

Salt Gar on Market.
New Orleans, Oct. 15.—Salt gar fish, 10,000,000 pounds a year, will go from Louisiana waters throughout the country, according to plans completed by a local fish concern with the approval of John M. Parker, state food administrator. Mr. Parker has eaten the salt gar, fried, baked, stewed and in courtbouillon and pronounced it excellent, even declaring it more palatable and nourishing than the high-priced codfish. Formerly salt gar fish were used only for fertilizer and bait for crab nets. It has been announced that salt gar will be cheap.

Forty-niners Hold Reunion.
San Francisco, Oct. 15.—Eleven men who came to California in '49 across the continent by prairie trail or sailing vessel round the Horn met here recently and drank a toast to "the days of gold." They represented the 41 remaining members of the Society of California Pioneers which at one time comprised 3,000 lovers of adventure. For years the pioneers have held a reunion in this city, but year by year the attendance has dwindled.

Chews Chocolate in Flight.
With the American Forces in France, Sept. 15.—American aviators who use tobacco take with them on flights cakes of chocolate to nibble upon in the place of smokes. A few prefer chewing gum, but some form of sweets accompanies nearly all Americans when starting on a flight of any duration. William E. Brotherton of Guthrie, Ill., an aviator who is credited with at least one Boche airman, said recently that in August during an encounter with several German flyers in the region of the Vesle he was chewing chocolate as he fought.

Woman Is Weather Observer.
Des Moines, Oct. 15.—Iowa claims to have the only woman weather observer in the United States—Miss Ethel D. Slaght of Des Moines, now "assistant observer" in the federal weather bureau. When her predecessor, Ross T. Waddell, entered military service, Meteorologist Chas. Reed found it impossible to secure a young man of the necessary qualifications, so Miss Slaght was given the position.

Veils Serve as "Flu" Masks.
New York, Oct. 15.—Wearing of chiffon veils was advocated tonight by Dr. Royal S. Copeland, health commissioner, as one means of checking New York's continually spreading epidemic of Spanish influenza. Dr. Copeland said the veils would serve as an almost absolute preventive and that it may become necessary to order every one in New York to adopt them.

AVIATOR FLIES HERE IN 10 HOURS FROM ILLINOIS

Lieutenant F. W. Gledhill Makes Unaccompanied Trip From East on Way to Southern Field.

Lt. Franklin W. Gledhill, from the United States flying school at Rantoul, Ill., landed yesterday afternoon in a field east of the entrance to Florence field, after being in the air for seven hours. He left Rantoul Tuesday morning under special orders, and piloted his large army biplane to Fort Omaha in less than 10 hours.

Before landing, Lieutenant Gledhill entertained the residents of North Omaha with what they thought was "stunt" flying, but which was in reality only simple maneuvering to find a suitable landing place. Two army balloons of the newest type were in the air to greet him on his arrival.

Reticent as to Mission.
Lieutenant Gledhill is a slim, athletic young man. He was reticent concerning his mission to Omaha. The airplane was left in an open field, where it landed, heavily guarded. Doctor of cars drove out during the night to see the machine, only to be ordered away by the guards.

Some mystery surrounds the mission of the young aviator. It is thought generally at Fort Omaha that he will fly on to some aviation school in Texas, but this is only a rumor. There will be special activity at the balloon stand Wednesday morning, and the men believe that this in some manner pertains to the visit.

Payne Held on Charge Trying to Bribe Officer
The Payne, 2212 Poppelton avenue, inventor of the false bottom delivery auto used for bootlegging purposes, which was taken with some 200 pints of whisky on the Douglas street bridge Tuesday was arrested Tuesday night on a charge of attempting to bribe an officer, on a warrant sworn out by Policeman Swenson.

Swenson, who is stationed on the Douglas street bridge, says last Tuesday when he discovered a quantity of whisky in the car driven by Swenson, the latter offered him \$100 cash to let him go free.

ALLIES CAPTURE 12,000 PRISONERS IN FLANDERS

AMERICANS BEAT BACK GERMANS IN FIERCE FIGHTING

Troops Which Captured Heights Northwest of Verdun After All Day Battle Continue Advance Beyond St. Juvin; Breach in Kriemhilde Defenses Widened by Pershing's Operations.

By The Associated Press.
With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 15.—In the face of the most stubborn resistance conceivable, including literally hundreds of machine gun nests, the Americans advanced again today and widened the breach in the Kriemhilde line.

The Germans heavily shelled the center and left center of the American line and desperate counter-attacks were carried out. These counter-attacks failed.

The Americans, who captured Hill 299 and penetrated the strong wire defenses between Landres-Et-St. Georges and St. Georges, have passed St. Juvin.

The American gains in general were accomplished through pursuance of the strategic policy of surrounding the objectives rather than storming them. The machine gun filled woods and heights lying in the path of the American advance were taken for the most part by going around them on the left and right and joining forces again on the north side and clearing up the areas thus encircled.

Encircle Difficult Position.
The day's fighting began early when the center moved forward and encircled the difficult position at Hill 288 from which a machine gun fire estimated as coming from at least 200 guns concealed in the adjacent woods was poured into the Americans. The patrols pushed forward despite the enemy opposition into the Bantville woods.

Hill 286 was taken early, notwithstanding a withering machine gun fire and a deluge of gas shells which compelled the Americans to fight for hours with their gas masks adjusted. They also encountered vast quantities of wire which had not been sufficiently cut by the artillery and faced an enflading fire from both sides.

Cross Air River.
An attack by the left wing of the American forces began early this morning east of the Air river. By noon the troops had crossed the river and were soon half a kilometer northeast of Grand Pre, although there is no indication that Grand Pre has yet been taken.

The right wing also was fairly active throughout the day, but chiefly in liaison with the troops to the west. The enemy in this sector put up lively artillery and infantry opposition and resisted with every ounce of strength in his makeshift divisions.

Fight Goes On All Day.
With the American Forces North of the Argonne, Oct. 15.—(Reuters)—Another step beyond the Kriemhilde defenses was taken yesterday by the Americans when they moved their line up to the St. Georges and Landres-St. Georges, northwest of Romagne. It was the third phase of General Pershing's operations between the Meuse and the Argonne forest.

LIBERTY LOAN TOTAL STILL SHORT OF HALF-WAY FIGURE

DENISON GOES INTO NATIONAL Y. M. C. A. WORK

Secretary of Local Association to Become Personnel Secretary of National Committee for Midwest.

Edward F. Denison, for eight years general secretary of the Omaha Young Men's Christian association, and for five years previous to that boys' secretary, tendered his resignation to the board of directors at their regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening.

Mr. Denison has been called to a larger field in the association work, and after the first of December will become personnel secretary of the national committee, with headquarters in Chicago.



E. F. DENISON.

In this new work Mr. Denison will give his entire attention to the recruiting and selection of secretaries, and other work, keeping in touch with the colleges and the army.

The territory coming under the jurisdiction of Mr. Denison comprises the states of Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North and South Dakota. Mr. Denison will remain in Omaha until the first of December to assist in the united war work campaign, in which the Young Men's Christian association is taking a very active part.

Flower New Secretary.
R. L. Flower, the present boys' secretary of the Omaha association was selected to take Denison's place. Mr. Flower has been connected with the local association for eight years. Previous to that time he was the state boys' secretary of Indiana and boys' secretary of the San Antonio, Tex., association. He is a graduate of the Springfield training school. Mr. Flower will assume his duties as secretary immediately.

Serbian Forces Capture Heights North of Nish

London, Oct. 15.—Serbian forces advancing north of Nish on Sunday captured on a large front all the heights which dominate both banks of the Morava river, according to an official announcement made here today.

Reichstag Sitting Postponed by Order of Its President

Basel, Switzerland, Oct. 15.—Advices from Berlin say that the president of the reichstag has postponed the sitting of the reichstag which was to have begun tomorrow, reserving to himself the right to summon the legislative body at a later date.

According to Berlin dispatches received here the German socialists have decided, in view of the general political situation not to oppose Prince Maximilian of Baden retaining his post of imperial chancellor.

Country Now Faces Task of Raising Seven Hundred Million a Day to Reach Six Billion Mark.

Washington, Oct. 15.—Only \$156,000,000 of new Liberty loan subscriptions were reported today, according to advices from the whole nation gathered by the treasury. The total subscription so far is \$2,954,870,650, still short of three billions, the "half way figure."

In view of the expectation that fruits of Liberty day celebrations last Saturday would be fully reflected in today's reports, treasury officials declared the outlook grave. "Those in charge of the Liberty loan campaign made no concealment of the fact that the situation was very disappointing," said the official review of the loan's progress. "With only four days of the loan period remaining, the country now faces the task of raising in excess of \$3,000,000,000 or more than \$700,000,000 a day."

Early morning messages to headquarters stimulated hope, not borne out by tonight's figures, that President Wilson's rejection of the German proposal for an immediate armistice would create a wave of enthusiasm which would sweep a multitude of subscriptions on its crest. Tomorrow's figures will be watched carefully for evidence of this situation reported in scores of telegrams from field workers.

Prompt Payment Urged.
Considering the chance that subscribers are delaying payment of the first 10 per cent installment and that consequently their pledges do not show in the official figures, campaign managers today urged that bond buyers pay down their 10 per cent installment immediately. This will have the effect of relieving anxiety of the tremendous task of tabulating these payments in the rush of the last hours this week and will show the nation on Saturday, the final day, precisely how big a job is cut out for it that day.

There is, also among some managers, that too many people are waiting until late in the week before increasing their subscriptions or entering new pledges. By doing this, it was pointed out, they will serve to create unnecessary long lines of prospective buyers at bank windows, or to take the time of workers which would be devoted better to stirring up the persons who may have escaped earlier solicitations.

Consequently, "buy now," promises to be a companion to "double the third" as a campaign slogan for the remainder of the week. Totals of subscriptions by districts were reported tonight as follows:

City.

City	Subs.	Percent
St. Louis	\$213,316,450	82
Minneapolis	159,708,600	56
Boston	298,590,000	79
Dallas	72,167,150	57
San Francisco	228,943,050	56
Chicago	474,686,150	54
Richmond	135,233,000	48
Kansas City	120,979,150	46
Cleveland	271,253,750	45
New York	713,988,000	39
Atlanta	74,495,300	38
Philadelphia	191,510,100	38

Lens Razed by Huns; Will Take Two Years To Reopen Coal Mines

Paris, Oct. 15.—(Havas).—About two years must elapse before it will become possible to take out any coal from the mines in the Lens region, which the Germans damaged to the best of their ability before they retired from the city, an inspection of the mining properties has revealed. It is estimated that it will take five years to restore the normal production of the pits.

Of the 10,000 houses in Lens not one is left standing, the town having been completely razed.

Luxemburg Looks to U. S. For Liberation From Huns

Amsterdam, Oct. 15.—According to the Bremen Westf. Zeitung, the Luxemburg chamber of deputies has unanimously adopted an order of the day begging President Wilson to protect Luxemburg's rights. The order demanded that the government should obtain the evacuation of the country and the liberation of all nationals of Luxemburg condemned by the German military courts.

Zeppelin Shed Blow Up.

London, Oct. 15.—The independent air force today bombed the Freesay airfield and blew up a Zeppelin shed, according to an official announcement made here today.

OMAHA OFFICER CALLED TO AD GENERAL STAFF

Personnel Adjutant at Fort Omaha Ordered to Washington as Member of Directing Army Body.

Capt. Charles J. Glidden, formerly president of the aviation examining board at Omaha and later personnel adjutant at Fort Omaha, has been ordered to report to the general staff at Washington, D. C., for assignment.

Captain Glidden came to Omaha in September, 1917, from Boston



Capt. Chas. J. Glidden.

where he had served two months as department aeronautical officer of the northeastern department, under Gen. Clarence E. Edwards, now in France.

"Flu" Now Epidemic In Practically Every Section of Country

Washington, Oct. 15.—Spanish influenza now has reached epidemic proportions in practically every state of the country. In spite of all efforts by federal, state and local authorities, the disease has spread rapidly and the death toll has been high in most parts of the nation.

In army camps, the epidemic is subsiding, a further decrease in the number of new cases being noted today at the office of the surgeon general of the army.

In war-crowded District of Columbia the epidemic continues unabated. As a further precautionary measure, the Treasury and Interior departments today issued orders that no new employees of those departments be brought to Washington until further notice.

Shipwreck Victims Buried Beneath Debris in Gullies

Island of Islay, Scotland, Oct. 15.—A British army labor battalion has begun to remove the Otranto wreckage piled in enormous masses in many deep gullies on this savage shore. Only by much laborious and systematic work can the bodies be recovered and it may be several weeks before the task is completed. Other bodies are imprisoned in the rocky inlets and in great beds of kelp, or tangle weed, as the islanders term it.

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ADVANCE TROOPS DRIVE SIX MILES INTO ENEMY LINES

Menin and Thourcourt, Important Railway Points, Occupied; British Reach Point But Three Miles From Lille; Foch Widens Wedge Which Threatens to Split German Forces.

By The Associated Press.

London, Oct. 15.—In the fighting in Flanders the British have captured Menin, a railway center of great importance about four miles northeast of Turcoing.

The British have reached Lechat, on the Courtrai-Ingelmunster road, and have captured the villages of Gullegem and Heule. They have also advanced to the outskirts of Courtrai. This announcement was made shortly before midnight by the war office.

Since the morning of October 14, the allies have taken 12,000 prisoners and more than 100 guns in the operations in Belgium. In addition to occupying Menin, the British have entered Wervicq and are standing on the right bank of the Lys.

Northeast of Lens the British have advanced to the neighborhood of Hauberdin, about three miles west of Lille and to the south have crossed the Haute Deule canal, south of Pont-A-Vendin and taken several villages, according to the communication of Field Marshal Haig, issued tonight.

With the Allied Forces in Belgium, Oct. 15.—British, French and Belgian troops in their offensive begun yesterday in Belgium, have captured more than 10,000 prisoners and have taken more than 100 guns.

Advanced allied troops have signalled that they are from six to seven miles inside the German positions.

Thourout Captured by Allies.
The Belgian town of Thourout was captured by the allies. Thourout is an important strategic position and a vital transportation center. Upon it hinged a large part of the German transportation system.

Heavy rain fell in Flanders throughout the night, tending to turn the battle fields into seas of mud. The low plunging clouds show no signs of clearing. A continuation of the steady downpour would undoubtedly result in slowing up the battle.

The enemy artillery reacted heavily south of Roulers after the allied attack was launched, but north of the city this fire was very slight, indicating that the German guns had been withdrawn. The German rear guards were overcome and further north the enemy resistance gradually grew lighter as the assault progressed. Among the prisoners was a complete regimental staff and a battalion commander.

Eight Divisions Hurdled Back.
Since Sunday morning eight of the German front line divisions in Flanders have been flung back broken and confused, while probably all or most of the divisions held in reserve behind them received a heavy grueling. This apparently has not been a battle of limited objectives, but rather a drive, and where towns resisted at all strongly the line has pushed on, closing again beyond and leaving clearing up parties to finish the work.

The enemy has begun blowing up material which he could not remove and the torch is being applied to the towns. There have been four explosions near Beerst.

Advancing on Lichtervelde.
Paris, Oct. 15.—The French and Belgian troops in Flanders have captured 7,000 Germans and taken 80 guns, according to the official communication issued by the Belgian office tonight. Belgian and French cavalry are advancing on Lichtervelde, between Thourout and Boulers, having crossed the railroad. The Courtrai-Ingelmunster railway line has been reached by the French and British.

Drives Formidable Wedge.
Paris, Oct. 15.—Marshal Foch is driving a formidable wedge between the German bases of Bruges and Ghent, in Belgium and Lille in France. The effective manner in which King Albert carried out his attack Monday has further widened the wedge, which threatens to split the German forces unless the enemy falls back speedily on a wide front.

The British army of General Plumer, on the right wing of the attack, has been blowing up the railway line between the two main German bases.

R. D. Weigel Funeral to Be Thursday Afternoon

The funeral of R. D. Weigel will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Cole & McKay chapel. A full military funeral will be conducted at the chapel, and at Fort Lawns cemetery the Masons have charge of the service.

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The storm that raged at the time of the loss of the Otranto was so terrific that wreckage was carried by huge waves over the cliffs a quarter of a mile inland. It is regarded as a miracle that any one on board escaped, yet with one or two exceptions the 20 survivors who reached Islay showed little effects of their fearful ordeal.