

FRANCO-AMERICANS
JAM BACK GERMANS

Foe Yields to Pressure on
Aisne and Allies Rectify
Line on Canal.

ENEMY HEAVILY SHELLED

Allied Artillery, Heavy and Small,
Used to Rip Holes in Germans.
All Crossroads in Hun's Rear
Are Rendered Untenable.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE AISNE FRONT, Sept. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—The attempt of the Germans to retain their foothold on the south side of the Aisne Canal in a wood to the west of Villers-en-Pray was nullified by a small but brilliant operation early this morning. The dense little wood had been packed with machine guns, under cover of the German guns.

The only break in the American line along the canal was at that place. The task of cleaning it out began at 4 in the morning and was completed before 10. There was no opportunity to take prisoners, but the toll of German dead was great, as compared with the magnitude of the engagement.

Along the line to the junction with the French, heavy resistance continues, and indications are increasing that the Germans do not propose to be hurried in their retreat in this district north-west of Rheims. The artillery on both sides was in violent action, but with the exception of patrolling there was no effort at infantry work.

Americans Get Revenge.
The general line held by the Americans has not changed. From one place the Americans brought in 34 prisoners, members of one of the guards divisions. Among them were two officers, one of whom is Lieutenant Gaspard Alvensleben, whose father is reputed to be one of the Emperor's advisers. It was this Lieutenant who commanded the detachment that recently compelled a small American force to evacuate Flinette. It was the organization to which the force that captured him belonged.

The capture of the wood near the canal was accomplished after intensive artillery preparation and in the face of a smothering fire. The Americans crept close in during the darkness and rushed the woods about 5 o'clock. From the woods enough machine gun nests were left to give a sharp greeting, but the real line of battle was from beyond the canal. But this was met with a strong American counter fire.

Smoke Screen Raised.
The raising of a smoke screen north of the Aisne early in the day gave rise to the presumption the Germans were already moving back. This was dispelled by later developments, although it would not surprise anyone if they withdrew shortly. Some regard it as probable the Germans intend to make a stand along the Aisne at least until the onward movement of the French and British north of Soissons is more definitely established.

Northeast of Rheims there is an evident dislike on the part of the Germans for retirement and in the broken country there remain strong forces which are moving only very slowly toward the rear. If the Germans wish they can maintain their present positions for many days yet, but for every day it appears probable that the price them must pay will be increased.

From one prisoner comes an explanation of why Lieutenants lately have been found commanding companies. He said orders had been issued that because of the scarcity of officers companies in the future would be commanded by Lieutenants, battalions by Captains and regiments by Majors.

AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Sept. 6.—(Reuters.)—The outstanding event of the week on the American front has been the passage of the Vesle and the carrying of the line forward to the borders of the Aisne.

Already by sheer strategy Mangin's army has displaced some 30 miles of the enemy's front and is removing it at an extremely almost a third of that distance northward.

That the Germans know they have to fear an even more complete strategical disturbance at its hands, is dramatically proved by the dead with which they tried to bar the path. These dead lying at Juvigny plateau were not sacrificed in any reckless spirit; they were devoted to an attempt to frustrate the greatest danger that now threatens the German line in France.

Plateau Is Gained.
The French have possessed themselves of the plateau northward of Landricourt on one side of the Aisne and have reached the ravine of Vesle on the other, while farther north they are on the borders of the forest of Coucy, close to Fresnes.

Seeing that they have thus penetrated the line which one had almost grown to regard as a German frontier, it is no wonder the enemy is sacrificing men, guns and morale in a desperate effort to gain breathing time for some fresh allotment of their reserves, since hereabout the mass of St. Gobain between La Fere and the essential hinge of the line. That hinge broken, more disaster would happen to them than from the fracture of any other part of the line.

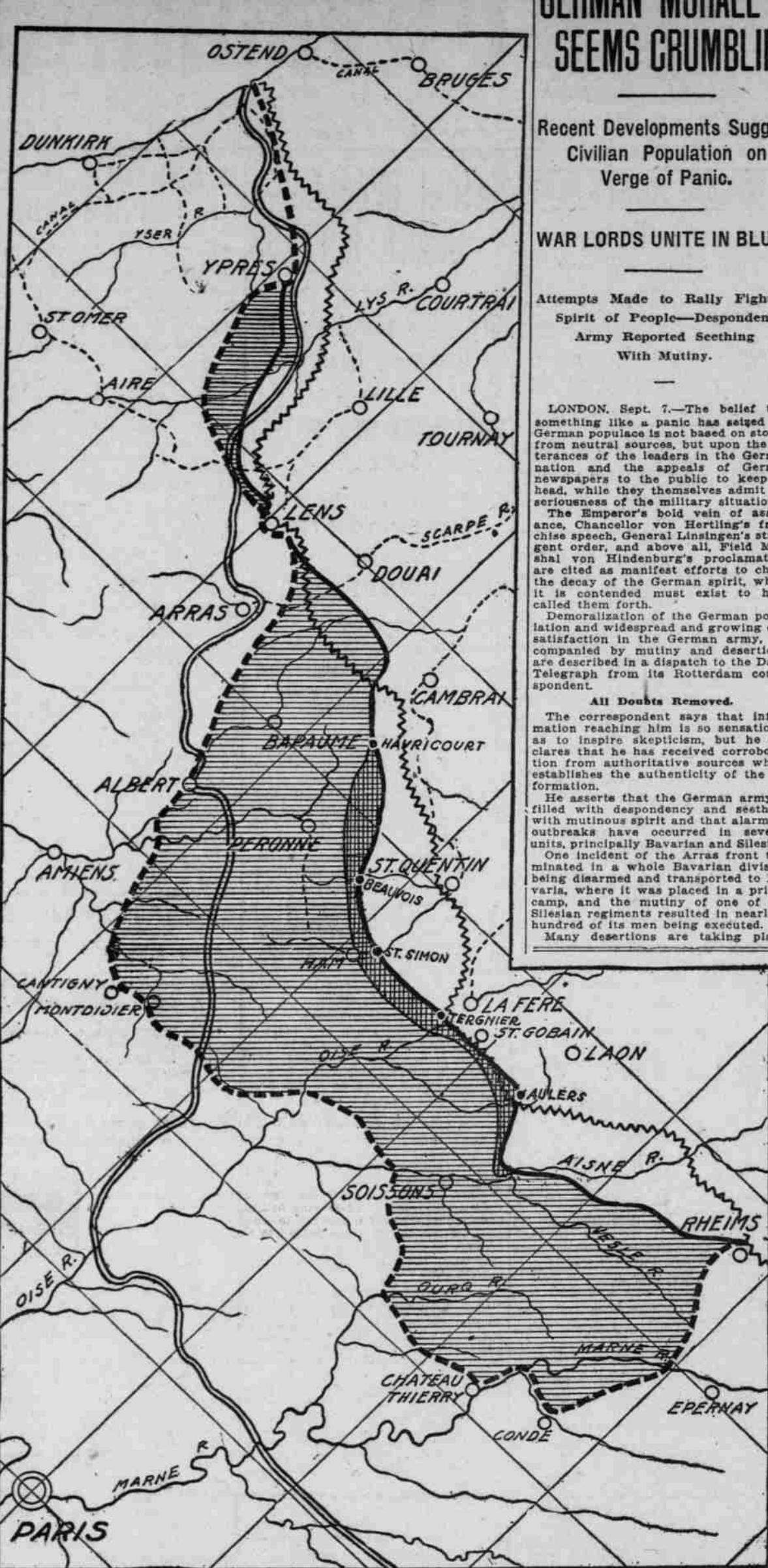
In the effort to avert such a calamity the Germans have brought one division by road from Metz and another from Rheims, and sent them almost starving into the battle. But the defense of St. Gobain means much more than the defeat of Mangin's army, for Laon and St. Quentin are flanks of the hinge whose pin is at La Fere, and one point is as essential to its security as another of the three.

Two Armies Watched.
But for the American force interest is in the southernmost of the thrusts, should it give way, they will

Be Careful in Using
Soap on Your Hair

Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali, which is very injurious, as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle.

The best thing to use is just plain mulified coconut oil, for it is pure and entirely greaseless. It's very cheap, and beats the most expensive soaps or anything else all to pieces. You can get this at any drug store, and a few ounces will last the whole family for months. Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in, about a teaspoonful is all that is required. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, cleanses thoroughly and rinses out easily. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and is soft, fresh looking, bright, fluffy, wavy and easy to handle. Besides, it loosens and takes out every particle of dust, dirt and dandruff.—Adv.

MAP SHOWING AREA RECLAIMED IN RECENT ALLIED OFFENSIVE
WITH PRESENT BATTLE FRONT.

Double Line Indicates Farthest German Advance in 1914-1915. Heavy Black Line Shows Battle Front as Indicated by Saturday's Dispatches. While Crossed Shaded Area Shows Territory Gained by Allies Saturday. Areas Shaded by Straight Parallel Lines Indicate Ground Won by Allies From Germans Up to Friday. Broken Line Shows Farthest German Advance in Offensive Starting March 21st. Jagged Line to Right of Map is Hindenburg Line. The Map is Divided into 20-Mile Squares.

SWITCH TRACK STARTED

ROAD TO NEW STEEL PLANT SITE
UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

Materials for Big Factory and Equipment Purchased; Prompt Delivery Is Assured.

Work has started incidentally to the construction of the new plant of the Pacific Coast Steel Company at Astoria. The building of the switch track from the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway into the 33-acre tract of land on which the plant is to rise is under way.

Piling of deeds yesterday conveying 20½ acres of land to the corporation from M. L. Holbrook, trustee for the defunct Merchants National Bank, completed the legal preliminaries.

Materials for the construction of the have been purchased and will be received as rapidly as necessary for the early completion of the work.

Two open-hearth furnaces, a rolling mill and blooming mill will be included in the first unit of the plant, which is intended to include eight open-hearth furnaces when finished. Production will probably start about the first of March.

Flat steel of all sorts will be turned out, such as bars, angle steel, channel and kindred materials. The product of the new plant will be supplied to Portland industries. The Northwest Steel Company being one of the heaviest consumers of this class of material.

Hospital Association Sued.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—Seeking to recover \$7180, A. H. Emer-

CZECHS DECIDE ON PRAGUE

City Chosen as Headquarters for National Council.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—An official dispatch today from Switzerland says the Czechoslovak National council will shortly establish headquarters in Prague, where the Socialist Deputy Soukup will be in charge of all local councils in Czech towns.

Booth-Kelly Timber Cruised.
A party of seven timber cruisers under W. F. Ryder, of Texas, came in this week from the northern end of the county, where they have been for the past two months making a cruise of the 8,000-acre tract of the Booth-Kelly Company which lies in Northern Klamath and Lake counties. It is understood that the estimate is being made by the Long-Bell company with a view to the purchase of the tract. Among those in the party were E. H. Hovey, of San Francisco, and E. E. Withrow, of Klamath Falls.

tribe of the Lumberman's Hospital Association and B. L. Sears, a physician employed by the association. It is alleged that Alexander Emerson, the 14-year-old son of the plaintiff, was injured while employed by the Kerry Timber Company, and was taken to the hospital in Nesterhill. As a result of improper care and attention, it is alleged, the boy died.

the correspondent says, and it is estimated that there are more than 20,000 deserters in Berlin alone. Large numbers are scattered throughout the country.

Disobedience and defiance of officers is common at the front, according to the correspondent's information, and a similar spirit is shown in the munition factories, where the workers deliberately are slowing up.

ALL DAY IN THE SUN;
SUFFERS NO SUNBURN

A PRETTY society girl who is devoted to athletic, motor and other outdoor pursuits is the envy of her friends because, no matter how much she is in the sunshine, it doesn't seem to affect her at all, and her complexion, neck and arms are always like the proverbial lily, white, soft and smooth as satin. She confesses to her friends that the secret of her success in avoiding sunburn and tan, freckles and other results of outdoor pleasure is that she uses Santeptic Lotion, a delightful

GERMAN MORALE
SEEMS CRUMBLING

Recent Developments Suggest
Civilian Population on
Verge of Panic.

WAR LORDS UNITE IN BLUFF

Attempts Made to Rally Fighting
Spirit of People—Despondent
Army Reported Seething
With Mutiny.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—The belief that something like a panic has seized the German populace is not based on stories from neutral sources, but upon the utterances of the leaders in the German nation and the appeals of German newspapers to the public to keep its head, while they themselves admit the seriousness of the military situation.

The Emperor's bold vein of assurance, Chancellor von Hertling's franchise speech, General Linning's stringent order, and above all, Field Marshal von Hindenburg's proclamation, are cited as manifest efforts to check the decay of the German spirit, which it is contended must exist to have called them forth.

Demoralization of the German population and widespread and growing dissatisfaction in the German army, accompanied by mutiny and desertions, are described in a dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from its Rotterdam correspondent.

All Doubts Removed.
The correspondent says that information reaching him is so sensational as to inspire skepticism, but he declares that he has received corroboration from authoritative sources which establishes the authenticity of the information.

He asserts that the German army is filled with despondency and seething with mutinous spirit and that alarming outbreaks have occurred in several units, principally Bavarian and Silesian.

One incident of the Arras front terminated in a whole Bavarian division being disarmed and transported to Bavaria, where it was placed in a prison camp, and the mutiny of one of the Silesian regiments resulted in nearly a hundred of its men being executed.

Many desertions are taking place.

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