

## GREAT BATTLE BETWEEN RIVERS APT TO START ANY MOMENT; GERMAN POSITIONS BEING SUBJECTED HEAVY BOMBARDMENT

Allied Artillery Enfilading Flank Works—Over Half of Hun Lines Being Shelled—Enemy Concentration to Withstand New Attack is Big—Increased Activity in Territory—Drive to Shove Boche Across Aisne Expected Shortly—French Repulse Germans and Take a Station—British Counter and Recover Ground Lost to Enemy—Prisoners

(By the United Press)

Paris, Aug. 7 (4 p. m.)—Greater activity is reported on both extreme wings of the Aisne-Vesle battlefield, where the Germans have concentrated heavy forces to oppose any flanking movement by the Allies. Heavy artillery firing is under way along the whole front.

### British Retake Ground.

London, Aug. 7.—Counter-attacking between the Somme and the Somme, the British troops early this morning regained all of the more important positions lost yesterday southwest of Montdidier, taking a number of prisoners, reports General Haig.

### Allied Gain on Vesle.

Paris, Aug. 7 (12:25 p. m.)—Allied troops have repulsed German attacks against LaGrange farm, on the Vesle River line, capturing a railway station, the war office announces. West of Montdidier the Allies progressed today on a front of two miles.

### Shelling Boches Heavily.

Paris, Aug. 7 (12:15 p. m.)—German flank positions between the Aisne and Vesle are being subjected to an enfilading artillery fire, it is learned. Over half of the enemy lines between the Vesle and the Aisne are under a flanking fire.

### New Soldiers Are a Dandy at Fighting. They Do Their Best.

By Frank J. Taylor  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
With the American Troops in Alsace-Lorraine, July 20 (By Mail).—By the dim light of the moon you could barely see the stream of doughboys pouring out of the sheltering woods, and stepping over the dusty French road to the trenches. These were Uncle Sam's citizen-soldiers, now men just over from "the State."

There was a wild enthusiasm nor any evidence of fear or even apprehension among these citizen-soldiers as they rested before making the last lap into the trenches. There was a matter-of-fact sort of confidence prevalent.

"Well, you can tell Kaiser Bill we're here tonight," said one doughboy, as he took his station. It happens that a doughboy's platoon did it very soon. The next night 150 Germans came over, and 50 of these "untrained boys" withstood the attack and stood up to their guns. The Germans who were still alive and able to run, retreated.

A doughboy gave his version of how he and his pals felt while out there facing "Man's-Land for the first time. "We're not scared of the Germans, any time the time comes we'll show 'em. We're going to do our best, and it's about all they ask of us. Believe me, it's going to be a mighty good best."

## Was Captive in Hun Submarine 15 Days; Boche 'Victories'

(By the United Press)

London, July 20 (By Mail).—Among those who recently have been released from German prison camps and who have returned to their native Switzerland is the captain of a merchant vessel that was taken prisoner by the commander of a submarine after his vessel had been torpedoed, and who spent 15 days in the u-boat. The captain's story follows: "From what some English speaking members of the crew told me the submarine had been away from her base for some days. She was a fairly large craft carrying 3 torpedo tubes. The commander and officers of the u-boat were the same as the lower ratings, but were able to supplement their rations with tinned ham. Life on board the submarine was by no means pleasant. Seven "Victories" "While I was on board we had "victory music" on seven occasions, for six steamers were torpedoed and one sailing vessel sunk by gunfire. "We had no experience with depth charges, or gas bombs, as the German sailors called them. The sailing ship refused to had just been sunk by shell when two destroyers were sighted on the horizon, and down we went. By the microphones the propeller could be heard, and as the vessels came nearer we in the submarine could hear the thudding quite distinctly. To and fro the destroyers were searching very carefully for us. Apparently they picked up a clue, somewhere were two loud explosions quite near enough to cause the submarine first to tremble and then roll about as though in a heavy sea. "The next day we seemed to have got out of the track of steamers, and I went into the conning tower and saw the officers amusing themselves by shooting at gulls or at empty bottles.

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### FOOD LESSONS IN DEPARTMENT STORES.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Department stores in many of the large cities have called on home demonstration agents to assist them in giving instruction in food conservation to their customers and employees. In some stores special rooms have been equipped where demonstrations are given and literature distributed.

### JESSE GOOD MEMBER OF FEDERAL INFANTRY OUTFIT.

Jesse Good, Tuesday reported severely wounded in France, is a member of the 119th Infantry and not a reformer. Relatives reside at Field Station. Wood was formerly engaged at the Field plantation through the enlisted in the old Second North Carolina Infantry and served on the Mexican border.

## Submarine off Carolina Coast Sinks Lightship at Hatteras

(By the United Press)

Washington, Aug. 7.—The Diamond Shoals lightship off Cape Hatteras, N. C., was shelled and sunk by a submarine late yesterday afternoon. When the submarine came within half a mile of the beach the crew took to the boats and reached shore safely.

### Rickenbacker Likes Flying; Much Real Good Sports Comrades

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With the American Airmen in France, July 10 (By Mail).—"So you want some gimper talk?" said Lieutenant Eddie Rickenbacker, all-American ace and, for a speed king in the automobile racing world today. "We'll call a bunch of the gimpers in, and there'll soon be plenty of gimper talk. You'll have to translate it or the people back home will never understand this aviation dialect we have developed over here." Rickenbacker, who downed his five Germans in less than two months and became the second all-American trained ace, is tall, strapping chap, with a fine sense of humor and a winning smile.

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## No Recruits Here for Nurse Reserve; Half Dozen Local Quota

Kinston, supplied to furnish six nurses for the nurse reserve, has reported none so far. The campaign is under way. The Government wants 25,000 young women to join the reserve. The call is for those between the ages of 19 and 35—"pick of the Nation." These student nurses will be trained in hundreds of schools. They will be made ready for service at home or abroad. Their expenses are paid; usually they draw some sum for their time. It is a patriotic work. The need is a crying one. Information as to how to proceed to enroll will be given by any officer of the Woman's Committee of the Council of Defense.

## Charlotte Leads in Typhoid Cases; July Bad Month in State

(Special to the Free Press)  
Raleigh, Aug. 7.—Final tabulation of reports for July just made by the State Board of Health shows a total of 822 cases of typhoid fever in the State for the month. This is a material increase of 2 June. The city of Charlotte has the largest number of cases reported from any city during the month.

## NAMELESS BROTHER FINDS HOME KINSTON FAMILY.

The Hunter taken from a colored woman here by Mrs. Bettie Culum will be adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Stonewall Westbrook, East Kinston. The child was brought here from Durham, where her mother died. The father is also dead. Baby Hunter has no first name yet. Her faithful nurse brought the 4-month-old little one here and cared for her.

## RUBBER COMPANY GIVES 2,957 MILES TO COUNTRY.

There are now 2,957 stars on the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company service flag. Six Goodrich men have already made the supreme sacrifice for America "over there."

## COORDINATE TELEPHONE SYSTEMS.

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Aug. 7.—Postmaster-General Burleson announces that the Government undoubtedly will coordinate and consolidate competing telephone systems in the country wherever possible. 15 PROSTRATIONS. Richmond, Aug. 7.—Fifteen heat prostrations have been recorded here within the past 24 hours.

## GERMANY WILL KEEP BELGIUM UNTIL ALLIES COME TO TERMS, SAYS HERTLING

(By the United Press)  
Berlin, Aug. 7.—Replying to questions from members of the right in the Reichstag recently, Chancellor Von Hertling declared Germany intends to keep Belgium until the Allies fulfill certain conditions, including payment of indemnities and reestablishment of Germany and Austria before the war plus advantages obtained through the Russian and Roumanian peace treaties.

## DISORDER IN RUSSIA LIKELY FOLLOW INVASION BY ALLIED FORCES; LENINE AND FOLLOWERS EXPECTED MAKE ROW

Bloodshed Will Be Caused by American-Japanese-British Action—Big Job Ahead to Pacify Opposing Factions—Consul at Archangel Was Arrested When Allies Landed at Northern Port—No Charge—Released When Forces Came Ashore—Representative Unable to Communicate With Washington or Ambassador Since July 7—Tangled Situation

(By the United Press)

Washington, Aug. 7.—Greatest disorder may break out temporarily again in Russia pending the gradual solution of the tangled situation here. Official eyes are watching closely the reaction of the Lenine-Bolshevik officials toward joint Allied plans for restoring Russia. Grave disturbances, even bloodshed, before the Allies can pacify the opposing factions, are expected in some sections.

## LOCAL EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE IS ALSO DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Harvey Represents Government, Taylor Capital and Williams Labor—United States Asks for Unskilled Workers

(By the United Press)  
The Government Employment Committee for Lenoir County, acting under the direction of the National Council of Defense, has elected Chairman C. Felix Harvey, representing the Government; Mr. J. F. Taylor, representing employers or capital, and Mr. John E. Williams, representing employees or labor. This committee also constitutes the district board comprising Lenoir, Duplin, Wayne, Greene and Pitt.

## WAR HAS HARDENED METAL OF BRITAIN

(By Ed. L. Keen)  
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will find my text, the spirit of war according to Lloyd-George, 14th speech, 11th paragraph, 8th sentence. "Hammer blows track and possible poor material; has been hard and consolidate government." Lloyd-George is a connoisseur in hammer work. Interpreting its Lloyd-Georgeian metaphor in its wider sense—he was referring especially to the British nation—the hammers of 1917-18 have assuredly hardened and consolidated the entire. As the armies of the West have been welded and annealed under the terrific pounding of a numerically superior enemy, so has the popular will-to-victory become strengthened and toughened. There is one marked difference between the kind of hammering to which John Bull recently has been subjected in the field and that which he habitually permits at home. The latter is unaccompanied. Whenever there is a Sinn Fein affair, a Robertson affair, a Maurice affair, or any other affair, big or little, the exploitation of which might throw discredit upon him, he invites the whole world to the ringside—and affords the press special facilities. It is true that he did hesitate a bit in the Maurice case, but this was only momentary. Tradition quickly prevailed, and the lid was soon lifted. In the discussion of political matters the British press is practically unammuzzled, and the correspondents of the foreign press are accorded greater latitude than those in any other European belligerent country, on either side. As a natural result Great Britain's home troubles are given prompt and wide publicity, and since these episodes often make most interesting reading, the world at large is very apt to form erroneous conclusions as to the real British wartime spirit. Under the ever-increasing pressure of war's demands, the loyalty of labor, like that of other elements of British life, has been hardened and consolidated in the last year. "There is good ore in British hearts. It has stood the test of centuries. It will stand this."

## Hero Chose Hero Means for Suicide; O'Leary Side Pal

London, Aug. 7.—The strain of living up to his reputation proved too much for Master George Harris. At the Guildhall recently he was bound over for 12 months, after attempting to commit suicide. Since the age of 23 this boy has had an extraordinary career of adventure. He was a hawtwerp when it was taken by the Germans, escaped from there, and afterwards accompanied Sgt. O'Leary, the famous Irish V. C., and attracted much notice by addressing recruiting meetings at Hyde Park and other places. Several people interested themselves in the boy, and he obtained an excellent position. He lost his situation because he was suspected of theft. The thought of his friends' disappointment weighed so much on his mind that he tried to kill himself by drinking a concoction of phosphorus match-ends mixed with vinegar and various other tasteless ingredients.

## Cole Arrested.

Washington, Aug. 7.—The State Department has been informed that Felix Cole, American consul at Archangel, was arrested by the Bolsheviks shortly before the Allied forces landed at that city. No formal charge was made against Cole. He was released just after the Allies' forces landed. Cole has informed the department that he has been unable to receive a message from Washington or Ambassador Francis since July 7.

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COTTON Futures quoted Wednesday

	Open	Close
January	27.90	27.57
March	28.00	
August	28.85	28.33
October	29.30	29.15
December	28.20	27.44