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## NOYON SHELLED ON TWO SIDES BY GEN. MANGIN'S ARTILLERY.

### INFANTRY WITHIN 9000 YARDS OF TOWN

LASSIGNY AND ROYE PRACTICALLY WITHIN THE GRASP OF ALLIES WITH RETREAT OF ENEMY CONFINED TO A NARROW OUTLET AT GUISCARD

### FRENCH CONSOLIDATE ALL RECENT GAINS

(By United Press)  
Paris Aug. 20.—(4 p. m.) General Mangin's army has been attacking over a wide front between the Oise and the Aisne this morning driving a wedge into the most vital point of the west front.

German positions at the southern end of the Picardy front, on the western edge of the Soissons-Rheims salient is in danger of being outflanked.

The enemy has been forced to withdraw his heavy artillery behind Noyon, according to le Hure.

German positions in the Noyon region of the Oise valley are expected to fall, the hill commanding the Aisne and Ailette valley have been taken and the Audincourt ravine has been completely turned.

Paris Aug. 20.—(1:30 p. m.) French troops are attacking over a ten mile front this morning between the Oise and the Aisne and had advanced a maximum depth of two miles at nine o'clock according to dispatches received here.

The attack is continuing satisfactory to the French. The advance endangers the whole German line along the Aisne from Soissons eastward.

It would cause no surprise should the Germans withdraw to the Chemin des Dames line.

Over five hundred prisoners were taken in this new advance.

**Lassigny in Allied Hands**  
Paris Aug. 20. (10:10 a. m.) The French continue to extend and consolidate their gains on both sides of Noyon.

They have penetrated further toward Roye and Lassigny, the latter town being virtually occupied. The Germans are furiously bombarding the entire region, while the French are shelling Noyon from two directions.

French troops are firmly in possession of the Lassigny and Carlepoint plateaus, the two gateposts of the Oise, and they are threatening Noyon, being within nine thousand yards (five miles) of that town.

From the south General Mangin's artillery is sweeping all this territory except a narrow outlet towards Guiscard.

**French Capture Vassens Village**  
Paris Aug. 20.—French troops advanced further last night between the Oise and the Aisne capturing the village of Vassens the war office announces.

Artillery fighting over a six mile front between Lassigny and Dreslincourt is reported.

A German raid west of Maison de Champagne was unsuccessful.

### W. S. S. DRIVE POSTPONED

The final drive to obtain the state, county and different townships quota of the war savings stamps, which had been set to start Monday next, August 26, has been postponed, according to advices received here today from the county chairman.

The date of the drive will be made known later and plenty of time will be allowed to give the people opportunity to prepare for same.

### Desperate Soldier Never Gives Up

(By United Press)  
By Lowell Meillett  
With the American Army in France, Aug. 20.—The young lieutenant, having had 12 days and nights of scarcely interrupted fighting in the region of the German push, was in a pretty bad way for clothes.

The uniform he wore was that of a private and it didn't fit him. Only the silver bar on his shoulders indicated his rank. Before he volunteered, as a private, he had been somewhat careful as to his clothes; his natural inclination running that way and his business as a bond broker in New York requiring it. But he didn't worry much on the subject, saying if the colonel could get along in a private's uniform, he could.

"However," he said, "I'll have to have a new hanky pretty soon." With a grin and a blush that none of his fellow bond salesmen ever had seen on his face, he pulled from his pocket an irregular and ragged square of white linen. "Where'd I get it? Well, we stopped for a few hours in an abandoned farm house and some of us didn't have any handkerchiefs—and, well, one of the fellows found a lady's nightie and we tore it up and made us some handkerchiefs. One of the others got the piece with the embroidered initial on it."

Mrs. C. A. G. Thomas was called to Leaksville this morning on account of a message which stated her mother had a stroke of paralysis.

A French air raid at Nancy, in the Lorraine, resulted in some victims.

### PETROGRAD NOW FACES CIVIL WAR

(By United Press)  
Amsterdam Aug. 20.—One hundred persons were killed and wounded in the food riot which are underway in Petrograd, according to dispatches received from Berlin.

Workmen have been without bread for two days and paraded the streets shouting "away with the Germans". They encountered the Lettish guards in front of the Smolny institute and a regular battle ensued. Martial law was immediately proclaimed.

The populace is demanding assistance against the Bolsheviks, according to the latest dispatches.

### 275 CASUALTIES NONE FROM N. C.

(By United Press)  
Washington Aug. 20.—The war department releases casualties list numbering in all 275 men, none of whom are from North Carolina.

Of this number 147 are reported killed in action, seven died of disease, one died of wounds, four from accident and other causes 109 wounded to a degree undetermined, two missing in action.

A cablegram received this morning by Mrs. Alec Madry stated that Guthrie Madry had arrived safely overseas.

### OUR RALEIGH LETTER

By Maxwell Gorman  
Raleigh Aug. 20.—The republicans used to exploit the assertion that the national democratic party could be depended on to do the wrong thing at the right time to insure its defeat.

But the boot has certainly shifted to the other foot this year. John Motley Moorhead and Charles Jonas gathered a crowd of some five hundred voters at a point near Morgantown last Saturday under the pretext of a patriotic rally, but in reality to further their candidacies for senator and ninth district congressman, to succeed Simmons and Yates Webb.

If they did not drop their political cake when they denounced the Wilson administration and pleaded for an "honorable peace as soon as it is offered" the writer greatly mistakes the calibre and fibre of western North Carolinian manhood.

**State Board After Him.**  
Br'er Abernathy is having a big bunch of trouble in his efforts to land the third district seat in congress. The latest attack on him comes at the instance of the state board of elections and he was served with a summons by a Newbern magistrate to put the X-ray on his account for expenses incurred during the recent primary, in

### 3,600 REGISTER ON SATURDAY

Washington Aug. 20.—North Carolina registrants on Saturday are expected to number three thousand six hundred.

In South Carolina 2,258 are expected to register and in Virginia 3,249.

### NEW DIVISION AT CAMP JACKSON

A letter received from Private Lafayette Draper, who by the way has been transferred to quartermasters Storage warehouse no 5 Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., should any of his friends wish to write him, states that preparations are being made for the formation of a new division to be known as the 20th, and it looks like this new division will be ready very soon.

Lafayette wants his friends to write him as most of the other Scotland Neck boys are either in France or transferred, so he is lonely. He says that he gets the paper regularly which makes up for the lapse in receiving letters from home, but not quite.

The impression which the Americans in France seem to make upon the allies reminds us of Kipling's description of the American:

"He turns a keen, untroubled face  
Home to the instant need of things."

which it is alleged he used more money than the law allows.

**Must Tread German Soil**  
It will enlighten Candidate Moorehead, and all other who incline to the idea advanced at the meeting Saturday near Morgantown, to read the letter of Major Bryan, a Tar-heel officer in the war, written to Senator Simmons and printed yesterday in the News and Observer. Major Bryan depicts the hellish cruelty of the Germans and declares ninety per cent of the American boys in France are dead opposed to any and all "peace" overtures until the allied troops tread German soil and win the full fruits of victory.

**Tank Camp At Raleigh**  
This city is practically certain to secure the big tank camp location, advices from Washington state, and five thousand men will soon be in training here with these big machines. Congressman Ed Pou and Senator Simmons were especially active in landing the camp in North Carolina.

It will be of interest to nearest relatives of soldiers to learn that the new plan adopted yesterday of announcing casualties will not change the present arrangement of direct personal notice to the families of soldiers by the U. S. authorities in case of death or wounds of the soldiers.

### NEW MAN POWER BILL MAY PASS THIS WEEK

MEASURE MAKING THE DRAFT AGES FROM EIGHTEEN TO FORTY FIVE TO BE REPORTED TO CONGRESS TONIGHT.

### 18 YEAR MEN TO BE LAST CALLED

### JEWISH RELIEF QUOTA OBTAINED

The quota of \$1,000 for Scotland Neck for the Jewish War Relief Fund has been obtained, the balance being subscribed on the first day of the drive.

This augurs well of the people of this section in that they are alive to the necessities of the peoples of the world, and are ready with open hands and hearts to help the less fortunate—those who have felt the heavy hand of the oppressor.

With these sentiments in the hearts of the people of America we can look forward earnestly to the ending of the war, knowing that we are ready for the new era of civilization which must necessarily be the outcome of the wiping out of militarism and national greed.

### JAPS LANDED AT NIKOLAI ESK

(By United Press)  
London Aug. 20.—Japanese troops were landed at Nikolai Esk to protect allied citizens, according to dispatches received here.

Nikolai Esk is situated south of the Amur river, seven hundred and fifty miles north of Vladivostok.

### \$600,000,000 IS TOTAL W. S. S.

(By United Press)  
Washington Aug. 20.—American citizens have sunk nearly \$600,000,000 down in their jeans by way of War Savings and Thrift Stamps, the treasury department reports.

The per capita of savings in the country shown by the figures given out has been increased by five dollars and seventy four cents as a result of the thrift stamp idea.

The per capita of North Carolina is \$3.99 and this state is the third among the southern states with nearly ten million dollars as a total subscription, while Virginia has a per capita of \$3.03 and South Carolina \$2.23.

Piety sleeps on working days, Like Sunday pants in pawn; They come out of hock on a Saturday night and go in on a Monday morn-

(By United Press)  
Washington Aug. 20.—The new man-power bill, making the drafts ages 18 to 45 is expected to be reported to the house late today or tomorrow.

The house leaders hope to get the measure through by the end of the week.

Members of the house military committee declare that Secretary Baker's statement that men of eighteen would be taken into the army only when necessary and after older men had been drafted has swept away the last vestige of opposition to the war department's plan.

### EMPEROR CARL REFUSES MEN FOR WEST FRONT

(By United Press)  
Zurich Aug. 20.—Emperor Carl has refused to send Austrian soldiers to the west front, according to a rumor current in Vienna.

Unconfirmed reports recently stated that one Austrian division was observed behind the German lines on the west front.

The minimum assistance demanded by the Kaiser from Austria was fifteen divisions of the dual empires best troops.

### NOTICE TO REGISTRANTS ALL MALE PERSONS WHO HAVE REACHED THEIR 21 BIRTHDAY SINCE JUNE 5, 1918, AND ON AND BEFORE AUGUST 24, 1918, MUST REGISTER ON AUGUST 24, 1918.

THESE MEN SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR LOCAL DRAFT BOARD IN WELDON AS TO HOW AND WHERE THEY SHOULD REGISTER.

### U-BOAT SUNK OFF VIRGINIA

(By United Press)  
Washington Aug. 20.—A German submarine was rammed and probably sunk by an American steamer at 9:30 p. m. near Winter quarter Shoals, off the Virginian coast the navy department announces but does not state whether the ramming was accidental or intentional.