Efforts of Germans to Halt official announ Advance of Gouraud's Troops Fruitless.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY ON THE CHAMPAGNE FRONT, Sept. 29 .- (B) ociated Press, 4 P. M.)-The battle of Champagne has greatly increased in violence with the arrival of fresh German divisions. The enemy is mak-ing a strong fight to halt the advance

station at Challerrange and the valley of the Argonne at Grand Pre, which Dumourtez in his campaign in 1792 called the Thermopylae of France. The French have also taken Mount Ouvelet, another commanding position west of

Menace to Huns Increases. With the French dominating the western exit from the Argonne and the Americans advancing along the east-ern edge, one of the strategical objects of the battle which may precipitate the fall of the entire Argonne positions, is well advanced. Further west fresh ground has been gained in the region of Auberive, which increases the men-ace to the strong German positions on the mounts north of the old Roman

road, lying east from Rheims, the Te-ton, Mount Cornillet, Mont Sans Nom and Mount Haut.

and Mount Haut.

The possession of Grand Pre is one of the big stakes of this battle. When it falls the Germans must make haste to get out of the Argonne region, which explains the desperate defense of its approaches by the best forces the Germans have available. Those taken prisoners yesterday gave up only after most bitter combats: they not only fought bitter combats; they not only fought well, but their appearance is far su-perior to that of most of the prisoners taken in the past month. Mangin's Forces Advance.

General Mangin's forces driving back the enemy in the region of the Chemin Des Dames during the night advanced to the Allette River north of Pinon for-est, took Chavignon and reached the canal basin to the southeast, where they

met sharp machine gun fire.
Further south the Germans are resisting on the line-of Chapelle, Sainte Berthe, Ostel and Chavonne. They are relying principally on artillery in this

Enemy's Difficulties Grow With Challerange under fire of French guns, the enemy's movements of troops will encounter vastly increasd difficulties. As he is short of motor ed difficulties. As he is short of motor transports he has relied mainly on railroads and has supplemented the old 
French lines with several branches 
since occupying the region. These railroads now are useless for all concentrations of troops south of Grand Pre.

Vousieres, another important center of concentration also is directly mare

of concentration, also is directly men-aced, Gouraud's forces being only about 16 miles away. A little further advance will enable them to render this junction also useless, and the whole German system of communications toward the Stenay gap will crumble.

## BULGARIANS COMING

(Continued From First Page.) ponsibility finds no confirmation King Ferdinand's crown apparently is at stake, and he is trying to save his

The Bulgarian Finance Minister and Commander-in-Chief are now on their way to the front, according to the newspaper Vaterland, which adds that an American attache will participate in the negotiations.

While Bulgaria has been disintegrating for months as a factor in the war, her military defeat has brought mat-ters swiftly to a crisis. Her three ar-mies are separated and not only are beat n, but two of them are scattered in flight, with their German allies sharing the same fate. Yesterday's official report from the front speaks of the number of prisoners taken and points out that most of them were



## FAMILY ANXIOUS

Mrs. A. H. Tasker, of 1738 East Stark, Portland, missing since Sunday, Sept. 22. Height, 5 feet 9 Inches; weight, 132 pounds; noticeable brown eyes; hair slightly gray; slight birthmark on left cheek; age, 45 years; wore blue serge suit and wide white straw hat; manner dignified and agree-Family and friends anxlously await word of her welfare. Telephone Tabor 939.

## CONCERNING THE ABOVE.

On a Portland-bound train on On a Portland-bound train on the hight of August 17, Mrs. Tasker, returning from Ocean Park, held an extended conversation on fruit and vegetable canning, with a resourceful farmer's wife, who inspired her with admiration by the hopefulness of her general outlook toward her farm life. This feeling may have led Mrs. Tasker to zeek her out in her present mood. Will this lady please write, giving fuller account of conversation? It may hap. withdraw from the war and assume the position of a near neutral. She must surrender and give up what tor-ritory she has gained by arms as well as some privileges of transport and the same usefulness she yielded to Ger-many while professing neutrality. many while professing neutrality. There is even suggestion that she may be required to use her army on the side of the entente. The answer of the allies is an ultimatum.
"The allied powers have no further conditions to prepose," says a semi-

ement. Huns Rush Reinforcements Germany's policy in this crisis is learned from the newspapers of that country. She is trying to rush rein-forcements to Bulgaria. One report says that heavy contingents are going and on their way will show themselves

and on their way will show themselves in Sofia to reassure the people of the Balkan capital. Germany will not let Bulgaria make peace if she can prevent it by force or persuasion.

There may be a race between the German army and the allies to reach Sofia. Germany is supposed to have six divisions in Roumania which she may be able to send to Bulgaria. She hardly can withdraw troops from the western front during the struggle she western front during the struggle she has had there. Probably Austria also will be called upon for help.

Alliance in Great Danger. The latest developments seem to con-firm reports that King Ferdinand's long absence from his kingdom during the Summer was because he was afraid to remain there. German papers are now speaking freely about their allies. "From the day of Malinoff's appoint-ment," says Vorwaerts, "It was well known in political circles that our

of General Gouraud's troops toward

Vouzieres.

Northwest of Bouconville, Bellevue
and Bussy farm were captured this
morning, giving the French a position
which commands the important railway
station at Chellerrange and the valley
was file major was in the greatest danger.

In addition to the Cabinet's pro-entente sentiments, there is an extraordinary ardent desire for peace on the
part of the people whose food for
months has been crumbling and indiwestible major bread.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 28.—A Berlin dispatch to the Frankfort Zeitung sug-gests that the basis for the Bulgarian armistice offer was created in previous negotiations with the entente. It adds that Bulgaria some weeks ago changed its diplomatic cipher.

ALLIES CAPTURE 300 GUNS Serbian Cavalry Within Six Miles

PARIS, Saturday, Sept. 28 .- The French official statement on operations in Macedonia follows:
"Army of the East, Sept. 27.—The day
of September 27 was marked by a general advance along the whole front
and by new captures of a large number of prisoners and important material

of Bulgarian Frontier.

terial. "On the left the allied troops broke up the resistance of the enemy forces between Lakes Presba and Ochrida and pressed on. Northwest of Monastir we have made an advance of more than 18 kilometres at certain points. We have progressed beyond Krushevo and are marching on Kichevo.

"In the center the Serbians, who entered Veles on Sentember 28 despite

tered Veles on September 26, despite strong resistance by the enemy, are pushing forward on the front of Karabuniste-Rudnik, 35 kilometers (22 miles) from Uskub. They have reached the region of Kochana and Ratavista and cavalry units have reached the region of Lehovo, about ten kilometres (six miles) from the Bulgarian frontier.
"In the right the allied forces occupied the region of Strumitza and are ascending the valley of the Strumitz towards the east. owards the east.

"The number of guns captured is more than 200."

SITY WILL BE ACCENTUATED.

in Students' Corps Already Made Result in Deferments.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene or men prescribed within limits by the War Department, the college year will open in the university Menday with conditions more decidedly

military than ever before.

The military regime opened Saturday with the physical examinations for applicants for membership in the Students' Army Training Corps. A rigid examination was given by each of the three physicians detailed by the mili-tary authorities for the purpose, and the result is that already several men the result is that already several men are slated for temporary deferred classification or permanent relegation to the limited service class. Those placed temporarily in deferred classi-fication will be placed on the active list as soon as slight physical defects noted by the examining physicians have been corrected.

Sofia Occupation Possible.

Sofia Decupation of Sofia by allied troops a possibility of the near future.

The terms of the allies are plain but stringent.

Bulgaria will not be allowed to members of the Students' Army Training Corps. Essential subjects are war issues, military law and practice, by giene and sanitation, surveying and map-making.

Programmes are arranged for three

That members of the probable enrollment this term is 1000. The schedule calls for a total of 53 hours of work a week on the part of the is to start at noon and which will determine the order in the respective classes of the 13,000,000 men between 18 and 45 who registered September 12, were completed tonight.

The big caucus room in the Senate building will be used, indicating that there will be many more spectators.

Programmes are arranged for three lasses of men, those 20 years of age r over, whose preparation is strictly nilitary and designed to last not more military and designed to last not more than three months; those 19 years of age, who may be allowed to remain in college for two three months' terms, and those 18 years bid, who are expected to remain in college throughout the year. To the men of 18 and 19 more latitude is allowed. more latitude is allowed. .

## POLITICAL OFFICES FILLED

Lewis County Democrats and Republicans Complete Organization.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 29 .- (Spe al.)—A. I. Timmerman, of this city, esterday was elected chairman of the Lewis County Republican Central Com-mittee for the next two years. George R. Walker, of Chehalis, was elected secretary and A. J. Albers, of Chehalis, was chosen as state committeeman. William R. Lee, Centralia City Attorney, is the new chairman of the county Democratic central committee. J. H. Roberts, secretary of the Centralia Committee of the county of the centralia county of the centra mercial Club, is state committee

Lt. Van Gilder Ordered to Trenches. CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 29.-Lieutenant Frank Van Glider, who left here with Company M, 161st Infantry, has been ordered to the trenches, according to a letter received by his mother, Mrs. B. E. Van Gilder. The officer at the time of writing had just completed a two weeks' course of training in trench fighting. Another son of Mrs. Van Gilder, Fred, is attending an of-ficers' training school in France.

First Men of 19 to 36 Draft Class May Be Called to Service Immediately.

Provost Marshal - General Issue Final Instructions to All Boards Calling on Workers to Speed Up Classification.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29 .- (Special.) On the eve of the great draft draw-ng in Washington in which the order f liability to military call of 13,000, draft registrants lished. Provost Marshal-General Crow-der served warning today that the first men of the 19 to 36 draft class must be made ready to answer the call to military training almost immediately. military training almost immediately.

General Crowder sent an appeal to all district boards to speed up classi-

fication of men registered for the draft September 12. Copies of regulations governing the drawing tomorrow were gestible maize bread.

"Even if the supporters of our alliance should succeed in getting the
upper hand we should indulge in no
illusions regarding the value which the
preservation of the alliance can still
have for Germany."

governing the drawing tomorrow were
also sent to the local boards, instructing them in the use of the "master
ing that will be made upon the serial
numbers drawn from the bowl in the
preservation of the alliance can still
that is a serial of the registrants within their respective
intrisdictions. urisdictions.

> military programme requires that class I men under the new regulathat class I men under the new regula-tions be made available for military training within 90 days—some almost immediately." General Crowder told the draft boards. "It is upon my faith in your ability to meet the situation that I have built my pledge to have the mon ready when called for." General Crowder says he realized a heavy task faces the district boards in classifying the 13,000,000 registrants of classifying the 13,000,000 registrants of the new draft, but he urged that the work be expedited to the fullest possible extent consistent with the great importance of the work. "The district boards in dependency

Some to Be Called Soon.

cases are, generally speaking, the courts of last resort," said General Prowder. "In occupational cases the cases Crowder. riginal responsibility is yours.

Double Problem Presented. "In the latter field your jurisdiction has been extended by the recent act of Congress, extending the age limits the selective service to cover de ment of persons engaged in all occupa tions or employment as well as in in-dustries, including agriculture, which you may find to be necessary to the maintenance of the military establish-ment or the effective operation of the military forces, or the maintenance of the National interest in the emergency. Thus, at a time when the exigencies of the military situation make it imperative to speed up the entire machinery of the selective service, the number of cases which you will be called upon to handle is likely to be largely in-

"These cases you must handle under the double obligation of satisfying the vital manpower needs of the Army but not impairing the economic structure of the country, the efficiency of whose functions, is many instances, is vital to the support of the Army. As to your ability to solve this problem to the best interests of the Nation and the cause for which it fights, I have not the slightest doubt.

Prompt Handling Required. "It is to the necessity for the promp handling of all cases as they come be fore you that I desire particularly to

Until the classification of the new registrants has been completed, there will of course exist considerable and widespread uncertainty and unrest mong the registrants, which, in the case of those employed in necessary oc-cupations, will tend to retard produc-tion. Thus the National interest denands that there be no unnecessary delays in determining the status of these individuals."

PRESIDENT MAY DRAW FIRST

All Arrangements Completed for the Third Draft Lottery at Capital.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—President Wilson may draw the first and Vice-President Marshall the second of the master numbers in the third great milimaster numbers in the third great mili-tary draft lottery to be held tomorrow in the Senate office building. Provost Marshal-General Crowder would not say tonight who would take the first of the 17,000 capsules from the bowl, nor would be deny or confirm reports

there will be many more spectators than were present for the first lottery last year and the second last Summer. It was said tonight that plans had man said: been made to telephone the numbers as drawn direct to linotype operators in the Government printing office, who will set them up as they are drawn. Slips will be sent by courier to the printing office after each group of 250 names has been drawn and as soon as the typed numbers are checked they mailed to district boards which will make them public.

## AIR MASTERY CONCEDED

HUNS HAVE WHOLESOME RESPECT FOR AMERICAN AVIATORS.

33 Enemy Machines Brought Down Without Loss of One United States

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, Sept. 29.—
(By the Associated Press.)—American aviators again demonstrated Saturday that they are masters of the air on this sector. They engaged in 52 combats and brought down 33 enemy machines without the loss of one American pilot. The German airmen appear to have The German airmen appear to have lost the daring which has character-ized their work of the previous days, and did not venture across the American line with reconnoissance airplanes after they had been attacked once by the American machines. The German balloons were hastily lowered in the face of an American attack and did Washington Man Prisoner.

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Washington Man Prisoners of the American attack and did not appear again during the day.

One of the American pursuit groups engaged in 23 combats at low altitudes and brought down three enemy machines. Another pursuit wing had 17 battles in two sorties along the line A third group dropped bombs on Romange and Cunel and engaged in several battles with German machines, bringing down six of them.

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Progress on Northern Front Reported Unfavorable.

SOVIET TROOPS IN FLIGHT

Flocking Inside Allied Lines in Northern Russia -- Protect Us, Is Plea.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 28 .- The Russian Mrs. wireless report received from Moscow 5 admits the fighting on the northern 25 admits the fighting on the northern front is going unfavorably for the Soviet troops, who are retiring at va-rious points, including Kotlas. On the eastern front strong forces of Czecho-Slovaks are advancing from two sides against Altayevsk, north of Ekaterin-

ARCHANGEL, Friday, Sept. 20 .- (By the Associated Press.)—Peasants, with their families, are flocking inside the allied lines in Northern Russia. An Associated Press correspondent who has just returned from a trip to the front visited many villages, and found the peasantry relocking at their delivthe peasantry rejoicing at their deliverance from the Bolsheviki. Most of them were unlettered representatives of 70 per cent of the Russian population. One of the older men of a large group doing military construction work for the allies and acting as the spokes-

"Money is no good to us and we are glad to work for the food the allies



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need good, kind people like the allies to protect us. We hate the Germans because we know from our brothers in the south and west that they are cruel. They took our lands, grain and cows."

Clothing Drive Extended.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 29 .-(Special.)—As Clarke County's quota of three tons of clothing for the Belglans was not collected last week, the resent week, according to C. W. Ryan, chairman of the committee collecting Clothing through the Red Cross. Most of the clothing so far received has been from Vancouver and little from the country.

Red Cross Needs Linen.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 29.—(Special.)—A linen shower for the benefit of the Red Cross will be held all week, nning tomorrow, under auspices of Vancouver Athenaeum, of which J. S. G. Langsdorf is president. Mrs. J. S. G. Langsdorf is president.

New towels, sheets, napkins and handpolice say, is charged with the thef

407 West Tenth street, opposite the First Presbyterian Church.

HIGHER FARE NOW SOUGHT North Coast Power Company File Schedule With Commission.

VANCOUVER, Wash, Sept. 29.—(Spe cial.)—Along with other traction companies throughout the United States he North Coast Power Company, of this schedule with the Public Service Com mission of Washington.

This company operates an interurban service between Vancouver and Sifton, seven miles, and the rise will affect

points outside of the city limits. No rise is intended in Vancouver at the present time. Commutation tickets that now sell for \$5.75 are to be raised to \$9.90 for 44 rides.

Hotel Clerk Arrested James W. Stayton, night clerk at the

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