

WEATHER REPORT Continued unsettled weather Wednesday probably showers with gentle shifting winds.

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ALLIES AGGRESSIVE TACTICS NET TERRITORY AND PRISONERS

852,000 GERMANS WERE ENGAGED

DRIVEN FROM POINT TO POINT REGARDLESS OF HEAVY OPPOSITION THE GERMANS ARE MAKING THEIR WAY THROUGH NARROW NECK AT FISMES.

ENEMY CASUALTIES ABOUT 250,000

Bendon, July 30 1:29 P. M.—The heaviest fighting is under way at Vill en Tardenois, along the Ourcq and in the Anere valley, east of Ville en Tardenois.

The French advanced to Aubilly six miles southwest of Rheims.

Enemy loses 250,000 Men

London, July 30.—Correspondents along the Rheims-Soissons salient declare that the Germans lost thirty thousand prisoners in the recent operations, and that the other casualties total 250,000 men.

Paris July 30.—The new German retreat in the Soissons-Rheims pocket, which became known only yesterday, caused extraordinary nervousness among the population of Berlin, and throughout Germany, the Zuro Deutch Journal announced.

The Cologne Gazette and Lokal Anzeiger both declare the lost ground on the west front is unimportant.

Germans Claim orderly retreat

Amsterdam, July 30.—A semi-official Berlin statement is issued that all material was destroyed before a well prepared retirement near Fere en Tardenois and Vill en Tardenois.

852,000 Germans in Fight

London, July 30. 1:29 P. M.—The Germans launched a heavy offensive over the whole Soissons Ourcq front, it was learned here this afternoon.

The Americans were driven out of Cierges, four miles southeast of Fere en Tardenois, and the French were compelled to fall back from Begnu.

The French advanced onto a crest plateau between the Vesle and the Ourcq, southwest Rheims.

The enemy so far engaged was seventy one divisions, of 852,000 men, on this front, ten of which belonged to the Crown Prince and Rupprecht's group.

Eastern Point of Salient Threatened

London, July 30.—Allied troops yesterday afternoon, fighting on the southern outskirts of Ville en Tardenois, the principal defensive point on the southeastern edge of the Soissons-Rheims salient, made considerable headway towards its capture.

Grand Rozoy, two miles north of Oulchy le Chateau, on the western edge of the pocket was captured and Franco-American troops progressed several hundred yards north of that village.

Village changes Hands for Times

With the American armies in

P. A. RASBERRY ACCEPTS OFFER DURHAM HOTEL

Mr. Percy Rasberry, who has been a landmark in Scotland Neck for many years, and to the traveling public an essential feature to their well-being, has accepted the management of the Malbourne, Durham, and reports for duty August 1st.

This will, no doubt be somewhat of a surprise to many of his friends in this section as he has been looked upon as a fixture here, and the Brick Hotel with Percy Rasberry would seem strange indeed. Mr. Rasberry, however has been considering making a change for the past two weeks and would have announced his acceptance of the but for the fact that he had a second offer from Spartansburg, S. C. which was more attractive from point of view of remuneration.

Due consideration of the various advantages, and the closeness from Durham here, where Mrs. Rasberry will continue the hotel for the balance of the year, made him decide in favor of Durham.

As Mrs. Rasberry will continue to run the Brick Hotel until the end of the year Mr. Rasberry will make periodical visits here during that time, so that his friends will not entirely lose sight of him when he goes on Thursday.

TEN MARINE CASUALTIES

Washington July 30.—Ten casualties in the Marine corps are reported this morning by the navy department, of which five were killed in action, one died of wounds and four severely wounded.

France, July 30.—The Germans were fighting desperately last night to retard the Franco-American advance northwest from the Ourcq.

Repeated enemy attacks southeast of Sergy resulted in the village changing hands four times, but finally remaining in the hands of the French.

South of Sergy a German guard division attacked the Americans who firmly held the line and inflicted enormous losses.

The newly won French positions northeast of Ville en Tardenois were firmly established.

FEAR CLASH IN FINLAND

(By United Press)

Christiania, July 30.—A clash between German Finns and the allies is imminent in Finland, according to dispatches received from Vardo, quoting travelers in Archangel.

HAIG REPORTS SUCCESSFUL RAID

(By United Press)

London, July 30.—Successful raids last night in the neighborhood of Anelle, Picardy front, and Morris on the Flanders front, are reported by General Haig.

The German artillery threw a number of gas shells in the sector northwest of Albert, without material damage to the allied troops.

NO MORE SUGAR FOR CANNING

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Mr. W. E. Smith, township food administrator, has notice that no further sales of sugar can be made for canning.

Individuals requiring sugar for canning should apply direct to Mr. R. C. Dunn, Enfield, N. C. for necessary certificate.

MAY REDUCE THE SUBSTITUTES

(By United Press)

Washington, July 30.—The food administration officials state that they expect orders soon reducing the percentage of substitutes which it will be necessary to purchase with wheat flour.

WAR SAVINGS MAKES RECORD

(By United Press)

Washington July 30.—Five records have fallen in five successive weeks in the sale of war savings stamps.

The nations savings week which was held last week totalled \$58,550,015.25, the treasury reports, which brought into the treasury the largest sum yet received from that source.

VAST NITRATES BEEN RECEIVED

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Washington July 30.—Despite ship shortage and two shipwrecks the farmers have received seventy five thousand tons of nitrate of soda from Chili, bought by the war industries board and distributed.

OUR RALEIGH LETTER

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
(By Maxwell Gorman)

Raleigh, N. C. July 30.—With the lull in the fighting on the European battle front some politicians of the state, spending Sunday in Raleigh, found time to indulge in congressional politics.

It is learned today that Claude Wheatley, of Carteret, the republican candidate in the third district, has decided to get out of the race so as to give Abernathy a clear field in his race against Dortch, Abernathy having decided definitely to run. His ease in court it is now hinted, will probably hang fire and never reach a decision.

SIMMONS AND MOREHEAD

It is also developed that the opposition to Senator Simmons is waging a still hunt in Motley Morehead's candidacy for our senior senator's job. They are building a machine, it is alleged, that will have its ramifications in every voting precinct in North Carolina, and it is added that, besides the votes of republicans, some alleged independent voters and malcontents, the Morehead machine is playing heavily for the influence of the suffragettes. But is it hard to realize how the people of the state could make up their minds to make such a swap especially now when our senator holds such an

influential and commanding and useful position.

So Called Opposition to Pou

Yesterday the war news had so far resumed its torridity as to curtail the resources of the breezy politicians but not before they had included in their calculations the alleged "opposition" to Ed Pou for another term in congress.

Some pool room habitués and their sort are alleged to have held a sort of conference here recently and to have expressed displeasure at Mr. Pou and Mr. Simmons at the same time of airing their main grievance the closing of the pool rooms, and while canvassing the subject of electing three (or two) city commissioners who would reopen those places.

That instance has been magnified by one or more newspapers into the proportion of a movement against Pou, when as a matter of fact it didn't amount to a hill of beans.

Neither Josiah William Bailey nor J. M. Broughton (who have been credited with aspirations to succeed Mr. Pou) had any supporters in that bunch and they are really without a candidate. If any man runs against Pou he is yet to be "discovered."

As to the anti-Simmons suffragette forces have you met with many of them in your neighborhood.

VON HINDENBURG FEARS GREAT DISASTER

GERMAN COMMANDER DREAD ENVELOPMENT ALONG THE OURCQ WHERE HIS TROOPS ARE IN MOST PRECARIOUS SITUATION

FOCH MAY PENETRATE ENEMY LINES

PLANS CHANGE IN DRAFT AGE 19-36 YEARS

Washington July 30.—The senate and house military committee members believe that congress will pass the draft age extension proposals, and that registration will be accomplished in time to avoid drawing upon classes 2, 3 and 4.

Opposition to lowering the ages is gradually disappearing but the house will attempt to prevent men below twenty one from being sent abroad, it is certain.

The original class one will be exhausted by September, but the draft upon the twenty one year olds, registered last June will then proceed, and it is expected that a new registration of twenty one year old men, since June 5 last, will be had in September.

Washington, July 30.—Following the careful review of the manpower situation by Provost Marshall Crowder Secretary Baker will probably discuss this week with the military committees of congress his enlarged army project, upon which he has been laboring for some weeks, and which has to deal with a revision of the draft ages.

General Crowder believes that all men between 18 and 45 years should be brought within the draft but Secretary Baker, in view of the opposition of congress to the lowering of the age limit, will recommend a change to include men from 19 to 36 years. There will likely be a fight on the floor of congress to lowering the draft age although raising the age is said to be generally favored.

SEIZES GERMAN CHEMICAL PLANT

Garfield N. J. July 30.—The Hayden Chemical Works, a German owned plant, the second largest of its kind in the United States, was seized by the Alien property custodian, Mitchell Palmer, yesterday, upon proof that a false statement of ownership had been made by George Simon, who organized the company in 1900, and who, it was discovered, was a German subject and an agent of the Chemische Fabrik Voon Hayden of Radebeul, Germany, which latter company owned 740 of the 750 shares of the American company.

New York, July 30.—Von Hindenburg's counter attack started this morning north of the Ourcq gives evidence of being primarily magnified as a rear guard action to try and prevent the allies breaking through the German front between Soissons and the Ourcq, Von Hindenburg's most dangerous sector.

Should General Foch succeed in penetrating the German line near Soissons the real disaster would overtake Hindenburg's forces.

With the French armies afield, July 30. 2 P. M.—The Germans continued a desperate resistance along the whole line of their new positions, established by them in their retreat.

It is impossible to tell whether this is the place they chose to make a stand or whether they are sacrificing great numbers of men merely to save vast quantities of material.

The hardest fighting is around Begnu, to the west of which the French are said to have been ejected, and behind which elevation, Fismes, twelve miles distant, is visible.

2 N. C. MEN ON CASUALTY LIST

(By United Press)

Washington, July 30.—One hundred and forty five army casualties are reported today by the war department, of which seventeen were killed in action, eleven died of wounds fifteen of disease three from accidents and other causes, ninety five wounded severely, one slightly wounded and three missing in action.

C. Page, of Wilson, N. C. is one of those who died from accident, and H. M. Joyner, of Concord, N. C. was wounded severely.

With the British armies in France, July 30.—Australian troops capture Merris early today.

The Anzaes quickly surrounded the village shortly after midnight, and after a few minutes snappy work the place was cleared of Germans and outposts established to guard against attacks.

GREAT BRITAIN TREATY RATIFIED

Washington July 30.—The draft of the treaty between the United States, Great Britain and Canada has been ratified, making it effective immediately.