Novon in Sack From Which Germans Cannot Escape Unless They Have Retreated Hurriedly.

Paris, Aug. 29.-News of the French approach to Ham came rather unexpectedly and it seems probable that a new and powerful attack launched by the French along the Nesle-Noyon line, broke in the enemy's resistance and caused his precipitate retreat.

The advance on Ham seems to have been from the west, as the report tells of the capture of German munition trains at Breuil. It is probable that the French have progressed along the higher ground just south of the Somme river and have not crossed that stream, with its canal. It would appear that the Germans who were in Novon until this morn-

ing will be trapped there, if they have not hurriedly retreated from the sack in which the Noyon region seems to be caught.

If the French have reached Ham, they have outflanked the German line to the north, across the Somme. They also threatened to drive a wedge between the enemy forces north of the Somme and those still in Chauny, on Actual possession of the village of

Ham probably will be delayed, as the retreating Germans leave all ruins saturated with poisonous gas.

The town of Breuil, where the German munition trains were captured, is

on the Canal Du Nord. At Champien wood, Ercheu and other points in the line south of Nesle, where the enemy sought to bar the French advance eastward, says Liberte, the German rear guards fought to the last man and resisted to be captured.

Police Have No Clew To Con Man Who Made

With no tangible clew to work on, the police have been unable to get a they had been before entering the line on Carl E. Billings, the notorious confidence man who made his escape from the jail at 10 o'clock Wednesday night. Billings had been permitted to talk to his attorney, Charles Kubat, and while talking evidently removed a screw from the lock and walked out to freedom. The attorney expressed great surprise when he learned that Billings had escaped. He was summoned to the station and fighting man balance and agressivefeld, but could throw no light on the

The gate is a rickety affair, and for athletic goods, which he believes once outside the avenue of escape was open, and all Billings had to do was to walk out of the station, turn south, and go one block to Douglas street and catch a street car for Council Bluffs. After looking over the ground the police are convinced that Billings association training schools at Chihad a confederate who slipped him a cago and Springfield, Mass. "Athscrew driver. The 6ld gate is not letic faddists" are not desired, but strong and a man of ordinary strength could put his shoulder against it and best material for the months of trainbreak the cast iron hasp. There is ing at these schools.

One hole in the wire mesh that is big There are ten athletic directors to enough to throw a cat through, and each division, a divisional superinnothing could prevent a confederate tendent and nine regimental direcfrom passing even a large screwdriver tors.

through the meshes.

At the time of Billings' daring escape the desk sergeant was busy booking prisoners that had just been brought in, and during the confusion Billings had plenty of time to remove the screw, open the gate and slip out. Although the police have combed the city and telegraphed an accurate description to nearby cities, no trace of Billings has been found.

Army Appointments.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 29.—(Special Telegram)—The following appointments have been made in the army: Emil Walbach, Grand Island, second lieutenant, quartermaster corps; Max Shaw Dunn, Mild. Ia., second lieutenant, sanitary corps; Philip R. Barkland, Vermillion, S. D., Caphillip R. Barkland, Vermillion, S. D., Caphillion, S. tain, medical corps; Glen A. Balley, Dia-gonal, Ia., Ralph C. Campbell, Mt. Pleas-ant, Ia., Virtus W. Rogers, Yankton, S. D., ant, Ia., Virtus W. Rogers, Yankton, S. D., William C. Williams, Jr., Atlantic, Iowa, Enlisted men to be second lleutenant air

service:
Appointment of Purl Arvin Alcox as second lieutenant, air service (aeronautics),
United States army, His assignment to

Following named officers of the medical Following named officers of the medical corps will proceed to Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Ia. and report for duty: Captains Joseph A. Carter, Julius C. Clippert, George H. Gilmore, Jesse S. Little, John L. Manning, Everett Powers, Robert A. Smith, Frances A. Sparks, William L. Stephenson. First Lieutenants Rubier Goldstone, Arthur S. Jackson, Elah A. Lapham, James T. McConaughey, Henry C. Metcalf, Ernest V. Neuman, George Parke, Laurence W. Pemce, August H. Ringen, Marcus R. Sathe, Karl C. Wold.

New Letter Carriers. Washington, D. C., Aug. 29.—Special Telegram.)—Rural letter carriers appointed: Nebraska—Brainard, Arnold J, Fiala; Crab Orchard, Daniel Platt; Garrison, Alex Schaumburg; Rising City., John J. Foster. Iowa—Akron, J, Roy Dee; Albert City, Carl A. O. Johansen; Mount Air, Mary E. Hud-son; Gravity, Elmer L. Wheeler. Appointment of sergeant, Francis E. Gay-nor. Medical department; second lieutenant of sanitary corps, United States army is an-nounced. He will proceed to Des Moines.

The Weather

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Temperature and precipitation departures

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Rapid City, part cloudy 76
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Sheridan, clear 74
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Valentine, clear 80 "T" indicates trace of precipitation. L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist. Italian Young Women Ask to Be Trained As

Aviators in Diaz Army Rome, Aug. 29.-A number of Italian young women and girls have petitioned the military authorities to establish schools where they can take training in aviation. Their leaders declare that women on many occasions have proved that they possess sufficient physical stamina to become fliers. They propose that there be separate schools in airdromes for women.

AMERICANS PLAY **BASE BALL IN GAS** MASKS OVERSEA

Foot Ball Revives Exhausted Yanks Back From Front Trenches; Y Physical Directors Sought.

American soldiers overseas are playing base ball in gas masks, according to Young Men's Christian Association Secretaries Degrotte and Martin, who are in Omaha on a tour of the country to recruit men for "Y" service as physical directors. So enthusiastic are the Yankees in their efforts to keep in the best of physical condition they often indulge in the national pastime close behind the lines, under screaming shells, and in areas drenched with poison fumes. The visiting secretaries spoke at the Young Women's Christian asso-

ciation Thursday noon before state representatives of the Young Men's Christian association recruiting committees. An instance of the wholesome effect of athletics upon Uncle Sam's

fighting men is shown in the story of a unit of exhausted soldiers told by Mr. Martin

Foot Ball Revives Men.

"The men had just come from the front line trenches," said Mr. Mar-"They were dazed almost to the extent of shell shock. They stood around stupidly, unable to con-centrate their thoughts. Then some-His Escape From Jail one threw a football into the crowd and almost at once they began to kick it about and became the same intelligent, animated American soldiers battle.

Mr. Degrotte believes that from now on the warfare will be largely in the open, although Fritz may at-tempt to "dig in" from time to time. The allied soldiers here have the advantage, according to Mr. Degrotte, in spite of boasted German supremacy, but this advantage is due entirely to athletic work which gives the

Big Athletic Goods Order.

is the largest order of its kind ever placed. The two secretaries hope to recruit 400 men for "immediate need," as physical directors. The recruits will be sent to Young Men's Christian good men of adaptibility prove the

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manufacture of beer and wines, (an amendment adopted by the when it passed the bill May 23, last) and for the original senate agriculture committee provision to stop sales of all intexicating beverages Jan. 1,

When the agricultural bill comes before the senate tomorrow a sharp fight on its appropriations, alleged to be extravagant and unnecessary is planned by several senators, but general opinion was that the measure duty at Ft. Omaha from August 5, 1918, is would be passed before adjournment without further action on the prohibition clause.

Speaking in support of the amend-ment, Senator Norris of Nebraska, denied contentions that because of immense loans made by banks on whisky held in bond, national prohibi- the Methodist Episcopal church plantion would bring about financial dis- ning for observance of one hundredth

PEACE AND ORDER ARE RESTORED ON MEXICAN BORDER

Away From Civilians in Nogales, Sonora; City Under Martial Law.

Nogales, Ariz., Aug. 29.-Gen. Plutarco Elias Calles, military governor ordering all civilians in Nogales, Sonora, to deliver their firearms and ammunition to the general military headquarters at once to prevent

urther sniping across the border. The manifesto, distributed in the orm of a handbill, resulted in many rifles, pistols and much ammunition being surrendered to the military authorities. General Calles now has complete control of the situation on the international line tonight and no further trouble is anticipated. The only machine gun crews should be Mexican town is under martial law.

No Further Trouble Expected. Washington, Aug. 29.-Official reports to the War and State departments today emphasized that the border trouble at Nogales, Ariz., will soon end if it has not already ceased. Reports from Major General Holbrook, in command on the border, said quiet had been restored. State department dispatches told of satisactory results from the conference between Brigadier General Cabell and Governor Calles. At the Mexican embassy here it was stated that Governor Calles could be counted on to stamp out the activities of the German propagandists in Sonora.

Such information as the State department received on the forcible entry of armed Mexicans into the American consulate at Nogales, Sonora, and the wounding of American Consul Tooley indicated that the incident was the act of irresponsible persons and not the Mexican military authorities.

The violation of the consulate is now under investigation but there is every disposition on the part of the officials to treat the Nogales affair as a purely local incident which should not be elevated to an international issue.

Uncle Sam Will Give Aid

Washington, Aug. 28. - Government aid is available under certain conditions to industries in the process of conversion from less-essential production to manufacture of materials in which the guns of both sides fired contributing to the war, officials of the war finance corporation today explained. This was prompted by reports that many manufacturing concerns are threatened with bank-

The principal conditions for obtaincerns must be engaged in industry or business essential during the war nature to provide collateral.

Chairman Baruch, of the war in dustries board, explained that the new industrial preference list under preparation by the war industries board will carry in 65 groups the prime essential industries, rated according to their needs.

Nebraska Postmasters

Reappointed by Wilson Washington, D. C., Aug. 29.—(Special Tel-ogram.)—President Wilson sent to the sen-ate today the following nominations for postmasters in Nebraska, all of whom were re-appointments: Thomas T. Osterman, Blair George W. Gilliland, Bradshaw; Lyman H. Eastman, Campbell; William C. Treadway Eastman, Campbell: William C. Treadway, Cedar Rapids; Elitabeth McLean, Clarke; Gaston A. Koza, Clarkson; Gilbert R. Eno, Collegoview; Patrick H. Green, Creighton: Harrison D. West, Crofton; Samuel S. Farrens, Decatur; John O. Blauser, Dillon; Stephen C. Lynde, Hartington; Rainard B. Wahlquist, Hastings; Hiram B. Cameron, Herman; Sadie E. Fisherty, Hyannis; John Cain, Kenesan; Edward W. Roche Kimball; Morris K. Jones, Lexington; Claud J. Brown, Lynch; Charles J. Haltberg, Lyons; F. H. Davis, Madison; William McMichael, Maywood; William N. Corder, Morrill; Thomas A. Davis, Nellgh; I. A. Manchester, North Loup; Robert Dunlay, Orleans; James North Loup; Robert Dunlay, Orleans; James B. McDonald, Pilger; David C. Morgan, Plattsmouth; Thomas A. Kelly, Republican City; J. C. Dullaghan, Rushville; Arthur C. City; J. C. Dullaghan, Rushville; Arthur C. Schoeneck, Scribner; William D. Bradstreet, Spencer; Henry G. Burritt, Sheiby; Thomas A. Sharp, Stanton; B. S. Keck, Thomasburg; Edgar D. Wright, Tecumseh; John Canfield, Tekamah; C. L. McCord, Tilden; Bryon Busby, Wakefield; Andrew J. Caldwell, Walthill; Charles A. Berry, Wayne; I. J. Corley, Weeping Water; Morton T. Kilmer, Western; Clinton Fry, Winside; George W. Campbell, Wymore.

Church Banquet.

Missouri Valley, Ia., Aug. 29.-The Rev. Dr. Cable of Council Bluffs, the Rev. L. E. Ripley of Logan and the Rev. A. C. Bonham of Missouri Valley were among the speakers here last evening following a banquet of anniversary of Missionary society.

YANKS SWEEP HUNS BACK ALONG JUVIGY

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the scene of a dramatic tank drive. Under the cover of artillery the light French tanks flirted along both sides General Calles Takes Arms of the path up to the little place, only result was to carpet the ground smashing down one machine gun nest after another, in spite of the employment by the Germans of their new tank gun, a sort of super-Mauser. This gun is virtually identical with the Mauser, except that it fires a bul-let a little more than half an inch in diameter. This, it is calculated, can pierce the tank and possibly injure of Sonora, issued a manifesto tonight some vital part of the engine. But in the path of the advancing machines there now lie broken or smashed into the earth scores of these guns.

Allies Hold Mastery of Air. There is unquestioned mastery of the air by the allies along this front. It has been misty this morning and three was little effective aerial work and practically none by the Ger-

Only a few prisoners are reported as yet, the Germans seeing to it that

Huns Resist Desperately.

All the skill of General von Schwerin, commanding the seventh guard division, is being exercised to hold back the Americans at their point in the line north of Soissons and save the Germans from the menace they would be under if the allies occupied the plateau extending further

oward the east. Recovering biore the day ended rom the shock of the early morning attack Von Schwerin brought into play his artillery and other resources in a desperate effort to check the movement, Equally determined efforts were made by those organizations in front of French divisions on the right and left of the Americans.

Bitter Contest Expected. Reports from points on the line where the attack is in progress indicate the Americans are confronted by what is believed by many to be one of the most determined stands yet taken by the Germans, who realize that a break at any point would likely be followed by disaster.

The opinion seems to be that every yard of territory gained will be bitterly contested and that it is not improbable that villages and other objectives will be subjected to the fate of capture and recapture many times To Essential Industries before their possession is undisputed. The rapidity with which the gains were made by the Americans and French early in the day was not duplicated in the afternoon, when the battle settled into a strong artillery duel often at direct targets and at unusually close range.

Facing Many Guns.

The country which has been the battlefield for almost four years again is the scene of a conflict which has ing aid from the government half started out with the promise of being billion-dollar fund are that the con- most stubbornly fought. Tonight the sky is dotted with flashes of exploding shells, while the roar of the barrage period and that its credit must be of and counter barrage must be audible almost to Paris. In the back areas shells are falling behind the lines, but not so frequently as many times preusing all their guns and energy in attempting to tear down the deter-

mined lines of their advancing enemy. How many hundreds or thousands of guns the Germans have immediately in front of the Americans is not known. Every hill side, ravine and wood crackles with their fire, whenever approached. And it has been in the face of their destructive offense that the Americans and the French,

as well, have been moving. Comparatively little gas has been employed by the enemy. There have arrived at the dressing stations a few cases of men suffering from mustard gas, but most of them encountered it in shell holes, hollows and depressions where it was old, but still ef-

As the day passed the visibility improved and the aviators of both sides became more active. Those of the allies rendered valuable assistance in observation work.

The Germans today concentrated much of their efforts on the destruc-



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GERMANS FORCED BACK ON WHOLE OF BRITISH FRONT

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There has been extraordinarily cases became overgrown with weeds, toward the prison cages.

Just north of the Somme, the Ger- debris. west of Peronne.

mans are offering stiff resistance from

heavy fighting for Greenland hill. The grass and poppies more than once, position was reached once by the only to be churned up again. Vil-British, but was relinquished during lages reported from time to time to a counter-attack yesterday. It is now have been captured are not villages at entirely British once more. The Brit- all. They are simply mounds of

In the distance now and then there Ham, on the north bank of the river is a cloud of dust and smoke arising Except in the extreme north, the high explosive shell just landed. There fighting is through villages which is a body of khaki-clad troops swingin front of the British with German have changed hands many times since ing up a road and battered Germans the war began. The ruins in some passing it on the way to the rear

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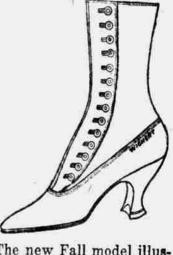
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