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First Army Goes Into Action for the First Time.

ADVANCE STEADILY

Aided by Tanks and Artillery, Important Ground is Gained.

London, Sept. 13. - The Daily Mail prespondent at the American from sends the following description of the le along the St. Mihiel sector:

"The first American army, under the personal command of General Pershing, "The first American army, under the for the first time went into action to day at the St. Mihiel salient. Never before has there been such a large concentration of American troops for one operation and never have the Americans peen in such complete control of their operations.

The event had long been anticipated. Some people assigned to it grandoise objective, but in reality the attack is for limited objectives only.

Two Weeks Assembling. "The concentration of a great part of the most experienced United States troops had taken place during the past two weeks and everything was planned minutely and with exactitude for a great even't in American history. Last night the final preparations wer

country over which the Americans are fighting is very difficult. The high ridges and thick woods ofhave a fortified line of resis

a roar that could be heard many miles peculiar fluctuations: From all innumerable guns told of the im- year of the war. ing assault. Towards five o'clock he hour of the attack, the firing beeven more rapid, and its sullen tone mingled strangely with the sound had launched an attack around the St.

"At dawn whole fleets of tanks manned by strong young Americans out of their shelters to lead the attack. They lumbered on, but the Germans offered little opposition. The American infantry followed in open order, plowing thru the mud, they were little troubled by the feeble Moselle River. artillery resistance.

"At one point, near Seicheprey, where the Americans had previously fought desperate battles with the Germans, machine gun and automatic flank, but the tanks and artillers quickly moved in that direction, and the Americans went steadily for-

"At seven o'clock the tanks had disappeared among a smoke cloud over the ridge in front of Seicheprey. "The Germans have offered little resistance to the advancing Amricans. Occasionally a stray machine gun or automatic rifle has been discovered, but it is apparent that the enemy has withdrawn his main force's to a second line, which possibly he will defend with a certain degree of

"His artillery has been firing from chind a ridge which runs in front of the American line, but he is being pursued by tanks, which at one point lost only one out of 45, and that stuck in the mud."

Going in Fine Style. "A few prisoners of the 10th Land-The Americans are pressing forward in fine style and slowly closing in the extreme ends of the St. Mihiel

"At the time of telegraphing, news of what has happened is very meagre, but the correspondent has just visited the battlefront and heard of the progress of the American units Montsec and Seicheprey, and of the

capture of several villages. "From Beaumont I could see lying just below me the trench from which thru which they are fighting. The sun was streaming across the valley, casting shadows from the melancholy wrecks of villages all around. On the left was the black, forbidding height Montsec, with the tiny village of that name nestling on its black side. Spurts of earth sprang from its capacious sides as the American artilery men battered at it.

In the valley the tops of what once smoke disappeared.

sant, resting on the side of a majestic casionally blotted them from view, tion. He succeeds the late Senator cause of the enemy. but they would reappear soon after- Mason of Toronto. walking with easy stride. Meanwhile the air was rent with torrent of shells passing overhead. American gunners, manning every possible type of gun, were working with mechanical rhythm as they loaded and sent the shells to their destina-

Americans Advance And Take Villages

ATTACK WAS BEGUN IN MIDST OF RAIN

Operation Was Restricted to Capture of Positions on Trescault Ridge.

With the British Army in France, Sept. 11.—The attack was begun this morning in the midst of rain, which had been falling intermittently for several days. Because of the elevation of Trescault ridge, however, the ground was not in a particularly bad condition. The operation was a local one, restricted to the cap-ture of positions of the Havrincourt-Trescault sector. This was the only important action report-ed on the British front today.

LIKELY FOR METZ

Point Attacked Remains Only Sharp Salient in France.

ACHIEVING SUCCESS

Late Reports at Washington Indicate Progress in Offensive.

Washington, Sept. 12. - Sixteen r every concealment for enemy ma-line guns, and in addition the Ger-today when General Pershing's forces struck their first independent blow in ance, which has everything in its France against the German army. "At 1 o'clock Thursday morning Reports tonight show that success he artillery preparation began with was meeting the American comman-roar that could be heard many miles way and all night it rose and sell der's effort to fling the enemy out of the sharp salient thrust in behind he roads that ran parallel the flashes the fortress of Verdun in the first

First reports were vague. They told merely that the American artillery but beyond the German border on the

TEN MILLION SHELLS FIRED IN FOUR WEEKS

British Gunners Cut German Wire With Greater Thoroness Than Ever Before.

London, Sept. 12.—In their recent advance the British fired more than ten million shells in four weeks. As a result the enemy's wire was cut with greater thoroness than ever before, and the British counter-battery work, according to the German statement, destroyed ten guns to the German's one.

NEARLY MILLION MEN REGISTER AT NEW YORK

"On to Berlin" is Cry of People at News of Offensive,

marched to registration centres today, voicing in all the fifty-odd on his return to New York today after tongues of the polyglot city their will- an inspection of American naval acingness to join General Pershing's tivities abroad.

men overseas. the cry went up, "On to Berlin." Members of the various allied missions on duty in the city were per- hours to pass this huge flotilla." mitted to register at the draft director's office. Nearly 400 of them, many DEBS GUILTY OF BREACH the Americans started and the valley attired in picturesque uniforms, were registered in the first three hours of

the morning. Officials tonight estimate that the number of men registered thruout the country today will exceed thirteen

CALLED TO THE SENATE. M. J. O'Brien of Rentrew, Millionaire a federal jury today.

Manufacturer, Has Been Appointed. sunlight, was the Village of St. Baus- Renfrew, has been called to the sen-

JAPS AT ROZENGARTWAKA. Tokio Reports Cavalry Three Hundred Miles North of Vladivostok,

Tokio, Sept. 12.-A war office com-The light railways continually ght up supplies."

The shells to their destina-munication issued today says: "cavalry reached Rozengartwaka, miles north of Vladivostok, Sept. 2."

Eight Thousand Prisoners Captured and Objectives Reached an Hour Ahead of Schedule Time.

Washington, Sept. 12.-American troops operating in the St. Mihiel sector made considerable gains today, General Pershing reported in his communique to the war department late tonight. Already 8,000 prisoners By a Staff Reporter. have been counted, and the movement still is in progress.

The statement follows: "Headquarters, American Expeditionary Forces, Sept. 12-This morning our troops, operating in the St. Mihlel sector, made considerable gains. Assisted by French units they broke the enemy's resistance and advanced at some points to a depth of five miles. We have counted 8000 prisoners up to the present. The operation is still in progress."

With the American Army on the Lorraine Front, Sept. 12 .- St. Mihiel has been recaptured by the French. according to the unofficial informa-By two o'clock in the afternoon the Americans had gained possession of

the Villages of Monsard, Pannes, Bouillonville and Thiaucourt. The Americans in their drive reached the first objectives at some points an hour ahead of schedule time. Seven hundred prisoners have already been

All along the line the advance has been carried out on schedule. Near Maizerais the troops went ahead against machine gun fire by crawling. ever pledge was made to him by the and tanks were sent to their aid. To the north Les Eparges Hill and months of vast war effort by the the neighboring Hill 322 were capmy surrendered at the latter place. The American casualties have been

STRONG RESISTANCE EXPECTED BY BRITISH

Indications Point to Intention of Ger mans to Defend Positions in New Battle Zones.

London, Sept. 12 .- All indications on Mihlel salient, the only sharp thrust tention of the Germans to defend their and respectable men, who would do towards the heart of France that re- positions in the highly-organized batmained to the German leaders to show the zone of the Germans' old positions the board would be composed partly by the enemy in his hurried retreat. for their offensive efforts since the war and the Hindenburg line, inundating began. It seemed possible that the ob- the country where that is possible. jective of the attack was Metz, just Doubtless, however, they are considering the establishment of a strong line farther back, with the big towns of ing Sir Robert Borden said there was Douai, Cambrai and St. Quentin as no announcement to make about the railways. The impression here is pivots.

It is pointed out that the Germans, soon since July 14, have shortened their consisting of Messrs. Hanna, Bell and on their bravery and Mitchell, were in session here today, the recent operations. forty divisions. A further shortening, press. however, is not impossible. Hence the British expect strong resistance and counter attacks to continue.

GERMAN FLEET'S EXIT TO BE SEA SLAUGHTER

Seventy-Eight-Mile Cordon of Warships Watches for Coming Out.

New York, Sept. 12 .- Confident prediction that a naval battle between

the German sea forces and the allied fleets would result in "a marine new army, nearly a million strong, slaughter' for the Teutons was made by Representative Daniel Riordan up-

"Stretched about the point whence the German fleet must emerge is a As news of the first great American 78-mile cordon of allied warshipsoffensive was spread thru the long lines British, French, Italian and American of waiting registrants thruout the city, -their men on their toes, steam up

OF U. S. ESPIONAGE ACT

American Socialist Leader Convicted By Jury at Cleveland.

Cleveland, Sept. 12. -- Eugene V. Debs, charged with violating the Espionage Act, was found guilty by

He was found guilty of attempting had been houses in the Village of Ottawa, Sept. 12.—It is understood to incite insubordination, disloyaty, Richecourt were discernible when the that M. J. O'Brien, the millionaire etc., in the military and nava! forces; miner and munitions manufacturer of attempting to obstruct recruiting and cellor to "take measures to prevent ate. Mr. O'Brien was a Liberal up to uttering language tending to incite, dontory. Khaki figures were mov- 1917, but ardently supported the provoke and encourage resistance to ing along the valley. The smoke oc- Union government at the last elec- the United States and to promote the

The jury was out 51/2 hours.

COCHRANE WANTS

Will Insist That He Be Made Chairman of Government Railway Board.

STRONG OPPOSITION

Not Yet Decided What the Nature of the Board to Be Appointed Will Be.

Ottawa, Sept. 12.-The railway someone has thrown a monkey tonight. Approximately a thousand wrench into the machinery, but opinions differ as to the nature and operations. extent of the interference. Gossip at the capital says there is a deadlock lows:

the capital says there is a deadlock in the cabinet over the ambition of Hon. Frank Cochrane to be chairman of the board. One of Mr. Cochrane's closest friends and a man of nation-wide popularity, said to The World this morning: "Cochrane is a proud man, and he feels he is being treated like a child. He will, therefore, insist upon the appointment or tear things wide open. I do not think he cares for the job or the salary. He probably would not retain either 90 days, but he is going to require the prime minister to make his word good or take the consequences."

Mr. Cochrane, as a matter of fact, views the situation philosophically. He refers humorously to the solicitude about his health manifested by people not, heretofore friendly. He quietly takes it for granted that whatever pledge was made to him by the government will be kept.

The text of the commination of the Havrincourt sector were continued with great success this morning in spite of the unfavorable weeter of the unfavorable weeter of the unfavorable weeter ontinued with great success this morning in spite of the unfavorable weeter ontinued with great success this morning in spite of the unfavorable weeter ontinued with great success this morning in spite of the unfavorable weeter ontinued with great success this morning in spite of the unfavorable weeter will and the old British trench lines to the east and north of it. On their right heops attacked and captured Trescault and the old British trench lines to the east and north of it. On their right heops attacked and captured Trescault and the old British trench lines to the east and north of it. On their right heops attacked of Gouzeaucourt Wood, overcoming the obstinate resistance of a German Jaeger division.

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Oppose Cochrane Appointment.

the appointment. The majority of his colleagues are against him. D. B.

French President Inspects Regions 2 p.m.—The Boche made a raid across the Canal du Nord in some force last colleagues are against him. D. B. Hanna has been placed in charge of present, and the government is satisthere might be a board composed partly of officials and partly of busithe British battlefront point to the in- an ordinary company board of rich Ham. little more than select the chief offi-cials. He intimated, however, that business men, who would be required to give all their time and energy to operating the national system.

that no announcement is coming since July 14, have shortened their The present board of directors.

thereby saving between thirty and but had nothing to give out to the

FIVE-MILE GAIN ON **ELEVEN-MILE FRONT**

come Strong Resistance by the Germans.

London, Sept. 12.-American troops Dutch press. on the Lorraine front have captured Nousard.

ing's forces have captured Combres. They are reported to have reached la Montagne.

The Americans attacked on an 11and guns ready. It took us seven mile front from Fey-en-Hay to Xivray and made an advance at its greatest aepth of five miles. Thiaucourt was captured early in the

French have captured, the Germans made a strong resistance. Fleeing Deserters Fired Upon In Busy Streets of Cologne

drive. At St. Mihiel, which the

Amsterdam, Sept. 12 .- "Fleeing deserters recently have been repeatedly fired at in the busy streets of Cologne," said Herr Oeerfeld, a member of the reichstag, in a message addressed to the German imperial chanthis danger to civilians," says .The were also combed with good results. Cologne Volks Zeitung.

POLICEMEN'S UNION.

Seventy-Five Per Cent. of the Force Will Join the Organization. Altho nothing definite has been said, it is understood that the members of the Toronto Police Force are forming a that the steamer Collingwood of the Farrar Transportation Company, Toronto, has just been taken over by the Canada Steamship Lines, Limited.

Altho nothing definite has been said, it is understood that the members of the Toronto Police Force are forming a time that Premier Lloyd George is suffering from a chill. He has a high temperature and may be prevented from filling all his engagements in his present tour of Lancashire, the statement adds.

Altho nothing definite has been said, thereby it is understood that the members of the Toronto Police Force are forming a time that Premier Lloyd George is suffering againing a still firmer grip on the high ground dominating this region. Fight-ture and may be prevented from filling all his engagements in his present tour of Lancashire, the statement adds.

Further Progress Made By British

Three Towns Captured, Canal du Nord Crossed and Thousand Germans Taken Prisoner.

London, Sept. 12 .- The British have nade further important progress toward Cambrai, having captured the Towns of Havrincourt, Trescault and Moeuvres, penetrated into the old British defence line at several places, and crossed the Canal du Nord north. situation continues to baffle the most of Havrincourt, according to Field patient investigator. Quite evidently Marshal Haig's communication issued Germans were made prisoner in the

The text of the communication fol-

POINCARE PAYS VISIT TO SOLDIERS AT FRONT

has paid a visit to the front to observe failed to get prisoners, which, doubt- he had journeyed to Manchester. He Paris, Sept. 12.—President Poincare fied that the road is in good hands.

A member of the government said that it had not yet been decided what type of board would be created. There might be a board composed of operating officials or there might be a board composed of operating officials or ried out systematic destruction before ried out systematic destruction before weather continues abominable, but as retiring. Accompanied by Generals it served our purpose during the made. partly of officials and partly of busi-ness men, who would give all their Fyelles and Humbert, he inspected cause to complain. "To end all wars," the premier said, "we must impose a durable peace from time to the work, or there might be Chauny, Noyon, Nesle, Guiscard and cause to complain.

The country roads were found littered with war material left behind contributed by that province were not Germany herself must know and the of officials and partly of high-class All the trees bordering these roads business men, who would be required All the trees bordering these roads because its drafts largely went to reand the fruit orchards had been cut down. The towns and villages were After the cabinet meeting this even- in ruins from houses blown up by dynamite and then burned. Everywhere churches had been destroyed. The hospital at Ham and the ambulances had been burned. The president felicitated the troops

GERMANY TO PROPOSE

Part of Peace Propaganda Comprises Subtle Hints at Concessions.

the general campaign and French and Americans Over- manoeuvre, of which the speech totral countries. Some light is thrown clearing stations to England. upon the veffed utterance of Count Burian a few days ago by what is re-

This article says that the two emthe Towns of Thiaucourt, Pannes and perors have decided, at the beginning North of St. Mihiel General Persh- and adds that the proposal of an ar- ditions for the moment have stopped British Empire. mistice might be an indication that offensive operations on a considerable healthier conditions in the workshops, Germany not only was ready to free scale, relative to the double crushing more attention to the schools, he in-Belgium and indemnify her but also blow inflicted on the enemy and the the western outskirts of Don Martin to discuss the evacuation of northern France and the restitution of German allies' morale along the line. colonies, and even to settle the Al-sace-Lorraine problem in a way to save French feelings, Germany might consent to revise the Brest-Litovsk treaty.

VILLAGE BELOW METZ UNDER AERIAL ATTACK

British Independent Air Forces Also Attack Railway West of Verney. London, Sept. 12 .- The report from

the headquarters of the British inde-pendent air forces says; "In spite of the strong wind several attempts were made to bomb targets along this front. Bombs were dropped on the railway at Courcelles and direct hits were attained on the tracks. The Village of Verney (south of Metz) and the railway west of it

LLOYD GEORGE ILL WITH SEVERE COLD ant, place.

Manchester, England, Sept. 12 .- It

DEVELOPING UNDER BEST OF CONDITIONS

Attack by Americans in Region of St. Mihiel Is Going Paris, Sept. 12. - "The American army attacked this morning in the region of St. Mihiel. The

operation is developing under the best of conditions." This announcement was made by the war office tonight. "West of St. Quentin, in co-operation with the British," the statement adds, "we advanced as far, as the Holnon-Savy road." (About 3 miles west of St.

Quentin).

GERMANS FAILED

Make a Raid Across Canal du Nord, Where Canadians Are Defending.

REPORTING FOR DUTY

Many Were Lightly Wounded and Are Now Back Again

in the Lines. By J. F. B. Livesay. the Canadian Forces, Sept. 11,

night from Sauchy-Cauchy and estab-Paris, Sept. 12.-President Poincare lished a post east of Escourt, but

> The legitimate grievance of New because its drafts largely went to reinforcing western battalions, is now ment. in process of redress, as a battalion Manitoba battalions.

The western brigadier, wounded ARMISTICE IN WINTER while making a reconnaissance, is now reported back with his command. A number of walking cases occasioned "We shall neither accept for ourby the recent battle are now report-ing back for duty. As the majority Brest-Litovsk treaty." of casualties were from machine guns, might be difficulties ahead the way

The brave French armies continue of winter, to propose an armistice in-stead of a straight peace conference, victory in this sector. Weather conwonderful re-percussion it has on the initiated for production,

INTO HAVRINCOURT

British Troops Maintain Their Hold on Highly Important Town.

With the British Army in France, way today into the shell-shattered made-in-England hat. It is a fact that Town of Havrincourt, which lies on the enormous plants where these and at latest reports were maintain- from the United States, where the

A little to the south they also car-

Road Thru Tunnel Will Be Short, Now Worst is Over.

MANCHESTER SPEECH

British Premier Declares for No Compromise With Tyranny.

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 today at Manchester. "The news is distinetly good, really good," said the remier. "We are going thru a long tunnel and are not at the end of the ourney. There are some steep grades to climb. It may be that the tunnel will be dark, but it will be short now

that the worst is over." The premier said that the British casualties in the last offensive in France were one-fifth of what they

were in 1916.

No Dishonor. The prime minister said: "We cannot allow the Bolsheviks to force on us a peace so humiliating as to dishonor the national flag and to make a repetition of the horrors of this war inevitable. When a satisfactory peace has been secured we can proceed with a clear conscience to build

Lloyd George delivered his address on the occasion of his receiving the freedom of the city, for which purpose

"To end all wars," the premier said, our enemies. The Prussian military Brunswick that the number of troops Germany herself must know and the adequately represented by distinctive- rulers have outraged the laws of

hitherto recognized as Manitoban, tho "This must be the last war," Lloyd with a preponderance of Bluenoses, is George said. "Don't let us be misled now set aside for that province. All that the establishment of a league New Brunswick drafts will go there, of nations without power will in it-and in process of time the Manitoba self secure the world against a cataon their bravery and endurance in members will be drafted out into other strophe. A league of nations with the Prussian military power triumphant would be a league of fox and geese while making a reconnaissance, is -one fox and many geese. The

Washington, Sept. 12.—Official de- the proportion of lightly wounded is thru would, in the premier's belief, be spatches today from France say that exceptionally large, and the ratio of a short one, and that the worst was peace dead small to the total. Most of the over, Hr. Lloyd George continued:
"When we suffered the reverse of day of Emperor William is regarded seriously wounded have been evacu- March 21, we still had large reserves as a part, is being extended into neu- ated from the Canadian casualty in this country. The Germans did not learing stations to England. | know it. I already have expressed Our total casualties are not more gratitude to the people who criticized than three thousand above our total the government on the ground that garded as an inspired article in the prisoners for the month. The loss in there were no reserves. These people the Amiens fighting was a trifle in had successfully misled the Germans.

Solidarity of Empire.

The first lesson taught by the war,

presentation of the freedom of the city, Lloyd George said: There are some men who say 'dron it and let us have peace by negotia-

tion, and added:
"There is no compromise between freedom and tyranny; no compromise between light and darkness. I know that it is better to sacrifice one generation than to sacrifice liberty forever. That is what we are fighting for and Heaven grant that we fight thru to the end."

UNUSUAL HAT SITUATION.

A startling condition of the hat Sept. 12.—British troops stormed their solute supreme popularity of the a dominating ridge within the forward defences of the Hindenburg line that the largest demand has come ing their hold on this highly import- duty on British goods is almost prohibitive. The Dineen Company, who alone in Canada represent such big makers as Henry Heath of London,

buckle.

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