

# THE OMAHA DAILY BEE

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**THE WEATHER—**  
Fair and cooler Saturday; Sunday unsettled and cooler, probably showers.

5 a. m.	60	1 p. m.	61
6 a. m.	61	2 p. m.	62
7 a. m.	62	3 p. m.	63
8 a. m.	63	4 p. m.	64
9 a. m.	64	5 p. m.	65
10 a. m.	65	6 p. m.	66
11 a. m.	66	7 p. m.	67
12 m.	67	8 p. m.	68
1 p. m.	68	9 p. m.	69
2 p. m.	69	10 p. m.	70
3 p. m.	70	11 p. m.	71
4 p. m.	71	12 m.	72

**AK-Sar-Ben Dates**  
Carnival—Fifteenth street and Capitol avenue, September 25 to October 5.  
Electrical Parade—Wednesday night, October 2.  
Daylight Military Parade—Thursday afternoon, October 3.

# ST. MIHIEL SALIENT FALLS; 13,300 PRISONERS TAKEN

## VAST OMAHA HOST PAYS TRIBUTE TO GENERAL PERSHING

Thousands March in City Streets to Honor Leader on Birthday Anniversary; Hugh Cake Cut and Portions Sold for War Funds; Crowds Cheer News of Great Victory.

General John J. Pershing was probably asleep over in France while the great Omaha celebration of his birthday was going on last night, for at 8 o'clock in Omaha, it is already 2 o'clock the next morning in France.

But into his dreams must have come a whisper from the home-land, the home state, the state where those nearest and dearest to him live. And that whisper must have been of the big celebration in the state's metropolis where his 58th birthday was commemorated with a grand parade, patriotic songs by many thousands of voices, an oration and finally the cutting of the gigantic birthday cake and its sale for the benefit of the Salvation Army war drive.

**Celebrate Victory.**  
Never before was such a birthday celebration held in Omaha. Particularly enthusiastic were the people in honoring the state's most prominent citizen because of the news from France which indicated that the general and his brave boys were having a little celebration of the event there with the addition of unlimited "fire-works" and "firecrackers," and some 12,000 German "guests" who had been brought in to the celebration—after being deprived of their arms.

The Omaha streets were crowded with people long before the parade started. A great number of automobiles were lined up at vantage points even before 6 o'clock. Boy scouts acted as patrol. They also distributed many thousands of leaflets containing patriotic songs and the crowds sang these while waiting for the parade.

**Huge Birthday Cake.**  
The feature of the parade was the Pershing birthday cake float, the handwork of Gus Renze, famed Ak-Sar-Ben artificer. On this was a chef at work at a table and an enormous birthday cake with 58 candles on it and, at the rear, a big picture of General Pershing, draped with flags. The whole float was brilliantly illuminated with incandescent lights.

It was drawn by 25 Omaha Elks. Fifteen more Elks held a rope at the back of the float, acting as a brake going down the street.

The order of march of the parade was as follows:  
Soldiers from Fort Omaha, 600 strong.  
Home Guards.  
Soldiers' mothers.  
Red Cross and other women's war organizations in uniform.  
Omaha Elks.  
The cake on an illuminated float.  
Salvation Army.  
High School cadets.  
Municipal Guard.  
The six bands which participated in the parade are: the Midwest band, formerly called the Postoffice band, composed of postoffice employees; the Omaha Musicians' association band, the Bohemian and Dan Desdunes' band, the Union Pacific band, composed of Union Pacific employees, and the Boy Scouts' drum corps.

**Vast Crowd to Witness.**  
The court house square was crowded to the limit when the parade was done. A choir of 200 girls directed by Frances L. Range, over the main entrance, led in the singing of patriotic songs.

The appearance of the float was greeted with a great cheer from the crowd at the court house.

Charles R. Docherty, exalted ruler of the Elks, was master of ceremonies and introduced Capt. C. E. Adams, commander-in-chief of the grand Army of the Republic, who made the patriotic address.

He spoke 10 minutes because the crowd was so solidly jammed all around the platform that people could not get out and the ceremonies were hurried as much as possible.

Captain Adams declared that General Pershing is "the central figure of America's hopes at the present time." He gave a brief history of the general's life and his rapid promotion following upon military services brilliantly performed. And he declared that a still greater celebration even than this one will take place some time in the future when Pershing comes home crowned with victory over the enemies who have sought to threaten the liberty of the peoples of the world.

Then came the event which the great audience had been awaiting—the cutting of the cake.

Forward stepped M. Gerard Cosette in the full white uniform of a pastry cook, a French pastry cook, a

## YANKS SWEEP DOWN ON HUN LINES BEFORE FOE CAN ORGANIZE DEFENSE

## CENTER BUTTRESS OF GERMAN FRONT NOW THREATENED

Isolation of Fortress of Metz by Great Encircling Movement Expected by Washington Observers as Sequel to Elimination of St. Mihiel Salient; French Armies at Verdun Released.

**By Associated Press.**  
Washington, Sept. 13.—The number of prisoners taken by the Americans in flattening out the St. Mihiel salient now numbers 13,300, General Pershing reported in his communication for today, received late tonight at the War department. The text of the statement follows:  
"Headquarters American Expeditionary Forces, Sept. 13.—Section A: In the St. Mihiel sector we have achieved further successes. The junction of our troops advancing from the south of the sector with those advancing from the west has given us possession of the whole salient to points 12 miles north-east of St. Mihiel and has resulted in the capture of many prisoners.

## TWO OFFICERS SHOT IN BATTLE WITH ROBBERS

Bandits Escape in Car Driven by Woman After Killing Colorado Springs Chief of Detectives.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Sept. 13.—John Rowan, chief of city detectives, was shot and killed and John D. Riley, a city detective, was shot and probably fatally wounded in a battle with robbers in the downtown district late this afternoon. The robbers are thought to be three men alleged to have held up and robbed a train near Paola, Kan., July 10, last.

The robbers were run down at an automobile filling station near the central fire station by the detectives. Twenty shots were fired in the battle which followed. The robbers escaped in an automobile and were last seen headed for Denver.

The car was driven by a woman, who was at the wheel at the time of the shooting.

It appeared early tonight the fugitives had evaded posses, leaving the main road near Palmer Lake.

A man who passed the bandits' automobile on the road north of Colorado Springs reported tonight that as the car passed he saw the legs of a man protruding through the door, indicating that one of the bandits might have been killed or wounded in the exchange of shots with the officers here.

## Premier Lloyd George's Illness Is Influenza

Manchester, Sept. 13.—Premier David Lloyd George is suffering from influenza and all his Lancashire engagements have been cancelled. His physician, after a visit to the premier at 8:30 p. m., said that his temperature was still high and it was doubtful if he would be able to leave for London on Monday.

**War Mothers Join the Parade, Some in Mourning For Sons**  
Several hundred war mothers marched in the Pershing parade last night. Many of them had snow-white hair and a few of them found it difficult to keep up the gait set by the husky soldier lads who preceded them. Four mothers wore black for soldier sons who already have paid the supreme sacrifice on French battlefields. All of the mothers carried service flags and many of them were marked by three or four stars.

The Home guards marched like veterans.

A continual ripple of applause greeted the marchers all along the line. The Fort Omaha soldiers, especially, in their time, businesslike appearance, got a "hand."

The float was pulled by 75 Omaha Elks in lieu of the customary horses. Besides these there were 20 Elks manning a rope at the back to act as a brake, going down hill.

Not only was General Pershing's birthday Friday and the 13th, but the figures in his age, 58, when added

## SWIFT DRIVE THROWS FOE OFF BALANCE

Germans Prepared for Attack on St. Mihiel Salient, but Powerless to Withstand American Dash.

**By Associated Press.**  
With the American Army in Lorraine, Sept. 13.—The St. Mihiel salient has been wiped out and the enemy forces are now virtually with their backs on the famous Wotan-Hindenburg line, with the Americans and French paralleling them closely from Verdun to the Moselle.

The line now extends past Norroy, Jaulny, Xammes, St. Benoit, Hattonville, Hannonville and Herbeville.

Brilliantly supported by the French, General Pershing has accomplished the "limited objectives" of the operations undertaken in the St. Mihiel region. The two forces pushing respectively southeast and northwest took position after position from the enemy, advancing with a rapidity and precision and dash that disheartened him after his reverses of recent months. Few late actions have yielded so much ground of so important a nature.

## PANDEMIC OF INFLUENZA IN U. S. IS FEARED

Outbreaks at Several Cities on Eastern Seacoast Reported by Surgeon General Blue.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Surgeon General Blue of the public health service has made a telegraphic survey to determine the extent of Spanish influenza in the United States. General Blue said there was a sharp outbreak at Fort Morgan near Mobile, Ala., in August, and at about the same time a tramp steamer arrived at Newport News with almost the entire crew prostrated. Philadelphia reported a few cases, some four weeks ago, and a few have been reported from New York. The Boston outbreak was reported September 11, since when the pandemic has appeared at New London, while New Orleans has not wholly escaped.

"The disease is characterized by sudden onset," said Dr. Blue to the Associated Press. "People are stricken on the streets, while at work in factories, ship yards, offices, or elsewhere. First there is a chill, then fever with temperature from 101 to 103, headache, backache, reddening and running of the eyes, pains all over the body and general prostration. Persons so attacked should go to their homes at once, get to bed without delay and call a physician.

"Treatment under direction of the physician is simple, but important, consisting principally of rest in bed, fresh air, abundant food, with Dover's powder for the relief of pain. Every case with fever should be regarded as serious and kept in bed at least until temperature becomes normal. Convalescence requires careful management to avoid serious complications, such as bronchial pneumonia, which is frequently may have fatal termination. During the present outbreak in foreign countries the salts of quinine and aspirin have been most generally used during the acute attack, the aspirin apparently with much success in the relief of symptoms."

## Arthur Mullen in Capital To Help Run Government

Washington Bureau of Omaha Bee. Washington, Sept. 13.—(Special Telegram).—The junior partner of the firm of Hitchcock and Mullen arrived in Washington this morning on political business. Little Arthur is having difficulty over the postmaster's duties. The firm must take care of Mayor Jim Dahlman, who is still waiting to be fixed and for that and other reasons, notably to secure the Skinner Packing company the right to increase its capital stock. Nebraska's democratic national committee has been a right busy individual heretofore.

The Dahlman matter, it is expected, will be settled tomorrow and a like-guess is that "Mayor Jim" will be appointed deputy commissioner of internal revenue under Commissioner Roper.

But he will not take over the job

## AMERICAN TROOPS ON GERMAN BORDER AT MOSELLE RIVER

Battle Line Now Runs From Hattonville on North to Pagny, Closing Mouth of St. Mihiel Sack and Trapping All Germans Remaining There; Important Railways Restored to France.

**By Associated Press.**  
The American First army has carried out the initial task assigned to it—the leveling of the famous St. Mihiel salient in Lorraine.

In a little more than 24 hours not only had the work been accomplished but General Pershing's men had all the towns, villages and strategic positions in the sector within their hands and were standing on the banks of the Moselle river at Pagny, looking across the stream into German territory. And the southern outer fortifications of Metz, the great German stronghold in Lorraine, were only four miles distant.

Large numbers of Germans had been taken prisoner—more than 12,000 had been counted and others were still on their way back to the prisoners' cages—and many guns and machine guns and great quantities of ammunition and other war stores were in American hands.

## WORK OR FIGHT, WILSON'S DICTUM TO STRIKERS

Notifies Union Machinists No Interruption of War Production Will Be Tolerated.

Washington, Sept. 13.—President Wilson, himself, took a hand today in the enforcement of industrial peace and continued war production. In effect, he gave notice to employers and employees alike that no interruption of production will be tolerated; that both the government powers of commanding and the work or fight order will be applied rigidly where necessary to deal with recalcitrants.

The president's warning was given in a letter to union machinists and other striking workmen at Bridgeport, Conn., who left their jobs in war material plants a week ago because they were dissatisfied with an award by the war labor board to which wage demands had been submitted. The men were told to go back to work on pain of being barred from employment for a year and of losing all claim to exemption from military service on occupational grounds.

**Plant Commandeered.**  
At the same time the president announced that the plant and business of the Smith & Wesson company of Springfield, Mass., the first employer to "flout" the rules of the war labor board approved by presidential proclamation, had been commandeered by the War department to be operated for the period of the war.

## Petrograd Reported Taken By Anti-Bolshevik Forces

Paris, Sept. 13.—(Havas)—Dispatches received by English newspapers through Helsingfors announce that Petrograd has been taken by the anti-revolutionists.

**Suffers Paralytic Stroke.**  
F. J. Otis, peddler, 222 North Nineteenth street, while buying groceries at Seventeenth and Cuming streets, underwent a paralytic stroke. He was taken to the Lord Lister hospital and was attended by Dr. Moon.

## FRANCE IS THRILLED BY AMERICAN SUCCESS IN INDEPENDENT DRIVE

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**Pershing's Sisters and Son Honor Guests at Dinner.**  
Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 13.—Mrs. D. M. Butler and Miss May Pershing, sisters of Gen. John J. Pershing, and Warren Pershing, the general's son, were special guests at a dinner held by the Country club here tonight in celebration of the American commander's 58th birthday. Many friends, who knew General Pershing when he lived here, were present.