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# BRITISH ADVANCE CONTINUES AT A RAPID RATE Bapaume Now Seriously Threatened and Likely to Fall

## BRITISH ADVANCING AT A RAPID RATE

ON Extreme Northern Sector of Battle Line in Picardy They Make Important Gains.

## ADVANCE APPEARS TO BE CLOSING IN ON BAPAUME

Officially Announced That in the Fighting in That Sector 14,000 Prisoners Were Taken.

(By Associated Press.)  
British troops on the extreme northern sector of the battle line in Picardy and Artois are advancing at a comparatively rapid rate. Their attack in the Albert region continued this morning.

According to unofficial reports from the battle field the British have reached the village of Henin on the Oise river five miles southeast of Arras. They also have advanced farther to the south and are on the outskirts of the town of St. Leger.

The advance of the British appears to be closing in on Bapaume, the strategic keystone to the German positions between Arras and the Somme. The Germans were forced to give up the town to the north of Bapaume while the British are reported to be closing west of the town.

It is officially reported that in the fighting since Wednesday, when the offensive here began, the British have taken more than 14,000 prisoners. It is also stated in unofficial advices that large batteries of heavy guns have been taken from the enemy.

South of the Somme and between the Aisne and the Oise artillery duels are reported. French patrols operating in Lorraine penetrated the German trenches at many points.

## Additional Towns Wrested From the Enemy.

With the British Army in France, Aug. 24.—The situation at Thietval was uncertain this morning. La Pisse and Oviliers were reported to be surrounded by the British, who also are reported to have reached the Bessylers one and a quarter miles from Bapaume. Fighting is going on there and in the vicinity of Mory some distance east of the Arras-Bapaume road.

A battle is raging seriously in the vicinity of Bécourt and Sepinon. The Germans are desperately trying to save Bapaume.

## Heavy Fighting in Flanders.

With the British Army in Flanders, Aug. 24.—There was some heavy fighting in Flanders this morning on a small scale in the neighborhood of Dramatre ridge in the Lys salient, which is reported captured by the Germans. At another point the British gained some ground in the region adjoining and fighting continues. Many prisoners have been taken everywhere.

## Americans Bomb Railroad Yards.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Another successful bombing of railway yards at Conflans by American aviators with the loss of a machine was announced by General Pershing's communique for Friday. It says also that an American outpost between Fismes and Bazoches having been driven back by small local attacks later reoccupied the position.

## Bary Reported Captured.

With the American Army in France, Aug. 24.—Bray is reported to have been captured by the British. Several thousand German prisoners passed through behind General Bing's third army today. No effort was made to count the guns taken up to this time. The British were smashing through the German positions this morning all along the front. The British are reported to have captured Beccord and reached the high ground southwest of Friscourt. They have passed well beyond Happy Vesles.

## British Army Advancing.

London, Aug. 24.—The British 3rd army is advancing rapidly. It has gone forward in some places to a depth of four miles on a front of 12 miles.

## British Near Bapaume.

London, Aug. 24.—1 P. M.—British forces are in two miles of Bapaume, according to a dispatch received here today. The British fourth army is

## GENERAL FOCH'S PLANS DISCUSSED

Military Experts Believe He Is Endeavoring to Weaken Enemy and Disorganize Retreat.

## FRENCH TAKE A REST; BRITISH TAKE OFFENSIVE

Germans On Front Along the Divette Between Lassigny and the Oise Fighting Hard.

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Aug. 24.—The strategic plans of General Foch in working out the present series of battles is the subject of speculation in London and Paris. Military experts are divided into two camps. Some believe Foch is striking a number of hammer blows with the object of weakening the enemy numerically and as regards position and morale and with the view of a decisive blow at some vital point. Others think at present he is endeavoring to disorganize what is a great German retreat or intended retreat on large sectors, being content to reap fruits in the shape of big hauls and allow for a more decisive action this year.

## French Take Breathing Spell.

Paris, Aug. 24.—French troops on the southern part of the battle line are taking a breathing spell after continued fighting under a broiling sun, leaving the British to go ahead with the offensive movement. This is in accord with General Foch's system of striking first on one sector and then another.

The Germans on that part of the front along the Divette between Lassigny and the Oise seem to be putting up a stout resistance. General Humbert will need time to perfect arrangements to overcome the German artillery in this section. The German guns thundered all Friday but failed to prevent Humbert's men from crossing the Divette in force at Evricourt.

on the outskirts where heavy fighting is proceeding.

## Germany Enters a Protest.

Amsterdam, Aug. 24.—Germany has energetically protested against the intention of Spain to replace sunken Spanish tonnage with interned German ships, according to an official statement from Berlin.

## Noyon Expected to Fall.

London, Aug. 24.—Noyon is expected to fall any moment, according to information received this afternoon from the battle front.

## German Boats Attempt Reconnaissance.

London, Aug. 24.—German motor boats attempted a reconnaissance in the neighborhood of Dunkirk yesterday. They were driven off by British and French patrol vessels. One enemy motor boat is believed to have been destroyed. There were no casualties among the allies.

## Desperately Trying to Check British.

With the British Army in France, Aug. 24.—At Eihucourt the boche is desperately trying to hold up the advance of the British by fighting from the ridge near the sugar factory.

## The British are Fighting in the Vicinity of Moray and are Pushing Forward East of the Arras-Bapaume Road as Well as at St. Leger Just to the Northward.

The area behind the German line is jammed with men and transports indicating confusion.

## Hag's Men Continue Fighting.

London, Aug. 24.—1 P. M.—Hag's forces are fighting on the spools of Tivietal and along the eastern banks of the Aisne river north of Albert, where the British patrol entered the town of Mirumont. From the latter village the British line runs to Bibucourt thence to Ervillers which is in British hands and thence Boyelles and Boiry-Bequerelle and joins the old line near Mercatel.

There can be no doubt that prior to the British attack the Germans planned a retirement but they intended to take their time. The British attack had the effect of preventing him achieving his plans. This is proven by the large number of prisoners taken. No returns have been made of the total number of prisoners taken by the French but it is conservatively

## MR. STAHL LINN RESIGNS AS FUEL ADMINISTRATOR

Local Attorney Who Has Been Serving as Fuel Administrator Resigns—Will Go to Senate and Finish Code Work Before Entering Military Service.

Stahle Linn, Esq., who has for the past year served as Fuel Administrator for this county has resigned his position in expectation of entering military service in the near future. As soon as his successor has taken the oath of office, announcement of his selection will be made.

In response to an inquiry from the Post in regard to a report that he had withdrawn from the Democratic ticket as a candidate for the State Senate in order to enter military service, Mr. Linn said:

"I did several weeks ago hand to Mr. J. D. Norwood, chairman, announcement of my resignation as the Democratic candidate for the State Senate in order to enter military service at once, but have withdrawn the resignation at the solicitation of many leading citizens and friends in both political parties who thought it my duty to finish the work of the North Carolina Code Commission. Together with four other members of the General Assembly, I have been engaged continuously since the last term of the Assembly in revising, codifying and bringing up to date the laws of North Carolina from its organization to the present time. This work can not be completed until the next General Assembly.

"I have, therefore, concluded that I am called for service prior to the session of the General Assembly. I will enter the service and ask for a furlough in order to finish up the work of the Code Commission; if I am not called prior to that time, it is my purpose to enter the service immediately upon the completion of that work. This was my understanding with the party leaders when I accepted the nomination, and I would not continue as a candidate under any other circumstances."

## SHIPYARD WORKERS THREATEN STRIKE

Every Yard on the Pacific, Atlantic and Gulf Coasts May Be Affected If Order Is Carried Out Men Want \$1.00 An Hour and Other Concessions.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Every shipyard in the country, through representatives of the unions of the allied shipbuilding trades, has demanded \$1 an hour for the workmen, double time for overtime, and a half day on Saturday, it was authoritatively learned here today. Hearings on the demands are proceeding today, it was learned.

Unless the demands are granted, it was stated by the shipping board officials, a nation-wide strike is possible. The men making the demands are representatives of workers in every shipyard on the Pacific Coast, the Great Lakes, the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Coast.

Men on the Pacific Coast are getting \$5.77 a day, and men on the Atlantic Coast are getting \$5.80 to \$6.50 a day.

## W S S GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES NOT BARED.

Amendment by Representative Madden Affecting Government Employees in Draft Is Defeated.  
Washington, Aug. 24.—When the House resumed consideration of the man power bill today the amendment of Representative Madden of Illinois to bar government employes from draft classification on account of their employment was defeated 130 to 129.

It is estimated that the total of the Anglo-French capture since July 18th confirms earlier reports from Paris placing it at over 100,000.

## OLLIE JAMES, SENATOR, DESPERATELY ILL



Senator Ollie James, of Kentucky, is very ill at Washington. Recent dispatches indicate that his condition is serious.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION DATES

County Convention is to Be Held at St. Paul's Church on the 11th and 12th of September—Fiftieth Anniversary.

The fiftieth annual Sunday school convention of Rowan county is to be held at St. Paul church, in the county, on the 11th and 12th of September. Those announcements is made that this being the fiftieth anniversary of the organization in the county, the oldest in the state, the convention will be given over largely to this special event. Messrs. T. J. Johnston, W. L. Klutz and Rev. P. M. Trexler will form a committee to have charge of anniversary exercises which will occupy a half day on the program, and Dr. M. M. Kinard, of St. John's Lutheran church, will deliver an anniversary address.

## W S S Next Week's Weather.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Probable showers Monday and again at the end of the week with seasonable temperature, was forecast by the weather bureau today for the southeastern states.

## W S S Republicans Urge Woman Suffrage.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Republican senators in conference today adopted a resolution asking members to support the pending woman suffrage resolution now before the senate and urged its adoption at the earliest possible date.

## W S S KILLED IN SANTO DOMINGO.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Aug. 24.—Three American marines were killed and one was wounded in a bloody fight with bandits in Santo Domingo on August 13th. A report reaching marine corps headquarters here says many of the bandits were killed or captured.

## W S S LODGE SUCCEEDS GALLINGER.

Massachusetts Senator Chosen Floor Leader by the Republicans to Take Place of the New Hampshire Man.  
(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Aug. 24.—Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, senior Republican in point of service and ranking minority member of the foreign relations committee, was chosen unanimously as floor leader by the Republicans of the Senate in conference today to succeed the late Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire.

## BAKER FUMBLES NEW DRAFT LAW

Secretary's Varying Attitude As to Married Men and Boys Endangers Man-Power Bill.

By JUDSON C. WELLS.

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Washington, Aug. 23.—Unless the civil and military spokesmen of the administration get together very soon in agreement about the terms of the new draft law, the various classification under it, and the terms of exemption, the passage of the act is likely to be delayed and a serious muddle to ensue.

Secretary Baker is accused of waffling and failing to make clear what he is going to do about married men called under the new draft. An August 10th he was officially reported to have expressed himself as "inclined to think that the marriage relation will in itself constitute deferred classification."

At that time the secretary hoped it would be possible to make regulations that would automatically dispose of exemption where it out to be granted, making it impossible where it ought not be granted, and fixing such rigid conditions that no man need feel any humiliation at being put in a deferred class, while on the other hand no slacker would be permitted a deferred classification because of any pretext.

This was generally recognized, was the ideal arrangement. If such regulations could be perfected, the army would be placed on a strictly democratic basis.

## Married Men First.

But the suggestion that the "marriage deferred classification" did not seem entirely consistent with the idea of proper automatic rules. There are numerous cases in which married men could more easily do the uniform than unmarried.

So this suggestion caused a pricking of the legislative ears. It was declared by some influential people in congress that if married men were to be exempted merely because they were married, then congress would never vote to reduce the age to 18 years and make boys in place of married men who could as well serve. This protest soon developed a force that compelled attention. Secretary Baker wasted a few days and then modified his earlier expression. "The reason for the exemption of married men is dependency, and not the status," he said, which seemed to mean something very different from the earlier statement.

Meantime, the house military committee took a step in this direction by amending the draft measure, placing youth of eighteen and nineteen in separate classes, to be reserved to the last call. This is just what had been feared by the men who wanted the general staff program to go through without change. They are charging that the war department's shiftings have been responsible for these modifications in the House committee draft of the measure.

The best information indicates that the full authority of the administration will have to be employed to get the general staff program accepted by the House, where there is strong opposition to calling out boys of eighteen. If any weakness of administration purpose develops, it is liable to mess affairs very seriously.

## Chamberlain Protests.

This is precisely the feeling of the "bitter enders" in the Senate military committee. Just how seriously they regard the situation is indicated by the following letter, which Senator Chamberlain, the chairman, addressed to Secretary Baker, August 16th:

"My Dear Mr. Secretary:—In the New York papers of last Sunday, if I mistake not, you were quoted as saying in substance that 'under the new man power act and regulations thereunder as you would promulgate them, there would be no husbands in Class 1.'"

"As I have watched the evolution and development of the regulations under the former act, if this course now outlined in your interview is followed, it will reverse the whole policy that has heretofore been adopted."

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## GEN. MARCH ON THE SITUATION

Chief of Staff Announces That More Than 1,500,000 Americans Are Now Overseas.

## FRENCH SUCCESSES DUPLICATED BY BRITISH

Chief of Staff Speaks Warmly of the Achievements of the American Soldiers in France.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Aug. 24.—Members of the Senate military committee were assured by General March, chief of staff, at the weekly conference today stories of great unpublished American casualties overseas are false and that all casualties among the expeditionary forces would be given just as promptly as cables transmit them.

Without discussing in detail the great forward movement of the allies he said the situation on the western front was now decidedly favorable to the allies.

Improvement in the shipping situation was noted and General March said the program of transporting the troops to France was going ahead.

The total number of soldiers embarked has now passed the 1,500,000 mark. General March, chief of staff, announced today.

Commenting on the military situation the chief of staff pointed out that since Wednesday the French advance had continued from the plateau overlooking Noyon down to the Oise, making the maximum advance of these troops nine miles since August 18th. This forced the enemy back across the Oise.

These successes were duplicated by the British who inaugurated an attack Wednesday south of Arras. Rapidly the advance of the British reached a depth of three miles but their progress was held up by counter attacks.

The railroad to Arras is still in German hands, according to latest reports, and the Germans are utilizing the railway embankment to good advantage.

The British thrust Thursday in the Albert region resulted in an important advance between the Ancre and Somme rivers which General March said had developed a new salient. The rest of the line since Wednesday has been reasonably quiet, the allied activity being confined to "nibbling" tactics and artillery fire.

General March spoke warmly of the achievements of the American soldiers in France.

"The American soldiers deserve the confidence of the American people," said the chief of staff. "Every time they have been tested they have absolutely delivered the goods."

## W S S SHE WOULD JOIN BROTHERS IN WAR

Idaho Woman Journeys Across Continent to See Sixth Brother Go Across and Wants to Follow Them—Runs 1,000 Acre Ranch.

Camp Dix, N. J., Aug. 23.—With five brothers in France, Miss Allepe Haynes, heiress and owner of a ranch in Idaho, traveled across the continent to bid good-byes to a sixth brother, who is at Camp Dix awaiting overseas orders. Then she filed an application to enter Red Cross work, declaring she wanted her family to be giving "100 per cent service" to the country.

The young woman who took her first ride in an automobile when she journeyed from a nearby city to the camp, but who knows about kicking bronchos, rattlesnakes, round-ups, and Indians, is the only girl in an orphaned family. When her brothers as members of the Idaho National Guard went to war she ran the 1,500 acre ranch.

## W S S Italian and American Drafts.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Secretary Lansing and the Italian ambassador today signed the treaty covering the drafting of Americans in Italy and Italians in the United States.