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FRENCH TAKE 7,000 HUNS; HAIG OPENS NEW ATTACK; BULGARS OFFER ARMISTICE

FOURTH U. S. LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN OPENS TONIGHT

SPANISH INFLUENZA SWEEPING THROUGH U. S. ARMY CAMPS IS CAUSING INCREASE IN DEATHS

Epidemic in Eastern Portion of the United States Appears
To Be Beyond Control—Surgeon-General Fears That
the Disease Will Spread Westward.

Washington, Sept. 27.—Spanish influenza, sweeping through all but thirteen of the army camps and apparently beyond control of local authorities in many eastern communities, has caused a tremendous increase in the death rate of the army at home.

For the week ending September 20, the surgeon-general's office reported today, the death rate was 4.4 per cent, compared with 2.3 per cent the preceding week. This increase was attributed in large measure to influenza, but the report pointed out that the figures do not show the seriousness of the situation, as since last Friday there has been a further rapid spread of the epidemic with many deaths.

While the epidemic heretofore has been prevalent chiefly near the Atlantic seaboard, the surgeon-general's office said it may be expected to sweep westward with a still greater increase in mortality in the next few weeks. Orders issued last night by Provost Marshal Gen. Crowder cancelling calls for enlistment of 144,000 draft registrants between October 7 and 11 were due to the sick conditions in many camps, and were said by health officials to be absolutely necessary at this time.

STOP SALE OF DRINKS.
Boston, Sept. 27.—The emergency health committee, of which Henry H. Endicott, executive secretary of the state public safety committee, is chairman, voted today to request proprietors of all soda fountains to discontinue immediately the sale of all drinks, as an aid in checking the spread of influenza. No time was set when the sale might be resumed.

20 INFLUENZA VICTIMS. New York, Sept. 27.—Twenty deaths here from Spanish influenza, and seven from pneumonia, some of the latter due to influenza were reported to the health department today. This is a greater number than the total deaths

CANADIANS PUSH FORWARD IN ATTACK LAUNCHED BY HAIG ALONG SENSEE TODAY

British Forces Have Crossed the Canal du Nord Defences On
a Front of More Than Three Miles—Have Driven
In Over a Mile.

About nine German divisions, 122,000 men, are understood to be opposing Haig's men in the battle that opened early today along the Seneze River.

With the coming of the sun the morning broadened into clear, open weather, and the British airmen were able to report the progress of the battle.

Canadian troops pushed forward on the northern flank of the attack.

By 9:30 o'clock this morning the British appeared to have crossed the Canal du Nord defences on a front of more than three miles, and to have advanced to a maximum depth of approximately a mile and a quarter.

ARMISTICE IS OFFERED ALLIES BY PREMIER OF BULGARIA

Dispatch States That Action
Is Not Supported by
King.

RECEIVED BY BRITISH.
London, Sept. 27.—The British Government today received from an official authorized source an application from Bulgaria for an armistice.

FRENCH ARE NOTIFIED.

Paris, Sept. 27.—Gen. Franchet D'Esperey, commanding the allied armies in Macedonia, has telegraphed to the French Government that a Bulgarian officer has presented himself in behalf of Gen. Todorov, commanding the Bulgarian army, asking the suspension of arms for 48 hours to permit the arrival of two authorized delegates from the Bulgarian Government.

The minister of finance, Lefterchikoff, and Gen. Loukov, commanding the Bulgarian second army, are on their way to the French headquarters with the assent of King Ferdinand to arrange the conditions of the armistice and eventually the terms of peace.

London, Sept. 27.—Premier Malinoff of Bulgaria has made an offer of an armistice to the Allies, according to a Berlin message transmitted by the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Copenhagen. The message states that the premier's offer was made without the support of other members of the cabinet or of King Ferdinand.

The Berlin message says that Malinoff's offer has created great dissatisfaction in Bulgaria, and that strong military measures have been taken to support the Bulgarian front.

According to statements from Sofia by way of Jassy, it is added, a counter-movement against the action of the premier has already been set on foot.

GERMANY TO PROTEST.
London, Sept. 27.—Germany intends to send a solemn protest to Bulgaria against Premier Malinoff's request for an armistice, according to reports received in Amsterdam and forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph Company.

**GERMAN INTERNED
SHIPS IN CHILEAN
HARBORS OCCUPIED**
Santiago, Chile, Sept. 27.—The Chilean Government tonight ordered the naval authorities to occupy with armed forces all the interned German ships in Chilean harbors.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 51; lowest, 34. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 48; lowest, 34.

TOMORROW—WARMER.

Toronto, Sept. 27.—8 a.m. Forecast.

Today—Strong northwest winds; some scattered showers, but mostly fair.

Saturday—Fresh westerly winds and a little warmer.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	72	56	Clear.
Calgary	74	64	Clear.
Winnipeg	74	62	Fair.
Port Arthur	56	44	Cloudy.
Perry Sound	42	40	Cloudy.
Port Stanley	50	44	Cloudy.
Toronto	53	41	Cloudy.
Kingston	52	34	Cloudy.
Ottawa	52	38	Rain.
Montreal	50	38	Cloudy.
Quebec	50	40	Rain.

Weather Notes.

The disturbance is now centred near Quebec, and rain is falling in the St. Lawrence Valley and Maritime Provinces.

The weather is fine and moderately warm in the Western Provinces.

THE WRONG, WRONG TRAIL



Advertiser Illustrations
Ludendorff—Well, the world's round, isn't it?—London Evening News.

GERMANS ON EASTERN OUTSKIRTS OF THE ARGONNE FOREST ARE "BOTTLED UP"

Attacks of the Franco-American Forces Northwest of Verdun Have Been More Successful Than Anticipated — Huns Have Sammies to Face in Front and Poilus at Rear.

Paris, Sept. 27.—American troops, in their attack northwest of Verdun, appear to have attained all and more than they attempted. The Americans were confronted by the German fifth army. This force had been diluted, which explains the relatively small number of prisoners taken.

The Argonne Forest itself is "dead ground" between the two attacking fronts, but the capture by the Americans of Mont Blainville (on the eastern outskirts of the forest) bottles up the Germans holding the position in front of Four-de-Paris. Germans there now have the French in front of them and the Americans at their backs.

The Germans, it is believed here, have only one division in the Argonne. This force now has no other means of retreat but over the rough roads leading northward through the woods.

"By taking Varennes and Montfaucon with a series of positions that Gen. Gallwitz considered so impregnable that he could not have taken them without penable precautions," says Marcel Huth in the Echo de Paris, "the Americans have given the magnificent new edition of their victory in the St. Mihiel section."

Announcement was made in London on Sunday that British airmen had attacked Mannheim on Saturday, September 21.

The royal party spent last week in Alzeu, Lorraine, stopping at the chief Rhine town. Military honours were generally visited and public ceremonies were avoided. The object of the visit, the newspaper adds, was to appease the unrest and fear of the population owing to the approach of the frontier of allied armies and constant aerial bombing.

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Geneva, Thursday, Sept. 26.—Emperor William, Field Marshal Duke Albrecht of Wurttemberg and Prince Stephan of Schaumburg-Lippe were in Mannheim last week when British airmen raided the city. The royal party, according to the Democratic of Geneva, was staying in the royal palace, and the emperor and his staff promptly took refuge in the cellar, remaining there twenty minutes. The palace was not hit, as it had been during a previous raid, but bombs fell in the vicinity.

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BAKER WITNESSES OPENING OF ATTACK

U. S. War Secretary Present When American Drive Opened.

With the American Army on the Champagne front, Sept. 27.—Secretary of War Baker witnesses the beginning of the American drive along the front northwest of Verdun yesterday morning.

At 5:30 o'clock after the enemy positions had been bombarded with high explosives and gas shells, the infantry advanced.

FLIES FROM ITALY TO FRENCH CAPITAL

Gabriele D'Annunzio Reaches Paris After Flight Over the Alps.

Paris, Sept. 27.—Gabriele D'Annunzio, the Italian author-aviator, arrived in Paris this morning in an airplane, flying from Italy across the Alps.

INVITES FRENCH TO AMERICAN FEDERATION

Paris, Sept. 27.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who is visiting the city, has invited the French Confederation of Labor to send delegates to the national conference of the American Federation, it is announced here. American labor delegates will be present at the next conference of the confederation.

NEUCERA IS HANGED.

Montreal, Sept. 27.—Giuseppe Neucera, an Italian, who killed a fellow countryman named Bettoli in a fight last spring, was hanged this morning in Bordeaux jail.

ENEMY POSITIONS TO A DEPTH OF THREE MILES PENETRATED BY FRENCH FORCES

ALLIES HAVE TAKEN 10,000 PRISONERS IN MACEDONIA

Over 7,000 Germans Captured By French In Successful Attacks In Champagne District — British Troops Open New Attack This Morning Along the Seneze River.

16,000 PRISONERS TAKEN IN CHAMPAGNE.

London, Sept. 27.—The number of Germans taken prisoner by the French and Americans in their drive in the Champagne and to the east exceeds 16,000, according to a Paris dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Paris, Sept. 27.—Successful development of the French offensive begun yesterday in the Champagne is reported today by the war office. Over the entire field of attack by the French, between the River Suippe and the Argonne Forest, the formidable German positions of a depth of more than three miles were brilliantly carried.

The text of the statement reads: "The attack by French troops in the Champagne developed yesterday with success. From the Suippe to the Argonne the first German positions, a formidable network of trenches and wire entanglements of a depth of more than five kilometres, which the enemy had not ceased to strengthen since 1915, were brilliantly carried by the French troops."

"The French have captured the Butte-du-Mesnil, the Butte-du-Souain, the Butte-du-Tahure and the villages of Tahure, Ripont, Rouvroy, Cernay-en-Dormois and Servon-Melzicourt. More than 7,000 prisoners were taken by the French. The French forces resumed their attack this morning and, despite unfavorable weather conditions, satisfactory progress is being made."

"The Navarin Farm, the Butte-du-Souain, the Butte-du-Mont Muret, the Butte-du-Tahure, the Butte-du-Mesnil, the villages of Tahure, Ripont, Rouvroy, Cernay-en-Dormois and Servon-Melzicourt, with organized points of support and stubbornly defended by the enemy, were conquered in hard fighting on the first day of the battle. The number of prisoners thus far counted is more than 7,000, of whom 200 are officers."

"In the course of the night the enemy attempted no reaction. The attack was resumed this morning, and despite bad weather, it is being continued under satisfactory conditions."

WILSON TO REPLY TO VON HERTLING AT N. Y. TONIGHT

U. S. President's Address To Open Fourth Liberty Loan Campaign.

New York, Sept. 27.—President Wilson's address at the Metropolitan Opera House here tonight, signaling the opening of the national campaign for the fourth Liberty Loan was awaited with intense interest and thousands clamoured in vain for tickets for admission. The popular belief is that in addition to making a stirring appeal for the sale of bonds, the president will reply to the recent German imperial chancellor.

Before the meeting opens there will be a "concert of noise" for half an hour from powerful air raid sirens, police emergency whistles, church bells and other sound producers. The "all clear" signal from the air raid stations will be sounded just before the president starts to speak.

During the din thousands of reserve policemen and volunteer workers will start to distribute one and one-half million copies of a surprise newspaper edition. At midnight Governor Whitman will purchase the first bond in the city at "Liberty Hall" in Times Square and make an address.

DRAFT EVADERS IN HIDING IN NORTHERN FORESTS OF QUEBEC

More Than a Hundred Have Built Camps in One District Alone.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Montreal, Sept. 27.—That scores of draft evaders, possibly hundreds, have congregated in the woods on the private preserves of several fish and game clubs in the northern part of the Province of Quebec, is the information sent in from various quarters to Mr. James R. Innes, secretary of the Provincial Fish and Game Association. From the information received, Mr. Innes believes that probably more than 100 men have built camps and settled in one district, while there may be many more in other parts as information recently coming in from guides that numerous "strangers" have been met in many parts of the woods. Quite recently a party of sportsmen with several guides had two rifle shots fired at them.

ALLIED TROOPS PUSHING OVER MOUNTAINS TOWARD BULGARIA

Paris, Sept. 27.—The Allied offensive in Macedonia continues successfully, says a French war office statement tonight, and the Allied troops are pushing their way over the mountain ranges toward Bulgaria. The statement reads:

"Army of the East, Sept. 25.—The operations on September 24-25 were particularly successful. The formidable massif of Belachitza has been reached and the frontier of Bulgaria passed at Kosturino by the British army, which is marching on Strumitsa. The heights of the Gradets Mountain range have been reached by the Franco-Greek troops. Serbian forces have captured the town of Ishtib and passed beyond it, and are approaching Veles."

ATTACK PROGRESSING FAVORABLY.

Paris, Sept. 27.—Reports at this hour from the battlefield in the Champagne, between the Suippe and the Meuse rivers, indicate

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