

## SPLENDID DASH EXHIBITED BY U.S. BOYS IN ATTACK

American Troops Move to Assault With Flags Flying and Singing the Marseillaise.

Paris, Sept. 13.—(Reuter).—About 100 of the first American wounded arriving in the rear from the St. Mihiel sector, gives the impression that the battle was a great victory and full of promise for the future. The American troops exhibited splendid dash, some of the regiments moving to the assault with flags flying and singing the Marseillaise.

One of the principal points of support in the enemy's defense was taken at the point of the bayonet. Despite fierce resistance the Germans were completely overthrown and suffered exceptionally heavy losses. The American units co-operated splendidly with the French. One American officer who was wounded during the hottest part of the battle relates that a small French detachment found itself in difficulties in a wood full of machine guns.

## CENTER BUTTRESS OF HUNS IN DANGER

severed by the Germans in 1914, with the capture of St. Mihiel, which placed the Verdun fortress in gravest jeopardy and brought on the battle of Verdun, where the Germans met a bitter and costly defeat at the hands of the French. Ever since then the German grip on the heights around Verdun has held the French in this region and to the east and west of the salient chained to defensive operations. The numerical strength of the French army was not sufficient to permit an effort to drive the enemy off without weakening the lines elsewhere.

Three Enemy Divisions Wrecked. General Pershing now has signaled the entry of the American army into the war by smashing the enemy's only remaining salient on the whole front, and smashing it in less than two days' fighting. Early reports fixed the number of prisoners taken by the Americans at 12,000 and probably represent the wreckage of at least three enemy divisions. An estimate of the war booty captured has been received.

Since the new line across the mouth of the old pocket is far shorter than the old front, French and American troops heretofore held fast to the defense of the salient are now available for other duty.

As the lines were reported tonight there was nothing to indicate that the American forces had stopped. The German official statement was that a new line had been prepared, but the nature of the country where the American troops stood late today indicated that the German defense position must be farther back toward Metz where better natural obstacles are available. It was expected here that American patrols would push forward to feel out this line before a new advance is undertaken.

German's Statement Amusing. The German statement that the salient had been evacuated without serious interference caused much amusement among officers in view of the number of prisoners captured. It has been estimated that seven divisions of the enemy were in the salient, including those standing guard at the flanks. Probably not more than four divisions have at any time been in the depth of the pocket and of these, more than one-fourth have been captured. Officers say that a retreat offered at such cost hardly can be considered as a successful evacuation and they are inclined to accept the German statement as propaganda for home consumption. It was said that for the high command to acknowledge that the first American blow had blotted out in less than two days a salient that had been held for four years and also cost the Germans more than 12,000 prisoners in addition to their dead, might further agitate the German civil population.

At the same time it is not doubted that the German leaders expected the stroke and made such preparation as they could toward getting their men ready for the salient. The swiftness of the American advance on the line, however, seems to have upset their plans. And it is believed here that the figures on war material captured will bear out this view.

Women of Storm Lake Take Up Line of Military Work. Storm Lake, Ia., Sept. 13.—(Special).—A military organization for women has been perfected here. Sixty-five women have enlisted and six companies will be recruited with 20 members each. Military tactics will be studied and weekly drills held. Canteen service will be a feature of the work.

Four more young men of Storm Lake have received promotions in military life. They are Lieutenant S. L. Hoffman to the rank of captain; Lael DeLand, ensign in the navy; Bert Reynolds to lieutenant and William Aitkin to rank of first lieutenant for valiant service rendered during the second battle of the Marne.

Barracks will be erected on the Buena Vista college campus to accommodate the young men who will enter the students' training corps, October 1.

Five Years for Man Guilty On White Slavery Charge. Henry Howard Biggerstaff, rancher, living at Mission, S. D., sentenced to five years' imprisonment at Leavenworth, Kan., by Judge Woodrough, who presided at the term of federal court at Chadron this week, has filed a supersedeas bond for appeal from the court's decision.

## SWIFT DRIVE THROWS Foe OFF BALANCE

(Continued From Page One.) to withstand the steady and unswerving advance of the Americans thrown against them and in addition lost many prisoners to the Americans.

The only enemy weakness was in his artillery, the reply of his big guns being deficient and spasmodic throughout, evidencing that he had previously removed the greater part to safer positions. But his machine guns were vicious enough to compensate for this.

German Casualties Heavy. Prisoners taken by the Americans come from seven German divisions, among them men from the Landwehr and Landstrum. Austro-Hungarians made prisoner came from the 192d, 10th, 255th and 307th regiments.

The prisoners asserted that the casualties resulting from the American fire were very heavy. Among the captives were numerous officers, who freely criticized the high command for what they termed bad judgment. All the evidence at hand tends to confirm the belief that the Germans were altogether unprepared to resist such a force as General Pershing sent against them. One division on a certain sector sent out a call for reinforcements. The only response to this appeal was a reply to hold the sector at all costs.

Despondent, Takes Poison. Despondency over domestic trouble caused Mrs. Jens Nielson, 4114 California street, to attempt suicide Thursday night. She swallowed two bichloride of mercury tablets. After taking the poison she apprised a neighbor, Mrs. G. A. McNamara, 3013 Webster street, of her act. The neighbor notified the police station. Mrs. Nielson was given surgical attention by Police Surgeon Johnson. She will recover.

## VAST OMAHA HOST HONORS PERSHING

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WIRE TO PERSHING. The following telegram of congratulation was sent to General Pershing early Friday morning in the name of the people of Omaha: "General John J. Pershing, American Forces, France: "Two hundred thousand Omaha people send birthday congratulations. All Omaha and Nebraska celebrate today in your honor. "CITIZENS' COMMITTEE, "Col. J. M. Banister, Chairman."

master and past master of the art of cake making. In his hand was a knife about two feet long, it seemed. And with skilled hand he cut into that beautiful cake.

The first cut into the cake brought out a four-pound cube and this cube, General Pershing, if all goes well, will be eating a couple of weeks from now. (Not all of it at once, however). No time was lost in getting it started on its way. It was placed in a box previously prepared, a card was enclosed, the box sealed up and a messenger started on the run to get it to the postoffice.

On Way to France. The card enclosed read as follows: "Birthdays greetings from the people of Omaha and your brother Elks of No. 39."

The Omaha lodge, of which General Pershing is a member, is No. 39. The card was signed by Col. J. M. Banister, chairman; Capt. C. E. Adams, speaker of the evening; Maj. R. E. Frith, marshal of the parade; Charles R. Docherty, exalted ruler of the local lodge of Elks and master of ceremonies; and Robert Manley, commissioner of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

The cake was the largest ever baked in the state. It was three feet in height and five feet, two inches in diameter. It was baked and decorated by Monsieur Gerard Cozette, pastry

chef of the Fontenelle hotel. It was given by the Fontenelle hotel management to the Elks lodge, and auctioned for the benefit of the Salvation Army war fund.

Cost More Than \$300. The cake was a fruit cake and weighed 900 pounds. The ingredients used included 200 pounds of butter, 275 pounds of sugar, 250 pounds of flour, 1620 eggs, and 168 pounds of glazed fruits. The cost was more than \$300. Special permission to bake it was secured from the United States food administration.

It was put in its position on the platform late yesterday afternoon, all complete with its 58 real candles. Surmounting the cake was the emblem of the Elks, the clock marking the hour of 11.

With the general's piece of cake safely on its way, the leather-lunged George Long mounted the stand and

began auctioning off big chunks of the cake.

The first piece was started at \$5 but the price advanced swiftly until Robert Cowell got it for \$25. The second piece went to Frank Myers for \$15. Then they began going rapidly at lower prices from \$10 down to \$5.

The wheel was started and Dan Whitney, Oscar Lieben, D. C. Johnson, Ben Stiefel, Maynard Swartz and Tom Swift sold chances and spun the wheel to very good purpose. The Elks' Pershing Day Ladies' committee, under direction of Mrs. Miles Greenleaf, worked hard packing the pieces of cake in little boxes prepared for the purpose. Boy scouts were dispatched out through the crowd selling pieces of the cake at \$1 each. They also sold the candles from the cake.

The biggest piece of cake went to

St. James orphanage in Benson. And this was paid for by 15 Elks, headed by James J. Parks. They "chipped in" and raised \$100 which paid for the chunk of cake for the little orphans.

The total sum realized for the Salvation Army war fund by the birthday celebration was estimated to be about \$1,500 but no exact count was made of it last night.

Two Couples Ask Divorces. David C. Ricker, alleges that his wife, Anna, is of a quarrelsome and domineering disposition and he asks a divorce, the petition for which was filed in district court Friday.

## California Prune Crop Badly Damaged by Rains

San Francisco, Sept. 13.—An order holding up all shipments of prunes outside the state for civilian consumption pending a survey of the damage done the prune crop by the prevailing unprecedented rainfall was issued today by the federal food administration for California. The order was issued to insure a sufficient quantity to fill immense government contracts.

It was estimated by packers and others that the rain would cause a loss of between 25 and 50 per cent of the total crop. The government had contracted for 51,000,000 pounds.



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