FIRST BIG AMER-

ICAN OFFENSIVE

First Separate Drive Begun by Persh ing's Men-Important Gains Made First Day.

ers was conducted under General been re-captured by the French. was executed under orders of Ameried on the western front.

The action was begun on a 20-mile with mathematical precision. front on the famous St. Mihiel sal- General Pershing's communique for ient in Lorraine, which had stood a Thursday follows: sharp wedge in the French line southeast of Verdun since the commence- tionary forces, Sept. 12, 1918. ment of the war.

side of the battle area were made, to the present. The operation is still peculiar fluctuations. From all the but the cavalry far outstripped the in progress."

tanks and footmen.

Thiaucourt, Bouillouville, Pannes were captured in the initial dash, following description of the battle while on the west, at the northern along the St. Mihiel sector :: edge of the pocket, the village of

Pershing's personal supervision and The fighting front at the commence- is for limited objectives only. ment of the battle aggregated 20 "The concentration of a great part can officers with American soldiers. and 12 miles on the southern side. troops had taken place during the last This was the first detactly Amercan The fighting was preceded by an ex- two weeks and everything was planoperation of a major character launch- tremely heavy artillery bombardment ned minutely and with exactitude for icans went steadily forward. under barrage which was carried out Last night the final preparation was

In the preliminary thrust ground troops, operating in the St. Mihiel sec- a fortified line of resistance which has enemy has withdrawn his main force was gained on both sides of the tri- tor, made considerable gains. Assist- everything in its favor. angle and also at its apex at St. ed by French units they broke the ene-Mihiel. The advance of the Ameri- my's resistance and advanced at the aerial preparation began with a cans was swift and sure and gains some points to a depth of five miles. roar that could be heard many miles wehr division have been taken. in excess of 4 miles on the southern We have counted 8,000 prisoners up away. All tonight it rose and fell with

Everything Planned Minutely. The London Daily Mail correspondand several other towns in the south ent at the American front sends the

"The first American army under Combres was captured and the en personal command of General Persivirons of Demmartin La Montagne ing for the first time went into action of their shelters to lead the attack.

were reached. To the south every such a least there been today. Never before has there been today. which began at daybreak Thursday French fought their way into the out- complete control of their operation. which began at daybreak Thursday skirts of St. Mihel. Unofficial reports The event has long been anticipated. between the Meuse and Moselles riv- are to the effect that the town has Some people assigned to it grandiose objectives but in reality the attack

> miles—eight miles on the western side of the most experienced United States and the troops and tanks advanced a great event in American history.

completed. "The country over which the Americans are fighting is very difficult. "Headquarters, American expedi- The high ridges and thick woods offer every concealment for enemy machine "Section A: This morning, our guns and in addition the Germans have

"At one o'clock Thursday morning defend with greater resistance.

innumerable guns told of the impend- salient. even more rapid.

"At dawn whole fleets of tanks the battle front and heard of the promanned by strong young Americans gression of the Americans. and French could be seen moving out

tillery resistance. "At one point near Seicheprey, where the Americans had previously its black side. Spurts of earth sprang fought desperately with the Germans, machine gun and automatic fire swept down upon the Yankees' right flank "In the valley the tops of what once but the ranks and artillery quickly had been houses in the village of moved in that direction and the Amer-

"At seven o'clock the tanks had; disappeared amid a smoke cloud over the ridge in front of Seicheprey. little resistance to the advancing moving along the roads. The smoke Americans. Occasionally a stray occasionally blotted them from view, machine gun or automatic rifle has but they would reappear soon afterbeen discovered but it appears the enemy has withdrawn his main force "Meanwhile the air was rent with

"A few prisoners of the tenth land-

ing assault. Towards 5 o'clock, the "At the time of telegraphing, dehour of the attack, the firing became tails of what has happened are very meagre but the writer has just visited

just below me the trenches from which the Americans started and the were reached. To the south every-where, the Americans penetrated into the heights of the Meuse and the French fought their way into the out-complete control of their operation.

Were reached. To the south every-where, the Americans penetrated into can troops for one operaton and never an infantry followed in open order, the valley, casting shadows from the plowing through the mud, but they melancholy, wrecks of villages all complete control of their operation.

The first big American offensive big American offensive the heights of the Meuse and the complete control of their operation.

The first big American offensive the heights of the Meuse and the complete control of their operation. valley through which they were fightforbidding height of Montse, with the tiny village of that name nestling on from its capacous sides as the Ameri-

can artllerymen battered at it. Richecourt were discernible when the smoke disappeared.

"Away to the right, bathed in the sunlight, was the village of St. Baussant resting on the side of the majes- look over 5 good farms we have for "The Germans have offered very tic promontory. Khaki clad men were sale, with 300 acres now in hog

to a second line where possibly he will the torrent of shells. Passing over- and see. head American gunners, manning every possible tip of gun, were working with mechanical rhythm as they loadaway. All tonight it rose and fell with peculiar fluctuations. From all the roads that ran parallel the flashes of in the extreme ends of the St. Mihiel with mechanical rhythm as they loaded and sent the shells to their destination. The light railways continually brought up supplies." ually brought up supplies."

Experience the Best Teacher. It is generally admitted that experience is the best teacher, but should we not make use of the experience of others as wll as our own? The experience of a thousand persons is nore to be depended upon than that of one "From Beaumont I could see lying individual. Many thousands of persect below me the trenches from hich the Americans started and the alley through which they were fightthoroughly reliable preparation for those diseases. Try it. It is prompt and effectual and pleasant to take

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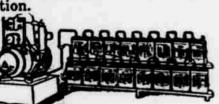
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		measuring 15 inches in circum-	1.00	
	6-A33.	Best peck of oats, any variety, accompanied by a sheaf meas-	1.00	
		uring 15 inches in circumfer-	1.00	
	7—A35.	Best peck of rye, any variety,	1.00	
		accompanied by a sheaf meas- uring 15 inches in circumfer-		
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