YANKS NEAR BOCHE MAIN RAILWAY LINE

General Pershing's Forces Are Smashing Hard to Cut Hun Communication Center.

OVERSEAS ARMY IS HUGE

More Than 250,000 Sent Over to France in August, So That Total Now Abroad Over 1,850,000 General March Announces.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5 .- The great trunk railway system near the Belgian border which feeds the whole central arch of the German lines in France is the goal of the first American Army which General March, chief of staff, said today is making rapid progress. Official dispatches show the Americans to be 18 miles from the nearest point on the important rallroad. General March said. Reports today have indicated that despite stiffening of German cated that despite stiffening of German resistance the American forces are pushing onward, and the distance to the goal is being cut down rapidly. To back up that American effort. General March showed that the flow of American troops to France continues at a rate of more than a quarter of a million a month. A total of 1,850,000 men have been embarked, he said.

The chief of staff plainly made evident his great pride in the deeds of the American Army in France, now a vital factor in the stirring events which he described.

News of Week Encourages. "The news during the last week from all fronts has been excellent," he said. "The three drives begun by the allies

on Thursday, Friday and Saturday have moved our line forward on a front wider than ever, affecting practically the entire line from the sea to Verdun. "Between the Argonne forest and the Meuse River the American Army has not only held the enemy's reinforce-ments to that sector, but has driven its way forward on its entire front to the Kriemhilde position, where the enemy is standing. The American divisions at that point threaten the main railroad line of communications from Germany to the west front, the railroad coming through from Germany and passing through Sedan and other places of his-toric military interest. It is the most important single artery of supply of

The Americans have reached a point "The Americans have reached a point 18 miles in a direct line from that rail-road and as soon as the direction of the drive became evident Germany threw in its path a great many divisions, withdrawing them from other points in the line, and they have been held there by the Americans when they are badly needed elsewhere.

Supply Lines Dominated. "Just west of the Argonne forest, General Gouraud's French Army with the second American division has likewise fought its way northward eight to 10 miles to the enemy's line of de-fense west of Challerange. Hills have been captured which command the enemy's supply lines south of Vou-

The British drive on Cambrai and St. Quentin developed into a battle for the entire Hindenburg line between those points and the enemy has now been forced back to or beyond this line been forced back to or beyond this line along its entire length from Flanders to the Allette. The British, aided by the 27th and 30th American Divisions, directed their assaults particularly against the hills five to ten miles north of St. Quentin, where they have swept entirely across the enemy's zone of defences and have oneed capts in his fenses, and have opened gaps in his lines which he has closed with great difficulty. In spite of the opposition of the enemy, Cambrai is being en-

"The drive in Flanders rapidly spread the line into a semi-circular salient 10 miles deep. By this advance, the ailles have taken back more than 75 square miles of Belgium, and threaten the enemy's possession of Ostend and Zeebrugge and of the coal fields beginning at Lens. In consequence, the enemy is reported to be evacuating the two ports and is withtrawing from the entire sector from Lens to Armentieres.

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French Pursue Germans,

"The enemy has come down off the Vesle - Alisne plateau, northwest of Rhelms, and has been followed by the French to the Alsne Canal.

"In the Balkans, while the Bulgsrian army is retiring from Serbia the Serbian army has advanced rapidly morthward and is in contact with the Austrians near Vranye, half way between Uskub and Nish. In Albania, the Austrians are retiring and the Italians have reoccupied Berat, crossing the Semeni River and moving in the direction of Durazzo, the inval base which we attacked the other day."

Of the embarkation of American troops, General March said:

"The shipping of American troops

"The shipping of American troops during the last month has continued over 250,000, in spite of the general epidemic of influence all over the country, in military camps, as well as fourthing the latter now in civil life. In sending men abroad we are selecting men who have neither that the disease nor been exposed to thrown into the line with rifles. Applications, but the flow of troops is, as 1 have stated, or 250,000 for the this locality. have stated, on 250,000 for the this locality.

Nearly 2,000,000 in France. "The entire number of troops em-barked from the United States is over

General March outlined the record of the 27th Division, which with the 30th Division participated with the British in the important drive north of St. Quentin. On September 20 he said. PARIS, Oct. 6.—All factories and

canal and took the villages of Bony and Germa Of the 30th Division, General March

MEDICINES

What Many of the Sick and Affing Are

Learning Nowadays. So many doctors have gone to war the services of comparatively few are available at home. Good proprietary medicines are more

widely used than ever, and more and more people are finding out how great their merit is.

orado, New Mexico and Arizena troops) and was not engaged near St. Mihiel with the infantry.

The 77th Division (New York, National Army), which took its place on the Vesle line late in August, General March says, participated in the advance to the Aisne between September 4 and 14th. The 88th Division (North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Western Illinois troops) has not yet been reported in action, he continued, and its permanent commander has not been pamed.

The War Department has no definite aformation as to the divisions engaged information as to the divisions engaged in the drive by the American First Army west of the Meuse, but General March thought it probable that the 35th Division (Missouri and Kansas National Guard) was in this action. The 85th Division, he said, was last reported on the St. Mihiel line, and the 85th in training in an American area. The 33d Division (Illinois National Guard) was reported near Verdun on

Information Not Definite.

Guard) was reported near Verdun or September 14, and the \$2d (Georgia, Alabama, Florida and Tennessee troops) on the line in the Woevre

The assignment of Brigadier-General Hugh Johnson, formerly executive officer of the Provost Marshal-General and General Crowder's chief assistant during the first draft to command a brigade of the Eighth Division at Camp Fremont, Cal., was announced today. The appointment is in line with the policy of the War Department to give line officers who have been held in Washington for special service a chance to get to the front with troops as early as possible.

American troops at Archangel are

American troops at Archangel are commanded by Colonel George E. Stew-art and includes the 339th Infantry, part of the 319th Engineers (Michigan and Wisconsin troops), and the neces-sary hospital and medical units.

The return to this country of Briga-dier-General Henry Hutchins, formerly with the Texas National Guard troops in France, was announced by General March, who said General Pershing had isked permission to send this officer nome. The reason for the transfer was not announced. General March added hat orders for General Hutchins' discharge from the service had not yet

GALE STRIKES ASTORIA Equinoctial Was About Two Week

ASTORIA, Or., Oct. 5 .- (Special.) -- Al hough it was about two weeks late, he equinoctial gale struck Astoria last ight and it was a hummer. The wind olew at a high rate from the southeast, he barometer dropped to 29:30 and 1.03 nches of rain fell. No damage was

Late, but It Was a Hummer.

done, but the air was cleared of the done, but the air was cleared of the smoke and all the forest fires in the vicinity were extinguished.

Today the weather is clear and while the wind has been southerly all day the glass is rising slowly, indicating a pleasant day for towerter. pleasant day for tomorrow

HUNS FLEE FROM BRITISH

(Continued From First Page,) throughout the whole area. There have been explosions and fires generally along the Lille front.

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The French just South of the British
Armies made important gains also today and at last reports were several
thousand yards east of St. Quentin
Late advices say they have stormed and
passed beyond Remaucourt, Northeast
of St. Quentin of St. Quentin. LONDON, Oct. 5.—Field Marshal Halg

reports some progress by British troops around Montbrehain and Beau-revoir in the St Quentin sector. His statement tonight adds that the Germans have begun to withdraw from the high ground between Le Catelet and Crevecoeur.

PARIS, Oct. 5.—The allies are within four miles of Lille and there are signs that the Germans are preparing to evacuate the seasonst since their whole Towns Set on Fire.

Such an event would be a mortal blow to the German morale, equal to the loss of the Bagdad line, for the Pan-Germans always have regarded Ostend and Zeebrugge as essential to Germany's world power.

of the enemy, Cambrai is veloped by the advance of the British, who have crossed the Escaut Canal on a wide front south of the city and have reached the hills beyond.

"The drive in Flanders rapidly are falling back on the line of the Arnes River. This line has been reached by the American troops, who have

As the flames and smoke rolled up from the ruined places they were accompanied by explosions, in which the Germans blew up the stores they were unable to save and which they did not wish to leave behind, fearing they would be used by the British to hasten the German retreat.

Non-Military Things Destroyed. Non-Military Taings Described in the Serial which they set fire. They are destroy-ing things of no military value to any

one.

During the night the British appeared to have regained possession of Reaurevoir and of the railway at Pon-

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS FRANCE, Oct. 5.—(Havas.)—British troops on entering Lens found that the coal mines in the city had been entire-ly destroyed. The church could scarcey be found amid the ruins.

in the important drive north of St. Quentin, On September 20 he said, the 27th made satisfactory progress in business houses in St. Quentin, which the original advance, reaching all its objectives. On the 29th it crossed the man industries, were destroyed by the

Belgian Captures Great. Louis Ringuler, Deputy for St. Quenn, who made a careful survey of the ity, found that beyond the damage o factories and business houses the roperty loss will not be great.

HAVRE, Oct. 4.—In the operations in Flanders since September 28, the Belgian, British and French forces have taken 10,500 prisoners, 350 guns and 600 machine guns, says the official statement from the Belgian War Office onight

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purifier. Peptiron, a real pepsin-nuxiron tonic, and Hood's Pilis, a potent
yet mild cathartic, are especially good
and liked by all who use them.

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separately.—Adv.

ROME, Oct. 5.—Italian units aiding
the French in the advance north of
the Aisne, it was announced today,
have overcome stubborn enemy resistness and captured important height
positions. They have taken prisoners
and machine guns.

Eight Yankee Aviators Engage 25 Huns and Bring Five

Eddie Rickenbacher Destroys Two More German Machines in Quick Time; Tentonic Balloons Have Sorry Time Around Verdun.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY
NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, Oct. 4.—
(By the Associated Press.)—Just before nightfall eight American pursuit
planes encountered more than 25 enemy
machines beyond the lines while on a
balloon shooting expedition. The Americans had accorplished their icans had accomplished their mission when they ran onto the big squadron of German airplanes. A fight followed which lasted more than 15 minutes, but when it was concluded five of the en-

when it was concluded live of the enemy planes were downed and all but
one of the American squadron was on
its way home safe.

Today was not one in which the conditions were ideal for aviation, but it
was not so bad as to prevent operations by the pursuit planes.

Fiyers Out at Dawn. Fivers Out at Dawn.

It was hardly daylight when the aviators began operations. Soon afterward a squadron of five Americans fought a battle with seven German machines in the region of Fleville, in which the Americans brought one of the enemy down. Later three German aviators were reported to have been brought down by anti-aircraft guns, while in the afternoon four others were reported downed within the American lines from similar means. nes from similar means.

The Germans attacked the American balloons along the front repeatedly. In most instances the anti-aircraft guns drove off the enemy planes. In a number of instances pursuit planes protected the observation balloons.

On Thursday evening Eddie Rickenbacker brought down two German airpianes. The American airman finished the first quickly and then tackled the second, bringing him down after a few

second, bringing him down after a few minutes' fight.

Denver Aviator Is Star. Denver Aviater Is Star.

Lieutenant J. C. Vasconcelos, of Denver, Colo., was the star of the day on Friday, although he brought down only one airplane. He was engaged with a Rumpler and a Fokker and shot down the latter west of Apremont. The Lieutenant returned to the airdrome with scores of bullet holes through the wings of his machine. Even the windshield had been smashed by enemy bullets.

The German balloons did not venture afolt except in one case and that bal-ioon descended immediately when an American patrol hove in sight. It did ot attempt to go up again.

SPECIAL FEDERAL COURT TERM AT MEDFORD REACHES CLOSE.

United States Officers, With Exception of District Attorney Haney, on Way Back to Portland.

patent case trial, in which Judge Wol-This case was brought by the Government to cancel a patent issued to oliver Brown, of Merlin. It was claimed that fraud was used in getting the patent. Judge Wolverton, the United States Marshal and deputies, and all the other court officials except District Attorney Haney, who left this morning for San Francisco, departed tonight for Portland.

Prior to his departure from the city District Attorney Hancy said there was a strong probability that hereafter longer terms of the Federal Court would be held in Medford. He held that this would not only be a saving in expense to the Government, but would be an appreciated convenience to attorneys, withesses and all persons having business with the court.

Now most of the Federal cases are string in Portland in tried in Portland.

Portland Boy Reported Missing. Private Samuel L. Faveluke, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Faveluke, 175 Meade street, was reported missing on the western front eight days ago. His family has had no word from him since. Young Faveluke enlisted in March, 1917. He was assigned to the

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"No one could see the wonderful change that has taken place in me during the past few weeks and doubt Tanlac being a great medicine," said W. H. Miller while in a Bartell drug store recently. Mr. Miller superintends the general repair work of the Puget Sound Dredge & Bridge Company and lives at 25 Seaview Ave., Seattle, Wash.

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