



AMERICAN ARMY CRUSHES FOE IN A TERRIFIC DRIVE FOR METZ

YANKEES ARE MAGNIFICENT IN ATTACKING

Tremendous Weight of First Assault Carries Pershing's Men Through for Gains All Along the Line

FRENCH AND AMERICAN GUNS MASSED FOR THE BOMBARDMENT

U. S. Fighting Men Eager For the Fray Which Results in Large Gains as Two Waves Press Huns Back

By Associated Press

American Forces on the Lorraine Front, Sept. 12.—French and American forces this morning launched an attack against the German positions on both sides of the St. Mihiel salient.

The weather is fine. The attack made by the French and the Americans was a most daring one and so far has been successful.

Airplanes Work With Artillery

There has been a great concentration of Franco-American artillery and Entente airplanes are operating in large numbers.

The attack was preceded by a barrage lasting four hours.

The attack on the southern side of the St. Mihiel salient was made along a distance of twelve miles.

The attack on the western side was on a front of eight miles.

Americans Capture Hun Positions

At 9 o'clock the Americans had progressed generally along the line. Some prisoners were taken at different parts of the sector. The first wave of American troops met with little resistance and at 8 o'clock the second American wave was in possession of several points of the German first line.

Germans Falling Back

The Germans now are falling back on each side of the St. Mihiel salient.

Though undoubtedly suspicious of the intentions of the Americans in this region, the Germans were unaware at the time of the direction of the attack.

The American troops are all intensely eager and are fighting magnificently.

Drive For Metz Is Begun by Troops of Pershing's Great American Army

America and French troops to-day began an offensive on a twenty mile front in Lorraine, near the German border.

The movement evidently is aimed primarily at the elimination of the famous St. Mihiel salient, which for more than four years has projected into the Allied line southeast of Verdun.

Attacks on Both Sides

The attacks were launched on both sides of the salient—on a twelve mile front on the south and an eight mile front on the western side. The assaults were progressing favorably at the latest reports.

A barrage lasting several hours preceded the thrust. Heavy concentrations of French and American artillery and airplanes had been effected. The fire poured in upon the Germans from the allied guns was a terrific one while the German reply on the whole was weak.

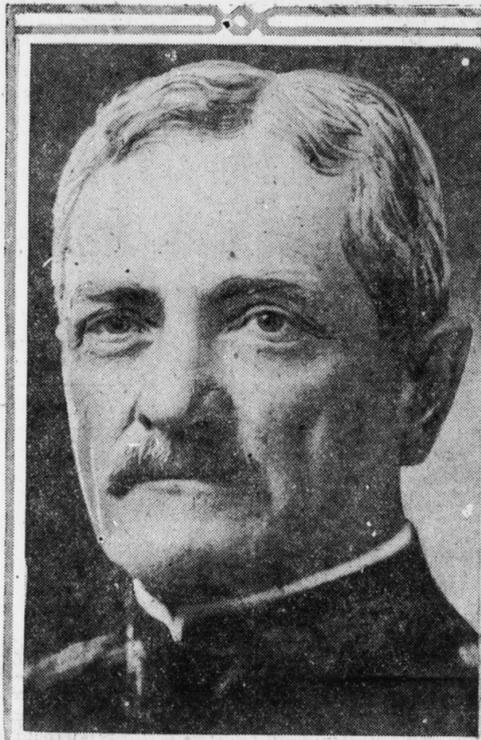
Metz Is the Objective

The German citadel of Metz lies only some 15 miles to the north east of Pont-a-Mousson at the easterly edge of the salient under attack, and it seems not beyond probability that this may be a further objective of the offensive, should it develop favorably in the crushing out or material reduction of the salient.

The removal of this salient, in fact, would seem to be a necessity before any drive in great force into German territory on this front were attempted, as otherwise the German forces to the

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COMMANDER OF U. S. ARMY



GEN. PERSHING. INTERNATIONAL

WM. JENNINGS IS SELECTED FOR NEW WAR DUTY

Appointed to Executive Committee For War Camp Community Work

William Jennings, chairman of the Dauphin County Committee of National Defense and Public Safety, has received the following telegram from George Wharton Pepper, of Philadelphia, chairman of the State Committee:

Your unselfish and successful service in connection with all patriotic endeavors in your community prompts me to ask your assumption of further burdens by accepting a place on the State Executive Committee of the war camp community work. May I have your acceptance by wire?

Mr. Jennings has accepted the appointment and will give to this work the same energetic attention which characterizes his other war activities.

Buy Christmas Gift Each Week; Merchants Advise

Buy one or two Christmas gifts each week. That is the advice of merchants who desire to avoid the usual "Christmas rush" and to give their patrons better service. There will not be sufficient labor at Christmas time to increase the store forces greatly. The late shopper will suffer more than usual from crowded and depleted stocks. Spend a little each week and make Christmas shopping easy for yourself, the store and the store people, is the advice of the merchants.

FIGHTING MEN MADE HAPPY BY "SMOKES"

Harrisburg Telegraph Tobacco Fund Filling Big Want on the Firing Line; Civil War Picket Thanked; What the Pennies of Eight Children Did

Cards of appreciation from American "Hun Hunters" in France, otherwise known as members of the A. E. F., who are battling for the cause of Democracy abroad with the aid of shell, bayonet and tobacco, with the exception of a little on the last named "weapon," to their good friends in Harrisburg who have generously sent them quantities of "makin's" and "tailor mades" through the "Our Boys in France Tobacco Fund," continue to pour into the Harrisburg Telegraph. All tell the same story of thanks for the tobacco with a grateful comment on the timeliness of its arrival because "smokes" thus

DEFEAT OF HUN CERTAIN, SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

Only Heart Failure on Part of British Nation Can Prevent Victory

Manchester, Eng., Sept. 12.—"Nothing but heart failure on the part of the British nation can prevent our achieving a real victory," said Premier Lloyd George speaking to-day at Manchester.

The premier said the British casualties in the last offensive in France were one-fifth of what they were in 1916. Premier Lloyd George said he was for a league of nations and that in fact a league already has been begun. The British empire, he said, was a league of free nations and that the allied countries fighting the battle

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Storerooms in Penn-Harris Hotel Have Been Leased

Dr. George A. Gorgas has leased Storeroom No. 1 in the new million-dollar Penn-Harris hotel with a drug store. It was announced to-day by Miller Brothers, real estate agents, who have charge of the rental. W. L. Ferry, fabricator, will occupy Room No. 3. Rooms No. 4 and 5 will be occupied by the Closs Company of New York, who will sell ladies' ready-to-wear garments. The Closs Company has a number of stores in nearby cities. "A Picket of the Civil War," in Rooms No. 6 and 7. The name of the occupant of Room No. 2 has not been made public.

THOUSANDS ARE REGISTERING FOR WAR SERVICE

Registrars Kept Busy at Polling Places With Great Work

DRAFT BOARDS ARE BUSY Men in County Districts Enroll Rapidly Following Appeal to Be Early

"The registrars are at their posts awaiting you!" This was the final word to potential draft registrants from Provost Marshal General Crowder last night. From 7 o'clock this morning until 9 o'clock this evening, the registrars will remain at their posts in fifty-three voting precincts in the city, and seventy-one in the county, and six draft board offices, registering the districts' volunteers.

The registrars had not long to wait this morning. The offices had hardly opened at 7 o'clock when the vanguard of registrants who all day long have kept the registrars busy, began their march to the registration places.

Heavy Enrollment The enrollment was heavy all morning. Especially downtown where the registration offices are in the midst of the business section, the registration continued heavy throughout the morning, and probably will all day and well into the evening. Major Murdock, head of the state selective service headquarters, urged as many of the registrants as possible to register before 5 o'clock. In spite of a hearty desire on the part of each registrant to co-operate as much as possible, there are many who will be unable to register until after working hours this evening. For that reason it is likely that the registration will continue heavy until the closing hour.

If every man who registered for service to-day would be taken for military duty, it readily can be seen that the War Labor Board for an industry would be crippled. Every industry, every business and every profession was heavily enrolled on the list of registrants before the day had hardly begun. The purpose of the enrollment, therefore, is to select from the essential workers those who can be spared for military service. Every registrant is asked to determine his status as a possible soldier of the field or behind the lines.

Only Enemies Exempt Only enemy aliens, citizens of countries at war with the United States is at war are excused from registering to-day. These are already registered as enemy aliens. All others

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Bethlehem Steel Co. Called on to Answer Nation's Wage Award

Washington, Sept. 12.—The Bethlehem Steel Company has been called on by the War Labor Board for an immediate statement as to whether it will accept and put into full effect the recent wage award of the board in the controversy between the company and its employees. Upon receipt of a reply, the board will give a hearing to representatives of the union sheet metal workers who are here to-day on a strike Monday.

American Shoots Down Three Enemy Machines

With the American Army in France, Wednesday, Sept. 11.—Three German airplanes are believed to have been shot down yesterday by Lieutenant Jacques Svaab, of New York city. On his return from a flight over the lines he engaged and shot down a Fokker machine. Continuing his return flight he was attacked by a group of German planes but shot one down in flames and forced another down out of control.

McAdoo Is Expected to Pass Through Late Today

Director General of Railroads W. G. McAdoo, is expected to pass through the city late to-day on his way to the Capital after making a thorough inspection of the various roads under his supervision in the East and Middle West. The director is expected to return from Altoona, where he visited the largest machine shop of the Pennsylvania system. He is to leave over the Western Maryland for Washington.

AS YANKS FIGHT MILLIONS SIGN

Washington, Sept. 12.—While American soldiers at the front in France stood ready with French and British forces for what may prove the greatest battle of the war, thirteen million other Americans registered to-day for military duty and gave the most inspiring demonstration of patriotism in the nation's history. The work of mobilization, it might be said, already is under way, for district boards will select men over 19 and below 37 to comprise the big contingents included in the October draft calls. This means that many available soldiers will have only a few weeks home.

CITY MISERLY WITH ITS OLD RUBBER GOODS

People Simply Not Answering Patriotic Call of the Red Cross

If all the old rubber in Harrisburg is represented by the meager contribution thrown on the "seed pile" at Third and Walnut streets this morning then the city is in as bad a way as Germany, where they are reconverting the babies' teething rings into useful war articles.

There certainly must be a rubber famine in Harrisburg! The four Girl Scouts who were on duty at Third and Walnut streets this morning weren't overworked heaping up the rubber.

"No," said a little Girl Scout with black curls, "you wouldn't exactly say that Harrisburg is living up to its reputation. I guess in the past papers that Harrisburg was just going to roll over itself getting around here with old rubber—and there isn't enough rubber junk in that pile to pad a crutch with."

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Penbrook Citizen Enters Suit For Slander; Asks Damages in \$5,000

Counsel for Leroy A. Martz, Penbrook, to-day filed a damage suit in the prothonotary's office against Jacob C. Reichert, also of that borough, asking for \$5,000, alleging that the defendant made slanderous remarks about Martz. According to the statement filed with the suit Reichert is alleged to have charged Martz with being a "slacker" and committing a serious offense. Martz denies the charges, and claims his reputation has been injured to the extent of \$5,000.

REGISTER NOW YOUR PLEDGE TO BUY WAR STAMPS Lend the U. S. Name and Money

THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Showers to-night; Friday slightly cooler and probably fair. River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will probably remain nearly stationary, except heavy local showers may cause some streams to rise. Temperature: 8 a. m., 64. River Stage: 8 a. m., 3.5 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 62. Lowest temperature, 46. Mean temperature, 54. Normal temperature, 66.

DIocese PLANS CELEBRATION OF GOLDEN JUBILEE

Church Work Has Expanded Wonderfully in Fifty Years

FOUR BISHOPS SERVED Ceremonies Appropriate to Day to Be Held in St. Patrick's Cathedral

Springing from an unimportant member in 1868 and blossoming into a mighty unit of the Roman Catholic Church, the Harrisburg Diocese, now a half century old, will observe its golden jubilee anniversary with appropriate ceremonies on Sunday, September 29. They will be held in St. Patrick's Cathedral, the mother church of the diocese. Preparations for the observance have progressed no further than their preliminary stage as yet. They will receive an impetus after Monday night when the Rt. Rev. Philip R. McDevitt, Bishop of the Diocese, will appoint a committee to perfect proper plans.

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WHOLE OF CZAR'S FAMILY KILLED IN TERROR REIGN

Bolsheviks Plunge European Russia Into State of Wild Disorder

TROTZKY MAKES THREAT Says Moscow Will Be Burned Before Surrender to Foes of Germany

London, Sept. 12.—The Daily Express claims to have unquestionable information that the former Empress of Russia and her four daughters have been murdered by Bolsheviks. The paper prints the following: "The Express understands from a source which is beyond doubt that the Empress of Russia and her four daughters have been murdered by Bolsheviks. The whole immediate family of the late Czar has thus been exterminated. "It is further understood that the Dowager Empress, who with her daughter and son-in-law, the Duke of Oldenburg, has been staying at Yalta, was recently attacked by Red Guards, who sought to kill all three. Sailors of the Black Sea fleet intervened and fought the Red Guards. The four daughters of the former Emperor and Empress of Russia are: Grand Duches Olga, born in

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FORMER SENATOR BLACKBURN DIES

Washington—Joseph C. S. Blackburn, former senator from Kentucky and in recent years resident commissioner of the Lincoln Memorial Commission, died early to-day at his home here. He was stricken shortly after arising with a recurrence of heart attacks from which he was a chronic sufferer.

HARRY M. BRETZ ARRESTED THIS AFTERNOON

Harrisburg—Harry M. Bretz, attorney under bail for criminal court on a charge of embezzlement, was arrested this afternoon in the county recorder's office by Constable William L. Windsor, Jr., on a charge of larceny by trick and fraud, preferred by Mrs. Catherine E. Miller, 1305 Green street. Bretz furnished \$400 bail for appearance at a hearing on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at the office of Alderman Hoverter. Mrs. Miller charges stable William L. Windsor, Jr., on a charge of larceny against her property, that he gave her receipts for the money, but only paid \$300 of it on the debt.

WILSON SIGNS "DRY" RESOLUTION

Washington—President Wilson to-day signed the joint resolution passed by Congress empowering him to establish prohibition zones around shipyards, munitions factories and other war industries.

AMSTERDAM PROTESTS AGAINST GERMAN SOCIALIST PARTY

Amsterdam—A protest of the German Socialist party against the Prussian "electoral reform comedy" and a demand for the dissolution of the Prussian house of lords is published by the Berlin Socialist newspaper Vorwarts.

AUSTRIA CLAIMS VICTORY

Vienna—A successful attack on Tomorrice ridge, in Albania, gave us possession of the enemy's position at a few points, says to-day's Austrian war office statement.

SIR GEORGE REED DIES

London—Sir George Reed, former high-commissioner for Australia and member of Parliament for St. Georges, died in London to-day after prolonged illness.

MARRIAGE LICENSES Miss Koear and Sylvia Yungst. Lechelt, Charles F. Waldeck, Camp Meade, and Pearl Wiley, Hagerstown, Md.; Walter W. Deans, Harrisburg; R. D. No. 4, and Vera E. Hucker, Uniontown; R. D. No. 11, Nevlin P. Leach, and Mary G. Reynolds, Lancaster; William Anderson, Weightsville, and Mary M. Hughes, York.