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er in east; Saturday increasing cloudiness.

For Nebraska-Fair, warm-

THE WEATHER-

## EES PIERCE HUN TURE 8,000 PRISONE Villa's Horse Captured

## BRITONS CAMBRA

Advance of Half Mile Made, Havrincourt Captured and 1,000 Germans Made Prisoners.

London, Sept. 12.—The Brit-ish have made further important progress toward Cambrai, having captured the towns of Havrincourt, Trescault and Moevres, penetrated into the old British defense line at several places and crossed the Demonstrations of Patriotism Canal Du Nord, north of Havrincourt, according to Field Marshal Haig's communication issued tonight.

A thousand Germans were made prisoner in the operation. The British advanced for a distance

of a half mile on a front of three and

one-half miles. All-indications on the British front point to the intention of the Germans, to defend their positions in the highly organized battle zone of the Germans' old positions and the Hinlenburg line, by inundating the counry where that is possible. Doubtless, however, they are considering the establishment of a strong line further back with the big towns of Douai, line approximately 70 miles, thereby saving between 30 and 40 divisions. A further shortening, however, is not immediately possible. Hence the Batish expect strong resistance and counter-attacks to continue.

Before the Hindenburg system now held by the Germans can be successfully dealt with, much reconstruction of communications will be necessary. But this is not viewed as a great task, owing to the speed of the British engineers, who are now engaged in the preliminaries of this

In their recent advance the British fired more than 10,000,000 shells in four weeks. As a result the enemy's wire was cut with greater thoroughness than ever before and the British counter battery work, according to the German statement, destroyed ten guns to the Germans' one.

French Also Go Forward. Paris, Sept. 12 .- "West of St. Quentin, in co-operation with the British, we advanced as far as the Holon-Savy road," the war office statement an nounces tonight.

### Nebraska Soldiers Probably Engaged in Americans' Attack

American divisions known to be in the positions from which the attack has been launched by General Pershing, included the veteran First and Second divisions of the old regular army, the first American units to get into action in France, the 89th national army division, composed of Kansas, Missouri, South Dakota. Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona troops, and the 82d national army division, composed of Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee troops, with the 37th national guard divisions, composed of Ohio troops. General Pershing has been concentrating his army for some weeks in this region, however, and a complete shift in the divisional alignment may

#### Lad Instantly Killed Under Wagon Wheels

have been made,

Johnnie Robertson, 6 years old, 713 Leavenworth street, died shortly after being run over by a heavy wag-on at Seventh and Leavenworth

The rear wheel of the wagon passed over his head. R. Rango, Albany hotel, employed by the Hugh Murphy Asphalt company, was driving the

As the boy started to climb on Rango's wagon to catch a ride, he slipped and fell under the rear wheel. The body was taken to the undertaking establishment of Duffy & Johnson. County Attorney Magney said an inquest would not be necessary.

## Bill to Stabilize Bond

Washington, Sept. 12 .- The administration measure designed to stabi lize the Liberty bond market by making larger amounts held by individuals and corporations exempt from income surtaxes was ordered reported of the greatest days in American his- those who have left as crusaders by favorably today by the house ways

and means committee.

#### Von Payer Intimates Germany's Readiness

To Restore Belgium Copenhagen, Sept. 12.—That Ger-many might restore Belgium with-out conditions or indemnities in case no other country would be better situated as regards Belgium than Germany was the belief expressed today by Frederich Von Payer, imperial vice chancellor of Germany, in a speech delivered at

Herr Von Payer was speaking on the depression felt in Germany and allied countries which he attributed not a recent military events but to the prospects of a fifth war winter.

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Cambrai and St. Quentin as pivots. win the war, were registered today

It is pointed out that the Germans in the second great mobilization of win the war, were registered today est depth reached was five miles. since July 14 have shortened their the nation's man power. city, town and hamlet over the country to add their names to the roll of the 11,000,000 who had registered be-

fore, the nation's fighting army overseas was hurling itself against the can affensive operation on the western front. Demonstrations

everywhere marked the registration. Long before the appointed time for the registrars to begin their work, lines of citizens were waiting to en-

### No Disorders Reported.

There were no reports of disorder. denness of the blow. With registration day now history he next move of the draft machinery will be in the numbering serially of the registration cards. Until that work is completed by the local boards the drawing of the order numbers which will determine in a measure the relative standing of the registrants cannot be held.

In the meantime, however, questionnaires will go forward to men between 19 and 21 and 32 and 36 so that they may be classified and some of them thus made ready for call in October after the national drawing

Complete reports from the registration today are not expected by Provost Marshal General Crowder before Saturday. These will show the total number of men registered as well as the proportion of this number to the estimate in each, district and may form the basis for activity by the Department of Justice in rounding up those who have evaded the law. A naton-wide effort to round up

men who failed to register for the draft today will be started immediately by a specially organized corps of Department of Justice agents.

### Hogs Go Still Higher.

The record hog sales on the South, it was weak, Side market broke all altitude

## AMERICANS ATTACK ON 20-MILE FRONT AND ADVANCE FIVE MILES

First Big U. S. Offensive Begun Between TANK FLEETS Meuse and Moselle Rivers Under General Pershing's Personal Supervision

By Associated Press.

Paris, Sept. 12.-The first big American offensive, which began at daybreak today between the Meuse and Moselle rivers, was conducted under General Pershing's personal supervision and was executed under orders of American officers with American soldiers. This was the first distinctly American operation of a major character launched on the western front. The attack was made along a 20-mile front on the famous St. Mihiel salient in Lorraine, which had stood a sharp wedge in the French line southeast of Verdun since the commencement of the war.

Thiaucourt, Bouillouville, Pannes and several towns in @ the north were captured by the Americans in the initial dash, while on the west at the northern edge of the pocket, the vile of Combres was captured and the environs of Dommartin La Montagne were reached. To the south everywhere the Americans penetrated into the heights of the Meuse the great-

CAVALRY IN FRONT.

The cavalry far outstripped the tanks and footmen and was last reported operating along the railroad near Vigneulles, almost in the center of the salient and some ten miles northeast of St. Mihiel, and also northwest of Pont-A-Mousson, through the forests and along the railway line running northward to enemy in the first distinctly Ameri- Metz, the great German fortress, the southern outer fortifications of which are less than 10 miles distant.

FRENCH CAPTURE ST. MIHIEL.

French troops, brigaded with the Americans, recaptured St. Mihiel where the Germans offered strong resistance and are sweeping across the salient in an effort to close the mouth of the big pocket before the Germans can extricate themselves from the perilous position they are in as a result of the sud-

"The operation is developing under the best of conditions," the War office announced tonight.

REACH GERMAN SUPPORT LINE.

Paris, Sept. 12.—(Reuter's Limited.)—American forces in the course of the last 24 hours have accomplished a series of bold strokes in Lorraine and in the Vosges. American detachalty, etc., in the military and naval ments made a surprise attack on the German positions at many forces; atempting to obstruct recruitpoints and penetrated the enemy lines at places, meeting with

Having in some places reached the German support line, the cause of the enemy. Americans, in accordance with orders they had received, retired. They destroyed all the material they were unable to carry away and blew up the machine gun shelters, concrete tion on a similar charge, came inblockhouses and munitions depots. German heavy shells side the railing for the first time. reached isolated points but tardily and ineffectively. The Previously at Debs' request, she had Americans in the course of these operations inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. On the whole of the front there was a sustained reciprocal bombardment.

Make Rapid Progress.

American Forces on the Lorraine FOUR PRISONERS Front, Sept. 12.—French and American artillery this morning directed a terrific barrage fire on the German positions on this front. The reply of the German big guns was vigorous at some places, although as a whole,

American forces this morning records Thursday. In fact, they went "out of sight.", The new record sale is \$20.25. The average sales were \$19.50 to \$19.75.

American forces this morning launched an attack on the German positions. At 9 o'clock they had progressed generally along the line. (Continued on Page Two, Column Three)

## Concert at Court House Ends Registration Day Programme

A day epochal in the history of phatic, spirited, enthusiastic refrain of Omaha and of the United States, a day in which the full and vigorous manhood of the nation was registered and consecrated to the cause of universal freedom, was fittingly closed last night by an inspirational patriotic concert on the court house plaza by Dan Desdune's band.

Twenty-five musicians, descendants fathers and mothers whose shackles had been struck from them by the might of another army of dealists under the great emancipator, Lincoln, through the travail of civil reed and brass and beat on cymbals Market Reported to House and drums the triumphant, unconquerable spirit of an aroused democracy, the American determination head of all the companies of draft o win the war "over there."

program that interpreted the popular the nation entered the war. It has spirit and voiced the sentiment of one cheered the folk at home and inspired

When the band got into the em- dy.

"Over There," and with roll of drum and strident bugle call rising in a brasses and reeds the immense audience of thousands of persons broke plause. The musicians, who seemed to be inspired with the spirit of the musical theme, were compelled to re-

spond to an encore that was insistent Dan Desdune's band has won a warm place in the affections of Omaha's population. It is not only a fine musical organization, but it is also war, breathed through instruments of one which will eb identified in history with many of the patriotic activities of the war.

Its members have marched at the selects who have left the city during It was the closing number of the the fateful days that have come since

## ESCAPE JAIL BY

Flight Seen by Score of Persons in Chicago Street: Two **Fugitives Convicted** Murderers.

Chicago, Sept. 12.-Two convicted nurderers, awaiting execution, a noted safe blower and an alleged accomplice in a killing, escaped from the fourth floor of the county jail tonight by sliding down a rope while a score of curious persons watched into spontaneous and deafening ap- them from the street below. After reaching the ground, two of the men escaped in a black automobile, while the other two fled into an alley. The four who escaped are:

Earl Dear, convicted of the murder of a chauffeur and sentenced to death; Lloyd Popp, convicted of slaying a policeman and also sentenced to death; Joseph Moran, a noted safe blower, and Frank McErlane, awaiting trial in connection with the kill-

ng of a pol ceman. Early in the evening Moran preending he was ill, called a guard to his cell, and after beating him into insensibility with a pistol, took away patriotic strains and gladsome melo- his keys and freed his three com-

## Favela. There is an unconfirmed rumor in Juarez that Villa has been

Outlaw Reported Killed

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 12.-Andres Garcia, Mexican consul general an-

nounced late today that he had re-

crived official advices from Chihua-

hua that Francisco Villa's horse, with a blood-stained saddle, had

been captured near Satavo, Chi-

huahua, on Wednesday, following a battle between Villa forces and

federal troops under Gen. Pedro

Willa's Horse Captured
With Bloodstained Bridle;
Outlan Reported Killed

**Heavy Bombardment Precedes** Advance of Infantry: Objectives of Movement

London, Sept. 13 .- The Daily Mail sends the following description of the by the United States reached battle along the St. Mihiel sector: its first goal Monday when Never before has there been such a German army. large concentration of American troops for one operation and never

"The event had long been anticipated. Some people assigned to it the attack is for limited objectives

"The country over which the Americans are fighting is very difficult. The high ridges and thick woods offer every concealment for enemy machine guns and in addition the Germans have a fortified line of resistance, which has everything in its favor.

Tanks Lead Attack.

"At 1 o'clock Thursday morning the artillery preparations began with a roar that could be heard many miles away and all night it rose and fell with peculiar fluctuations. From all the roads that ran parallel the flashes of innumerable guns told of the impending assault. Towards 5 o'clock-the hour of the attack-the firing became even more rapid and its sullen tone mingled strangely with ing and uttering language tending to the sound of the rain.

incite, provoke and encourage the When it was announced that the jury was ready to report, Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes, herself under convicmans offered little opposition. remained hidden in the body of the She drew her chair beside his and

into her hands he slipped his own gaunt paw, where it remained while the clerk was reading the verdict where the Americans had previously and polling the jury. She had ex- fought desperately with the Germans, pected an adverse verdict from the

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

FOUND GUILTY

Mrs. Stokes, Under Conviction

on Similar Charge, at De-

fendant's Side When

Verdict Is Read.

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 12.- Eugene

Debs, charged with violating the

espionage act, was found guilty by

Talking to newspaper men after

"It is all right. I have no com-

plaint to make. It will come out all

Debs was found guilty of attempt-

ing to incite insubordination, disloy-

a federal jury today.

the verdict, Debs said:

right in God's good time."

audience.

OF DISLOYALTY

# OF U.S. ARMY

Are Limited.

"The concentration of a great part of the most experienced United States troops had taken place during the last two weeks and everything was planned minutely and with exactitude for a great event in American history. Last night the final preparations were completed.

At dawn whole fleets of tanks. manned by strong young Americans and French, were to be seen moving out of their shelters to lead the attack. They lumbered on, but the Ger-American infantry followed in open order, plowing through the mud, but they were little troubled by the feeble artillery resistance.

Cross Seicheprey R.dge.

'At one point, near Seicheprey machine gun and automatic fire swep down upon the Yanks' right flank but the tanks and artillery quickly

## MEANS OF ROPE Beware! Do You Know What Day This Is? Jinx'll Get You If You Don't Watch Out! men have rolled over the complicated defenses of the enemy all along the line and thrust a steel-shed jaw

count your change, be careful what rolls in the gutter where your hat is the other side, another American you eat, keep a sharp eye on your and \* \* \* \* but you're still all right if thrust has carried the lines forward umbrella and don't start on any long the Jinx don't get your registration iournevs!

Why? Because this is Friday the 13th, U-u-ugh! The Jinx is abroad in the land today; can't you almost hear the flapping of his planes? Think of what is unless it is for a Liberty bond or some liable to happen to the Germans on war saving stamps and try not to do the western front if the Yankees take it into their heads to initiate them into the mysteries of the day. Oh boy! Good thing yesterday was registration day

This is the first Friday the 13th in 1918. There will be another along in December, but we should worry about the one in December. We may all be in France by then!

Here are are some of the things which tradition has it happen on Friday the 13th:

The mortgage comes due, men lose fortunes in the stock market, people plumbing gets out of order, it rains, of the good old United States, prices go up, street cars tie up, the and-oh, we almost forgot. glasses and stooping to pick up the day.

That takes the Jinx off of everyrent comes due, you break your smashing the crystal and mainspring | thing.

If you didn't get your Bee this morning don't blame the carrier or the newsman, blame the Jinx. Don't sign up for anything today

unless it is for a Liberty bond or some any business with strangers. If you want to see the rosy tints of dawn on the 14th don't, don't (this is exclusive; no other paper has this) don't walk under a ladder!

So much for the horrible things that MIGHT happen. But things ain't what they used to be. The days of real sport and hide

bound superstitition are past.
What probably WILL happen will be a five or 10-mile advance by the ities. The training camp will be allies; 25 or 37 Hun planes shot down: another U-boat sunk; 16 ships launched; reports of full and enthubreak legs, the cat has kittens, the siastic registration from all sections

Today is General Pershing's birth-

## American Advance Narrows Gap Through Which Germans Can Escape From St. Mihiel Salient.

By Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 12.-American troops operating in the St. Michiel sector made considerable, gains today, General Pershing reported in his communique to the War department late tonight. Already -8,000 prisoners have been counted, and the movement is

Washington, Sept. 12.-Sixcorrespondent at the American front teen months of vast war effort "The first American army under General Pershing's forces personal command of General Perstruck their first independent shing for the first time went into action today in the St. Mihiel salient. blow in France against the

still in progress.

Reports tonight show that have the Americans been in such success was meeting the Amerthe enemy out of the sharp salient thrust in behind the fortgrandiose objectives, but in reality ress of Verdun in the first year of the war.

But of even greater significance to government officials was the fact that the all-American attack meant that the months of ceaseless toil and effort have now brought forth a third great organized army, backed by its own supplies and millions more sol-

diers if needed. Up to a late hour no official report from General Pershing had come. General March, chief of staff, and his officers, were gathered about the great war maps, however, tracing out the lines of the conflict from press accounts as they were received.

Applies Pincer Tactics.

First reports told merely that the American army had launched an attack around the St. Mihiel salient, the only sharp thrust toward the heart of France that remained to the German leaders to show for their offensive efforts since the war began. It seemed possible that objective of the attack was Metz, just beyond the German border on the Moselle river.

Later accounts made it clear, however, that for his first blow, General Pershing had determined to employ the pincer tactics Marshal Foch has now used with repeated success in hurling the foe back from the Marne and out of the Picardy and Flanders salients. The chance lay ready to the American leader's hand.

Almost due south of the warwrecked fortress of Verdun which has defied every German effort the town of St. Mihiel stood at the apex of a great enemy wedge driven into the French lines and which all but cut Verdun off in the first German rush toward Paris. At the eastern curve of this salient. American troops have stood for months, holding the lines. Americans were on the line between Verdun and St. Mihiel, but St. Mihiel itself was held by the French for the fate of Verdun rested on that line.

Narrows Mouth of Pocket.

Surging forward on a 12-mile front to the east of St. Mihiel Pershing's out into the territory behind the ene-Psst! Watch your step today; followed by your fountain pen which my forces that hold the town. From (Continued on Page Two, Column Four)

## Bellevue College Made

Student Training Camp The War department Thursday notified C. E. Baskerville, acting president of Bellevue college, that that institution had been officially placed on the list of the country's student army training camps.

President Baskerville expects that at least 75 young men will take advantage of this new opportunity afforded at Bellevue college. The colleg: is particularly adapted for this work, having one of the largest gymnasiums in the state, and other facilopened on October 1.

### To Study in U. S.

Bordeaux, France, Sept. 12 .- One hundred women students are leaving here for he United States. They are winners of scholarships offered by the American government to women stu-Idents of French universities.