

THEIR FAMILY RUSH IN FRESH FORCES

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

CHAMPAGNE FIGHT FIERCE

Battle Increases in Violence on Arrival of New Hun Divisions, but French Contingents Go Steadily Forward.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY ON THE CHAMPAGNE FRONT, Sept. 29.—(By the Associated Press, P. M.)—The battle of Champagne has greatly increased in violence with the arrival of fresh German divisions. The enemy is making a strong fight to halt the advance of General Gouraud's troops toward Vouziers.

Northwest of Bouconville, Bellevue and Busy farms were captured this morning, giving the French a position which commands the important railway station at Challevrange and the valley of the Argonne and the valley of the Meuse. In his campaign in 1792 called the Thermopylae of France, the French have also taken Mount Ouvelet, another commanding position west of Bouconville.

Menace to Hunns Increased.

With the French dominating the western exit from the Argonne and the Americans advancing along the eastern edge, one of the strategic objectives of the battle which may precipitate the fall of the entire Argonne positions, is well advanced. Further west fresh ground has been captured in the region of Auberville, which increases the menace to the strong German positions on the mountains north of the old Roman road, lying east from Hlouchin, the Teton, Mount Cornillet, Mont Sans Nom 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 well, but their appearance is far superior 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 forest, 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, Castel and Chevonne, the line relying principally on artillery in this region.

Enemy's Difficulties Grow.

With Challenge under fire of French guns, the enemy's movements of troops will encounter vastly increased 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.

Vouziers, another important center of concentration, also is directly menaced. Gouraud's forces being only about 10 miles away from the town, the Germans will enable them to render this junction also useless, and the whole German system of communications toward the Stenay gap will crumble.

BULGARIANS COMING IN

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responsibility finds no confirmation. King Ferdinand's crown apparently is at stake, and he is trying to save his dynasty.

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 attaché will participate in the negotiations.

While Bulgaria has been disintegrating for months as a factor in the war, her military defeat has brought matters swiftly to a crisis. Her three armies 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 Germans.

Sofia Occupation Possible.

Occupation of Sofia by allied troops is a possibility of the near future. The terms of the allies are plain but stringent. Bulgaria will not be allowed to

POLITICAL OFFICES FILLED

Lewis County Democrats and Republicans Complete Organization.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 29.—(Special.)—A. I. Timmerman of this city, yesterday was elected chairman of the Lewis County Republican Central Committee for the next two years. George R. Warner, of Chehalis, was elected secretary and A. J. Albers, of Chehalis, was chosen as state committeeman.

Li. Van Gilder Ordered to Trenches.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 29.—Lieutenant Frank Van Gilder, who left here with Company M, 161st Infantry, has been ordered to the trenches, according to the 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 officers' training school in France.

Washington Man Prisoner.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Names of 48 American soldiers held prisoners in Germany were made public today by the War Department. The list includes Private Harry D. Lockridge, Auburn, Wash., held at Rastadt.

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, 46 years; wore blue serge suit and wide white straw hat; manner dignified and agreeable. Family and friends anxiously await word of her whereabouts. Telephone Taber 933.

CONCERNING THE ABOVE.

On a Portland-bound train on the night 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 seek her out in her present mood. Will this lady please write, giving fuller account of conversation? It may help.

NEW REGISTRANTS TOLD TO BE READY

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

DRAWING WILL BE TODAY

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

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—(Special.)

On the eve of the great draft drawing in Washington in which the order of liability to military call of 13,000,000 draft registrants will be established, Provost Marshal-General Crowder 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.

General Crowder sent an appeal to all district boards to speed up classification of men registered for the draft September 12. Copies of regulations governing the drawing tomorrow were also sent to the local boards, instructing them in the use of the "master list" that will be made upon the serial numbers drawn from the bowl in the draft lottery to determine the order of the registrants within their respective jurisdictions.

Some to Be Called Soon.

"The military programme requires that class 1 men under the new regulations be made available for military training within 30 days of their classification," 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 men ready when called for."

General Crowder says he realized a heavy task faces the district boards in 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 cases are, generally speaking, the courts of last resort," said General Crowder. "In occupational cases the original 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 of the selective service to cover deferment of persons engaged in all occupations or employment as well as in industries, including agriculture, which you may find it necessary to the maintenance of the military establishment 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 increased.

"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, in 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."

"It is to the necessity for the prompt handling of all cases as they come before you that I desire particularly to direct your attention."

"The classification of the new registrants has been completed, there will of course exist considerable and widespread uncertainty and unrest among the registrant class. It is the duty of those employed in necessary occupations, who tend to retard production. Thus the National interest demands that the military necessary delay 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 military 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 he deny or confirm reports that the President would do so.

Arrangements for the drawing, which 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 years of age, September 12, were completed tonight.

The big caucus room in the Senate building will be used, indicating that there will be many second or third draws that were present for the first lottery last year and the second last Summer. It was said tonight that plans had been made to transfer 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 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 Plane or Pilot.

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 plane.

The German aviators appear to have lost the daring which has characterized their work of the previous days, and did not venture across the American line with reconnaissance 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 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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are giving us. The Bolsheviks stole our cows and everything we had. Now we are happy. "We know we are like children. We 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."

HIGHER FARE NOW SOUGHT

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