

# MILITARY BLOW WILL BE PEACE OFFER ANSWER

### Expected New Attack to be a Simultaneous One on Three Important Fronts in Present Zones.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—An offer of peace against the German lines as an answer to the peace proposal of the central powers is expected momentarily by military officials here.

The point of the expected attack is a matter of wide speculation by officers. Several simultaneous attacks will be delivered, it is thought, with the Flanders front, the French operations about La Fere directed at Laon, and the new American front across the mouth of the old St. Mihiel salient as the logical positions from which Marshal Foch would strike.

It has been significant to some officers that the British have not pressed very heavily on the front between Ypres and Douai. North of Ypres, there has been only one minor operation by the Belgians since the allied counter offensive began. British attention has been concentrated to a large extent on clearing up the Douai-Cambrai-St. Quentin front, and many observers here believe the lines have been straightened sufficiently along this sector now for a new movement to the north. It has been noted, however, that British artillery has been pounding the German lines west of Cambrai with especial vigor recently, which may be the prelude to a direct drive for the capture of that city.

### New Alsine Drive Expected.

Since the French are slowly making their way to a flanking position, which would force the Germans to withdraw from the Chemin des Dames line protecting Laon, some officers believe a new movement along the Alsine and probably extending to the east of Rheims is to be anticipated. It is pointed out that should the Germans be forced to withdraw from the Chemin des Dames, a swift advance from the Rheims front would tend to out-

flank the whole enemy line from that point to Verdun.

There is no information of an official character as to Gen. Pershing's present intentions. The greatest reliance apparently is being placed on press correspondents in discussing the tactical disposition of the American army at this time and to observers here this suggests that preparations for a new advance are well under way. The logical objective, it is held, would be the occupation of the Briey iron fields and an effort to encircle Metz from the west. If Gen. Pershing is moving toward that goal now, it is said, a short attack by his army and the French army holding the Verdun front would be a probable development. Such an action would be over a very extended front, however, and some further reconnaissance of the enemy's positions on the immediate American front may be necessary before it can be undertaken.

### Desire Maximum Speed.

Tactics employed by Gen. Pershing in clearing up the St. Mihiel salient in the view of officers here show that the American commander has determined that maximum speed is essential to military success. He hurried forward his troops last week at an unprecedented pace and it was this rush which swept the German defenders off their feet and gave them no opportunity for even an organized rear guard action. It is therefore argued that Gen. Pershing may be expected to press his victory without delay and to rush the enemy in his new lines as soon as communicating systems can be organized across the captured territory.

## Goshen News

News-Times Special Service:

Writing his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abram Peck of this city, from France, where he went with the Rainbow division nearly one year ago, Lieut. Samuel A. Peck says he is now at a rest camp, after having been in the thick of the second battle of the Marne. Lieut. Peck states that all of the soldiers are tired and that many of them are suffering from sickness—stomach and bowel ailments—brought on by bad water they were compelled to drink because no other was available. "We pulled a dead locust from the well where we obtained our supply of drinking water," the lieutenant says, "and then everybody got sick, but since we are in this rest camp things are far better."

Lieut. John M. Baker, son of Judge Francis E. Baker of Goshen and Chicago, and an American aviator, is now on the battle line in northern France. Until recently Lieut. Baker was engaged in making daily flights across the English channel from Dover, England, to Calais, France, carrying mail and occasionally passengers. His father has received information that he is now at the actual battle front. Fifteen out of 30 aviators who were with Lieut. Baker in training near Toronto, Canada, have been killed, it is said.

Miss Ethyle M. Routsong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Routsong of 1950 S. Seventh st., and Lloyd L. Ramsby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Ramsby of Waterford, were married Friday morning, Sept. 13, in Jackson, Mich. The bride and groom are both widely known. Mr. Ramsby is now employed in Michigan City, but expects to be transferred to Jackson, Mich., soon, where they will reside.

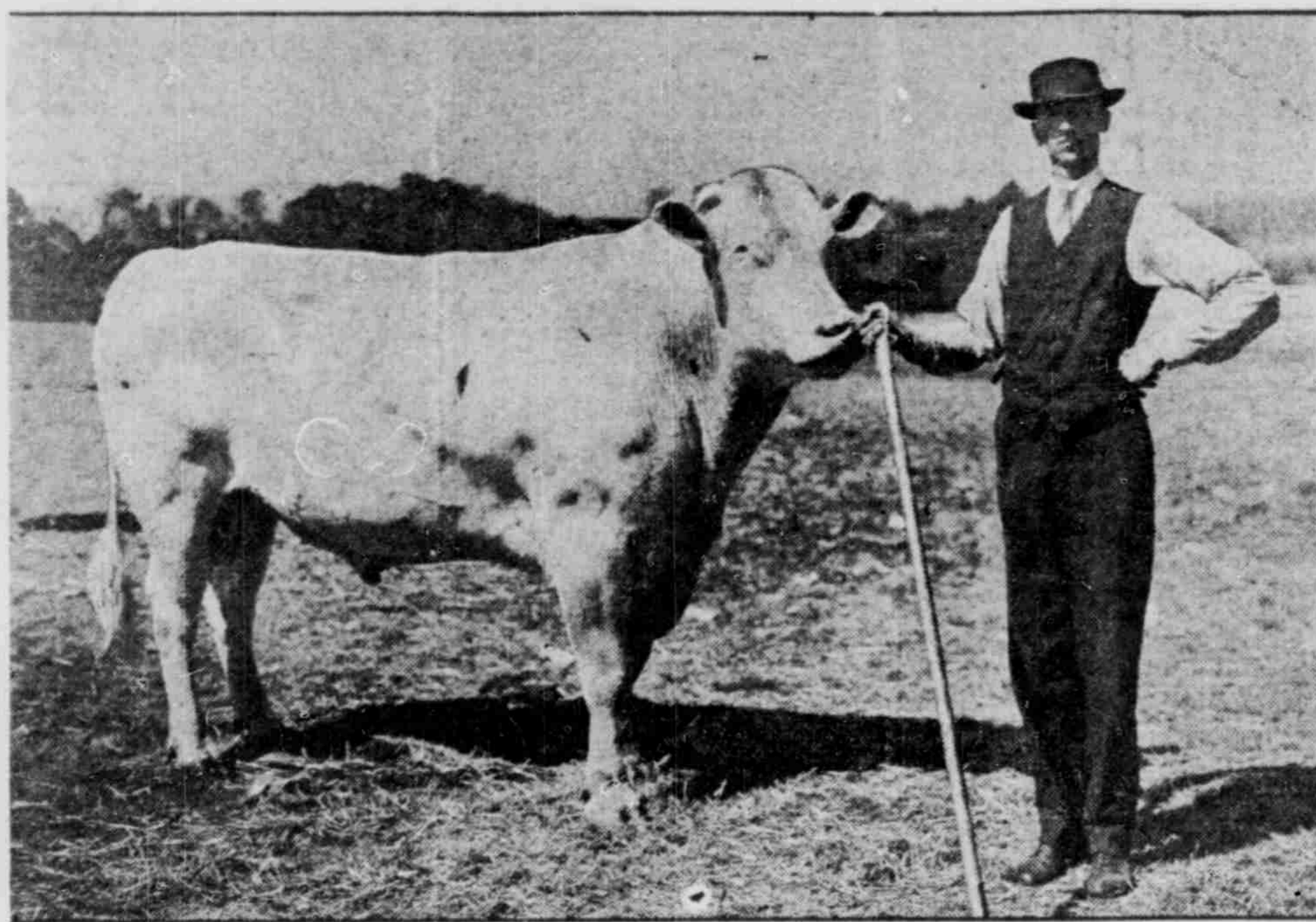
Mrs. Nelson Teite died at her home in Ligonier. She was formerly Miss Growcock and was well known. Her husband and one daughter, Mrs. Raleigh Childister, survive.

Noah Anglemeyer and Odessa M. Parker, both of Goshen, were licensed to wed.

It is expected that the poultry exhibit at the county fair to be held here next week will be the largest in the history of the association.

W. C. Pierce, manager of the Hope Poultry association at Hope

## A Great Prize Winner



This prize bull was awarded the sweepstakes at the Interstate fair last week. He is owned by Leon Van Hess of Clay township, who exhibited him in competition with the champion bull from the state fair at Indianapolis. The bull is not only a fine animal, but is also well bred. He is a grandson of Homestead Jr. De Kol, who is the only sire of the breed to have six daughters with 32 day records greater than 124 pounds each. He was purchased when a yearling from the noted herd of Zettler and Wenrick.

Ind., telegraphed Henry E. Krutz of Goshen, who is in charge of the poultry department at the fair, that he would bring 1,500 birds here.

At a meeting of the board of control of the Salem bank William H. Nymeyer was made cashier to succeed Frank A. Hascall, deceased, and Herman E. Roscoe was made assistant cashier to succeed Mr. Nymeyer. Mr. Nymeyer has been in the Salem bank for 20 years and is the oldest banker in Goshen as to service.

While alone at his farm home in Penn. twp., St. Joseph county, a short distance from Wakarusa 10 miles southwest of Elkhart, Saturday afternoon, Jacob Eby, 66 years old, a widely known farmer, committed suicide by shooting himself with a shotgun. He blew off the top of his head. His son, Ira Eby, found the body lying in the yard near the front gate, at 6 o'clock Saturday evening. Eby, it is said, had become despondent through worrying over many things—principally the war—to which he was religiously opposed.

It is reported that it had been feared he planned killing himself and that the shotgun had been hidden from him, but that he discovered it while the family was absent.

Surviving are his wife, five sons, Walter, Mervin, Ira, Jacob, and Ralph Eby, and two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Hunsberger and Mrs. John Eby, who married a cousin of the deceased.

Funeral services will be held at the Schaum church at 4:30 o'clock p. m. Friday, Rev. David Voder officiating.

Mrs. Guy Mendenhall of Nappanee is in receipt of a war department message, saying her brother, Cpl. Oscar Hudson of Nappanee, a member of battery D, 15th field artillery, was severely wounded July 22, while engaged in action with American troops in northern France. The department is not in possession of details, the telegram says.

Mrs. Earl Phillips, 20 years old, whose home is on a farm five miles southeast of Goshen, is at the residence of her mother, Mrs. Judson Swihart, West Goshen, suffering from two cracked ribs and other injuries received at 11 o'clock Saturday night, when the buggy in which she was riding with her husband from Goshen to her home was hit and wrecked by a Reo automobile, owned and driven by Mr. Day of Chicago at a location on the Lincoln highway not far from the Phillips farm. The Phillips horse ran away and reached the home stable unhurt. There were four occupants of the automobile. One of them, Mr. Murphy, was slightly injured. Some of the party proceeded to Chicago by rail and the automobile was repaired at a Goshen garage.

The Elkhart County Soldiers' Reunion association elected officers as follows here Saturday:

President, William S. Bitner, Goshen; vice president, Cyrus Seiler, Elkhart; secretary, C. W. James, Goshen; assistant secretary, Samuel S. Whisler, Goshen; treasurer, E. W. Hyde, Goshen; assistant treasurer, A. G. Manning, Elkhart. President Bitner appointed the following executive committee: John W. Cornell, David B. Hutchinson, George W. Loy, F. M. Ibbell and D. Barringer.

The following committee of condolence in the death of Maj. J. D. Braden, president of the association, was appointed: W. J. McKahin, Col. James S. Dodge, and David Smetzer.

Col. Dodge delivered a patriotic address, which brought the program to an end.

The third annual reunion will be held in court park, Goshen, the second Saturday of September, 1919.

The will of Samuel Smoker, widely known Elkhart twp. farmer, who died at his home three miles southeast of Goshen, Sept. 8, was filed for probate in the circuit. It disposes of an estate of the estimated value of from \$18,000 to \$20,000, and which consisted principally of a 200 acre farm.

The heirs are: Cora M. Smoker, Goshen, widow; Roy S. Smoker, Ishpeming, Mich.; Jay S. Smoker, Palmer, Mich.; son; Ernest Smoker, Goshen, son; Wilma Hauder, Goshen, daughter; Esther Hoover, Goshen, daughter; Walter A. Smoker, Goshen, son.

## REGISTRATION REPORTS MADE

### Sixteen States and District of Columbia Register 3,238,629 Men Last Thursday.

Associated Press Service:

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Complete returns from the registration last Thursday in 16 states and the District of Columbia of men between the ages of 18 and 45 years were received Monday by Provost Marshal Gen. Crowder. They showed a total of 3,238,629 men as against the estimate of 3,232,267, and it was announced only that they do not justify the assumption that the returns from the entire country will show an enrollment very greatly in excess of the estimate of 13,000,000.

In six of the states the total registration fell below the estimate, but in ten of them it exceeded it. The District of Columbia registered 22 per cent more than the number estimated for it. Officials believe, to the influence of war workers. Of the states, Vermont's percentage of excess enrollment was the highest, being 12 1/2.

Registration totals by states, together with the estimate as announced Monday night by the provost marshal general are as follows:

State	Registration	Estimate
Arkansas	187,122	188,746
Connecticut	197,426	213,329
Delaware	39,928	29,488
Dist. of Columbia	32,731	43,102
Florida	111,958	119,940
Indiana	359,852	349,920
Iowa	286,293	287,847
Maryland	177,998	182,090
Massachusetts	475,919	482,646
Mississippi	185,705	182,715
New Hampshire	52,618	50,913
New Jersey	425,126	405,598
Oklahoma	238,148	227,884
Rhode Island	73,503	71,431
Utah	52,709	58,862
Vermont	16,887	36,316
Wisconsin	368,861	329,377

Complete returns from the more populous sections of the country have not been received, but projections made on the basis of partial total among these sections, indicate that they will not reach the estimate. Officials do not believe any appreciable number of men evaded registration. They ascribe the fluctuations of the actual totals as compared with the estimates to industrial conditions brought about by the war which have affected the distribution of the male population.

## STRIKING MACHINISTS RETURN TO WORK TODAY

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Sept. 17.—Bridgport's strike of machinists will be formally ended Tuesday, when the union men who did not go back to work independently return to the plants. Only about one thousand strikers attended the mass meeting Monday afternoon, at which a resolution was passed to "go back to work and work out our salvation through the war labor board."

Before the meeting the strike committee sent a reply to Pres. Wilson affirming the loyalty of the machinists and declaring their willingness to keep up war production.

Arthur A. Young, 217 E. Monroe st., South Bend, says: "Often after catching cold or doing heavy work, my kidneys have been out of order. At night I have had a fierce ache across my back and have gotten up feeling stiff and lame all over. The kidney secretions have been scanty and highly colored, too. Whenever I have had such attacks, I have used Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at Wetlick's Drug Store, and I have soon been free from the trouble."

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