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For Nebraska - Unsettled Saturday and Sunday; showers.

LE ON 50-MILE FRONT DISASTROUS TO GERMANS

DRAFT AGE LIMITS OF 18 AND 45 YEARS UPHELD BY HOUSE

Amendment to Man-Power Bill Directing Separate Classification and Delayed Call of Youths Rejected by Vote of 167 to 120 at Close of Day of Vigorous Debate.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Aug. 23 .- Champions of the house military committee's plan to direct the War department to defer calling of youtns 18 and 19 years until older men have joined the colors under the man power bill extending draft ages limits to 18 and 45 years lost their initial fight in the house late today and the way was paved for the passage of the bill by the house to-

In the senate disposal of minor amendments caused leaders week-end adjournment tomorrow.

ert Storz Meet in Coilision;

Auto Hits Motorcycle;

Another Smashup.

Seven persons were injured in auto

accidents last night within a period

George Hayden, 140 South Thirty-

ninth street; Ruth Carson and Fred

another car driven by Harlan Weigel,

423 North Thirty-fourth street, at

the intersection of Twenty-seventh

and Harney streets. The Storz motor

was being driven east in Harney

street, and Weigel's car was moving

Three Seriously Hurt.

Miss Carson suffered a deep lacera-

tion on the back of her head and

minor bruises about her body; Hatch-

er suffered a number of small abra-

sions on his arms and neck. Hayden

taken to the Nicholas Senn hospital,

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Throwers in Effort

By Associated Press.

With the American Army on the

Vesle Front, Aug. 23.-The Germans

morning in an endeavor to check a

local attack west of Fismes. The

killing a number of Germans and put

ting others to flight, and straighten-

ing the line north of the Vesle, ac-

The American batteries put over a

cording to plans.

Germans Use Flame

was injured so seriously that he was

south on Twenty-seventh street.

of four hours.

At the close of a day of vigorous de-O Kenzie of Illinois, written into the bill by the military committee directing separate classification and delactions. call of youths from 18 to 20. Amendments by Representatives Johnson of Washington and Blackman of Ala-bama to fix the draft age minimum at 19 and 21 years, respectively, also were defeated.

Dramatic Touches Given Debate. Dramatic touches were given the Cars of Harlan Weigel and Robdebate in the house by Representative Tilson of Connecticut, who amid cheers called upon four marines in the galleries to stand in evidence that youths of 18 make excellent soldiers. This was after Representative Johnson of Washington had presented a small 18-year-old page in a soldier's coat and trench helmet, to support his claim that 18-year-olds are mere Representative Olney of Massachusetts aroused the patriotism of the house members during the Hatcher, 2571 St. Mary's avenue, debate by declaring British and suffered severe bruises when an au-French officers conceded that it was tomobile driven by Robert Storz, the American marines who at Cha- 3708 Farnam street, collided with teau Thierry stopped the German rush in July and saved Paris.

Wilson Opposes Changes.

Plans for a final vote on the measure in the house tonight were lost in the midst of a wrangle over an amendment by Representative Madden of Illinois, prohibiting deferred classification of government employes because of their employment Before a vote could be taken a motion to adjourn was carried and the amendment with several others of a minor nature went over until tomorrow

President Wilson in a conference with Senators Martin and Simmons exerted his influence to have the amendments placing restrictions on the calling of youths of 18 and 19 defeated. The president also was understood to have informed the senators that in his opinion the "work or fight" amendment as reported in the bill to the senate was unnecessary.

Senators Lodge of Massachusetts and Thomas of Colorado made the principal speeches today in the senate in behalf of the bill, the latter supporting his work or fight amendment and saying it casts no reflection on organized labor but is aimed at industrial slackers.

Representative Black of Texas gave notice in the house that he would introduce tomorrow a work or fight amendment similar to that incorporated in the senate draft of the bill.

Congressmen Included.

The house agreed to an amendment by Representative Gregg of Texas, which would make members of congress and of state legislatures as well as state and federal executive officers (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

Corporal Brandes Of Omaha Wounded; One Nebraskan Dead

Corp. Adolph H. Brandes of Omaha is reported wounded severely in the casualty list issued for publication this morning. His residence is given as 916 South Twenty-fifth street. Corp. Buff E. Melton of North Bend, Neb., died of his wounds.

names of Private George Chaffey, come for a glorious harvest. Hebron, Neb., and Private Alfred C

Vreim, Wilmot, S. D., wounded, California and Florida

TWO BRITISH ARMIES SWEEP BACK ENEMY

Wide Stretches Crossed Between Cojeul River Taking of Achiet and Bihucourt Gives Haig Domination and Lihons; Storms of Metal Mow Down Masses of Men Thrown in by Rupprecht in Vain Effort to Stem Onrush

By Associated Press.

With the British Army in France, Aug. 23.—Victorious on a battle front extending from the Cojeul river on the north, across the Ancre and Somme rivers alto hope that the measure could be passed there also before the most to Lihons, the Third and Fourth British armies under Generals Byng and Rawlinson at mid-afternoon were vigorously following up their successes of today, which apparently has been one of the most disastrous days ever experienced by ALL SIBERIA NOW

The enemy has lost wide stretches of ground, numerous towns, thousands of men made prisoner and large quantities of materials and guns. He also again has had heavy casualties.

Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, the German commander, has thrown his men in before the advancing British armies in an effort to stave off the inevitable, but only to have them mowed down again and again by storms of metal which poured from the British guns. One entire enemy battalion was annihilated.

Dead Germans in great numbers are scat Pish apparently hold Boiry-Becquerelle and tered everywhere over the battlefield. As an Boyelles and have passed beyond the Arrasexample, 400 enemy dead were observed this Bapaume road. morning on one small piece of ground over

which the battle had swept.

DISASTROUS FOR GERMANS.

With all this fierce fighting and notwith- reached Hamelincourt and are pushing on tostanding the fact that the British at many places have fought over open ground against planes reported that British tanks had crossed an enemy protected in "pot holes" and strong points of other kinds, the British losses everywhere seem to have been extraordinarily light. This probably is due to the confusion the Germans find reigning behind their lines as they are fighting a losing battle which for them hourly grows more disastrous.

Crown Prince Rupprecht today had strengthened his line at many places, but this. instead of stopping the British, simply meant that the Germans suffered bigger losses.

During the night and this morning the front upon which the battle was being fought yesterday was widened appreciably both to the north and the south, while the ground in the middle between Albert and Beaucourt-Sur-Ancre, To Check Americans which neretofore had been fairly quiet, suddenly was drawn into the whirl.

PASS ARRAS-BAPAUME ROAD.

From the northern edge of the battlefield employed hand grenades and flame to the south the situation at last reports seemed throwers against the Americans this to be as follows: New attacks from the River ing 500 in the town of Gommecourt alone, they Cojeul and south carried the British across the Americans used their rifles effectively, Albert Arras railroad embankment. The Brit-

> Eighty-three Americans in Young Men Twenty-one Canadian Casualties Lists

Ottawa, Aug. 23.-Names of 83 barrage before the infantrymen went Americans appear in the Canadian forward. A detachment of German casualties list issued here today. Of infantry tried to head off the attack- the 1,992 members of the Canadian ing Americans, but the latter were expeditionary force listed, 249 were too much for the enemy. About 12 killed in action, 46 died of wounds,

American Troops May Be Concentrating for Attack Opinion at Washington

dispatches telling of the great allied offensive on the 50-mile front stretch-Private Raymond A. Garland, Ger- ing from Soissons northward to the not been identified in the capture of mantown, Neb., is reported as having environs of Arras raised hopes in mil- some of the important enemy p itary circles here for the most se- sitions overrun during the day. Private Henry S. Fisher. Hast- vere defeat yet administered to the cent evidence of the mettle of Per ngs. Neb., and Private Willima E. Germans. Observers were of the shing's forces made it certain, it was Patience, Imogene, Ia., are in the list opinion that General Foch's whittling believed, that if American divisions tactics of the past six weeks have were with the allied troops their lo-In the marine caualyt list are the been so effective that opportunity has cality tonight would be the apex of

Absence of any mention of Amerition as to the whereabouts of General American army is under way. Tourist Fares Established Pershing's 30 divisions which, according to recent announcement, are to be United States divisions on the all Washington, Aug. 23 .- Round-trip included in the first American field American front when the forward tourist fares to California and Flor- army. That practically all of these movement of the more northern arida 10 per cent lower than double the units have completed the training for mies promises so much might mean one-way fare were ordered estab- which they were brigaded with the General Foch has assigned to Perlished today by the railroad adminis- French and British has been known shing some important task closely

Washington, Aug. 23.-Almost un- | It has been thought a considerable varying success described in today's number of the Americans are still the advance.

Some advanced the theory the can troops in the descriptions of the movement of American divisions to great fight led to interested specula- the sector assigned to the first

linked with the major strategy.

Since June 5 Register

All men who have become 21 years of age since June 5, last, must register for military service today. It is estimated that there are 200 of them.

Draft board members say that most of the men who register today will be well qualified for army ser-

The boys will be given their registering and will fill them out at once. Those with dependants, and wishing to claim exemption, are urged to bring their dependants with them, as they will be needed in filling out the information blank. Registration will be at the six local exemption board headquarters.

Lieutenant Verdier, American Aviator, Killed in Action

With the American Army on the Vesle Front, Aug. 23.-Lieut. Louis Verdier, formerly head of the Lafayette flying squadron, a brother of Paul Verdier of San Francisco, has een killed in action according to inormation received here

Are You Reading Oh, Money! Money! By ELEANOR H. PORTER Author of "Pollyanna" and

"Just David" Today's Installment on Page 7.

Pepe Confers His Blessing

The troops just to the south, who for two

days had been fighting for and afterwards

from the embankment, stormed forward and

ward Ervillers, St. Leger and Croisilles. Air-

some infantry was reported to be less than

1,000 yards west of Ervillers some hours ago.

DOUBLE STRENGTH, BUT LOSE.

Germans had disappeared from their positions

northwest of St. Leger and between that town

and Hamelincourt and that the fighting British

fer more here, where they have met with some

of their heaviest losses, decided to get out. This

locality was one of the places where the Ger-

CAPTURE 500 IN GOMMECOURT.

the night, when strong British forces assailed

Gommecourt just a few minutes before the

Germans had anticipated launching an attack.

Gommecourt was British at daylight. As it hap-

pened, the British upset all the enemy plans

and, after killing many Germans and captur-

went on They are pushing ahead steadily.

The fighting south of this region began in

found time to cheer heartily.

mans had doubled their strength.

At about that time an airplane reported the

Apparently the Germans, rather than suf-

With Exemption Boards dict has conferred his blessing on the

New York, Aug. 23.-Pope Bene-

Knights of Columbus because of their war relief work, according to a message from Rome received here today James A. Flaherty, supreme

TOMMIES CAPTURE STRONGLY DEFENDED **POSITIONS BY STORM**

Over Bapaume; Gains Made by French in Envelopment of Noyon; German Lines in Somme Salient Put in Jeopardy.

By Associated Press.

Over the 50-mile battlefront from the region of Arras to the north of Soissons the German armies are meeting with defeats which apparently spell disaster. Everywhere the British and French forces have continued on the attack the enemy has

To the British, over the 30 miles of the fighting zone from the Cojeul river southeast of Arras to Lihons, south of the Somme, numerous towns have fallen. Enemy territory has been

> of Soissons. Goodly gains have been made in the envelopment of Novon and in the general maneuver which

seeks to crush or drive out the Ger-

mans from the salient between the

Somme and the Ailette and to put in-

to jeopardy the entire German line

Onrush Irresistible.

inforcements to stay Haig's armies, but without avail. Where they were

able momentarily to hold back their

oncoming foes the Germans finally

were forced to cede the ground. For

their temerity they paid a terrible price in killed, wounded and men

The entire Arras-Albert road has been crossed by the British. The

strongly held positions where the Germans saw disaster facing them if

they fell, were stormed and captured

and the British passed them going

eastward. Notable among these places were Achiet LeGrand, where

oitter fighting has been in progress

for several days; Boyelles and

Closing in On Bapaume.

The taking of Achiet and farther

east of the town of Bihucourt gives

Haig a dominating position over Bapamue from which the railway and

highway runs eastward to Cambrai. Farther south the old fortress of

Thiepvale is surrounded on three

sides and its capitulation must fol-

Friday night saw the British stand-

ing well to the east of Albert, and

south of the Somme they were hold-

had thrown out forces eastward to outflank Bray on the south and

Midway of the battle line south of

the Somme around Roye, there has

been little fighting the allied com-

mander evidently reasoning that with both wings of his offensive-near

Arras and Soissons-working smooth-

ly in the movement which is likely to

compel the Germans to seek refuge

behind the old Hindenburg line,

ground soon will have to be given

here automatically in order to save

large numbers of men, guns and sup-

Chaulnes on the north.

ing Chuignolles and Chuignes and

Gommecourt, notheast of Albert,"

The Germans brought up large re-

running to Rheims.

made prisoner.

penetrated to a depth of several miles. The French are fighting between the Matz river and the territory north

Regimes at Omsk and Vladivostok in Full Accord; Bolsheviki Control Only a Small District.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Aug. 23.-Assurances reached the State department today that the anti-bolshevik governments at Omsk and Vladivostok are in full accord, which, officials said, meant that all Siberia virtually is under one government with a small portion near Irkutsk controlled by bolshevik forces aided by former German and the road between Ervillers and St. Leger, while

Austrian prisoners. The agreement between the two governments was considered by officials here one of the most important developments in the Russian tangle since the overthrow of the Kerensky

government. The first difficulty the Siberian governments have to face is the eradication of the bolshevik red guards and the Austro-German prisoners of war now fighting side by side. They control the trans-Siberian railroad from Irkutz on Lake Baikal to Manchuria station about 200 miles from Karimskaya where the Amur river line branches off to the north. Troops of the allies aided by the Czecho-Slovaks control the Manchurian line from Vladivostok to Manchuria sta

The bolsheviki and prisoners on the Ussuri river are not considered here as formidable as they have little to gain even if victorious. Their hope is to get as far south as Nikolsk, about 40 miles west of Vladivostok, thus cutting off Vladivostok from the Manchurian railroad,, but even if they succeed in this it will not interfere with the sending of allied troops westward to aid the Czeche and Japanese in fighting the bolsheviki from Manchuriato Karimskaya, as the road On Knights of Columbus from Port Arthur will still be open

to them. When the allied troops reach Karimskaya, it is pointed out here, they will cut off the bolsheviki along

the Amur river branch of the rail road from their comrades between Karimskaya and Irkutsk. points have forded the Ailette and the "Everything Going Well" Oise and north of Soissons are stand-

the American Army

paper men in the spacious salon of ready to go-on." an old chateau, where there is more sort of promise. It is useless to necessary to hold them back." make promises that may give rise

realties count.'

offensive began in July.

One correspondent having referred to the French soldiers the marshal France, Aug. 23.—"Everything is going well. We have begun our action and we shall continue," said say will never be too much. They are tion and we shall continue," said Marshal Foch to the war correspondents today.

say will never be too much. They are made. It is probable that they have been moved to some other in the lief and without rest. We can ask where Marshal Foch contemplates The marshal received the news- anything of them; they are always

Word From Marshal Foch

"You may tell the American peo business than luxury. The most con- ple that their soldiers are admirable,' picuous objects in the room were said Marshal Foch to the correspond he military maps on the wall. Ad- ent of The Associated Press: "They vancing to meet his visitors with ask nothing better than to go to their simple cordiality, the marshal said: death. They can be reproached only "Realties are far better than any with rushing ahead too fast-it is

Referring to the British troops, map, pointed out the recent gains of Reminded of a previous occasion Field Marshal Haig's men and said:

plies from capture. German Position Precarious. With the continuation of the French drive from the Matz river around the bend in the line to the north of Soissons, however, particularly north of Soissons, the Germans still within the lower portion of the old salient apparently are on dangerous grounds. The French are engaged in their drive in this region. They have crossed the Divette river near Evricourt and at several other

ing east of Bagneux and to the west! of Crecy Au Mont. A swift turning movement across the Oise from the latter region would be likely to work Although the Americans at the commencement of the Somme offensive were brigaded with the British along the northern bank of the Somme, no mention of their having taken part in the fighting has been

Beet Growers Blame Federal Food Head for Sugar Lack

another smash.

Salt Lake City, Aug. 23.- Pesponsibility for the sugar shortage in Utah and Idaho and for failure to establish a sugar beet commission in those two states is placed upon the shoulders of to exaggerated hopes. Nothing but Marshal Foch turned again to the W. W. Armstrong, federal tood administrator for Utah; J. M. Brock. representative of the sugar division of when he said that the German wave "You see they are fighting well just the federal food administration and J. had been broken, Marshal Foch re- now, in this burning heat. Their W. Jones, representing the United plied: "Well, now it is retiring; see ardor is unfailing. They ask nothing States Department of Agriculture, in for yourselves." Walking to a map better than to march ahead, as you a volume authorized by the Interon the wall he pointed out the prog- may see from those black marks on mountain Association of Sugar Beet ress made by the allies since the the map which shows where they are Growers, which came off the press