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THE WEATHER—

For Nebraska — Generally fair today; warmer in north

Thermometer Readings: 5 a. m. 70.1, 6 a. m. 74.2, 7 a. m. 74.3, 8 a. m. 74.4, 9 a. m. 76.5, 10 a. m. 76.6, 11 a. m. 76.7, 12 m. 76.8

AMERICANS CROSS VESLE UNDER INFERNO OF FIRE

GERMANY DOOMED TO BE BEATEN

Could Never Triumph Until All Allies Were Defeated at Sea, Declares Premier Lloyd George.

By Associated Press. London, Aug. 7.—David Lloyd George, the British prime minister, today in a speech before the house of commons, reviewed extensively the war situation. He referred particularly to what had been accomplished in the recent drive by the allied forces on the Soissons-Rheims salient, to the destruction of German submarines, of which 150 had been accounted for since the war began—more than half of these in the last year—and the part the Americans now were playing and would play later in the fight for the cause of democracy.

"He would be a sanguine man on the German general staff who would not predict that Germany could obtain a military decision this year," the premier declared, as he characterized Marshal Foch's counter offensive as "the most brilliant in the annals of the war."

Reverting to peace, Lloyd George said the people who had made the war still were in evidence and that they could have no peace so long as they were predominant in the councils of the enemy. Speaking of the part the British navy had played, he said until all the allies were defeated at sea Germany could never triumph. When Great Britain decided to throw its whole weight into the war, he continued, it did so because of an outrage on international rights. Had it not taken this decision, the whole course of the war would have been different.

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Iowa Board Holds Reporters Come Under "Work or Fight" Order

Waterloo, Ia., Aug. 7.—The Waterloo exemption board notified a Waterloo newspaper that notices to its employees to the effect that they would have to secure other positions to comply with the "work or fight" order or be placed in class one, were sent to the employees of the mechanical departments by mistake.

Reporters who received notice have not been exempted, however, but will appeal from the decision of the board. Twelve employees on one paper received notices, but practically all of these will be rescinded by the board.

Luckless Japanese Mariner, Who Lost Ship, Ends Life

A Pacific Port, Aug. 7.—Capt. Y. Yamamoto, master of the Japanese steamer, Canada Maru, which was recently pulled off the rocks, ended his life early today, because it was believed he feared the disgrace which he thought was upon him for allowing the big boat to go ashore during a heavy fog, July 31.

A wireless report from a salvage vessel towing the Canada to a dry dock today said the Japanese skipper disappeared over the side of his ship at dawn. Reports received later in marine circles and at the Japanese consulate, said the skipper shot himself before he fell overboard.

SPRING WILL WITNESS TERRIFIC CONFLICT OVER WEST FRONT

Field Marshal Foch Preparing With 5,000,000 American Troops at His Command to Bring War Quickly to a Victorious Conclusion.

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 7.—Backed by a reserve of 5,000,000 American troops, Field Marshal Foch is preparing to hurl against the Germans the entire united military strength of the allies in order to bring the war to a victorious conclusion in the shortest possible time. Spring will see the terrific conflict, already in progress on the Aisne-Vesle line, in full swing with Foch's armies striking with all their power.

This was the impression gained by members of the senate military committee who heard General March explain in executive session the War department's reasons for asking extension of draft age limits. They learned that the definite decision to enlarge the American military program to an army of 5,000,000 men was reached about July 30, and is in accordance with an agreement reached in Paris shortly before that time.

U. S. Will Double Its Efforts. The date when the United States decided to more than double the great effort it already was making and to bring its whole man power to bear immediately, may be significant. General Foch's smashing blow which has flattened out the Aisne-Marne salient and has thrown the whole German front from Rheims to the sea into jeopardy, was struck July 15, with American troops bearing their full share.

It appeared possible the success of that blow influenced American officials, who continuously have pressed for a vigorous aggressive campaign at the earliest possible moment and with the attention concentrated on the western front, to believe that enough could be done this year to prepare the way for a smashing military triumph next year when the full American army becomes available. The period of time covered by estimates for equipment and transportation of troops under the enlarged army plan is understood to carry it up to next spring.

3,000,000 to Go to Front. As the project is understood, it is contemplated to place an army of substantially 3,000,000 American troops in France before the spring campaign opens, backed by 2,000,000 more at home, moving forward as needed. In this connection intimations that the British have made extraordinary efforts to concentrate troops on three western fronts in the last few months become increasingly significant.

Coupled with the French and American efforts, this gives promise of such overwhelming forces in the battle next year that a comparatively short and bitter fight may see the issue decided and the German army driven beyond the Rhine if it is not destroyed in the field.

Mangin Says U. S. Troops Threw Selves in Fight Like "Going to Feast"

By Associated Press. With the French army in France, Aug. 7.—General Mangin, who was in direct command of the allied forces in the drive against the German right flank south of Soissons, has issued the following order of the day thanking the American troops for their brilliant participation in the battle which caused the German retreat between the Marne and the Aisne.

"Officers, noncommissioned officers and soldiers of the Third American army corps: 'Shoulder to shoulder with your French comrades you threw yourselves into the counter offensive begun on July 18. You ran to it like going to a feast. Your magnificent dash upset and surprised the enemy and your indomitable tenacity stopped counter attacks by his fresh divisions. You have shown yourselves to be worthy sons of your great country and have gained the admiration of your brothers in arms. 'Ninety-one cannon, 7,200 prisoners, immense booty and 10 kilometers of reconquered territory are your share of the trophies of this victory. Besides this, you have acquired a feeling of your superiority over the barbarian enemy against whom the children of liberty are fighting. To attack him is to vanquish him. 'American comrades, I am grateful to you for the blood you generously spilled on the soil of my country. I am proud of having commanded you during such splendid days and to have fought with you for the deliverance of the world.'"

Smashing Blows Delivered By Allied Armies on Three Sectors of Front

By Associated Press. The allied armies have obtained further successes over the Germans in fighting in the Soissons-Rheims sector and to the north in the Montdidier region and still further north in Flanders between the Lawe and Clarence rivers.

East of the town of Braisne on the Vesle river, midway between Soissons and Rheims, American and French troops, after the stiffest kind of fighting have crossed the river and held all the positions. The French north of Rheims have penetrated more than 400 yards in the railroad triangle beginning at Rheims and running northeastward toward Rehel and northwestward to Lacn. All positions previously gained in the entire Rheims-Soissons salient have been held, notwithstanding counter attacks. Near where the Vesle enters the Aisne east of Soissons the French have overcome the resistance of the enemy and taken the village of Ciery-Salsogne.

BRITISH STRIKE HARDEST BLOW. In the Montdidier sector the French south and southwest of the town have advanced their line on this important sector, which represents the junction point of the armies of the German crown prince and of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria. It remained for the British to deliver the hardest blow against the Germans Wednesday.

Following up a previous advance in the Lys sector northwest of La Basse they pushed their line over a front of nearly five miles to a depth of a thousand yards between the Lawe and Clarence rivers.

The details of this advance are not yet in hand, but the maneuver doubtless will go a far way toward lessening the point of the nasty salient that has stood as a menace for months to the British line north and south of it.

FRENCH IN POSITION TO STOP SUPPLIES. Next in importance is the further gaining of footings by the French and Americans across the Vesle where the pressure against the Germans toward the Aisne can be resumed when further troops ford the stream, but the gain of ground by the French in the railway triangle north of Rheims also must be looked upon as a move of great strategic value.

From their positions the French now are able to dominate with their guns the railway line over which the Germans have been bringing stores from the northeast through the town of Rehel and that line running northwestward across the Aisne toward Laon, which undoubtedly has been used since the retreat began for the removal of troops, guns and supplies.

Major General Graves To Lead U. S. Men Sent to Aid Russia

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 7.—First details of American military aid to be sent to Siberia for the protection of the rear of the Czech-Slovak forces were given today by General March. The chief of staff announced that Maj-Gen. William S. Graves will command the American forces, the nucleus of which will be two regiments of regulars from the Philippines.

General Graves now is in command of the eighth division at Camp Fremont, Cal.

Flat War Profits Tax Of 80 Per Cent Favored By Secretary McAdoo

Chicago, Aug. 7.—William McAdoo, secretary of the Treasury, tonight declared himself unreservedly in favor of a flat war profits tax of 80 per cent.

"The adoption of an 80 per cent war profits tax should render unnecessary, and I believe undesirable, an increase in the existing excess profits tax rate," he declared.

GERMANS DEFEATED IN FURIOUS ATTACKS ON ALLIES' NEW LINE

U. S. and French Troops Sweep Across Bridges Built Under Cover of Barrage, Push Back Enemy and Hold Positions Despite Frantic Efforts To Dislodge Them.

By Associated Press. With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne Front, Aug. 7.—Under an inferno of shrapnel and machine gun fire and waves of gas the Americans forced their way over the Vesle river last night and early this morning, while rain varying at times from a drizzle to a downpour drenched the battle field. French troops already have gained positions on the American left and the joint movement has straightened out the line from a point west of Bazoches to Fismes.

DRAFTED MEN ON WAY FOR DUTY IN TRAINING CAMP

Entertainment Given 108 Omaha Selects Before They Depart for California; Crowd Bids Goodby.

One hundred and eight Omaha men, selected for special training at Menlo park, California, were given an entertainment and grand farewell party last night by the Chamber of Commerce committee and by women of the Red Cross.

The men had luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce at 7 o'clock. The Red Cross distributed cigars, little French-speaking books and other gifts. Then the selects marched to the court house to listen to music by a band and singing by the community chorus. Patriotic and popular songs were played and sung. Addresses were made by Rev. William Spence, pastor of the Hanscom Park Methodist church, Miss Joy Higgin, who has returned recently from a survey of war conditions in France and England; by Mayor Smith and by Hon. Thomas J. Nolan.

These exercises lasted more than two hours. There was a large crowd present made up largely of the parents, families and friends of the departing men as well as other citizens. At 10:45 the march to the station began, the band heading the procession and the embryo soldiers being accompanied by several times their number of men and women. The boys had spent most of the day drilling around the streets of the city.

A contingent of men, from South Dakota, bound for the same camp, left on the same train with the Omahans.

Omaha Woman Quits Place With Red Cross Committee

Mrs. O. C. Redick Wednesday tendered her resignation as director of the important post of the bureau of auxiliary supplies and member of the executive committee of the Omaha chapter of the Red Cross, requesting an immediate acceptance.



MRS. O. C. REDICK. Of Omaha chapter. No action will be taken on her resignation until the board meeting Friday," he said.

Nineteen Killed, 20 Injured in Tropical Storm in Louisiana

Lake Charles, La., Aug. 7.—Nineteen persons were killed, 20 injured, some probably fatally, Genesee aviation field near here virtually demolished and other property damage estimated at thousands of dollars caused by the tropical hurricane which struck southwestern Louisiana, according to information that trickled in here tonight from the storm swept district.

Packer Cudahy's Nephew Arrested as a Slacker

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 7.—Gerald C. Cudahy, who told the police that he is a nephew of the Chicago packer of the same surname, was taken before a local draft board for a physical examination Wednesday afternoon after being arrested on a charge of being a slacker.

Foreclosure Against Men In Military Service Barred

Chicago, Aug. 7.—A decision setting the precedent for protecting men in military service from mortgage foreclosure was handed down today by Judge Theodore Windes in circuit court. According to the decision Private D. W. Newton, stationed at Camp Fremont, Cal., will not be compelled to pay the interest on a mortgage until three months after he has been discharged from military service.

Robber Makes Getaway With Suit for Huge Man

An unidentified thief, evidently of prodigious proportions, entered the residence of John Golding some time Wednesday morning and did take, steal and carry away one two-piece blue serge suit, size 40.