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# HUNS REPORT 70,000 PRISONERS; FRENCH KEEP GROUND THEY WON

## PERSHING REQUESTS HIS TROOPS BE SENT IN

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

Secretary Baker, Back in France,  
Is Expected to Renew Offer to  
Let United States Troops Help  
Turn Back the Advancing Huns

PARIS, 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, the 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.

## GREAT SHORTAGE OF CARS REPORTED

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

Leading lumber producers of the Pacific Northwest in session in Portland today recommended that Colonel Bruce P. Disque, in charge of the government's airplane spruce industry, be given authority to distribute all cars for federal and private commercial account, thus relieving, if possible, a shortage which now amounts to 13,000 cars.

The car shortage indirectly affects the government's shipbuilding program. Producers claim that unless they are able to move their commercial lumber to meet market demands, they might be forced to some instances to close their plants. The ship timber cut

## 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 battlefield.

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 trenches at Orange Hill and Neuville-Vitasse.

The cold, stinging rain made night fighting difficult. The moon, which since the commencement of the offensive turned night into day, was obscured, rendering the night as black as the pit.

Four heavy attacks were repulsed late in the afternoon north of the Somme. The enemy dead are littering the ground south of the Somme. After repeated assaults all day, the Germans bent back the British line a short distance to Hamel-sur-Somme, Warusee, Abancourt and Marceleva. (Hamel-sur-Somme is seven miles south and west of Albert, on the south bank of the Somme. It is directly opposite Saucourt-lez-Warusee. Abancourt is two miles directly

## RAILROADS OF U. S. REVOLUTIONIZED

Director McAdoo Has Outdistanced Expectations in Three-Month Period.

Washington, March 29.—(I. N. S.)—William Gibbs McAdoo, three months ago today, formally took possession and assumed control of most of the railroad property of the United States. In the short space of 90 days, as director general of railroads, Mr. McAdoo has revolutionized railroading, has swept aside antiquated methods of operation, has cut off abuses of power and has gone further in general reorganization methods than any railroad man thought possible.

One Great National System  
The new director's first order placed the railroads of the country on a basis to be "operated as a national system of railroads." Today he announced that, planning with Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the shipping board, the railroad system now will be linked with the shipping program to place all of the transportation systems here on an international basis.

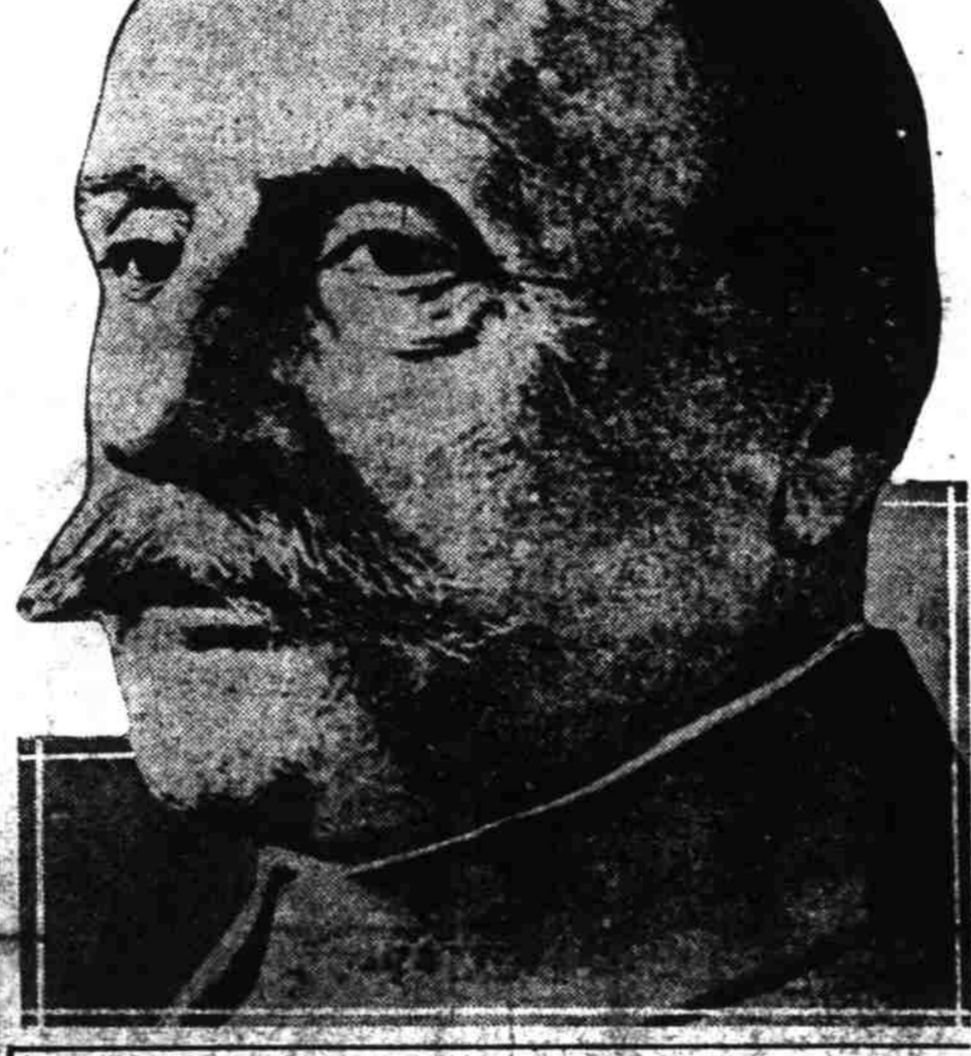
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At the present moment the only question is to fight," continued the American general.

## "FOREMOST STRATEGIST" READY

GENERAL 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

WASHINGTON, 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."

## KEEN STRATEGIST COMMANDS ALLIES

General Foch, Who Will Lead Reserves in France, Popular With U. S. Officers.

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

## Meat Cutter Wanted Garage For Sale

Wanted, Miscellaneous—3  
WANTED—One small Buffalo silent meat cutter. Price must be right.

## Approval Stamp Is Needed on Packages

Washington, March 29.—(I. N. S.)—The postoffice department today ordered postmasters throughout the country to refuse to accept any but authorized parcel post packages addressed to American soldiers abroad.

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

British and French Fighting  
With Complete Knowledge  
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, gradually assuming favorable shape for the allies.

While the house military committee was closeted with war chiefs at the department, the senate military committee heard General J. Franklin Bell in a sweeping analysis of conditions in France from the great drive to the American expeditionary forces.

"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 seldom destroyed.

## TRADE UNIONISM WINS BIG VICTORY

National Labor Policy Is Agreed  
Upon by Labor Planning  
Board.

Washington, March 29.—(I. N. S.)—A national labor policy for the duration of the war and giving a sweeping victory to trade unionism was signed this afternoon by the representatives of capital and labor, in the labor planning 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.

## WORKERS!! READ THE HELP WANTED ADS TONIGHT

Opportunity  
for Advancement

## GERMAN RESERVES ARE HURLED BACK FOR LOSS BY BRITISH VETERANS

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.

BERLIN, 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 Aves we drove the enemy from bravely defended villages in a westerly and northwesterly direction by way of Warusee, Abancourt and Plessier," the statement added.

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

PARIS, 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.

"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."

LONDON, 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 today.

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

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.

## TIME TO STRIKE DRAWS NEAR

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.

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

Lieutenant-Commander George F. 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 it was called out nearly a year ago, and was an enthusiastic preparatory advocate for years. He has been serving on the South Dakota with the "jackets" from Oregon, but is not in a position to tell of his experiences at sea.