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## CANTIGNY HELD BY U.S. TROOPS UNDER HOT FIRE

Captured Positions Consolidated and Repeated Counter Attacks Repulsed; Enemy Defeated Also in Three Raids in Lorraine and in Heavy Gun Attack in Luneville Sector.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 29.—Consolidation of positions taken yesterday by the Americans in the Cantigny salient and the repulse of counter attacks is announced in General Pershing's communique, issued tonight by the War department. The dispatch follows:

"In the Cantigny salient we have constructed our positions in spite of heavy artillery and machine gun fire. Renewed counter attacks broke down under our fire.

"In Lorraine we repulsed three raids during the night, taking several prisoners, killing a number of the enemy. There and in the Woevre the artillery of both sides has been active. Beat Off Enemy.

Nebruska Bridge Man Here

From East on Brief Respite

From Duties in Govern-

ment Labors.

John W. Towle, one of the big men

in the government's ship building in-

tion department in the ship building

plant at Hog Island, Philadelphia.

He asked to be relived from duty at

The Emergency Fleet corporation

immediately assigned him to pick out

a site and construct a shipbuilding

yard in North Carolina. This he did.

and he is now constructing a yard at

Wilmington, N. C., to be operated by the Carolina Shipbuilding corpo-

ration, a subsidiary of the George A.

Activity at Wilmington.

Wilmington yard to build nine ships

of 9,600 tons each at the same time,

said Mr. Towle. "These are about

"The progress of the national ship-

building program is quite satisfactory. We are launching an average of two

ships a day in this country now, and

"We are now constructing as great

a tonnage of ships as Great Britain

building as much steel tonnage as all

"In the month of April the Emer-

gency Fleet corporation launched as

nuch tonnage as all the tonnage of

the allies and neutrals sunk by the

Naming Schwab Big Stroke.

"The selection of Charles Schwab as director general of the shipbuild-

ing program was a master stroke. -It

ias increased enthusiasm and speed-

"Authority over all departments at

each plant has now been concentrated

in one man who reports direct to the

pent on the one item of experiment-

Schools are being established in the

east to train men and officers for the

Mourmansk coast, according to an Archangle dispatch to the Nashe

Soissons, the city at the left flank

of the allied battle front in the

Aisne river sector, captured

Wednesday by the Germans, is an ancient fortified town, having about

15,000 inhabitants and has been the

center of a considerable trade in

grain and haricot beans. Railway

lines run direct from Soissons to

Finland to Petchenga Bay

Railroad to Paris

great fleet of ships now being con-

Germans Lay Road From

Soissons on Direct

Paris and Compiegne.

Mr. Towle says \$50,000,000 is being

the rest of the world combined.

before the end of the year we will

be launching 10 a day.

ed up the work greatly.

ng with concrete ships.

general manager.

structed, he said.

"We will have a capacity at the

Hog Island.

Fuller company.

"It is established that on May 17 our aviators shot down two hostile machines instead of one as reported." With the American Forces on the French Front, May 29.—Numerous counter attacks made by the Germans to retake the terrain which they lost in Picardy Monday completely broke down in the face of the American artillery fire and the heroism of our in-fantry. All the ground won by the Americans Monday remains in their

When the news of the American advance reached the villages in the rear, cheering broke out among the soldiers and civilians, some of whom had been up all night in anticipation of important news. The faces of the women and children were bright and happy and the sick and wounded in the hospitals were heartened by the feat of their brothers in

Boys from the front with whom dustry, arrived in Omaha Wednesday correspondents talked today all joined for a busy week in his private busiin praise of their comrades. They ness affairs. Mr. Towle is president said that they knew there was a long of the Nebraska Bridge, Supply & way to go, but the Americans had Lumber company and an officer in now shown their mettle and if the half a dozen other iron and construc-Germans attempted to overrun them tion companies. Mr. Towle was plant they were going to have the hardest engineer representing the constructime of their lives.

Gas Attacks Repulsed.

With the American Army in France, May 29 .- The enemy launched another heavy gas attack against our troops in the Luneville sector early this morning and attempted to reach our line in three places. They were repulsed with comparatively heavy

The first attack, made two kilometers southwest of Premenil, broke down under the hot machine fire from the American trenches, the Germans retreating. Both the Americans and Germans fought in gas masks.

Soon afterward the enemy put down a heavy barrage from the west and 14 Germans managed to pene- the largest cargo boats now being trate a trench in which the Americans on Monday were subjected to a gas attack and were fighting mad. The Americans emerged from their dugouts and hand-to-hand fighting, which was bloody for the Germans, ensued, the Americans going for the

enemy with knives and bayonets. The Germans had been ordered to take prisoners at any cost, but they and within four months we will be

failed to get any. The American losses were insignificant. The enemy lost all the 14 men who penetrated the American position -nine having been killed, one having died of wounds and four having been

#### GOVERNORS URGE THAT STATE UNITS BE NOT BROKEN UP

Washington, May 29 .- The governors of Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa called on Secretary Baker today to protest against orders for the transfer of 5,000 national guardsmen from the Thirty-fourth division to fill up another organization about to go over-seas. They urged that the state units in the Thirty-fourth be not broken up. The governors said they did not

want to interfere if military exigencies demanded the transfer, but suggested that if possible the men needed be drawn from the national army or from new organization of

Mr. Baker instructed General March, chief of staff, to comply with the request if possible.

#### Barbara Fritschie's Nephew Enlists With U. S. Marines

New York, May 29.—Herman Fritsschie of Irvington, N. J., great grand nephew of Barbara Fritschie, and the only male survivor of that heorine's family, enlisted in the marine corps here today. Notwithstandthe difference in the spelling of the family name, the young recruit said he has family records to show

## Memorial Day Dawns With Fresh -Significance-

MEMORIAL DAY is a peculiarly American institution. It was instituted in order to keep alive in the memory of succeeding generations the sacrifices that brave men and women made in order to preserve intact the great republic of the west. In these latter years the south, as well as the north, has taken up the very happy custom of decorating the graves of its soldier dead on Memorial day and there is no reason why they should not, for after all the preservation of the union means just as much for the folk south of the Mason and Dixon line as it means for the folk up north. The great thing is that the United States is an undivided country, and that the Stars and Stripes float over a united people and in the providence of God it will ever be thus. The custom of decorating the graves of our noble dead has spread throughout all elements of American people, and untold thousands of folk who know nothing of the merits of the civil war take Memorial day as a day for the decoration of the graves of their own dear ones.

It is an infinite gain to a nation when it keeps the memory of these noble ones fresh and green. This year Memorial day has a new significance, for this year memorial services will be held not only in this country, but in scores and scores of little villages throughout France, and in Paris and in London, and in places on the very firing line. We have American dead today in many places in France and in England, and we may rest assured that those lonely graves in far-off countries will not be neglected by their comrades. Indeed, the French folk, with that courtesy so characteristic of the French, are going to take part in our Memorial day services, and the Britishers, with an equally true appreciation of America's part in this war, will likewise assist in this work of memorial to the dead, and I expect that at least two American destroyers will go out on the treacherous waters in the very submarine zone and will scatter flowers over that place where the Tuscania went down into the watery depth, and where more than 150 of our boys gave up their lives, and where the Moldavia likewise dived to the caverns of the deep, carrying with it more than half a score of Uncle Sam's soldiers. It would not be at all surprising if the idea of our Memorial day takes hold of both the British and the French imagination. Indeed, such a day for both great nations could not but add something to the fineness of the sentiment of both nations; and, indeed, might continue the work of cementing together these great outstanding modern democracies.

Memorial day this year will naturally be a time of holy memories. It will also be a day of humiliation-humiliation because of the prevalence of a certain militaristic spirit that we are just now awakening to-but it will also be a day of holy determination—determination that the government of the people by the people and for the people shall be made to triumph in the world. On Memorial day it is well for us to keep clearly in mind the fact that justice and righteousness in the last analysis are never defeated.

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Pastor of First M. E. Church, Omaha.

TITUS LOWE.

### MEAT PACKING INDUSTRY TO BE UNDER CONTROL

Policy of Supervision; Stock Yards to Be Licensed by Agriculture Department.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 29 .- Approval by President Wilson of a policy of supervision over the meat packing industry without actual government operation unless enforcement of regulatory measures is found to be impossible, was announced tonight by

the food administration. This policy was included in resoluions of the committee which the president appointed recently to report upon policies to be pursued with regard to the industry and all of which Mr. Wilson approved. Other resolu-

tions provide for: The licensing and regulation of stock yards by the Department of Agriculture, with a governmental system of animal grading. -Continuation of the present food

administration regulations as to max-Moscow, May 29.-The Germans imum profits unless the federal trade are laying a railway from the Fin- commission upon investigation should ish frontier to Petchenga bay, on the find these maximums unreasonable. Co-ordination of purchases by agencies of both American and allied governments so as to control packers' profits and make prices paid by con-sumers the same as those paid by the government.

Appointment of a committee to in vestigate the conditions of the retail trade with a view to better methods of disribution and continuation of control of private-owned cars. Composing the president's commit

ee were Secretaries Houston and Wilson, Food Administrator Hoover. Federal Trade Commissioner Fort and Chairman Taussig of the tariff

## GRACE LUSK FOUND 200,000 MEN TO GUILTY OF MURDER BE CALLED FOR IN SECOND DEGREE

Prosecutor as Verdict Is Read | tive to Be Employed in Proand Is Led Screaming From Court Room.

Waukesha, Wis., May 29.-Grace Lusk was found guilty here tonight of second degree murder for the killing of Mrs. Mary Newman Roberts. When the sentence was delivered, Miss Lusk attempted to choke D. S. Tullar, acting district attorney, but was overpowered and led screaming

from the court room. "It's a lie; it's a lie against me; he lied," she screamed as she sprang at the throat of the prosecutor. The verdict carries imprisonment

rom 14 to 25 years. Miss Lusk collapsed when the jury retired and her condition became such on returing to the jail that it required nearly half an hour to return her to the court house when the jury reported a verdict. The jury deliberated four hours.

Liaison Results in Tragedy. Mrs. Roberts was shot and killed

y Miss Lusk in the latter's home the afternoon of June 21, 1917. The tragedy followed a friendship exbetween Dr. David Roberts, former state veterinarian and nationally known as a manufacturer of propri etary medicines for cattle, and Miss Lusk, who had won distinction as an educator after having taken a degree at the University of Wisconsin.

Harry Lauder's Own Story of War Zone Experiences Will Be Found on Page 13.

## STAFF SERVICES President Wilson Approves Slayer Attempts to Throttle Registrants Physically Defec-

ment for Army. (By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 29.—Two hun-

ducing or Handling Equip-

dred thousand men of draft age, who because of minor physical defects have been held by examining surgeons over the country for limited military service, are to be employed in producing or handling equipment for the army. Provost Marshal General Crowder announced tonight that the army staff corps will utilize the service of these registrants and thus release fighting men for the front

ders went forth to governors of states for upwards of 9,000 men for service in spruce production for airplanes. The men will be allowed to volunteer until next June 6. After that date a report will be made to the provost marshal general and if there are not sufficient volunteers, allotments will be made to the various states to be filled by involuntary induction. Some 24 trades or classes, including railroad, transport and construc-

tion men, office workers and laborers tending back to the summer of 1914 are desired for the spruce division When this division has been filled men will be called to fill other staff services of the army until the 200,000 total has been exhausted. No intimation was given as to when the other calls will be made.

> St. Edward Hears Haverstein. St. Edward, Neb., May 29 .- (Spe-

cial.)-Sergeant Paul A. Haverstein was met here by a crowd of 2,000. St. Edward gave \$5,000 to the Red Cross.

## GERMAN HORDES CONTINUE ADVANCE

Fresh Divisions Continually Thrown Into Battle and Heavy Price Exacted by Allies for Ground Lost; Rheims Seemingly Doomed to Fall; Berlin Reports

(By Associated Press.)

In the irregular attacks on the 30-mile battle front running from Soissons eastward to the region northwes of Rheims, the German armies are continuing to force back the French and British on nearly every sector.

The fortified town of Soissons, the extreme left flank of the allied battle line, has been occupied by the enemy, although the French are still holding tenaciously to its western environs, through which emerge the railway lines leading to Paris and Compeigne. According to the German official communication 25,000 prisoners, among them a French and a British general, have been taken, and numerous towns along the front captured.

French and British Keep in Close Touch as They Retire; **Reserves Concentrating** to Stem Tide.

(By Associated Press.)

With the French Army in France, May 29. The Germans advanced against the French lines again today after throwing further masses of troops into the battle. Both flanks of the latter line were the scene of very heavy fighting by inferior numbers against superior, with the result that the allies were obliged again to cede ground at several points.

Besides von Boehm's and von Below's armies, many divisions of von Sutier's troops were engaged. These especially trained units had participated in the first rush of March 21 and had since then been recon-

An enormous number of light machine guns were employed by the Germans, as well as a large fleet of tanks and much heavy and light artillery, while the German aviators were

Officers Sacrifice Lives.

From the plain toward Juvincourt, Ville Aux Bois, Pontavert and Berry Au Bac numerous tanks came into action. For a considerable time the thin allied line held out, but as the enemy debouched wave after wave, the French and British, almost submerged, fell back slowly, getting across the river. Several British officers afterward sacrificed their lives in destroying the bridges.

Almost simultaneously overpowering enemy troops made their way to the top of the Chemin Des Dames. ridge and also the western end of the neighborhood of Chavignon and Malmaison and the troops holding these points were obliged to recede. The allied movement to the rear was executed with the greatest precision. (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

#### President to Observe Holiday for Brave Dead

Washington, May 29.-President Wilson will observe Memorial day tomorrow as a day of prayer and will attend church services held response to his proclamation calling on the public to pray for the success General Crowder today issued the of American arms. Later in the day first call under the new plan. Or- he will attend memorial services at Arlington National cemetery.

N. Y. Bars German.

New York, May 29 .- The Board of Education voted unanimously tonight to discontinue teaching of German in the public schools for the duration of

Eleven Yale Students Consider German Ruler Greatest Man of Hour

New Haven, May 29 .- Senior class statistics at Yale college, gathered in the old-time way of polling the class members on a set of questions, and made public today, show that while President Wilson is deemed "the greatest man of the hour," there were 11 who voted for the German emperor. In the list of nationalities represented in the class, 11 are credited as Germans and 11 as Austrians.

## IN AISNE SECTOR

Capture of 25,000 Prisoners.

Rheims Menaced. Seemingly Rheims, like Soissons, is

doomed to fall into the hands of the enemy, as the French war office reports that the troops covering the famous cathedral town, which almost daily for several years has been the target for shells of hate from the German guns, have withdrawn behind the Aisne canal northwest of the

On the sector directly southeast of Soissons the Germans now are fight-ing relatively 12 miles from where they started their drive Monday from Vauxaillor, while further east, near Loupeigne and in the center in the vicinity of Savigny, wedges have been driven into a depth of approximately

German Losses Heavy.

The Germans continually are throw ing fresh divisions into the battle, but the British and French troops are keeping up their tactics of giving ground only when it is impossible longer to hold positions under the tremendous pressure of the enemy. Heavy casualties are being suffered by the army of the crown prince, while the losses of men to the allied forces are described as relatively light. Although unofficial reports have

mentioned the rushing up of rein-forcements from the south, there as vet has been no official statement that General Foch is sending in his re-Americans Retain Ground Gained.

Of almost as great intensity as the Aisne battle is the situation around the little town of Cantigny, where the Americans made a notable gain in their first "sole" attack against the Germans Tuesday. Numerous counter attacks have been launched against the Americans holding Cantigny and the outlying positions, but all of them have met with the same result-failure and the loss of many men killed or wounded. Evidently the Americans are prepared to dispute to the last degree their occupancy of the high ground they have won overlooking the plateau east of Cantigny.

Unstinted praise has been showered upon the Americans by military officers for the dash and daring they showed when they left their trenches and started out in quest of their ob-

In Flanders and Picardy the Germans are heavily bombarding French and British positions on various sectors and raiding operations are being carried out by both sides. No big battle has been begun.

#### NO ANTHRACITE COAL TO CROSS THE MISSISSIPPI

Washington, May 29.-Under the allotment of anthracite coal for the year ending next April, announced tonight by the fuel administration, the supply to the transmississippi terriory and the 24 southern and western states has been entirely discontinued. The allotments to the central and northwestern states and Canada have been decreased and those to the New England and Atlantic states increased

Expressmen to Have

Their Wages Increased Washington, May 29.—The new he Adams, American, Wells-Fargo Southern Express companies under agreement with Director General McAdoo will have as a foremost policy fair treatment of shippers and the public, George C. Taylor, president of the combination, announced today. Mr. Taylor also promised wage increases for the 100,000 employes.

#### Custer Sends 58 Men.

Ocanto, Neb., May 29 .- (Special Telegram.)—Custer county board placed its quota of 58 men in charge of George Mary, jr., to be delievered to the commanding officer at Came