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## GENERAL PERSHING CAPTURES THE ENTIRE ST. MIHEL SALIENT

### WILSON WARNS WORKMEN TO STAY ON JOB

STRIKERS WHO REFUSE MAY BE BARRED FROM EMPLOYMENT FOR ONE YEAR

### TAKE AWAY EXEMPTION CLAIM

Predicted That the Order Will Have Telling Effect on Labor Disturbances

Washington, Sept. 12.—President Wilson told the striking mechanics at Bridgeport, Conn., that unless they return to work and abide by the wage award of the labor board, they would be barred from employment for a year and draft boards would be ordered to reject any claim for exemption, based on employment. (The president's order comes as a crushing, although not unexpected blow to thousands of mechanics and shipyard workers who have been demanding higher wages throughout the United States and it is predicted it will do more to settle labor disturbances than any order yet given out. By it, the man who strikes on government war work will lose all claims for exemption so far as essential employment is concerned.)

### EXTERMINATE FAMILY OF THE FORMER CZAR

London, Sept. 12.—The Daily Express claims to have unquestionable information that the former Empress of Russia and her four daughters have been murdered by Bolsheviks. The paper prints the following: "The Express understands from a source which is beyond doubt that the empress of Russia and her four daughters have been murdered by Bolsheviks. The whole immediate family of the late czar has thus been exterminated."

### ONE REASON THE HUNS ARE BEING FORCED BACK

An American correspondent, in speaking of the big guns that have lately wrecked the German fortifications, says: "It may not be generally known that last year the great underground fortress that was Douaumont really succumbed to a single shell from an 18-inch gun which pierced over 100 feet of earth and concrete and exploding in the fort's vitals utterly paralyzed the resistance. Now the French have howitzers of 21-inch caliber whose shell is over two yards high and can wreck a dozen batteries or annihilate a regiment hidden in a cavern they deemed impenetrable."

### WAR DEPARTMENT TAKES SMITH & WESSON PLANT

Washington, Sept. 12.—The war department has taken over the Smith & Wesson company at Springfield, Mass., and will operate the plant and business to secure continuous production and prevent industrial disturbances. The company gave notice that it would rather have the government operate the plant than to abide by the war labor board's decision enforcing collective bargaining.

### G. A. R. CLOSES ANNUAL REUNION

Plans Are Thinning—Some Are Feeble, Others Still Walk Erect —54 Register

The 26th annual reunion of the association of old soldiers and sailors of southern Oregon was brought to a close today after having been in session all week. No startling features marked the close of the reunion, but the time has been spent in quiet and rest and mingling together to talk over old times. Splendid weather favored the meeting. Many of the old soldiers were bowed with age and infirmity, while others were erect, bright of eye, and reasonably firm of muscle; they walked at a brisk pace. There was a total registration of 58, only 17 of the number being from Grants Pass. Forty-three W. R. C. women were present. No old sailors were in attendance, and it was the lightest registration since the organization of the association. The oldest soldier present is W. M. Hannum, of Applegate, 86 years of age. The next meeting of the association will be at Roseburg, Ore. The program which was to have been held at the grove this evening has been canceled on account of the rain.

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### U. S. CASUALTY LIST

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces for today:

Killed in action	76
Died of wounds	35
Died of disease	9
Wounded severely	73
Wounded, degree undetermined	8
Missing in action	41
Died of accident and other causes	15
Prisoners	2
Total	359

Killed in action—William S. Brown, McMinnville, Ore. Wounded severely—Dave A. Swagerty, Salem; James E. Field, Portland. Wounded, degree undetermined—Corporal Charles L. Swenson, Hickman, Ore. Missing in action—Roy R. Lewis, Klamath Falls; Armine O. Young, Independence.

### PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE SAYS WORST OF WAR IS OVER

Manchester, England, Sept. 12.—"The worst is over," Premier Lloyd George declared here today in receiving the freedom of the city. "The news is now distinctly good—really good," he said. "The tunnel is long and there are some steep gradients still to be climbed, but it is getting shorter. The worst is over." "The casualties in the latest advance were less than one-fifth of the total suffered in the advance of 1916. The main difference between 1916 and 1918 is the unity of command."

### BOLSHEVIKI NEWSPAPER DEMANDS MASSACRE

Stockholm, Sept. 12.—Massacre in revenge for the murder of Moses Uritski, Petrograd police chief, and the attack on Premier Lenin, were demanded by the Bolshevik newspaper Krasnaya Gazeta, according to a dispatch received here today. The article was headed "blood for blood," and said: "We will turn our hearts to steel and without mercy we will kill our enemies by the scores and by the hundreds. Let them be killed by the thousands for the blood of Lenin and Uritski."

### TWO GERMAN DIVISIONS ARE CAUGHT IN TRAP

Huns Blowing Up Their Ammunition Dumps—Americans Take 12,000 Prisoners and Many Guns—German Military Staff Makes Light of Pershing's Victory

London, Sept. 12.—The Americans have taken 12,000 prisoners in their offensive and captured the entire St. Mihiel salient. All the villages in the salient have been taken and the front in this sector reduced from 40 miles to 20. The railway from Verdun to Commercy and Toul and Nancy are now open to the allies. The latest news from the St. Mihiel sector shows that the battle line now runs directly from Pagny on the Moselle river to Hattonville, and along the heights on the Meuse. Pagny is on the western border of Germany. Many more prisoners are reported to be coming in.

Paris, Sept. 12.—The St. Mihiel salient has been reduced, it is understood. The censor will not permit the publication of the names of towns and villages forming the present American line.

With the American Forces in France, Sept. 12.—Prisoners taken so far include 350 Austro-Hungarians, the first conclusive evidence that the Austrians are being used there. The Americans are progressing according to schedule today, and are even ahead of time at some points. There are no unexpected developments. Large quantities of supplies and material have been taken by the Americans.

London, Sept. 12.—General Pershing's forces in attacking the southern side of the St. Mihiel salient advanced eight miles on a 14-mile front. They are making rapid progress.

German prisoners say the American attack was expected, but was delivered so rapidly they had no time to put up a stubborn defense.

Pannes was easily captured. The Americans reported having captured Vigeuilles, seven and a half miles north of Xivray, also Beney, Heudicourt and Bois de Thiacourt. If these are really captured, the neck of the St. Mihiel salient has been narrowed to less than six miles, and

### GERMANS MUST RETREAT TO BELGIAN BORDER OR ENTER GREAT BATTLE

Washington, Sept. 12.—Behind the apparent lull in the battle in northern France, events are shaping for operations of crucial importance, in the opinion of officials.

They believe a week's time will see either the greatest battle of the war in progress along the old Hindenburg line or the enemy in full retreat toward the Belgian frontier.

There is little doubt that it was lack of fighting effectiveness that forced the enemy to abandon all he had gained in his drive of this year and narrow his front.

Unofficial estimates from France say the Germans have left behind them during the withdrawal more than 300,000 prime fighting men, killed, badly wounded or prisoners. This is in addition to the heavy losses in the frontal attacks by which the enemy early in the summer drove his way toward Paris and the channel ports.

if the two German divisions reported there last night are still there, it is decidedly improbable that they will be able to get away.

The Germans are blowing up ammunition dumps at Hattonville and Domboux.

Pershing's men have taken 9,500 prisoners and 60 guns.

On the west side of the St. Mihiel salient, where the country is much more difficult, the Americans have advanced three miles on a 12 mile front. The offensive is dominating American with the French cooperating.

The region of the Meuse and the Moselle is on the Toul front, before the important fortress of Metz, in German-Lorraine. This is the point where the American concentration has been on for months.

The American line is within two or three miles of the German border. At some points the line actually touches the Lorraine line. The battle front is approximately 15 miles from Metz.

Metz has been an American objective, according to most theories of the plans of the allied high command.

At this point it has been predicted the American might strike the blow that would be aimed at a drive toward the Rhine, this being the shortest route to the great industrial valley.

General March, announced last week that 93 per cent of the American rifles in France were concentrated under direct command of General Pershing.

More than 100 tanks manned by American aides in smashing the powerful, concrete reinforced first line of the enemy.

Berlin, Sept. 12.—The German general staff report today says, "We are now standing on our new line which has been prepared. The evacuation of the St. Mihiel salient which was liable to encirclement and which was under consideration for some years, was completed during the night."

With such losses and American troops pouring into France at the rate of 200,000 a month, it would not be a surprise, officers say, if the German leaders have been compelled to fix upon a much shorter front than the old Hindenburg line.

Unofficial reports from Dunkirk indicate that the preparations to evacuate Douai, northern corner-stone of the Hindenburg arch in France, are well advanced. The allied airmen are said to have seen the enemy airdromes and aviator stations 15 miles beyond Douai being hastily evacuated of heavy material.

From other sources come reports that the civilian populations of the towns in German hands in this region are being driven out, a step that always precedes a withdrawal by the enemy.

There is little doubt in the minds

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### FIRST STEP TAKEN TO INCREASE ARMY

Next in Order is the Drawing, Filling of Questionnaires and Physical Examination

The first step in augmenting the American army was finished last night when the places of registration closed at 9 o'clock. There will probably be a few slackers caught in the drag net later on, but owing to the "no mercy" policy adhered to in the cases of slackers who dodged the former drafts, the number is not expected to be great.

The next steps will be the drawing of numbers, filling out of questionnaires, and the entraining of citizens to the soldiers' training camps. Thousands of business men are on the anxious seat, debating with themselves as to whether to at once close out their business, or to wait and see whether they are exempted on account of physical disability.

From the returns thus far received it is predicted by some that the number of registrants will not fall far below the 13,000,000 mark. At the courthouse in Grants Pass there were 471 registered, including the cards sent in by absentees.

Returns from State creek precinct show that 45 registered at that place, 53 at Waldo, 52 at Selma, 28 at Merlin and 25 at Wolf Creek. Several places of registration in the county are yet to be heard from.

### FOOTBALL SCHEDULES NOT TO BE DISTURBED

Washington, Sept. 12.—Football programs for this fall at the colleges and universities with the army student training corps units are not to be interrupted by the war department except where they would actually interfere with military training, according to a statement today following protests from colleges.

### CHILEAN OFFICIALS STOP HUN TREACHERY

Santiago, Chile, Sept. 12.—Naval authorities of the Chilean port of Pisagua today surprised the Germans aboard the interned ship Carle, who had prepared electrical installation to blow up the vessel at any moment.

The captain of the Carle denied permission to the authorities to board the ship and they were forced to bring troops to exact obedience.

The occurrence caused a big sensation, due to the recent promise of the German minister not to allow any repetition of attempts to destroy or injure the interned vessels.

It was rumored that documents were found proving the German minister had ordered German captains to destroy their ships to avoid confiscation.

### DEBS IS FOUND GUILTY BY FEDERAL JURY

Cleveland, Sept. 12.—Eugene V. Debs, the socialist leader, charged with violating the espionage act, was found guilty by a federal jury here.

Debs was found guilty of attempting to incite insubordination, disloyalty, etc., in the military and naval forces; attempting to obstruct recruiting.

The maximum penalty is 20 years' imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000.

Debs stated that he would hear a motion for a new trial next Saturday. Debs, until then, will remain at liberty under the trial bond.

### REPORT HUNS ARE LEAVING CITY OF LILLE

BRITISH BREAK LULL AND FOLLOW UP RECENT VICTORIES WITH NEW EFFORT

### FRENCH TAKE TOWN OF SAVY

Germans Resort to Heavy Shelling and Try to Flood District in Front of Cambrai

London, Sept. 12.—Lille is apparently being evacuated by the Germans. Numerous parties of fugitives are arriving at Antwerp.

With the British Army in France, Sept. 12.—Advancing in the Havrincourt sector the British penetrated the German positions 2,000 yards in some places.

London, Sept. 12.—British troops have captured all of Havrincourt village (Cambrai front), except the northeastern edge. They advanced on a three and a half mile front to a depth of half a mile.

With the British Armies in France Sept. 12.—A unit of General Byng's army, attacking above and below Moeuvres, has succeeded in crossing the canal Du Nord, despite considerable opposition and establishing posts on the eastern Hindenburg line and the Canal Du Nord, side. (Moeuvres is at the junction of the line before Cambrai.)

The Germans continue their efforts to flood a wide strip in front of Cambrai. They are also delaying the British advance with gas and intense shelling at numerous points.

Paris, Sept. 12.—On the St. Quentin front the French have taken the town of Savy.

### AERIAL FOE PROVES TO BE GERMAN GIEL

With the American Army in France, Sept. 12.—A captain of a company of the 16th infantry says the pilot of a German plane brought down near Sergy, August 26, by Lieutenant Miller Thompson of the American air force, was a woman. The discovery of the sex of the aviator was made, the captain says, when his men buried the enemy pilot and her observor.

### BOLSHEVIKI THRUST AT ARCHANGEL IS BLOCKED

Washington, Sept. 12.—With American troops landed at Archangel to back up allied marines and United States sailors already in that region, it was held here today that the proposed Bolshevik thrust in the north will be futile.

Germany has done her utmost to stir the Bolsheviks to make a drive in northern Russia, even getting a treaty providing for such an effort. On the other hand there have been indications that the allies expected to forestall such a movement by taking the initiative and moving southward.

### ITALIANS REPULSE AUSTRO-HUNGARIANS

Rome, Sept. 12.—The Italians have penetrated the Austro-Hungarian positions at Pramaggiore and put to rout an enemy assaulting party at Monte Asolone.