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THE WEATHER—	
Fair and slightly warmer Sunday, Monday cooler.	
Thermometer readings:	
5 a. m. 67	1 p. m. 86
6 a. m. 67	2 p. m. 87
7 a. m. 68	3 p. m. 88
8 a. m. 69	4 p. m. 89
9 a. m. 70	5 p. m. 90
10 a. m. 71	6 p. m. 91
11 a. m. 72	7 p. m. 92
12 m. 73	8 p. m. 93



BRAY CAPTURED BY BRITISH; AMERICANS ENTER BATTLE

AIRCRAFT PROGRAM LAGGING

Of 350 Squadrons Needed to Win War Only 13 Are Now in France; Pilots Waiting for Planes.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Aug. 24.—America's aircraft program for the great army that is counted upon to win the war next year calls for 350 complete squadrons of planes, and the man part of the program already is ahead of schedule, with 3,000 pilots trained.

This information, given by Major General Kenly, chief of the division of military aeronautics, and many other facts hitherto held secret were disclosed today when the senate committee made public testimony taken behind closed doors during three months of investigating by the aviation subcommittee headed by Senator Thomas of Colorado.

273 Machines in France.
General Kenly told the committee there are now 13 American airplane squadrons of 273 machines now in France, whereas there should be 175 squadrons.

Witnesses Speak Plainly.
General Kenly and other officers in fact all of the witnesses apparently gave their statements with what Senator Reed characterized at one stage as "brutal frankness," all being examined secretly and apparently without considering the possibility of the publicity now given. Personal criticisms were voiced with freedom.

Stops Spad Manufacture.
General Kenly and other officers confirmed reports that General Pershing stopped manufacture of Spad machines last year and recently had criticised several of the De Havilland models forwarded.

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Two thousand harvest workers are needed at once in North Dakota.

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Nebraska Slow to Approve Increase in Express Rates.
Washington, Aug. 24.—Modifications of express charges for short hauls within the so-called "first zone" now being worked out by the railroad administration probably will result in increases in rates on fruit, produce and other materials shipped into cities from adjoining localities.

Famous Army Aviators to Thrill Omaha by Flights Over City Next Saturday

Commissioner Manley of the Chamber of Commerce will go to Kansas City tonight to make final arrangements with the British and American aviators who will be in Omaha next Saturday to do all sorts of stunts in their big machines.

The aviators are making a tour of the central cities of the United States to give the people a knowledge of the different types of airplanes used and the kind of tactics used in air battles. They will make flights in Kansas City Monday, Thence they will fly to Des Moines, where they will give exhibitions Thursday. Then they will rise and fly to Omaha in an hour or two of time, alighting on the Field club field probably Friday morning.

The appearance of a dozen or more airplanes over Omaha in all sorts of thrilling maneuvers will occur next Saturday and will be the greatest and most spectacular sight, it is said, that Omaha has ever witnessed.

People will be here from hundreds of miles around to see this greatest of "free shows."

The flights here will be designed to show what sort of work, bombing planes, battle planes, scout planes and others do in the air. One of the wonders will be a squadron of six planes of the type J. N. 6H (what ever that means) which will fly over the city in battle formation, controlled by wireless from the ground.

Among the entertainments arranged for the distinguished arm of the party will be a public affairs luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce either Friday or Saturday noon. Some of the party will make addresses.

Maj. C. K. Rhinehardt is in command of the party, which consists of two British and about a dozen American aviators. Accompanying the party as guest of honor will be Brig-Gen. Charles Lee, a veteran British aviator, now head of the British Aviation mission to the United States.

Automobile Accidents Cause Injuries to Two Men Saturday Night.
Just after he had alighted from a street car at Sixteenth and Dodge streets, Charles Dixon, 1823 Lake street, was struck by an automobile operated by Max Osler, an auto mechanic, 1618 North Twenty-fifth street.

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MAJ. C. K. RHINEHARDT.

FLIGHT SURGEON WILLIAM R. REAM KILLED BY FALL

Was Formerly Practicing Physician at Walthill, Neb.; Fatal Plunge Due to Stalling of Engine.

St. Louis, Aug. 24.—Major William R. Ream, of San Diego, Cal., flight surgeon of the British-American "flying circus," which started early today from Indianapolis to St. Louis, was killed when an airplane piloted by Lieut. Wesley Benner, of Metuchen, N. J., fell 150 feet at Effingham, Ill., at 10 a. m. Lieutenant Benner suffered a compound fracture of a leg and internal injuries. His condition is reported serious.

Other airplanes are reported to have landed safely near Effingham, 101 miles east of St. Louis, after the accident. Attempts to reach St. Louis today were abandoned.

Special Service for Women Entering Missionary Field.
Rev. F. W. Leavitt will give a commissioning service at the First Central Congregational church Sunday for Miss Anna Lane, 4314 South Twenty-third street, who leaves in the near future for Peking, China.

Temperance Union Will Quilt for Belgian Relief.
The North Side W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. C. J. Schmidt, 3342 Lafayette avenue, Wednesday, to make a quilt for the Belgian relief. Members and friends are requested to come early, bringing needle, thimble, thread and a bundle of quilt pieces.

MAN POWER BILL PASSED BY 336 TO 2

Final Effort to Place 19-Year-Old Boys in Deferred Class Defeated by Vote of 191 to 146.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The new man power bill extending the selective draft to all men between the ages of 18 and 45 years was passed by the house tonight with only minor changes in the original draft of the War department.

On the first roll call only two negative votes were cast—by Representative London of New York, the socialist, and Representative Gordon of Ohio, democrat. The final vote was announced as 336 to 2.

The final vote was preceded by three days' debate, during which the chief contention was an amendment to defer the calling of youths from 18 to 20 years until older men had been summoned.

A final effort was made by Chairman Dent today to place the 18-year-old boys in a deferred class, but a motion to recommit the bill to the military affairs committee with instructions to incorporate that amendment was lost, 191 to 146.

Does Now Go to Senate.
The bill now goes to the senate, where leaders tonight predicted its passage early next week. The senate plans to substitute the house bill for the measure favorably reported by the military committee of that body and thus expedite its final enactment.

Congressmen Excepted.
The house today reversed its action of yesterday in voting to include members of congress in the draft. By a rising vote, 89 to 143, it defeated an amendment by Representative Gregg of Texas, which would make members of congress, state legislatures and federal and state executive officers liable to draft.

More Than Two Hundred Omaha Boys Register For Military Service.
More than 200 men who have attained majority since June 5 registered for military service in Omaha Saturday.

Are You Reading Oh, Money! Money!
By ELEANOR H. PORTER
Author of "Pollyanna" and "Just David"
Today's Installment on Page 9.

GERMANS RATTLED BY STURDY BLOWS OF HAIG'S ARMIES

Staggering Enemy in State of Confusion as Result of Loss of Important Positions in Thiepval Salient; British Mow Down New Divisions Thrown Into Fighting; Continue Victorious Advance.

By Associated Press.
With the British Army in France, Aug. 24.—Field Marshal Haig's fighting armies achieved further victories today. They delivered blow after blow to the staggering enemy, who in some places, such as the Thiepval salient, was reported to be in a state of great confusion.

Thiepval itself, a mighty position atop a high hill from which the surrounding country for miles is under observation, has been occupied and the British line has been straightened between Grandcourt and La Boisselle.

Miraumont, that boche position which has held out for days in the center of the battle front, is gradually being surrounded. The town is choked with German dead and many living Germans may be captured there shortly.

FALL OF BAPAUME IMMINENT.
In the advance on Bapaume village the village of Avesnes-Bapaume, just at the edge of the larger town, has been reached. It seems certain that Bapaume will fall, but more heavy fighting is expected. British troops have advanced to a point north of Morey and have also entered Croiselles, which is some miles east of the Arras-Bapaume road and probably marks the peak of the advance eastward in the northern battle zone.

There has also been fighting north of the river Scarpe and the British have penetrated the old German front line for more than 500 yards. The British attacked Givenchy and recovered the old front line from which they retired during an attack last evening.

Every Yard Contested.
While Field Marshal Haig's men pressed forward with mighty strides on the main battle front today, they had to fight for every yard of ground. Considerable numbers of guns and prisoners have been captured all along the line and the British have again inflicted the heaviest possible casualties on the enemy. The ground over which the battle has been fought was invariably littered with dead Germans.

Still fighting a losing battle, the Germans are unquestionably becoming disorganized and rattled. Officers who have been taken prisoner have mentioned recent reverses, and especially the defeat which is now being suffered and said that Germany was willing to give anything for peace.

These statements are of value only as showing how the German army is coming to look upon the war now going against them.

New German divisions continue to arrive in the zone, only to be stood up before the advancing British and mowed down. While they have been able to check, in a measure, the allies, they have been unable to stay their continuous forward movement.

There are stories of less than a dozen men being left in some of the German companies which have participated in the recent fighting. Soldiers themselves generally are having lost faith in the higher command, while noncommissioned officers attributed the defeats to the inefficiency of the German air service, and more especially to the presence of many untrained recruits in the older divisions. Some are said to have deserted while on the way to the front to participate in the battle.

American Gunners Rush Into Battle When Under Orders to Remain in the Rear.
London, Aug. 24.—How a detachment of American machine gunners managed to take part in the recent fighting on the British front is told in a letter from an officer commanding a Canadian machine gun section. The letter says:

"We had a large number of American machine gunners attached to our section for instruction. When orders for the attack came, our colonel, who regarded the Americans as insufficiently trained for participation, issued strict orders to the Americans to remain behind during the attack. We were well across into German territory when suddenly Americans appeared in the thick of the fray on the right flank. They had been left behind, according to orders, but remained only about two minutes and then took matters into their own hands. As soon as the first wave had gone over they followed the Canadians.

ADVANCE BEGUN BY U. S. LADS

Bapaume Expected to Fall Soon, but Not Without Severe Fight; French Closing on Noyon.

By Associated Press.
Paris, Aug. 24.—The American troops in the Fismes sector have advanced as far north as the Soissons-Rheims road, on a front of about 800 meters, according to the war office announcement tonight.

British Headquarters in France, Aug. 24.—The town of Thiepval, northeast of Albert, on the Ancre front, was entered today by British forces in the teeth of much machine gun and rifle fire. Bray also was captured by the British.

London, Aug. 25.—"New Zealanders, striking in the direction of Bapaume, have captured Cojeul with irresistible dash," says an official statement issued by the war office shortly after midnight. The only Cojeul appearing on the maps is the Cojeul river, nine miles north of Bapaume, but it is possible that there is a small village of that name near Bapaume.

Without pause the British forces battling against the Germans are moving forward in the direction of Bapaume. The fighting has been extremely heavy, but there has been no stopping Field Marshal Haig's men and the latest report from British headquarters says that they are making progress along the entire front of the British attack.

Important Towns Taken.
The important towns of Bray, Thiepval and Grandcourt, together with several smaller places, have been captured, and more than 2,000 prisoners have been taken.

Around Miraumont, which lies a little north of Grandcourt, the fighting has been of great intensity, and this place apparently has fallen, as Haig's report says that "the enemy held out until outflanked by advancing columns."

British detachments have reached Avesnes-Les-Bapaume, which lies very close to Bapaume, whose capture is expected at an early date but not without severe fighting.

Pass Beyond Bray.
Nearer the Somme, however, the Germans have not been so successful. Bray has been captured by the British who are said to be to the east of that town. Bray is important because it stands on high ground and dominates a large amount of territory on each side of the Somme.

There are few details of the progress of the fighting south of the Somme. The capture of cannon is reported from this region, but there (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

Jess Eckford Goes Back to Regiment at Camp Funston.
Jess Eckford, who was arrested during the slacker raid last Thursday, returned to Camp Funston, Kan., last night.

Great Lakes Naval Band To Lead Labor Day Parade.
The Great Lakes Naval band will lead the Labor day parade in Omaha. Arrangements have been made by Ensign Condict of the local naval recruiting station for a concert on the street Saturday night.