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ENEMY EVAGUATES

GENERAL INTEREST CENTERS IN SITUATION ON THE PL CARDY FRONT.

ALBERT IS STRONGLY HELD

Increasing Artilery Activity Continues Along New Somme Battle Front.

With the British Army in France,-General interest in the situation along the Pleardy battle front has shifted to the narthward, where it is confirmed that the Germans are evacuating some of their forward positions. Beaumont-Hamel, Serre, Bucquoy and Pulsieux-au-Mont have been abandoned. British patrols crossed the Ancre at Authuille and Aveluy, north of Albert, and went some distance befor they were fired upon.

Albert is still held strongly by the Germans, 'British patrols, on entering the town, were fired on from the Albert cathedral.

It will be remembered that the German retirement in February, 1917, to the Hindenburg line was immediate ly preceded by slight local retires ments such as have been made north of Albert. The mystery now is whether some such plan is being carried out by the enemy.

Along the new Somme battlefront quiet still continues except for rather increased artillery activity at several

PLANS SET IN MOTION TO **REGISTER 13,000,000 MEN**

Washington.-Provost Marshal General Crowder announced that plans already have been made for registerhe estimates will be brought under the selective service law when Congress exacts the pending bill extending the ege limits to include men between 18 and 45 years. From this number approximately 2,000,000 quali-

that the draft machinery is being put into shape for the great task ahead be needed by October 1 and in order official confirmation of them. to get them, registration day will have

fixed as the day. When the 13,000 men are enrolled nearly \$25,000,000 will have been registered since the United States entered the war. There were some 10,000,000 enrolled on the first registration day, June 5, 1917, another 600,000 last June 5, and several hunred thousand more are expected to be enrolled Aug-

2,000,000 IS FIGURE SET AS PROBABLE IN CLASS

On the basis of actual figures from insurance companies, census compu must be added to the list of registrants in order that, with all exempwill remain in class one.

DATE OF REGISTRATION EARLY IN SEPTEMBER

GEN. TASKER H. BLISS



Gen, Tasker H. Bliss, American rep. resentative at the cupreme war council, has been given the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George by the British government.

CAPTURE LASSIGNY RUMORED

HUN FRONT LINE TRENCHES ARE MADE UNTENABLE BY THE ALLIES.

Germans Apparently Successful in Holding Back British and French From Somme to Oise.

North and south of the Somme the Germans have lost further important ground. In the former region they have evacuated their positions over a five-mile front to the British north of Albert, while in the latter they have been beaten back in the hill and wooded district just north of the Oise river by the French

German front line trenches at Beaumont Hamel, Serre, Puislexau-Mont and Bucquoy have been found untenable by the enemy in the face of the recent activity by the British all along the line from Albert to Arras, while ing the 18,000,000 additional men which the French have persevered in their violent attacks against the Germans on the sector, which dominates the lower portion of the Picardy plain and the Oise valley, and have encroached further upon the Lassigny massif and the Thiescourt plateau fied for full military service are ex- and further south have captured the

Unofficial reports have announced manpower, General Crowder said, the capture of Lassigny by the French and of all the German positions between the western outskirts of Braywithout waiting for final action by Sur-Somme and Etinehem by the Congress. Men of the new draft will Australians. There is, however, no

From the Somme to the Oise, except to be held not later than September in the latter region, where the French mans seemingly have had further success in holding back the allied troops and still are in possession of Chaulnes and Roye, upon the capture of which the efforts of the British and French have been centered.

FREEING REGION BETWEEN THE DISE AND SOMME

The capture of Ribecourt by the French marks an important epoch in the offensive, which-has for its immediate purpose the freeing of the region between the Somme and the Oise of the enemy. As a gain from the strategic standpoint it ranks with the taktations and the experience of this of ing by the French of the forest and fice in the previous registration, it hill positions between the Mats and the has been estimated that the required Oise, which has brought the French number of men for class one may be almost to the gates of Lassigny.

had only by including within the Through Ribecourt lies an open route draft age limits men between 32 and up the Oise valley to Noyon—a route 45 and between 18 and 20. That is to by rail, and the big national thorsay, approximately 13,006,000 men oughfare, not to mention the canal which parallels the roadways for the greater part of the way. Noyon is tions allowed at least 2,000,000 men only a little more than six miles north-

east of Ribecourt. Although they are still encountering violent resistance, the French are continuing to make progress through the rooded and hilly country between the Assurance having been given that the legislation will receive immediate mans, from recesses in the forests, on consideration upon the assembling of spurs and in the canyons, are using the house and of the senate, this of machine guns innumerable. Gas also fice, in its preliminary instructions is being loosed in great quantities by set out to draft executives in the the enemy. Almost entire control of various states, has proceeded on the assumption that the new registration high ground on this sector is now in the hands of the French.

OVER THE LAND OF THE LONG LEAF PINE SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO

CAROLINIANS. Granite Falls.-Fritz Barlow, s young man about 18 years old, employed by the Granite Falls Manufacturing

Company, was drowned in the com-

pany's pond.

Greensboro.-Fire today destroyed the Blandwood, a large boarding house in the center of the city, causing a loss of \$10,006, partly covered insurance.

Durham,-Mr. William D. Carmichael Jr., known to his friends as "Billy," left about ten days ago for Washington, D. C. where he successfully passed examinations for the avi-

Asheville,-Joseph Meyers, a merthant of West Ashevill,e was seriously injured when a Ford truck he was driving got beyond control on Jefferson drive as he was passing a wagon, and hurled itself and driver down a 30-foot bank.

Winston-Salem,-The amount left by the late R. J. Reynolds for the colored hospital here is \$120,000, instead of \$12,00 as printed in a dispatch from here, due evidently to an error in transmission. The total of bequests is \$240,000.

Raleigh.-Fifty-six markets in North Carolina sold a total of 249,033,374 pounds of tobacco during the fiscal year ending July 31, 1918, according to the annual report just released by the Commissioner of Agriculture. This is a gain over 1917 of 54,594,150 pounds.

Gastonia.-The division of four minute men of the federal committee on publication is to be actively represent ed in Gastonia and that immediately, according to an announcement by Leake Carraway, of Charlotte, district chairman of the four minute men for this section.

Wake Forest-The warehouse of W. C. Brewer & Co., of this place, was burned. The building contained east however, Chaulnes is receiving eral merchandise. The loss is estimated at \$2,000, partially covered by mighty visitation of shells from allied guns; and Roye has ben so allied guns; and Roye has ben so burned. The building contained gen-

Morganton.—Heavy damage has been done in Burke the past few days by hall and windstorms. In many places the corn has been leveled to the ground and many fields of alfalfa and other crops have suffered severely. This is a rather hard blow to Burke after a shortage in wheat.

Gastonia.—Robert Manning and ly 18 or 19 years of age and claiming Charlotte as their home, are in the city jail charged with burglary and that the Germans, fearing capture in the police officers are on the lookout the pocket between Roye and Olse, alfor two other youths who were with ready are rereating along the Oise charged with was committed.

Charlotte.-Overcome by the heat S. boro, fell unconscious on the sidewalk in front of the Western Uniton Telegraph office. He was removed to the Selwyn hotel. His condition was reported as favorable, and it was said he would recover.

Raleigh.-About two hours after the home of Mr. E. G. Richardson, of 318 South Person street, was entered and robbed Robert Allen, a pegro, was arrested upon the charge of burglary when Officer Nichols' two bloodhounds carried officers from the scene of the burglary to the negro's home.

Gastonia.-Miss Olive Ratchford, City Hospital training school for nurses, was graduated recently and is center from those to the east, or a now taking a brief vacation at her home in Gaston county. Miss Ivs French and British. The most dis-Lineberger will be graduated from the same school soon. She will go to aside from the heavy losses they susher home in Clover S. C., route 4, for tained in men and material, is the the present. Both Miss Lineberger collapse of their plan to drive wedges and Miss Ratchford are planning to into the allied lines and the substanenter the Red Cross overseas nursing tial widening and joining which have force in the fall.

MAJ. PAUL T. DESSEZ



the French front, has conscioned a special story about him from one of the correspondents in the war zone. Wounded American and French coldiera covered the floor of a barn in which he was working, and during the height or his labors he was buried by shellfire. Digging himself out, he went

CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY PLAY-ED ON PART OF FRENCH AND AMERICAN FORCES.

Retreat of Foe Along Oles Valley May Cause Entire Enemy Line te Break in Unison.

Fresh reinforcements and large numbers of guns have been brought up by the enemy to aid him in his endeavors to hold the line, which is essential to the safety of the German armies now in the pocket described by the Somme on the north and east and on the Oise on the south. Notwithstanding the enemy's efforts

however, Chaulnes is receiving a croached upon that it is now under a heavy crossfire from both the north and south, and seemingly both towns ultimately must be evacuated. An added danger to Rove is the fact that the French in their operations are knocking at the door of Lassigny, about seven miles to the south, and also are pressing forward eastward toward Noyon in a wedge-driving ma-Thomas Shelton, white boys apparent- ing Roye, but bringing Noyon daily nearer the range of the big guns.

Unofficial reports are to the effect them at the time the crime they are valley toward Noyon, and if the statements should prove true it is not unlikely that the entire German battle line to the north will give way in uni-E. Corbett, a traveling salesman, son, and that even there may be a re-whose home was said to be in Greens adjustment of the enemy front from Soissons to Rheims.

Far to the north from Ypres to Alber tthere has ben considerable activity on the part of the British and French forces against the Germans.

On the Vesle river the Germans in attacks against Fismett, which is held by the Americans and French are declared to have driven the allies to the southern bak of the river. A coutnerttack, however, resulted in the reoccupation of Fismett.

These successes render imposible who has been a student nurse at the any rupture of the line which would separate the French armies of the rupture of the junction between the astrous consequence to the Germans

GERMANS GIVEN NO **REST BY ALLIES**

FAMOUS LYS SALIENT IS GRADU-ALLY GIVING WAY UNDER PRESSURE

on Vesie and Lorraine.

Gradually the famous Lys salient in the region west of Armentieres is giving way under the pressure of the forces have compelled the enemy to seek ground to the eastward where he will be more secure from the shells of the big guns that for several weeks have been firing criss-cross over the entire salient, working havon among the defenders of the insecure

Likewise the Germans are being given no rest by the Franco-British forces north and south of the Somme and the French and Americans along the Vesle and Americans in Lorraine also are harassing them by artillery fire and local attacks. Nowhere has the enemy had the beter of any en-Over a front of four miles between

Baillelu and Vieux Rerouin on the Lys sector, the British have forced back the Germans to a depth ranging from 1,000 to 2,000 yards, taking in the maneuver the village of Outtersteen and 400 prisoners.

While, as a whole, the German line

between the Somme and the Oise rivers are still holding, notwithstanding the terrific pounding it is receiving from the allied guns, the British have drawn nearer the road leading from Chaulnes to Roye between Chilly and Farnsart, placing Roye in greater jeopardy by attack from the north At the same time to the south of Roye over the four-mile front between Beuvraignes and Canny-Surmats, a violent artilery duel is raging between the French and Germans. It is in this region that the French are en--and in their initial efforts they have met with considerable suc cess-to carry forward their two-fold purpose of outflanking both Roye and Lassigny by a drive eastward.

Along the Vesle river front, when the Americans and French are hold ing the line against the Germans there has been considerable recipro cal artillery shelling.

VLADIVOSTOK FROM MANILA

Valdivostok.-The transport carry ing the first contingent of America troops arrived here after an unevent ful voyage of seven and a half days from Manila. The men were in excellent spirits and crowded the rails and rigging, cheering and being cheer in the harbor.

SPIRIT OF AMERICAN FORCES RAISES MORALE OF ALLIES

New York.-The spirit of America forces overseas has raised the moral The latest German communication as- of the allied troops to the highest serts that all the attacks were replich, according to Dr. E. W. Buckley, of St. Paul, Minn., who has just returned from a tour of the western

"The keenest impression of anyon who has the opportunity to visit the American front is that our boys have brought the spirit of victory over seas with them." Dr. Buckley declar ed. "They are out to win, the Fren know it, the British know it, and what is more important, the Germans know

COFERENCE ON WAR PRISONERS PUT OFF

Paris .- At the request of the Ger man government, the Ferman-Amerionference regarding war pris Geeva dispatch, published in Echo de Paris;

FIGHTING IN EUROPE

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