

## YANKEE TROOPS HAVE FOOD FOR THREE MONTHS

Vast Amount of Provisions Is in the Warehouses of France to Be Cooked for Soldiers.

Tours, Central France, Sept. 21.—The American army in Europe could be fed and clothed and all its creature comforts looked after for three months if not another pound of supplies was secured. This was the statement made here by officers of the army quartermaster's department, which directs the mammoth work of supplies.

It gives an idea of the vast stock of reserve resources stored in the miles of warehouses stretching from the coast inland to the fighting line, and it is a comforting assurance, too, that this huge reserve will be kept up through the coming winter period so that the American soldier's warmth, as well as his food and clothing, will be fully looked after.

### Huge Undertaking.

It is a huge undertaking to feed a million men even for a single day—a million men scattered to a thousand points, in trenches, on battle fields and camps, along 300 miles of front and for a depth of 500 miles. And when are added housing and clothing, and the period is extended through the winter months of cold and frost, with the prospect that another million or two men may be headed this way before long—with these elements one gets some idea of the magnitude of the supply problem for a million or more.

Here at the center of the system, where the receipts are regulated and the distribution made, there was an opportunity of learning some of the details of how the system operates.

### Vast Amount of Food.

In the food branch alone, it takes over 4,000,000 pounds of food every day to feed the army. This prodigious daily consumption of food embraces a million pounds of flour baked into a million pounds of bread every day, 875,000 pounds of fresh beef, 875,000 pounds of potatoes, 200,000 pounds of sugar and 125,000 pounds of tomatoes. The pepper and salt for a single day is 42,500 pounds.

Army coffee is roasted at the rate of 70,000 pounds a day, and it takes 20,000 pounds of solidified alcohol to cook this coffee through the month.

### Beef Bulkier Product.

The beef is the bulkier product used each day, and occupies a daily space of 45,000 cubic feet, or about the dimensions of a business block, of solid meat. Flour comes next, requiring 25,000 cubic feet of daily space, and potatoes about the same.

These are only a few of the main items. But the list runs all through the many requirements of the overseas army, with vast quantities in each case. Here are some of the other daily items:

Bacon, 225,000 pounds; beans, 75,000 pounds; rice, 50,000 pounds; onions, 250,000 pounds; evaporated fruit, 70,000 pounds; jam, 70,000 pounds; milk, 62,500 pounds; vinegar, 40,000 pounds; lard, 40,000 pounds; butter, 31,000 pounds; sirup, 40,000 pounds.

### Must Deliver Daily.

These, being included in the overseas ration, every one of the 1,000,000 men is entitled to his full allowance and it must go forward to him, wherever he is. So that besides the vast daily stock there is the question of unfailing daily delivery first by railways and camion trains, and then to the individual soldier.

Often on the field or in the trenches he is supplied from marmalade, or huge thermos bottles carrying hot food for eight men, and often, too, the delivery in the trenches is by the Yukon pack used in Alaska and by the Hudson Bay voyagers and Indians.

Besides this 4,000,000 pounds of food moving forward daily to the troops, each man carries with him two days' emergency ration, five pounds to the man, or an additional 5,000,000 pounds of food for the army of a million men. Of the emergency ration, carried on the back, there is outstanding every day 2,000,000 pounds of corned beef and 2,000,000 pounds of hardtack, 300,000 pounds of sugar, 52,500 pounds of coffee, 20,000 pounds of salt and 500,000 pounds of solidified alcohol for heating and cooking while on the march.

### Centralization Imperils Nation, Declares Reed

St. Louis, Sept. 22.—United States Senator Reed, speaking last night before the Missouri Bar association, declared that the United States has taken greater steps towards centralization than have been taken by any nation which in the past been destroyed by centralization.

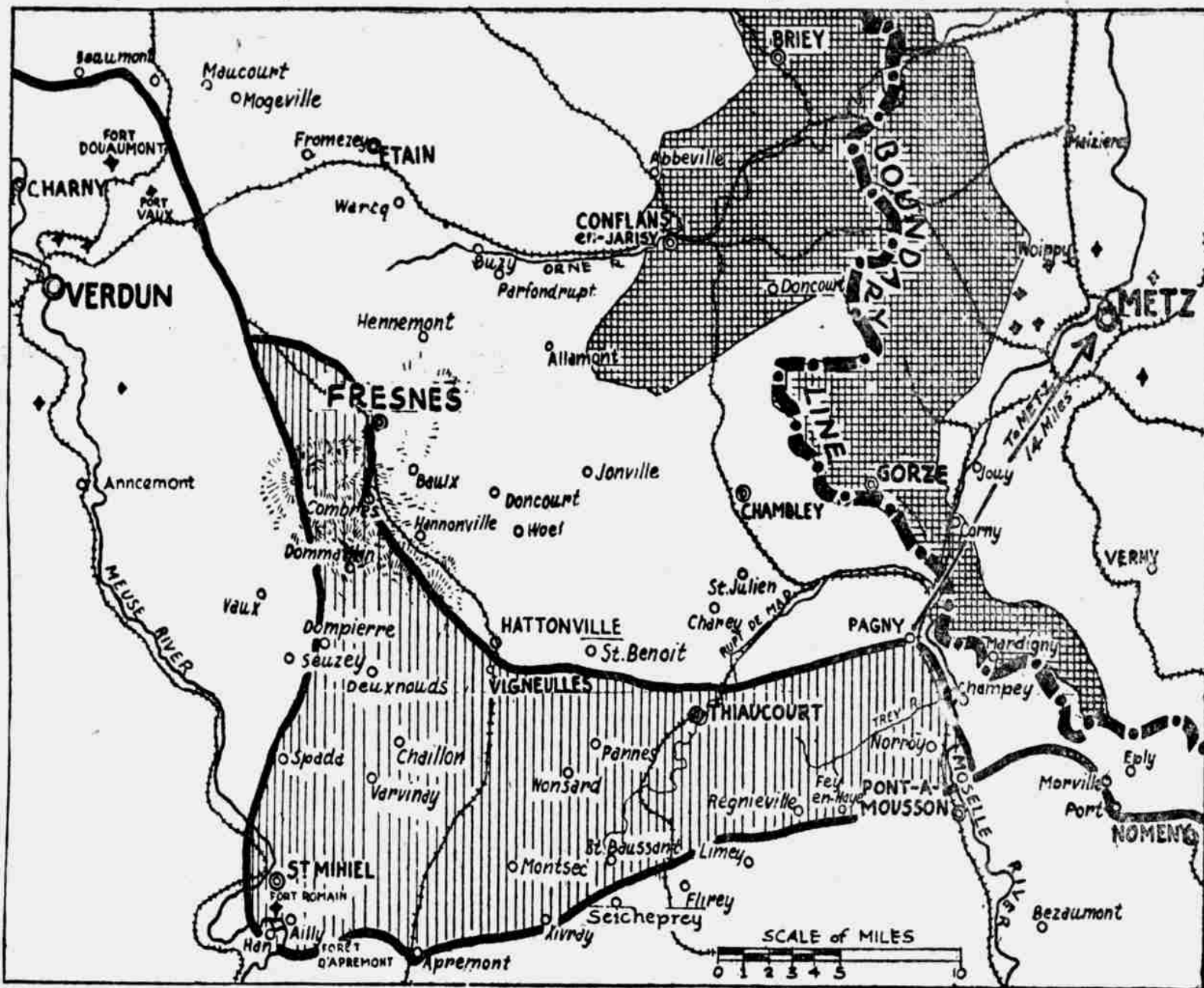
"Every step made toward centralization of power means a certain loss of liberty," said Mr. Reed. "I do not hesitate to say that in the present crisis we have disregarded absolutely the constitution of the United States. We have made long strides toward centralization in two months that have many nations that have been destroyed in years. But I believe that the genius of the American people will meet the situation and bring our government in good time back to her old ideals, out this will require the patriotism and best efforts of the bar and bench of America."

### Germany's Desperate Strait Confessed by Berlin Paper

Amsterdam, Sept. 22.—America's answer to Austria-Hungary's recent peace note and the speech of Premier Clemenceau of France on the same subject should, according to the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin, be posted on billboards and be communicated to the German people by the distribution of millions of pamphlets.

"No German man or woman who knows the contents and significance of these declarations," the newspaper declares, "can doubt that peace is attainable only either through our victory or at the price of our utter destruction."

## Map Showing St. Mihiel Salient and Briey Coal and Iron Fields



The territory regained by General Pershing's operations is represented by vertical shading. The cross-hatching at the upper right hand corner of the map marks the area of the rich coal and iron deposits of the Briey basin, now in German hands, but threatened by the American advance.

Offensive operations toward Metz strike at one of the most important German bases in the west. The city and the twenty-eight encircling forts comprise what has been regarded as one of the most formidable fortresses in the world. Metz also is the center of important iron fields, which before the war supplied France and Germany with more than two-thirds of the ore used by their iron manufacturers.

Metz is on the Moselle 10½ miles east of the French border. The city lies astride the Moselle as well as on both sides of the Seille. Part of the city is on islands in the Moselle. To the east, north and northwest are the iron and coal fields of French and German Lorraine. Deprived of these fields Germany could not conduct the war another three months, it is asserted.

The chief iron field of the Rhine district is that of Lorraine, including the Bassin de Briey, (the center of which is the little village of Briey), the greatest iron-producing region of the world. It is located mainly in Alsace-Lorraine and overlaps into Belgium and Luxembourg. It extends along the Franco-German frontier for thirty-five miles, almost up to Pont-a-Mousson.

### Short Lines Accept Government Contract Without Guarantees

Washington, Sept. 22.—Representatives of short line railroads, relinquished from federal control, in conference with railroad administration officials, have agreed to government proposals for a contract under which small roads might return to federal management without guarantees of fixed earnings accorded other roads, but with the privilege of charging higher rates and with a fair division of joint rates.

The contract proposed by the railroad administration provides that a short line operate under its own officers, keep its receipts and be responsible for all its obligations. Rates might be raised to the new nationwide level without application to the interstate commerce commission or state commissions, and joint rates would be "divided fairly" without reduction of the proportion received under private management.

Director General McAdoo at any time might take over full operation of a short line, giving it the

same status as other roads now under federal management.

### Czechs, Slavs and Poles Agree on Program of Arms

Washington, Sept. 22.—Leaders of the Czech-Slovak, the Yugo-Slav and the Poles, at conferences in Washington, have agreed upon a program of aims of the oppressed peoples in Austria-Hungary which had been laid before President Wilson.

Creation of a new central body of the central European groups which will protect the interests of all of them was forecast.

Participating in the meetings were Prof. T. E. Masaryk, president of the Czech-Slovak national council, which has been recognized by the entente powers as the supreme body of the Czech-Slovak; Ignace J. Paderewski of the Polish national committee; Ramon Dmowski, president of the Polish national committee at Paris, and Dr. H. Hinkovitch, of the Yugo-Slav council, as well as other representatives of the three groups.

President Wilson was assured that the oppressed nationalities had agreed to uphold the president and the American people in winning the war.

Germany's possession of the major portion of this productive area followed the signing of the treaty of Frankfurt in 1871. Previous to the present war Germany obtained from the mines on her side of the frontier 21,000,000 tons of her total annual production of 28,000,000, while France got 15,000,000 out of a total production of 22,000,000.

Since her occupation in 1914 of the mines on the French side of the frontier Germany has added to her mineral wealth the 15,000,000 tons annually obtained by the French, bringing her total production from Lorraine alone up to 42,000,000 tons a year.

The only practical road to this important region, military authorities agree, is the valley of the Moselle. At the head of the valley and barring the way lies Metz, ranking with Strasbourg as one of the two great bulwarks of the German southwestern frontier. Metz is a city of 60,000 population, its chief industries being the manufacturing of weapons, clothes, shoes and hats.

As a fortress Metz has been important since the Roman era. Since that time it has never succumbed to frontal attack. Its present system of fortifications includes 28 detached forts which encircle the city proper. The outer chain of defenses, built

### Conference at Berne On Exchanging War And Civil Prisoners

Geneva, Saturday, Sept. 21.—Members of the American delegation appointed to negotiate with Germany for the exchange of military prisoners arrived at Berne last night. The party is composed of John W. Garrett, minister to the Netherlands; John W. Davis, ambassador to Great Britain, representing the War department; General Francis J. Kernan, representing the army; and Captain Henry H. Hough, representing the navy. The German delegates are expected to reach Berne today.

Monday pourparlers through several members of the Swiss government will begin and they are expected to last several weeks.

The American Red Cross has received two additional lists of names of American officers and men who are interned in various German prisons. Most of them were taken prisoner on the western front during June and July.

## ALLENBY'S TROOPS HEM IN MOSLEMS IN THE HOLY LAND

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wide front east of the Jerusalem-Nabulus road. The first onslaught failed. Fighting with constantly reinforced troops continued the night long with extreme violence. At dawn the attacking force was broken and the attack brought to a standstill on the Jalud Wady-Abs Uzorka line.

"Meanwhile on the coastal sector the British opened a violent artillery bombardment aided by their naval guns. After two hours of artillery preparation there was desperate hand-to-hand fighting and the enemy succeeded in penetrating our positions between the coast and the Lydda-Tul Keram railway. Because of great numerical superiority of the enemy we moved our troops into positions at Tul Keram, where fresh attacks are expected.

"On the Jordan in the Wady Auja and Jericho districts we caught the enemy under an effective fire."

### Turks Taken by Surprise.

British Forces in Palestine, Friday, Sept. 22.—While the Turkish army was occupied in strengthening its defensive positions, General Allenby's plans for the present British offensive were carefully maturing. British airplanes prevented enemy craft from crossing the British lines to observe the preparations for the attack which took the Turks completely by surprise.

The Ottoman right flank, though in formidable positions, was overwhelmed. British troops went through the enemy's wires and captured his first trenches before he had time to lay down a barrage. On the remaining works some were most powerfully organized, but they were speedily overcome by the dash and gallantry of the British and Indian troops.

In one sector an entire Turkish regiment, with its commanding of-

ficer, was captured, with insignificant loss. Within a few minutes after the offensive was launched the Turkish troops were streaming eastward in the direction of Tul Keram. The British air supremacy was so complete that not one German machine was able to show itself. British aviators harassed the enemy by a series of bombing raids, while camps, troops and transports were effectively machine-gunned by airplanes.

The German airdromes at the same time, were dominated by British machines which dropped bombs on any enemy plane that attempted to rise. The airmen also assisted the infantry to advance by means of smoke screens, and night fliers bombed the Turkish army headquarters effectively.

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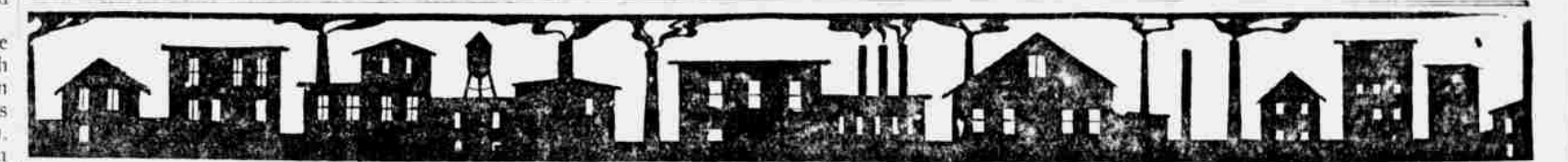
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### Agreement Reached On Minerals Measure

Washington, Sept. 22.—House and senate conferees on the bill for government control over the production and distribution of certain minerals needed in connection with the prosecution of the war have reached an agreement, accepting virtually in full the senate provision under which the president would be authorized to requisition and to take over undeveloped deposits of mines, smelters or plants.

The senate draft, however, was modified so that the powers to make

contracts for the production of minerals or the operation of smelters and plants shall cease with the termination of the war. The president is given two years in which to dispose of plants acquired by the government and to wind up their affairs.

### Crowds View Body of Farley.

New York, Sept. 22.—Services planned at St. Patrick's cathedral this afternoon were suspended in order to allow vast waiting crowds to view the body of Cardinal John M. Farley, which lay in state.

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