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CANADIANS TAKE IMPORTANT TOWN OF PARVILLIERS IN BRILLIANT DASH

MACHINERY STARTED FOR NEW REGISTRATION

Preliminary Instructions Issued to All Draft Officials—Everything In Readiness Upon Passage of Man Power Bill by Congress.

Washington, Aug. 16—Machinery for the registration of the thirteen million additional men estimated as coming under the provisions of the new manpower bill with the extension of draft ages to include men between 18 and 45 years, already has been set in motion.

Provost Marshal General Crowder, who will have charge of the registration of the new men, in a statement published today, said preliminary instructions have been issued all draft officials and upon passage of the bill by Congress, everything will be in readiness for the registration.

Registration of the men affected by the draft extension will have to be held not later than September 15 and if possible on September 5. General Crowder said, because the available list of registrants, including those to be registered August 24, would be exhausted by October 1. Senate leaders today believed it possible to begin consideration of the man-power bill reported yesterday by the Military committee, next Thursday.

It was believed a quorum will be present at the next semi-weekly session of the Senate Monday and it will be possible to vacate the unanimous consent agreement at that time.

Consideration of the man-power bill by the House Military committee will begin Monday, Chairman Dent, of the committee has announced. Many members of the committee, including Representative Kahn of California, ranking Republican member, believe only one day should be devoted to hearings and the bill reported back to the House Tuesday.

MARRIAGE OF ATTORNEY BOWERS IS ANNOUNCED

Bridgeport Man Weds Granddaughter of Admiral Sampson.

Announcement has been made of the marriage which took place in Christ church, Cooperstown, N. Y., yesterday of Spotswood D. Bowers and Miss Marjorie Sampson Smith, a daughter of Captain Roy C. Smith, U. S. N., now Governor of Guam. Mr. Bowers was the son of John M. Bowers by his first wife, the elder Bowers dying a few months ago. Mrs. Bowers is a granddaughter of the late Admiral Sampson.

Attorney Bowers is very well known in this city where he has practiced law for some years under the firm name of Bowers and Williamson. Before the father died he made his son a member of the firm of which he was the head and his other associate was the former Ambassador to Germany, Gerard. Although this new association took him to New York the greater part of the time he still retained his office in this city.

Mr. Bowers is one of the best amateur golfers of the state and is a member of the Brooklawn Country Club and the University Club. About three years ago he built a handsome residence on the Stratfield road.

Lieutenant Miller Killed in Combat

Paris, Aug. 15—Lieut. Walter B. Miller, of New York city, a former member of the Lafayette Escadrille, and who was transferred to the American service was killed in an aerial combat on August 3.

COSSACKS CLEAR DON OF THEIR OPPONENTS

Victorious Army Marching on Zaragin, Staff Announces Officially.

Amsterdam, Aug. 16—The Don Cossacks have cleared the left bank of the Don of their opponents and are marching victoriously on Zaragin, from which they are only one day's march distant, says an official statement issued by the Don Cossacks' staff and received here from Kiev.

Sixty propagandists belonging to labor organizations supporting the Bolshevik regime have left Moscow for the front where the Bolsheviks are fighting the Czecho-Slovaks, according to a Moscow telegram by way of Berlin. The object is to stimulate the military spirit of the Soviet troops in their campaign.

Premier Lenine urged the delegates to the utmost efforts to raise the spirits and morale of the troops to the highest level and thus bring about the suppression of the Czecho-Slovak rebellion.

War Minister Trotsky is also touring the same front, urging the people to fight "against the enemy," according to the Vienna News Free Press.

The newspapers at Kiev report that the Cossacks from the northern Don region have entered the government of Veronesh.

A dispatch to the Cologne Zeitung from Kiev says the Don and Kuban governments and the leaders in the adjoining regions have entered negotiations looking to the establishment of a joint central government.

London, Aug. 15—The Soviet government, says a Russian wireless message has issued an order that correspondence to foreign countries must not be accepted "for some time to come except for the Ukraine and Georgia."

PRODUCTION MANAGERS FOR COAL DISTRICTS

Fuel Administration Announces Step to Speed the Production of Coal and to Avert Winter Shortage.

Washington, Aug. 16—The fuel administration announced today the appointment of 28 production managers, one for each of the coal producing districts of the country.

Each manager will have charge of the campaign for increased production in his district and to him the production committee to be formed of the majority of the bituminous mines, will report. Each production committee will consist of six members, three representing the mine management and three representing the workers.

In cases where a mine is failing to produce the maximum tonnage, it will be up to the production committee to ascertain the cause and institute improvements. Each week the committee will post a list of the names of the men who have been absent, who have worked short hours or who have loaded less than a fair amount of coal and the reasons will be set forth as to whether in each particular case the blame lies with the company or with the workers.

Speeding Coal For New England Ports

STRAIGHTENS LINE IN AN IMPORTANT SECTOR OF FRONT

Capture Many Machine Guns and Some Prisoners—Withdrawal of Huns on Western Front Indicates They Are to Abandon Offensive—Artillery Active During Night on Entire Battle Front—North of Somme British Make Slight Local Advances—French Army Also Makes Progress Near Roye.

With the Canadian Forces in France, Thursday, Aug. 15—(By the Canadian Press)—The Canadians captured the village of Parvillers today in an operation which enabled them to straighten out their line in that sector. A number of machine guns and prisoners were taken. The latest report was that our troops were holding the village and reinforcements have gone in there in support against the strong post the enemy has in the vicinity.

Enemy artillery activity indicates a stiffening of resistance. Hostile aircraft have been considerably strengthened on the whole of the Amiens salient.

Some thirty-four enemy divisions have been engaged, including eleven fresh divisions and two tired divisions from the enemy reserves. The enemy has used up every battalion of two of the four divisions holding his line in front of the Canadians, those being the 79th and the 118th.

London, Aug. 15—The withdrawals on the western front by the Germans in the last few days, it is believed here, indicate that the enemy intends to abandon the offensive.

Military observers say there is every indication the Germans intend to stand on their present line. There is a possibility, however, that they may fall back to the Divette, a small tributary of the Oise and which joins it south of Noyon. The French now hold all the high ground in that region.

It is said the British are so close to Chaulnes that the enemy cannot invade the town. Almost all the rail communications in the Pronne region have been rendered useless by the Allies.

With the British Army in France, Aug. 15—(By The Associated Press.)—10:30 a. m.—The enemy artillery was active last night from one end of the British front to the other. The activity was especially marked along the new Somme battle front, in the Everts sector and in the region of LaBassee, on the northern front, where there was a heavy gas bombardment. There was no development of activity by the enemy infantry anywhere, however.

All along the Somme front the British are continuing various slight forward movements to gain advantages of position. It was in movements of this kind that Damery and Parvillers came yesterday into British hands.

The situation north of the Ancre has not yet been clarified, the enemy's intentions being obscure. There has been no further reports of widespread withdrawals in this region, although the enemy seems to have abandoned several of his small forward positions. On the other hand, British patrols that crossed the Ancre last night were fired upon and forced to return.

Paris, Aug. 16—The English troops have made an important advance on a front of two and one-half miles west of Roye, according to the war office statement today.

The French progress was in the region of Villers-Les-Roye, about two and one-half miles west of Roye, St.

FRENCH HOLDING ROYE IN A VICE LIKE GRASP

Stubborn Resistance of Germans Being Slowly Crushed and Town Must Soon Fall Late Reports Indicate.

Paris, Aug. 16—1 p. m.—Roye is being held in a vice-like grip by the French. Stubborn resistance by the Germans is being crushed by the French, who slowly are encircling the town.

RUBBER WORKERS STRIKE

NATIONS' LEAGUE MAY GROW FROM THE COMMISSION

Sir Robert Cecil Tells What Has Been Accomplished in Four Years.

London, Aug. 15—Lord Robert Cecil, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, speaking last night at a government dinner in celebration of the fourth anniversary of the establishment of the international commission on revaluating, said he believed the commission formed the nucleus of a league of nations.

He said he would not venture to speak of all the United States has done and is doing in the matter of supplies, but he was satisfied they had thrown their whole heart and soul into the contest.

R. B. Stevens, of the United States shipping board, on behalf of the United States, gave assurance that enough shipping would be available to win the war. He paid tribute to Italy's splendid victory over the Austrians.

During his address, Sir Robert said: "We now are not only in the Alliance with the greatest partnership of nations, but we are engaged in the greatest enterprise taxing the energies of mankind. All the suffering and all the great strain on our resources can be met only by the complete pooling of them."

"Great Britain and America have not suffered like some of the Allies. They have been spared the misery of invasion and the sight of their fairest provinces trampled by the cruelty of tyrannous enemies. That only means that we must redouble our efforts in the common cause."

"The unity of the Alliance is due to the realization that we are engaged in a great cause—fighting for justice against force; for right against might. If we are merely going to restore by our victory the world to what it was before, then, I will not say this war has been fought in vain, but we shall have missed the greatest chance ever offered to a generation of men."

"We must rebuild the international system. That is why I believe this"

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY CASE BEFORE BANKS

Dispute of Barnith Sachs and Park City Co. Hearings Before Committee.

The hearing on the suit of Barnith Sachs against the Park City Construction company was resumed this morning at 11 o'clock before Judge John W. Barnes as a committee for the Superior Court. The time was taken up with the examination of Abraham Berkowitz, who was the general foreman for the Park City Construction company at the time it was erecting the houses on Sachs street, Stratford, for Mr. Sachs.

Attorney Shannon, counsel for Mr. Sachs, and Berkowitz engaged in several little tiffs on various points in the testimony. Questions were put to the witness tending to show that the houses were not built according to the plans and specifications. Berkowitz contended that they looked better than as if they had. In fact he remarked in response to a question of Attorney Shannon that certainly a man looked better with a shirt than without one.

Asked when he left the job on Sachs street as foreman for the Park City Construction company he replied that it was the first part of December. Reminded that at another time he had said it was the first part of September he said he couldn't just remember but he knew it was the first of the Jewish holidays. Asked when that was he replied that that was all the answer he would make, that Attorney Shannon would have to figure it out for himself. Attorney Shannon couldn't figure out how he could be expected to know that date if Berkowitz couldn't remember himself.

The case was still in progress this afternoon.

WAR STAMP SALES

Sales of War Savings Stamps in this city for yesterday were \$24,251.75, and for the state \$45,902.48.