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BRITISH LINE IS PIERCED ARRAS; FRENCH GAIN 2 MILES

Pershing Believed to Have Hundred Thousand Men in Readiness to Unite With Ally Reserve Force When Time Comes

Eight Hundred Thousand Fresh Troops Will Be Hurled Against Tired Huns When Germans Have Extended Themselves.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(I. N. S.)—The allied offensive is believed to be under way and most important news is expected from the battlefront in Picardy within the next 24 hours, war deetment officials declared today.

the sharpest blow that the entente has attempted. It is understood that not less than 100,000 American troops will participate in this movement, which will probably take the form of a rolling-up movement.

According to the latest information reaching Washington, the allies have placed \$00,000 fresh troops along the Picardy front. It is these men who will be sent against the Germans in a sweeping movement which is expected to turn the tide of battle in favor of American-Anglo-French forces.

The general staff is watching the impending battle with deepest interest. the war, officers were willing to admit that the American army was to be represented in a battle movement by a large force was considered very signifi-The figures mentioned by the officers who would discuss the outlook 100,000-were a real surprise, as it had not been believed that General Per-

# Alien's Cash Goes

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"How would you like to buy some Liberty bonds?" asked Deputy United Marshal Tichenor of George Zeiger, allen German arrested at I. W. W. headquarters Wednesday night on a charge of violating the president's pro-

Before Zeiger had a chance to answer either in the negative or affirmative Deputy Tichenor began a "four minute" talk that resulted in Zeiger's turning over \$500 of \$800 that had been found in his pockets when he was arrested.

The bonds were purchased and a receipt turned over to the marshal in trust for Zeiger. His case is being investigated by Assistant United States Attorney Veatch and meanwhile he is being held in the Multnomah county jail.

## Dates for Sale of Wheat Announced

Washington, March 28 .- (U. P.) -- Folowing charges that German farmers in this country are holding wheat, the food administration today set May 1 and 15 as the dates upon which residue wheat should be marketed. Southern and middle states farmers are urged to sell all wheat aside from seed requirements by May 1 and northern states farmers by May 15.

## **WORKERS!!**

READ THE HELP

WANTED ADS TONIGHT

Opportunity for Advancement

## OFFICIAL STATEMENTS

ONDON, March 28 .- (U. P.)-"The enemy has crossed the Somme from the north near Chipilly," the war office announced this evening. "We fell back toward Ha-

"Opposite Arras at least seven army divisions attacked the line which runs through Arleux, Fampoux, Meuville-Vitasse and Boisleux. The fighting was severe, with heavy enemy losses. Opposite Arras our forward zone has been penetrated. "North of the Somme the situation is substantially the same as last

Between Hainvilliers and Ponet l'eveque the French counter-attacked in force and drove the enemy back on a front of 10 kilometers to the depth of three kilometers. French pressure here continues."

ONDON, March 28 .- (1). P.)-"Repeated enemy attacks in the Somme valley, also in the neighborhood of Beaumont-Hamel, Puisleux and Moyenville, were repulsed, Field Marshal Haig reported today. "We captured prisoners and machine guns.

"Fierce fighting is under way on both banks of the Somme. "There was a heavy bombardment east of Arras this morning. An attack is developing.

"Astride the Somme, Wednesday evening and Wednesday night, there was severe fighting; also north of Aibert and Poyelles."

Beaumont-Hamel is six miles north of Albert, on the west bank of the Ancre. Pulsleux is three miles north of Beaumont-Hamel. Moyenville is six miles due south of Arras and about 20 miles northeast of

### French

PARIS, March 28.-(U. P.)-Abandonment of Montdidler was officially admitted by the French war "In the region of Montdidier launched," the communique said. "After the bitterest fighting we retired in order to the west of Mont-

"Yesterday evening the battle continued with increasing violence,' said the communique. "The enemy was checked by our valient troops, suffering severely near Novon and along the left bank of the Oise. "The Germans concentrated their efforts against our left, launching great forces against Montdidier where the fighting was of extraor-dinary violence. Our regiments fighting foot by foot, and inflicting heavy losses, were nowhere weakened. They retired in order to the heights directly west of Montdidler,

was an intermittent bombardment." Montdidier is an important railroad and highway center, 10 miles west and south of Roye, 21 miles southeast of Amiens and 18 miles west and north of Noyen. It is 30 miles due west of Tergnier, which marks the German line before the present offensive. 'Montdidier has a population of about 40,000.

"On the rest of the front there

Germans BERLIN, Via London, March 28. -(U. P.)-"Northwest of Bapaume we have driven the enemy toward Bocquoy and Hebuterne," the German war office announced

"South of the Somme at many points we drove the English and French back into many regions untounched by the war since 1914." "Our losses generally are within normal limits. At some vital points they are heavier, the slightly wounded being estimated at 60 to

70 per cent of all those engaged. (Note: It is not clear whether this means 60 to 70 per cent of all those engaged or that percentage of the total casualties.)

"The crown prince on Wednesday pushed as far as St. Pierrepoint. possessing Montdidier," the state-

## The counter offensive will be the sharpest blow that the entente has attempted. It is under-DRAFT QUOTA 367

Camp Lewis Will Get 3973 Men From Eight Western States for Training for War.

Camp Lewis, March 28.-(I. N. S.)which will be under way on March 29, Wednesday contingent to be brought to Camp Lewis

will be 3973 men, with increments daily

movement will be completed. On the first day the schedule calls for the arrival of 501 men, with 305 on March 30, 335 on March 31, 1165 on

The apportionment by states follows: Into Liberty Bonds Washington, 638; Idalio, 278, California, 1752; Utah. 247; Nevada, 70.

## Secretary Baker Feels Confident

London, March 28 .- Newton D. Baker, the American secretary of war, who came to London from Paris, is following the course of fighting on the Western front with the keenest interest. Mr. Baker, along with everyone else, is confident that the Germans will be

## ROLL OF HONOR

Washington, March 28.—(I. N. S.)—The names of nine killed in action head the casualty list announced by the war department Wednesday afternoon. One man was killed in an aecident and four died of disease. Two were severely wounded and 14 slightly wounded.

Killed in Action CADET THOMAS C. NACHAM.
PRIVATE JOHN E. ALLEN.
PRIVATE HARRY E. BOERSELER.
PRIVATE WALTER T. COHEE.
PRIVATE WALTER T. COHEE.
PRIVATE ARCHIE HENDERSON.
PRIVATE CLARENCE M. JONES.
PRIVATE JESSE L. KOOPMAN
PRIVATE ALEC. MILLER.

Died of Accident SERGEANT HUNTER MASSIE. Died of Disease

COOK PAUL BOUCHET, poisoning, PRIVATE ROBERT S. CROSS, scarlet PRIVATE JOHN W. LEMKE, diphtheria.
PRIVATE GEORGE W. OLDFIELD, mastoid

Wounded Severely Private Dewain E. Montgomery. Private George E. O. Ostrander. Wounded Slightly

Corporal Edward C. Twitchell.
Private First Class Wm. C. Peek.
Private Marienus W. Burgman.
Private Lee A. Charland.
Private Budolph J. Costello.
Private Percy T. Engelke, Jr.
Private Jacob Ginsberg.
Private Edward F. Grabill.
Private John Kletzing. Private John Kletzing.
Private John D. Perry.
Private William Ring.
Private Tony Testa.
Private Elon W. Tollin.
Private William Van der Ploeg.

Ottawa, Ontoria, March 28.—(U. P.)-allahan of Seattle, Wash., was killed in ith the Canadian forces, according to to da office casualty list today.

This District Has Established precates it when it is unfair. World's Record; It Is Far Ahead of Atlantic and Gulf.

The Pacific coast, and especially the Oregon's quota in the second draft, Columbia river district, has established The very fact that, for the first time in is to be 367 men, it was announced here a world's record for turning out ships. It is far ahead of the Atlantic and Gulf turned out in the Portland district for know." from March 29 until April 5, when the the emergency fleet corporation than in any other district in the country.

The government fully realizes the wonderful achievement. coast, particularly the Pacific North-April 1, 605 on April 2, 402 on April 3, west, will forever be in the forefront of 658 on April 4, and a final small incre- the East's appreciation, having fully ment of 21 men from California on proven in this great crisis that it is 'atl wool and a yard wide."

Clothed with localized authority in regard to more shipbuilding business and with a wonderful message of the shipping board's recognition and appreof what is being done here, Lloyd J. Wentworth, head of the Oregon district of the emergency fleet corporaa four week's trip to Washington. The authority given Mr. Wentworth will permit the origination of future wooden ship contracts at the local head-

quarters, with the definite decision that the policy will be to award more business to all shipyards in the Oregon district now doing satisfactory work for the government. In regard to yards now without business, it is believed that a decision will be reached soon as to whether they are to be given government contracts or be permitted to accept concision has been called for by Manager Piez of the fleet corporation from Chairman Hurley of the shipping board, with

The cry is ever and ever for ships and more ships. The scarcity of ships is appalling and their need is none the less acute. But the whole matter of contracts, and more contracts, is contingent upon the supply of machinery (Concluded on Page Nineteen, Column Seven)

whom it rests entirely.

## Grape Plants for Sale Used Car Wanted

For Sale, Miscellaneous-19 YEAR-OLD Concord grape plants cheap.

Launches and Boats-64 THREE room houseboat for sale.

Automobile Wanted—78

PRIVATE party will pay cash for good used car. Must be in good running order and not older than 1915 model. A woman who reads The JOUR-NAL WANT ADS with the same eager interest she has in a good story of fiction, or in a dramatic

review, or a news story of peculiar human interest, is not likely to make many "blunders" in her You can not devote five minutes to reading The JOURNAL WANT ADS without learning some fact of actual value and importance to you.

man in Reply to Attacks on Delays in Supplying Pershing's Forces With Planes.

Plugged With Lead and Painted Over; Spy Responsible, Yet Not Caught.

By L. C. Martin Washington, March 28 .- (U. P.)-German sples, working in American airplane strategic position they held prior to

charged in the senate today.

Replying to continued recent attacks n the delay in supplying General Pershing's forces with flying machines, Overman declared there are "400,000 German spies in this country," some of garding airplane production. whom were at work in airplane plants. Overman exhibited a piece of steel which he said had been sawed through and plugged with lead by a spy, who

then painted it so the presence of lead would not be detected. The presence of this spy in the Curtiss plant delayed the construction of battleplanes two months, said Overman. The man has not been caught yet.

Workers, Is Advice plant and turn out all the men there, putting loyal Americans in their places. make no charges against the men there, but some of them have names that sound queer to me."

Replying to the criticism which for days has been voiced in the senate forces. over failure of the airplane program, to come up to promises. Overman said he favors criticism when it is just but de-"In this case it is unfair." he said.

"The delay in the construction of airplanes is the work of spies. That is the mysterious blight of which Senator Jones of Washington spoke the other

"Every airplane which was partly or wholly built had to be gone over and examined for defects such as the one I covered by a British army officer, an The total number in the second draft coast sections. More vessels have been are in airplane factories, I do not

Overman gave Senator Chamberlain chairman of the committee, the name of a detective who is working on the case and suggested to Chamberlain to call him to verify Overman's charge of spy activities.

Following Overman, Senator Reed, in times past one of the most outspoken critics of the war government, delivered warm appeal for harmony in the senate in the interest of winning the war. Reed Pleads for Harmony

'Let us have done with these little political bickerings," said Reed. "Every man here would give every drop of his blood to bring to us the victory. Then tion, returned Wednesday night from let us stop these petty squabbles. I appeal to the senate. Let the Wisconsin election go on. As a Democrat. I say that if either of the leading candidates there is elected, a loyal man will be sworn in. It is time for us to go for ward, shoulder to shoulder, for victory."

Bitter partisanship in the senate over the conduct of the war government threatened today to spread to the house. Republicans and some Democratscharging that the country is being misled as to the war work of the administration, are being answered spiritedly by both Democratic leaders and "war chiefs" at the other end of the avenue,

whose work is under fire. Under the duress of the great west front battle, the bitterness on both sides has led to many inaccurate statements and it probably will result in demanded "pitiless publicity" to straighten the public out definitely on just what has or has not been accomplished. It it accomplishes that, the cirtics say their attacks will not have been in vain Smoot Attacks President

The two debates over the conduct of the war did not assume strong partisan aspect until late Wednesday, when Senator Williams of Mississippi charged that Republican criticism had been be gun with a view to help Representative Irvine L. Lenroot win the senatorial election in Wisconsin. That angered Republicans, who said

their record of nonpartisan support of the government has been better than that of the Democrats. Senator Smoot closed the day with a violent attack or President Wilson who, he charged, is partisan to the last degree and 'thinks all the country's loyalty is concentrated in the Democratic party.' Manager Denies Charge

Buffalo, N. Y., March 28 .- (I. N. S.)-James K. Kepperley, general manager of the Curtiss plant in Buffalo, made flat denial of the statements made by Senator Overman in the senate this afternoon. He said if there are any spies in the Curtiss plant he does not know to and would be glad to have anyone help him catch them. He denied the charge that Bristol planes made at the plant had been tampered with so that the first one tried out fell during the trial.

Charge Is Made by Senator Over-| Count de Portanier de la Rochette of French Mission, Declares the Offensive on Western Front Shows Weakness.

Exhibits Steel Sawed Through, Retreat From Old Battle Line in 1916 Was Strategic Move, Because of Weak Position, and Now Occupy Like Relation.

That the German advance puts the Hun armies into the same unfavorable factories, have delayed this country's their retirement in 1916 was asserted aircraft program, Senator Overman today by Count de Portanier de la Rochette of the aviation section of the French mission to America, who with Lieutenant Alberto Cantoni, Royal Italian flying corps, is in Portland to confer with Colonel Brice P. Disque recame at the colonel's request. Both officers, high in the allied mili-

tary service, were cheerful today in discussing the German gains on the west front. Their optimism was both for condiions on the front and for the production of Oregon and Washington spruce

for airplanes. Count de La Rochette spent 21/2 years If I were president of the United ferred to the aviation section and sub-States I would commandeer the Curtiss sequently appointed a member of the plant and turn out all the men there commercial division of the French mission to the United States. He said:

"The offensive the Germans have just perpetrated on the western front is a sign of their weakness. It was a desperate last attempt to crush the allied

"The German retreat from the old battle line in 1916 was a strategic move. They were in a weak position and by rereating made their position stronger. Now with their present offensive they are again in their weaker location and they have lost the best shock troops." Both officers accentuated the fact that the magnitude of the allied air program depended upon the amount of spruce obtainable from the Northwest. French and Italian aircraft manufacurers will take all the spruce they can get. Our government's eyes are turned to the Pacific coast," said Lieutenant Cantoni, who is on his second visit to Portland. He was here a year ago.

"It is remarkable to note the results that have been accomplished in getting out spruce," he said. was disorganization, the government obtaining spruce wherever any operator was willing to cut it. Under the present system the spruce program is well

under way. Count de la Rochette and Lieutenant Cantoni will be escorted through the spruce camps and mills before returning to Washington. Major Fred Leadbetter, who arrived with the officers from Washington, has arranged for them to ing the program.

## Shipping Losses Increase Sharply

London, March 28 .- (U. P.)-Twentynine British vessels were sunk during the week ending March 27, according to the admiralty's report. Of these 16 were over 1600 tons. Among those under that displacement, one was a

This is the greatest number of British merchantmen sunk in one week since the week of September 16, 1917, when the same number was destroyed. At that time only eight of the vessels were over 1600 tons.

## English Capture Turkish Frontier

London, March 28 .- (U. P.) - Operating in the Euphrates valley, northwest of Hit, British forces in a "highly sucessful operation" captured or destroyed virtually the entire Turkish "frontier" orces in that area thousand "Three

der and more than 200 officers, together with 10 guns, 2000 rifles and as a result of this caused the ship com-BATTLE IS NOT OVER YET

far from ended.

ONTDIDIER, south of Amiens, has been captured by the Germans, according to today's dispatches. It is an important railroad center, about 57 miles



Two Are Indicted in San Francisco on Charge of Substitution in Ship Work.

San Francisco, March 28 .- (U. P.)-Prosper J. Forrest, secretary and manager of the Edwin Forrest company and C. D. Mues, government steel spector, were under indictment by the federal grand jury today, charged with conspiring to substitute inferior steel in shipwork and violating the espionage

The indictments followed Forrest's arrest several weeks ago when he was accused of substituting inferior steel on government sub-contracts which he held while Mues, it was claimed, passed the inferior material.

The grand jury's indictment is based on the case of a ship building for the Emergency Fleet corporation at St Johns, near Portland, and not only is the substitution alleged, but charged that it was done with wilful gather first-hand information regard- intent to injure and endanger the safety of the vessel in violation of the espion age act.

Though both have received large quantities of material from the Edwin Forrest company and have other or ders to be filled, officials of the Albina Engine & Machine works and Supple & Ballin Shipbuilding corporation said this afternoon that they did not believe that their plants were referred to in the above dispatch.

Joseph Supple of Supple & Ballin said, however, that two weeks ago two tail shafts for one of the vessels building at his plant were stopped en route to Portland from San Francisco and returned on account of inferior dement inspector. The tail shafts formed only part of the shipment and the remainder was allowed to proceed. H added that all other material received was found in good shape. President Cornfoot of the Albina com-

pany said the same thing, adding that his plant had received a good deal of material from the Forrest company. Officials of the Grant Smith-Porter company, which is located at St. Johns say that company has placed orders for considerable material with the Forrest company, and that, while one shipment was on the way a month or six weeks ago, it was stopped and sent back to San Francisco. Subsequently all the other orders were canceled and no maaken, including a divisional comman- terial has been received from that company. Delay in the securing of material

Terrific Battle Lasts During Night, but Repeated Assaults Are Repulsed by British, Who Make Capture of Prisoners and Guns; Weather Threatening.

Thrust Is Made by Huns at French Line and Montdidier Is Captured; French Are Reported to Have Retired With Forces Intact; Germans Capture Fewer.

ONDON, March 28.—(U. P.)—The British front has been pierced at a new point, the war office announced

Opposite Arras, the British "forward zone" has been penetrated, it was announced. This is on the extreme right flank of the German ad-

Between Hainvillers and Ponet-l'eveque, one mile east of Noyon, the French concentrated in force on a front

of more than six miles and drove the Germans back nearly

By William Philip Simms WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, March 28.—
(U. P.)—A heavy bombardment occurred this morning between Acheville and the Souchez river. There were no

infantry actions there. West of Beaumont-Hamel the enemy is attacking in great

strength. Heavy fighting is ensuing. The Germans last night launched attack after attack against the British positions in Rosignol wood, in the same region, only to be hurled back. They seemed once to have penetrated the eastern edge, but were driven out after hard fighting.

Near Sailly-Laurette (five miles west and south of Bray on the Somme river) and northward (toward the Ancre), the British are

The weather at the beginning of the second week of the battle s threatening.

Acheville is an important town three miles southeast of Lens and about seven miles northeast of Arras. The Souchez river is a small stream flowing southwestward through the southern outskirts of Lens, passing through the city of Souchez, five miles southwest of Lens. Just east of Acheville it the famous Vimy

This is the first activity reported in this region since the start of the German drive. It may presage a German attempt to start a thrust between Lens and Arras, with the object of cutting off the latter city, which marks the northern part of the present drive.

London, March 28 .- (U. P.) - The London war office this evening announced the present battleline as follows:

'The line runs from Hamel to Lamottient-Santerne to Coixirely to Warviller to Arviller to Davenescourt and Gralibus to Mesnil-St. Georges to Hainvillers.

"The French were pressed back on the Roye-Breteuil road," the statement said.

Arleux, mentioned in the British official report, is five and a half miles northeast of Arras and three miles southeast of Lens, opposite the famous Vimy Ridge. It is more than three miles north of the Scarpe river, which marked the extreme northern part of the German advance until today.

Fampoux is three miles east of Arras. Neuville-Vitasse is one and a half miles north of Boisleux, which is three miles south of

Hainsvillers is three miles east and south of Montdidier.

London, March 28 .- (I. N. S.)-The British have captured a number of German prisoners and machine guns in the great battle of Picardy, the war office

This is the first time that the allies have claimed the capture of prisoners and war materials since the fighting began, a week ago, and it strongly indicated that the allied counter-offensive is finally under way and gathering mo-

ONDON, March 28 .- (U. P.) - Undue optimism regarding the immediate checking of the German rush must be Fresh, divisions were used by the Germans in a renewal of their attacks guarded against. The first crisis is past, but the battle is of the battle zone. Teutonic pressure against the French on the southern end centered east of Roye, where the French made a small retirement in the direction

(Montdidier is about seven miles miles

Advices from the front today indicated that the German armies were worn out by constant fighting and that their morale had been shaken by their remendous losses Huns Hurled Back for Loss

correspondent of the Daily Mail n France estimated the German casualties for the first seven days of fighting as 300,000, but military critics generally take the view that they were much more, some placing the number at 500,000. Field Mashal Haig in a late report

from British headquarters said that the battle was renewed on Wednesday both north and south of the Somme and that fighting was raging with the utmost violence.
On the line south of Rosiers and north of Ablainzeville the Germans sus-tained heavy losses by their repeated attacks in mass formation. The Ger-

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As the drive against the Anglo-French army in Picardy wanes, the allies boun-ter-thrust is getting strength.

### The character of the next phase depends upon whether the Germans are able to replace their wasted and exhausted divisions and bring up the vast material and supplies needed for a further push, before the allied reserves can be prepared for a gigantic counter blow.

By Ed L. Keen