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THE ALLIES USING BIG GUNS ON TABLE LAND NORTH OF VESLE.

AVIATORS DROP BOMBS ON PONTOONS

FRANCO-AMERICAN TROOPS GIVE ENEMY NO REST AFTER FORCING THEM BACK FROM THE VESLE AND OVER THE AISNE RIVERS

GERMAN COUNTER ATTACKS UNAVAILING

(By United Press)

Paris, Aug. 6 4 P. M.—With the Germans resisting fiercely along the Vesle the French heavy artillery on the southern bank of the river this afternoon laid down a terrific fire over the tableland between the Vesle and Aisne rivers, and the crossings over the Aisne were heavily shelled.

Simultaneously the Franco-American aviators flew over the enemy lines dropping bombs on the pontoons thrown across the Aisne by the Germans.

Enemy artillery fire is having little effect, but the French advanced troops are encountering dense machine gun barrages.

The French are awaiting the bringing up of more artillery before attempting advances in force.

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Capture Thousands of Guns

London Aug. 6.—Since the Germans have begun their retreat from the Marne the allies have captured a thousand guns and thousands of machine guns, together with millions of rounds of artillery ammunition, dispatches from the front state.

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British Repulse Enemy

London, Aug. 6.—Raiding operations in Flanders and enemy artillery activity, both on the Flanders and Picardy fronts, is reported by General Haig.

The enemy attempted to capture one of our outposts northeast of Merris, but were repulsed and in our counter attack we captured a few prisoners and some machine guns last night in the Nieppe forest sector.

Hostile artillery action, with gas shells, north of Villers Bretonneux, has been reported and activity has been shown at Bucquery, north of Bethune.

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With the French armies afield, August 6, 2:10 P. M. French troops maintained the bridgeheads across the Vesle despite German counter attacks.

The French during the night occupied the mill-edge of the village of Braisne on the Vesle, and two bridges in that region were seized from the Germans holding out at Braisne.

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French maintain their gains

Paris, Aug. 6 Noon.—The allied troops are maintaining their positions on the north bank of the Vesle despite German efforts to eject them, the war office announces.

The French troops advanced north of Montdidier, occupying the west bank of the Avre, over a three mile front, between Merisel and Braches.

BIG CASUALTY LIST ISSUED

(By United Press)

Washington Aug. 6.—Four hundred and ninety eight casualties are reported back from the Franco-American drive in five lists made public today, which includes 358 army troops and 140 marines.

The casualties thus far announced from the Franco-American push total 1,214, and as rapidly as they can be compiled the war department will give them out, probably today.

The army list contains thirty one killed in action, six dead of wounds, three hundred and thirteen wounded severely, seven to a degree undetermined and one prisoner.

The marines have seven killed in action, three dead of wounds, eighteen severely wounded and one slightly wounded.

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Private W. L. Morton, of Oakesboro, N. C., J. Wood, of La Grange, N. C. and Serge. B. A. McCalrol, of Charlotte, N. C. were severely wounded.

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Donald V. Hall, of Durham, N. C., W. H. Heath, of Cove City, N. C., Victor E. Harris, of Bynum, N. C. and J. D. Morris, of Youngsville, N. C. were killed in action. These men were army men.

Of the marines Corporal Michael Reed, of Biltmore, N. C. was wounded in action and H. A. Kirkpatrick, of Charlotte, N. C. was wounded to a degree undetermined.

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Norway Will Protect Children

Christiania, Aug. 5.—Norway has decided on the square deal for children.

Laws recently enacted give "complete national recognition" to the child born out of wedlock. In doing so, Norway takes the lead among modern nations.

The legislation establishes the responsibility of the state in providing for the "nurture, protection and education of these unfortunate children.

The state henceforth will hold both parents "equally and continuously responsible;" the child to be entitled to bringing up, maintenance, training and education from both father and mother.

The new attitude thus established is that the child welfare problem must be solved for the sake of the child and the state.

WILL ADOPT 80 PER CENT WAR PROFIT TAX

(By United Press)

Washington, August 6.—The house ways and means committee is ready to write eighty per cent war profits tax into the new revenue bill after once practically rejecting the proposition.

The committee turn about on the war profits tax means that Secretary of the Treasury Mcadoo has won out in his first skirmish with congress regarding what will go into the bill.

GEN. PERSHING DECORATED WITH LEGION OF HONOR

(By United Press)

With the American troops in France August 6—President Poincaré personally decorated General Pershing with the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor this morning.

Impressive military ceremonies at the American general headquarters accompanied the decoration.

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Dr Cliff Whitehead is expected to spend a few days on his farm arriving some time this week.

CHARLIE DUNN GIVES VIVID EXPERIENCES

FIRST DESCRIPTION BY LOCAL MAN OF THE FIGHTING DONE IN FRANCE BY THE AMERICAN MARINES WHO SAVED PARIS

BOYS REALIZE STUPENDOUS TASK AHEAD

The following is an extract of letter written to G. C. Saunders, of Weldon, by Corporal Charles L. Dunn, who is with the United States marine corps in the front line of the Rheims-Soissons salient, and, being the most vivid description so far received from a local man on the battle front, is reproduced in full.

Dear Old G. C.—Boy, you can never realize how much I appreciated your letter nor how good it makes a fellow feel to know that old friends remember him, and appreciate him getting himself shot at to make the world a better place to live in, for after this war is over the world will be better for it, in more ways than one. Of course it's an awful price to pay but in the long run it will be worth the price.

If I should be one of those to hit "the long trail" I won't consider that I have lived or died in vain, and, as the song I used to hear at home, says "some day you'll understand." None of that is for me to worry about. My part is to do my little "bit" the best I can and Someone, higher up than W. W. or "Bill" will attend to the rest.

We are right and we are going to win without a doubt. I have never heard anyone even refer to Germany winning, except one man and he was a Boche prisoner.

You would have laughed if you could have seen me reading your letter. I had a little hole dug in the ground, as all the fellows did, and would perch up and be reading our mail when along would come a shell and everyone would drive into their holes like a bunch of prairie dogs.

We have been in some of the fiercest fighting of the war (so a French soldier, who has been in four year, said) and my brigade has been cited for bravery and our

commander has been congratulated by every one worth while.

I have decided that the only way to stop an American, a marine anyway, is to kill the fool. They sure are foolish about getting where they start. Maybe they get everyone in the front line except five or six. Do they stop? Not on your life. They go until they find a shell, bullet or Boche. The French and Germans say we are crazy, but the former seem to love the "Jarines" and the latter hate and fear us which is as it should be.

Tell the folks to look at that marine picture with respect and put it where it will show for there are men pictured there who have fought, and men who have bled, and men who have died without a murmur in order to make it impossible for the Hun to repeat his treatment of Belgium and France.

If you are not already proud of being an American get busy. I saw one of my crew pretty badly wounded, pale and weak from loss of blood, eyes showing agony and teeth clinched, but his lips were smiling and he was joking the fellows around him. On a stretcher next to him was another fellow from my company who didn't even seem to know he was wounded and bleeding like a hog for he was running a vaudeville of his own.

You can tell every body to just back us up and not to worry for we are going to win this war as sure as there is a God in Heaven. The officers know it, and we, the men who are fighting this war, know it. Of course we realize that a lot who help win this war will never go home to enjoy the rewards, but they will be rewarded somewhere else, maybe.

Your old pal,
Corp. Chas. L. Dunn,
77 Co, 6 M. G. Bat, U. S. M. C.
A. E. F. via New York

S. N. LEADERS LAND ROANOKE BRIDGE

HALIFAX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS VOTE FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TOWARDS BUILDING BRIDGE NEAR HERE

TOTAL COUNTY ALLOTMENT \$61,000

Yesterday the County Commissioners of Halifax, in regular meeting assembled, passed a resolution (such resolution to be in form and manner prescribed by the Highway Commission) that county bonds be issued to the amount of forty thousand dollars for the purpose of building a bridge across the Roanoke river near to Scotland Neck, at such point as the highway engineer shall designate, and a highway connecting Winton or Windsor, in Bertie county, with Halifax county, to extend to the Edgecombe county line, and further the county commissioners of Halifax asked the Highway Commission that the sum of \$21,000, available for Halifax county from the Federal Aid Road Fund, be also applied to this purpose.

Thus, in truth and in fact, the county commissioners guaranteed the sum of \$61,000 towards the Roanoke river bridge project which assures the building of the connecting link between Halifax, Bertie and Northampton counties.

Such then is the result of the devoted and cohesive work of the leading men of Scotland Neck have worked as an unit continuously for the past month to attain the object they secured yesterday and too much praise cannot be bestowed upon them for their untiring efforts which are now crowned with success.

Fully thirty citizens motored to Halifax yesterday to add their voice and influence to the leaders who asked for the appropriation.

Having gained the unqualified agreement of the county commissioners a phone message called for a meeting of the business men

in Scotland Neck for half past five in the mayor's where further action was determined upon.

Mr. S. A. Dunn, for the committee who met with the Edgecombe county commissioners in Tarboro yesterday stated that they were met with every favor and were promised that at the September meeting a definite amount would be agreed upon as Edgecombe's contribution.

Upon resolution the following committees were appointed to go to be adjoining counties of Wilson Bertie and before the Board of Trade of Rocky Mount to ascertain definitely what contribution each would make.

To Bertie Messrs J. E. Bowers and N. B. Josey, with Senator W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Northampton, and S. A. Dunn was confirmed to see the commissioners of Gates and Hertford counties and get their consent to their allotment of Federal Aid money being utilized on this bridge, if Halifax would match with an equal amount.

It was reported that the highway engineer assured the committee that the survey would be done next week, and the chairman was empowered to take up with the highway commission the question of obtaining an act of congress empowering Halifax and Bertie counties to bridge the Roanoke river, which is a navigable stream.

PARIS AGAIN BOMBARDED

(By United Press)

Paris, Aug. 6.—The long range bombardment of Paris was continued again today, but no report is being filed of special loss or damage.

ENEMY PLANES FAIL IN RAID

(By United Press)

London Aug. 6.—Of three German airships which attempted to raid the east coast of England last night one was brought down in flames and landed in the sea, and another was badly damaged but probably reached its base.

The admiralty announces that the aircraft failed to penetrate far inland.

WOMENS CORPS AMONG WOUNDED

(By United Press)

London, Aug. 6.—Several members of the women's auxiliary corps are included among the missing and wounded on the torpedoed British hospital ship Warrida, and their commandant is believed to be among them.

WIRE STRIKE IS IMMINENT

(By United Press)

Washington Aug. 6.—Steps to ward off the threatened walkout of telegraph operators throughout the United States is being formulated by Postmaster General Burleson and Wire Director Lewis.

Until President Konekampf, of the telegraphers completes his conference with Burleson, schedules to begin tomorrow, no plan of settling the growing discontent of the operators will be announced.