HUNS FALLING BACK BEFORE AMERICANS

RAILWAY TRIANGLE IN FLANDERS TAKEN BY HAIG

Strongly Fortified Position Southwest La Bassee Stormed and Captured - British Driving Toward Cambrai, Cross Canal Du Nord, Northwest Havrincourt.

. London, Sept. 12 .- (12:40 p.m.) - Continuing their drive eastward in an encircling movement about the German stronghold of St. Quentin, British troops have taken Vermand, Vendelles and Attilly (five miles to the west of St. Quentin) and have made progress into Holnon wood (four and a half miles to the west of St. Quentin), the war office announced today.

During the night British troops also stormed and captured the strongly-fortified position known as the "railway triangle," southwest of Labassee, in Flanders. A number of prisoners and machine

tive. At least 10,000,000 rounds of ammunition were fired in counter battery work. In this big gun dueling the allied batteries destroyed ten times as many German guns as the allies 10st themselves.

The immediate results of the German retreat since mid-July has been to shorten the line over seventy miles. This enables the allies to economize from thirty to forty divisions.

Berlin Claims Victory.

Berlin, via London, Sept. 12 .- "British attacks in the sectors of Bixschoote, Armentieres and LaBassee canal (Flancers front) were repulsed," the German war office announced today.

"Other British attacks on the Havrincourt-Marquion front, and French attacks in the Fismes sector (Aisne river front), failed."

Crossed Canal Du Nord.

London, Sept. 12.—British forces have effected a crossing of the Canal Du Nord to the northwest of the town of Havrincourt, Field Marshal Haig announced in his official report today. The canal line here forms the main defense of Cambrial on the southwest.

Only Raids on French Line.

Paris, Bept. 12.—Only raiding operations and artillery activity along the French front are reported in today's war office statement. North of the Allette a raid by French troops resulted in the taking of prisoners. There was artillery activity in the Rheims and Prosnes regions. Two enemy raids in the Champagne and in the Vosges were repulsed.

Supreme Line Defense.

Paris, Sept. 12.—A supreme line of defense, to be called the Parisfal line, is being constructed by the Germans from Antwerp to Metz, says Marcel Hutin in the Echo de Paris. The article also says that the Germans are putting the Antwerp forts in a defensive condition.

RESUMES DEBATE ON WAR REVENUE BILL

Chairman Kitchen Does Not Anticipate Any Changes in Original Draft of Bill.

Washington. Sept. 12.—Draft registration day found the house in session, that action on the \$8,000,000,000 cevenue bill might not be delayed. General debate on the measure is scheduled to end today.

Consideration of it will be suspended.

long enough tomorrow, house leaders state, to permit the measure to exempt liberty bonds, not more than \$30,000 worth of which are held by any one person or firm, from income and ex-cess war profits taxes, to be speedily passed, as Secretary McAdoo has urged because of the nearness of the fourth perty loan drive.

The measure also allows \$1,000 worth

of a single series of war savings stamps to be held at one time, instead of \$1.000 worth of all series. It also adds to the president's and Secretary McAdoo's financial powers. Chairman Kitchin, of the ways and

Tennesseans in Fight

82d Division, Trained at Camp Gordon, Takes Part in New Drive.

Washington, Sept. 12.—The 82nd division, composed of Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia troops, which trained at Camp Gordon, Atwhich trained at Camp Gordon, At-lanta, is among the divisions on the Lorraine front on which today's Franco - American attack was launéhed, according to latest reports available here. Various shifts of American forces, however, might have removed the \$2nd from this front since the latest reports were sent.

TSCHAIKOVSKY RESEATED AFTER SERIES CONFERENCE Archangel, Northern European Rus-sia, Sept. 12.—After conferences with the entente allied diplomatic and military chiefs, the Tschalkovsky provisional government, which was recently overthrown, was reseated today and will continue to direct the affairs in the region of the north with the advice

HAYS DENIES UTTERING SENTIMENTS ACREDITED

Demands Democrats Join With Republicans in Keeping Partisanship

Out of War.

Washington, Sept. 12.—A demand that the democrats Join with the republicans "to keep partisanship out of the war," was the reply which Will H. Hays, chairman of the republican national committee made to President Wilson's inquiry, through Secretary Tumulty, whether ne had said the democrats were willing to hargain for peace to retain control of the nation's affairs. In his letter to Secretary Tumulty Mr. Hays denied that he had uttered the sentiments which were attributed to him in the quoted paragraph. He declared, however, that he had assailed the methods of certain demacratic leaders. Referring to methods used in the Wisconsin senatorial campaism by democratic leaders, he said they were "an infamous prostitution of all patriotic properties". And their action, he said, was rebuked in the Michigan primaries and the Maine effection.

Chairman Kitchin, of the ways and means committee, does not anticipate, he says, any changes in the revenue bill hecause of the proposed exemption of liberty bonds from the taxes involved in the McAdoo plan.

He estimates that \$50,000,000 will be lost under the plan, but points out that the estimates under the revenue bill smount to an excess of more than \$100,000,000 beyond the original \$8,000.000,000 beyond the original \$8,000.000 be

ANTI-BOLSHEVIK FORCES CAPTURE PETROGRAD—REPORT

(By I. N. S.) London, Sept. 12.-Russian counter revolutionaries have captured Petrograd from the bolsheviki, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen this afternoon, quoting advices received there from Helsingfors. 'r nere is no confirmation of the capture of Petrograd from any other

The seat of the bolsheviki government is now at Moscow.

BLOW STRUCK AT EMPIRE'S HEART

Yankee Bayonets Flash Across Battle Line of Valley of Moselle.

STRIKE AT AUTOCRACY

Americans Making Drive for Germany's Great Fortress

(By Fred J. Wilson.)
New York, Sept. 12.—(I. N. S.)—
America's big blow has begun. Yankee bayonets, pointing straight at the
heart of German autocracy, have
flashed across the battle line of the
valley of the Moselle and her fighters are surging forward on long prepared lines to strike straight at the heart of Germany's greatest fortress, Metz. It is likely to be the first real stop on the road to Berlin.

guns fell into the hands of the British at this point.

Driving toward Cambrai, the British troops crossed the Canal Du Nord, northwest of Havrincourt, and established themselves in strong positions on the western bank of the canal north and east of Moeuvres. This is the region in which the Germans have recently been launching their strongest counter attacks.

New Drive South Scarpe.

London, Sept. 12.—(3:35 p.m.)—A new British drive was opened south of the Scarpe river today, according to information reaching here from the battle front this afternoon.

(The Scarpe river lies east of Arras, where the Flanders and Picardy battle fronts join up.)

No definite details had been received up to 3 o'clock this afternoon. For the past month British artillery has been extremely active. At least 10,000,000 rounds of ammunition were fired in counsiliary eye that troops were planned military eye that troops were planned to move forward to the attack. Over the whole face of the country, battery

military eye that troops were planned to move forward to the attack. Over the whole face of the country, battery positions had been established.

Camouflaged With Wirs.

Every one of them was most carefully camouflaged with wire nettings covered with small limbs of trees, already in position to hide them from the eye of any German gotha. In each of the hillsides all along the American lines above Toul and Nancy were small caverns from which the mouths of the famous French To's looked out toward the north and Germany. There was comparatively little aghting going on at that lime, but behind the lines of the Americans and French bustle was evident everywhere. It was perfectly plain that an assault in force was contemplated for the near future.

Not only was there every evidence of an intention to attack from the placing of cannon, but feverish activity prevailed along the lines of aircraft warfars. Great establishments were being hastily constructed by the Americans, the French, and the British, from which an enormous force of bombing planes were evidently designed to strike over their lines into Germany. Along every road in the whole region lorries marked with the British broad arrow, were drawn up in line and in certain sections, the names of which cannot be revealed even today, very great collectios of hangars were already in place with avlators of America. England and France, busily training for the expected onslaught.

Personally I believed that at that time that the attack would come within thirty days. It probably would have come within thirty days had it not been necessary to push back the Germans from the regions they overran in their March offensive. The whole region along the German line was then

been necessary to push back the Germans from the regions they overran in their March offensive. The whole region along the German line was then alive with long lines of French cannon and camions. It seemed at the time that they were being rushed into that territory in preparation for an assault, but developments now show that instead of going in to take up their positions which had been secretly taken up in anticipation of the big attack.

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Were so congested that a vehicle of valve their chance at last and it is not too much to prophesy that they will do the job.

For weeks past nothing was contemplated. I have watched with the greatest interest reports of the bombing by Americans of Thieucourt, Chomhley, Confans and Thionville. All she of the Germans were evided been expecting since May. Now that it has off the Germans were evided been expecting since May. Now that it has been greatest interest reports of the bombing by Americans of Thieucourt, Chomhley, Confans and Thionville. All she is alley from Pont-a-Mousson. Prom the American lines it is only about thirty miles to Metz. There are good roads, but the country adjoining is rolling, well wooded and comparatively easy of defense. The American small prove easy. The Germans will undoubtedly fight hard. It is almost a certaint with the famous St. Milhel sallent who have been massed to do doubt it will have only the prove easy. The Germans well that success will surely come.

BASEBALL ON DECK MAY SPRING STAPRING ST

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AS USUAL NEXT SPRING
Chleago, Sept. 12.—(I. N. S.,—Thomas
W. Hickey, president of the diseanded
American association, in an interview today declared that baseball will be on deck
as usual next spring. He based this assertion nerty on another—that the red, white
and blue will be in Berlin by Christmas
and that the war will be over in ample
time for soldiers, nee baseball players, to
exchange the gun for the bat.

With the American Troons in France.
Wednesday Night. Seat. 11.—In theire frantic efforts to stem the tide of the entente allied advance, the Garman high command has been taking divisions out of ruiet sectors cround Versum and in the Woeve and Lorraine, where they had been refut to recuperate, and is not time them into the line after a very heif rest, even though they need reupraion,

NEW FRANCO-AMERICAN OFFENSIVE



PRISONERS PROTECT HUN TOWNS AGAINST ATTACK
Amsterdam, Sept. 11,—About twenty-five British prisoners are confined much like birds in a cage with scarcely room to move about near the flying sheds at Evers, a suburb of Brussels, for the purpose of protecting the hangars against acrial attacks, according to the Libre Beigique. The item, which is reprinted in the Telegraaf, says that some of the British prisoners have linen bandages around their heads showing that they had not recovered from wounds. The story adds that a similar number of lielgian prisoners are filling the same role at the Diest flying camps.

HUNS ABANDON **HEAPS OF SPOIL**

Each day squads of soldiers, detailed to gather up the so-called "spoils" add to the gigantic collection. The mass of the abandoned material is the best proof of the rapidity with which the enemy bolted before the allied advance.

Minenwerfer, charged and in posi-tion for firing, were left by the hun-dreds. From ten to fifteen thousand machine guns were abandoned by the

FAIR, SAYS BILLY 'POSSUM



13,000,000 MEN HEAR CLEAR CALL

Registration Day Most Inspiring Demonstration of Patriotism in U. S. History.

FLAGS FLY; BANDS PLAY numbers.

Citizens Near Top Age Limit! and Boys Still in Teens Sign Their Names.

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, 15,000,000 other Americans registered today for military duty and gave the most inspiring demonstration of patriotism in the nation's better. ion's history.

Checking Up Material Taken

During Drive on Montdidier-Aisne Front.

GERMANS PAY HEAVY TOLL

In Supplies Left Behind in

Their Flight Before Oncoming Allied Armies.

(By Frod J. Rollmeyer.)

Paris, Sept. 12.—(I. N. S.)—It will be weeks before a complete inventory of suns, riffes, ammunition and stores, captured by the allies in their victorious drive on the Montdidier-Aisne front, can be made.

Each day squads of soldiers, detailed to gather up the so-called "spoils" add

Provost Marshal-General Crowder's final message—"the registrars are at their posts awaiting you"—was an-swered by some it never reached. The country's manpower was ready, for it swarmed about the registration

District boards had endeavored to word, however, the war department work out every detail of the plan so would not say anything.

place under three weeks, perhaps, but meanwhile district boards will start at once numbering serially all of the cards filled out today. Questionnaires will be sent immediately to men of the 19-37 class, while others will be clas-sified later. sified later. WOMEN PERFECT PLANS

Mrs. Sam Phillips, of Memphis,

Head of Organization and Delivers Address.

Nashville, Sept. 12.-The women Middle Tennessee, in charge of the women's division for the fourth liberty Middle Tennessee, in charge of the women's division for the fourth liberty loan drive met here today and perfected plans for the big loan drive. Mrs. Sam Phillips of Memphis, head of the woman's loan work in Tennessee, was present and felivered an address. Stiring talks were also minde by Gypsy Smith, noted evangelist, Jap Reinforcements Put in the of the woman's loan work in Tennessee, was present and gelivered an address. Stiring talks were also made Materials Seized.

Tien-Tsin, China, Sept. 12.—Allied forces operating in eastern Russia have captured Habarcosk.

Japanese reinforcements have been put in the field.
Great stores of war materials have been seized.

Stockholm, Sept. 12.—Elleven Englishmen Prisoners.
Stockholm, Sept. 12.—Elleven Englishmen and eleven French citizens have been arrested and imprisoned in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, in Petrograd, according to apparently reliable information received here today from the Russian city.

Filled—Great Stores War dress. Stiring talks were also minde dress. Language of the British Y. M. C. A., and others. The women of Tennessee expect to raise a large portion of the state's quota in the fourth loan.

SENATE WAITING

FOR REVENUE BILL

Supporters of Woman Suffrage Refuse to Allow Vote in Senate

Just Now.

Washington, Sept. 12.—With its called a conding the senate today marked time waiting for the new war revenue bill to come from the house.

Women suffrage is the only application.

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sed and imprisoned in
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ording to apparently
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BILLY 'POSSUM

With a rattle
and gush and a
blatant rush
comes registration day, and
thirteen millions
more have signed
for tickets Berlin
way. So chaps
who've wished so
very hard 'that
I were young
enough to go"
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GERMANS AT ST. MIHIEL UNDER TERRIFIC FIRE

French and American Forces On Lorraine Front Launch Offensive Against Huns On Both Sides of Salient — Reply of Teutonic Artillery is Very Weak.

With the American Forces on the Lorraine Front, Sept. 12 .-Reuters.)-French and American forces this morning bunched an attack against the German positions on both sides of the St. Mihiel salient. The reply to the terrific barrage fire by the German big guns was vigorous at some places, although as a whole it was weak. There are some indications that the Germans are withdrawing their artillery, although it is more probable that they are going to fight hard before being driven out, after enduring a stifling barrage of more than eight hours.

The Germans at some points are increasing the volume of their big gun fire, but ineffectually.

Attack a Daring One.

The weather is fine The attack made by the French and the Americans was a most daring one, and so far has been successful 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 s front of eight miles. There has been a great concentration of Franco-American artillery and entente airplanes operating in large

Take Part Hun First Line.

With the American Forces on the Lorraine Front, Sept. 12 .-(9 a.m.) - American forces this morning launched an attack on the German positions. At 9 o'clock they 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. The Germans are now falling back on the fronts on each side

of the St. Mihiel salient. Germans Were Suspicious.

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.

Protected By Hills.

(St. Mihiel is on the Meuse river, south of Verdun.)

On the St. Mihiel salient the Germans were protected by hills and were able in the past to bring up munitions and supplies in safety. This sector has been held by second-rate German troops and a few reserves. It is at least a four days' task to bring up reserves to this zone from the active parts of the western battle front. Communication lines are difficult to maintain there. Considering all this, a really successful drive in that district would enable the allies to outflank the entire western front.

The country's manpower was ready, for it swarmed about the registration booths soon after daylight and kept up an unending line through the day, Pick These to Be First Called, Today's fighting census will determine the status of every man just as it will pick those first to be called. The work of mobilization, it might be it will pick those first to be called.

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 barely two weeks at home.

District boards had endeavored to be started. In the absence of any efficial way department to the control of the con

District boards had endeavored to work out every detail of the plan so there would be no delay in classifying registrants, thousands of whom will be given deferment because of the importance of the labors in which they are engaged. This was regarded as one of the most difficult features and one which required intelligent consideration, for the government has planned with the idea of sending a steady flow of men to army cantonments without disturbing essential industries.

Drawing to Take Three Weeks.

The drawing to fix the relative standing of 13,000,000 will not take place under three weeks, perhaps, but might be undertaken until the initial cobjects had been attained. One of the reports reaching here stated that the Americans swept forward at daylight following an intense barrage and that in the first forward movement a number of villages were captured and a large number of prisoners were taken. For the last week here have been intimations that the next move in Gen. Footh's strategy would be a movement by the Americans. Intimations that the next move in Gen. Foch's strategy would be a movement by the Americans.

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VOMEN PERFECT PLANS
FOR LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE

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American sector, more than 1,000,000
American soldiers.

More Than Million Men.
Only a very small percentage of the more than one million and half men who have gone overseas were under British or French control a week ago. The rest were ready to go forward as seen as the word was after.

although until an official report is sent through, officers did not care to com-ment on what might be expected. The ment on what might be expected. The Germans have never been dislodged from the salient which they have oc-cupied at St. Miniel and it is hoped here that as a part of the present drive the Americans may be able to capture this point and drive the Ger-mans back across the river.

New Army Used. New Army Used.

In the present movement the newly rganized field army undoubtedly is being used. This will give the former three branches, the regular army, the national or selective army, and the national guard, hopes to fight shoulder to shoulder since all were amalgamented into one army of the United mated into one army of the United

States.
Army officers warned against expecting any very great speed in any offensive movement which may be commenced. It was pointed out that the terrain in the vicinity of St. Mihiel is not only very mountainous with val-leys that carry little rivers and brooks, but that the Germans have the brooks, but that the Germans have the great fortress base of Metz only a short distance away from hich they can draw supplies. The fact th t the initial blows are reported to have been successful greatly pleases the officials at the war department who have heen waiting anxiously for word that at last the first field army was in action.

been very anxious to be on the ground where he could see the American forces in action and it is therefore assumed that he would take advantage of today's operations.

On Wosvre Plains.

The first great "all American" offensive centered on the Woevre plain, the stretch of ground lying between the Meuse and Moselle rivers south of Verdun.

Verdun.

Apparently the American attacks centered in the sector of St. Mihiel, on the Meuse river, where the Germans encountered their greatest obstacles in their drive into France in 1914.

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FUNCTION OF REVIEWING

RATES NOT TO BE RESTORED

Washington, Sept. 12.—Ratesreviewing functions of state railroad and utility commissions probably will not be restored to them by the railroad administration, it was stated today, although the co-operation of the state bodies in enforcing safety and other nolice regulations will be welcomed. In some states, also commissions have gone ahead with investigations of local rate inequalities, and have rested. rate inequalities, and have reported recommendations to the federal admin-istration. In most cases these recom-mendations have been adouted. The principal agencies for consideration of rate revisions, however, will continue to be the recional, district and local traffic committees.

AUTHORITY ON HIGH

Dr. Edward Charles Munroe Gives up Chair of Chemistry at George Washington University.

Washington Sept. 12.—Dr. Edward Charles Munroe, interrestional authority on high explosives and one of the inventors of sunckeleys powder, today restanced as head of the chemistry department and president of the school of graduate studies at George Washington university, to accent the chairmanship of the committee on evaluations of the war research council. Dr. H. C. McNell, of the hursan of standards, becomes head of the chemistry department, and Prof. George N. Henning, dean of the graduate school.

HUNS PLAN TO INUNDATE AREA NORTH OF RHEIMS Lenden, Sept. 12.—According

to Dutch frontier messages, the Germans are preparing to inun-date the regions of the river Aisne northeast of Rheims, says a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Central News Agency. At some places dams have been constructed in the river which can be closed on short notice and special bridges have been