

Franco-Americans Win Points. he successes of the Americans and French give back to them points trategic value on the heights doming the Marne valley. The Amerialone re-captured Fossoy and aney east of Chateau Thierry and one point near Fossoy drove back enemy across the river and took a ber of prisoners. Aided by the anch the re-capture of St. Agnan, 223 and La Chapelle-Monthodon, of Dormans, was accomplished.

Pay Dearly for Gains. hroughout the region lying to the of Rheims, especially south of larne, the Germans made desperattempts on various sectors to intheir penetration of the allied but where they were able to any advantage it was only a at a time, the French meeting for every inch of ground he

Fighting East of Rheims, stward from Rheims hard fightis still going on almost to the rn fringes of the Argonne forbut apparently the enemy here s meeting with ill-success. Atattempted near Prunay and ppes came to naught under the ach fire, while further east, near osnes and Tehure, efforts to break French line were repulsed with vy losses.

Berlin Claims 13,000, The German official communication dealing with the fighting of Monsays the Germans took 13,000 pris-The French on their part are rted to have taken thousands of tives and it is known that the ericans have made prisoners of be-1,000 and 1,500 Germans. n, the Americans, French and ans have inflicted terrible losses le enemy by the accuracy of their 1. machine gun and rifle fire.

Expect Hun Reserves Now. ough the allied troops seem-

Press.)-French and American forces the Germans in the present offensive fighting together have recaptured the village of St. Agan, Hill 223, to the has been so great and the German losses consequently so heavy that enenorthwest and La Chappelle-Montbomy divisions which the German staff In co-operation with the French, the had not intended to utilize until to-

German attack tanks which attacked

In a section of the Champagne lying

other well known heights. On these

were advanced positions of the French

army, lightly held. The enemy prep-

visions to make any impression on the

of the battle front displays the fullest

confidence that any further attempt by

the Germans here will meet a similar

THEY HAVE USED RESERVES

the

This small result, considering

which

started yesterday suffered

Americans launched a heavy counter- morrow had to be thrown into the attack this morning between these two line by noon yesterday. villages, driving the enemy steadily back.

don.

On the American right the French heavily from the allied artillery, many made rapid progress and all through of them being destroyed. the section the Germans were fiercely attacked by the Allies, with the result east of Rheims the enemy attack was that they have withdrawn for a consid- broken in its first stage. The point erable distance. Comparatively large forces of Amer- | was Prunay where a small pocket 2,-

icans have been engaged, especially in | 000 yards in depth was punched out the region of Descrivec, where they by the enemy who, however, is still were brought up to support the attack- northward on the Roman road. onslaughts with the greatest ing French. Within a short period the , Facing this point is a hilly region, ery and making the enemy pay Americans were hotly engaged in the including Moronvillers, Cormillet and fighting.

> AMERICANS DURING AFTERNOON WERE DOING VERY WELL arations had been observed and min-With the American Army on the ute precautions weer taken by the

Marne, July 16.- (By the Associated allies to hold their main positions, Press.)-4:50 p. m .- West of Chateau When the attack began the French Thierry, between Vaux and Hill 204, fell back on these, and the Germans the enemy launched a small local at- were unable even with their best ditack against the American forces today, but was speedily beaten off with defenders, except about Prunay. losses. This operation subsided quickly and

the enemy contented himself for the remainder of the day with the laying down of the heaviest bombardments over the positions, which availed him nothing,

In counter-attacking operations durfate. Aviators flying over the German ing the day the Americans increased lines declare that the German losses the number of their prisoners matein this sector are tremendous. rially and at this hour it is possible to announce that the entire operation PRISONERS TELL AMERICANS is going well and that all conditions are extremely satisfactory. Throughout the Germans fought with

With the American Army on the Marne, July 16 .- (By the Associated the utmost stubbornness, being loath Press.)-From prisoners taken by the to give up ground, but they are declared to have been unable to with-Americans it is established that the stand the storming of the allied troops,

equalizing the supply of material, but no great help was forthcoming from the facts revealed and Chairman Hurley has ordered another inventory as a check on the first.

Other departments of the government also are checking up their supplies of material. A "tendency to hoard" has been observed on the part of some government agencies, as well as the public, which it is hoped to prenorth of Souain during the big battle vent in the future by exact knowledge of requirements and strict allotment.

output. Additions to steel mills now being made will add 750,000 tons to the annual output in a few months, but officials do not believe that wil be suffiwhere the farthest advance was made cient to take care of the increased demand.

## GOVERNMENT TO BE PROTECTED IN PROCUREMENT OF MATERIALS

Washington, July 16 .- With the cooperation of the department of justice the war department is putting into effect a system of control designed to protect the government in the procurement of all war materials.

The new system, the war department announced today, provides for a review of every contract by boards of control, the centralization of purchases of each commodity in a single bureau, the standardization of contract clauses, a daily fiscal survey and also for public information on wer department nature of the attack, is regarded very needs. favorably by the allied staffs, while

One action of this plan is expected the French army holding this portion to remedy the conditions revealed by the recent arrest of contingent fee agents and the raiding of offices of manufacturing over the country. The agents, it was charged received large fees for procuring government contarcts for manufacturers, the fees being added to the price paid by the government.

The manufacturers contended they were obliged to deal through the agents because there was such a multiplicity of government bureaus and departments they did not know where enemy has used up a large portion of to apply for war orders. The gen-

tured, are heading through Siberia to the western front to join in the fight against the Teutons.

Whether there is a serious intention and Mareuil-Le-Port. of attempting to effect a juncture be-This operation cost them dearly, five ween the allied armies in Albania and bridges being destroyed as the troops the Italians on the Italian front is not were passing over, while hundreds of known, but because of the great distheir men are believed to have met tance separating the two forces, it is death from the machine guns and not believed to be probable. bombs of aviators.

In some quarters, however, it is regarded as possible that once the Franco-Italians actually reach the southern border of Austria an effort at a juncture might be attempted. Both the force from Albania and that from Italy, it is contended, would be welcomed by people hostile to the government and army of the invaded country, thus increasing the difficulties of the defense.

**GROOM IN FRANCE IS** 

dier by Telegraph-Cables

Frederick City, Md., July 16 .- A most unique ceremony was performed last evening when Miss Goldie Anita Black, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Black, of Thurmont, became the

bride of Buy V. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hooker Lewis, of Thurmont. who is "somewhere in France."

back of the original line, the evening The ceremony in this country was Standard states. This, it adds, is the performed at the home of the bride's deepest penetration the enemy has efparents by Rev. E. O. Pritchett, while fected in the region east of Rheims. Lieut. Warred, an army chaplain officiated across the sea. The cere-FRENCH FORCED TO FALL BACK mony was arranged after considerable preparation and cable communication and verything was caried out simulsued this evening by the Central News taneously in the two countries. Young Says: Lewis is a member of the 839th avia-

tion squadron.

been to the east of Rheims, in the TULSA GIRL APPOINTED HONOR Prunay sector, where, in spite of ter-MAID FOR VETERAN'S REUNION

Tusa, Okla., July 16 .- Miss Juliett habind the river Vesle'

Marne at various places, giving them control over twelve miles of the south-

GERMANS CLAIM CAPTURE OF

13,000 OF ALLIED SOLDIERS

Berlin, July 16 .- (Via London) .- The

Germans claim the capture of 13,000

prisoners in the official communication

from headquarters issued today. The

army of General Von Boehm, it is add-

ed, crossed the Marne between Jaul-

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WHICH IS GREATEST HUN GAIN

IN SPITE OF GERMAN LOSSES

"The only progress the Germans have

London, July 16 .- The French this

afternoon were entrenched at Prun-

way, behind the river Vesle, two miles

FRENCH RETREAT TWO MILES

gonne and east of Dormans.

the southwest of Rheims.

this evening.

is unchanged."

mate strength of Major General Hunter Liggett's first army corps, severa ern bank of the stream between Gland divisions of which are known to b operating with the French corps alon the Marne. Nothing had reached the war department late tonight, however, to identify the troops who made the brilliant counter-attack yesterday, at Vaux and in the Jzuigonne region which helped materially in stemming

the German tide. Secretary Baker said today he had no reason to believe that the first corps was operating as a unit, th indications being rather that its divi sions were being employed in French corps. Similarly divisions from other Ameircan corps are under French corp

commanders and operating as units of

the French corps, while at other points American brigades or even regiments BREVITY CHARACTERIZES HUN form parts of French divisional or bri-OFFICIAL REPORT OF BATTLE gade units. Berlin, via London, July 16.—"On the

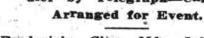
This arrangement makes it impossi-Marne front the enemy has delivered violent counter-attacks," says the ble to gauge accurately the extent of American participation. German official communication issued Direction of Drive Undecided.

High military officers did not en pect to be able to form definite con clusions as to the whole course of the battle or the direction in which would develop before another day two had passed. The extent to which the check of the first day may have upset the enemy's calculations could not be gauged by the meagre account received today that gave any specific information of a military character.

It appears that for the moment the American forces along the Marne have held this door to Paris against the enemy, promptly restoring the general trend of their original lines wherever the first rush of the enemy yesterday London, July 16 .- A statement ishad swept them back. The major actions in the battle developed today immediately to the east of the original American positions. There the enemy apparently is firmly lodged across the been able to make since yesterday has river and heavy pressure is being brought by Franco-American forces to rible losses, the enemy has compelled eject him.

the French to retire to the southward The German position here appears somewhat precarious. It was agreed

MARRIED BY CABLE Maryland Girl Becomes Bride of a Sol-



is not improbable that the Germany whose advance was preceded by a ter- his reserves since yesterday	somewhat precations. It was said the river veste.
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on will throw large numbers of re- des Rophet did the enemy succeed in where in this sector.	in cases of mid he made with sales Hunt, of this city, today received the GROUND GIVEN FOOT BY FOOT
tyes into the frey They are known bolding his ground temporarily. The morale of the last	tracts should be made with sales appointment of maid of honor-inchief
	akents, but under when manufacturers ifor the confed-
taken is excessively low, in I	lact, low- or tobbers correcting the stocks needed. I make material to be ball to the ball
and Dattle line achadially north HIINS BOMR RED OROSS AND OF than any captured in recent	nt months. In addition to this precaution, the de- in Sentember. The three members of inounces the re-capture of St. Agnan, the dent they have made in the French
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On the other battle fronts only min-	
and a re in progress, but on Paris, July 10German aviators per mans back a rong distance y	yesterday, the war industries board to mobilize the maid of honor-in-objet has been lines to heights dominating the Marne American positions to the west in an
sectors held by the British in eleven o'clock last night dropped has continued fiercely. Som	LANGE THE AND
thern France and Flanders the bombs on the American Red Cross hos- ground has been fought over	The industries of the country behind appointed from the entertaining city. Valley at various points. Desperate fighting is reported in sev- Boehm which Berlin claims crossed the
mane and Flanders the bombs on the American Act cross nos grand	Desperate nghting is reported in sev- Boenm which Bernh claims crossed the
mans are carrying out spirited pital at Jouy. Two enlisted men were times.	FRUIT SHIPPED OVERSEAS   eral sectors of the new battle front, river here.
This which men he the fear lighted and among the nersonnel nine (	writer are covern where St. Agnas Retakes.
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any intentry attacks. persons were wounded. ARE PILED ON BATTI	ground was given only foot by foot, The official report from Paris to-
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Boilermakers Return to Work. was among those wounded. Her inju- Paris, July 16(Havas And Cal July 16	Aganow)
	ere engag- Orient arriving at this port today master corps announced today fruits
the than 3000 bell in the fighting between Bt	theims and brought word of the completion in Ja- will be shipped to the American ex- ENEMY TURNING TO WEST AT ley behind the German advanced posi-
by pounding plants here and at 1 The hospital was deliberatory bump- Chateau Interry, and the sal	ame num- pan of nine big freighters built for use peditionary forces hereafter in a thor- RHEIMS TO ASCEND RIVER tions. This led to the hope among of-
Was called off today. It lad by the German aviators, the nos-ther between Aneims and	massikes. by the limited States under the ship- ought oried instead of a semi-dried with the Frence Thates nere that a wide marking more
announced they mould make to all at mounded at the time Other divisions were in res	serve and ping agreement recently signed. Three condition, as they are usually found July 16 (By The Associated Press.) ment would be possible which would
to more they would return to pitat was full of woulded at the the the battle	Pills aground with the second s
ain Augurrow, but would strike and doctors performing operations ready to enter the battle.	of the vessels, it was said, will be de- in commercial markets. Dried fruits -Having met defeat in every effort to clear the south bank of the river of
aduat 7 unless back pay claims i pursued notwith tanding the explo-1 All the divisions have oee	en identi- livered this month; three in August are consumed in targe quantities by advance today cast of kneims, the the enemy and probably result in the
adjusted. (Continued on Page Tw	wo). and three in September. the soldiers. (Continued on Page Two).