HUNS REPORT 70,000 PRISONERS; FRENCHKEEP GROUND THEY WON

American Commander Attends Conference of French Officials and Asks in His Country's Name for Privilege to Fight.

Secretary Baker, Back in France, Let United States Troops Help Turn Back the Advancing Huns

DARIS, March 29 .- (U. P.) -General Pershing, in a conference with French officials at the front Wednesday, asked in his own and his country's name that the entire American forces in France be engaged in the present battle, he war office announced today.

Pershing said the American army was entirely at the disposition of the French. He made his request of General Foch, while Premier Clemenceau, Minister of Munitions Lecheur and General Petain were conferring with Foch.

"I come to tell you that the American people would feel highly honored if our troops were engaged in the present battle," General Pershing said. in my own name and in the country's

"At the present moment the only question is to fight," continued the American

pose of them as you please. "Other forces are following, as many as will be necessary.

"I especially came nere in order to tell (Concluded on Page Two, Column Three)

OF CARS REPORTED

Important Conference of Lumbermen Shows Daily Demand 300 More Than Supply.

Leading lumber producers of the Pa-

cific Northwest in session in Portland today recommended that Colonel Brice P. Disque, in charge of the government's airplane spruce industry, be given au-thority to distribute all cars for federal and private commercial account, thus relieving, if possible, a shortage which now amounts to 13,000 cars.
Resolutions adopted at Thursday's meeting were presented to the general been the question of adjusting the pendmeeting of the lumbermen and loggers ing labor disputes. By the creation of at the Multnomah hotel this afternoon. The action of the executive committees will be telegraphed to Secretary McAdoo, director general of railroads body, which is headed by Franklin K. for the United States government.

That the car shortage problem is the volve the largest increase in wages ever recommended in the history of most serious phase of the lumber industry of the Northwest was freely adted by leaders in attendance at today's conventions of the West Coast influence in railroad finance was struck. it is believed by friends of Mr. McAdoo, Lumbermen's association and the Wil-Valley Lumbermen's associawhen he issued order No. 6, that said

"Carriers' operating revenues shall not be expended for the payment of any tion, and the general meeting. Shipbuilding Affected one employed in any way to affect leg-The car shortage question indirectly islation; for attorneys not actually doaffects the government's shipbuilding program. Producers claim that unless they are able to move their commercial ing necessary legal work; for persons or agencies constituting associations unless approved by the director general; lumber to meet market demands, they might be forced in some instances to or indirectly influence the election of close their plants. The ship timber cut any person or an election affecting any

PERSHING Heavy Rain Drenches BEQUESTS Heavy Rain Drenches Battlefield and Adds To Difficulty of Hun

By William Philip Simms

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, March 29 .-U. P.)-The fighting continues today despite a sudden change in the weather that has sent a gale and rain sweeping across the

The Germans, with ox-like perseverance, are butting away

against the British lines in the region of Arras. The enemy has progressed some, occupying the front line renches at Orange Hill and Neuville-Vitasse.

fighting difficult. The moon, which south of Warfusee-Abancourt.) since the commencement of the offensive turned night into day, was obscured. rendering the night as black as the pit. As a result there was a comparative the bayonet at places. full in the Ancre valley and astride the Somme, following a hard day, although under brilliant flares, suspended from parachutes, outposts and patrols clashed in constant maneuver for an advantage-

While Von Below gained ground in Is Expected to Renew Offer to to petty advances in the region of Al-

> in the afternoon north of the Somme. peated assaults all day, the Germans bent back the British line a short distance to Hamel-sur-Somme. Warfusee-Abancourt and Marcelcave. (Hamel-sur-Somme is seven miles south and west of Albert, on the south bank of the Somme. It is directly opposite Sailly-le-Sec. War

RAILROADS OF U.S.

tanced Expectations in Three-

Month Period.

Washington, March 29 .- (I. N. S.)-

William Gibbs McAdoo, three months

lutionized railroading, has swept aside

gentlemen's agreements of long stand-

ing, has cut off abuses of power and

has gone further in general reorganiza-

tion methods than any railroad man

effect the universal waybill, which sim-

been under agitation for more than

One Great National System

ransportation." Today he announced

that, planning with Edward N. Hurley.

chairman of the shipping board, the

the transportation systems here on an

The individual railroads now are en-

gaged in putting the finishing touches

to the biggest inventory ever taken in

Labor Disputes Adjusted

gest task that confronted the director

general since he assumed control, has

the railroad wage commission, now en-

Lane, secretary of the interior, will in-

The strongest blow at the corrupting

One of the biggest, probably the big-

international basis.

the history of the country.

STRIKE DRAWS NEAR

The cold, stinging rain made night | south, and Marcelcave |s two miles Below this the French brilliantly held the roads to the southward, driving back the German crown prince's hordes with

Battle Line 70 Miles Long With the British Armies in France March 28 .- (U. P.)-The tide of battle is ever rising. The great struggle is extending northward and southward. with a sudden new thrust westward and the north, the British held Von Hoffaker | northwest against Arras and a gradua spread southward around Novon

The new battle line is more than 70 The enemy dead are littering the three distinct centers—one against the north flank toward Arras; the second astride the Somme, against the center the third against the south flank, between Montdidier and Noyon. Severe fighting is under way in all three. After comparative quiet since the be ginning of the offensive, the sector from fusee-Abancourt is two miles directly (Concluded on Page Nineteen, Column Pive)

SO AEOOEFO LAVE

Director McAdoo Has Outdis- Willamette and Columbia District Puts 124,000 Tons Afloat in Three Months.

Twenty-three vessels, representing a deadweight tonnage of approximately "Infantry, artillery and aviation-all ago today, formally took possession and 124,000 tons, have been launched by we possess—are at your disposal. Dis- assumed control of most of the railroad shippards in the Columbia and Willamproperty of the United States. In the ette river districts since January 1. All short space of 90 days, as director gen- but five of the vessels were for the emergency fleet corporation. The deadweight tonnage of these five is approxi-

From 1915 up to the end of 1917, 37 vessels had been launched in the Oregon district. Of these 37 exactly 30 were launched in 1917. Six of these went It took McAdoo 15 minutes to put into to the government under the commandeering order. All six were steel plifies shipping from one part of the steamers, four being 8800 tonners and country to another. This reform had two of 3300 tons. Two had previously been built for service of the British gov ernment, having been contracted for by the Cunard line, an English concern. The new director's first order placed for Transatlantic voyages. They were he railroads of the country on a basis the War Baron and War Viceroy, both

to be "operated as a national system of 8800 tonners. Five In Commission Of the six, five have been in com-mission for some time. They are the railroad system now will be linked with Westland, Westwind, Westward Ho and the shipping program to place all of Westchester, all 8800 tonners, and the Point Loma, 3300 tonner. The second (Concluded on Page Nineteen, Column Three)

Roumanian Oil to Be German, Monopoly

Washington, March 29 .- (I. N. S.)-A German company to be designated by the German government will exploit all gaged in its labors, he temporarily set- | the oil privileges of Roumania, according tled all disputes. The report of this to advices reaching the state depart-body, which is headed by Franklin K. ment this afternoon. Austro-German capital will control three quarters of the company, the remaining quarter being Roumanian capital. The company not be subject to Roumania's code of laws. The company will have at its disposal all petroleum at its own price produced by private persons or joint stock companies in Roumania.

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be right.

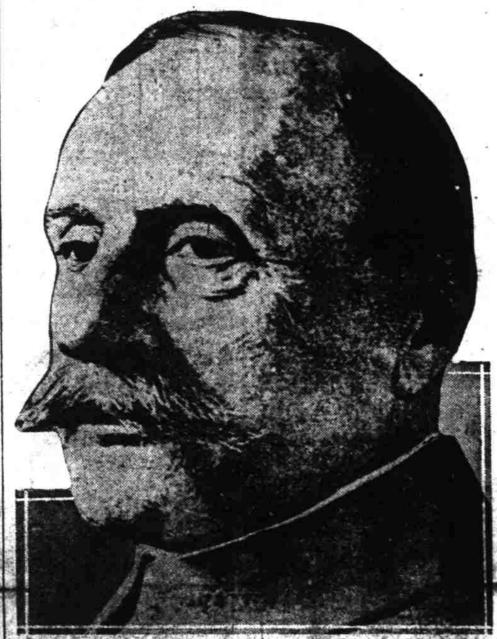
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BARRED ROCK eggs for hatching;
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G ENERAL FOCH, the great French leader, who, it is probable, will be in command of the allied armies that are to strike at the flank of the Germans. Foch, it is said, will have the powers of a "generalissimo."



WILSON CONGRATULATES FOCH ON HIS PROMOTION

ASHINGTON, March 29 .- (U. P.) - That General Foch has been named interallied commander of the great forces combating the Germans in France was indicated today in a message from President Wilson, congratulating him on "your new authority.

The message said: "May I not convey to you my sincere congrati-lations on your new authority? Such unity of command is a most hopeful augury of ultimate success. We are following with profound interest the bold and brilliant action of your forces. (Signed) "WOODROW WILSON."

COMMANDS ALLIES

General Foch, Who Will Lead Traffic Expert Cousins to Get Reserves in France, Popular With U. S. Officers.

Washington, March 29 .- (I. N. S.)-News of the appointment of General och was conveyed to President Wilson during the cabinet meeting today. The text of his cablegram to the general was made public before the cabinet ad-

The president, in addressing the cable-gram, however, iid not make -clear whether Foch was supreme in command or merely in command of the Anglo-French-American army of mansuver-

the "victory reserve. The announcement that General Foch commands the allied reserves is most pleasing to the military who say that the veteran French general has no equal in all Europe as an exponent of military strategy. With his transport line short, so far as these things go in Europe, and with an abundance of men and supplies of all sorts, Foch can be depended upon to reach the vital spot in the German advanced lines by the quickest route.

That the Germans realize that all is reports, which show that the high com mand is bringing up additional men and guns from the reserve bases in Germany. These men have been utilized to replace the decimated shock units near (Concluded on Page Nineteen, Column Four)

Approval Stamp Is Needed on Packages

Washington, March 29 .- (I. N. S.)-The postoffice department today ordered ostmasters throughout the country to refuse to accept any but authorized parcan soldiers abroad.

The order is effective April 1 and was issued in pursuance of the war departing it was called out nearly a year ago, and ment's order that shipments to soldiers abroad be limited to things actually requested by men, which requests must bear the approval stamp of their comfrom Oregon, but is not in a position to the approval stamp of their comfrom Oregon, but is not in a position to

FARE HEARING LAID

Evidence; Court Action to Be Awaited.

Preparation by the city to reopen the 6-cent fare case before the public service commission, in the event that the supreme court upholds the decision of the six circuit judges, began this morning, when Mayor Baker instructed Edward M. Cousins, municipal traffic expert, to familiarize himself immediately with the evidence presented to the commission by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company in the case, and secure any additional facts accessible.

No effort will be made by the city to secure a rehearing until after the sureme court has ruled on the appeal Mayor Baker has been advised by City Attorney LaRoche that it is the unant mous opinion of all the attorneys representing the city in the case that to take further action before the commis-sion to set aside its present order would be a strategic mistake.

essen the chances of the city in the appeal now in the supreme court" writes City Attorney LaRoche. "In the not going well is indicated in today's event the city should lose its case in the supreme court, we can then apply to the have facts that will justify it, we may confidently expect a modification of the

The attorneys representing the city anticipate that the appeal will be heard in the supreme court about April 26, and a speedy decision is expected.

Geo. F. Blair, U. S. N., Visits Home Folks

Lieutenant - Commander George P. Blair, U. S. navy, is on leave for a few days and will spend, the time with his family and friends in Portland. Lieutenant-Commander Blair was at the head of the Oregon Naval Militia until from Oregon, but is not in a position tell of his experiences at this time,

Gen. Bliss Says Allies Hold the Enemy All Along Line in France HURLE

British and French Fighting
With Complete Knowledge
of German Plans. of German Plans.

Washington. March 29 .- (U. P.)-"The enemy is being held at all points," was the dispatch from General Bliss, read to the house military committee this morning by General March.

Bliss' report, read before the joint war department house military conference, indicated the situation, although still grave, is gradually assuming favorable shape for the altee was closeted with war chiefs at

the department, the senate military

committee heard General J Frank-

lin Bell in a sweeping analysis of

conditions in France from the great drive to the American expeditionary That the allies, by reason of their knowledge of German plans and whipped the Teutons before the west drive began, was the declaration of

The allied withdrawal was based, he said, upon complete familiarity with every step of the German preparation for the offensive.

"I knew the British plans in a general way before I left France." He told how each side is able now to locate enemy artillery by stationing observers who listen for the sound of guns. Six of these listenfact that a gun or battery is located

"Then it is easy to force the enemy to move his guns," said Bell. In spite of lavish fire on these positions the guns themselves are

ldom destroyed. "I can assure you that General Pershing has established schools and is taking advantage of all the latest scientific methods of combating

General Bell gave interesting in-formation on the duties and proper ages of officers.

National Labor Policy Is Agreed Upon by Labor Planning Board.

Washington, March 29 .- (I. N. S.)national labor policy for the duration of the war and giving a sweeping victory to trade unionism was signed this aft rnoon by the representatives of capital and labor, in the labor planning board The signing of the agreement followed dramatic session of the board. While the text of the agreement will

not be made public until received by Secretary of Labor Wilson, it was the cause of great gratification by the representatives of labor on the board. Among the principles, it is understood. there is a guarantee that the common laborer will receive wages proportionate to the high cost of living and which will provide for his comfort and health. This alone means that the so-called day laborer will have his wages amount to

at least \$4 a day. The wage policy must be governed entirely by comfortable standards of living and prevailing prices in the com munity. There is also a guarantee that women doing the same work as men will receive the same scale. unions are given the right to organize and are accorded full recognition. It is understood that the agreement provides against discrimination and the term "open shop" does not once appear in the document.

representatives of capital among the most extreme and conservative non-union employers in the country, while the labor represen were known as the most liberal and

WORKERS!!

READ THE HELP WANTED ADS TONIGHT

Opportunity for Advancement

Haig's Men Take More Prisoners and Report Capture of Machine Guns North of Somme After Inflicting Severe Punishment on Germans; Execution Frightful.

Ground Gained in Counter Attacks; Line Yields Only for Short Distance at the Advanced Points; Fighting Extends Over Distance of 80 Miles; Rain Falls.

DERLIN, via London, March 29. — (U. P.) — Seventy thousand prisoners and 1100 captured guns were claimed in the Berlin war office official statement today.

"Between the Somme and the Avre we drove the enemy from bravely defended villages in a westerly and northwesterly direction by way of Warfusee, Abancourt and Plessier," the statement added.

"Between Montdidier and Noyon the French delivered violent counter attacks."

DARIS, March 29. — (U. P.) — The French are holding firmly the territory recaptured from the enemy yesterday in the Montdidier sector, according to the official announcement issued this afternoon.

"In the Montdidier region, despite counter attacks, we held the villages recaptured yesterday," says the state-

"We stormed and captured Lemontechel and repulsed counter attacks against Plessis-de-Roye.

"North of Montdidier the Anglo-French forces are holding the enemy on the Avre river."

"There was furious fighting in front of Plessis-de-Roye-Enemy assaults were hurled vainly against the indomitable resistance of our troops. Prisoners confirm the heavy losses

"North of Montdidier, the Franco-British are victoriously checking the enemy along the line of the Avre, in front of Laneuville, Siere-Bernard, Mezieres, Marcelcave and Hamet.

"On the road from Laon to La Fere, German infantry columns and convoys were dispersed by French artillery. "Artilleries are active on the rest of the front."

ONDON, March 29 .- (U. P.) - British forces took a number of prisoners and machine guns north of the Somme, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, Field Marshal Haig reported to-

"His frequent attacks with great determination throughout the day (Thursday) only gained our outpost lines after severe hand-to-

hand fighting," Haig said. "His reserves, sent forward against out battle positions, were thrown back everywhere with losses.

"Our own machine guns, artillery and rifles did great execu-

"Our positions were maintained against Germans back two miles in the sector strong attacks north of the Somme on between Lassigny and Noyon.

Thursday afternoon and evening and we gained ground by successful counter ttack," Field Marshal Haig reported today. "Heavy continuous fighting continued south of the Somme until late in the evening. We maintained our line throughout the day in the face of re-reated assaults by superior enemy "We have withdrawn a short distance from advanced points."

London, March 29 .- (I. N. S.)-As the fighting zone of the mighty battle of Picardy lengthened during the past 24 hours, the German drive again slackened along the line. Not alone did the allies' front hold

under the sledge hammer blows of the nassed Teuton hordes, but the French. by a sudden lunge forward, pressed the

been raging over a front between 80 and 90 miles long-from a point near Lens, north of the Scarpe river, to the south of the Oise river. Again the Germans suffered extreme ly heavy losses, their attacking column

being mowed down in heaps by the galling fire of the Anglo-French machine guns and cannon.

British Hold 55 Mile Line While Field Marshal Haig, in his re ports to the war office, dwelt upon the

violence of the fighting east of Arras. stating that the Germans had succee in breaking into some unimportant out post positions, no mention was made of the engagement by the official statement, given out by the German war of-(Continued on Page Two, Column One)

JOURNAL'S WAR NEWS IS BEST

William Philip Simms and Henry Wood, United Press Staff Correspondents, with the British and French armies in France, are today on the actual scenes of the world's greatest battle, sending the news direct to the readers of The Journal.

These two tried and trained correspondents have been on the battlefronts in France since the beginning of the war. Their experince, mature judgment and admitted ability give The Journal an unequalled representation on the "fronties"

Only four American correspondents are permitted at the British and French fronts. Of these four, Simms and Wood have been there throughout the war, and in this respect the combination is unequalled.

London, March 29.—(U. P.)—There is no reason yet to believe that Quartermaster General Ludendorff has increased his prospects of winning the great political gamble, which is the real character of the German super-offensive. Every effort thus far made to draw in the allies' reserves has failed. Meanwhile the German line has been compelled to take an increasingly precarious shape. Simultaneously the German command has been forced to draw on its own reserves past the point of highest efficiency.

The time is approaching when the allies' reserves, still intact, will be able to strike where they please.