Correspondent Gives Impressions of Visit to Battlefield of Somme.

exploit was told here today of a farmer's wife, Octavie Delacourt, in Lower Normandy. At the height of the German invasion she had started out to walk through the woods to Gourney. near Vanvais. While tramping through the wood she suddenly felt a hand clapped on her shoulder. She turned round and saw a large, heavy man in grey, with a round cap.

She had never seen a German soldier before, but thought this must be one. Another appeard out of the wood. They said not a word, but tourned her round, and pointed to her to go back along the road by which she had come. She did so, but whei out of sight turned back and ran northwards again for all she was worth. In the first village she reached she

told the gendarmes, farmers, the postmistress, and everyone she met that there were Prussians in the wood near by, and was laughed at. At last the postmistress, at her entreaty, telegraphed the authorities, and at the same time three gendarmes set out for the wood

The woman's information approved well worth listening to. A non-commissioned officer and eleven German soldiers were stopped and taken near Oisell, just above Rouen. They had set out in motor cars to blow up Oissel bridge with explosives. The defatally hampered the communications tal near Berlin. between the British Expeditionary Force and the base.

The German cars were stopped. thanks to the presence of mind of the territorials guarding the line, who fired shots into the tires. One of the cars was a truck containing a ton of explosives.

The three gendarmes who first cat out on the trail discovered by the were all killed.

Paris, Sept. 16.-I have just returned from the battlefield of the Somme impressed beyond words by the impressions of the indomitable courage and strength of the French armies. Nowhere has French army organization reached such perfection as in fertile Picardy. Nowhere have I seen such scenes of absolute destruction. These battlefields present a spectacle of violence and death which can never be forgotten.

works of military engineering, rein. money. forced with steel and cement, with There are innumerable items of spacious bomb-proof shelters under legitimate expense never thought of neath, have been destroyed and blown by the average person. To mention into bits in a few hours, although it only a few, there is the cost of maintook more than twenty months to taining national and divisional headmake them. The white soil into which quarters, of printing and mailing tons they were dug has been pulverized to of literature, and millions of letters. the fineness of table salt by the mer- of effecting organizations in every ciless bombardment of the wonderful town in every one of the forty-eight French guns. Under an avalanche of States in preparing and distributing metal and high explosives these publicity matter, in maintaining a trenches ceased to be works of de- speakers' bureau, in printing and cirfense and became prisons, tombs culating pictures of the candidates, from which no human being emerged etc.

And still, the ruined villages where submitted by the French batteries, for our our diplomacy. there is not one single square yard of The Democratic Administration has

Leaving the German first line trenches behind us we went on for three miles, through Dompierre and Becquincourt. Everywhere we found as your eye could see, and never more than one or two yards apart. The surface of the ground looked as if it had been torn up by the claws of some gigantic monster.

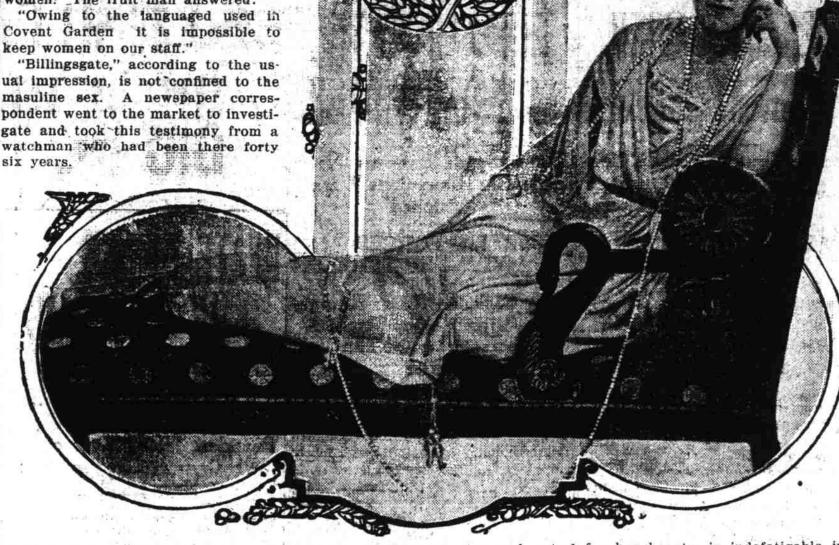
For three miles we went on and in front of us the ground still presented the same appearance. One shuddered to think that this wide belt of destruction stretched north and south for many miles and that everywhere

world to compare with this. But these the elegant "seventy-fives" to the mon. pulse with fever of devotion to the splendid results, which have given ster howitzers that require special of its peril, its powers, its weak-France certainty of victory, have not railroads built for them, are superb, ness, its mission, and quickening the been accomplished by a miracle. The impression you get everywhere flag and all it symbolizes. When you have visited, as I was per. is one of order, of system, of calm ex. These are only some of the larger mitted to do, not only the actual bat- pectancy and quiet cheerfulness. The achievements of the Democratic Ad- BEVERIDGE TO TAKE tlefields, but also the zones behind soldiers look hale and hearty, with ministration, accomplished not only where you find the complicated organ. their tanned faces and their pleasant without disturbance to business, but ization which a modern fighting army smile. They work and fight with with acceleration of business. requires, then your astonishment equally good cheer.

London, Sept. 16.—British strong language is proving a hidrance to victory, it seems. One of a firm of foreign fruit brokers appeared before the military appeal tribunal to ask that some of their men be exempted from army service. A another of the tribunal suggested the employment of women: The fruit man answered:

keep women on our staff."

"Billingsgate," according to the usual impression, is not confined to the masuline sex. A newspaper corres-Sept. 16.-A remarkable pondent went to the market to investigate and took this testimony from a watchman who had been there forty six years.



Berlin, Sept. 16.—The Princess of Pless, an Englishwoman and noted for her beauty, is indefatigable in relief work for German wounded.

It is curious that her sister, the Duchess of Westminster, is just as busy doing the same kind of service for British soldfers in England. They are daughters of Coonel Cornwallis-West.

The Princess's eldest son, Prince John Henry, sixteen years old, considered it a great disgrace that no man of the family was fighting with the soldiers, and shortly after war was declared, and when he was a few months more than fourteen, he ran a way from home and enlisted as a private. His father finally succeeded in funding him and brought him back to his mother.

The Prince and Princess entertained the Kaiser at their Silesian eastle in the early campaign in Galicia. struction of that bridge might have This castle is now at the disposal of the Red Cross. The Princess spends most of her days nursing in a hospi-

### An Appeal to the People

\* corpses of mankind. We follow \* foe. \* the President of the United \*! It has preserved that strict neutrali-# things."

We must have money to defray the expenses of the Democratic Presidential campaign. This is the people's campaign and it is all-important that The German trenches, wonderful it be conducted with the people's

A Record Achievement. The Democratic Party has been in

hardly one brick is left on top of an control of the government for nearly other and the flattened trenches were four years, and in that time has writnot the things taat impressed me ten more of constructive legislation most on these battlefields. What than any other administration in the struck me most and what even at this nation's history, and guided the ship moment seems absolutely incredible of State safely through crisis more to me is the frightful ordeal to which numerous and more grave than had the entire bombarded zone has been arisen in the precedeing fifty years

ground which has escaped the shells, kept the country out of war, while

masterpiece of intelligence, of logic, ness, created new markets for the pro- The undersigned know from perof calculation, foresight and coordi- ducts of American factory, field and sonal conversation with the officers in warefare is henceforth useless." shell holes, thousands of them as far nation. The French people may well farm, chartered new routes for com- of the National Committee, that they be proud of the work of preparation merce, and is in the way of establish- are in urgent need of immediate man. He seemed a bit sulky, I must look after the others first. the next two or three generations and and organization which their military, ing an American merchant marine funds to carry on the necessary work thought. So we sat and waited. My Meantime the hole was getting small we will make all possible efforts to leaders have performed in the Somme, which will put the Stars and Stripes of the cam aign and we earnest'y orderly had gone, and nothing seemed ler, yet he still refused to leave his close the ports of the neutral coun-Enormous quantities of war material in every harbor in the world. the battles in the Picardy and still of politics by the creation of a noncontinue to slow into the fighting partisan commission. zone as a gigantic torrent by rail, by. It has laid the groundwork for a namotor car and old-fashioned horse tion system of good roads, guard-

human beings by the thousands had French flying camps, the daring of for every dollar appropriated by the amount will be gladly received. been huddling together below the sur- these incompr able bird men who federal government the States must face awaiting death or what was fly wherever they want to over the appropriate another dollar. worse-madness, for I am told that German lines while not one enemy hundreds of poor German wretches filer dares cross the French, who sow went mad under the bombardment death and destruction, who accomand in many cases killed their offi- pany the infantry when it attacks, and patriotism, reminding men and wowho act as the eyes of the thousands men of the meaning of Americanism. Surely there is no sight in the of French guns of every calibre from awakening the nation to lively sense

ceases and gives way to admiration. I remember one battalien passing Here behind the line I found the us. They were going back to the roots of the forces which have distrenches. Their step was light and the clatter of the shuttle, not the embowelled the soil and disintegrated elastic, they carried their heads high crack of the rifle, have won us the the villages of the Somme. It was and they were laughing and singing, place we occupy in the councils of the here I found the key to the wonders I. One might believe they were going on had seen. The battlefield itself speaks a holiday. I thought that men who, to your senses, but the organization after fighting for more than two years, in the rear of it speaks to your mind. could still go back to the trenches administration, this very remarkable neapolis down to Arizona. Colorado resigned as protectoress of the Socie- the Humber, the Zeppelin attempting quests of the Chamber of Commerce.

\* \* \* \* preserving its honor unsullied and unstained.

"Others may follow the Lords # It has prepared for adequate pre-

\* States and seek inspiration of \* ty which Washington declared should " 'umanity that : \ 'pires to higher " always be the policy of the United

It has followed in Mexico the policy of Lincoln, who asserted the right of the people re-elect, it. that unhappy people to order their own government.

Dinner Pail is Full.

It has established prosperity more general and genuine than all the people ever enjoyed before, so that every dinner pail is full, every factory is working, every man employed, and the average of wages higher.

It has given the nation a system of

making guilt personal, defining for the doubtful States. first time without ambiguity what con-, We cannot expect to get money stitutes restraint of trade, and pre- from that class who expect special venting trade monopply with prohibi- favors at the hands of the governtion of interlocking directoriates; and ment. The Republican party has a mission a court of business.

Labor Not A Commodity. It has taken labor out of the classi to the Republicans.

fication of commodity, and bid it as- The Democrats are making a direct

est he must carry.

It has opened new avenues of busi- tion,

which had been accumulated before It has forever taken the tariff out

ing against extravagance in use of the The wonderful perfection of the people's money with a provision that

It has kindled anew the fires of tee.

"The ring of the anvil, not the rattie of the sabre; the song of the reaper, not the shriek of the soldier; world."

Do You Approve This?

all the stronger when you take thought that ahead are more dangers. transferred to Daurya, in Transtimes not less trying, when one false Baikalia. In this camp conditions their heads demonstrating thoughts step may plunge the nation into war, when the hands of inexperience may ed no burtalities toward the prisoners. make error irreparable?

If this record of the Democratic ad ministration, with the assurance it carries of future wise conduct of the affidavit: \* of War who ride among the \* paredness against agression of any nation's affairs, appeals to you, won't you contribute some money to re

The Democratic administration has served the people. It has been a real government, solely for the people. Let the contributions and the votes of

licans are making a campaign based bring underclothing, a pair of trousers, largely upon sectional lines. are vicious in their attacks upon the South and the Southern people. In Although I was in the hospital six he nets behind him. So there it was papers are again devoting many colment their contention that the South finance and banking that shielded it has too large a share in the managefrom panic and depression when the ment o fthe government. They are whole structure of European credit trying to prejudice the voters of the was destroyed by war, and which ov North and West against the South on erwhelmed other neutral nations this account. With the campaign whose statesmen lacked the foresight being conducted in such a manner, and capacity of America's Democratic our people cught to be more liberal than ever in furnishing the means to It has amended the anti-trust laws get the truth to the people in the

has set up in the Federal Trade Com- monopoly of that class. They are that is the least of all our needs. The William Hackett, of that town, who ing to stain its honor by resuming furnishing and will continue to furnish in unlimited quantities, money

pire to the higher things it national appeal to the average citizen who ly craves without fear of punishment does not want nor expect to receive and nickel brough back in return of an enemy mine, after working for ian will ever be permitted to set his special privileges and who is opposed is of little value. The semi-official 20 hours, a hole was made through foot on Italian soil again and we even It has afforded the farmer easy cre- to restoring the Republican party. dit and diminished the burden of inter- which has always been a party of special privilege, to power in the na- the facts, and its intentions are quit Hackett helped three of the men

urge you to make your remittance to happen. I felt for my pipe with injured comrades. Finally the gal-

and county in the State and these are risk, and told him pretty sharply to the nature of sliding earth, and the markets of the world, they will urged to begin work immediately and put down the rifle he carried. Over chances against him deliberately gave, not be able to live on the small terrimake quick remittances as the need this way, please; gently now along his life for his comrade."

Rae, Treasurer, Wilmington, N. C., or of that before, doesn't it?" to the treasurer of your local commit-A. W. McLEAN.

Chairman,

HUGH MAC RAE, Secretary and Treasurer. Finance Committee for North Carolina Wilson-Marshall Campaign Fund.

New York, Sept. 16.-It was an treasury. bert J. Beveridge, of Indiana. will sult," declaring that as private parties ly into the sea. start a National tone on October 5 in they were not obliged to report their. The force with which some of these industry. The first group will soon

Mr. Beverldge will speak first in The result of the investigation was the crew were swept off her. Does this record of the Democratic Chicago and from there travel to Min- placed before the Czarina who at once The trawler then made her way to state revenues the ansewr to the re-

WELL TRAINET GIVEN PRISONERS

THE MEMBERS OF THE SENTERS WAS AND ASSESSED.

Terrible Conditions Said to Exist in Russian Prison Camp.

Berlin, Sept. 16.-The semi-official "Norddeutsche Allgemeina Zeitung" publishes a statement of Corporal Emil Lorenz, a crippled war prisoner who recently was exchanged by Russia and reached his native town of Kroeslin:

He was badly wounded and captured October 1, 1914. He spent four months in different military hospitals where one of his legs and his right arm were amputated. In January, 1915, he was sent to the prison camp, of Novo Nilolayovsk near Gorodok. The conditions there were terrible. The whole camp was indescribably filthy and disease claimed from thirty to fifty victims daily. Between March 15 and August 2, 1915, over 9,000 of the 15,000 prisoners in the camp died.

At first the corpses were packed into boxes and buried in the snow outside of the camp. Later they were thrown into a stable where they remained until they were half devoured certain theatrical performances. by rats. When the stable was full, quicklime was thrown over the bodies undestroyed parts were pulled out of if they were given their choice they the lime with rakes and buried.

In the hospitals of the camp the sick prisoners had to lay on the bare cement floors with no covering but their cloaks. Nobody looked after them and they received only the food brought to them by their stronger comrades. The men had to eat out of buckets which were used as coal

On August 2. 1915, the corporal was

The statement of Corporal Lorenz is confirmed in all details by Sergeant Rudolph Grundmann who says in an

"Shortly after my arrival in Novo Nilolayevsk I was taken ill with typhoid. I tried to go to the hospital, but dropped exhausted before the door. Nobody paid any attention to me and an empty revolver: He said: I was almost dead when Lorenz and recovered, thanks to my iron consti- trench. Awkward, wasn't it? tution."

Berlin, Sept. 16.-The Rhine-Westphalian Gazette controlled by the my surprise he said, in: English Krupps, in an article on the possibili- "Don't shoot,' I said I'd shoot the lot parliament recently said in a public ties of securing Germany's food sup-of 'em if one of 'em moved. 'You sit speech: "The war will, of course, clares that it is wrong to build great you are, Mister Boche, and I'll take present bloodshed cannot go on forhopes on the success of the "Dutsch-

"To supply our needs in cotton London. Sept. 16.—The Boxborough "A reconciliation between Italy and

noteworthy relief to the blockade. which we sent to the United States "When entombed with four others savages.

regent. Contributions in any the ground, carefully I told him. And Hackett leaves a widow and two and they cannot emigrate, because no so I got a first-rate weapon. Seems children, a boy of fifteen years and country will admit them. Make checks payable to Hugh Mac- incredible I shouldn't have thought a girl of thirteen. They boy had his "In the United States and South

At first these rumors were ignored, sent her a check for \$335. but they persisted and Mme. Stuermer, the president of the society, finally started an investigation which London, Sept. 16.—The "Hull Daily many newspapers which formerly were disclosed an amazing state of affairs. Mail" prints this thrilling tale of an decidedly pro-German and bitterly at men of high rank, who were very ac- ler. tive in the work of the society, had. The Endymion, while fishing off Entente. STUMP FOR HUGHES received large amounts of money Flamborough Head, was set by a Zep-

GENERAL SIR HORACE SMITH HEROIG DEED

# the war.

London, Sept. 16.—General Sir H L. Smith-Dorrien writes to the newspapers a protest against the tone of

"I am convinced," he says, "that our gallant sailors and soldiers themselves would be the first to admit that would prefer performances which, he asserted. "I don't think in those while cheerful and inspiring, appealed to the best side of their patriotic natures and not exhibitions of scantily dressed girls and songs of a doubtful character.

"The whole nation's heart is at last an important factor undoubtedly is were doing the same thing. It is perthe cleanliness of mind and nobility of purpose of our herces on sea and sary and certainly wrong to put into my customers by my social connecland, and it seems entirely unnecessuch as they must obtain from many performances now appearing on the

London, Sept. 16.-A British captain wounded at Pozieres told a correspondent at Southampton a thrilling stor yof how Germans were bluffed by

two other prisoners found me and car- pipped through the soldier outside the ried me into the hospital. There my trench. While I squatted there I clothing was taken from me and I had heard a scuffling underground, just average Italian into a fit of rage. The The Southern States, and particu- to lay on the floor naked, although round the other side of the traverse larly North Carolina, have a peculiar it was bitter cold. Corporal Lorenz I aws leaning on. Tookma look round interest in this contest. The Republand other comrades finally managed to the other side, and found a Boche spicable and abhorrent to the Italian officer-the first I'd reen-just appear- people. an old coat and a ragged blanket to ing at the mouth of a dug-out, feeling me saved me from freezing to death. his way out. I could see the spikes of an active press progaganda. The the election just closed in Maine they weeks I only saw a doctor once and My revolver was empty. My orderused as their chief campaign argu- I never received any medicine, but I ly had lost his rifle away outside the advocate an Italian organization mod-

> "Well, of course, I pointed my revolver at the Boche officer. One does only out of all English dominions, but that instinctively, I suppose. And to practically off the face of the earth. perfectly still. Sit right down there have to end some day, because the

alone," the paper says, "would take Urban District Council has started to the Central Powers is an impossibiliat least twenty-five Deutschlands, and collect funds for a memorial to Sapper ty. The noble Italian race is not gosubmarine service cannot bring any has been awarded the Victoria diplomatic intercourse with two na

was important, the trifle of copper in amgallory," owing to the explosion press, which declares that the block- fallen earth and broken timber, and ade is now broken, is contradicting the outside party was met. Sapper ters with these Huns a crime. obvious. It is attempting to prove to through the hole, and could easily the same spirit. No German or Aus the German nation that the submar- have followed, but refused to leave trian ship will be allowed to enter "'We're not moving,' said a Ger- jured saying; - I em a tunneller, I Japanese or Poartuguese port during my left hand, but it was no go. That lery collapsed, and though the rescue

The National Committee, at our in. arm was out of the question. "Got party worked desperately for four arms and acknowledge their defeat stance, has appointed local finance anything to smoke?" I said to the days the attempt to reach the two men they will find that they have become committees in practically every town Boche; and, as he moved, I saw the failed. Sapper Hackett, well knowing outcasts. Ostracized and cut off from

> right log amputated a few months ago. America they are today as hitterly as a result of an accident while work hated as in Italy, France, England and Several months ago rumors about ing on a Nottinghamshire mine. The Russia. This was means the end of the alleged disappearance of large officers and men of the tunnelling Co. the Teutonic race. In the future the funds found their way into the press. to which Hackett was attached have world belongs to the Anglo Saxon, the

> It was ascertained that several wo attack b ya Zeppelin on a Hull traw- tacked the Italian government when

which never were turned into the pelin (the L 21) which assailed her. The trawler cut her gear and dodg- Petrograd, Sept. 16.—The Russonounced today by Chairman Wm. B. When Mme. Stuermer demanded an ed the aircraft. The Zeppelin made American Chamber of Commerce has willow, of the Republican committee, accounting the ladies involved in the several attempts to bomb the traw-decided to send batches of Russian that former United States Senator Al- scandal indigantly resented the "in- ler, the missiles dropping harmless- students to the United States to study

behalf of the Hughes and Fairbanks receipts and disbursements to any bombs exploded lifted the trawler al- leave Russia for America. most out of the water, and several of The Russian Government has decid-

The organization of the lines be- in such a manner, must have every record, made in "times that try men's and adjacent States. He will speak ty. Mme. Stuermer and many leaders to conceal herself in a cloud of smoke. The money is to be devoted to the imof the artistocracy also withdrew, Eventually, she disappeared,

## IS REMEMBERED

Memorial to Man Who Lost Life in Effort to Save Four Others

London, Sept. 16 .- In the bankruptcy court here Roy Mackay, a young man of picturesque career, told of making about \$60,000 in the Bell gravia district of London just before

Mackay joined the army in the first month of the war, went to the front a few days later and was captured by the Germans after the retreat from Mons. He and a famous British poer's son were placed in a German trenen. the Germans being too busily occupied with the fighting to both much about him.

At a favorable opportunity the two made a dash from the trench. Mackay got away, but his companion fell dead with a bullet in his head. The gambler managed to exchange his kakai clothes for the attire of a French peasant and eventually reached England as a result of his privations he was, invalided out o fthe army, on a small pension.

krAoowoyear etaoishrdluotaoi Mackay objected strongly in court to

being called a professional gambler. "Running a gambling house doesn't constiute you a professional gambler." days in London it was a very singular venture. It was a very common thing among the highest and best people in London. Everybody was above reproach who was there and I was not the only one by many dozens that fectlyy justified, just the same as a bookmaker's or any other business.

"I found a considerable number of tions. As soon as they knew I was ing; they just came."

Zurich, Sept. 16 .- The Rome correspondent of the Zurich Post writes: "The friendly feeling toward Ger-

many which existed in Italy even after the declaration of wkar against Austria has turned into violent hate. "My orderly was with me. He'd got It is only necessary to mention the words 'Allemania' (Germany) and 'Tedescho' (German) to throw the formerly admired German empire today signifies everything that is de-

"This insane hatred is fostered by

umns to alleged German atrocities and elled after the 'British Empire Union.' which aims to drive the Germans not "Oone of the leaders of the Italian ever, but we shall continue our war fare in bloodless manner after the treaty of peace is signed.

Cross. The - official record of tions who have proved that they are "If it be true that the cargo of dyes Hackett's heroic exploit is as follows: on a lower level than the African

> intend to make the exchange of let-"Our great Allies are animated by

"No 'German, Austrian or Hungar-

tries to them also.

"When 'the teutons lay down their

atin and the Slavic races undis

"Similar thoughts are expressed by 'it entered the war on the side of the

provement of the Chamber.