



# Montdidier Is Captured

## Picardy Front Growing Wider

### Allies On Offensive From Oise To Arras or a Distance of About Seventy Five Miles.

London, August 10.—The French are believed to have captured Montdidier, but this has not been confirmed.

Paris, August 10.—The Paris newspaper, La Liberte, claims that the French have captured Montdidier with thousands of German prisoners.

The newspaper declares that the enemy is in full retreat.

London, August 10.—The French in a new drive southeast of Montdidier have reached the outskirts of the important center of Seasons-Sur-Matz on the Matz river, it is learned this afternoon.

### BATTLE ON PICARDY FRONT SPREADING

London, August 10, 1:00 p. m.—The Picardy battle is reported spreading from the Oise northward to within a few miles of Arras.

The French advanced this morning on a sixteen mile front between Montdidier and the Oise, penetrating to a depth of four miles within six hours.

The distance from the Oise to Arras around the present battle front is nearly seventy-five miles.

Heavy fighting is proceeding this morning and satisfactory progress is reported.

Many additional prisoners have been taken and the number of guns captured is said to reach 300.

### MONTDIDIER CERTAINLY UNTENABLE

With the French Armies Afield, August 10. (Evening).—General Humbert's army, which struck on a wide front east of Montdidier this morning, has extended its right flank, completely encircling Montdidier.

General Debeney's right wing is at Faverolles as this is cabled while his left is still moving eastward.

### FRENCH SURROUND MONTDIDIER

Paris, August 10, 12:10 p. m.—Suddenly attacking south of Montdidier, French troops have practically surrounded the city, the French communique reports.

The new attack was made on a three mile front between Ayancourt and Lefretoy, the French penetrating four miles northeastward to Favrelles, three miles directly east of Montdidier. The villages Rubescourt and Assainvillers were captured in this thrust. The French fighting throughout the evening last night continued the pressure southward toward Montdidier, advancing over a mile and taking Davencourt, four miles south of the city. The latest estimate of prisoners in the Picardy drive is 21,000.

### EXTEND PICARDY DRIVE

London, August 10.—The British and French have extended the Picardy drive on a front of over thirty miles from the Aurore River to south of Montdidier, the British war office announces.

Montdidier is threatened from the southeast by the new French thrust.

Twenty four thousand prisoners have been taken in the Picardy drive.

The Americans participated in the Picardy drive, cooperating with the British. They took all objectives, including Morlanecourt where the Germans made the stiffest resistance and held up the left wing of the Allied drive.

### AMERICANS ACTIVE ON VESLE

American Armies in France, August 10. — American troops continue an incessant pounding of the German center north of the Vesle river, although our wings on each side of Fisme are comparatively quiet as regards infantry fighting.

The Americans are slowly advancing up the ravines running northward from the Vesle toward the plateau and heights in which the Germans are strongly entrenched.

### AVIATORS BOMBING RAILWAY CENTERS

French Armies Afield, August 10.—Allied aviators are continually bombing the important railway centers of Roze and Nesle. Many explosions and fires have been observed in these cities.

French troops have extended their front southward slightly, capturing Contoire and St. Hubert's Wood.

### GAS WILL BE ALL RIGHT MONDAY

Mr. J. T. Stallings, manager of the Gas Company, wishes to assure the public that every effort is being made to remedy the trouble with the gas mains which has caused the low pressure this week. Since his return from Rock Hill he has been constantly at work on this job and believes that by Monday, at the latest, all users of gas may be supplied with plenty of gas.

Mr. Stallings regrets the inconvenience which Elizabeth City housekeepers and industries have suffered and is anxious for them to know that help is in sight.

### BATHHOUSE AT HOSPITAL

The last few days have conclusively demonstrated the need for a suitable bathhouse at the hospital beach. Hundreds of people have found this spot one of great relief from the extreme heat, but the disadvantage has been the lack of proper dressing quarters. With these supplied, the arrangement would be ideal. The beach is excellent for bathing.

The Y. M. C. A. is promoting the movement to get the bathhouse in shape. It will be a community affair and only a very slight charge, if any, will be made, simply to cover necessary expenses in building and keeping in repair. Several parties have offered their services in one way or another already but more help is needed. Any one who can give part of a day's work next week is requested to notify secretary Buker of the Y. M. C. A. Those who cannot give time but who want to have a share in the work can do so by sending a contribution to the secretary and it will be used in defraying necessary charges.

The plan of the bathhouse is as follows: length 55 ft., one side for men and boys, the other for women and girls; each will have five apartments 5 feet by 8 feet. A center apartment will be used as checking room for valuable and clothes. In front, and running the entire length of the house will be a platform. Several steps on each side will lead directly from this platform into the water.

If you want to help put this across you are urged not to delay. A bathhouse will make Elizabeth City a better place to live in.

### CASUALTY REPORT

Washington, Aug. 10.—Five hundred and forty one casualties are reported, 516 army and 25 marines. There are no Southerners among the marines.

R. E. Ragsdale of Pelzer, S. C. is among the killed in action. Corporal W. S. Gardner, Magnolia, N. C., G. R. Davis, Howerton, Va., died of wounds, A. G. Holder, Clayton, N. C., J. Smart, Holston, Va., were wounded severely, Corporal W. S. Brown, Gold Vein, Va., was wounded, degree undetermined Sergeants G. E. Henderson, Canton, N. C., J. C. Haire, Granitville, S. C., Corporal O. Tucker, Laurel Springs, N. C., are missing in action.

### WEATHER

Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday, except probably showers in west portion, light variable winds.

### MRS. W. W. GRIFFIN

The funeral of Mrs. W. W. Griffin will take place in Christ Episcopal Church at six o'clock Sunday evening. The service will be conducted by Dr. Drane of Edenton. Interment will follow in the Episcopal Cemetery.

Mrs. Griffin was one of the best known women of this city. She was probably the oldest and best-loved woman of Elizabeth City.

Her beautiful life came to an end at the ripe old age of 83 years at one o'clock Thursday. She was the oldest member of Christ Church Parish.

She is survived by one son M. R. Griffin of this city, a daughter, Mrs. Oscar Temple of Denver, Colorado.

She is also survived by the following grand-children: William Griffin of New Bern, Elizabeth Griffin of Raleigh, Maurice Griffin of the United States Army, Miss Matie Griffin and Messrs Ned and Vaughn Griffin of this city, with whom she had made her home for the last few years.

### RED CROSS NEWS

Those present at the rooms Friday were Mrs. R. B. Cotter, Miss Helen Wood, Mrs. R. L. Kendricks, Mrs. M. Owens, Miss Eloise Robinson, Mrs. F. G. Jacobs, Miss Lillie Grandy, Mrs. M. B. Sawyer, Miss Anna Whitehurst, Mrs. J. N. Winslow, Miss Lizzie Winslow, Mrs. J. E. Newby.

Those workers who made more than ten hours during the past week are:

Mrs. F. G. Jacobs, 10 1/2.  
Mrs. R. B. Cotter, 17 1/2.  
Miss Eloise Robinson, 24.

### PREACH AT BERE A

Judge J. Warren Davis, United States District Judge of New Jersey, who is spending some time at his old home near Berea Church, will preach at this church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. All are invited to hear him.

Rev. Q. C. Davis of Durham and son Q. C. Davis Jr. of Norfolk, Va., and James Davis are also spending some time at their old home.

### HONOR ROLL FOR RED CROSS AUXILIARY

Honor Roll for the Auxiliary of the Red Cross for Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church for Friday, Aug. 9th:

Mrs. A. F. Texey, Mrs. Mary H. Britte, Mrs. M. P. Gallon, Mrs. M. R. Pritchard, Mrs. E. M. Burton, Mrs. D. B. Simpson, Miss Mary Ward, Miss Maude Whitehurst, Miss Curtis Goodwin, Mrs. J. M. Whitehurst, Mrs. C. L. Whitehurst and Mrs. C. E. Overman.

The workrooms will be open Tuesday and Friday afternoons of next week at 2:30 o'clock. With electric fans and plenty of ice water, the ladies will find it comfortable and all who can are urged to come.



Brer Tater ain't skeerin' up a ghos' wen he say we alls mus' eat less wheat en less meat en save all de fat en sugar we kin. We has just got ter feed dat big army er fightin' sojer boys, en we kin do hit by eatin' right smart mo' taters en garden sass en eatin' mo' fish en game 'wid er pork and beef. Ef we alls don't gin ter feed dem sojers right now we'll be feedin' somebody 'fo' long en it won't be us.

## Dont Talk Peace Says Gen March

### American Chief Of Staff Says This Situation Calls For Greater Effort By America

Washington, August 10.—The time for America's greatest effort in the present war has arrived, Chief of Staff March declares.

This country must hit the foe hard now and give him no chance to quit running.

Indicating that there will be no relaxing of Foch's driving tactics, the American Chief of Staff discouraged any talk of the war being over.

"The greatest advantage of the present military situation is that the allies now have the enemy guessing instead of being continually kept guessing themselves," he said.

"Added demands upon America's man power and resources may be expected as a result of the need for striking the hardest blows from this time on."

General March disclosed the fact that British prison camps cannot hold the prisoners now being taken in the offensive operations in France.

The capture of a German general and his staff, recently reported, has been confirmed, General March said.

The eighty-fifth division is now arriving in France, he told the newspaper correspondents here to-day. The seventy-ninth division is still in training area. The twenty-seventh division of New York, with Major-General Brian commanding, has been with the British in Flanders for some time.

### BUSINESS SCHOOL GROWING RAPIDLY

The Business School recently organized by Mrs. Wm. Boettcher is growing rapidly. The school has been moved into the Robinson Building and occupies five splendid classrooms on the second floor.

Classes in bookkeeping are taught by Mrs. A. L. Aydtlett and classes in typewriting and shorthand are being taught by Mrs. Boettcher.

Other classes are being formed and students who expect to take up the course this fall should enroll soon.

Classes in English are taught and Prof. Paul Spence will teach commercial law in the school, beginning in September.

The school is growing rapidly and other instructors will be added as necessary.

### AT BLACKWELL MEMORIAL

The pastor, Dr. G. W. Clarke, will preach at both the morning and the evening services at Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church, Sunday. The public is invited to attend.

### ELIZ. CITY HAS BAKED APPLES

"Virginia can't beat North Carolina," says Mr. W. S. Pummill, who lives on Raleigh Street near the Hospital, as he produced a couple of sunbaked apples on the street Saturday morning for the inspection of a reporter for this newspaper.

Mr. Pummill has travelled a great deal and spent quite a bit of time down in the valley of the Rio Grande, but he says that he never saw or grew sunbaked apples before. The apples are dark but are quite different in appearance and in texture from a rotten or rotting apple. They are tough and quite like a baked apple that didn't quite get soft enough to be good to eat.

### SALEM HOPES FOR COMMUNITY FAIR

It is hoped that Salem will have a Community Fair this fall and all those interested are urged to meet Miss Marcie Albertson at Salem schoolhouse Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock. The matter must be decided upon at once in order to have the fair.

### VOLUNTEERS ARE NOT WANTED NOW

The following telegram was received by Sergeant Pulp of the Army Recruiting Station, Post Office Building, Wednesday morning:

"War Department directs all voluntary enlistments be discontinued immediately. Applicants now at auxiliary stations will be forwarded here if qualified. While recruiting of applicants will be noted so they may be informed when recruiting is resumed."

It is expected that recruiting will be resumed in a day or so, therefore, any interested applicant should communicate with the Recruiting Station promptly in order to be lined up when enlistments are again authorized.

### AT CHRIST CHURCH

Lay services will be conducted by J. C. B. Ehringhaus at Christ Episcopal Church, Sunday. All members are asked to be present and visitors are invited.

These regular dinners at Scott & Twiddy's Cafe are delicious. Only 50c.



U. S. Food Administration.  
"O' Squire 'Tater' 'low he goin' to be mighty nigh king er de rood' 'mong garden sass folks. We alls kin eat him as a 'tater' boiled, baked, fried, stewed, cooked wid cheese an' dey gettin' so dey make in inter flour; so's we kin 'substitute' him fo' wheat flour. He's de 'substitutenest' er all de vittles, he see.  
De udder garden sass folks jak' Inguns, tomatoes, cabbage en turnips en squash, don't need to git peevish. 'Cause dey's goin' to be room in de pot to de whole tribe. Ery one en 'em can he's save wheat en meat fer de boys dat's doin' de fight in 'em eyes 'tander."