

MAY GET 3,500 DRAFT SLACKERS IN CITY

Weather—Showers to-night; fair and cooler to-morrow.

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LENS AND QUEANT TAKEN

BRITISH CAPTURE NINE TOWNS, 10,000 MEN

SEIZE 8,000 IN ROUNDUP FOR DRAFT SLACKERS HERE; 200 NOW ON WAY TO CAMP

Estimated 15,000 in Greater City Were Found Without Registration Cards.

GET 400 IN ONE HAUL.

From 25 to 30 Per Cent. Found to Be Willful Shirkers—Enemy Aliens in Net.

From 10,000 to 15,000 suspected draft evaders who lacked registration cards or birth certificates, were arrested in Greater New York to-day, and many of them, even if they are honest, may not be released for two or three days.

In Manhattan alone the round-up for the day was officially estimated as 8,000 men. And the army of regular and special agents of the Department of Justice were just as busy in the other boroughs as in this.

Early this afternoon 200 proved slackers were started on their way to camp, and it was officially estimated that from 300 to 1,000 from Manhattan would be on their way before night.

Cardless men will find it difficult to get home to-night. Every exit from the city, every street from business to residential districts, will be watched. And you can't escape even in a taxicab, for a special squad is detailed to watch every auto.

Charles De Woody, Division Superintendent of the Department of Justice, who is in charge of the gigantic draft law enforcement campaign, said this afternoon:

"From 25 to 30 per cent, of the men arrested, according to the results of the questioning thus far, are willful slackers."

This means that if the day's toll in the greater city is 15,000, then at least 3,500 lurking slackers will have been dragged from their hiding places and put where they belong—some in the army, others in prison.

Capt. David Aesch, Assistant to the Director of the draft in this district, said:

"New York is the greatest slackers' retreat in America. It is the best hiding place for the man who wants to evade his duty. And such men have come here in droves. It is only fair to say that the great number of the slackers found here are not to be considered as New Yorkers."

By far the most spectacular feature of the wholesale raids occurred at noon at Madison and Union Squares.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS AID IN UNION SQUARE SEARCH.

Cordons of soldiers and sailors and Department of Justice men were thrown simultaneously and without warning around these two great centers. And after the cordons were

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LABOR AGAINST LORDS.

British Congress Would Abolish House.

DERBY, England, Sept. 3.—The Labor Congress in session here, to-day adopted a resolution that the House of Lords be abolished.

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HOW DRAFT AGE MEN MAY AVOID ARREST IN BIG SLACKER ROUND-UP

ANY man of draft age or who appears to be of draft age is likely to be taken into custody to-day unless he complies with the following requirements:

He must carry and show when required his registration card and the card showing his latest classification in the draft.

If he appears to be of draft age, but had reached his thirty-first birthday on June 5, 1917, or had not reached his twenty-first birthday on Aug. 24, 1918, he must carry with him papers satisfactorily establishing his age.

COTTON FUTURES JUMP \$13 A BALE ON U. S. REPORT

Rush to Buy as Government Forecasts Loss of 2,482,000 Bales From Last Estimate.

The Government's cotton crop report to-day, considered sensationally bullish on the market here, caused a swift advance of approximately \$11 a bale in the price of "futures" as compared with Friday.

The advance continued until some of the positions, notably October, had risen 250 points, or \$13 a bale.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—August was the most disastrous month to the cotton crop that has ever been recorded, a loss in prospective production amounting to 2,482,000 bales, resulting from the severe drought.

The Department of Agriculture to-day forecast the crop at 11,137,000 equivalent 500-pound bales, basing its estimate on a canvass made Aug. 25. This was 55.7 per cent. of a normal crop.

Last month the crop was forecast at 13,519,000 equivalent 500-pound bales, which was a decrease of 1,616,000 bales from the quantity forecast from the June condition.

COMMANDEERING OF STEEL SURPLUS BY U. S. HINTED

40,000 Manufacturers Called On for Complete Reports on Stocks.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—More than 40,000 manufacturers using steel in their products have been called upon by the War Industries Board to make complete reports of their steel stocks, down to the smallest holdings.

It was intimated to-day that this step is preparatory to commandeering for war use all surplus supplies of steel.

LUDENDORFF AT ODDS WITH PRINCE RUPPRECHT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—Despatches from Switzerland say Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria is in complete disagreement with Gen. Ludendorff. The Crown Prince, it is said, opposed the last German offensive, holding that the Germans neither had the means nor the strategic positions to be successful. He wished to retire, but the German command feared the discontent that this step would awake in Bavaria.

HAIG ADVANCES FOUR MORE MILES; BERLIN WAR OFFICE ADMITS DEFEAT

AMERICAN TROOPS ADVANCE NORTH OF AISNE; TAKE NEARLY 600 PRISONERS, TWO BIG GUNS

Pershing Reports Capture of the Village of Tery-Sorny Over Vigorous Resistance—78 Machine Guns Taken.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—North of the Aisne American troops continue their advance in the face of vigorous German resistance, Gen. Pershing reported to the War Department under date of Sept. 2. The village of Tery-Sorny has been taken, together with nearly 600 prisoners, two large guns and seventy-eight machine guns.

POISONED BULLET FIRED AT LENINE BY GIRL ASSAILANT

Bolshevik Premier Reported Out of Danger From Wound Revolutionist Inflicted.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 3.—The condition of Nikolai Lenine, Bolshevik Premier, has so improved that physicians consider all danger passed, according to a Moscow despatch received through Berlin.

The bullet fired by Dopa Kaplan, the Russian girl terrorist, at Lenine was an explosive, poison missile, according to a despatch to the Hamburger Fremdenblatt from Heisingford. A number of these bullets were found on the would-be assassin when she was arrested.

Stringent measures have been taken by the Bolshevik Government to stop the apparent systematic reign of terror inaugurated by the Social Revolutionists against the Bolsheviks and the German representatives in Russia. Commissary Peters has issued a proclamation declaring all persons found carrying weapons are to be executed on the spot. Persons conducting an agitation against the Government are to be interned and their property confiscated.

CITY FIREMEN THREATEN TROUBLE IN LONDON

Ultimatum Declares Drastic Action Will Be Taken Unless Organization Is Recognized.

LONDON, Sept. 3.—The city firemen today delivered an ultimatum to the Government declaring that unless the firemen's union is recognized within a week drastic action will be taken.

The action of the firemen follows the strike of the metropolitan police of London last week, which was settled by Premier Lloyd-George under terms considered by the policemen as virtually recognizing their union.

250,000 AMERICANS SENT TO FRANCE IN AUGUST

LONDON, Sept. 3.—More than 250,000 Americans were transported to France during August, it was learned this afternoon.

MRS. SKEELS HELD FOR THE DEATH OF ANDOVER TEACHER

Nurse Accused of Murder After Chemist Reports Arsenic in Woman's Stomach.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Sept. 3.—When Mrs. Bessie May Skeels, the nurse who was arrested last week on a charge of stealing jewelry belonging to Florence W. Gay, Andover teacher, was arraigned in the District Court to-day an additional charge of the murder of Miss Gay was presented.

Miss Gay died Dec. 13, 1917, the cause being given by the attending physician as cerebral hemorrhage. In April, 1918, her body was exhumed at the request of District Attorney Henry G. Wells and the stomach sent to Prof. Whitney of Harvard, who reported that he found arsenic in it.

Mrs. Skeels pleaded not guilty to both charges and waived the reading of the complaints. Both cases were continued till Sept. 14. Mrs. Skeels has been ill in a hospital since her arrest, and the Judge decided to send her back to the hospital with the understanding that if her condition improved she would be committed to jail.

The evidence in the murder charge will be presented to the Grand Jury which convenes here next Monday.

The District Attorney recently asked the authorities of Haysone, N. J., to make an investigation of the deaths there within the last two years of Mrs. Skeels' parents, her brother and her sister-in-law.

James Clark, assistant prosecutor of Hudson County, New Jersey, declared to-day that his office was waiting further developments before exhuming the bodies of the four members of the Wilkins family of Haysone, of which Mrs. Skeels is a member. Mrs. Skeels nursed each relative.

Haig's Troops Sweep Forward on a Twenty-Mile Front, From Above Queant to a Point Near Peronne, and Are Still Driving Toward Cambrai.

Lens Evacuated Before British Arrived—Pronville, Doignies, Velu, Bertincourt and Rocquigny All in Haig's Hands—Wulverchem in Flanders Taken.

LONDON, Sept. 3, 5 P. M. (Associated Press).—Carrying their attack to the northeast of Arras, the British to-day captured the village of Hamblain-les-Pres, just to the south of the Scarpe, in the direction of Douai.

[This, with other places mentioned below, shows that nine towns have been captured by the British to-day on the Arras front.]

The Second Prussian Division, considered one of the enemy's best, was rushed up from Cambrai, but the men were so worn that they were easily pushed back.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Sept. 3 (Associated Press).—An attack was launched just to the south of the Drocourt-Queant line, where a strong British force is driving ahead on the northern reaches of the Hindenburg line proper. Again there has been furious fighting. Thousands of prisoners have been taken and the enemy has suffered terrific losses.

LONDON, Sept. 3.—The British have captured the city of Lens and the town of Queant, on the lower end of the Drocourt-Queant switch. Lens was evacuated by the Germans, the British moving in.

The British have advanced to a point just to the west of Buissey, 2½ miles northeast of Queant, and occupied Pronville, a mile and a half southeast of Queant. FOUR-MILE GAIN ON 20-MILE FRONT

The British also hold Doignies, Velu, Bertincourt and Rocquigny, representing an advance to a maximum depth of four miles on a twenty-mile front effected this morning. The British found Doignies and Velu unoccupied.

The situation in the southern part of the battlefield is said to be extremely interesting, but nothing more can be said for the moment.

[Capture of Lens and Queant are outstanding incidents in to-day's great advance of British troops. Lens, which dominates the coal fields, has long been almost within their grasp, but Queant has been one of the strongest points on the Wotan line—the secondary line upon which Hindenburg has depended to bar the way to Cambrai and Douai and the great French coal fields in that region.

[This line is to the east of the old Hindenburg line. It has been completely smashed in the neighborhood of Queant, and this may mean that the Germans will have to give up the coal mines which they have been using since the early days of the war.

[There is even more significance in to-day's successes. The advanced line now extends southward of Queant three-fourths of the way to Peronne, the lowest point being Rocquigny.

[The capture of Lens will prove a hard blow, not only for senti-

GAINS BY BRITISH TO-DAY



BERLIN ADMITS DEFEAT ON ARRAS-CAMBRAI ROAD BY 'STRONG SUPERIOR FORCES'

Claim Is Made That Northeast of Queant and at Noreuil Germans "Held the Enemy Thrust."

BERLIN, Sept. 3 (via London).—South and east of Arras the British have succeeded with strong superior forces in throwing back our infantry line on both sides of the Arras-Cambrai highroad, says the official statement issued to-day by the German Army Headquarters.

Northeast of Queant and on the northern fringe of Noreuil the statement says "we held the enemy thrust."

An advance by the Allies in portions of the wood west and south of Coucy-le-Chateau was also admitted.

mental reasons, but because it is the juncture of a number of rail-ways.

[The occupation of Wulverchem registers a further advance of one mile in Flanders. The town is six miles north and slightly west of Armentieres.]

CANADIANS AID BRITISH TROOPS.

Gen. Haig in his report to the War Office announced the capture of Queant. In storming the Drocourt-Queant line, he said, the