

WAR OPERATIONS FRANCE EXPAND

Thousands of Allied Troops
Engaged in Some Recent
Engagements.

ARTILLERY FIRE INTENSE

American Force Does Effective Work
Against Enemy Front Line
Trenches—Many Prison-
ers Taken in Raids.

(By the Associated Press.)
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN
FRANCE, Feb. 26.—The American
soldiers were killed and nine badly
"gassed" in two formidable gas at-
tacks made by the Germans on the
American positions in the Toul sector
early this morning with projectors.
The enemy also heavily bombarded
the American batteries with gas shells,
but without results.

(By the Associated Press.)
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN
FRANCE, Monday, Feb. 26.—The ar-
tillery duel in the American sector north-
west of Toul grows more intense
daily. The Germans fired 100 or more
shells during the last 24 hours, and
later this evening began to bombard
violently some of our batteries with
gas and high-explosive shells.
The American artillery has re-
plied constantly, doing most effective work
against the enemy front-line trenches,
his battery positions and wire en-
tanglements. Numerous enemy work-
ing parties also were shelled. Beyond
observation by balloons there has been
no aerial activity owing to the low
clouds and rain.
American machine guns last night
and this morning fired many thousand
rounds at the German positions where
marked movement of men and material
progressed. The enemy tried un-
successfully to hinder the American patrol
work by hurling new and powerful
flares into the American wire entangle-
ments.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—An official
French dispatch today said that the
recent Franco-American raid in the
Chemins des Dames took place at
Chevreigny, and that the two American
officers and 24 soldiers who were
chosen after the entire battalion had
volunteered for service "have proof of
a spirit equal to that of the French
troops."

American Batteries Co-operate.
American batteries, the dispatch said,
co-operated in the preparation for the
raid which, though only of five min-
utes' duration, was extremely violent.

(By the Associated Press.)
FRENCH GRAND HEADQUARTERS,
Monday, Feb. 26.—French raids along
the French front have increased in in-
tensity during the past month to such
an extent that they have become in
some instances battles in which thou-
sands of men have been engaged and
hundreds of prisoners taken. The
artillery is throwing unheard-of quan-
tities of shells.
Raiding, in fact, has become a mod-
ern military art and is encouraged by
the commanders. It has been found
to maintain the offensive spirit of the
French troops, who seem to revel in
the work in which they must display
initiative and at the same time must
be the Germans.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 26.—A dispatch
from French headquarters dated Feb-
ruary 25 to the British War Office
agency here, says that as the season
advances and the shadow of the ex-
pected German offensive looms larger,
it is comforting to know that the
French are ready in every sector of a
long line to meet the blow wherever
it falls.

French Spirit Unconquerable.
"Artillery and munitions are ready
in quantities," the dispatch says. "The
Germans have never before encountered
such preparation, but an even surer and
stronger defense is the unconquerable
spirit of the French army."

PARIS, Feb. 26.—Premier Clemen-
ceau, who returned to Paris last night
from a two days' visit to the Belgian,
British and Portuguese fronts, said to-
day to a representative of the Matin:
"My impression was an excellent one.
I passed all the time in the Belgian
front. It is three years since I last
saw the Belgian army. I had pleasure
in seeing how high its morale is. The
army has been completely made over
and is resolute to defend to the death
the little remaining corner of its coun-
try."

"In the morning and afternoon I
visited the Portuguese and British
fronts. The Portuguese troops suffer
a good deal from the biting wind blow-
ing from the desert and swamps. In a
few weeks fine weather will begin
again and the valiant little Portuguese
army will be able to repeat the ex-
ploits it accomplished in other sectors."
"As to the British," he said, "I cannot
sufficiently praise their bearing and
morale. Everywhere the defensive or-
ganizations are in admirable shape. Our
friends await with phlegmatic im-
patience the formidable shock an-
nounced by the Germans, which, ac-
cording to them, cannot be now long
in coming. I wish particularly to em-

SPRING TREATMENT

Necessary to Purify Blood and Correct
Weak, Run-Down Conditions.

Trying weather, exposure to storms,
the grip, hard colds, pneumonia, fevers,
diphtheria, and other blood-poisoning
prostrating diseases leave the whole
system sub-normal—below par—weak
and slow-blood depleted and thin, with
that tired feeling, poor appetite, back-
ache, rheumatic pains, delicate diges-
tive power or almost none at all. The
ideal treatment is—
Hood's Sarsaparilla—to be taken be-
fore meals—thoroughly to purify the
blood and expel poisons, and
Pepsitron—to be taken after meals—
to put power into the blood, give
strength, increase red corpuscles and
restore tone, and do it quickly.

If there is biliousness, constipation,
bad taste in the mouth, or "the blues,"
the liver is torpid. Take Hood's Pills—
they cleanse the liver and relieve all
liver ills, are perfectly compatible with
Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pepsitron—Adv.

Pianos, Player Pianos and
Talking Machines
HOVENDEN
PIANO COMPANY
57 FIFTH ST. Broadway 677

phases the perfect harmony which
exists between the entire allied head-
quarters."

438 STARS NOW ON FLAG

La Grande Mother Stitches Emblem
of Son's Sacrifice for Nation.

Waving over the company's offices
at LaGrande is the O-W-T. & N. serv-
ice flag, which will bear 438 stars
when the last symbol of service is
stitched on.

The flag was taken to LaGrande by
C. G. Sutherland, assistant to the gen-
eral manager, and A. W. Perley, act-
ing general superintendent, to permit
the sewing on of LaGrande stars. It
was there that the flag received its
first gold star, for one who died in
the service of his country.

Mr. Sutherland describes as deeply
affecting the scene when the mother
of Bert Andrews, a LaGrande boy, who
died in France, stitched on the golden
star, which she herself had fashioned.

GERMANS NEAR PETROGRAD

(Continued From First Page.)
changed hands several times. The Ger-
man detachments which first entered
Petrov were very small, but they have
since been reinforced.

"There is a general belief that the
Germans are moving forward hastily
because supplies of ammunition worth
4,000,000 rubles are concentrated in the
neighborhood of Pskov. The Russians,
however, are taking measures to guard
the railway and are sending more
troops to Pskov."

Soviet Armies Resisting.

Later advices say that the Soviet
armies are now everywhere resisting
the invaders. At Narva the garrison
and workmen have formed an army of
10,000 and gone to Riga. There are
similar reports from Walk. Great
activity is manifested at the Bolshevik
headquarters in Petrograd and arms
and ammunition are being distributed.

PSKOV REPORTED RECAPTURED

Red Guards Reported Stubbornly
Resisting Invasion.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—Pskov, 175 miles
southwest of Petrograd, has been re-
captured by the Bolsheviks and street
fighting is going on there, according
to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch
from Petrograd dated Monday. The
Red Guards are resisting the German
advance everywhere.

The capture of Pskov by the Germans
has announced in the official state-
ment issued last night at Berlin.

BERLIN, Feb. 26, via London.—Gen-
eral Linsingen's forces operating in
Volhynia have captured the town of
Kolomojts—its after a battle, the German
General Staff announced today.

The statement follows:
"Army group of General von Eich-
holtz, yesterday morning, four days
after crossing Moon Sound, the troops
which had marched on Riga with
cyclists, cavalry, machine guns and
sharpshooters at their head, under
command of Lieutenant-General Frei-
herr von Deudorf, took the fortress
after a battle."

"In Livonia flags were hung out in
many towns when we marched in. A
great many inhabitants who had been
arrested by the Russians were set
free."

"South of Pskov our regiments met
with stubborn resistance. They de-
feated the enemy in a violent battle
and the town was captured."
"Near Kolomojts enemy forces
three times attempted to break through
which were pressing forward into
Ukraine along the Pripiet. The enemy
was thrown back by a sharp attack and
the town and railway station were
taken by storm."

"Within a few days the troops of
General von Linsingen's army group
have covered more than 300 kilometers
(186 miles) on foot, by rail and in
motor cars, under conditions of great
strain and hardship. In co-operation
with Ukrainian troops they have cap-
tured a great part of the country from
looting bands. The Ukrainian govern-
ment has restored quiet and order in
the regions which have been cleared of
the enemy."

"Recently there have been brought in
on the eastern front as prisoners three
divisional staff officers, 150 other of-
ficers and 300 men. The number of
prisoners and the amount of booty
taken at Riga and Pskov cannot yet
be estimated."

PEACE PACT IS HELD FUTILE

Kameneff, Bolshevik Delegate,
Points Out Difficulties.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—Signing of a
Russo-German peace will not be the
first step, as business men have been
diligent in maintaining 100 per cent
efficiency of our company, not only
for the benefit of our 20,000 stockhold-
ers, but also for the benefit of our
country.

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Federal Investigator Addresses Iro-
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CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—"While we fight
for democracy abroad, we must make
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home," said Francis J. Henry, counsel
for the Federal Trade Commission, in
a luncheon speech before the Iroquois
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"Labor is going to demand a far
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HENRY HAMMERS CHICAGO PACKERS

Charges of Ruthless Trade
Methods Made at Federal
Investigation.

DUMMY FIRMS ALLEGED

Small-Dealers in Poultry and Eggs
Declared to Have Been Driven
Out of Business Through
Ruthless Methods.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Testimony to
substantiate charges that the big Chi-
cago packers eliminated the little poultry
and egg dealers by underselling
them, by setting up "dummy" firms, by
use of special railway facilities and by
other unfair means, was introduced at
the hearing conducted by Francis J.
Henry before Samuel W. Tator, ex-
aminer for the Federal Trade Commis-
sion today.

W. F. Priebe, who is said by Mr.
Henry to be drawing a salary from
Swift & Co. while serving the Govern-
ment on the Food Administration at \$1
a year, was accused of being especially
active against the small dealers.

Mr. Henry also attempted to show
that the packers lobbied in state cap-
itals during the consideration of laws
to better labor conditions; that they
sought to increase negro help in the
packing plants, and that in general
they sought to keep the working man
in a state of dependence.

In one instance, according to Mr.
Henry, the packers made a dona-
tion to be used at a church bazaar for
Mrs. J. J. Healey, wife of an arbitrator
for the Illinois Industrial Board, before
whom disputed cases of workmen's
compensation were heard.

"It might be advisable to make some
kind of a contribution to Mrs. Healey,"
he would advise, "and if you will
product," read a part of a letter writ-
ten by H. A. Gembrich, of the Wilson
& Co. legal department, to V. D. Skip-
worth, vice-president of the department.

In instructing the wholesale depart-
ment to deliver \$15 worth of goods to
Mrs. Healey, Mr. Skipworth wrote that
he wanted the donation to appear as
large as possible.

"I think an assortment of preserves
would make up a larger package than
anything else," he suggested in his
memorandum.

SWIFT ISSUES STATEMENT

Unfair Treatment of Packers' Let-
ters by Henry Alleged.

UNION STOCKYARDS, Ill., Feb. 26.
(Special).—Louis F. Swift, president
of Swift & Company, today issued the
following statement regarding letters
read into the Federal Trade Commis-
sion hearing at Chicago Monday:

"Mr. Henry has, by false inference
and misplaced emphasis, given to the
public the impression that the corre-
spondence selected by him and read into
the Trade Commission record on Monday
was a fair and accurate statement of
the plain purpose of creating antagonistic
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constitute the basis for possibly every
monopoly in material things today."

Mr. Henry favored woman suffrage
and the selective draft law and strong-
ly advocated some measure for the
conservation of wealth. He also recom-
mended the direct primary in Presi-
dential elections. To win the war ap-
peared to the speaker as the most
pressing problem of the moment.

"Let's all get behind President Wil-
son," said Mr. Henry in concluding.
"Let us help win the war for democ-
racy, for control of the real democracy
in the United States."

HOOVER DEFENDS ACCUSED

Their Loyalty Beyond Question, Says
Food Administrator.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Charges
made in the Federal Trade Commis-
sion's meat packing investigation that
men still in the pay of the big pack-
ing interests are holding important
positions in the Food Administration,
draw a categorical denial tonight from
Food Administrator Hoover.

"On behalf of, and out of considera-
tion for, the men referred to in the
packers' investigation at Chicago yester-
day, who are, or have been, em-
ployed by the Food Administration,"
Mr. Hoover said, "I wish to say that
none of the men referred to has had
anything whatever to do with the regu-
lation or control of the packing trade.
They are employed in other directions
and are not now paid by the packers."

"From time to time, as in these
cases, many men are tried out tem-
porarily in the Food Administration,
and if they are able to give the time
and prove to have the devotion, ex-
perience and skill necessary for this
work, they are required to resign from
any connection that would involve any
conflict of interest before they become
permanent employees of the Administra-
tion today."

"All the men referred to have re-
ndered valuable service to the Govern-
ment at considerable sacrifice of their
own lives, and there is no question
whatever as to their loyalty to the public
interest."

WILFUL ONES ASSAILED

SENATOR SWANSON DENOUNCES

ARMED SHIP OPPONENTS.

Warning Sounded Against Perilous
Propaganda Conducted in Be-
half of Germany.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Senators
who participated in the filibuster which
resulted in the defeat of the armed
ship bill last session were assailed by
Senator Swanson, of Virginia, and Ad-
ministration leader, in a speech today
as having destroyed "the last chance
for peace between the United States
and Germany."

"This small group of wilful Sen-
ators," Senator Swanson declared, "de-
serve severe condemnation for misrep-
resenting and thwarting at this critical
time the will of the American people.
Convinced by defeat of the meas-
ure for armed neutrality that the
United States was too craven to fight,
they had no conscience in their op-
position to the bill."

Engaged in spreading this pernicious
propaganda, he said, "is a motley crew
composed of fanatics, German spies
and persons who have sold out to the
enemy. They are now being conducted
in this country designed to produce
disaffection and patriotic lethargy in
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BLOW BRINGS HEAVY FINE

Father of Child Actress Reproves
Lad; \$100 Is Assessed.

For striking George Abbie, 18 years
old, a breaker in law because he
is alleged to have thrown kisses at
Mayo Methot, child actress, John Methot,
her father, was fined \$100 in the
Municipal court yesterday by Judge
Rosenman. Notice of appeal was given.

Evidence adduced showed that Mr.
Methot and his daughter were riding
in a public vehicle when the boy
threw a kiss at Mayo Methot. Hear-
ing "a sort of kissing noise," Mr.
Methot said he stopped, and when he
saw the boy he was angry. When the
boy denied it Mr. Methot struck him
as a matter of reproof, he said.

HOWARD ROBERTS SUCCEEDS.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 26.—(Special).—
Howard Roberts, 39-year-old son of
H. B. Roberts, Oregon Electric agent at
Gray, died here Sunday night. He was
a native of Pennsylvania and prior to
coming to Lincoln, was a business-
man in Port Townsend, Wash. Besides his
father and mother he leaves three
daughters, Bessie Roberts of Albany; Mrs.
Robert of Portland; and Helen Roberts
of Seattle.

GRAIN LICENSE REVOKED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—The Cali-
fornia Food Administration revoked to-
day the license of H. C. Gray, a San
Francisco grain dealer, on charges of
failure to make delivery on rice sold
last June to a Denver firm, and for
alleged speculation. The action is the
first of its kind taken in the state
and was authorized by Herbert Hoover,
National Food Administrator.

Official Casualty List.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The death
of one man in action, of two others
from wounds received in action, and
a fourth from a gas explosion, were re-
ported to the War Department today
by General Pershing. The dispatch
also gave the names of four men
slightly wounded on the fighting line.
Private James J. Rogers, of Oak-
kosh, Wis., was killed in action Feb-
ruary 19, and Privates Edward F.
Hernon, Brooklyn, and David Hickey,
St. Joseph, Mo., died from wounds
received in action. Corporal Anthony
J. Schrader, Brooklyn, died from
wounds received in the explosion of a
gun.

The men wounded were: Private
Adelbert Morey, Lewiston, Minn.;
Private Bennie Tauchus, Brooklyn,
Mass.; Private Hugh F. Gilmore, Loui-
ville, Ky., and John P. King, Spring-
dale, Ark., all on February 25. King's
rank was not given.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Cablegrams from
England today announced the death in
action of Lieutenant Philip C. Starr.
Lieutenant Starr was the son of a Chi-
cago attorney. He graduated from
Harvard in 1914. He was 25 years old.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 26.—William
J. Weisinger, of Ebus Vista, Miss., a
cadet, was killed, and William C. Story,
of Freeport, N. Y., also a cadet, was
probably fatally injured when the air-
plane in which the men were making
solo flights at Parkfield near Mem-
phis collided late today and fell a dis-
tance of about 1000 feet.

Get Follows the Know
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets taken
in time will prevent Grip. E. W.
GROVE'S signature on box. 50c—Adv.

TAFT ENLISTED FOR IMPORTANT SERVICE

Former President Will Help
Form Basis for National
Labor Policy.

CONFEREES HOLD MEETING

Associate Justice Brandeis Is Men-
tioned as Another Member of Body
That Will Devise Programme
for Duration of War.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—With the
selection by employers' representatives
of former President William H. Taft
as one of two men to serve for the
general public, the conference between
spokesmen of capital and labor, re-
spectively, which met today to frame
the basis of a National labor policy,
adjourned for a week to permit the
conferees to name the other member
for the public.

The conferees met at the call of the
Government to arrive at an agreement
governing relations during the war.
The men were selected by the National
Industrial Conference Board and five
by the American Federation of Labor,
and they, with the two representatives
of the public, will compose a board of
12.

The selection of Mr. Taft, officials
said, would give prestige to the con-
ference and impress upon the public
mind its importance. The labor rep-
resentatives are expected to name a
prominent man also, and tonight it
was said that Associate Justice
Brandeis, of the Supreme Court, might
be asked to serve.

When the conferees meet again a
week from tomorrow each side will
have ready a programme. It is be-
lieved that both sides will agree to
some plan of arbitration, probably by
district boards, with the right of ap-
peal to a general board or department
to be established under the Department
of Labor.

A conference next Tuesday of Gov-
ernment officials and representatives
of all unions whose members are en-
gaged in shipbuilding was called today
by Secretary of the Navy. The Em-
ergency Fleet Corporation, to take up
a proposed amendment of the so-called
shipbuilding labor agreement to meet
the views of the Brotherhood of Car-
penters.

The agreement, signed by the heads
of all unions represented in the ship-
yards, was regulated by William L.
Hutchinson, president of the carpenters'
organization, after his vice-president
had agreed to its terms.