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ITALIANS RESIST GERMAN CANNON SMASH; MINIMUM PRICE FOR SWINE FIXED BY U.S.

British Artillery Overcomes German

"Pillbox" Defense; Solid Concrete

SAMMIES AT GERMAN LINE **OF LORRAINE IF REPORT OF KAISER'S CHIEFS IS TRUE**

Belief That Americans Are Holding Gateway to France on Eastern Part of West Front; Expert Believes Scouting Party Was Taken in One of Many Night Encounters.

(By FRANK SIMONDS.)

New York, Nov. 4 .- (Special Telegram.)-Granted that today's German official statement is accurate, the position of the American troops in France has been disclosed. The German statement announces that prisoners have been taken at the point where the Rhine-Marne canal crosses the battle front. The Rhine-Marne canal crosses the firing line at the village of Parroy. Parroy is on the road from Nancy to Strassburg, and is rather less than two miles inside the old French frontier between

France and Alsace-Loraine.

SAMMIES IN LORRAINE. It is about five miles north of the city of Luneville and six miles east of the town of St. Nicholas Du Port. Nancy is about a dozen miles due west

If the Germans are right, then the American troops are in Lorraine close to the old frontier, and are covering one of the main roads between Nancy and Strassburg. Along this road the Germans came in their great advance of 1914, which was stopped just east of St. Nicholas Du Port. The forest Kerensky Insists Delegate of of Parroy, just south of the town of the same name, has seen some of the severest fighting on the whole Lorraine front.

There has been no fighting on this front for more than two years, but if the German statement is correct, the American troops are now holding egram.)-; A new issue has arisen belines covering the eastern gateway to France. The positions which they hold were lost by the French as a

fantry Until Gunners of Heavy Artillery Learned to Smash Them. By FRANK W. GETTY. (Special Cable to The Bee.)

London, Nov. 4 .- The "pillbox" has come-and gone. Like the submarine, the giant Gotha biplane, the liquid fire and gas, and other German inventions which were to turn the tide of battle

in Germany's favor, these much talked of concrete forts have been laid on the shelf-as far as settling the war is concerned. They are not ineffectual, but they are not decisive fac-

tors. The "pillbox," or pillar-box, as the German communiques have it, is a rectangular structure, built generally by piling boxes of concrete one upon the other, like children's toy blocks. They are then allowed to form into a solid mass of concrete about a yard thick, which affords the gunners inside protection against anything except a di-

rect hit by something over nine inches. Occasionally they have roofs of sim-ilar thickness. More often they are left open to the sky, the better to be concealed from hovering enemy aero-

planes. In action they bristle with machine guns, which are thrust out through numerous cracks and loopholes, the gunners, safe behind their thick walls. being able to rake advancing in

fantry without exposing themselves. Each "pillbox" holds from 40 to 50 men, and becomes a veritable deathtrap if a British heavy does land a shell on it or a cloud of poison gas sweeps that way.

Were Hard Nuts to Crack.

The Boches have shown great adaptability in placing these pillboxes where they will be most effective. tween Russia and the allies which is They had sowed them in and out

the wings of the Prussian legislature

finally before the power is turned over

to an under-house elected on equal

superintendent has recently put five

Forts Become Doct Traps for Boches Took Heavy Toll of Allies' In- U.S. TO ASSURE FARMER GOOD PRICE FOR HOGS SO HE WILL **BE CERTAIN TO MAKE MONEY**

> Meat Administrator Cotton Outlines Policy of Government in Regulating Packers; Price Not to Be Permitted to Go Below \$15.50 Per Hundred on the Chicago Market.

> Policies for the development of the live stock industry of the state, which will include plans for the encouragement of the breeder, and especially the hog breeder, will be determined today when the live stock committee of the Federal Food Administration for Nebraska will meet in the directors' rooms of the United States National bank.

This meeting, which will be directed by E. L. Burke, will be the first since the appointment of this all important organization. Mr. Burke returned yrs-terday from an extended visit to Chiago, where he was in conference with Joseph P. Cotton, chief of the United States Food Administration, meat deartmen

ACCORD WITH GOVERNMENT.

"The policies of the Nebraska com-mittee will be in sympathy with that of the national policy, as outlined by Mr. Cotton," said Mr. Burke, "and can best be told in his words:

"The main purpose of the food ad-ministration as to hogs are four:

"To see that the producer at all times can count on a fair price for his hog, so that it will be profitable for

"To see that the farmer increases the number of hogs bred. "To limit the profit of the packer. "To eliminate speculation.

Must Have More Hogs.

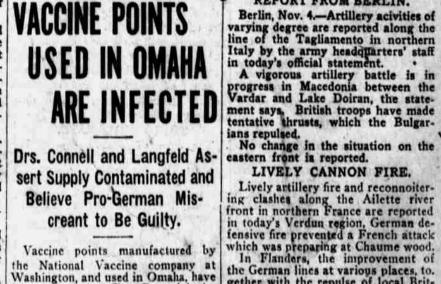
"All these are necessary because

CADORNA'S ADVANCE GUARD STANDS LIKE WALL IN FACE OF ARTILLERY SHOCK FIRE

Reports From Battle Line in Italy Show Romans Withstanding Early Attacks of Foe; Germans Make **Counter Attacks From Line to Which They** Withdrew in France.

(By Associated Press.) Rome, Nov. 4.—Heavy attacks were launched on the Italian lines in the Giudicaria zone on the Trentino front yesterday after extended artillery preparation. The war office announced today that these attacks which were directed at advanced posts in the Daone and Giumell valleye were repulsed after hard fighting.

The artillery duel along the Tagliamento is proceeding and the Italians are replying with vigorous measures to stronger Austro-German pressure on the Italian left wing.



On Trains, at Hotels, News Stands, Etc., So.

Vaccine points manufactured by the National Vaccine company at Washington, and used in Omaha, have been tested by City Bacteriologist Langfeld and found to contain pffs germs in dangerous quantities. Health Commissioner Connell and

bacteriologist believe that vaccine

points used October 3, when 200 chil-

dren were inoculated at Madison

school, were polluted before reaching

Points Tampered With.,

"I made a bacteriological examina-tion of some of these points, as in-

structed by Dr. Connell, and found

evidence of pus germs in such quan-

tities as to cause me to believe that

the points had been tampered with by

One hundred boys and girls of the

stricken cases is serious, according to

the health commissioner, who gave

the following statement yesterday: Pro-German Miscreant.

in the United States.

Omalia.

gether with the repulse of local Brit-ish attacks, is reported. British Take Two Ports. London, Nov. 4.—On the Flanders' battle front last night small detach-ment of British troops captured from Dr. Langield assert that these points have been contaminated and their bethe Germans two strong detensiv lief is that a pro-German miscreant accomplished his purpose. [Dr. Connell urges all physicians to points, east of Broodseinde and southeast of Poelcapelle, the war of-fice says. Irish fusilliers carried out return without delay all vaccine points of the National Vaccine company's manufacture. A telegram received on a successful raid southwest of Havrincourt. Two raids by the Germans on the Arras front near Monchy Le Sunday by Dr. Connell from the Na-

CARLOADS 'SPUDS' LEFT TO FREEZE **BY SPECULATORS Police Find Great Quantities of** Cabbages, Onions and Beets **Rotting in Freight Cars**

Marked "Hold."

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Nov. 4 .- Report was made

to the police tonight of the finding

of several hundred loads of potatoes.

cabbage, onions and sugar beets that

hange in August, 1914, and regained bly critical. It concerns the admis-in the first days of September, 1914. sion of Skobeleff, the delegate from consequence of the defeat of Mor-Rests on German Report.

All the foregoing speculation rests upon the German official statement. Conceivably the Germans have issued ing information. But the chances are taken being apparently that this was this statement in the hope of elicitthest they have known for many weeks a conference of representatives of nacaretly where our troops were.

iterin's terse announcement today that "North American" soldiers had licea captured by German patrols on the Rhine-Marne canal on the French front, brought the American people a step nearer to the heart of the great struggle.

There was no doubt here that the men referred to were members of General Pershing's force undergoing final training with French regiments in front line trenches. Confirmation from General Pershing was lacking, but in due course he will transmit the names of any men missing and this may furnish some light.

May Have Been Scouts.

If, as is assumed, a small scouting party was surprised by a German patrol in No Man's Land and all captured, details of the incident may never be fully told, since only captors and captives would know what happened in the encounter under cover

of darkness. This is the first report received here of the capture of any members of the American expeditionary forces, but a number of naval gunners taken from American armed ships sunk by submarines and civilian members of the crews of other ships are held in German prison camps.

Night patrolling is a vitally important part of the final training of the American forces, as it is on these patrois that the commanding officers rely for information of activity in the enemy's front line.

Every night the scouts creep out with faces blackened against the keen vision of enemy lookouts and a swift, deadly spurt from a machine gun. They go creeping across the shell torn ground up to the enemy's entanglements, crawling and listening, dropping flat when a flare breaks out in the air above them, sometimes lying still for hours, while rifles and machine guns hammer above them.

Not a night passes on many parts of the line but patrols encounter each other. Sometimes it results in firing.

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the Soldiers' and Workmen's union, to the coming Paris conference. Within the last few days Jules Cambon, for the French, has siad that Skobeleff would not be admitted, the ground

WITH ALLIES:

FEAR BREAK

Workmen Be Seated in Paris

Conference to **Discuss**

War Aims.

Washington, Nov. 4 .- (Special Tel-

representative of a governmental, but of a private organization. KERENSKY'S ULTIMATUM.

Now comes word to this city that Kerensky has declared that the Rusadvance. sian democracy must be represented, which is taken to mean that he will insist upon the seating in Paris of ingle-handed. the representative of the Russian soldiers and workmen. The administration here, which in general sympathizes with and supports Kerensky more heartily than others of the allies, does not sympathize with him re-garding seating Skobeleff. The position that is taken is that the confer-

rise, hardly higher than your hat, with ence should be the judge of the qualbullets picking up the dirt all around ifications of its own members. us. Then, when I got within a dozen yards of the place I rushed it, taking a chance they wouldn't get me. Some-In the meantime some doubt has arisen over the two governmental delegates from Russia to the con-ence, Terestchenko within the last few how, I got through, and flattened myself right up against the wall of the blessed thing, where the Boches in-side couldn't get me. I could hear days has got into a controversy with the soldiers' and workmen's organiza-tion and has publicly criticized it an it is supposed here that the issue raised over Skobeleff has led the radem swearing away in their hut, knowing I was there, but not being able to

crack.

hit me. Then I just pulled the pin out of one of the bombs, reached icals to object to Teretchenko and, perhaps, to General Alexieff as delearound quick and shoved her in past gates from the Russian government to the conference. Would Take Up War Aims.

Apparently the aim of the Russian radicals is to force the Paris conference to take up the question of war aims in detail. This is one thing that **Clip Wings Lower** the rest of the allies are determined not to do. And, whereas, when the Prussian House to Russian revolution was new, a re-

definition might have been forced, the disposition today everywhere, except in this country, is to feel impatient with Russia and to make it plain that it is possible to pay too much for such a support as Kerensky's recent statement promised.

Italian Army Says U. S. Should War on Austria

suffrage. The billion budget rights, mentioned Washington, Nov. 4 .-- America can recently as part of the Prussian rebest aid Italy in her present crisis by declaring war on Italy's arch form program, forbids the lower house to introduce new appropriations enemy, Austria-Hungary, an official in the budget or increase the items cablegram received here today from as submitted without the permission the general headquarters of the of the government, Italian army, said. The House of Lords is authorized.

"Thus America will best answer the if the lower house rejects the standblows which Austria-Hungary has ing appropriation of the budget, to given Italy and in a short time render demand a revote or a discussion in a the most important service to her al conference committee of both houses. lies undergoing such a strain at the present moment," the message said.

are not postponed at the opening of Hun Wreckers Dismantle the fiscal year. **Belgium's Big Plants** Women Drive Nails and

Havre, Nov. 4 .- The Belgian government continues to receive details of the Germans' systematic destruction of plants in Belgium. Organized wrecking crews have been engaged in dismantling blast furnaces.

young women to work in the plant, Seven out of 11 rolling mills and he declares they are peculiarly efficient. "These young women are turning out some of the best and at Cugree-Marihaye have been carried of At Angleur everything has been removed, as well as at neatest work we have ever had done,' Grivegne, where nothing remains but the steel works which the Gersaid the superintendent, after he had watched them work for several days. mans are working for their own 'If enough help can be obtained, this factory will increase its output by 50 needs. per cent this year."

rded in Russian circles as possi-among the little hollows on the west-cabbage, onions and sugar beets that ern slopes of Passachendaele ridge, have been allowed to freeze and rot in frequently running up a rim of con-crete around a shell craim, lowing the top uncovered. Where they did this, of course, a high trajectory Britthe railroad yards here, being held, detectives assigned to the case assert, lowest feasible price. to force a higher market. ish barrage quickly made the position untenable, but such pillboxes as es-Food Administrator Hoover, Harry

A. Wheeler, representing the federal caped the hail of steel and lead which food commission in Illinois and the preceded the British advances were Department of Justice have been addifficult nuts for the infantry to ised of the discovery.

The detectives declare they found Many a decoration has been won a hill more than 30 feet high and 100 in the last month or two by men who, by a single act of bravery, have taken feet long, composed of decomposed a pillbox which was holding up an vegetables, recently dumped from reight cars. In the railroad yards

I talked with a Tommy who was they later awarded the D. C. M. for dis- cars they said they found many freight cars bearing no destination tickets and marked "hold spuds." They also oosing of one of these obstacles discovered that in moving the de-

"It was a cinch," he said. (He was Canadian, by the way.) "My comcayed vegetables to the dumping grounds the cars were marked "rubbany was held up by one of the inbish" and the contents were covered fernal things, which kept spitting bulwith a thin layer of dirt and sticks. The report showed that between lets all over the ground we had to cross. So I took a couple of Mills 300 and 500 car loads of decayed bombs, and crawled up behind a little vegetables were found in the yards with orders that they were not to be moved. All were marked "hold." The car numbers are in the possession

Trainmen Must Talk Before They Decide Whether to Strike

Chicago, Nov. 4 .- The conference of the executive committees of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen

continued yesterday with no announcement made as to plans for a contemplated demand for wage increase which, it is said, affects 250,-000 railroad employes. Officials explained that the subject under discussion was too important to be de-

of the conferees, answering a ques-Copenhagen, Nev. 4 .-- The German

strike a minute."

Spain Forms New Coalition

Cabinet; Name Personnel Madrid, Nov. 4.—A monarchial na-tional coalition cabinet has been formed by Marquis Manuel Garcia Prieto De Alhuemas, who takes the rost of premier. The cabinet includes:

Minister of foreign affairs, Senor Alvaredo.

Minister of interior, Senor Bahanonde; finance, Senor Ventosa; public works, Senor Alical Zamora; jus-The bill also provides for continuice, Fernandez Prida; war, Juan De ance of the standing appropriations of the preceding budget if the estimates La Civera; marine, Amalie Jimeno; public instruction, Senor Rodes.

The cabinet comprises three democrats, two catalanists, two friends of Maura, one friend of Romanones and

On Throne of Poland

Amsterdam, Nov. 4 .- The Munich Nueste Nachrichten prints a report from Vienna that Emperor Charles on Sunday, which is his birthday, will be proclaimed king of Poland, and also ruler of the south Slav states, embracing especially Bosnia and Herzegovina and that part of Serbia already occupied by Austria. These states, it is added, will receive a certain measure of autonomy.

we must have more hogs, so that the ultimate consumer shall at all times get an adequate suppry of hogs at the

We shall establish rigid control of the packer. Fair prices to the farmer, we believe, will be brought about by the full control which the food adtional Vaccine company requested that all of its points in Omaha be reministration has over the buying of the allies and other big consumers. turned at once, and stated that the company had called in all of its points

"The first step is to stop the sudden break in the prices paid for hogs at the central markets. These prices must become stable so that the farmer will know where he stands and will feel justified in increasing his production. The prices so far as we can affect them will not go below a minimum of \$15.50 per 100 on the Chicago market until further notice.

Practical Growers' Advice.

"We have had, and will continue to have, the advice of a board composed of practical hog growers. That board advises the best way to determine prices is the cost of corn.

a person having a sinister design, stated Dr. Langfeld. The board further advises the ratio of hog prices to corn prices for a Madison school, Seventeenth and Madison streets, South Side, have sore arms as the result of general vaccination applied at this school on series of years has been about 12 to one, but to bring the production back to where it should be the ratio should be about 13 to one-that is, the farmer should get for his hogs farrowed next October 3, on order and under direcspring 13 times the average cost per bushel of the corn fed into the hogs tion of the city health department. There were 200 vaccinated at this to get them ready for market. "Let there be no misunderstanding school on that date. None of the

of the meaning of this statement. It is not a promise by the packers. It is a statement of the intention and policy of the food administration, which means consideration for the farmer.

Catch Lithuanian Carrying Bomb on U. S. Transport

New York, Nov. 4 .- A high explosive bomb, so made that it could be timed to explode, was found in the gram from them, asking me to sent them any supply I have on hand an possession of Matthews Vailiekouncs, Lithuanian, by representatives of United States Marshal Power yesterday, as he walked aboard an American transport, where he has been employed as a carpenter.

The machine, described as "an electric detonator of unusual shape.' contained powder, gun cotton, sulphate and chloride of potash and was closed at one end with hay. The tube was slightly more than a foot

long. The man told conflicting stories of children at Long school were vachow he came to be in possession of the bomb. (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

British Sea Lord Tells Why Big Fleet Could Not Succor Russia

in their points.

London, Nov. 4 .- The passage in the interview of Premier Kerensky recently given to The Associated Press, which has aroused the greatest interest here was his inquiry as to why the British fleet had not been sent to the Baltic Sea. A detailed and authoritative reply to that question was given by Sir Eric Campbell Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, in his speech before the House of Commons delivered the same evening on which Premier Kerensky talked to the correspondent.

"Before the Germans attempted operations in the Gulf of Riga they deemed it necessary to occupy the islands commanding the entrance to the gulf," he said. "The islands which command the entrance of the Baltic befong to a neutral power, Denmark. Would it not be an act of madness for the British fleet to pass through into the Baltic, with the certainty that the Germans would occupy and fortify those islands in our rear?

"If we did pass through, should we find the German fleet there on our arrival? The leading vessels of our fleet, debouching from the Great Beltthe only possible passage—in a necessarily deep formation on a very narrow front, would find the whole German fleet deployed and concentrating fire on them.

"I do not touch upon such questions as those of line communication to be maintained with the fleet once in the Baltic and the fact that every supply ship passing through would do so within 30 miles of Kiel. Our fleet in the Baltic, if it got there, would soon wither to impotence with its vital communications cut and our Russian ally could not supply it with fuel, ammunition or stores."

Preux were repulsed. The British army in Palestine captured 15 guns in the recent attack which resulted in the taking of Beershba, it was officially announced The health commissioner and city

REPORT FROM BERLIN.

LIVELY CANNON FIRE.

Berlin, Nov. 4 .- Artillery acivities of

today. Repulse German Attacks.

Paris, Nov. 4 .- Notable artillery activity is continuing on the Aisne front north of the Chemis Des Dames, where the French are occupying ad-vanced ground along the Aillette river, the war office announced today. In the Verdun area the Germans followed up their heavy bombardment with two attacks north of Chaume wood, with both of which the French artillery dealt successfully, causing

the Germans to sustain heavy casualties. A surprise attack in the Damloup region was repulsed, as was a similar German enterprise northwest of Rheims.

County Officials Raid Roadhouse; Arrest Waiters

Sheriff Clark, with two special state agents, raided a roadhouse at a place known as Schlitz Park, Sixtieth and " I am convinced that the stricken children of Madison school are vic-Center streets, Saturday and arrested tims of a pro-German miscreant who hree bartenders and an entertainer. contaminated a supply of vaccine The proprietor is out of town. The points used by us and manufactured officers found a half pint bottle of by the National company at Washingwhisky in the place.

ton, D. C. This company is one of The roadhouse was enlivened by the oldest and most reliable in the strains of popular music, and 30 men. country. I have just received a teleand women were having a hilariou: time when the officers appeared. Soft drinks slightly "sticked" with they stated they have called in all of

whisky were being served. The four employes of the place their points in this country. These points were contaminated with pus wer taken to the county jail and germs which cause sore arms, but 1 later released on bonds. They gave the names of L. D. Westover, Carleton hotel; George M. Elliot, 624 North do not look for any serious results from any case. The National company advised me that in some city, Eighteenth street; James Falconer, the name not being mentioned by 314 Douglas street, and R. W. them, tetanus germs were discoverd Daugherty, 1026 Park avenue.

The others departed for more pleas-"Two weeks before the Madison school children were vaccinated, 800 ant realms. Officers have had the road house under surveillance for some time.



Philadelphia, Nox. 4 .-- To win' the war the United States must devise a system of economic, financial and industry strategy that will unite the whole nation and its energies as a basis for the armies in the field. A. C. Miller, of the Federal Reserve board said yesterday at the war fin-ance conference of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

"Such a system will be as infinitely important as the strategy of military

force," he said. "Those who have been producing must produce more."

Mr. Miller pointed out that at least 15,000,000 men will have to labor in the United States at the exclusive task of maintaining and equipping the military forces of America and the allies.

"The gross earnings of the Ameri-can people total \$50,000,000,000 annually and under present conditions \$14,000,000,000 or \$15,000,000,000 of this is clear profit, which under an enlightened borrowing system might be enlisted for the

one independent. Tacks at Raiston Factory **Emperor Charles to Sit** Women are now driving nails and tacks in the upholstering department of the Ralston Furniture factory. The

the nose of one of those little quick-firers they had playing on the boys. The explosion darn near blew the and the Order of Railroad Conductors thing to pieces, and when we got in by the rear door every one of those (Continued on Page Three, Column Two.)

cided without deliberation. W. G. Lee, president of the Broth-erhood of Railroad Trainmen and one **Beat Third Estate**

tion as to probability of a strike, said: "I would rather talk a month than authorities think it advisable to clip

of the police.

