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DEAL SMASHING BLOW ON OLD HINDENBURG LINE. HUN BATTLE FRONT CONTINUES TO CRUMBLE

With the French Army in France, August 27th—4:30 p. m.—The first French army, after beating the Germans in their battle positions before Roye, took the town today and now is pursuing the Germans, who are in retreat on a line extending from Hallu to the region south of Roye.

The French encircling tactics overcame the new German system of defenses by the profuse use of machine guns. Strongly protected and heavily armed positions were turned one after the other until the enemy was obliged to abandon the first and then the second line of defenses of 1914, upon which he fell back after being driven out of Montdidier.

The Germans are relying on their aviation to protect their retreat. Their airplanes were out in great numbers today, attacking the pursuing columns and engaging the French squadrons of observation and pursuit planes.

The final break in the German second line came this morning when after repulsing a counter-attack upon St. Mar, the French infantry resumed the offensive. They completely encircled Roye and threw the enemy back several miles east of the town.

In spite of fatigue from the long, hard campaign, Gen. Debeneys' men are going ahead with the ardor and enthusiasm of fresh troops.

Several Towns Captured
Paris, August 27—In an advance reaching two and a half miles at certain points on a twelve and a half mile front today, the French captured Roye and seven villages, according to the war office announcement tonight.

British Continue Advances
With the British Army in France, August 27—Having been still further extended by attacks launched north of the river Scarpe, the battle today was raging along a field almost forty-five miles long, and the British, with renewed vigor, were rolling up the Boche before them and sweeping constantly eastward.

Nearly in the center of the battlefield hard fighting has been in progress along the old Hindenburg line in the neighborhood of Croisilles, Fontaine-Les-Croisilles and Bullecourt, and once through the Germans' strong defenses in this locality, open fresh ground remains beyond.

The Hindenburg line has actually been pierced at one place, east of Heninel, and the weaker portion of it, northwest of Montaine-Les-Croisilles, has been captured and mopped up.

During today's fighting the British captured high ground from which they can overlook the country occupied by the enemy for miles around, and have thus attained a great advantage.

Bapaume having been almost surrounded, has been entered by British patrols, and they have been fighting in the streets. The town, therefore, is a sort of No Man's Land for the moment, but its complete capture seems only a matter of hours.

The Germans are exhibiting still greater anxiety to get away from the advancing British and even the morale of the enemy machine gunners seems to be diminishing, as they are not holding to their posts with as much determination.

Towns Taken
After an all-night fight Wancourt, tower and town, south of the Scarpe, were taken and the important Heninel Ridge, as well as Heninel village, also were captured.

Most of the operations south of the Scarpe have been carried out by a comparatively "peaceful penetration," for the Germans in this territory are offering hardly any resistance, and the Australians are simply pushing ahead rounding up villages.

It was to the north of the Scarpe that the formidable organized attack was launched by the British on an 8,000 yard front this morning, and it was this that has caused good results in ground gaining. All the British guns have been moved up.

counter-barrage was so thin as hardly to deserve the name. Obviously the Germans are trying to save as many guns as possible. But despite this, they lost a considerable number today. One small British formation alone captured two complete 77-German field batteries since yesterday.

The enemy machine gunners have shown a similar spirit, their principal idea apparently now being to save themselves, if that is possible.

German Soldiers Insult Officers

German soldiers also have begun to exhibit the greatest contempt for their own officers and are carrying their feelings right into the prisoners' cages. In a number of cages, into which thousands are pouring, the German soldiers have gone out of their way to be extremely insolent to their officers, jeering at them and loudly proclaiming their views in no uncertain manner.

Going to such lengths would undoubtedly result in court martials and firing squads in Germany, and it is gathered from the prisoners that they go as far as they dare, even on their side of the line. All the prisoners, men and officers, express their longing for peace by agreement.

The German 214th division is the latest to meet with disaster. One of its battalion commanders, his adjutant and what remained of the staff were captured, while the unit itself was virtually wiped out.

The Canadians in their operations yesterday south of the Scarpe took more than 2,000 prisoners and they continued their work of capturing large numbers today.

From present indications, it seems that at least on the southern end of the battlefield, the Boche is slowly but surely going back over the Somme. The capture of Roye by the French will help the movement, while between there and the Somme there is every sign that the Germans have had enough. As a matter of fact the action in this locality began to develop into resistance by rear guards alone three nights ago. Since then the British have had less and less difficulty in getting on. Continued success north of the Scarpe would soon leave the Germans farther north in a continually deepening salient, which it would be difficult for them to hold.

On the Western Front, Aug 28—The Germans facing the Allied forces from Arras to Soissons everywhere are in dire peril.

On almost every sector of the battle front the enemy line continued to crumble before the Allied attack, notwithstanding the violence born of desperation of the counter-offensive tactics.

Near Arras the old Hindenburg line now is well outflanked; from the Scarpe to the Somme the hostile line gradually is falling back while from the south of the Somme to Soissons the enemy front has literally been smashed and the German hosts apparently are caught in two distinct traps, escape from which without heavy losses in men made prisoners, and guns and material captured, seems almost impossible of achievement.

Scores of additional towns have been captured by the British, French and American troops, the Americans having entered the fray with the French northwest of Soissons, while all of the old German salients in the Allied lines now have been flattened out and the Allies themselves have dug deeply into the enemy's terrain.

How Enemy Is Trapped

The first trap in which the enemy finds himself is the triangle formed by the sharp curve of the Somme river with Peronne its apex and with Curly on the Somme and Fresnes respectively its northern and southern bases. This triangle is a little more than three miles deep and six miles wide, and in it the Germans are fighting with their backs toward the Somme on both the north and the east.

Desperate resistance is being offered by the enemy in order that his men

may have time to reach a haven of safety across the stream, but the British are hard after their quarry, and with the French almost up to the river to aid them by an outflanking movement, it would seem that the odds are heavily against the Germans.

It was the French troops who sprang the other trap. With the fall of Chaulnes the French forces routed the enemy over a front of about nineteen miles and penetrated the region to a depth at some points of nearly seven miles.

The Americans are fighting with the French northwest of Soissons in the operation which has in view the blotting out of the Noyon sector and the outflanking of the Aisne and the old Chemin des Dames positions. Official reports have the Americans and French fighting violently with the enemy around Juvigny and Chavigny, where they have gained some ground. The Americans have successfully sustained several heavy enemy counter attacks in this region.

The Americans and the Germans also are engaged in bitter battles around Bazooches and Fismette.

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Chamb. Of Commerce Met Wednesday Night

The Chamber of Commerce dealt with two questions of great import at their meeting here Wednesday night.

The first of these was brought before the body by Mr. Walter Boyd and was in reference to the co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce in securing a road from Afton to Alert, following the present right of way except where a better grade was to be procured. Mr. Boyd stated that the County should be able to secure half the cost of building such road and the total cost of maintenance from the State Highway Commission. He placed the motion that a committee be appointed to go to Raleigh, investigate the question and report. His motion was carried and Messrs. T. D. Peck, Haywood Aycock, W. B. Boyd, and Mr. Jones, of Shocco township, were appointed. It was estimated that the road could be cheaply built. The course of travel is good to Sulphur Springs church and with a little width and soiling could be placed in splendid condition. The remaining five to six miles to the Franklin county line is in bad condition but Messrs. J. K. and W. J. Pinnell and Haywood and Jim Aycock stated that a good grade could be procured over this stretch. The expenses of the investigation committee to Raleigh were ordered to be paid upon carried motion of W. G. Rogers.

The second item before the Chamber was in reference to the Norfolk Extension of the Bankhead Highway. President Peck read a letter from Col. Benehan Cameron stating that if desired the Pathfinders would be in Warrenton on September 4th, following dinner in Henderson. The matter was discussed and the President ordered to send a telegram to Col. Cameron extending a welcome to Warrenton. A committee of three is to be later designated by the President to meet the Party in Henderson as representatives of the Warrenton Chamber of Commerce and to accompany them here. It was urged that as many as possible meet the party in cars. It was moved, carried and the President empowered to appoint an entertainment committee to serve light refreshments to the party in the Court House. All citizens of the town and county were invited to be present Wednesday.

The party is expected here around 4 o'clock, from here they go to Macon, Littleton and on to Norfolk.

A later meeting of the body was proposed and will be called in the judgment of President Peck.

18 TO 45 BILL IS ASSURED.

BOTH HOUSES PASS MAN POWER BILL BY BIG VOTE

Goes To Conference Between House and Senate With Immediate Action Assured; President's Signature Expected Before Sunday and Early Registration Day Is To Come

Washington, August 27th—The man power bill bringing within the army draft all men from 18 to 45 years old, was passed late today by the Senate with a modified work or fight clause.

All efforts to change the age limits or to direct separate classification of youths under twenty-one failed, and the measure now goes to conference between the House and Senate with no difference for serious controversy except the work or fight provisions.

The Senate was recorded unanimously for the bill. Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, who cast the only negative vote on the roll-call, withdrew it and was excused from voting. There were seventy-five affirmative votes.

The final vote in the Senate was recorded amid unchecked applause from the galleries filled with spectators, who attended today's session to witness final Congressional action on the measure that will add approximately 13,000,000 men to the potential military strength of the nation and provide, in the opinion of War Department chiefs, the army that will enable the Allies to defeat Germany next year.

In conference the differences in the draft of the bill as passed today by the Senate and as enacted Saturday by the House by a vote of 536 to 2 are expected to be compromised speedily, and the bill in its final form transmitted to the President for his signature late this week. Preparations being made by Provost Marshall General Crowder to carry out the provisions of the measure are expected to insure the registration of all men within the ages of 18 and 21 and 45 within a week or ten days after the President attaches his signature

—W.S.S.—

Given By Philathea Class, Baptist Church

Twelve Infants' Layettes for Franco Belgian Refugee babies are finished and ready for overseas, given by the Philathea Class of the Warrenton Baptist church.

Each Layette consists of the following garments: 2 dresses, 1 cape with hood, 1 jacket and 2 pairs of booties of outing, 3 flannel and 3 cotton shirts, 3 flannel and 3 cotton binders, 12 diapers, 1 bag of sundries—soap, powder, needles, thimble, cotton, safety pins, old linen, 2 washcloths, and 1 towel. Besides the 12 Layettes, there is a package consisting of 2 dresses, 3 jackets, 1 flannel shirt, 2 washcloths and 1 towel.

In the same box is a package of great interest: garments beautifully made and contributed by Mrs. Henry Williams composed of 1 dress, 1 cape with hood, 4 saques, and 3 pairs of booties of outing.

The materials alone for Layettes cost about \$70.00 and the box which is sent through the Southern Division of the American Red Cross is valued according to work as well as materials.

The Philathea wish to thank Miss Mamie Gardner's Sunday school class for their work and also many in the community—some of other churches as well as their own—for the sympathy and aid given them in their work to alleviate human suffering.

Let us not be weary in well-doing remembering that it was the Christ who said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me."

Mrs. V. L. PENDLETON, Teacher.

—W.S.S.—

Senator Ollie M. James, of Kentucky, strong friend of the Administration, passed away Wednesday in Baltimore. He was 47 years old.

YOUR SOLDIER IN FRANCE.

LETTER TELLS THAT BOYS ARE PLAYING TRUE

When They Go Into the Army Do Not Become a "Reckless Lot" But Prove True To The Test and Play the Part of Men The Following True Letter Is Open, Read:

Mr. Frank Thompson of the Monroe Advertiser, Forsyth, Ga., writes to the Manufacturers Record as follows in connection with a clipping which he sends: "Knowing your desire to do everything possible for your country and efforts to offset the least thing that can tend to demoralize the people in regard to the glorious efforts of our boys 'over there,' I am sending you a letter I clipped from a little Georgia weekly from Lieut Timon Bowden. I consider it a pretty strong refutation of the charge that the morals of our soldiers are left with their old clothes when the join the army and that they are a God-forgetting bunch when they are thrown together in large numbers. If any man can read this letter through without a tear showing in his eyes he is either stronger or more heartless than I. The expressions are noble, and come from a heart and soul full of God-fearing patriotism. If you have room for it and think it worthy, publish it, for it may comfort many a poor father and mother who are fearful lest their 'boy' may never give the higher things of life a thought in battle."

The letter from Lieutenant Bowden to his father is indeed calculated to touch every heart and bring tears to the eyes of every lover of our beloved men "over there." May God bless the writer of that letter and every other man "over there" who is seeking to do his duty to God and mankind. Omitting the little personal family touches, the letter is as follows:—Editor Manufacturers Record.

France, Sunday, July 7.

My Dear Papa:

Late yesterday afternoon I walked up the road a few miles toward the front to a little village that the Germans had ravaged some time ago. And under a grove of trees were a group of American troops resting, on their way back from the front, and they were singing:

"Abide with me,
Fast falls the eventide,
The darkness deepens,
Lord with me abide."

The last time I heard this was back in McDonough; this time it was "somewhere in France." My ears, still warm from the thunder of battle, eagerly drank in soft cadences of the old familiar hymn. The major commanding the column, his officers by his side, stood just where I was on the fringe of the gathering, in the darker shadows, but dimly seen. Many of the townspeople were collected, scarce understanding, yet held in a spell by the soft sweetness of the music. And never before in alien land had come back to me as in that twilight hour.

For a moment or two the singing ceased; the hymn was ended. The roll of the guns but a mile or two away seemed strangely unusual; even they were silent. A few low, crooning notes—scarce a whisper, like the sighs of the night wind in the tree tops—and then came to those who had listened:

"Lead, Kindly Light,
Amid the encircling gloom."

Who in this world to whom these lines were familiar could have remained silent? Many had been content only to listen to the previous hymn, but with the gray shadows deepening around us until all was indistinct no mortal so dulled but stretched out its being to the great God of battle.

Over the old square lined with high-pitched gables, its quaint old church tower a shapeless blot on the sky, against which the lurid light of battle stabbed the darkness, the plea for guidance rolled on and upward to the very gates of Heaven. No rank or file there, but one great appeal from the very human souls of that wayside (Continued On Fourth Page)

NEW WHEAT ADMR. LAW.

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1ST COMPELS USE OF CORN

Consumers Required To Obtain Flour Substitutes In Equal Amount With Flour; Strikes Source of Abuse of Former Rulings. Every Miller Asked To Read Mr. Page's Letter

The request for publication of the following letter has come from County Food Administrator W. G. Rogers and its importance is urged by him:

To all Corn Millers in North Carolina: Effective September 1st, retailers and other dealers are forbidden to sell wheat flour to farmers or other consumers except:

1. In combination with an equal quantity of corn meal, corn flour, grits dry hominy, oat meal, rice flour, buckwheat flour, potato flour, or other cereal substitutes allowed for this purpose, or

2. Upon the presentation of a properly executed miller's certificate, showing the possession of corn meal or other cereal substitutes in any amount equivalent to the quantity of flour to be purchased. Copy of certificate form can be secured from the Food Administration, Raleigh, N. C.

3. Jobbers, wholesalers and millers are forbidden to sell wheat flour to retailers except (a) in combination with equal quantities of cereal substitutes; (b) upon satisfying themselves by sworn statement or otherwise that the retailer has purchased the required cereal substitutes from other sources, or (c) upon presentation by the retailer of corn millers' certificates for the quantity of wheat flour purchased.

The old form of pledge or certificate upon which producers of corn meal or other cereal substitutes have been able to secure wheat flour without cereal substitutes has been abolished. This old pledge or certificate merely stated that the signer "has produced and is consuming corn meal and other cereal substitutes in equal quantities with wheat flour."

Under the new certificate form, the certificate must be signed by the corn miller and must show the actual grinding and possession of the corn meal. This certificate, it is thought, will not be subject to the abuses to which the old pledge has been subject.

The Food Administration will not have the new corn millers certificates printed, but will secure bids from a number of printing houses, and will make the lowest bid. The form of refer millers to the printing house the certificate will be furnished to corn millers or others desiring them.

Every retailer is required to make an inventory of his supply of flour and cereal substitutes on hand September 1, such inventory to be held subject to examination by Food Administration Inspectors.

Every retailer is required to keep an accurate record of all purchases of flour and cereal substitutes delivered to him after September 1, the same to be subject to examination and inspection by the Food Administration Inspectors and County Food Administrators.

Very truly yours,
HENRY A. PAGE,
Food Administrator for North Car.

—W.S.S.—

Miss Emma Ball Is Doing Her Bit

In meeting the labor shortage women of the County must fill positions made vacant by men called to the colors. In this phase of activity Warren has already gone ahead and Miss Emma Ball is carrying the mail on the Warrenton-Alert Star route.

She and her 'Johnnie' have been at the task for sometime, and citizens along this route testify to her promptness and efficiency.

—W.S.S.—

Only the leaders of a people appreciate the heritage of freedom.

How many War Savings Stamps have you bought this week?