

FAMOUS DROCOURT-QUEANT SWITCH LINE ABANDONED FRENCH WEDGE FORCING WIDE RETREAT

COUCY-LE-CHATEAU IS BEING OUTFLANKED, RETREAT FROM SOUTH LINE DECLARED NEAR ARMENTIERES, CAMBRAI THREATENED. YANKEES HOT ON HEELS OF FOE

Dodging Disaster Both in Flanders and Between Arras and Soissons Becomes Bad Job for Ludendorff.

PARIS, Sept. 3.—The French are this afternoon biting into the western edge of Chemin Des Dames, having reached Laffaux hill, six and a half miles northeast of Soissons.

JAMES H. ESTES NEW ROUND-UP DIRECTOR

Westward-Ho Parade Management Resigned by C. E. Penland.

BY JOHN DE GANDJE (United Press Staff Correspondent.) PARIS, Sept. 3.—Cocuy-le-Chateau is being outflanked by the Franco-Americans south of the Allette, preparatory to a general retreat to St. Quentin. The Franco-Americans are progressing along the road towards Laon. A communique reported on infantrying and said there was artillerying on the Somme front between the Oise and Aisne. German raids are unsuccessful along the Vesle and in Vosges.

FIVE COUNTERS FAIL. The Germans are energetically defending their positions towards Laon. The German rearward has counter-attacked five times unsuccessfully above the Aisne.

WAR WORKER TELLS OF RECONSTRUCTION AMONG HANDICAPPED

Mrs. Martha McCann Interests Pendleton With Illustrated Talk.

The first address ever heard in Pendleton on reconstruction work for soldiers in the present war was given last night at the Arcade theater by Mrs. Martha McCann, who saw active service as a reconstruction worker in France. The lecture was illustrated with lantern slides made from photographs.

Mrs. McCann described her experiences in London during the air raids and gave a graphic description of the way in which the British people have rallied under hardship. She told of the work in St. Dunstan's school for the blind soldiers and the work which is being done to re-educate the men.

WOULD ABOLISH HOUSE LORDS DERBY, England, Sept. 3.—The labor council today adopted a resolution to abolish the House of Lords.

DON'T WORRY, THERE IS GOING TO BE A HAPPY CANYON DURING ROUND-UP; HAPPIER THAN EVER

This much was decided upon last evening when the directors of the Round-Up's little sister met for the discussion of the plans for the evening show during the Round-Up week. It was unanimously decided not only that there would be a Happy Canyon, but that it will surpass all previous ones.

Claude E. Penland resigned his position on the directorate of the Round-Up two weeks ago and James H. Estes, the well known local real estate dealer, has been elected in his place. The Westward Ho parade will be the particular charge of Mr. Estes as it has been in the care of Mr. Penland for a number of years.

Mr. Penland's resignation was necessitated by the demands of his personal business, the labor shortage requiring him to devote all of his time to the affairs of his firm. However, he will give Mr. Estes assistance in preparing for the parade this year.

Mr. Estes is the unanimous choice of the directors as successor to Mr. Penland. He only returned yesterday from a two weeks' trip to Portland and Seattle and will begin energetic work at once upon building the various features of the spectacular pageant. For the past two years he has been active in the management of Happy Canyon, last year having been director of the Let 'er Buck dance. His election to the Round-Up board required him to sever his official connection with Happy Canyon but he will give assistance to L. S. Bentley who succeeds him in charge of the dance.

SPOKANE BLAZE DESTROYS PRESS

SPOKANE, Sept. 3.—The Spokane Press was practically destroyed today by a fire of unknown origin which started in the basement.

The fire gutted the editorial and business offices and damaged the press and composing rooms. Temporary offices were established next door. One edition was printed in the Chronicle plant. Regular editions will be issued tomorrow.

The flames threatened the Empire Hotel adjoining and guests in night attire fled by ladders.

New Directors Chosen.

Four vacancies on the board of directors were filled last evening by the election of L. S. Bentley, C. R. Hineshart, M. R. Chasman and Bay Crystal. Mr. Bentley will have charge of the Let 'er Buck dance, Mr. Hineshart will succeed James H. Howler as head of the Buck bank and will also act as treasurer. Mr. Chasman will have charge of publicity and Mr. Crystal will either be assigned to the games or program.

UNITED STATES FORMALLY GIVES RECOGNITION TO CZECHO-SLOVAK GOVERNMENT; WILL AID IN WAR

KAISER TRIES INJECTION OF PROPAGANDA

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—Secretary Lansing has formally notified the Czechoslovak council that the United States is prepared to enter into relations with its defacto government. Recognition will aid their war against the Germans and will deal a severe blow at Bohemian, solidifying the Czechs.

Copies of 'Americans in Europe' Printed by Fritziess, Dropped in U. S. Lines.

YANKEES AMUSED AT GERMAN INNOCENCE

American Airmen Deliver Two Tons of Bombs Instead.

BY FRANK J. TAYLOR (United Press Staff Correspondent) WITH THE AMERICANS IN FRANCE, Sept. 3.—American airmen dropped two tons of bombs on German military objectives at Audun-lez-Toulon and Longuyon. Both squadrons of airmen returned safely. Three hostile machines were downed in six combats and German bombers driven back. There is increased artillerying in the Vosges and Vosges sectors. Above Toul an Ambushed German patrol was discovered and ejected heavily. The Kaiser is evidently trying unsuccessfully to inject insidious propaganda directly into American trenches. Copies of 'Americans in Europe' printed by the Germans and dropped by airmen, contain

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SAYS FRANK HAYES PROMISED PUMP PLANT WOULD BE KEPT UP; MR. HAYES MAKES DENIAL

In a letter to Mayor Vaughan J. N. McCune, of the Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau, says that during the summer of 1914 a promise was made to the rating bureau by the city water superintendent of Pendleton that the old pumping plant would be continued as an auxiliary plant in connection with the gravity system. In his letter Mr. McCune insists the pumping plant must be reestablished or else insurance rates will be raised here.

As a member of the water board, V. Stroble expresses indignation at the claim of the underwriters about the promise from the superintendent. He explains that any such promise would have had to come from the water board to be binding, the superintendent being merely an employee of the board. He says no request for the maintenance of the pumping plant was ever made either to the water board or to the city council and he therefore is in no mood now to listen to the claim of the underwriters that it is a pretext for raising rates.

Frank Hayes, water superintendent denies ever having made any such promise to the insurance men and says their statement is new to him. When the gravity system was completed the old pump plant was continued for a time for precautionary purposes until assured of the successful working of the new system. The pump plant was then dismantled because parts of the machinery were being stolen.

The expense of refitting the pumping plant would be heavy and there would be danger of the plant being out of shape if needed. What the outcome of the controversy will be remains to be seen. The water board is anxious to avoid any such expense as the new work on the Chaplich springs is taking much money.

TO SWEEP FOE FROM NORTHERN FRANCE IS HOPE

Present Successful Allied Push Suggests Greater Smash Before Winter.

CHEMIN DES DAMES JA WFOR PINCERS

Operation Being Applied on Unusually Wide Front Succeeds.

BY CARL D. GROOT (United Press Staff Correspondent) WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—Army men today forecast that the upshot of the present successful allied smash will be to hammer the Hun from the center of the western line, back past the Hindenburg line, and, if plans carry, to sweep him from northern France before winter.

With the Americans progressing past Juvigny, it is likely they will soon reach Chemin des Dames. This will form one firm jaw for the pincers system which the allies are applying on a wider front than ordinarily for such operations.

On the battle front's German and British and Americans are laying the basis for another mighty jaw of pincers. In between German positions are constantly growing more perilous causing retreat to the old Hindenburg defenses to come quickly.



THE WEATHER FORECAST. Tonight and Wednesday fair, warmer tonight. Weather Cooler Here Today. Maximum temperature, 75. Minimum temperature, 41. Weather, clear. Wind, west light. Rainfall, none.

10,000 PRISONERS TAKEN BY BRITISH IN NORTH YESTERDAY, HOLDING POINT IS WRESTED

ARMIES ADVANCE FOUR MILES ON FRONT OF 20, COAL REGIONS TAKEN

German Casualties Heavy, 11 Divisions Identified; Lens is R.R. Junction; Switch Line Was Great Foe Defense.

By Lowell Mellett United Press Staff Correspondent.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES, Sept. 3.—The break in the Hindenburg line above Queant exceeded seven miles this afternoon, extending beyond Etaing to the north.

nightfall. This is an important pivot. Tanks again materially assisted.

Two Fronts Menaced. BY WILLIAM PHILLIP HIMMS (United Press Staff Correspondent.) PARIS, Sept. 3.—The German retreat continues both in Flanders and between Arras and Soissons. Armentieres is directly threatened by General Plummer's second army, aided by the Americans, who are hot on the heels of the fourth and sixth German armies. These are gradually yielding ground won at tremendous sacrifices in the Hindenburg April offensive. South of the Scarpe the British are driving on hourly, increasing the depth of a pellious pocket at the bottom of which lies Queant, one of the main corner stones of the Hindenburg defense. Cambrai lies only 10 miles beyond. With Queant captured, Ludendorff will have a hard job to prevent disaster throughout this region. The fall of Reincourt and the capture of high ground below Queant, which they completely dominated at close range, forcing the Germans to leave hastily.

LONDON, Sept. 3.—The Germans have abandoned the famous Drocourt-Queant switch line to the British. Queant at the line's southern extremity and Lens, further north, are both captured. These are the outstanding developments of the greatest battle. Field Marshal Haig's announcement said the Canadians stormed the switch line. He announced the British had entered Fromville, Dolennes and Bertincourt, taking 10,000 prisoners in that vicinity yesterday. It is learned authoritatively that British advanced four miles on a 20 mile front this morning in Buissy region, reaching a point west of Buissy and capturing Rocquigny and Veln.

FIRES LIGHT SKY

WITH THE BRITISH IN FRANCE, Sept. 3.—In the northern part of the battleline Americans are sitting in the trenches on both sides of the Ypres. Everywhere are indications that the Germans in the north are preparing to make the best of the situation that is rapidly growing worse. Fires were observed last night at Armentieres, Woreton and smaller Flanders towns lighting the eastern sky. The Germans are offering stiff resistance above Heuve Eglise. Allied advance there is slow.

GREAT DEFENSE IS SHATTERED. The evacuation of the Drocourt-Queant line placed Haig in possession of positions regarded by Hindenburg as the most important on this front. This line is considered by many as the holding point on the whole German west front. It was prepared by Hindenburg in 1917 as a protection against any allied advance, from the Arras region, along two great highways towards Cambrai and Douai.

R. R. COAL CENTER CAPTURED. South of the Arras-Cambrai highway the British smashed hard at the enemy. The storming and capture of Lens will prove a hard blow to the Germans, not only for sentimental reasons, but because it is the junction of several railways. Lens is also the dominating city in a large coal region which was immensely valuable to the enemy.

CAMBRAI WITHIN RANGE.

LONDON, Sept. 3.—At present the German retreat to positions behind Canal Du Nord will place Cambrai under long range fire and make Douai practically useless to the enemy. La-Bassee in Flanders will probably fall soon. The enemy has practically no fresh divisions available. The British have occupied Richebourg-St. Vaast in Flanders two miles west of Neuve Chapelle and have also occupied Hamblain, six miles beyond Arras.

CANADIANS, ENGLISH, SCOTCH STORM PIVOT. Haig said, south of the Scarpe yesterday's operations were completely successful. The enemy was heavily defeated in his prepared defenses on the Drocourt-Queant system retreating this morning along the whole battle front. The Canadians and English and Scottish naval troops stormed the junction of the Drocourt-Queant and Hindenburg systems. The troops swept over the formidable enemy defenses, encircling Queant from the north, resulting in its capture at

MORE THAN 250,000 U.S. TROOPS GO OVER DURING LAST MONTH

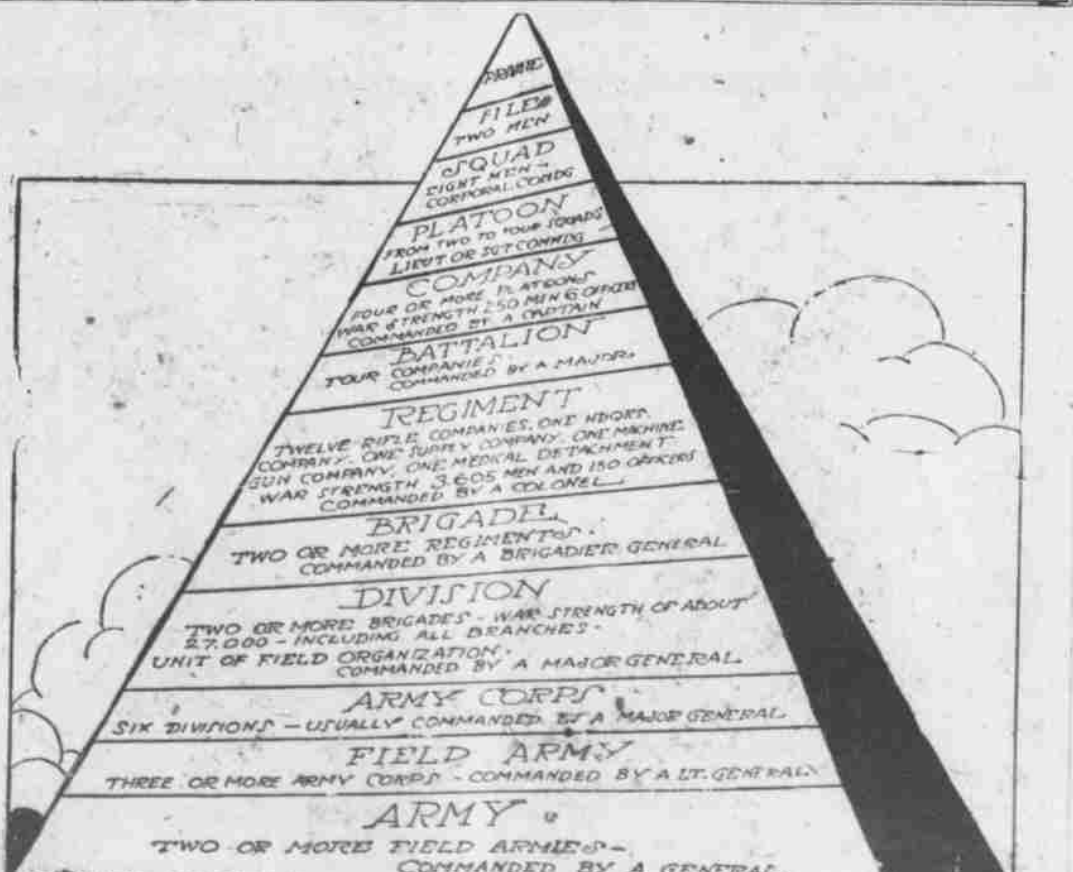
LONDON, Sept. 3.—It is learned today that over 250,000 Americans were transported to France during August.

TWENTY PER CENT SUBSTITUTE MUST GO IN BREADS, PASTRY

The Lincoln county food administration calls the attention of householders to the fact that all the cereals classified as substitutes under the new regulations are suitable for mixing into breads, pastry and cakes. In releasing the consumer from the "30-50" rule it expects every housewife to see to it that the full 20 per cent of substitutes purchased with wheat flour be mixed in the family baking, and that no bread, pastry, cake, dumpling or other edible in which wheat flour is used be mixed without the proper one-fifth portion of substitute. One Pound Substitute for Four Flour. Dealers under the new regulations are required to sell in the new regulation 20 per cent substitute and 80

per cent wheat flour. This means with each 100 pounds of flour they must sell 25 pounds of substitute and not 20 pounds as some local and country dealers have reported to have been doing. Formerly the substitute list included several cereals, such as rolled oats and rice, that could be used in other ways, but under the new regulations all the substitutes are suitable and intended to be mixed into the family bread, pie crust, etc. A rigid adherence to this rule should be observed in every household. Many will be glad to aid the Food Administration in a still further saving of wheat by the liberal use of corn bread and other wheatless or near-wheatless breads.

HOW OUR ARMY IS ORGANIZED



The first American field army, composed of the five army corps formed in France, has been organized at the front under the direct command of General Pershing. The next step in the organization of the expeditionary force will be the formation of an army, composed of two or more field armies. This diagram shows how our army is organized, from a private up.