## U.S. SECTOR OF HIGH STRATEGIC VALUE

American Offensive Would Strike Direct at Heart of Teuton Power.

HUGE FORTS SUPPORT LINE

Great Importance Attaches to Future Operations in Which Soldiers From United States Will Have Conspicuous Part.

Now that the American Army has taken over a section of the battle front in France, interest of the people of the United States is focused upon the sector which they occupy. According to official announcement

just made, the Americans are helding a sector extending east and north from Mihiel toward the German border. No statement has been made of just how many miles of front the Amer-icans have taken over from the French, but, assuming that the American sec-tor extends to the German border, it

Germany.

Backed by the great chait of forts extending south from Verdun to St. Mihiel and thence eastward through Youl and Nancy to Belfort, another French stronghold of the first class, the American sector is regarded as practically imprognable to direct assault by the Germans, although had the Germans although had the Germans succeeded in their attack upon forced to relinquish Toul and Nancy.

Wedge Exists in Line. As the battle line now runs there is which are believed to have been filled an awkward sallent in the French line with men and officers awaiting the aways with its point at St. Milniet and signal to attack. is extending along the sdges of the overe plain north and east, respect-ely, has existed in the line practically are the Germans halted in their retreat from Paris at the beginning of

The German attack upon Verdun was Directly south and buck of what is believed to be the engirer and of the sector occupied by the Americans is the forest of Le Petre on the left bank of in Moselle River. Villages between St.
Mihiel and the Moselle River close to
the rear of the American sector are
Ally. Aprenont, Filrey, Reguleville
and Pont-a-Mousses.

Strategie Value Great.

The region of the American sector is troughly bounded by the Masslie River on the east and the Mouse River on the west. St. Miniet is on the Mense River. By railway, Nancy in 219 miles. sful offensive by the Amer

leans and French jointly along the St. Mihiel salient would strike directly at the heart of German power.

The powerful German fortress of Mera lies due north of Nancy and the battle line now runs within about 15 miles of Meta at its closest point of approach. Verdan is directly west of Meta.

watershed of the Meuse-Meselle, part of which is called the plain of Woevre.
From this plain termany dominates the from mines of the Basin de Briev to the prisoners of war aid department of the plain Germany's armaments come from them. tion. The letters, sent to E. G. Wilson Without these mines it is admitted by associate scentary, recently returns the Teutons themselves that Germany to this country after spending tw

Metz Probable Objective.

A joint French-American offensive would aim to eliminate the St. Miniel salient by capture of the Woevre plain. I successful General Pershing proba-ly would push north along the Moselle River and invest the fortress of

That part of France where the Amer-That part of France where the Amerleans are located is one of the richest
in natural resources. Nancy, ancient
capital of Lorrains, is the seat of a
bishop and court of appeal and the seat
of a military division dependent on the
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she did not write. Here is part of what Chalons corps d'armee. It is also a asked the Y. M. C. A. to find out why university town, with the four faculties she did not write. Here is part of what medicine, literature, science and law, sed as an educational center has risen

Americans this city should posest, a botanical garden and a museum of natural history, an academy, a geographical society and an important school of forestry. The first agricultural station founded in France in 1822 is at Reville, in the vicinity.

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Industrial Resources Large.

Timber, grain and hops are largely grown in this district Rags for paper mills in the Vosges and embroidery, which was its earliest industry, long have been objects of an extensive trade

ustries adding to Nancy's impor-

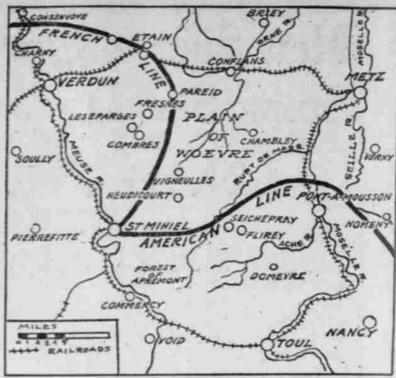
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### TO RELIEVE **CATARRHAL DEAFNESS** AND HEAD NOISES

If you have Catarrhal Deafness head noises go to your drug-t and get one ounce of Parmint (double strength), and add milit double strengton, to it hot water and just a little sugar as directed in each package. Take one tablespoonful

times a day. This will often bring quick relief from the distressing head noises. Cloured nostrils should open, breathing become easy and the mucus stop dropping into the threat. It is easy to prepare, costs little and is pleasant to take. Anyone who has Catarrhal Deafness or head noises should

SECTION OF BATTLE LINE IN FRANCE ALONG PORTION-OF WHICH AMERICAN ARMY IS FACING GERMANS.



Official Announcement Says Tha. United States Troops Occupy Sector From St. Mihiel Enst Toward German Border.

The sector where American troops are new fifthing, although for the dast year and more one of the meet interest of the sairte battle front, is remarked as the mest vital point of the line as it bears upon possible menues to the Germans.

The battle front relinquished by the French to General Freshing's forces generally is located about 18 miles north of Toul, the great French ferriess. The city of Nancy is 18 miles east of Toul, the great French ferriess. The city of Nancy is 18 miles as to the General Freshing's forces generally is located about 18 miles for the disc applied of the department of the Mouthe at Moselle.

The American Army has been placed in a part of the Illus where the surrounding country is of a rolling, hilly character, exaltered throughout which are forcests of considerable size.

Grossing the battle line on the eastern can be the oldest towns in France, having been an important city made the Repartment of the Mouthe are forcest of the line where the surrounding country is of a rolling, hilly character, exaltered throughout which are forcests of considerable size.

Grossing the battle line on the eastern can applicated to the Prance-Pression Were the formans. It is of great his toric interest and has been the object of the line where the surrounding ware since the fourth century. In medieval times it was saided successively by Gothes, Burgundians, Vandals, Huns and Franks. In the France-Pression Were of 1870 Toul captured to a junction with the Rhine River in Germany.

Backed by the great chait of forts with and themes and the captured to a function with the Rhine River in the factor of the control of the con

pulsed by American Troops. WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN Verdun the French might have been early this morning. The American

It was discovered at a certain hour that the Germans intended to carry out a "slient" raid. Fifteen minutes before the time set all the American guns concentrated their fire where, according to the information, the enemy was massed. It is believed heavy casualties were inflicted on the Germans.

The Germans are using gas shells freely and endeavering to envelop one of our battery positions with gas, but without success. They have dropped a officials for the papers taken. It was discovered at a certain hour

Americans in German Camps Receive No Mail.

Spirits Unbroken, but Worrled Over Fallure to Hear From Bome.

N EW YORK, Feb. 5.—American pris hardships with unbroken spirits, but Setween Verdun and Metz is the are worried about their failure to re Eighty per cent of the steel for of the Young Men's Christian Associa ut these mines it is admitted by associate secretary, recently returned to this country after spending two not carry on the war three years in war work in Europe, were made public here tonight.

Barnaby Boyle is known officially as American prisoner of war No. 1. He claimed to have gone through the Sitting Bull campaign and the Spanish War without a scratch and to have met misfortune only when he turned sailor Probably the youngest American held as prisoner of war is Henry R. Hen-dren, 16 years old, in a prison camp at

she wrote
"If you have not received the letter I sent before, I will have to tell you To Americans this city should pos-again that a beautiful baby daughter was born to us April 26, 1917, I had her library, archives of antiquarian inter-est, a botanical garden and a museum of catural history on antigony. I don't suppose you received

> "Mary is a beautiful baby. I could write a book about all the cute things she does; and can you believe, Tom, she sitting up by herself and wearing

GERMAN PLOT SNIFFED

Registrant Falsifies About Nationality and Is Being Investigated.

TACOMA, Wash, Feb. 5 .- (Special.) A premeditated plot to get into the egular Army for the purpose of giving ermany information is suspected by a acoma exemption board which turned

man's name over to the Department a man's name over to the Department of Justice today.

The man, whose name is purposely withheld, stated in his registration card that he was not in sympathy with the cause of the United States in the war and that he was a German.

On his questionnaire all deferred classification was waived and he claimed to be a citizen of the United States.

Well-Known Resident of Dundee States.

States.

Baker Grand Jury Reports. BAKER Or., Feb. 5,- (Special.)-The Baker County grand Jury, which re-ported at 5 o'clock this afternoon, in-dicted Finley McDonald and G. W. Donnelly for gambling, J. J. Burns and

search warrant issued by Federal Judge
Landis, Francis J. Hency, attorney for
the Federal Trade Commission, today
raided the vauit of Henry Veeder, general counses for Swift & Co., and seized
hundreds of letters, records and documents for use in the Federal investigation of the received investiga-

tion of the packing industry.

The search of the vault continued early this morning. The American until proceedings were halted by a stay ofder issued by Judge Landis of the request of Attorney John J. Healy, counsel for Mr. Veeder. Judge Landis with men and officers awaiting the signal to attack.

It was discovered at a certain hour warrant.

number of shells in the roads behind the American lines.

During the heavy German bombardment of Saturday a number of Americans who were wounded slightly by shell splinters were treated in the lines with their first-aid packets and insulated on remaining at their nosts until

hearing in court is concluded.

Deputy United States marshals are in charge of the Swift & Co. vault to-

## PEACE PROGRAMME OUT

President Wilson Asked to Work for Peace Conference in Which Allied Powers Shall Join.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5 .- The National exe tive committee of the Socialist party nnounced its peace programme today An address to President Wilson and embers of Congress supports the Bolarcvik peace proposals and calls upon the Administration at Washington to join the negotiations between the central powers and the Bolsheviki and to attempt to get the other allies to join. Belligerent nations, it says, must meet one another in conference. It asks that the United States recognize the present de facto government at

Petrograd.
The executive committee sent a request to Secretary of State Lansing tussian Socialists the following to L-Trotzky:

"Convey congratulations of Socialist party of America to comrades of Gerparty of America to comrades of Ger many and Austria on recent revolution ary activities for peace." A message of congratulation was ad-dressed to Trotzky direct.

FRASIER'S CHARGE IS 'JOKE'

Bondsmen Say No One Will Take Statement of Forger Seriously,

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—B. L. Bogart and E. U. Lee, bondsmen of E. J. Frasier, convicted forger, who for-feited his bond by flight to California and who was subsequently arrested at San Diego, do not believe that anyone will take seriously Frasier's statement made at Corvalis yesterday to the effect that they refused to provide additional bond for Frasier, when it was asked by the court, because they feared a "political bunch" would ruin their bursiness.

"It's child's play." Tr. Beautical and Oregon City has enjoyed a 10-co rate to Portland for many years what is known as two-party calle, a the rate on this service is boosted to feet that they refused a f-cent war tax is collected on ca of 15 cents and over, making the rate of 15 cents and under present condition and the rate of 15 cents and under present condition as the rate of 15 cents and under present condition and the rate of 15 cents and under present condition and the rate of 15 cents and under present condition and the rate of 15 cents and under present condition and the rate of 15 cents and under present condition and the rate of 15 cents and under present condition and the rate of 15 cents and under present condition and the rate of 15 cents and under present condition and the rate of 15 cents and under present condition and the rate of 15 cents and under present condition and the rate of 15 cents and under present condition and the rate of 15 cents and under present condition and the rate of 15 cents and under present condition and the rate of 15 cents and under present condition and the rate of 15 cents and under present condition and the rate of 15 cents and under pr

"It's child's play," Mr. Bogart stated.
"I don't think anybody will take any stock in it. It's silly, childish, foolish,

Succumbs at Daughter's Home

DUNDEE. Or., Feb. 5.—(Special.)— James O. Spencer, 67, died today at the home of his daughter at Dundee on Ot-

terbrook farm, his boyhood home. He lived with his daughter, Mrs. Rev. George H. Greer. After cremation at Portland, burial will take place in the family cemetery beafness or head noises should give this prescription a trial.

Eggar T. Pearson for larceny by hallee, and Walter Eastman for the larceny of a steer. It also brought in Besides his sister, Mr. Spencer is surseven sealed indictments. Floyd Pollard, charge with larceny, was released on account of lack of evidence.

W. Spencer, of Portland.

## NORWAY REJECTS AMERICA'S TERMS

Nation Fears to Make Move That May Result in Neutrality Peril.

U. S. PROPOSALS ANSWERED

Commercial Agreement Offered by This Country Provided Conditions Relating to Dealings With Teutons,

CHRISTIANIA, Feb. 5.—Norway's reply to the proposals from the American War Trade Board regarding supplies from the United States to Norway, published today, emphasizes the firm resolve of the Norwegian people and government to remain neutral.

"Norway, in her commercial policy, cannot break with one belligerent," the reply says, "without imperiling her reply says, "without imperiling her CHRISTIANIA, Feb. 5 .- Norway's reply

he reply says, "without impersons a representation of the Norwegian government enterains no doubts that the United States and her allies will understand Norway's difficult situation. Norway justly claims that the country should not so without bread, thus being confronted with the alternative of complete distress or an agreement that plete distress or an agreement that might endanger her neutral position and possibly expose the country to war, which in a short time might destroy what the Norwegian people have taken centuries to build."

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Benefits to United States Cited.

The reply also emphasizes the important benefits rendered to the United States and her allies by Norway, and especially by Norwegian commercial shipping, which have been attended by great sacrifices in human life and ships.

The reply points out that Nerway The reply points out that Norway has endeavored to accommodate the United States so far as she can reconcile this with her vital interests, say-

Norway offers to the United States and her allies the greater part of her exports in return for supplies neces-sary for her national health and pro-

ductivity." The proposed agreement between

Agreement for War Period.

erate for the period of the war, but was to be subject to termination by either at the expiration of one year from the date of signing.

Re-exportation to the central powers by Norway was virtually prohibited. No foodstuffs could be sent to the cen-tral powers, except 48,000 tons of fish and fish products a year, but such exportation was prohibited of fish, or products of fish, in any way prepared with supplies imported from the United States or its associates.

Strong restrictions also were place on Norway's export of copper to the

BEND, Or., Feb. 5.-(Special.)-If

PEAGE PROGRAMME UU

made to have the school located somewhere in Central Oregon.

Bend meets all the requirements named by Colonel G.orge H. Crabtree, who headed the party, there being an abundance of sunshiny days here, and other climatic conditions, such as absence of high winds, are suitable. The Portland Chamber of Commerce has been appealed to to all in obvious. been appealed to to aid in obtaining an inspection of Central Oregon sites for the school, and the follo ing message was sent to Colonel Crabtree by the Bend Commercial Club

"Note by recent press reports that you are seeking location of sites for training grounds and schools for United States Government aviation corps. Respectfully call attention to superior advantages of suny Bend for location of such Institutions. Climatic conditions are ideal, having over 300 6 rs of sun and to shine per year, mild Winters and prac-join, tically no winds. Our facilities are must yours. Please command us."

### TELEPHONE RATES RAISED

Oregon City Hard Hit by Increase of Toll to Portland.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 5.—(Spe-ial.)—Local and long distance tele-shone rates in Oregon City have taken sharp advance, involving an increase of 100 per cent in the rate to Portland. and business interests of the city, at the weekly luncheon of the live wires of the Commercial Club here today, adopted a resolution directed to the bublic Service Commission protesting against the rise.

It is understood the commission will and a hearing on the application the company for the substitution of the air, or zone, system of charging long distance tolls in place of the forner system of charging on a wire illeage basis. Oregon City has enjoyed a 10-cent

rate to Portland for many years on what is known as two-party calle, and he rate on this service is boosted to 15 cents, and under present conditions a 5-cent war tax is collected on calls of 15 cents and over, making the rate

BONDS NOT LEGAL TENDER

Internal Revenue Collector Issues Ruling on Payment of Taxes.

That liberty loan bonds are not ac That liberly loan bonds are not ac-ceptable as Federal taxes, inasmuch as the revenue ends of the Nation would be defeated by such procedure is an-nounced by Milton A. Miller, collector of internal revenue, in response to the erroneous impression that the honds are acceptable for such purpose. Mr. Miller quotes from advices re-ceived from the Commissioner of In-ternal Revenue, as follows: "Correspondence reaching this office

indicates that persons have been er-roneously advised that liberty loan bonds will be accepted in payment of laxes due the United States. "Liberty loan bonds cannot be ac cepted in payment of such taxes. To accept these bonds for taxes would de-fest the revenue ends."



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Each Umbrella is fully

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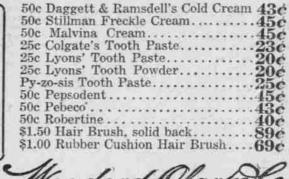
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### WAR AIMS EXPOSED THE OLD RELIABLE UNION You Will Not Get Hurt if You Find

Documents Disclose Teuton Designs on U. S.

nitted to export to Norway from the MANY OUTRAGES PLANNED

Unlimited Credits Opened at Ger man Banks in 1914 to Finance Destruction of Property in Neutral Countries.

PARIS, Feb. 5 .- The Petit Parisies today began publication of German official documents which are alleged by the newspaper to establish that the war was premeditated and preorganized by the Berlin authorities.

The documents were brought to France by a "famous French scientist," who chained them from a celebrated

who obtained them from a celebrated Russian revolutionary paper.

No names are given, it is said, as their publication would endanger the lives of the men.

The most important document is a

lives of the men.

The most important document is a circular dated June 9, 1914, in which the German general headquarters orders all owners of factories to open the mobilization envelopes in their pos-BEND, Or., Peb. 5.—(Special.)—It bossible the Army officers, who were a Portland on Saturday looking for a location for an aviation school, will be brought back to Bend and an effort tiers of Russia, France, Italy and Normade to have the school located someoned at German banks in Sweden, appened at German banks in Sweden, appenen Norway, Switzerland, China and the United States, the general head-quarters authorizing them for the pur-

## SHOW

about explosions and fires.

CREW OF FIFTY MEN BUSY PRE-PARING AUDITORIUM.

Governor Withycome Will Turn On Lights at Opening Hour: Seattle Will Send Big Delegation.

A crew of 50 men went to work last night to make ready the city Audito-rium for the big Portland automobile, truck and tractor show, pen there tomorrow night for one The men worked all last night re

moving all the seats from the main floor of the Auditorium and marking off the spaces for the cars. Bright and early this morning the work of bring-ing in more than 190 automobiles and putting them in their assigned spaces,

will begin.

The show, which will be the largest ever held in the Pacific Northwest and the only one in that territory this year, will be opened by Governor With-yeombe. The Governor will press his foot against an automobile self-starter on the stage, whereupon many lights both inside and outside the building

Judging from the interest already displayed, the show will be well attended. M. O. Wilkins, manager of the show and president of the Dealers' Mo-tor Car Association of Oregon, under whose auspices the show is to be held, received a telegram last night from Seattle to the effect that President A. S. Eldridge, of the Scattle association, and 50 Scattle dealers will charter a special car and come to Portland in a ody Saturday.

Special rates during show week have been granted by all the railroads from Northwestern points. One of the par-ticular features of this show will be the truck and farm tractor exhibits, which are more than ever important at

Youth Charged With Purse Stealing. ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 5. - (Special.)



This Number. PLATES .....\$5.00 Porcelain Crowns ...... \$3.50 to \$5 Porcelain Fillings......\$1 22-K Gold Crowns......\$3.50 to \$5 22-K Gold Bridge ...... \$3.50 to \$5 Extracting ......50¢

## UNION PAINLESS DENTISTS

2311/2 Morrison, Cor. Second-Entire Corner-Dr. Whetstone, Pres. LOOK FOR THE BIG UNION SIGN

arrested last night on a charge of sartested last night on a charge of satching a purse from the hands of Mrs. A. Tagg, cashler in her husband's moving picture theater, as she was going home. He was held under \$500 bonds to the grand jury.

Solve for burial.

Funeral services were held over Morgan's body at Coburg today. Lewellyn's body will be shipped to Junction City for burial.

**GREEK REVOLT CRUSHED** HUNDRED AND FIFTY ARRESTS

Several Former Cabinet Ministers in Custody in Their Homes and Guarded by Police.

MADE FOLLOWING LAMIA MUTINY.

LONDON, Feb. 5 -- Complete orde and the has been restored at Lamis, if head-of Athens, where soldiers of of Athens, where soldiers of Greek In-fantry Regiments mutinied, according pose of destroying factories belonging to the enemy, provoking strikes, damuging ships, burning supplies and destroying electricity centers.

Special agents were being placed at bross and other former Cabinet members. One hundred and fifty arrests wer bros and other former Cabinet member their disposal, it was added, to bring under impeachment, have been ordered

to consider themselves under arrest in their own homes where they are guarded closely by police. All political prisoners of military age ndergoing sentences in Athens have een sent to the fortress of Nauplia. arrested are: M. Xalocostas, Foreign Minister in the Lambros Cabinet, and M. Izaldaris, M. Triantafillakes and G. P. Baltazzi, all of whom held port-folios in the Gournaris Cabinet in 1915.

A son of former Premier Rhallis and General Goumondoros also were ar-LANE COUNTY BOYS DEAD

James W. Morgan and Earl Lewellyn Succumb in Training Camps.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 5 .- (Special.) News of the death of two Lane County boys in their country's service has been received within the last 48 hours. A message was received at Coburg Sunday night, announcing the death of James W. Morgan, 21, at Mare Island, this Waco, Texas, resulting from a complication of scarlet fever and pneumonia.

previously borne a good reputation, was Morgan, Sr., of Coburg, entered the

City for burial

Thrift Stamp Sale Good, Vaughn D. Crosby, postmaster at North Portland, reports the sale of thrift stamps at North Portland for the mount of January in the amount of \$896.96. This is rather remarkable owing to the fact that North Portland has no resident population—sales be-

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ng made up entirely to transients.

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Any druggist can supply you with.
Any druggist can supply you with.
2½ ounces of Pinex (60 cents worth).
Pour this into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. Shake thoroughly and it is ready for use. The total cost is about 65 cents and gives you a full pint—a family supply—of a most effectual, pleasant tasting remedy. It keeps persectly.

It's truly astonishing how puckly is It's truly astonishing how quickly it acts, penetrating through every air passage of the throat and lunes—loosens and raises the phlegm, soothes and heals the inflamed or swollen throat mem-

the inflamed or swollen throat membranes, and gradually but surely the annoying throat tickle and dreaded cough will disappear entirely. Nothing better for bronchitis, spasmodic croup, whooping cough or bronchial asthma.

Pinex is a special and highly concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, and is known the world over for its prompt healing effect on the throat membranes.

Avoid disappointment by asking your druggist for "2½ ounces of Pinex" with full directions and don't accept anything else. A guarantee of absolute satisfaction or money promptly refunded, goes with this preparation. The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

