Armies Reported to Be Engaged Upon Both Banks of Somme River.

BRITISH RETREAT ALLEGED

Berlin Declares Stubborn Resistance of Rearguard Is Overcome and Americans Said to Have Been Repulsed Near La Fere.

REPLIN, via London, March 27, -- On both banks of the Somme our armies are engaged in a slowly progressing attack, says the German official communication issued fonight.

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The British began to retreat early this morning on a wide front on both sides of the Somme, army headquarters announced today. The stubborn resistance of the hestile rearguard was overcome in the sharp pursuit.

British and French divisions which were defeated on March 25 endeavored again yesterday in the pathless crater fields of the Somme battle, the attatement adds, to arrest the German advance.

Albert Is Captured.

The German atack, it is declared, broke through the enemy's lines. To the north and south of Albert the Germans won crossings of the Ancre. Albert was captured last night. To the south of the Somme, after violent fighting, German forces drove the enemy back by way of Chaulnes and Lihona. Roye was taken by storm and Noyon was cleared of hostile forces after bloody street fighting, the report states.

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AMSTERDAM. March 27.—German troops going forward to the attack on the British front in France detrained far behind the lines, even behind the Relgian frontier, according to the cor-respondent at the front of the Rhenisch Westfalische Zeitung. These forces marched for six consecutive nights, no columns showing themselves on the roads in the day time.

Lendendorff Is Cautions "A great battle has been fought and victory has been won, but nobody can foresee what will result from it," said General von Ludendorff, chief aids to Field Marshal von Hindenburg, in an interview with the correspondent at the front of the Tages Zeitung of Ber-

part reported to have been played by American troops in the at-tempted relief of the British flank near La Fere is referred to briefly by most of the German war correspondents so far no mention has been made nce of Americans among the

Wilhelm Hoeler, of the Berlin Tageblatt, says the Americans now have an opportunity to find out what war really means. The Deutsche Tages Zeitung says the fact that the Americans got severe lesson" is "especially grati

Americans at La Fere. other correspondent says the u ubted bravery of the Americans

unter-attacks against the German front near La Fere, witten the military correspondent of Vorwaerts, who says the attacks were repulsed. The correspondent adds:

"After the first surprise the enemy pressure along the entire front naturally is growing stronger. Threatening estastrophs compels the enemy to reckless action. South of the "break" through the front he therefore is collecting strong reserves intended for a flank assault on our attacking army.

Huns Prepared, They Say. "Attacks of combined allied forces yesterday against the pivot of the Ger-man attacking from near La Fere were particularly heavy. These counter at-tacks did not find us unprepared. It testifies to the superior foresight of the German command that these at-tacks, in which American troops cer-tainty participated only symbolically, were not only beaten off, but were through back on the Oise Canal by an

energetic blow." The German newspapers are already The terminan newspapers are already counting the German gains.

The self-evident, says the Cologne Volks Zeitung, that after what is now happening we can no longer conclude poars on the terms which we were ready to accept a week age. The enterminate on the progress of shipbuilding the same must be brought to a submissive.

eclonics and raw materials.

German newspapers announce that mation.

Since the Shipping Board began its infantry division commander in the tenight by the Shipping Board as a

guard grenatier regiment in recogni-tion of the good work of his troops on the western front.

CHANCE OPEN TO INVENTOR

Boys in Trenches Need New Type of Cigarcite Lighter.

QUANTICO, Va. March II.—A new type of eigerette lighter is wanted immediately by the boys in the tremehas according to reports received here from United States m arines abroad, matches are all right, if dry, but are a "dead give-away," especially but a but are a "dead give-away," especially at night. Classifine lighters are used

at night. thereig, but gas is at a premium over there.

Ambulance and larry drivers, literally, are obliged to fight to keep the nan in their tanks. Many a driver has started his day's work to find his tank a driver has a towned to great the drivers. empty, or while driving, has stopped suddenly from a punctured or drained-

The boys promise a big reward for the man who gets a gasiess lighter, or something similar, over to them, the only condition being that they get

2000 Workmen's Houses Planned. NEW YORK, March 27.-Two thou sand houses for shippard workers, be built within walking distance of

Staten Island shipyards and to be ready for occupation before Fall, is the pro-gramme substitled to the Government by the Staten Island Civic League, it

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SAVIOR OF VERDUN IN COMMAND OF FRENCH FORCES OPPOSING



GENERAL PETAIN.

PARIS, March 27.—The following quotations from the Petit Parislen will help to explain the calmness and confidence of the French:

"Even though the situation is serious, it cannot be considered alarming. Let us await the end with confidence. The Germans boast of Hindenburg. We have at the helm the "Savior of Verdun." (General Petain, the French commander-inchief, was in command of the army as Verdun at the time of the German offen-

Official Statement Follows Debate in Senate.

QUANTITY AIM OF BOARD

Construction Work Declared to Be Making Better Progress on Pacific Coast Because of More Favorable Weather.

emy must be brought to a submissive in the United States were made public spirit and forced to grant everything we need in the future, especially in been made based on inaccurate information.

army, was killed at the front result of debate in the Senate during to 22.

For William has appointed the of which 102 have been completed and

The launchings were divided between 161 requisitioned vessels and 22 which were built on contract in yards constructed for the purpose or which had

only just been put into operation. Eleven of the launchings were wood, all the remainder being steel.

Twelve contract steel versels have been launched and three of them completed. Three of \$5500 tons were pleted. Three of \$300 tons were launched at Los Angeles, two of \$400 tons at Oakland, four of \$500 tons at Soattle, one of 11,700 tons at San Fran-cisco, and two of 3500 tons at a Great

Gilbert says: Buy War Savings Stamps Today.

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SITUATION BRAVELY

THURSDAY,

Germans Believed to Have Failed in Attempt to Get Between Allied Armies.

ARE CHEERFUL TROOPS

Although French Give Up Noyon and Neighboring Territory, Good Positions Are Taken Up and Reserves Are on Way to Front.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, March 26.-The German effort by a terrific rush to get between nch and British forces, with the object of defeating each separately, has falled up to the present and is likely to continue to fail. The fighting qual-ities of the allied soldiers have served to stay the impulsive advance, and to-day the Anglo-French line is on strong

The next few days may change the situation entirely, as the allies have had time to get their "maneuvering reserve" to take the initiative. Noyon was evacuated late last night in good order and the French took up a position reachy.

sition nearby.

The correspondent passed today among troops who have borne a great share in the fighting of the last five days. Everywhere cheerfulness was to be found and perfect confidence in the future. Nowhere has the correspondent future. Nowhere has the correspondent seen such splendld morale among troops after long, hard fighting, more especially when those troops had to fall back. Both officers and men, whether French or British, tell narratives of wonderful heroism on the part of individuals and units.

Gunners Make Escape. The gunners of a battery of French 75's in the neighborhood of Chauny were surrounded for three days without food, but fought until the last round was fired, then, taking advan-tage of some confusion among the Ger-mans in the course of the third night. they somehow made their way through their encircling foes and escaped, car-rying their wounded comrades with them. This is merely one instance among many similar daring deeds. Men belonging to a dismounted French cavalry corps, acting as infan-try, fought in a rearguard action day after day against immense odds. The troopers declare that the enemy came forward in such deep waves that it was only necessary to fire pointblank to hit with certainty. These cavalrymen fired into the enemy so rapidly that the Germans fell in swaths; yesterday still others came on, until the French de-fenders were compelled to cease fire, because both rifles and machine guns were red hot.

German Hordes Slaughtered. The advance of the Germans was sim-Har in character everywhere, wave suc ilar in character everywhere, wave succeeding wave in close succession, only to be shot down. It was something like a relay race—when the first German division was exhausted, another immediately took its place. In some cases a single division of the alles, while retiring, was attacked successively by six German divisions.

The allies stood the test most courageously, but such a continued series

ageously, but such a continued series of shocks from fresh troops was bound to tell on thred men, and eventually the allies were forced to give way. But they did so still fighting. It is known that one Bavarlan division lest 50 per take the water.

Quantity production is sought by the board in its preparations. of its strength. It was clearly apparent that the Ger-

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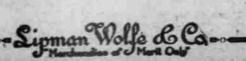
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Around the Store With a Note Book

ITH the robins singing their Spring songs and weaving new nests; with the first little red daisies peeping boldy above ground and the trees bursting into bud and blossom, we feel quite sure that Spring is really here. But isn't Spring always ushered in with the glad Easter morning, and aren't the messenger boys already running back and forth with large pots of Easter lilies and big boxes of wondrous Easter apparel and new Spring bonnets? So why not turn our thoughts gaily to new Spring raiment? For it is quite impossible to wear last Winter's any longer. and you will not want to when you see the lovely, lovely things that await you here. These jottings, made at random, may be of some assistance to you. But won't you come in and see how fresh and attractive the new things are for yourself?

E ASTER Handkerchiefs that will look most fetchingpeeping out from milady's waistcoat pocket. Of fine sheer linen with the daintiest corner designs in colors. Some have little pieces of sheer, colored linen embroidered on with pretty stitchery. Some have tiny wreaths or butterflies, and they're all very dainty! Priced 35c and 50c and

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F YOU are practicing wartime economy this season and making last Summer's suit doone of these lovely waistcoat vests will prove a boon. And if you're having a brand new suit-it will give just the desired note of dash. Some are of pique and some are of silk; one mannish vest is of brown woolen material-quite severe and military. The one sketched is of softest sand colored broadcloth with edging of military braid-so soft and lovely. The filet set sketched is exquisitely dainty and would make the most appropriate Easter gift.

> Prices Range From . \$1.50 to \$10. -Main Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.



SASSY SUSAN - the newest bluebird pajama - has endeared herself to all the saucy youngsters of the family. . They are just as Billy Burkish and fetching as possible-and it is no wonder the little sisters pirouette so long in front of their mirrors before turning out the lights at bed time! "Sassy Susan" is made of pink crepe with whole flocks of happy bluebirds for decoration. For girls 10 and 12-they're \$2.19 and for girls 14 to 18-\$2.25.

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MY ROSARY will be doubly dear if some good friend remembered to make an Easter gift of one. We have charming Rosaries of all sorts of colored stones, silver and gold filled beads. Priced 75c to \$5.

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Large hats and small hats and high ones and low ones, and hats of silk and hats of strawif you were only a fairy tale princess you'd take them all, because they're so wonderfully smart. The brim of one large flat black Milan curls over at each side to see the silk on top of the brim and is held in place by two smartly colored flowers. The color tombination is smart -but it was designed by Rawak -so of course Another black Milan sailor is most severe and allows no trimming save a closely bound scarf of black and white woven silk. A round mounded turban of soft violet shade has violets stuck at regular intervals, like butterflies, all over the crown. And a perky black hat has a high, straight ostrich feather that is burnt and has long, feathery straggly ends that hang straight downward. There's a host of clever new Easter bonnets from Henri Bendel and Joseph-and all the others who are so artistic and exclusive! -Third Floor.

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THE FRENCH UNDERWEAR room-or rather the silk trousseau room - because silk grows more and more popular as the season advances. And no wonder-it is so dainty and truly feminine-it makes the prettiest of all intimate apparel. There are complete outfitsfrom simple little inexpensive camisoles to the most elaborate night gowns and pajamas. One adorable one-piece pajama 'has yoke formed of tiny criss-cross tucks, and another has yoke of lace and insertion. A two-piece affair has jacket edged with lace and the nether garment fits close at the ankle with lace trimming. A pink wash satin envelope has the daintiest bit of hand embroidery done in colors, and the caps-well, you will have to see these exquisite bits of crepe de chine and wash satin for yourself. Enough to say that prices range from \$1.19 to

> -Fourth Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

SPRING SHOWERS will hold no terrors for the woman who has received a pretty, new silk umbrella for Easter. Have you seen the smart ones shown on our main floor? All the fashionable shades-taupe and green and fancy plaids and bordered affairs with handles and tips in imitation amber or ivory. All kinds of handlesloop and crook and cord and leather-and prices range from \$7 to \$15.

-Main Floor. Lipman, Wolfe & Co. EASTER Bunnies and Chicks and such cunning napkins with little cherubs and Easter bonnets all mixed up-and the prettiest little nut and candy boxes and favors and table sets and doilies and decorations-at such low prices it is simple to make any Easter party a suc-

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A S FOR our Easter Candies— they are not only absolutely pure and toothsome, they are artistic and lovely. Have you seen the attractive display there at the Washington Street Entrance - with all kinds of fancy baskets and boxes to put the Easter goodies in? -Main Floor,

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YOUNG JACKIE would a sailor be-and who wouldn't if he could sail forth in such a becoming and altogether irresistfble sailor suit as this? It is made in regulation style for little fellows from 2 to 8, and bears all the earmarks of a real tar's suit! Have you noticed the little sailor hat?-well, it is an exact reproduction of the hats worn by the French sailors, with its white cord and red tassel. The reefer coat that the young tar is wearing is also in regulation style. And if the young fellow swaggers up the aisle at church on Easter Sunday-it will not be difficult to excuse him-because it will be due to much grown-up admira-

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"SWING low, sweet chariot-," or high, if baby wishes, cause these La-laby swings are made of stout canvas with strong ropes that hang from a hook in the ceiling, and it will be simple for mother to go on

with her housewifely duties and feel sure that baby is safe. There is a little flap that fastens up and holds baby securely. And the little ones gurgle and chuckle with glee when they go la-la-by-ing! Will you come in and see these new swings? They are priced

> -Fourth Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

AND if a "gentlewoman" is really known by her gloves -here are the very loveliest of Easter arrivals. French kid gloves in the prettiest colorsjust arrived and priced \$2.50 and \$3. And such pretty new Kayser silk gloves. Plain ones for 75c to \$1.65 and cuffed and fancy styles from \$1.35 to \$1.75. -Main Floor,

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