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FRENCH GENERAL SAYS "HAVE BEATEN 192 THOUSAND HUNS"

CAPTURED TEN THOUSAND AND HUN PRISONERS

ALLIED FORCES DRIVING HUN HORDE BACK TO THE OLD HINDENBURG LINE, BEING WITHIN THREE MILES OF THAT POINT AT ONE PLACE

GENERAL DEBENY SAYS "WE WILL WIN"

Paris Aug 23.—General Debeny, commanding the French army north and west of Ossie, issued the following order of the day.

"The battle won ground to the depth of fifteen and a half miles and liberated scores of villages.

"One hundred and ninety two thousand Germans have been beaten, ten thousand prisoners have been captured and two hundred and twenty guns taken.

"We will win."

Washington Aug 23.—A successful raid and bombarding expedition is reported by General Pershing as having been conducted Thursday.

Paris Aug 23.—(12:15 P. M.)—The French advance continued last night over practically the whole of the twenty five mile battle front between the Oise and the Aisne the French war office announces.

The entire south bank of the Oise and the salient occupied by the confluence of the Oise and Nivette to Coucy le Chateau, between Remicourt and De Couvaumes, three miles south of Roye.

Violent bombardments have been particularly noticeable in the region of Leplemott.

We passed Chiry Ousecamp 3 miles southwest of Yone.

By John de Gandt

Paris Aug 23.—The French advance is a swipe at the Germans back, within three miles of Chaunoy, an important railroad highway center between Noyon and La Fore.

General Mangin's men are reported to have reached the border of Coucy le Chateau, only three miles from the old Hindenburg line, and are pressing along the roads leading into the town from the Divette river.

They have launched heavy attacks against Coucy grove, south of the village.

HERBERT HOOVER ARRIVES SAFELY

At an Atlantic Seaport Aug 23. Herbert C. Hoover arrived here today aboard a British liner, which also carried twelve hundred passengers.

Accompanying the American food administrator were his secretary, Louis Strauss and Dr. Alexander Taylor Smith.

Hoover had nothing to say when he landed, but stated that a statement would be issued later from the United States Grain Corporation.

UNSKILLED LABOR A MILLION SHORT

Washington Aug 23.—Owing to the shortage of 1,000,000 unskilled labor for war essential work further curtailment of non-essential production is advocated by the Federal Employment service in order to release men for war work.

"The time has come for the entire nation to realize that business as usual is no longer possible," Nathan Smith, assistant director of the employment service stated. "If we are to end the war quickly the production of luxuries and non-essentials in this country must come to an end. It is a question of winning the war quickly or having it drag on indefinitely."

Following are the industries which the district board, the first to make an announcement, has held as non-essential:

Auto industry accessories, drivers of pleasure cars cleaning, repairing and delivery of same, sight seeing cars, automobile trucks other than those hauling fuel or doing government work, teaming other than delivery of products for war work; bath and barber shop attendants; bowling, billiard and pool rooms, bottlers and bottle supplies, candy manufacturers and delicatessen establishments, builders and contractors not engaged in erection of structures for war work; dancing academies, merchantile stores; florists, fruit stands, junk dealers, delivery and sales 'stables, pawn brokers, peanut vendors, shoe shining shops window cleaners, soft drink establishments, and soda fountain supplies.

TARBORO HAS OVERWHELMING TOBACCO BREAK

The opening market in Tarboro yesterday in all probability will be the record for some time to come, and should at least gladden the hearts of those who organized the tobacco markets in that town.

Estimates of the amount of tobacco hauled there agrees on about 250,000 pounds, and, though the quality was not over striking the prices were the highest ever known.

At two o'clock the first sale was about half over, and the other warehouse was waiting to cry its wares, which made it pretty certain the sale of the first days break would have to be carried over until today.

C. L. ABERNATHY WON'T ANSWER

(By United Press)

Newbern Aug 23.—Over \$46,000 has been traced to Abernathy as part of his expenses in his fight for primary election to congress against W. T. Dortch. This money had been deposited in and taken from New York banks through the Peoples Bank of Newbern.

This evidence was given at the hearing before Squire S. R. Street called for the purpose of inquiring into the amount of money spent by C. L. Abernathy in his campaign to secure the nomination for congress from the third N. C. congressional district.

Questioning Abernathy where he got \$46,000 to pay out for election expenses the ex-solicitor on sixty eight different occasions responded "I respectfully decline to answer for the reason set forth by my counsel for me."

FIVE N. C. MEN IN CASUALTIES

(By United Press)

Washington Aug 23.—Private Eugene B. Gallion, of Benson, was reported today by the war office as killed in action; Privates Fred Wilson, of Fairmont, John Evans of Newbern and Henry Grior, of Charlotte, died of disease; Lieuts. William H. Oates, of Hendersonville and Paul H. M. Montague, of Winston Salem, are missing in action.

Three casualty lists were today issued, two by the war department and one by the navy of marines the total losses being 332 men, of which the army reports 260 and the marines 72.

Killed in action	51
Missing in action	77
Wounded severely	63
Died of wounds	46
Died from accidents and other causes	7
Died of disease	14
Wounded to a degree undetermined	74

GENERAL VON BOEHN PLANS NEW DEFENSIVES

FAR IN THE REAR OF THE PRESENT GERMAN LINES IN PICARDY THE RETREAT GENERAL OF THE ENEMY PREPARES NEW DEFENSIVE LINES.

BRITISH ATTACKING OVER 20 MILES

(By United Press)

London Aug 23.—The British are attacking over the whole twenty mile front from Cojeule river to the vicinity of Chaulnes, and have made progress at a number of points, according to reports received from General Haig.

By Webb Miller

London Aug 23.—(10:00 a. m.) General von Boehn is organizing his new defensive lines far in the rear of the present German positions.

in Picardy, according to information received from the front today.

Last night the enemy attacked in the neighborhood of Baillencourt farm, east of Beaucourt, but was repulsed.

On the Lys front we advanced slightly east of le Touret and north west of Neufberstein and east of Osterstein.

Local attacks northwest of Baillet were broken down before our positions.

ALLIED AIRMAN BRING DOWN ENEMY PLANES

TWENTY TWO GERMAN GERMAN PLANES DESTROYED ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL REPORT BY THE MINISTRY ON BRITISH AIRPLANES

LIEUT. BLAIR THAW KILLED IN ACCIDENT

(By United Press)

London Aug 23.—The destruction of twenty two German aeroplanes is reported in an official communique by the British air minister.

In addition a postal balloon was destroyed.

Eight British machines are missing, but one reported missing the (previous day returned to his base.

One of the German planes destroyed was a large Bombarge.

The district behind the enemy lines has been heavily bombarded.

Airplanes played little part in the advance of General Byng's soldiers due entirely to the heavy mists.

London Aug 22 (night)—Lieut. Puname, of the American air force down his eleventh German plane. Both pilot and observer were killed. The machine crumpled and fell within the allied lines in flames.

Lieut. Blair Thaw, brother of Major William Thaw, was killed in an aeroplane accident Sunday. He was buried beside Major Raoul Lufberry, with his mother and sister present at the funeral services.

DULUTH CLAIMS GARDEN HONORS

(By United Press)

Duluth Minn., Aug 23.—Cultivators and dry weather made war gardeners work bad here this summer, but 8,500 adults and two thousand children now are harvesting the food they have grown, in some cases after several replantings. The town has one war garden for each ten persons, and each garden supplies enough vegetables for ten persons, so Duluth isn't suffering for food.

BOLSHEVIKI HAS DECLARED WAR ON UNITED STATES

Washington Aug 23.—Delayed dispatches from Russia received by the state department late last night, sent by Vice-Consul Imbrie at Petrograd state that the Bolshevik government has issued a proclamation declaring that a state of war exists between Russia and the United States.

Consul Imbrie declared in his dispatch, which is dated August 2, that he had lowered the United States flag over the consulate, and, like Consul General Poole, at Moscow had closed the consulate and turned over the affairs of the United States to the Norwegian consul.

Americans in Petrograd, numbering twenty were warned to leave, although Consul Imbrie indicated that he would remain at his post until he received instructions from the state department.

Whether the Americans in Petrograd will be able to escape is doubtful, despite the recent agreement with the Finnish government whereby Americans leaving Russia might have safe passage thru Finland. Officials here point out that German officials are in control and would no doubt capture all Americans.

SACRIFICE AND SERVICE

