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THE WEATHER—
For Nebraska—Fair; cooler west and central portions.

3 a. m.	65	1 p. m.	80
6 a. m.	67	3 p. m.	82
9 a. m.	68	6 p. m.	84
12 m.	68	9 p. m.	86
3 p. m.	72	12 m.	87
6 p. m.	74	3 a. m.	88
9 p. m.	76	6 a. m.	89
12 m.	78	9 a. m.	91
3 p. m.	80	12 p. m.	94



CAVALRY RIDES THROUGH HOLES TORN IN HUN LINE

FISMETTE CAPTURED BY YANKS

Americans Cross River on Part of Bridge Under Fire and Overpower Germans Left in the Village.

By Associated Press. Paris, Aug. 9.—(Havas Agency.)—American troops have captured the village of Fismette on the north bank of the Vesle river, a short distance northwest of Fismes. With the village they took 100 prisoners.

With the American Army on the Vesle Front, Aug. 9.—Vicious but ineffectual thrusts were made last night and today by the Germans against the line west of Rheims. The net result was a smart repulse by the French, against whom the most determined attack was made, and the inclusion of the northern suburb of Fismes in the American line in addition to about 100 prisoners.

Throughout the night and day the operations in the Soissons-Rheims sector were characterized mostly by artillery fire, in which the Germans shifted their long range guns from time to time to reach villages and roads which they themselves traversed a week ago.

Cloudiness continued to interfere with aerial operations, although both sides were busier than during the past few days. Two German planes were brought down by the Americans.

The occupation of the northern suburb, separated from Fismes by the Vesle, took place after a terrific artillery bombardment which was begun yesterday. The village was virtually reduced when the order to advance was given today.

Rush Across River. The Americans rushed over the river, leaping, running and crawling across on the debris of a heavy bridge which was blown up by the Germans, its piers and other timbers so falling, however, as to make the ruins available.

In the village a rather weak resistance was encountered. The German force which had been left there had been unable to retreat to their own lines because of the heavy artillery fire and when brought in to the American lines, the majority were wounded. A great many of the defending force were killed.

A German lieutenant led a party of less than 30 men in a thrust against what probably appeared to be a weak point. A machine gun section caught the party under its fire and annihilated it.

The only general action today was when the French and Americans laid down a box barrage and carried out a reconnaissance. There was some belief that the Germans had withdrawn from a large part of this position and it was desired to learn if the enemy was still there. He was.

Five Nebraska Men Are Reported Killed in Battle in France

Two Nebraskans were reported killed in action in the casualty lists given out yesterday by the War Department, and one is reported missing.

Private Gilbert Sutherland of Mavale, with the army forces, was killed in action, as was Private James S. Hodges of Overton, enlisted in the marines. Private Henry Fuchrer of Emporia was reported missing.

Corporals Lester C. Cook of Albion, Lewis H. Robertson of Mason City, and Waldo H. Crosier of St. Edward, Neb., are reported killed in action.

Dutch Deputy Suggests Mediation by Holland

London, Aug. 9.—Rumors are current in Dutch political circles that Deputy Nolens intends to suggest to the new cabinet that it make an offer for mediation to both belligerent groups, according to Amsterdam dispatches to the Central News.

The Nieuwe Courant of the Hague warns the government against any such attempt, saying that it might bring Holland into difficulties with the group which does not desire mediation.

Paris Again Bombarded.

Paris, Aug. 9.—The Paris region was again under bombardment today from the German long range cannon.

Head French Red Cross Mission in Omaha.



GEN. PAUL M. C. G. PAU.

RED CROSS GIVES WELCOME HERE TO FRENCH MISSION

General Pau, Retired Army Officer of France, Greets Omaha Women; Kisses Their Hands.

Clad in an unpressed palm beach suit, soft collar, with his gray hair closely clipped, and with flowing prince imperial whiskers, General Gerald Pau, retired, of the French army, spent a half-hour in Omaha Friday afternoon.

General Pau, who is general president of the French Red Cross, is a member of the French military mission on its way to Australia. The head of the mission is M. Albert Metin, formerly French cabinet minister of labor and blockade.

When the train drew into the station, General Pau was not the least backward member of the French party to kiss the hands of several of the members of the Red Cross committee, which had met the commission. Major le Commandant F. X. D'Andre also distinguished himself by his osculatory performances. Miss Margaret Hennessey was his victim.

Purpose of the Mission. The purpose of the mission, so far as General Pau is concerned, is to thank the Australian commonwealth for the services which its army has rendered in France. The particular mission of Monsieur Andre is to (Continued on Page Two, Column Five.)

Wind Sweeps Strip of Country Mile Wide in Day County, S. D.

Aberdeen, S. D., Aug. 9.—A wind that approached cyclonic proportions swept a strip of country a mile wide across Day county tonight, leveling barns and hay stacks and doing much damage to grain in shock and standing. Most of the damage was between Andover and Bristol, 40 miles east of Aberdeen.

Reports of wrecked buildings were received from Vienna in Clark county, 50 miles south of Bristol.

Fargo, N. D., Aug. 9.—A high wind caused considerable damage to standing grain south of Moorhead, Minn., tonight. Slight damage in the vicinity of Fargo also was reported. A heavy rain, accompanied by hail, fell in Fargo.

Street Car Conductor Robbed by Two Negroes

J. J. Machal, 2612 South Twelfth street, conductor on an Alhambra street car, was held up by two negroes at 1 o'clock this morning and relieved of a changer containing \$5 and a 17-jewel Hamilton watch. George Hall, 18, 2119 Seward street, was rounded up and will be held for identification. Machal says he can easily recognize the holdups.

"Oh, Money! Money!"

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ALLIED TROOPS TAKE 17,000 PRISONERS AS THEY SWEEP OVER PICARDY PLAIN

Great Quantities of War Stores Captured and Heavy Casualties Inflicted; Germans Also Give Ground on Two Sectors in Flanders

By Associated Press. Over a curving front of more than 20 miles the British and French troops are continuing to sweep back the Germans eastward across the plains of Picardy from the region north of the Somme east of Morlancourt to the eastern bank of the Avre northwest of Montdidier.

As on the first day of the offensive, material progress was made Friday over the entire battle front. Many villages were captured; the bag of prisoners was largely increased; numerous guns and great quantities of war stores were taken and heavy casualties were inflicted. The losses of the Anglo-French forces are relatively small.

To the allied forces there have fallen 17,000 German prisoners and between 200 and 300 guns, many of them of heavy caliber, and innumerable machine guns, trench mortars and kindred small weapons.

Huns Fall Back in Flanders. To the north of the Picardy theater the Germans also have given ground on two important sectors—on the Lys salient, northwest of La Bassee, and in the region southwest of Ypres, north of Kemmel. On the Lys sector territory over a front of more than seven miles was evacuated by the enemy, while to the north of Kemmel the British advanced their line over a front exceeding 1,000 yards.

These maneuvers seemingly indicate the Germans either considered their ground insecure or that Crown Prince Rupprecht's army has been materially decreased in strength to rush reinforcements to the battle zones where the German armies in the south are being sorely harassed.

German Flanks Give Way. After the British had penetrated the Picardy salient to a depth of nearly 13 miles in the center toward the important railroad junction of Chaulnes, the northern and southern flanks of the battle front gave way before the pressure respectively of the British and French.

On the north the British captured Morlancourt and pressed on eastward, while on the south, northwest of Montdidier, Pierrepont, Contoire and Arvillers were taken by the French, who drove in their wedge to a distance of more than eight and one-half miles.

The tanks, armored cars and cavalry are still working throughout the entire region, while airplanes are soaring far behind the lines, bombing transport and troop movements and also paying particular attention to the bridges over the Somme by which the enemy is endeavoring to escape.

Montdidier Salient in Peril. With the new turn of events Montdidier is in an unfavorable position with the allies hammering away crossfire at the Germans holding it and with the only railroad leading into the town also under their guns. A forced evacuation of the town seems possible. With further pressure eastward and northward the entire Montdidier salient may have to be abandoned.

Liberty Bonds Above Par. New York, Aug. 9.—Liberty 3 1/2 per cent bonds sold at 100.02 on the stock exchange today, the rise above par probably being influenced by the favorable war news. This is the highest price paid this year for this issue.

Mob Pursues Man Caught Tampering With Auto Lock

Charles Richardson was arrested in the doorway of a Sixteenth street tailoring establishment Friday where he had taken refuge to escape a pursuing mob. He was committed to jail.

It may be possible, the police say, that Richardson is a member of an organized gang that has been stealing automobiles during the past three months. In the hope that they can force him to talk, and give them a tangible clue to work on, Richardson will be held without bail while he is being investigated.

It is alleged that Richardson attempted to steal a car belonging to P. J. Gibbon, 605 Omaha National bank.

Working on the Lock. Gibbon's car was parked at the curb on the east side of the court house near Farnam street. When first seen Richardson was in the car working on the lock with a monkey wrench. His actions aroused the suspicions of "Jack" Light, proprietor of a barbershop nearby.

"What are you doing there?" asked Light as he stepped up to the front end of the car. Richardson made no reply but leaped from the car and started on a run south on Seventeenth street.

Raising an alarm of "thief," Light started after him. By the time they reached Harney street a big crowd was in pursuit. Richardson made his way to Sixteenth street, followed by a crowd of several persons. He was captured by Light and J. H. Grimm of Blair, and turned over to Sergeant Rose.

Cries of "Lynch him!" "Put him in jail and keep him there!" "Don't let him out on \$500 bonds!" were shouted at Sergeant Rose, and he had almost to fight to protect the prisoner from the mob.

Retreat of Germans Reaches Proportions of Rout in Places

Washington, Aug. 9.—The startling rapidity of the British-French advance in Picardy, coupled with new successes in Flanders and on the Vesle, produced an impression among some army officers that a decisive moment, perhaps the final battle, was approaching.

The German high command seemed to stand face to face with a vital decision. Either his reserves must be rushed in and a pitched battle risked, or all he has gained at staggering cost abandoned and a withdrawal begun without delay.

The French and British have gone ahead with such rapidity in Picardy that the German retreat must have reached the proportions of a rout in places. The whole bottom of the great Picardy salient has been flattened out in two days. If he is forced to withdraw, the last menace to Paris will be removed.

BAKER WOULD DEFER CALL OF YOUTHS OF 18

Rules Which Would Take Care of Classification in New Draft Favored by Secretary of War.

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 9.—New draft regulations under which the government would do the selecting, rather than leaving it to the registrant, are under consideration by the War Department. This was disclosed today by Secretary Baker after he had appeared before the senate military committee to urge prompt enactment of the new selective service act extending the age limits to include all men between the ages of 18 and 45.

The war secretary made it plain that he is not satisfied with the present system under which the registrant must claim deferred classification, as many men with dependents hesitate for patriotic reasons to make such a claim. In this connection Mr. Baker said he was inclined to the opinion that the marriage relation will in itself constitute deferred classification.

No Change in Work or Fight Order. What Mr. Baker has in mind is to lay down a set of questions which the registrant would answer and then have rules which would take care of the classification. He is understood to regard this as the fair and equitable system.

The discussion on the draft ages before the senate committee, Mr. Baker said, followed much the same lines taken by General March, chief of staff, and Provost Marshal General Crowder. The committee, he added, did not indicate any disposition to question the necessity for the change, which is urged so that the War Department can quickly secure the men necessary to win the war.

Alex Bloomquist Drowned in Carter Lake While Bathing

Alex Bloomquist, 32, 1317 South Twenty-seventh street, was drowned in Carter lake near the old red ice house at 10 o'clock. As midnight the body had not been recovered.

Bloomquist was interested in the A. V. Harmon Co., 612 South Thirtieth street. He and Harmon, both in bathing suits, were boating and swimming. While in a shallow part of the lake their boat drifted away and Bloomquist started after it. Harmon heard a splash and feeble cries for help, but owing to the darkness was unable to locate his partner.

Mrs. Bloomquist and their two little children were at the park at the time of the drowning.

National Party Filings. Pierre, S. D., Aug. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Under the title of national party on the last day for such filings, W. T. Rafferty of Watertown, filed as a candidate for United States senator, J. D. Wiff of Freeman for congress in the First district, and Knute Lewis, Lake Preston, for governor. The names all went on the independent list.

Horsemen Working Far Back Toward Somme; Tanks and Armored Cars Running Over Country and Cleaning Way For The Infantry

By Associated Press. London, Aug. 9.—Fighting was still continuing between the Anglo-French forces and the Germans southeast of Amiens, according to the British official communication received from Field Marshal Haig this evening. The general line of Pierrepont, Arvillers, Rosieres, Rainecourt and Morcourt had been attained by the allied troops.

The official communication also says that 17,000 prisoners and between 200 and 300 guns have been captured on the Somme-Ancre front.

Paris, Aug. 9.—The official communication from the war office tonight says that the British and French troops continued their advance today and won new victories after breaking the enemy's resistance. The French troops took 4,000 prisoners, besides a great quantity of war materials, and captured several important towns on the southern end of the battle zone.

Cavalry in Action. With the British Army in France, Aug. 9.—The British and French divisions have gained more ground in the great battle ragn in the Amiens-Somme district. The latest reports appear to show that the Germans are retiring now in great haste.

The scenes on the battle ground over which the allies already have passed gave evidence of this haste in abandoned guns, stores, and even regimental and artillery maps and papers.

Aerial observers report large streams of transports and men hurrying eastward in full retreat. Beaucourt fell to the allied forces this morning and Lequesnel also was taken after hot all-night fighting.

Allied cavalrymen have been operating for more than 24 hours. They rode through great holes torn in the German line by the infantry. Today was ideal for their operations, being clear and sunny.

The cavalry is working far back toward the Somme and is still rounding up villages, while tanks and armored cars are running over the country, clearing a way for the troops or killing horses drawing enemy supplies. The drivers of motor trucks and lorries are chasing parties of Germans here and there, scattering them or running them to earth.

Great Work Done by Cars. The details of some of the work of these armored cars show that they have performed valiant service. One of them ran into a town yesterday while a German corps was having lunch. It turned its guns through the corps' quarter windows, killed some of the staff and then chased others who escaped from the house. At Rosieres another car set an enemy train on fire.

A group of cars met, far inside the enemy lines, a German supply column and halted it. Four mounted German officers came up to see what the trouble was and were shot from the cars, which then proceeded to make quick work of the column.

At Framerville the cars engaged a train loaded with the enemy and finally set it on fire. Tanks entered this town soon afterward, help the armored cars clean it up, and then hoisted flags on the roof of the building which had been German corps headquarters. One car met a high German officer riding in an automobile along the road. The officer was killed and his machine captured.

Enemy Snipers Busy. All along the line this afternoon snipers and isolated machine gun bullets (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

Auto Manufacturers Told to Get on 100 Per Cent War Basis

Washington, Aug. 9.—Manufacturers of passenger automobiles were advised today by the war industries board to get on a 100 per cent war basis for their plants before January 1, 1919. In a letter addressed to the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, responding to its proposal for a voluntary 50 per cent curtailment of passenger car production, the board says the manufacturers can be sure of continuing their industry and preserve their organizations only by converting to war orders.

Roosevelt's Vacation Ends. Dark Harbor, Me., Aug. 9.—Former President Roosevelt brought his vacation on the Maine coast to a close today after a visit of two weeks with his daughter, Mrs. Richard Derby. With Mrs. Roosevelt he left for New York.

Field Marshal Foch 'In Great Good Humor'

Paris, Aug. 9.—(Havas Agency)—Those who have met Marshal Foch in the last few days are unanimous in declaring that he is in great good humor, according to La Liberté.

Premier Clemenceau, who dined with the marshal yesterday, said he found him radiant, and looking 20 years younger than when he had last seen him.

U. S. TAKES OVER FOUR MORE ENEMY OWNED CONCERNS

Printers' Ink, Colors and Chemicals, Lead Pencil, Bronze Powder Plants to Be Auctioned.

New York, Aug. 9.—Seizure of four more enemy owned corporations with a total capitalization in excess of \$2,000,000 was announced here today by A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian, after a conference with the Washington advisory committee of the selling branch of his department.

The companies which will be sold under the supervision of Joseph F. Guffey, sales manager, at public auction and with the approval of the advisory committee, are:

The Berger and Wirth company of Brooklyn, manufacturers of printers' and lithographers' inks.

The G. Siegle company of Rosebank, S. I., manufacturers and importers of colors and chemicals.

A. W. Faber of Newark, N. J., manufacturer of lead pencils and stationery supplies.

George Benda of Boonton, N. J., manufacturer of bronze powders, a branch of the concern of the same name in Fuerth, Bavaria.

Italian Airplanes Drop Manifestoes in Vienna

Rome, Aug. 9.—A squadron of Italian airplanes, commanded by Capt. Gabriele D'Annunzio, has flown over Vienna and dropped manifestoes. The planes were not molested.

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