

NO STOPPING HAIG'S MEN WITHOUT PAUSE, BRITISH ARE STILL MOVING TOWARD BAPAUME

EXTREMELY HARD FIGHTING MARKS PROGRESS OF HAIG'S FORCES AGAINST THE HUNS

Important Towns of Bray, Thiepval and Grandcourt, as Well as Numerous Other Smaller Towns, Captured by the British in Their Onward Drive—Huns Unable to Stop Advance.

AMERICAN TROOPS MOVE FORWARD HALF A MILE

Importance of Bapaume From a Tactical Standpoint Makes it the Objective of Attack in This Sector, and Huns Are Throwing Fresh Troops Into the Fray in an Endeavor to Save It.

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Aug. 24.—(Reuter's, Limited.)—The town of Thiepval, northeast of Albert, on the Ancre front was entered today by the British forces in the teeth of much machine gun and rifle fire. Bray also was captured by the British.

Without pause the British forces battling against the Germans are moving forward in the direction of Bapaume. The fighting has been extremely heavy, but there has been no stopping Field Marshal Haig's men and the latest report from British headquarters says that they are making progress along the entire front of the British attack. The important towns of Bray, Thiepval and Grandcourt together with several smaller places have been captured and more than 2,000 prisoners have been taken in the latest advance of the British army which now occupies the strategically important Thiepval ridge.

Intensive Fighting.

Around Miraumont, which lies a little north of Grandcourt, the fighting has been of great intensity and this place apparently has fallen, as Haig's report says that "the enemy held out until outflanked by advancing columns."

British detachments have reached Avesnes-Lez-Bapaume, which lies very close to Bapaume, whose capture is expected at an early date, but not without severe fighting.

American troops holding the ground around Fismes have moved up to the Soissons-Rheims road along a front of about half a mile, while the French, though not extensively engaged, have made some progress south of Crey-Au-Mont.

Slowly Gaining Ground.

Fighting a battle which in its intensity rivals any combat of the war along the western front, the British forces from the Cojeul river near Arras, to a point far south of the Somme, are apparently slowly gaining ground at some points.

The storm center of the battle during the past day has seemed to be in the neighborhood of Bapaume. Early dispatches on Saturday told of British troops within a couple of miles of the town but later reports showed that the Germans, determined to save Bapaume from the allies, had rushed new forces into the struggle.

It seems that the enemy has succeeded in slowing up the British, if they have not stopped them, north and west of Bapaume. The importance of the town from a tactical standpoint makes it the chief point of attack in this sector.

Cling to Miraumont.

Further south the Germans are still clinging to Miraumont, on the Ancre, in spite of the fact that the British on both flanks of the place have swept far to the eastward. Just below Miraumont, the situation is somewhat obscure, but it would seem probable that the

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MILLION AND HALF AMERICANS HAVE GONE "OVER THERE"

Allies Will Be Able to Carry Out Any Campaign Planned Next Year

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF GENERAL MARCH

American Soldier Has Risen to Every Occasion, General Declares

WASHINGTON, August 24.—Announcing that to date more than 1,500,000 American soldiers have embarked for foreign shores, General March, chief of staff, reiterated today his firm belief that the presence of 4,000,000 troops of the United States in France by next summer would enable the allies to carry out any campaign they may adopt for the defeat of Germany and the end of the war. Such declarations, General March said, were founded upon cold-blooded study of the respective man power of the allies and of the enemy in June 1919 (continued on page eight)

GENERAL YOUNG MAY GET CHANCE TO GO TO FRONT ON STAFF OF GENERAL

Many Changes Pending at Raleigh If General Young Leaves

SOME CANDIDATES

(Special to The Citizen.)
RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 24.—Following the recent shift in the North Carolina army draft workers that transferred Major Lanston to the staff of Provost Marshal General Crowder's staff at Washington and the advancement of Captain McCargo to the post filled by Major Lanston here, there are strong indications now of still more important changes that will give Adjutant General Lawrence W. Young his long sought opportunity to go to the front and open the way for a new adjutant general here. It is understood that General Young has the offer of a most attractive appointment on the staff of one of the greatest of the American generals at the front that will enable him to go direct into that service without the preliminaries of camp training. It is believed that he is seriously considering the acceptance of this opportunity of getting into the real fight in France and going "over the top" with the American forces.

With a vacancy of the adjutant generalship impending there are special activities in various quarters looking to procurement of that commission. Colonel Francis Macon, Major J. J. Bernard and Major Baxter Durham are among those especially mentioned for the appointment as adjutant general. It is believed that the changes will come very soon now if at all and all signs point to General Young's realizing his ambition to go on the battle front with a rank and command in full keeping with his previous military service and proficiency.

"Ludy's" Little Joke



HOUSE PASSES MAN POWER BILL WHICH EXTENDS DRAFT AGE FROM EIGHTEEN TO FORTY-FIVE WITH TWO VOTES OPPOSING

Only Minor Changes Made in the Original Draft Submitted by the Military Committee—Debate on Bill Has Lasted Three Days—Bill Now Goes to the Senate and Action Is Expected Within Few Days

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The new man power bill extending the selective draft to all men between the ages of 18 and 45 years was passed by the house tonight with only minor changes in the original draft of the war department. On the first roll call only two negative votes were cast—Representative London of New York, the socialist, and Representative Gordon, of Ohio, democrat. The final vote was announced as 336 to 2.

The final vote was preceded by three days' debate, during which the chief contention was an amendment to defer the calling of youths from 18 to 20 years until older men had been summoned. A final effort, was made by Chairman Dent today to place 18-year-old boys in a deferred class, but a motion to recommit the bill to the military affairs committee with instructions to incorporate that amendment, was lost, 191 to 146.

Goes to Senate.
The bill now goes to the senate,

where leaders tonight predicted its passage early next week. The senate plans to substitute the house bill for the measure favorably reported by the military committee of that body and thus expedite its final enactment. Congressional leaders hope to send the measure to the president by the latter part of next week.

The senate, soon after convening, unexpectedly abandoned plans for a vote today and adjourned until Monday. An attempt in the house to insert a work or fight amendment by which those exempted from military service on occupational grounds would be required to remain at their civil tasks, failed, 52 to 91. The amendment was directed against strikes and was characterized by officials of the American Federation of Labor as a conscription of labor.

Congressmen Not Included.

The house today reversed its action of yesterday in voting to include members of congress in the draft. By a rising vote, 89 to 143, it defeated an amendment by Representative Gregg, of Texas, which would make members of congress, state legislature and federal and state executive officials liable to draft.

An amendment by Representative Smith of New York, to exempt police officers in cities of more than 500,000 population and designed to relieve the situation in New York where a shortage of police officers is said to be threatened, was defeated.

An amendment by Representative Treadway, of Massachusetts, which was adopted, provides for the appointment of special examiners in local conscription districts for the re-

examination of men placed in deferred classification as means of further curbing the deferred classes for additional men for active service.

Baker's Objections.
Chairman Dent, of the house military committee read a letter today from Secretary Baker in which the latter set forth his objections to the McKenale amendment, was defeated yesterday and which provided for deferring the call of youths from 18 to 20 years. Mr. Baker said he believed the amendment would seriously impair the ability of the war department to get the men in accordance with the military program.

Plans for a final vote in the senate on the administration man power bill before adjournment tonight were abandoned late today by Chairman Chamberlain, who announced that it would go over until Monday. Prohibition leaders, he said, had agreed to lay aside temporarily the nationwide prohibition measure which was to have come up automatically Monday.

Some Young Soldiers.
Answering arguments of opponents of the plan to lower draft age to 18, Senator Chamberlain called the senate's attention to the fact that Senators Martin, of Virginia, and Bankhead, of Alabama, entered the Confederate army and Senator Nelson, of

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BLOW AFTER BLOW STRUCK BY HAIG AGAINST BOCHES

Staggering Enemy Report—ed to Be in Confusion at Some Points

HUNS ARE BECOMING BADLY "RATTLED"

Villages Fall as British Press Forward to Further Victories

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, August 24, 4 p. m.—(By The Associated Press.)—Field Marshal Haig's fighting armies achieved further victories today. They delivered blow after blow to the staggering enemy, who in some places, such as the Thiepval salient, was reported to be in a state of great confusion. Thiepval itself, a mighty position, atop a comparatively high hill from which the surrounding country for miles is under observation, has been occupied by the British forces, and the British line has been straightened between Grandcourt, north of Thiepval, and LaBoselle, to the south. There has been extraordinarily hard fighting in this locality.

Being Surrounded.
Miraumont, that Boche position which has held out for days in the center of the battlefield, is gradually being surrounded on all sides. The town is choked with German dead. (continued on page eight)

AIRCRAFT PROGRAM OF AMERICA CALLS FOR 350 SQUADRONS OF 'PLANES

Man Part of Program Is Already Ahead of Schedule

'PLANES PROMISED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—America's aircraft program for the great army that is counted upon to win the war next year calls for 350 complete squadrons of planes and the man part of the program already is ahead of schedule with 3,000 pilots trained.

This information given by Major General Kenly, chief of the division of the military aeronautics and many other facts hitherto held secret, were disclosed today when the senate military made public testimony taken behind closed doors during three months of investigations by the investigation sub-committee headed by Senator Thomas, of Colorado.

General Kenly told the committee there now are thirteen American airplane squadrons of 273 machines now in France, whereas there should be 75 squadrons.

William C. Potter, assistant director of airplane production, said General Pershing had called for 25,000 planes by July 1, 1919, and had been told it was hoped to deliver 18,000 to 20,000. This would meet replacement demands of squadrons in the field.

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH IS HARD HIT BY STORM

Big Steel Pier of Seashore Hotel Broken and Washed Away.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Aug. 24.—The terrific storm which struck Wrightsville Beach and this section of the coast early today had practically spent its force by nightfall and a change in the wind from northeast to west assured beach residents that continued high tides would not jeopardize the resorts tonight. Late in the afternoon trolley cars had resumed regular schedules between Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach and the situation was approaching normal. The extent of the damage has not been ascertained but it will run into several thousand dollars. The two story cottage of G. M. Saunders of Columbia, S. C., was demolished, and many others were damaged. There were no casualties.

U-BOAT OFF SAVANNAH

SAVANNAH, Ga., Aug. 24.—The wireless station on Tybee Island tonight picked up portions of an S. O. S. call from a vessel off the South Carolina coast which said it was being chased by a submarine. The message was indistinct, the wireless operator reported, and he was unable to catch the name of the vessel sending out the call.

There have been reports recently of submarine operations off the North Carolina coast, around Cape Hatteras and it is believed that the U-boat has worked its way southward with the intention of lying in wait off the South Atlantic coast for vessels in the coastwise service.

"Y" WAR WORKERS WILL MEET AT BLACK MOUNTAIN

Plans Made for Conference and Training School for Workers.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 24.—Building and physical directors of the Y. M. C. A. in the forty-three camps in the southeastern department will hold a meeting at Blue Ridge, Black Mountain, N. C., from August 28 to September 20, inclusive, at which instructions will be given new men in "Y" work.

The conference, which will be the first school of instruction in war work for physical directors conducted in the southeastern department, will be in two divisions. Half of the building directors will meet from August 28 to September 8. The remainder of the building directors and all of the camp directors will meet from September 10 to September 20.

Owing to some mix-up of the comic supplement for Sunday, September 1, arrived the past week, but the comics bearing the date line Sunday, August 25, have not yet shown up. Subscribers are today receiving next Sunday's comic and on September 1, will receive the comic dated August 25, providing, of course, that they arrive. The comic sheet is printed in St. Louis and shipped to Asheville by freight. Recently the comics have not been arriving regularly, but this is the first time for some months that there has been a mix-up of this kind.