

METZ BELIEVED TO BE NEXT OBJECTIVE

Great German Fortress May Be Encircled by Allies and Isolated.

MIHIEL VICTORY IMPORTANT

Strategic Value of Pershing's Smashing Offensive Difficult to Overestimate, in the Opinion of Military Observers.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Complete elimination of the St. Mihiel salient by General Pershing's Army and co-operating French forces, military observers here believe, is only the entering wedge of operations of far larger scope.

There is a strong belief, however, that the quick reduction of the St. Mihiel salient will be made the cornerstone of a great movement aimed at the isolating of the German fortress of Metz, the center business of the whole German front from the North Sea to the Swiss border.

Strategic Value Great. The strategic importance of General Pershing's smashing victory hardly can be overestimated in the opinion of many observers.

It also has liberated the railway line from Verdun to Commercy, Toul and Nancy which will be of the utmost value to General Pershing and to the French armies on his left in supporting future operations along this front.

As the lines were reported tonight, there was nothing to indicate that the American advance had stopped.

Foe Announces New Line. The German official statement was that a new line had been prepared, but the nature of the country where the American troops stood late today indicated that the German defense position must be farther back toward Metz, where better natural obstacles are available.

It was expected here that American patrols would push forward to feel out this line before a new advance is undertaken.

Officers say that a retreat effected at such a cost hardly can be considered as a successful evacuation, and they are inclined to accept the German statement promulgated for home consumption.

Facts Bad for Home Consumption. It was said that for the high command to acknowledge that the first American blow had blasted out in less than two days a salient that had been held for four years, and also cost the Germans more than 12,000 prisoners, in addition to their dead, and further agitate the German civil population.

At the same time it is not doubted that the German leaders expected the stroke and made such preparation as they could toward getting their main forces out of the salient.

The swiftness of the American advance on the flanks, however, seems to have upset their design. And it is believed here that the figures on war material captured will bear out this view.

RAIN ENDS FOREST FIRES

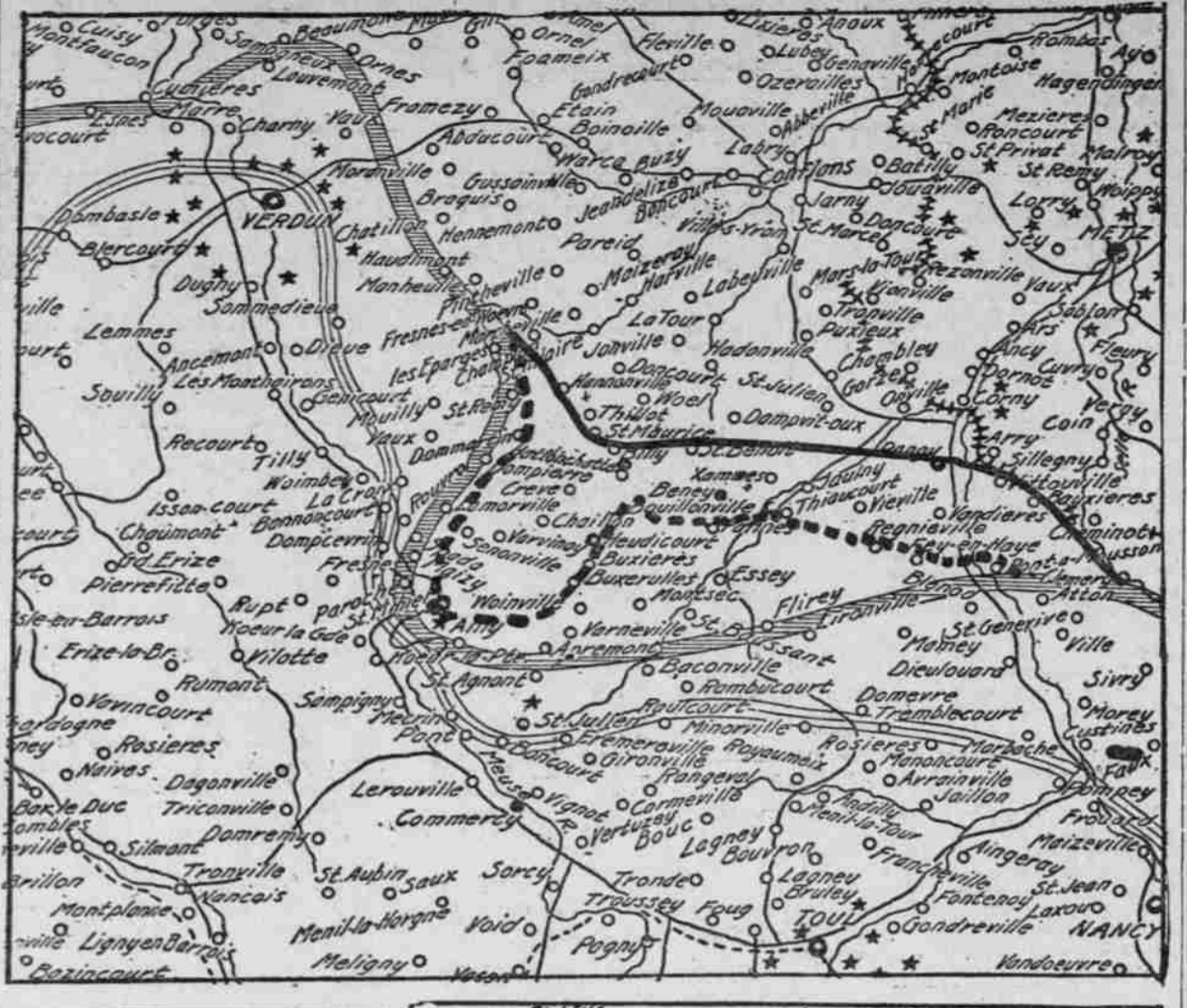
Downfall Also Is Welcomed by Fruitgrowers.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 13.—(Special.)—Welcome to fruitgrowers and forest rangers alike, a gentle rain began falling here at daybreak. The rain is general throughout the district and will extinguish a number of smoldering forest fires.

DANCING

NEW CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS start at DeHoney's beautiful academy.

MAP SHOWING HOW AMERICANS HAVE ELIMINATED GREAT ST. MIHIEL SALIENT IN BATTLE-FRONT AFTER TWO DAYS' FIGHTING AND ALSO SHOWING RELATION OF SALIENT TO REST OF THE BATTLE LINE



SALIENT WIPED OUT

Americans Capture 13,300 in Great Offensive.

SEIZED TOWNS UN DamAGED

Yankees Advance Too Fast for Foe to Have Time to Destroy Villages.

Length of Front Is Reduced 20 Miles by U. S. Advance.

(Continued From First Page.) very small. Only two of the machines have been destroyed entirely, and in the tank corps the Americans have suffered only four casualties.

U. S. Flyers Work Havoc. American flyers have been taking the most active part possible in the present fighting, and notwithstanding the bad weather, have been flying over German territory without opposition.

There seemingly can be no more talk of German mastery in the air. It is asserted that German balloons have been shot down near (name deleted).

One daring flyer swooped low to attack a retreating battery and shot one of the officers dead from his horse.

LONDON, Sept. 13.—(7 P. M.)—The latest news from the St. Mihiel sector showed that the battle line now runs directly from Pagny on the Moselle River to Hattonville and along the front of the heights of the Meuse.

Pagny, a town on the Moselle River, is on the western border of Germany. In addition to 12,000 prisoners who have been counted, large numbers of Germans are still coming in.

Villages Little Harmed. Most of the villages captured by the Americans in the St. Mihiel salient were left in good condition by the Germans.

The claim made by the Germans in the official communication that they foresaw the evacuation of the St. Mihiel salient and prepared for it for years hardly is borne out in view of the number of prisoners and guns taken.

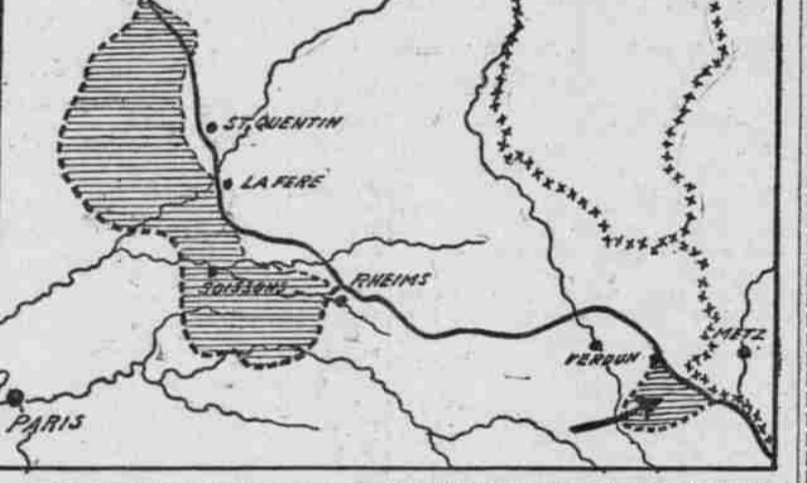
The town of St. Mihiel was practically undamaged. The Germans left the railroad from Verdun to Commercy, Toul and Nancy intact and this road will prove a great help to the entente allies.

All Objectives Reached. Another valuable line of rail from Thiaucourt to St. Mihiel by which the Germans fed their troops in the salient also was left intact. The operation of the Americans must be regarded as a big local success. All the big objectives were reached.

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES IN LORRAINE, Sept. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—(1:30 P. M.)—Reports at this hour from the front indicate that the Americans are making progress according to schedule. No unexpected developments are occurring.

Large quantities of German supplies and material have been secured, but there has been no time to check them up. The battle so far has been wholly normal.

LONDON, Sept. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—(1:30 P. M.)—General Pershing's forces in their attack on the southern side of the St. Mihiel salient have advanced for a distance



In Upper Map Double Line Shows Battle Front Prior to American offensive; Broken Line Shows First Day's Gain and Heavy Black Line Shows Where Yankees Broke Yesterday. Lower Map Shows Location of American Offensive with Relation to Rest of Battle Front. Shaded Portion of Map Indicate Territory Recovered by Allies Since July 18 Last. With Black Line Representing Present Battlefront; Lines Indicated by Crosses Indicate Franco-German and Franco-Belgian Borders.

BOND BILL ADOPTED

House Unanimous for Measure Exempting More Income.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—The Administration measure designed to stimulate the sale of liberty bonds by making a larger amount of them held by individuals and corporations free from Federal taxation, was passed tonight by the House without a dissenting vote.

All of the bill's important features—exempting from income and war excess profits taxation the interest on liberty bonds up to \$30,000 of the fourth issue and \$45,000 of previous issues, authorizing regulation of liberty bond transactions and increasing war sav-

ings stamps authorization from \$2,000,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000, were left unchanged by the House.

The bill now goes to the Senate, with prospects of speedy enactment next week. The House spent the entire day considering the measure, putting over the war revenue bill until tomorrow, when general debate will be closed.

SEATTLE WEEKLY ACCUSED Effort made to Bar Business Chronicle From Mails.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 13.—Henry M. White, Department of Labor representative, today asked the postal authorities to bar the Business Chronicle, a Seattle weekly, from the mails.

Mr. White asserted articles in the Chronicle attacked the Government's campaign to recruit shipyard labor.

UNIQUE PROPOSAL MADE Dr. John Summers, Republican Nominee, Puts It Up to Opponent.

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 13.—Dr. John Summers, Republican nominee for Congress in the Fourth District of Washington, announced here today that he had asked the Democratic nominee, W. E. McCroskey, to agree to the proposition that each of them leave the district and remain away until election day, doing some war work and per-

mitting the voters to decide between them without further canvassing.

PAY TO INCREASE IN JAPAN Government Takes Lead With 50 Per Cent Salary Rise.

TOKYO, Sept. 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—The astonishing increase in the cost of living continues to affect all aspects of life and is generally attributed to the overwhelming excess of exports.

The government has decided to meet the grave economic problem by increasing all salaries 50 per cent, and private employers are following the government's lead.

KROPOTKIN IS IN CUSTODY Prince Accused of Conspiracy Against Bolsheviks.

LONDON, Sept. 13.—Prince Peter A. Kropotkin has been arrested at Petrograd, charged with participating in an English conspiracy against the Bolshevik government, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Free Drill for Registrants. As a service for the men who have just enrolled under the draft and may wish to begin acquiring military training Lieutenant George C. L. Snyder, of

TWO FALL IN GUN FIGHT

Chief of Detectives Killed by Robbers at Colorado Springs.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Sept. 13.—Chief of City Detectives John Rowan was shot and killed and John D. Riley, a city detective, was shot and probably fatally wounded in a battle with supposed robbers in the downtown district late this afternoon.

They are thought to be a trio who held up and robbed a train near Paola, Kan., on July 10 last.

The three men were run down at an automobile filling station near the central fire station by the detectives. Twenty shots were fired in the fight that followed. The desperadoes escaped in an automobile and were last seen headed for Denver.

The car was driven by a woman. She was at the wheel at the time of the shooting.

166 MORE HELD BY FOE Further List of Americans in Prison Camps Announced.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Names of 166 American soldiers, including four Captains and 13 Lieutenants, who are prisoners of war at various camps in Germany were announced today by the War Department.

The list includes William C. Nelson, of Wenatche, Wash., who is a prisoner at Camp Parchim.

HUNS EVACUATING LILLE Fugitives From City Arrive at Malines and Antwerp.

LONDON, Sept. 13.—Numerous fugitives from the city of Lille are reported by Belgian newspapers to be arriving at Malines and Antwerp, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Central News Agency.

Apparently Lille is being evacuated by the Germans.

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Women's New Fall Coats at \$25. All are in most becoming styles, colors the most popular—navy, brown, plum, green, taupe, etc. Most all are in 48-inch length, and most all are shown with fur collar. Children's New Fall Coats at \$4.25 Up to \$20.00.

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