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THE WEATHER— For Nebraska—Fair, warmer in east; Saturday increasing cloudiness. Thermometer readings: 3 a. m. 57, 6 a. m. 58, 7 a. m. 61, 8 a. m. 63, 9 a. m. 65, 10 a. m. 67, 11 a. m. 68, 12 m. 67.

YANKEES PIERCE HUN LINE, CAPTURE 8,000 PRISONERS

BRITONS DRIVE ON CAMBRAI

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

London, Sept. 12.—The British have made further important progress toward Cambrai, having captured the towns of Havrincourt, Trescault and Moeuvres, penetrated into the old British defense line at several places and crossed the 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 Hindenburg line, by inundating the country where that is possible. Doubtless, however, they are considering the establishment of a strong line further back with the big towns of Douai, Cambrai and St. Quentin as pivots.

It is pointed out that the Germans since July 14 have shortened their line approximately 70 miles, thereby saving more than 10,000 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.

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.

Lad Instantly Killed Under Wagon Wheels

Johnnie Robertson, 6 years old, 713 Leavenworth street, died shortly after being run over by a heavy wagon at Seventh and Leavenworth streets.

Bill to Stabilize Bond Market Reported to House

Washington, Sept. 12.—The administration measure designed to stabilize the Liberty bond market by making larger amounts held by individuals and corporations exempt from income surtaxes was ordered reported favorably today by the house ways and means committee.

Von Payer Intimates Germany's Readiness To Restore Belgium

Copenhagen, Sept. 12.—That Germany might restore Belgium without conditions or indemnities in case no other country would be better situated as regards Belgium than Germany was the belief expressed today by Frederick Von Payer, imperial vice chancellor of Germany, in a speech delivered at Stuttgart.

13,000,000 MEN ENROLL IN RESERVES

Demonstrations of Patriotism Mark Registration Everywhere; a Nationwide Roundup to Follow.

OMAHA REGISTRATION. Dist. No. 1. 4,428. Dist. No. 2. 4,070. Dist. No. 3. 4,967. Dist. No. 4. 5,342. Dist. No. 5. 5,139. Dist. No. 6. 2,468. Total. 26,414.

Washington, Sept. 12.—Thirteen million men, probably more, the force from which will come the reserves to win the war, were registered today in the second great mobilization of the nation's man power.

As these men were moving in every city, town and hamlet over the country to add their names to the roll of the 11,000,000 who had registered before, the nation's fighting army overseas was hurling itself against the enemy in the first distinctly American offensive operation on the western front.

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.

Hogs Go Still Higher.

The record hog sales on the South Side market broke all altitude 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.

Concert at Court House Ends Registration Day Programme

A day epochal in the history 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 tonight by an inspirational patriotic concert on the court house plaza by Dan Desdune's band.

AMERICANS ATTACK ON 20-MILE FRONT AND ADVANCE FIVE MILES

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

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 village 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 greatest depth reached was five miles.

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 Metz, the great German fortress, the southern outer fortifications of which are less than 10 miles distant.

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 suddenness of the blow.

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 detachments made a surprise attack on the German positions at many points and penetrated the enemy lines at places, meeting with but feeble resistance.

Having in some places reached the German support line, the 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 blockhouses and munitions depots. German heavy shells reached isolated points but tardily and ineffectively. The 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.

FOUR PRISONERS ESCAPE JAIL BY MEANS OF ROPE

Chicago, Sept. 12.—Two convicted murderers, 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 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 McLernan, awaiting trial in connection with the killing of a policeman.

Beware! Do You Know What Day This Is? Jinx'll Get You If You Don't Watch Out!

Psst! Watch your step today; count your change, be careful what you eat, keep a sharp eye on your umbrella and don't start on any long journeys! Why? Because this is Friday the 13th, U-u-ugh!

Villa's Horse Captured With Bloodstained Bridle; Outlaw Reported Killed

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 12.—Andres Garcia, Mexican consul general, announced late today that he had received official advices from Chihuahua that Francisco Villa's horse, with a blood-stained saddle, had been captured near Satavo, Chihuahua, on Wednesday, following a battle between Villa forces and federal troops under Gen. Pedro Favela. There is an unconfirmed rumor in Juarez that Villa has been killed.

TANK FLEETS LEAD ATTACK OF U. S. ARMY

Heavy Bombardment Precedes Advance of Infantry; Objectives of Movement Are Limited.

London, Sept. 13.—The Daily Mail correspondent at the American front sends the following description of the battle along the St. Mihiel sector: "The first American army under personal command of General Pershing for the first time went into action today in the St. Mihiel salient. Never before has there been such a large concentration of American troops for one operation and never have the Americans been in such complete control of their own operations."

EUGENE V. DEBS FOUND GUILTY OF DISLOYALTY

Mrs. Stokes, Under Conviction on Similar Charge, at Defendant's Side When Verdict Is Read.

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 12.—Eugene V. Debs, charged with violating the espionage act, was found guilty by a federal jury today.

Talking to newspaper men after the verdict, Debs said: "It is all right. I have no complaint to make. It will come out all right in God's good time."

Debs was found guilty of attempting to incite insubordination, disloyalty, etc., in the military and naval forces; attempting to obstruct recruiting and uttering language tending to incite, provoke and encourage the cause of the enemy.

When it was announced that the jury was ready to report, Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes, herself under conviction on a similar charge, came inside the railing for the first time. Previously at Debs' request, she had remained hidden in the body of the audience.

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.

PERSHING TO SPRING HUN TRAP

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

Washington, Sept. 12.—American troops operating in the St. Mihiel 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 still in progress.

Washington, Sept. 12.—Sixteen months of vast war effort by the United States reached its first goal Monday when General Pershing's forces struck their first independent blow in France against the German army.

Reports tonight show that success was meeting the American commander's effort to fling the enemy out of the sharp salient thrust in behind the fortress 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 soldiers 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.

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.

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 war-wrecked 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.

Surging forward on a 12-mile front to the east of St. Mihiel Pershing's men have rolled over the complicated defenses of the enemy all along the line and thrust a steel-shod jaw out into the territory behind the enemy forces that hold the town. From the other side, another American thrust has carried the lines forward.

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