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AMERICAN TROOPS FACE TO FACE WITH GERMAN FORCES IN FIRST LINE TRENCHES

Nation Thrills as Word Comes Over the Wires that Khaki-clad Boys Are Actually Taking Part In Developments on Western Front-Officials Silent.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 .- The nation was thrilled today by word that American troops at last were face to face with the Germans across No Man's land. Announcement by General Pershing that several battalions of his infantry were in the front line trenches, supported by American batteries which already have gone in action against the enemy, fanned a new flame of patriotism throughout the country:

Officials Silent.

The absolute silence with which Secretary Baker and war department officials greeted the news, however, mowed that although the movement into the trenches ad been expected at any time, it was regarded only as the final phase of the men's training. German shells are breaking about the Americans and, although they have not taken over the trench sector, rifles, machine guns, bombs and bayonets in American hands will greet any enemy attack.

No Official Report.

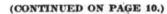
The silence of Secretary/Baker indicated that no official report of the occupation of the trenches had been received. General Pershing is the judge of all matters pertaining to the training of his force and he probably

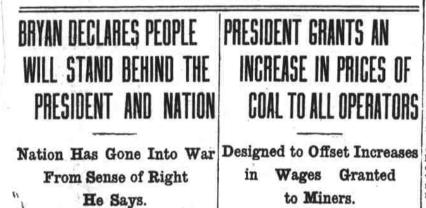
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did not inform the department of his plans in advance, Field Marshal Von Mackensen in Command of Central Powers in Greatest Ofiensive Since the Beginning of the War--Ability of Lalians to Hold Mountain Passes Will Decide

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UALLY ENTIRE AUSTRIAN. ARMY TH HEAVY GERMAN REINFORCEMENTS FACING ITALIANS ON ISONZO FRONT	WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—The Lib- erty loan apparently has passed the \$5,000,000 mark. A last day drive of titanic propor- tions throughout the nation rounded up more than \$1,000,000,000 and was believed to have carried the total sev- eral hundred million dollars beyond the maximum sum treasury officials

as every effort was made to prevent the enemy from





7 AT SPARTANBURG.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—President Wilson tonight granted an increase of forty-five cents a ton in the price of bituminous coal at where the price of SPARTANBURG, S. C., Oct. 27 .-Speaking tonight to an audience which forty-five cents a ton in the price or bituminous coal at virtually all the mines in the country, effective at 7 o'clock Monday morning. The new price will absorb wage raises recently agreed upon between operators and miners in the central competitive packed the big army Y. M. C. A. tent in Camp Wadsworth, William Jenand other fields.

in Camp Wadsworth, William Jen-nings Bryan declared that the people of the country would stand behind the president and congress and support them in supporting the army. "The nation has gone into the war from a sense of right," he sail: "we have no selfish ends to gain; we are endeav-oring to render service to the world. No people ever fought for such high ideals as the people of the United States are fighting for today, and no people were ever more united in any sause." The president's order provides that the increase shall not apply in case of existing contracts providing for an or existing contracts providing for an increase in price to cover any raise in miners' wages. Neither will it apply in districts where miners and operations fail to agree upon a miners' penalty provision satisfactory to the fuel administration.

"No tax upon property or incomes can equal the tax upon human lives," he continued, "and the soldiers in the army are offering that tax. The people who are not in the army will not complain at any tax necessary to support the army. The army must be sup-ported and the American people will support it whole-heartedly."

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Ultimate Fate of Rich Italian Provinces.

WHOLESALERS' PRICES

Market Conditions.

ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN FRANCE, Friday, Oct. 26.—(By The Associated Press.)— Virtually the entire Austrian army, re-Virtually the entire Austrian army, reinforced by heavy German contin-gents, conducted by the redoubtable Field Marshal von Mackensen, is now facing the Italian army in the great-est offensive since the beginning of the war, with the evident purpose of in-vading the Friuli region, the eastern-most province of Venezia.

The essential features of the en-

emy's powerful thrust can now be out lined. The correspondent traveled to-day forty miles along the battle front with the terrific roar of the bombardof their lines and the advancing wave ment showing the great range of the

movement. Sought Surprise Attack. It is clear that the Austrians and

EBER TO BLOCK SEIZURE

Destroyers Had Been Or-

RIO JANEIRO, Oct. 27 .- The Ger-

mans today set on fire and sank the German gunboat Eber, 984 tons, which has been lying at the port of Bahia, fearing seizure of the gunboat

by the Brazilian authorities. Torpedo-boat destroyers were ordered yesterday to take possession of the Eber. Yesterday the Brazilian chamber of

deputies and senate declared a state

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passes are strong held by the Italian army now heavily reinforced from the Germans sought to make a surprise army now heavily reinf attack at the least fortified point on center and the south.

Jective evidently was to recross the Isonzo, when the Italians had driven the Austrians back several miles into Austrian territory. He screened the the south and also west of Tolmino, but his main army struck straight for the Isonzo, at Santa Lucia and Santa The Italian forces were compara-Italy's mettle is being critically tested by the tremendous Teutonic tively small at these outermost limits

drive under command of Emperor succeeded in crossing the Isonzo with comparatively little obstruction, here, however, they were faced by a low range of mountains in which the man forces. Charles, of Austria, on the Isonzo front, with what seems virtually the entire Austrian army and strong Ger-

From the first blow, General Ca-(Continued on Page 'Ten.)

DEMENTED MAN SHOOTS ARE TO BE REGULATED WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN Brazilian Torpedo Boat Will Be Governed by Prices Carl White Becomes Vio-They Pay and Not by lently Demented and Commits Triple Tragedy.

> WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.-Whole-salers' profits in war-times, at least on non-perishable foods, should be governed by the prices they actually TAYLORSVILLE, N. C., Oct. 27 .-Carl White, aged about thirty years, becoming violently demented today. pay and not by prevailing market conditions, the food administration has decreed in special regulations which will be put into effect Novemshot and killed his wife and two small children at his home eight miles from here. Following the triple tragedy White walked down the road some

ber 1 with respect to a number of commodities. The rule is one of many drawn for White walked down the road some distance from his home, and meeting a neighbor, told what he had done and asked to be killed. White had a struggle with the neighbor but was overcome and lodged in juil here. L. C. White, of Statesville and Arthur White, a banker of Stoney Point, brothers of Carl White, were a<u>j</u> a spring near the house and heard the gun shots. They hurried to the house to find the wife and children slain. Three older children in the family escaped injury. The Whites are prominent in this section. The rule is one of many drawn for the guidance of the food dealers who will be placed under license next Thursday, said a statement tonight by Food Administrator Hoover and the commodities affected include beef, pork and mutton, syrups and molasses, cleaned rice and rice flour, oleomar-garine, lard and lard substitutes, oleo oil, cooking fats, condensed milk and various canned goods and dried fruits. No dealer in these commodities, the rule says, shall sell "at more than a reasonable advance over the actual purchase price of the particular goods

representatives.

of 125 men. NOTABLE SPEAKERS. RALEIGH. N. C., Oct. 27.—For the eighteenth annual session of the State Distribution of the State Departs ton, will speak on "The Influence of Ad-verse Conditions on the Early History of North Carolina." Dr. Gillard Hunt, of the state department at Washing-ton, will speak on "The State Depart: ment," with special reference to the important functions of the department in the present conditions of the department in the present conditions of the Civil war used as they may apply to the present war with Germany. Commodities and circle four, olomar-spice at which he purchased such in reference specially to war-time problem with problems of the Civil war used as they may apply to the present war with Germany. Commodities and circle four, olomar-spice at which he purchased such in reference specially to war-time problem with Germany. Commodities and circle four, olomar-spice at which he purchased such argin charged by wholesale dealers in refined sugar in the same locality for such margin charged by the food administrator. AROUND TOWN-



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WASHINGTON. Oct. 27.—The start of the official tour of the Pankhead highway over the eastern route through Richmond from Washington to Atlanta will be made Tuesday morning, it was announced here to-night. Returning the party will travel over the western route through Lynchburg and Danville. Later the choice will be made between the two routes. The formal inauguration of the

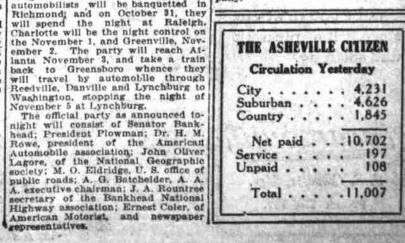
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"I don't think," he wrote, "that I "I don't think," he wrote, "that I will be able to leave here until some time after November 1. Will try to get away as near the first as possible." he adds. "I have no fears in straight-ening matter out when I reach Ra-leigh and have only this to say at the present time, that General Royster or Major Baxter Durham should not in any way whatever be associated with any apparent irregularities." Major Peterson inclosed a clipping from a Greenville, S. C., paper to the effect that Attorney-General Manning had called on the American Bonding company of Baltimore to make good an alleged shortage against Major Peterson of \$7,509. This was, of course, an error as no demand has yet been made on the bonding com-pany. don't think," he wrote, "that I capitol steps here after addresses by members of congress, who are expected to accompany the party. United States senators, Bankhead, of Ala-

States senators, Bankhead, of Ala-bama, after whom the route is named; Swanson, of Virginia, Hoke Smith, of Georgia, Overman, of North Carolina, and Martin, of Virginia, and Repre-sentative Webb have been asked to address the pathfinders, President Wilson and members of his cabinet have been invited to be present. Form-er Congressman Plowman, president of the Bankhead National Highway arsoclation, also will speak. Several arsociation, also will speak. Several senators are expected to accompany

the party. The first stop will be at Fredericks-burg for luncheon. That night the automobilists will be banquetted in pany.



to the fuel administration. Millions of dollars of increased cost to consumers is involved in the order, which was based upon recommenda-tions made to the president yesterday by Fuel Administrator Garfield. When operations and miners of the contral competitive field agreed upon a wage scale here three weeks ago, Dr. Gar-field made a careful survey of condi-tions in the various districts as a basis for his report to the president.

CONSUMER IC HIT.

deputies and senate declared a state of war between Germany and Brazil, and President Braz sanctioned the proclamation of a state of war with Germany. The gunboat Eber, which was 203 feet long, had a complement of 125 men.