

WEATHER REPORT: Fair tonight and Wednesday. Light west winds.

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70,000 GERMANS CAPTURED SINCE JULY 18.

MERCEL HUTIN, MILITARY WRITER SAYS THAT 37,000 TAKEN PRISONERS IN FIVE DAYS OF WHICH 2,300 WERE OFFICERS.

10,000 MACHINE GUNS WERE CAPTURED

(By United Press)
Paris Aug 13.—German prisoners taken from Sunday to Thursday last exceeded thirty seven thousand, of which two thousand three hundred were officers, Marcel Hutin, military writer for the Echo de Paris, declares.

Hutin states that over a thousand cannon and over ten thousand machine guns have been captured. The total number of enemy prisoners since July eighteenth are over 70,000.

STATE COLLEGE GETS STUDENTS TEXTILE MEDAL

For the fifth year the N. C. state college of agriculture and engineering has won the student medal awarded by the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, which is an especial honor as this is the only textile school in the south to be so honored.

Mr. B. D. Glenn of Greensboro, was the recipient of the medal having the highest proficiency in his work for four years.

Samples of the work have been received by the Commonwealth which can be seen by anyone interested.

HUNS PLAYING FOR NEUTRAL SHIPS

Copenhagen Aug 12.—The Norwegian Trade and Shipping Journal tells how Germany is planning to take care of her foreign trade after the war by means of neutral ships, taken over under longtime charters. The Journal warns Norwegian ship owners against accepting German proposals of this nature, and publishes this offer, made by a German brokerage firm recently to Norwegian owners:

For some special friends who are absolutely first class I want some neutral boats of any size on time charter for long periods, as much as four years after the war, the charterers being willing to pay for prompt steamers 22s. (\$5.35) per ton per month. The owner will be free from all expenses and insurance premiums, a German captain and crew to be hired by the charterer.

Several neutral boats have already been chartered on these conditions, and I will be glad to receive by mail information about the tonnage you are willing to offer, with particulars and plans.

Miss Annie Cherry, who has been rural school supervisor for Harnett county for the past two years, has accepted the position of supervisor for Halifax county and will have her headquarters at the office of the county superintendent at Roanoke Rapids.

SAM MEREDITH TO CAMP LEE

Mr. Sam Meredith has been transferred from the coast artillery to the infantry and is ordered to report not later than Sept. 15, to the Special Officers Training Camp at Camp Lee.

He is reported to have passed a perfect physical examination.

HUNS MARCHING ON PETROGRAD

(By United Press)

Copenhagen Aug 13.—German troops are marching towards Petrograd intending to occupy that city, according to the Helsingfors correspondent of the Politiken.

ENEMY FEELS WEIGHT OF ALLIED BIG GUNS

FRANTICALLY WITHDRAWING SUPPLIES AND MEN FROM NET WORK ENVELOPING PERONNE AND OTHER CITIES OF THE SOMME.

ENEMY HAS 396,000 MEN ON FRONT

French Artillery is very Active

Paris Aug 13.—French artillery last evening was reported to be violently shelling Roye and Noyon, rendering both towns practically untenable.

Progress continues in the Lassigny.

Paris Aug 13.—The Germans have been hurriedly removing enormous quantities of war material from Peronne during the past forty eight hours.

Enemy troops are crossing the Somme and the roads about Peronne are reported to be crowded with German transports attempting to get this material back into a safe spot.

Huge munition dumps at Reson sur Matz and Orvillers have been abandoned by the enemy in his flight and were captured intact by the French.

A lull in the fighting between the Oise and Somme is believed by the allies to be a preparation of a new activity at Lassigny, which is already enveloped although not captured.

London August 13.—The French are driving in an effort to flank Roye, Lassigny and Ribourt, it was learned this afternoon.

The French have almost reached the crest of Lassigny heights, and but few Germans remain on the heights.

Roye is being pressed closely from the west and south and the French appear already to be in command of communications eastward from the town, which is under artillery.

After capturing les Loges wood the French progressed and took the wood eastward.

The French captured Covillen and gained ground north of St. Claude farm.

London Aug 13.—The Germans as a result of the French pressure are evacuating the southern defenses of Ribecourt. The enemy is retiring from the trench front of nearly three miles, extending from the Oise about a mile southwest of Ribecourt to a point west of Bailly where the French now occupy the positions.

The Germans are withdrawing and increasing numbers of troops from the battle line, and the extension of the allied flanks is known to have exhausted their reserves. There are now thirty three divisions of the enemy, probably 396,000 men on the battle front from the Aisne to the Vesle.

French and American troops are by far the stronger & have shown superiority by maintaining captured positions and regaining others they had temporarily lost near Fismes.

COLORED SCHOOL OPENS AUG. 26.

The Scotland Neck colored graded school will open for the 1918-1919 school year on Monday August 26

Parents and guardians are especially requested to see that the children are sent on the first day so that they can be graded and get acquainted with the work of the session.

G. HARRELL OF HOBGOOD DIED OF WOUNDS

(By United Press)
Washington Aug 13.—Ninety casualties were reported to the war department and made public today, of which G Harrell, of Hobgood is reported to have died of wounds; W. F. Keely, of Kenberline Va., and J. V. Honaker, of Dra per, Va., both severely wounded.

HARASS ENEMY NORTH OF VESLE

(By United Press)
With the American armies in France August 13.—American continues to harass the Germans north of Vesle, varying heavy artillery bombardment with lightning thrusts into the enemy line.

Some infantry fighting on the right wing of the American sector practically unbothered the Samies, save for the German feint which failed to develop into an attack.

HEROES OF THE MARNE



Never was the indomitable spirit of the French soldier shown better advantage than when the great drive was made on Paris. Spurred on by cheerful talk of their officers, these men created history by their defense of their mother land. The picture shows a regiment of these fighters returning to billets after a long stretch at the front.

KERENSKY MAY AGAIN BE RUSSIA'S IDOL

ALLIES ARE CONSIDERING SENDING KERENSKY TO ARCHANGEL TO CO-OPERATE WITH NEW GOVERNMENT AND ORGANIZE A RUSSIAN CONFEDERATION.

HUNS RUSHING LANDSTURM TO RUSSIA

(By United Press)
Washington Aug. 13.—Kerensky the one time hero of the Russian revolution is being considered as a possible leader to drive out Bolsheviks, and to re-establish his country.

He will probably go to Archangel and throw his weight with the new government of the provinces. Observers believe that an attempt will be made to extend this government under Kerensky's leadership to all Russia.

Amsterdam Aug 13.—Detachments of German landsturm, garrisoned in East Flanders have been ordered to Russia according to advices received here from the frontier.

KING KARL VIEWS AERIAL FIGHT AT ADIGE

(By United Press)
Amsterdam Aug 13.—Italian and Austrian aviators recently engaged in an air battle over the Adige valley, in which Emperor Karl was reviewing his troops, according to dispatches to Vienna. The Emperor is said to have dismissed the troops and remained on the field with his staff until the aerial battle was over.

ADVERTISING WAS TOO EASY

London Aug 13.—Thirteen wives proved unlucky for John Leslie Smith, arrested recently with his 13th spouse on charges of bigamy and larceny. Smith had been a soldier at the front but deserted. The couple was arrested on complaint of the 12th wife who charged bigamy and the theft of her furniture. Smith was given 7 years, and Mrs. Smith XIII was given 5 months.

Police say Smith got his wives through want ads, and in most cases had left them destitute.

1800 UNIVERSITY MEN IN SERVICE

Chapel Hill Aug 12.—Eighteen hundred university of North Carolina men are undoubtedly in the service of the United States, thirteen hundred and fifty of whom, are tabulated and known by the registrar, Dr. T. J. Wilson Jr.

The University's quota includes (army) two brigadier generals; 9 colonels; nine lieutenant-colonels; twenty majors eighty four captains; 249 first lieutenants; 315 second lieutenants; five chaplains (navy) four lieutenant-commanders; 11 paymasters; seven lieutenants; 13 ensigns; 67 in aviation and 510 non-commissioned officers.

STOP "LOAFING ON THE JOB"

Washington Aug 13.—A "work or fight" amendment, designed to prevent war time strikes, and too much loafing on the job, will be considered by the senate military committee when the new manpower bill is resumed.

It is expected that the committee will complete its labors today.

The bill will be ready for presentation when the senate meets Thursday, and an attempt will be made to call the senators back for regular session Monday for consideration of the measure.