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## AMERICANS BOTTLE UP GERMANS NEAR ARGONNE FOREST

### FRENCH SAY OFFENSIVE WAS FINE FEAT OF ARMS

16,000 Prisoners Taken in Two Days—American Speed Again Surprises Huns—New British Gains—French Capture German Positions in Brilliant Charge

Paris, Sept. 27.—The Americans northwest of Verdun have apparently sustained all and more than they attempted. They advanced over the most difficult ground and displayed a fine feat of arms. The Germans are bottled up near the Argonne forest.

Prisoners taken in the allied drive of yesterday and today now number 16,000. The Americans and French are both progressing most satisfactorily today.

Paris, Sept. 27.—The successful development of the French offensive in the Champagne region is reported over the entire field. The attack between the River Sulpice and the Argonne forest, formidable German positions on a depth of over three miles, were brilliantly carried out. The French captured Butte Du Mesnil, Butte Du Souain, Butte Du Tahure and the villages of Tahure, Ripont, Rouvroy, Cernay-En-Dormois and Serret-Melcourt and took over 7,000 prisoners. The renewed attack today is progressing well despite unfavorable weather conditions. The Americans surprised the enemy by speed and pushed him steadily northward.

London, Sept. 27.—The British at-

tacked on a wide front south of the Sensee river this morning. The first reports indicate satisfactory progress. The Sensee is a small stream paralleling the Scarpe river on the south. The attack is probably made for the purpose of driving a wedge between Douai and Cambrai.

British Headquarters in France, Sept. 27.—Airplanes are reported to be playing a very active part in the attack launched by the British today. The Canadians are a mile west of Bourlon Wood.

London, Sept. 27.—The British today advanced to within three miles of Cambrai, and took between 5,000 and 6,000 prisoners. The thrust is viewed as a strong effort to take Cambrai.

With the American Army in France, Sept. 27.—The enemy increased the artillery fire this morning, but was unable to force back the Americans. Rain made the roads virtually impassable for artillery and increased the difficulties of transporting cannon and supplies.

London, Sept. 27.—Lieutenant General von Stein, the Prussian war minister, is reported to have resigned.

### MANY CITIES RAISE QUOTA, OTHERS SLOW

Portland, Sept. 27.—Fifty cities and towns of Oregon scattered throughout all sections have filled their quota some of them going over by as much as 600 per cent. Everywhere reports show the state rapidly gaining on allotment. Jacksonville went over last night in a readjustment of the quota of this town. Canby had a splendid meeting last night, doubling its quota at the time and going over strong. Chas. Sehnabel, represented the speakers bureau and reported that the gathering was one of the most enthusiastic which he had visited. There was little need of urging, people simply got up and one after the other raised their subscriptions until the town's quota had been doubled, according to John L. Etheridge, state director of organization.

The following towns have passed their quota: Estacada, Mollala, Wilsonville, North Bend, Langlois, Yoncolla, Arlington, Canyon City, Isee, Ritter, Jacksonville, Lakeview, Fremont, Plush, New Pine Creek, Silver Lake, Waldeport, Siletz, Elk City, Nashville, Otis, Roselodge, Shedd, Mill City, Silverton, Bay City, Tillamook, Umatilla, North Powder, DuFur, Banks, Gaston, Cornelius, Condon, Sivities, Granite, Hood River, Hay Creek, Paisley, Fleet Wood, Fort Rock, Goose Lake, Newport, Toledo, Orton, Eddyville, Taft, Norton, Brownsville, Brogan, St. Paul, Wheeler, Cloverdale, Conklin, Summerville, Holt Lake, Tygh Valley, Beaverton, Forest Grove, North Plains, Carlton, Goble, Austin and Drewsey.

The following towns have subscribed 75 per cent of their quotas: Sumpter, Oregon City, Knappa, Westport, Deer Island, Redmond, LaPine, Rose-

burg, Prairie City, Lawen, Talent, Central Point, Madras, Eugene, Cottage Grove, Florence, Coburn, Corvallis, Warrenton, Wauna, Seapose, Held, Bend, Myrtle Creek, John Day, Burns, Fields, Ashland, Gold Hill, Metolius, Junction City, Springfield, Creswell, Albany, Lebanon, Harrisburg, Nyssa, Snake River, Independence, Enterprise, Selo, Halsey, Jordan Valley, Monitor and Union.

Chairman Bramwell, of the Josephine county drive, reports that up to this morning only \$112,450 had been raised in this county, our quota being \$154,280, having recently been cut to the latter figure. This left a balance of \$41,830 yet to be raised. Thus far, 1,027 people have bought bonds in this county. Unless the balance is subscribed, this county will not be able to "go over the top" with the rest of the state tomorrow night.

U. S. CASUALTY LIST

Killed in action	171
Missing in action	126
Wounded severely	146
Died of wounds	119
Died of accident	13
Died of disease	21
Wounded, degree undetermined	3
Wounded slightly	5
Total	604

Killed in action—George Hall, Sheridan, Ore.

LOTTERY SEPTEMBER 30  
Washington, Sept. 27.—Monday, September 30, has been set by General Crowder for the national draft lottery, to arrange order for liability for service in the army.

### SERGT. WHITE STIRS CROWD WITH SPEECH

TELLS OF FIGHT WITH GERMANS—JUDGE STEVENS MAKES EFFECTIVE PLEA

#### SERGEANT BAYONETED 3 HUNS

The "Yellow Demon" Arrives on Schedule Time—Speeches Made at Park and at Red Cross Dinner

The Yellow Demon and its party of orators are here today and have helped Grants Pass and Josephine county in the final kick to go over the top in the Fourth Liberty loan.

The first meeting was held in the Railroad park, and during the Red Cross luncheon Sergeant H. L. White and Judge John H. Stevenson were again presented.

The car left for Roseburg at 1:30 p. m. Prior to its departure arrangements were made by Frank C. Bramwell and Fred A. Williams for a stop at Glendale, where a street meeting was held of half an hour's duration.

Sergeant White, a member of the 54th Canadians, is easily one of the best soldier speakers who has been heard in Oregon. He spent two years in the trenches, and his body is covered with scars from shrapnel and bayonets. He tells of three Germans whom he bayoneted, and dramatically recites many incidents that are illustrative of the things the boys from Josephine county are going through on the western front. The sergeant tells of the spirit of the American troops and their utter disregard of the dangers they are facing. When Sergeant White was sailing from Liverpool on the Metta Gamma, the first contingent of Americans were anchoring in the river Mersey. They wiggled:

"Canadians, have you left any girls in London for us?"

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### BIG CARNIVAL AND BAZAAR OPEN TONIGHT

VAUDEVILLE, SIDESHOW, WHEEL OF FORTUNE, AND MANY OTHER ATTRICTIONS

#### SWAT HIS SATANIC MAJESTY

Beautiful Articles Found at Red Cross Bazaar—Dancing at Night—Big Time for Young and Old

The Red Cross carnival is on in full blast. All morning a force of men were at work erecting places for the side show, the great vaudeville for the side shows, the great vaudeville to be staged. These will be held in the street in front of the courthouse, where there will also be a "bucket target," a fortune wheel, and the Kaiser's "bean," which has been so arranged that his Satanic Majesty faces the brave crowds by thrusting his said "bean" through a hole in the wall. The order of the evening will be, "swat the Kaiser and set a cigar." After buying Liberty bonds to help put down Prussianism you will no doubt be in the right kind of a mood to swat the Kaiser, so go and take a few well-aimed shots at him with the baseballs. "Give the Kaiser hell—it will help the Red Cross."

Then for the bearded, beetle-browed men, there will be the "Last Chance House," where a veritable depot of wet goods will be found and by stretching your imagination a little you can easily fancy yourself in the famous health resort of Hornbrook. Just think of such bliss; and besides there may be fair ladies to draw the great elixir of life from the kegs for you. But you must draw on your imagination to some extent to get the "full" effect.

In the evening after the carnival has had its first run of wild splendor, there will be music in the courthouse

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## CAUGHT BETWEEN A BARRAGE AND THE HUNS, AMERICANS MEET HEROIC DEATH

By E. A. Batchelor.  
Paris, Sept. 27.—The Y. M. C. A. man told the story with tears in his eyes and a break in his voice. He said that it was the saddest thing that he ever had encountered, which meant much. He had been a long time in France, so death and suffering were no strangers to him. But when he spoke of the sergeant and the private that they had found dead beside their machine gun he couldn't control his emotions.

It seems that the sergeant and the private had been caught in a pocket. The Germans, in force, were in front of them. There was a barrage behind which made it impossible for them to rejoin their company, so they stayed and fought it out, fought in a manner that made one proud to be of the same race.

When they found them there was a pile of empty shells several inches high around the gun and not a single round of unexpended ammunition remained. The two had held off a whole company of Boche machine-gunners for several hours.

The enemy had been around a bend in the road, a scant 50 yards away, and hadn't been able to advance because of the brisk fire of the lone American gun manned by the sergeant and the private. The sergeant had been evidently

pointing the gun and the private had been feeding it. Their only protection had been a little ridge where the dirt had been thrown up beside the road.

The undergrowth just behind them had been cut to ribbons by the Boche bullets and the trees near where the enemy had been were scarred by Yankee fire. It had been the hottest kind of a fight and the Americans had been winning against the terrible odds until a shell burst right on them and killed them both.

Whether it was a Boche shell or one of our own, nobody ever will know. Both sides had been firing into that part of the wood. Whatever the source of the shell, it had done its work quickly and thoroughly, for the men were badly torn. Death probably had come instantaneously. They had gone while the joy of battle was still upon them.

It was a glorious death but a sad one because a few minutes after the shell landed, the Boche had been obliged to retire. Another half an hour, and the heroic pair would have been safe. But they had not died in vain. The company that they had held at bay carried back to the German lines a story of American heroism that will do much to convince the Boche that the men from across the sea are going to decide the war.

### BULGARIANS READY TO ARRANGE PEACE TERMS

High Officials, With Assent of King of Bulgaria, Ask For Suspension of Arms For Forty-Eight Hours—Allied Commander Refuses, Fearing an Enemy Ruse

Paris, Sept. 27.—General D'Esperey, commanding the allied armies in Macedonia, has notified the French government that a high Bulgarian official presented himself in behalf of General Toredow, commanding the Bulgarian army, and asking a suspension of arms for 48 hours to permit the arrival of two authorized delegates from the Bulgarian government, the minister of finance and the general of the second army who are on their way to French headquarters, with the assent of King Ferdinand, to arrange the conditions of an armistice and the eventual terms of peace.

As the Bulgarian request might be a ruse to allow for the reorganizing of their forces, D'Esperey declined to grant the armistice but promised to receive duly qualified government delegates.

London, Sept. 27.—The British government has received from an official authorized source, an application from Bulgaria for an armistice.

London, Sept. 27.—Germany intends to send a solemn protest to Bulgaria against Premier Malinoff's request for an armistice according to reports from Berlin through the German newspapers. Germany demands that the premier be immediately dismissed and court-martialed for high treason.

London, Sept. 30.—The British troops have captured Strumitsa in Bulgaria.

Paris, Sept. 27.—The French commander in Macedonia reports that

the Bulgarians have asked for a meeting to arrange the conditions of an armistice and eventual peace. The French commander replied, refusing to suspend operations, but saying he would receive qualified delegates of the Bulgarian government.

London, Sept. 27.—Premier Malinoff of Bulgaria has made an offer of an armistice to the allies, according to a Berlin message, which states that the premier's offer was made without the support of other members of the cabinet or King Ferdinand.

The Berlin message says the offer created great dissatisfaction in Bulgaria and strong military measures have been taken to support the Bulgarian front. A counter movement against the action of the premier has been set afoot, according to a message from Sofia. This would seem to indicate that a revolution is in progress in Bulgaria.

London, Sept. 27.—The Serbians entered Iahitib and captured other important points, besides many prisoners and war material. The Serbian cavalry entered Kochana, 20 miles northeast of Iahitib, and 14 miles from the Bulgarian border.

Paris, Sept. 27.—It is understood that no instructions regarding the Bulgarian application for an armistice will be given military commanders until an opportunity is had for a consultation between France, England, the United States, Italy and the other allies. In the meantime the operations in the south continue.

### ACCUSED OF SEDITIOUS UTTERANCES, ALLOWED FREEDOM

Charles Schultz, of Tillam, who was held here in jail pending the arrival of Deputy U. S. Marshal R. B. Tichenor, was brought before U. S. Commissioner L. B. Middle this morning and waived examination, says the Roseburg Review. He was permitted to go on his own recognizance. The utterances of which he is alleged to have made, and of which John Vatche was the complaining witness, were set forth in the complaint as follows:

On July 1, 1918, at Tillam, Oregon, he favored the support of the Imperial German government, with which the United States is now at war, by saying: "I would not believe any of the damned rot about the Germans being brutal."

"I see that more of the Americans have been killed. Well there will be many more of them killed, you bet."

"Wilson should have done as he said and kept us out of war after the Germans warned the Americans to keep off the boats."

### INFLUENZA HOLDING UP OCTOBER ARMY DRAFT

Washington, Sept. 27.—Because of epidemics of Spanish influenza in army camps, Provost Marshal-General Crowder tonight canceled calls for the entrainment between October 7 and 11 of 142,000 draft registrants.

### CHILE SHOWS FIGHT

Santiago, Chile, Sept. 27.—The Chilean government has ordered the naval authorities to occupy with armed forces all interned German ships in Chilean harbors.

### 28-MILLION-FOOT FIR ORDER FOR NORTHWEST

Fir lumber manufacturers of Oregon and Washington have just accepted an order for 28,000,000 feet of select common lumber to be used at 10 of the country's biggest car building plants on urgent government orders, says the Portland Telegram.

This business, secured through the Washington, D. C., office of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, will be distributed among the mills by the fir production board. Dwight H. Davis, Washington representative of the association, and an expert on car material, is in the northwest district to assist mills in getting the movement under way promptly.

Most of this order originally was placed with mills in the south, but delay in making deliveries caused the railroad authorities to reconsider the award and place it with the west coast mills.

### TWO U. S. VESSELS ARE LOST IN HURRICANE

San Diego, Cal., Sept. 27.—Two United States shipping board vessels on their maiden trips were sunk, a fleet of other craft was badly shattered, the city of La Paz was partly destroyed and the floating equipment of the United States coal depot at Pichaliqui damaged to the extent of thousands of dollars during a terrific hurricane that raged off the Lower California and northwest coast of Mexico September 17. This was the news brought to this port today by a long overdue fishing launch.