cars ne cavalrymen and the infantry. The osses sustained by the Anglo-French orces are declared to be relatively

To the allied forces there have fallen eavy calibre, and innumerable maine guns, trench morars and kin-

To the north of the Picardy theatre

e Germans also have given ground two important sectors, on the fares on the equally famous battle ore than seven miles was evacuated the enemy while to the north of mmel the British advanced their ne over a front exceeding 1.000 yards rmans seemingly indicate that they her considered their ground insere in the face of the heavy forces en Haig is known to have in both ward off any attempt to ince Rupprecht's army has been ma-

Already having penetrated the alient to a depth of nearly thircinity of the important railway juncon of Chaulnes and at other points ong the arc pushed forward between uthern flanks of the battle front ere the Germans had been resisting sperately, gave way before the pres-

on the south, northwe of Mont- state department. Centoire and Arvilwere taken by the French who in their wedge to a distance of

he tanks, armored cars and cavworking throughout the over the Somme by which the advancing foes. All behind the th eGermans are destroying am-

is in an uncomfortable postion at the Germans holding and with nly railroad leading into the town inder their guns. A forced evacof the town seems not im In fact with further preseastward by the allies between mme and the Avre and with the pressure northward the Germans from the line that the entire Montdidier salient

have to be abandoned n reciprocal artillery duels. The however, have made crossing of the Vesle and capred the village of Fismette, northvest of Fismes.

Aug. 9 .- Advertising through newspapers or by other to obtain unskilled labor by

re than 100 men is prohibited by der issued today by the departof labor. Unskilled labor is becruited at present through the States employment bureau and ising is held to interfere with war industries may continue to

tise for unskilled labor but may says: the advertisement offer supeducements or in any way undercompete with government or salient but were repulsed. ndustries. War industries also

## Many More Villages Taken and 17,000 Germans and More Than 200 Guns Captured

Many Trench Mortars and Machine Guns, Immense Quantities Of Stores and Material of All Descriptions, Including Entire Railway Train, Taken by the Allies.

London, Aug. 9 .- Fighting continues | been captured on the between the Anglo-French forces and front. the Germans northeast of Amiens, according to the British official communication received from Field Marshal Haig this evening. The general Advance on Picardy Salient 13 line of Pierrepont, Arvillers, Rosieres, Rainecourt and Morcourt has been attained by the allied troops this even-

An official communication issued this evening says that 17,000 prison- this locality French troops made rapid ers and between 200 and 300 guns have

"During the morning the allied armies renewed their attack on the whole battle front south of the Somme and have made progress at all points, in spite of increasing hostile resistance. "French troops, extending the front of their attack southward, captured this port, having been picked up by a the village of Pierrepont and the wood north of it. North and northeast of

## GEN. OTANI HEADS JAPANESE FORCES

Chief of International Expedition to Siberia.

A DISTINGUISHED SOLDIER MUST DO SO BY JANUARY 1

Ambassador Francis and Allied Diplomats Now at Archangel-Anti-Bolshevik Forces Meet With a Defeat.

Washington, Aug. 9.-Gen. Kikuzo Otani, one of Japan's most guished soldiers, has been chosen to by the war industries board today to will be the ranking officer of the

As senior officer, Gen. Otani in effect will be commander-in-chief of the mand o fthe American contingent will sit in the council of allied commanders posal made yesterday by Hugh Chalperforming the duties of a staff.

Gen. Otani was a staff officer during the Chino-Japanese war and commanded an infantry brigade in the Russo-lapanese war. When Japan entered forces which captured the colony at Tsing-Tau and until recently

AMBASSADOR FRANCIS DUE

Francis and members of the allied turers, the letter states. diplomatic corps have left Kandalaska and were due to arrive at Archangel MANY ARMY RAINCOATS yesterday, according to a dispatch dated August 7 received today at the

forces which recently occupied Jaroslav, in the Volga region, have been while airplanes are soar- driven out and have taken refuge binsk, where they tried to incite an uprising in the town but prompt measures were taken against them, accho-Slavic front the soviet troops won of Syrza and Vulgma in the Simbirsk-

#### THE WAY AMERICANS FOUGHT WAS AWFUL

Never Have I Seen Such a Thing; Nobody Could Have Withstood Them," Hun Officer Wrote.

Washington, Aug. 9 .- In a communique received tonight Gen. Pershing reports the situation along the Vesle

The communique quotes from a letter found on the battlefield written by German lieutenant, who later was killed, to his father, the writer's experience in the Chateau-Thierry sec-

letter also described the Allies' fire as

it all up I think we have under-esti- ed by the railroad administration after induction into service and trainers engaged wholly or partly mated Foch and his reserves and es- looking to relieving crowded condi- ing have been found disqualified for work with a maximum force pecially the Americans. I have a pre- tions on many other passenger trains overseas service by minor physical desentment I shall lose my skin also. I in the east and middle west. wish it were tomorrow."

#### ROME REPORTS ACTIVITY ON THE ITALIAN FRONT

cation issued by the war office today "Yesterday morning enemy detach-

"We have bombed the military estab- would recover. A windstorm late to-Continue to advertise for skilled lishments at Pola. Near Trent two hos- day caused a sudden drop in tempertile machines were brought down.

## (Continued on Page Seven). WILL QUIT MAKING PASSENGER AUTOS

ver the entire battle front. Many Will Also Be Commander-in- Manufacturers Advised to Convert Plants to 100 Per Cent War Work.

of the Continuance of the Industry. Embargo Is Placed On

Washington, Aug. 9 .- Manufacturers of passenger automobiles were advised convert their plants to 100 per cent. war was Rev. Dr. Simms, of the war work as rapidly as possible and to Presbyterian Church of Ireland, rankplace them on that basis not later than January 1, 1919, in a letter addressed to Church of England, is in command, commerce. In no other way, the letter Simms has been graded to the same continuance of the industry or the preservation of their organizations. The letter was in response to a promers on the part of the manufacturers have been wounded or invalided home he is not satisfied with the present voluntarily to curtail the passenger car dustries board declared that the present situation regarding steel and other though most of these have been rethe world war he was assigned to the materials needed for war work gave leased subsequently under the provislittle assurance of material required for the manufacture of passenger automohe commanded the Japanese garrison biles, even after providing for war requirements.

Pending receipt by the board of sworn inventories of materials on hand AT ARCHANGEL THURSDAY required last July 16, no materials will Washington, Aug. 9 .- Ambassador be permitted passenger car manufac-

## ARE FOUND DEFECTIVE

Inspectors Investigating the Brooklyn Warehouse Report On Progress They Have Made.

New York, Aug. 9 .- More than 29,000 army raincoats, similar in poor mabers supposedly waterproof garments delivered to American soldiers overseas, have been found defective by inspectors who tonight reported progress of an investigation of the Brooklyn warehouses. Federal officials announced great victory by occupying the town | that the 5,000 coats which were withsued to thousands of his troops, already department here remain to be exam-

> deliveries of raincoats have been rewith a greater percentage of accepted than rejected garments, the federal officials stated.

#### ORDERS MORE CARS ON CROWDED PASSENGER TRAINS

trip over the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad between. Cincinnati and Hot is enough. It is a thing, however, that "The Americans were attacking on Springs, Va., and noticing that passenthe entire line. Never have I seen such ger coaches in several trains were a thing. Nobody could have with-filled with travelers without seats. the lieutenant wrote. The Director General McAdoo today order ed additional cars attached to the States Guards, organized to a strength trains or second sections operated. of 40 battalions, is being filled out by In closing, the letter said: "Summing Investigations now are being conduct- the transfer of men of draft age who

## TRAVELING MAN OVERCOME

Rome, Aug. 9.—The official communi- from heat occurred here today, S. E. Corbett, a traveling salesman, whose home address was given as Greensboro, fell unconscious on the street ments twice attacked the Col del Rosso this morning. He was removed to his hotel. Late today it was said he ature of ten or more degrees.

# SCHOOL R SEAMAN ENT DOWN OFF CAROLINA COAST

By Submarine 110 Miles East of Hatteras.

CREW IS LANDED

Vessel Looted by the Germans Before Being Sent Down By a Bomb.

Newport News, Aug. 9 .- The American schooner Stanley L. Seaman, bound from Newport News to a foreign port, was sunk last Monday 110 miles east of Cape Hatteras by a German submarine. Captain W. C. McAloney and crew of eight men arrived today at

The Seaman, Captain McAloney said, was fired on without warning while becalmed about noon Monday. The crew took to their small boats, but were permitted to return for provisions and then put off in a gasoline launch. The Germans looted the ship before sinking it with a bomb. Captain McAloney and his crew were picked up after three days in the launch.

The submarine was described by Captain McAloney as the U-132, 350 feet long and mounting four guns, two six-inch fore and aft of the conning tower with a small gun on either side. The Seaman was owned by Crowell & Thurlow, of Boston.

BRITISH ARMY CHAPLAINS.

There Are More Than Three Thousand Holding Commissions London, Aug. 9.—The British army IGNORE has 3,294 commissioned chaplains, including 1,844 Church of England clergymen, 662 Roman Catholic, 774 of various Protestant denominations, and 14 Jewish rabbis. These figures do not include colonial chaplains, nor chaplains engaged locally and uncom-

The war office administers the army chaplains' department chaplains are appointed by the secrevarious denominations. In France, the principal chaplain at the surset of the ing as a brigadier-general. At the present time, Bishop Gwynne of the rank and remains in charge of all churches other than the Church

About 100 chaplains have been killed in action or died in service, and many tive service. A considerable number must claim deferred classification, as positions in the whole front facing have been made prisoners of

Honors received by the commissioned clergy in the British army include two Victoria crosses, 60 distinguished service badges, 256 military crosses, and 11 foreign orders.

## SUMMER IN PEKING.

Temple Parties" Constitute Popular Form of Diversion.

Peking, Aug. 9 .- "Temple parties" constitute a popular form of diversion for the summer months in Peking. The hills to the westward are dotted with so-called temples—rambling compounds of one-story buildings built centuries ago by emperors in memory of departed ancestors. The buildings invariably surround a paved court or often a series of such courts, shaded as a rule by century-old trees. In the temple proper is still to be found a gigantic 'buddha" or idol before whom josssticks are lighted at intervals by priests and acolytes, of whom there are generally a half dozen all told, occupying a portion of the compound. secure the use of one of these temsubsidiary buildings-for a week-end, a week or the whole summer. They have been re-inspected. Of these more are entirely without furniture except stated. Approximately 19,000 coats of the Chinese used to sleep might be consignments in possession of the war called furniture. Once installed the bringing professional classes, like woccupant enjoys absolute peace and the company of one of the lesser "buddhas" who is hidden behind a curtain. inspected to date only six were credited | The only intrusion upon his privacy oc- was especially interested in the effect curs when the priest or acolyte bring of the extension of the draft ages on food and places it before the idol and colleges and also in the question as have left of it.

novice, owing the general lack of everything that makes for comfort, once everybody must do once.

Utilizing Disqualified Soldiers. fects. It was learned today that there is no plan for increasing the strength of the guard which is used to supple-BY HEAT IN CHARLOTTE ment state forces in guarding bridges and other important parts of trans-Charlotte, Aug. 9.—One prostration portation systems. Officials regard the present organization as sufficient.

Storm's Toll Swelled. Lake Charles, La., Aug. 9.—Six more deaths in Cameron Parish reported tonight brought the total death list as a result of the tropical hurricane which struck southwest Louisiana last Thursday, up to 33.

## Village of Fismette and 100 Prisoners are Taken By the American Forces

American Vessel Sunk Monday Capture Takes Place Following Terrific Artillery Bombardment, the Germans Showing Only Weak Resistance-Three Vicious Thrusts By Enemy On the Line West Of Rheims Prove Ineffectual.

> Paris, Aug. 9 .- (Havas Agency.) - | erations in the Soissons-Rheims sector lage of Fismette, on the north bank of the Venle river, a short distance northwest of Fismes. With the village they | themselves traversed a week ago. took one hundred prisoners.

LITTLE INFANTRY ACTIVITY

ON SOISSONS-RHEIMS SECTOR With the American Army on Vesle Front, Aug. 9, 7:30 p. m.—(By The Associated Press.)-Three vicious but ineffectual thrusts were made last night and today by the Germans against the line west of Rheims. The net result was a smart repulse by the French, against whom the most determined attack was made and the inclusion of the northern suburb of Fismes in the American line in addition to on the debris of a heavy bridge which about a hundred prisoners.

Throughout the night and day the op

American troops have captured the vil- were characterized mostly by artillery fire in which the Germans shifted their long-range guns from time to time to reach villages and roads which they Cloudiness continued to interfere with

aerial operations although both sides were busier than during the past few days. Two German planes were brought down by the Americans.

The occupation of the northern suburb, separated from Fismes by the Vesle, took place after a terrific artillery bombardment which was begun yesterday. The village was virtually reduced when the order to advance was given today. It was there the hundred prisoners were taken.

The Americans rushed over the river leaping, running and crawling across was blown up by the Germans, its piers (Continued on Page Two).

## ENEMY CAUGHT IN DRAFT LEGISLATION

Discloses Proposal to Change Most of British Captures Were Method of Classifying Registrants

They Would Merely Answer Questions And Government Would Do the Classifying-Probably Defer MarTied Men.

Washington, August 9.-New draft regulations under which the governthan leaving it to the registrant are taken in the narrow triangle between under consideration by the war de- the Roye and Peronne roads. British station where several hundred people partment. This was disclosed today by partment. This was disclosed today by these roads. They were followed entertainment features of the program. the national automobile chamber of with the rank of major-general. Dr. before the senate military committee to urge prompt enactment of the new chaplains in France belonging to selective service act extending the age of limits to include all men between the

The war secretary made it plain that for patriotic reasons to make such a In this connection said he was inclined to the opinion that the marriage relation will in itself constitute deferred classification. What Mr. Baker has in mind is to lay down a set of questions which the registrant would answer and then have rules which would take care of the classification. He is understood to regard this as the fair and equitable

The discussion of the draft age before the senate committee, Mr. Baker by General March, chief 'f staff, and Provost Marshal General Crowder. The committee, he added, did not indicate any disposition to question the necessity for the change which is urged so that the war department can quickly get the men necessary to win the war.

"There was some discussion, "Mr. Ba the work or fight order to include sional occupations. I told them there It is quite easy and inexpensive to that when I decided the baseball case amusement and entertainment might require an extension of the order to be on a parity with the baseball situation. But that was not in their mind.

were not actually engaged in proreturns later to remove what the rats to whether young men from 18 up would be drawn indiscriminately in A number of the old-timers in Peking class 1 or placed in a deferred class by have their temple leased year after year age and drawn later giving them some added months to come to matur-

"I told the committee," said the war secretary, "that no fixed policy had been determined upon by the department, out that the purpose was to allow the president to defer in class 1 the call of the youngest men. I have always considered. as you perhaps remember, that 19 was the proper minimum and I have come to the 18 minimum only because it seems necessary to get the men."

Because of the committee's visit to the war council, Chairman Chamberlain announced no meeting for the committee will be held tomorrow, but one will be held next Monday when an effort will be made to reach a favorable report on the bill.

committee, from Governor. Manning, on the roof of the building which had to reconvene at the auditorium as of South Carolina.

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# NARROW TRIANGLE

Between the Roye and

CLAIMS TANKS MOVED RAPIDLY

The Infantry Followed, and Thousands of Germans Found Themselves Entrapped by the British and Surrendered.

London, Aug. 9 .- (By The Associated promptly by infantry and thousands of made during the afternoon session at Germans within the triangle found the auditorium. themselves well behind the British line when the attack reached them, so they

The most of the captured guns were also gathered up in this triange which street, Red Cross to Front Front contained some of the best German gun

Chaulnes junction, which is most important from the point of view of transport, is now the objective upon which the eyes of the allies are fixed. It is already under constant artillery fire and its fall would be embarrassing

There was very heavy fighting today around Phipilly on the north bank of the Samme where the Germans were trying to hold up the British advance by striking a determined blow at the advancing troops. The British did not succeed in holding all the ground they had gained in this district, but meanwhile the advance continues further southward and the situation around Chaulnes is becoming more dubious for the Germans.

Aug. 9, 4 p. m .- (By The Associated Press.)-The British and French divisions have gained more ground in the great battle raging in the Amiens-Somme district. The latest reports ap-

pear to show the Germans are retir-The scenes on the battle ground over which the allies already have passed expressed his appreciations, as well as give evidence of this haste in abandonand artillery maps and papers.

Aerial observers report large streams of transports and men hurrying east-Beaucourt fell to the allied forces

this morning and Lequesnel also was taken, after all night fighting. The cavalry is working far back toward the Somme and is still rounding ing good roads speech after he had up villages while tanks and armored pulled some of his humorous 'stuff" cars are running over the country and thanked the Wilmington people clearing away for the troops or killing horses drawing enemy supplies.

The drivers of motor trucks and lorries are chasing parties of Germans here an dthere, scattering them or running them to earth.

The details of some of the work terday while the German corps stationed there was having lunch. It turned ts gun through the quarters windows killed some of the staff and then chased others who escaped from the house. At Rosieres another car set an army train ing a state highway commission with on fire. A group of cars met, far inside the enemy lines, a German supply column and halted it. Four mounted German officers came up to see what the trouble was and were shot from the cars which then proceeded to make quick work of the column. At Framerville, the cars engaged a

Letters urging the prompt enact- train loaded with the enemy and finally ment of the bill were received today set it afire. Tanks entered this town by Senator Chamberlain and also by soon afterward, helped the armored Chairman Dent, of the house military cars clean it up and then hoisted flags been German corps headquarters. One Permit me to urge calling together car met a high German officer riding in your committee and urge prompt pas- an automobile along the road. The of-sage of draft amendment," Governor ficer was killed and his machine captured.

## SMOKER BRINGS N. C. ROADS CONVENTION TO PLEASANT CLOSE

Last Day of Annual Meeting Featured by Tour and Fish Feast on the Sound.

W. A. M'GIRT IS PRESIDENT

Association Declares in Favor Of Working German Prisoners on Highways.

A complimentary smoker at the Oceanic hotel last night and an inter esting address by Dr. Charles E. Low. health officer for New Hanover county. concluded three of the most eventful days in the history of the North Carolina Good Roads association. It was the final sesion of the annual convention which was convened in Harbor Island auditorium Wednesday morning, and followed a day's happenings that will linger long in the memory of the several hundred good road en-

The convention was a success from every standpoint, notwithstanding the president of the association and three of the principal speakers were prevented from attending the session pressing business matters. The total registration was about 500 while there were many more than that who failed to register. One hundred and twenty new members were added.

W. A. McGirt, of Wilmington, president of the Wilmington Highway asover board of commissioners, and vice president of the North Carolina Joed Roads association, was recommended by the nomination committee to succeed H. B. Varner as president of the association, and, together with the other officers, was elected unanimously. Mr. McGirt has been a most active member of the association, and to him is due a good portion of the credit for the success of the convention in the face of the existing circumstances.

Tour County Roads. Yesterday's program was featured by an automobile tour of the New Hanover system of county roads, which Press.)-Most of the prisoners and was conceded by one speaker during ment would do the selecting rather guns captured by the British were the convention as being the best constructed and maintained system in the state. The tour ended at Wrightsville tanks advanced with great rapidity up enjoyed a fish fry, it being one of the Several addresses of interest were

> . The delegates met yesterday at the court house at 10:30 o'clock and were taken for a tour of the New Hanover roads. Leaving the court house, the followed was to Red Cross Market street and from Market around the East Wilmington loop to Winter Park. From there they made the big loop and over the concrete road to the Carolina Shipbuilding plant, and

from there to Wrightsville. Arriving at Wrightsville station the party found in the grove nearby a battery of gas ranger manned by several colored cooks and almost a regiments of Rotarians. The ammuni tion was fried fish, corn bread, cold drinks, and steaming hot coffee, and while plenty had been cooked ready to serve before the arrival of the ing an additional supply as fast as the fish were taken from the pan. Ice cold "pop," corn bread and fish never went faster than before this vast crowd of good road advocates, whose appetites had been sharpened by the motor trip through the county. But the HASTE BEFORE ANGLO-FRENCH source came from a never-ending sup-With the British Army in France, uly and when everyone had had a plenty there was still enough left to

serve many more. Retiring to the upper end of the five long tables the literary feature of the program was opened with a short address by N. Buckner, secretary of the Asheville board of trade, in which he those of the entire body of delegates for the hospitalities accorded the convention during the past three days. Before concyluding his remarks he availed himself of the opportunity of boosting good roads and "The Land

W. A. McGirt who was presiding, introduced Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick, former mayor of Charlotte, who made a rousfor their cordial reception and entertainment of the convention.

Go After Federal Aid. J.C. Carpenter, representative of the United States public roads department, followed Col. Kirkpatrick and he urged is appropriated for the road work in this state be used, adding that of the \$1,700,000 that had been made available through this channel, only \$31,000 had been used. 'Start right until you have caused to be enacted by your state legislature a law creatfull power to take the matter in hand and accomplish results in road construction," he stated. He added that a maximum or results may not be expected until construction work is taken from the jurisdiction of the county and township officials and placed with some central body with

"power to act." After a short talk by H. D. Williams, the "father of the good roads movement in Duplin," the meeting adjourned soon as the crowd could be conveyed across the sound.

Interesting Morning Session. While the attendance during the af-(Continued on Page Two)