IS BUSILY ENGAGED

Playing Heavily Against Positions of the French on the North Front of Verdun.

FRENCH GUNS ALSO ACTIVE

Associated Press Correspondent at Crown Prince's Heacquarters Tells of Big Gains Made Against French in Fortnight.

Headquarters of the Army of the German Crown Prince before Verdun, March 27, via Berlin and London, March fight against the bill had centered was 30.—German artillery is playing heavl- sustained 284 to 107. This provision ly on the north front of Verdun. Vast has been the cause of vetoes of similar bank of the Meuse.

river a mass of smoke columns floating like a hazy forest of cypress above 304 testifies to the hail of high cali- pose to the House leaders. bred shells falling on this northwestern outpost of the French positions. Which of these two points will be the scene of the next phase of the German offensive is a question which doubtless is puzzling General Joffre and General Petain.

The Associated Press correspondent has made an inspection of the ground front in the fortnight since his last previous visit. The French then retained the west bank of the river for a distance of three miles north of the to a "contiguous" foreign country. line of Douaumont. Of the old posi-, tions, the French now hold only a narrow tongue of land between Dead peared that they must abandon it

French guns are no less active than spondent experienced personally when a shell dropped squarely in the batmasses of dirt on all sides, but not or to any government. harming the gunners, who had dived Other provisions of the bill extend the rights to film his "Whispering like rabbits into the sheltered dug out and strengthen the laws regarding Smith" book, to follow "The Girl and

the crown prince expressed the opera- posed on steamship companies for iltions leading to the occupation of the legal acts in connection with immi- Chaplin comedy and another Keystone region west of the river. The French | grant traffic, requires such companies of much mirth and worth. So don't positions here were on oGose Hill and to re-pay passage expense to rejected miss the Grand today-remember it's in Cumieres wood, with strongly fort- aliens, doubles the head tax from \$4 the show of guaranteed thrills! ified supporting points for infantry in to \$8, and imposes restrictions designthe villages of Regnieville and Bthein- ed to prevent alien seamen who leave court. Every house had been convert- their ships from remaining in this ed into a miniature fortress by wall- country. ing the cellars with masonry and provided embrasures for machine guns and rifles. The position faced north and the flank was protected by the flooded river.

A frontal attack would have entailed heavy losses in charging up the steep slopes of the Goose Ridge and Dead Man's Hill, but a surprise crossing was completely successful. Several columns were thrown across the river and Goose Ridge was carried. French garrison surrendered several days later.

Counter Attack Too Hurriedly. The first heavy resistance encountered in the ravine and in Cumieres wood as finally broken and the defenders were killed or captured almost to a man, fighting desperately to the last. The French counter attack was delivered too hurriedly, only three battalions participating instead of a brigade as ordered by General Petain.

The Germans then carried Dead Man's Hill. The attack then was transferred to Avocourt wood and succeeded in the first rush. The French now hold same depth, containing Hill No. 304. The contents of the sack are expected to pass into German possession when

ROME CLAIMS AUSTRIANS WERE REPEATEDLY BEATEN

war office communication issued to-

"On the heights northwest of Gorizia, the artillery duel was intense a strike can be called. throughout yesterday. At night fall renewed his violent attack which com-Sabotino. Repeatedly repulsed, the enemy constantly renewed his sanguinary attack with fresh troops. These efforts were vain and the enemy eventually was defeated by a counter attack and forced to flee, leaving in our hands five officers and 156 men pris-

"On the Carso the artillery actions door." continue. East of Seilz our troops, who for several days had pressed strong enemy entrenchments about ment at the point of the bayonet. The flict" with the following principles: enemy launched numerous counter attacks. The fighting continued into the night but all the Austrian attacks were repulsed."

Washington, March 30 .- The Inter- all members of a train and engine state Commerce Commission today crew. suspended until further its order effective April 1 requiring the Pennsylvania and other railroads to dispose of their steamboat lines on Chesapeake rates according to the class of ser-Bay in accordance with the Panama Canal act. The commission will further investigate to determine whether conditions warrant their operation by the railroads.

that sear. today.

BUBNETT IMMIGRATION BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

Favorable Action by the Senate Regarded as Assured.

Literacy Test and Asiatic Exclusion Provisions Unchanged-Votes on the Bill Recorded Without Party Lines.

Washington, March 30 .- The Burnett Immigration bill, with its literacy test and Asiatic exclusion provisions unchanged, passed the House late today by a vote of 308 to 87. It now goes to the Senate, where favorable action is regarded as assured.

The literacy test about which the and Wilson were lost in the House by bill in the event of another veto. The Bethincourt, Malancourt and Hill No. President has not indicated his pur-

test and on the passage of the bill were without regard to party lines. Majority Leader Kitchin voted for the ty Leader Mann voted against the literacy test and then for the bill.

During the debate today the Humphrey reciprocal exclusion amendment, adopted Tuesday, aimed at retaliation upon British Columbia because of its exclusion or skilled and gained by the Germans on the Verdun unskilled labor from this and other foreign countries; was modified upon discovery that it operated against immigration from Russia. It was changed so as to make it applicable only

The literacy test as adopted would exclude all aliens over 16 years old great chapter of "The Girl and the Man's Hill and Avocourt wood. This cannot read English or some other lan- has made a wider appeal to Wilmington position is naturally strong, but from guage, except certain relatives of per- amusement lovers than any past serial. the intense artillery fire falling upon sons already in this country and cer- It's right up in a class with the very them today from three sides, it ap- tain classes of refugees from religious best, and it's appeal is to people of

cally bar Hindus and add to the ex- feminine girl, who at the same time is cases "persons who cannot become eligible, under existing law, to est man. Who looks at dangerous epithe German, although their fire is become citizens of the United States sodes and stunts as a lark, and who more scattered. They know the posi- by naturalization unless otherwise does and dares every day of her life. tion of many batteries and shoot with provided for" by existing or future things that the boldest man might

uncomfortable accuracy, as the corre- treaties, conventions or agreements. | quake at thoughts of. Well, that girl Pacific coast members were satisfied is Helen Holmes, the fearless film with this provision, which gives leg- star, who is packing them in from one tery by which he was standing. They islative recognition to the existing so- side of the United States to the other wasted only three shells in obtaining called "gentlemen's agreement" with with her great performance in the leadthe range. Two of these were slightly Japan for the exclusion of Japanese ing role of "The Girl and the Game" over, but in the exact line. The third laborers, and the committee advised the great story of railroad life in landed right among the guns, but the the House that there was nothing of the mountains from the pen of Frank softened clay soil swallowed it and fensive in the language to the Immi- H. Spearman, Just here it might be smothered its explosion, throwing gration Bureau, the State Department mentioned that it is making such a hit

smuggling and harboring of inadmis- the Game." An officer from the headquarters of sable aliens, increase the penalties im-

Day of Eight Hours

No Intimations That Demands Would be Granted Have Yet Come From Railrond s-Ratiroads Also Make Proposals.

only the sack-like position, two and ductors, firemen and trainmen was are making it." a half miles wide and of about the made today of railroad companies the period of artillery preparation has ing the matter before the general man- miss "The Iron Claw." It's the biggest agers of the several roads. The men treat we ever gave you." ask for reduced hours without a re-

In no instance so far as had been the enemy, having been reinforced, he learned here tonight, were there inti- Peters is a most capable cast, among menced at the northern extremity of the Podgora height and extended rap- granted, and extended negotiations players; Hayden Stevenson, Ferdinand ly along the whole front as far as between the men and the railroad O'Beck and Ray Chamberlain.

there shall be open for discussion the scenario adaptation of William Vaughan Moody's writing. midday yesterday again attacked in those provisions in present schedules strong force and seized an entrench- of compensation which are "in con-"No double compensation for the

same time of service. "The same classifications for the purpose of compensation to be applied to

"Two or more differently paid classes of service performed in the same out this evening by Prof. George day or trip to be paid proportionate B. McClellan, of Princeton University, vice with not less than a minimum day for the combined service."



KEEP YOUR SHOES NEAT



THEATRICAL

To make a success in light opera, clouds of smoke mark the site of the immigration bills by Presidents Cleve- musical comedy, concert work, straight they are the expression. In self-deburning suburb behind Forts Belle- land, Taft and Wilson. The House drama, tragedy, comedy and in motion ville and Froideterre, set afire by the passed the bill over the Cleveland' veto pictures falls to the lot of but few bombardment of these two forts, which but it failed in the Senate. Motions to player folk. One man who has achievbar ingress to the city along the east over-ride the vetoes of Presidents Taft ed fame in all these branches of the assert itself in the popular cause theatrical world is Edwin Stevens, the against all opposition-a public opinion Eight miles westward across the nett, chairman of the Immigration famous Broadway star, who will be committee, predicted tonight that there seen at the Royal today in the Uniwas sufficient strength to re-pass the versal feature five-act drama, "The Man interest of any privileged part." Inside," adapted from Natalie Sumner Lincoln's noval of the same title, by Both record votes on the literacy R. L. Schreck and produced by J. S. Adelphi.

The story is a throbbing, vital picliteracy test and for the bill. Minori- ture of life in the Diplomatic Corps ping situations. Mr. Stevens is at his best and on the screen surpasses all expectations. He is assisted by a wonderful cast of film stars. The Master Rogue, as played by Mr. Stevens will hold your interest from his first appearance and will try your wits to penerate his various disguises, "The Man Inside" is indeed a feature, one you will regret not having seen, if you should miss it.

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"The Iron Claw" starring the great Elaine trio, Pearl White, Creighton Hale and Sheldon Lewis, is the latest and greatest Pathe serial. There has been one put out by Pathe since Elaine, Regnieville was surrounded and the Nearly 400,000 Ask for Working patrons—so it was not booked. Before booking "The Iron Claw" every authority on the subject was viewed. For instance, the editor of the Moving Picture World said, among other things: "The Iron Claw bids fair to become the most popular of all Pathe serials. They have found it wise, from long experience with serials, to make- each chapter capable of standing alone, as an interesting piece of photography. A winning combination is engaged in producing this story of mystery and New York, March 30 .- Demand for a thrills. The interest is aroused right working day of eight hours for near- the scenes are of the most vivid kind ly 400,000 locomotive engineers, con- imaginable and truly artistic directors

"The Iron Claw" runs for twelve weeks, and the Bijou management throughout the United States, repre- wants every patron of the show to take sentatives of the Big Four unions lay- this as a personal message: "Don't

"The Great Divide" Tomorrow. The long heralded and much talked duction in the present rate of pay and of photo-play version of America's for time and a half for overtime. The greatest western play, "The Great Di-Rome, via London, March 30.—The railroads have until April 19th to an- bin Company, and with Ethel Clayton, swer, but another referendum vote of the popular Lubin player and House the employes will be necessary before Peters in the leading roles, will be shown to patrons of the Royal Theatre

tomorrow. In support of Miss Clayton and Mr. mations that the demand would be whom are Warner P. Richmond, Mary

companies will probably follow today's Edgar Lewis, the new Lubin director, whose productions of photoplays with William Farnum as the star earned The only reply the Eastern railroad for him a reputation as probably the managers made was the submission of greatest producer of motion pictures propositions of their own, stating that now actively engaged in that work of "what the railroads ask for is an open art, is the director of "The Great Di-vide," while Anthony P. Kelly, the author of the photoplay sensation, "The, When the railroad managers demand Soul of a Woman," is responsible for

BACKING OF PUBLIC OPINION

Professor McClellan Delivers Second of Series of Lectures.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Chapel Hill, N. C., March 36 .- That law is worthless without the backing of public opinion was the idea brought in the second lecture of the Weil Series, entitled "The Law."

"There are many laws on the statute books today," declared Professor Mc-Clellan, "that are not enforceable be-Johnstown. Pa., March 30. — Eight men were killed by an explosion of gas in the Robindale mine of the Conemany, at Sehat sear. "The Iron Claw," Bijou oday.

(Advertisement.)

Johnstown. Pa., March 30. — Eight men were killed by an explosion of gas in the Robindale mine of the Conemany, at Seward, eight miles west of here, today. The dead include John Waddell, superlintendent of the mine.

can be and ought to be of no avail. The law to be effective must be re-en- William G. McAdoo, secretary of the forced by the public will."

And again in closing he declared that the laws will be no better and no worse than the public opinion of which day on the cruiser Tennessee. They fense, therefore, the chief task of democracy must be the cultivation of a public opinion so powerful that it can so sane and healthy that it will work for freedom and righteousness in the cause of all the people and not in the

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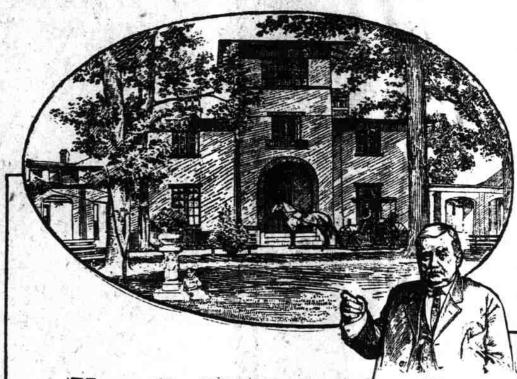
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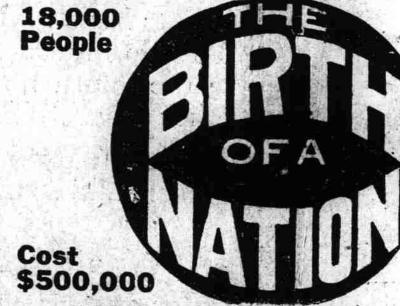
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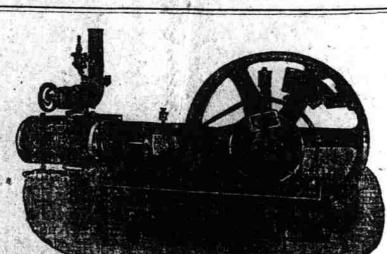
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