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Few Late Actions Have

Yielded So Much Import-

ant Ground

OF GREAT ADVANTAGE

in Rapidity of Its

Execution.

raine, Sept. 13.—Brilliantly supported by the French, General Pershing has

of the operations undertaken in the

St. Mihiel region. The two forces

pushing respectively southeast and

rapidity, precision and dash that dis-

heartened him after his reverses of

recent months. Few late actions have

To Free Railways.

In the military sense, the action has

being deficient and spasmodic thruout.

evidencing that he had previously re-

moved the greater part to safer posi-

tions. But his machine guns were

CAPTURES BY U. S. ARMY

Enemy Leaves Few Stores Behind,

But Many Men and Guns.

THE "STAR" HAT DAY AT

DINEEN'S.

wet season begins.

Eventual stabilization here will free

tant a nature.

orther Progress Also Made in Region of La Bassee.

# SLAG HEAP IS TAKEN

portant Local Feature Gives Observation Over Surrounding Country.

tin the British have gained adal ground around Vermand and urt and in the region of La have made further progress. ng to the official communicasued tonight. In the latter reon territory giving the British a ide range over the outlying districts s been reached.

he text of the communication fol-

In the Vermand and Jeancourt secnorthwest of St. Quentin our have gained ground in contact the enemy advanced detachments

has continued in spite of the ops have gained possession of se de Bethune and of the slag heap ng it. This slag heap, known dump' forms an important local e, giving wide observation over

surrounding country. To the north of it our troops hold German trench immediately west of the war." Auchy-lez-La Bassee and are pressforward into the village. We caped a few prisoners during the it in the neighborhood of Zillebeke

my Sent Out Call to Hurry inforcements, But They Were Not Forthcoming.

ith the American Army in France, ficans have come from seven an divisions, among them men the landwehr and landsturm. came from the 192nd, 10th, 77th, 255th and 307th regiments.

The prisoners asserted that the cases resulting from the American fire were very heavy. Among the ives were numerous officers who criticized the high command that they termed bad judgment. Air the evidence at hand tends to Im the belief that the Germans altogether unprepared to resist ch a force as General Pershing sent ast them. One division on a cersector sent out a call for rein-The only response to this al was a reply to hold the sector

igneulles, a little town that sits in northern end of the valley that the northern entrance to the St. salient, was entered by the cans last night. The first to Was supported by a large force

# 13,300

## lotal of Prisoners Taken in Flattening out the Salient.

Washington, Sept. 13.—The number prisoners taken by the Americans n flattening out the St. Mihiel salient number 13,300, General Pershing rted in his communique for to-7, received late tonight at the war rtment. No mention was made of number of guns and other booty

Anti-Revolutionists Capture Russian Capital From Bolsheviks.

Paris, Sept. 13.—Despatches received by English newspapers thru Helsingfors announce that Petro- COUNTER-ATTACKS FAIL grad has been taken by the anti-Revolutionists.

# WILL HAVE CONTROL

troller, Appointed Director of Operations.

## MAY FIX THE PRICE

Power Granted to Take Possession of Any Mine or Mining Plant.

Ottawa, Sept. 13.-Charles A. Magrath, fuel controller, has been aption of labor to the best advantage, from hostile machine guns. and respecting all other matters necessary to and connected with the cost of and production of coal and "the IRADE OF CANADA increase and continuance of such production in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick during the present war and for three months after the end

the appointment is made states that the production of bituminous coal in the maritime provinces is diminishing in comparison with last year; that the supply does not promise to be equal to the needs of the country dependent thereon, and that it is therefore necessary that efficient means be adopted to increase the output.

It is further provided that: 1.-The price to be paid for coal and coke produced in Nova Scotla and New Brunswick during the period mentioned, shall be subject to the approval of the director of coal opera-

2.-The director with the approval possession of any mine or mining of 13.—The prisoners taken by the management, operation and use of such possession by the director, un-der this regulation, shall not affect any liability of the actual owner, agent The Austro-Hungarians made prisoner or manager of the mine or mining came from the 192nd 10th, 77th, 255th plant as the case may be, under any law or statute in that behalf.

3.-The director may appoint such officers and agents as may be necessary to assist him. the powers of a commissioner under the Inquiries Act. Any corporation, company, or person, guilty of an offense under the tural products exported during

## LLOYD GEORGE SUFFERS

Manchester, Sept. 13-Premier Lloyd George is suffering from influenza there was only a small patrol, and all his Lancashire engagements have been cancelled. His physician. moved down the ridge along the after a visit to the premier at 8.30 ern edge of the forest, and in a p.m., said that his temperature was 251. hours the trap was effectually still high and it was doubtful if he

# Petrograd Taken FRENCH ADVANCE

Neighborhood of Laffaux and Moisy.

C. A. Magrath, Fuel Con- in the Rheims sector, according to the attacks were repulsed in the neighborhood of Laffaux and Moisy.

> Americans Will Conduct Great Offensive Effort Next Year.

clared, and would be employed in

The order-in-council under which Decrease of Nearly Two Hundred and Seventy-One Mil-

# **EXPORTS FALL OFF**

Also Decreased by Nearly Seventy Millions.

Ottawa, Sept. 13. - A decrease of nearly two hundred and seventy-one millions in the total trade of Canada for the first five months of the fiscal of the governor in council, may take year, as compared with the same period in 1917, is shown by plant within the provinces aforesaid and may undertake and carry on the and may undertake and carry on the the customs department on Friday, against them, and in addition lost ville, Hannonville and Herberville. any such mine or mining plant; but trade for the first five months of the many prisoners. such possession by the director, un-Aug. 31 last, totaled \$875,178,588. year ago the total for the five months was \$1,146,054,498. The decrease, therefore, amounts to \$270,875,910.

242,260 in 1917. Imports decreased \$60,969,125 in the five months period, 4.—The director, for the purpose of the total for 1917 being \$474,031,859 any inquiry or investigation made un-der the provisions of the regulation, Domestic agricultural products exported show a decrease of \$122,478,-977, when compared with last year. The total value of domestic agriculregulations, is liable to a penalty not exceeding five thousand dollars, or to specific thousand dollars, or to specific this year it was imprisonment for a term not exceed-only \$117.518.046. Domestic manu-

ing three months or to both fine and factured articles to the value of \$197. 424.052 were exported from Canada during the first five months of the fiscal year, which was just \$92,292,484 less than last year's total, which was ATTACK OF INFLUENZA \$289,716,536 Exports of forest products show an increase of approximately eleven millions over last year, and of minera's about four millions. Dutiable goods to the value of \$229, 612,483 were imported into Canada during the five months' period, and free goods to the value of \$183,450,p.m., said that his temperature was still high and it was doubtful if he would be able to leave for London on Monday.

251. Duty collected on the former class of goods this year amounts to \$69,613,597, a decrease of \$6,086,303, when compared with 1917.

Further Progress Made Between Savy and the St. Quentin Road.

Germans Repulsed in the

Paris, Sept. 13.-The French have made further progress between Savy and St. Quentin-Ham road and also to the north of Nanteuil-la-Fosse, official statement issued by the war office tonight. Two German counter-

# ALLIES NOT TO ALTER

PEACE TERMS DECISION

Newcastle, Eng., Sept. 13.-The German people ought to know that if yielded so much ground of so importhey had dreamed of getting better.

# TAKES BIG DROP

plies and many guns fell into the hands of the allies. lions in Five Months.

Imports for the Same Period

The decrease is largely due to the falling off in exports, which this year totaled \$451,846,814 as against \$654,-

The text of Gen. Pershing's statement follows: "Headquarters of the American Expeditionary Force, Sept. 13 .- In the St. Mihiel sector we have achieved further successes; the junction of MANY VILLAGES TAKEN our troops advancing from the south of the sector with those advancing from the west has given us possession of the whole salient to points Advance Was Normal Except twelve miles northeast of St. Mihiel, and has resulted in the capture of Operation Will Have Import-

Text of Pershing's Report

IERICANS ONLY FOUR MILES

FROM GREAT METZ FORTRESS

"Forced back by our steady advance, the enemy is retiring and is destroying large quantities of material as he goes. The number of prisoners counted has risen to 13,300. Our line now includes Herbeville, With the American Army in Lor-Thillet, Hattonville, St. Benoit, Xammes, Jaulny, Thiaucourt and Vieville.'

# accomplished the "limited objective" FIRST WOUNDED AMERICANS TELL OF GREAT VICTORY

northwest took position after position from the enemy, advancing with a Principal Positions in Enemy Defence Were Taken at Point of Bayonet.

Paris, Sept. 13.—About a hundred of the first American wounded the banks of the Moselle River at grath, fuel controller, has been appointed director of coal operations for were mistaken, said General Jan the dark hours of Thursday morning battle was a great victory and full of promise for the future. The American woulded the banks of the Moselle River at those formulated last January they were mistaken, said General Jan the dark hours of Thursday morning battle was a great victory and full of promise for the future. The American woulded the banks of the Moselle River at the banks of the Moselle River at those formulated last January they were mistaken, said General Jan the dark hours of Thursday morning battle was a great victory and full of promise for the future.

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The powers given to him are wide. He has power to make all necessary investigation and inquiries respecting wages, boltz be beigger than the British and French holldays hours of labor the utilizations of General Smuts described and formulation of the private describing the dark hours of Thursday morning was demoralizing in the thoroness of its destructiveness. It is now known that the enemy was prepared for a possible blow in this region, but four taken at the point of the bayonet. Despite fierce resistance the Germans taken prisoner—more than 12 000 had were completely overthrown and suffered exceptionally heavy losses.

hours of almost unsurpassed shelling with gas and from guns of all calibres The American units co-operated splendidly with the French, One left him powerless to bring up his American officer who was wounded during the hottest part of the battle reserves or maintain communications. His roads were torn up, his supplies relates that a small French detachment found itself in difficulties in a and tons and tons of ammunition and

wood full of machine guns. and material destroyed, his ammuni-Without waiting for orders, the Americans advanced spontaneously to hands, tion dumps sent skyward, and villages turn the position, and, reaching the rear of the wood, precipitated thembehind his lines fired. A large number of prisoners, quantities of sup- selves on the enemy and slaughtered the gunners on their weapons.

# Wiped Out

important lines of rail communication as well as roadways, and leave in the possession of the French and Ameri- St. Mihiel Salient is Gone, cans high ground which will be of With Germans Still great military advantage when the

Going Back. been normal in all its aspects except With the American Army in Lorin the rapidity of execution. This does raine, Sept. 13 .- The St. Mihiel salient not mean there has been no hard fight- has been wiped out and the enemy ing. There has been fighting, both forces are now virtually with their brilliant and fierce, because one vitally backs on the famous Wotan-Hindenimportant point was held by a famous, burg line, with the Americans and Over Third of Billion Trade well-tried German division. Never- French paralleling them closely from

theless the division was unable to Verdun to the Moselle, withstand the steady and unswerving The line now extends past Norroy, advance of the Americans thrown Jaulny. Xammes, St. Benoit, Hatton-

# The only enemy weakness was in his artillery, the reply of his big guns ALLIED AVIATORS The only enemy weakness was in

vicious enough to compensate for Stations and Junctions Behind Battlefront Come Under Attack. BELIE GERMAN CLAIMS

# ASSISTING AMERICANS

London, Sept. 13,-The claim made by the Germans in the official com- German Transports, Searchmunication that they foresaw the lights and Railways Receive evacuation of the St. Mihiel salient and prepared for it for as many years Hails of Explosives.

as the war has lasted, hardly is borne out in view of the number of prisoners London, Sept. 13 .- While the Amand guns taken. At the same time the erican first army was pressing forfact that very few stores were left behind appears to indicate that the Ger- ward thru the St. Miniel salient, almans had prepared to quit the ground. Hed aviators were intensively bombing the German railroads around Metz and Courcelles, according to a communication issued by the air Today will just about break records ministry tonight. The aviators also at the great Dineen store, 140 Yonge attacked the Metz station and trans-street. There are many reasons. The ports with good results.

ports with good results. demands a fall hat. Hundreds have not yet The text of the air ministry's state secured theirs - prices ment follows: "On the night of Sept. 12-13, and styles are tempting in new hats from all the conjunction with the attack of the most celebrated makers American first army, the fallways at They most celebrated makers Merz-Sablon and Courcelles (in the days. In another part of this paper you will find a dis-

advertisement giv- sults. "The Metz station, searchlights and ing particulars of a few extra special lines priced \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00. There transports were attacked with matter the relation of the second sec is no hat value in Canada to compare with these Dineen lines, and all types weather, operations were continued of men will find the hat that most ad-mirably suits their personality. It railway junctions and enemy transwould be well to go in and look over these values before settling on a hat elsewhere. Your visit will be appreciated and your wishes treated with

**BRITAIN'S CREDITS** 

SPENT IN CANADA

Expended. TO ASSIST EXCHANGE

Dollars of U.S. Loans

Balance Against

Washington, Sept. 13.—About \$400,-000,000 of the funds loaned to Great The Towns of Vigneulles, Thiaucourt, Britain were spent in Canada for wheat and munitions during the year ending last June 30 and have contributed materially to improving the ex- Montsec, the dominating height in the to Canadiaan business interests. This ecame known here today in connection with the treasury reports that without fighting. Among the numer-experts from the United States to ous prisoners taken were men from Canada in the year were \$778,000,000 and imports from Canada \$434,000,000, leaving about \$350,000,000 balance egainst Canada, in addition to interest

Dominion.

gations in this country. This balance was more than offset, lowever, by the use of British credits, officials explained. In addition, a two-grar loan of \$65,000,000 was arranged tion of the St. Mihiel salient, the rivately in New York by Canada within the year under approval of the American Government. The war and tion to act with their brothers-in-arms orders in Canada, contracts now out- is ripe for a strike into Germany distanding being reported at about \$125,-000,000. A substantial part of exports to Canada represent munitions ished form to the United States or selle Rivers and thus make null the Great Britain and financed almost entirely by American credits to Great

## New Zealand's Premier in Ottawa

On His Return From Overseas Ottawa, Sept. 13.—Hon. W. F. Massey, premier of New Zealand, and Sir Joseph Ward, finance minister, arrived in Ottawa tonight on their re-

Sir Clifford Sifton also arrived in Ottawa tonight from a lengthy visit (Fingland and France).

Wesneyblack the surrounding country henceforth is to be sadly harassed by the aliled flying squadrons. te England and France.

### RESISTANCE IS STUBBORN. But

the utmost courtesy. Store closes at ed. Two of our machines are miss- stubborn,

More Than Thirteen Thousand Prisoners Already Have Been Counted.

ant Bearing on the War's Future.

New York, Sept. 13.-The Associated Press tonight issues the following: The American first army has car-

ried out with the utmost despatch the ipitial task assigned to it. This task was the leveling of the famous St. Mihiel salient in Lorraine, and in a little more than 24 hours not alone had the work been accomplished, but General Pershing's men had all the important towns, villages and strategic positions in the sector within their hands and were standing on

taken prisoner-more than 12,000 had been counted and others were still on their way back to the prisoner cages -and many guns and machine guns other war stores were in American

From Hattonville, situated in the foothills of the heights of the Meuse, on the north, across the salient eastward to Pagny, the Americans have closed the mouth of the big sack that extended southward to St. Mihiel. trapping within it by their fast advance all the enemy forces who failed to take refuge in flight when the great combardment of Thursday morning About Four Hundred Million heralded the approach of the offensive.

Astride Railway. In addition, along the eastern side of the heights north of Hattonville, the Americans have debouched from the hill region and are astride the railroad running from Commercy to Verdun. Likewise the Thiaucourt-Metz and Nancy-Metz railways are

in American hands. Beginning in the northwest and crossing the salient eastward Fresnes, Les Eparges, Hattonville, Preny and Pagny, and all the ground lying be-Pont-a-Mousson and St. Mihiel are far in the rear of the present line. hange situation which was so adverse centre of the salient and from which much trouble had been expected, fell Austro-Hungarian armies. Altho the operation of the Americans has been described as having "limited objecand maturities on Canadian obliga- tives," it nevertheless cannot but have a most important bearing on the future of the war. From the straighten-Americans now are in a splendid posinavy departments have placed large on sectors eastward when the time rect. Also they now are aligned on territory from which it is possible to r materials later re-exported in fin- get behind both the Meuse and Moreported plans of the Germans to stabilize their front along the Meuse, should they be unable to hold the allies in the west in check.

Airmen Prepare Attack. Already allied airmen are heavily ombing the Moselle region around Metz and its outlying fortifications, having dropped many tons of bombs on the strategic railways leading from the great fortress, and it seemingly is not without reason to expect that with apparent surremach in the turn from Great Britain and France. Ingly is not without reason to expect that with apparent supremacy in the air Metz and the surrounding coun-

Meanwhile the manoeuvrings on the west front around Cambral and St. Quentin should not be lost sight of reason of the present American fensive. Here the British and German Prisoners Continue French daily are enlarging their gains in the process of outflanking and can in the process of outflanking and cap-Paris, Sept. 13.—Combres, Fresnes, Vigneulles and Thiaucourt now mark the battling ground on the Lorraine front. The German resistance is stubborn, but prisoners continue streaming to the rear.

THE JOY RIDER IS DISLOYAL

Canadian motor car owners should vie with Americans on

Sunday in cutting out motoring for pleasure. Let Canadian

owners of cars show the Germans that a reasonable request

meets with readier compliance than an autocrat's command.

Canada, which has given so many of her sons, will readily

forego a pleasure to help the Allies. Until the Fuel Controller

lifts the ban, motoring for pleasure on Sundays will be regarded

as disloyal in Canada—disloyal to our boys who call for greater

power back of their drive, and disloyal to the Sacred Cause for

which so many have already given their all.