



TWO MURDER SUSPECTS ARE HELD; FRENCH HOLD NEW POSITIONS

FIERCE COUNTER ATTACKS OF GERMANS FAIL TO DISLodge PETAIN'S MEN FROM TRENCHES

Crown Prince Hurls Regiments Against New French Positions on Verdun Front in Vain Effort to Recapture Lost Ground; Teutons Resume Rushes in Aisne Region.

(By Associated Press)

General Petain is holding all his gains of the great Verdun offensive movement in the face of formidable counter attacks which the crown prince is now launching.

The French commander reports the repulse last night of strong assaults on newly won positions in this sector. He announces also the capture of 1,100 prisoners in the fighting yesterday, when the French lines were carried forward two-thirds of a mile on a two and a half mile front, to the outskirts of Beaumont village.

ATTACK IN AISNE.

Possibly as a diversion, the Germans have resumed their attacks in the Aisne region, where for many days in July and early August they met with repeated checks in desperate attempts to drive the French from the valuable ground on the Chemin-des-Dames, won in the spring offensive. The renewal of the attempt met with no better success, the breaking up of the crown prince's thrusts being announced today by the Paris war office.

The British are continuing their systematic smashing of aviation and other bases behind the German front in Belgium.

The dropping of a large number of bombs by naval armaments on the air-drome at St. Denis Westren is announced today. In infantry operations the only activity reported is a successful trench raid carried out this morning near Oststaverne.

Says Germany Has Plenty Of Men, but Little Food

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 27.—The people of Germany are unquestionably facing a serious shortage of necessary food and the maximum efforts of the authorities now are required to make what supplies they have go around, according to William Bartholemew, former representative of an American oil company at Hamburg, who arrived today on a Danish steamship.

Regarding Germany's man power, Mr. Bartholemew said there seemed to be plenty of men not on the firing line, but during the last six months that he was permitted to see what was going on he could not fail to notice a considerable reduction in the number of men drilling and being prepared for war.

The threat still is looked upon by the German people as the nation's chief asset in bringing about what they seem to have faith will be an ultimate victory, he asserted.

Veterans of Foreign Wars In New York Encampment

New York, Aug. 27.—With two veterans of the Mexican war, both over 90 years old, present, the eighteenth annual encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars opened here today. The veterans, of whom 2,000 will attend the convention, have not given up hope of fighting for the United States simply because they are old, according to Albert J. Rabin of New York, commander-in-chief of the society. Mr. Rabin said 15 per cent of the organization had already enlisted for the present war, while eighteen members of the post at Fort Sam Houston are already in France with the colors.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair; warmer. Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Table with columns for Hour, Deg., and comparative local record.

Table with columns for Station and State, Temp., High, Rain, and other weather data.

Truck Squadrons Swoop Down on Camp Cody Bearing "Eats" for Army of Nail Drivers Busy With Construction Rush

The Latest Arrival



New Home of the Nebraska Guardsmen 37 Per Cent Completed, With Work Being Forced at Top Speed.

Camp Cody, Deming, N. M., Aug. 27.—(Special)—If it is true that soldiers' fighting qualities depend on their meals, it is also true that the "eats" of the army of nail drivers keeping up the drumfire here are the backbone of the construction drive.

There are about 4,000 of these men, brought here from the southwest mostly, and they have prodigious appetites, when one considers that their dinners cost them only 30 cents.

Each noon squadrons of trucks bring full loads from all corners of the great camp ground to the four mess halls under charge of Commissary Superintendent William M. Booth, of Dallas, Tex., who dishes out, through his 200 cooks and waiters, the best grub that can be had.

Eight hundred loaves of bread, two whole beefs, 400 pies and cakes and ice cream sometimes are on the daily provision requisitions.

37 Per Cent Complete.

Camp Cody is 37 per cent completed and finishing work is going ahead at the rate of 4 per cent per day. Two weeks more, it is said, will see the army town about ready to turn over to Major General A. P. Blockson, and his brigadiers.

This general assault upon nature for the sheltering and provisioning of 36,000 soldiers assumes great magnitude, in view of the fact that all its raw material, like the army of builders, had to come over rails from great distances. Up-to-date General Contractor J. W. Thompson, of St. Louis, has brought 284 cars of material of all kinds, besides his workmen.

Thousands of wagonloads of gravel were dumped on the main roads of the camp to keep the heavy motor trucks from sinking into the sand, and mud there is very little. New railroad spurs were laid daily for delivering lumber and roofing paper. Two big wells were sunk to the subterranean river and pumping plant installed, and electric wires were strung in every direction to make the expense findable at night. All this before the carpenters could begin their devil's tattoo with hammer and saw.

1,100 Buildings.

There will be a total of 1,100 buildings in the camp when finished. All the tables, benches and chairs must be made on the premises.

The mess buildings are made dry.

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NEGRO AND WHITE MAN AT SCENE OF NETHAWAY CRIME

Sheriff and Deputies Say They Are Weaving Net of Circumstantial Evidence Around Charles Smith, Negro, Despite Prisoner's Protestations of Innocence.

Sheriff Clark and his deputies who have been working on Omaha's latest murder horrors and attacks upon women, say they are weaving a net of circumstantial evidence around Charles Smith, negro, arrested at Blair Sunday night on suspicion of complicity in the slaying of Mrs. C. L. Nethaway a few hours previous.



CHARLES SMITH IN HIS CELL.

The two brutal murders, both victims women, a third revolting assault upon an aged woman and several persons injured by a crazed negro who ran amuck with a butcher knife, are crimes which have stirred Omaha to fever pitch in the last forty-eight hours.

SMITH SEEN NEAR SCENE.

Several persons have identified Smith, the big Mississippi negro, as the one who was loitering in the vicinity of the crime earlier in the day and shortly after the murder occurred.

While Smith admits having been near the place which afterwards became a shambles, he protests his innocence of the murder. His stories differ, however, and the sheriff's men believe they can't fasten the guilt upon him.

Inquest Today.

County Attorney Magney, ex-officio coroner, will conduct an inquest this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Cole-McKay undertaking establishment over the body of Mrs. Christine Anderson, aged woman assaulted and murdered by a fiend Saturday night.

Another Suspect Taken.

Sheriff Clark and deputies yesterday afternoon arrested a white man about 28 years of age on suspicion of his being implicated in the murder of Mrs. C. L. Nethaway. He gave the name of Gerald Smith and later said his real name was Archie Tester.

He says Coon Rapids is his home. He could give no account of his whereabouts Sunday. He was surrounded and captured at Military Crossing near Florence. He was roughly dressed.

He admits seeing the murdered woman. Upon examination it was found that he failed to register and he will be held as a slacker in case investigation proves his innocence of connection with the murder.

Partially Identified Smith.

Asa Dixon of Blair, real estate man, yesterday afternoon partially identified Smith as the negro he saw loitering in the vicinity of the Nethaway murder yesterday.

Mr. Dixon was driving along the road that skirts the railroad track when he noticed a negro squatting in the brush near the bridge over the track. He said his attention was attracted by the fact the negro apparently did not want to be seen.

"His face looked like that of the man I saw yesterday," said Mr. Dixon when Smith was brought before him in county jail. "When I saw the negro his suspicious appearance impressed itself on my mind. When I read of the murder I immediately connected the incident."

The assault and murders are believed to have been the work of a southern negro laborer of the type recently imported from St. Louis.

One fiend could have easily perpetrated both murders. The distance from 4236 Corby street, where Mrs. Christine Anderson, 75 year old, was

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MARRIED MEN TO BE EXEMPTED BY LOCAL BOARDS

Chairman Cones Interprets the New Ruling of Provost Marshal as Exempting Married Men.

Official confirmation of the late order of President Wilson and Provost Marshal General Crowder has been received by the district exemption board, Chairman Cones of the board talked with Governor Neville over the telephone and the points of the new ruling were set forth.

"Nearly all of the married men will be exempted from the way I understand the ruling," stated Mr. Cones. "If a man has a wife dependent on him, whether she can work or not, he will be exempted."

This will make a big difference in the work of the district board, and it will probably be some time before the armies can be picked. Lists will be sent back to the local boards and it will be up to them to go through them again and decide on the men that they want to call. They will then be sent back to the district before any of the work is touched here.

It would make it much easier for the board if the people would be patient until their claims are taken up. In addition to the large amount of claims coming in every mail, many write wanting to know if their claims have been acted upon. These people seem to think that their claim is the only one before the board.

With the exception of the Third district, the Omaha local boards will not be affected much by the change. The other districts have exempted all of the married men that they thought could not be spared without the breaking up of a family. If the

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Houston Back to Normal, Now That Martial Law Lifted

Houston, Tex., Aug. 27.—Houston went about its normal way again today, following the action of Major General George Bell, Jr., last night in removing the city from martial law.

Saloons were reopened. Business houses selling guns and ammunition again were permitted to make sales. Patrols were taken from the streets and armed guards, which had been detailed in pairs, were no longer stationed on street cars.

The city now is turning its attention to receiving the Illinois guardsmen, who will train at Camp Logan. Protests are still being sent to Washington against the inclusion in the Illinois troops of the Eighth regiment of infantry, negroes.

Camp Dodge Prepares for Coming of Draft Army

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 27.—Preliminary organization for the reception of drafted men from Iowa, part of Illinois, Minnesota and North Dakota began today at Camp Dodge, the Thirteenth division cantonment, with Major General E. H. Plummer formally assuming command.

Omaha to Send Irish Company to Join the British Troops in France

Ever since Captain Finn and Sergeant Bowen came to town and opened up the British recruiting office every lad with a bit of a brogue and the love of a scrap has been hanging around the British recruiting office at 1612 Farnam street, listening to the tales told by the "bys" from the front.

"For the love of mild Ireland, come along and help us lick the kaiser," besought Captain Finn and Sergeant Bowen. "Sure and we will," responded the lads to a man.

So, a few days, a whole company of Irishmen from Omaha and Minneapolis will join the British army at the front.

That is why the fifty prettiest girls in Omaha, the girls with the "true eyes of blue" are sad today.

September 1 Captain Finn and Sergeant Bowen will lead fifty brave Irish lads from Omaha. Before they get very far they will be joined by fifty more from Minneapolis, where Captain Bowen has been recruiting, and the whole company will go to join the famous Irish battalion at the front which lately went from Canada.

No one who can't use a shirlagh

CORN STILL IS KING OF CROPS IN NEBRASKA

Weather, Has Been Fine for All Growing Crops and Prospects Are Most Excellent.

The weekly crop report of the Burlington, having to do with Nebraska agricultural conditions up to last Saturday night, indicates that there is almost a certainty of corn remaining king, so far as this state is concerned.

The crop data gathered by superintendents and agents of the Burlington indicates that last week, except over a small area in the southwestern corner of the state, there was an abundance of precipitation, and that now the only thing required to assure a bumper corn crop is hot and reasonable weather.

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FT. RILEY READY FOR COMING OF OMAHA TROOPS

General Wood Arrives at Cantonment Camp, Where New National Army from Nebraska Will Go.

Ballard Dunn of the Union Pacific is in from Fort Riley, Kan., where he went to note the progress being made on the army cantonment that is to receive the Nebraska and other units of the national army during their training period.

According to Mr. Dunn, the cantonment buildings will be ready for occupancy by the time the soldiers arrive there. In fact, many of them

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RING DESERTS BALL GAME CANADIANS COME TOO FAST

Sees Some Men Receiving Medals; He's Certain They Weren't Players.

By RING W. LARDNER.

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A Letter to Home.

Paris, Aug. 26.—Friend Harvey: Well, Harvey, they picked on me today to cover a base ball game between the American field service nine and the Canada field service nine and they said that the game would start out by St. Cloud at 2 p. m.

St. Cloud is pronounced with all the vowels and consonants silent. So I ask them how should I get there and they said, "Take the Metro," which is French for subway, but they says keep going if circles. So I hinted to a guy that I know; he had money and he finally filled road out there in a taxicab.

The place we went to was some kind of hospital and it was after 2 p. m. and there was no ball game raging, but a French general was pining medals on a lot of guys, and I thought at first they was some of the ball players, but afterwards I seen the ball players in action, and then I knew better.

The ball game was across a race track. We started over, but an officer told us we couldn't cross across the track for fear of spoiling it. I wished you could have seen it, Harvey. The grass was so long that Fred Falkenberg could of hid himself in it standing up. The American boys was practicing when we got there and it was not like they did not need it.

The game started a hour and a half late and the American team scored in the first inning when they got the bases full up and the empire called a fourth ball on a guy that was standing as far out of the batter's box as from here to Petrograd.

In the second inning the Canada boys sort of lit into our pitcher, a boy named Crowhurst. They say he was from Philadelphia, and judging from his control, I would say that he was a refugee from the Philadelphia Athletics. He had a No. 3 on the back of his sweater, but the Canada nine didn't pay no attention to that, and made it four before the inning was over.

At the end of the fourth with the score 5 on each side, I got up and left on account of illness. I found out later that the game was stopped by rain at the end of the first half of the eighth.

The rain came about two hours too late.

The game was probably a record-breaker in one respect—none of the fielders stopped a ground ball.



Major G. L. Leonard Wood

IN COMMAND AT FORT RILEY are completed now. Thousands of workmen are employed on construction, installing sewers and water mains. The buildings will be heated from one central plant with auxiliary plants that will be used when necessary. The heating system is steam.

General Leonard Wood, who is to be in command of the Riley cantonment, was a passenger on the train out from Kansas City Sunday, and upon reaching there established permanent headquarters. The general will reside in a new bungalow, located on a hill overlooking the camp.

Red Cross Transportation Service Has Been Created

Washington, Aug. 27.—The Red Cross announced today the creation of a transportation service to handle the vast quantities of medical and relief supplies being shipped almost daily to aid the stricken peoples of France, Belgium, Serbia, Russia and other belligerent countries.

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