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EFFORT BY GERMANS

FOR VERDUN

The Crown Prince's Army Makes Desperate Drive Against French Lines.

SOME SUCCESSES TEMPORARILY MADE

Germans Also on The Offensive on The Aisne Front-Using Liquid Fire Against The French—On Defensive

One of the most interesting sections of the European fighting front just now is the Verdun region where a series of violent German at acks is taking place. Whether these ascentts are anything more than demonstrations on a large scale it is difficult to make out from the official reports. Nevertheless, it is clear that the Ger man Crown Prince, foiled a year ago in his prolonged attempt to take the famous French stronghold, is again delivering blows of force and magnitude on its defenses and has made some impression on the French lines

The German attacks began the day before yesterday. The first drives most of the trenches lost the day be-, be traversed in the open. fore at Hill 304. In the Dead Man's Lying out in the water-soaked line on the entire front attacked, about | afternoon, still under fire, are

man's under the Crown Prince is also n evidence on the Aisne front where they have attacked violently in the viyesterday in the latter region, but succeeded last night by blowing the French positions to pieces and employing liquid fire in taking a salient in the French position northeast of Cerny. On the British front, in Northern France the Germans are still on the back track. The official resume of the fighting yesterday in the Lens region shows that the British to have bitten heavily into German-held territory, advancing more than a mile on

a 4-mile front. This operation has carried the British line well into the south of the coal! city. The Germans are still clinging to the place itself through the strength; iately to the west, but the flaking movement is making their tenure more and more precarious with each day of additional pounding from the Brit-

FRENCH CRUISER

The Kleber Strikes Mine and Goes Down—Thirty-Eight Lives Lost.

Paris, June 30.—An official announcement was made last night that prisoners are well nourished. A big the armored cruiser Kleber had struck guardsman, at least 6 feet 4 in height, and height, and height, and height, and height are nearly struck guardsman, at least 6 feet 4 in height, and height, and height are nearly struck guardsman, at least 6 feet 4 in height, and height, and hearing the first are nearly struck at Portsmouth, N. H.; Philadelphia, Newport, Norfolk, Charleston, S. C.; Pensacola and New Orleans, and plans are nearly struck guardsman, at least 6 feet 4 in height, and hearing the first struck guardsman are nearly struck guardsman, at least 6 feet 4 in height, and hearing the first struck guardsman are nearly struck guardsman are near a mine off Point St. Mathieu on Wed- when cornered, fought like a wildcat are nearly ready for similar esablishnesday and sunk. Three officers and until he was badly wounded and was ments at New York, Annauolis, James-35 men were lost. The Kleber had so heavy that four bearers could make town, Quantico, Va., Key West, Great come from Daka, Africa, and was on no headway carrying him over the Lakes, Mare Island and Puget Sound. its way to Brest.

was 426 1-2 feet long, 58 1-2 feet beam brought about by hunger or privation. and had a draught of 24 1-2 feet. Her displacement was 7,578 tons. She had THUNDER SHOWERS a maximum speed of 20 knots. Her armament consisted of eight 8-inch guns, mounted in four turrets, four 4inch guns, two 3-inch guns, ten 2-inch far from Brest.

BEPEATED DEFEAT HAVING ITS EFFECT

The Canadians Have Put Those Defending Lens on the Defensive

SUCCESSFULL DRIVE OF ALLIED FORCES

With Slight Loss-Germans Flood Lowland to Prevent Further Progress of British.

June 29 (Via London, June 30)—(By Canadian Press, Limited.) - Success. unexpectedly great and complete at a cost in casualties far less than in some recent unimportant engagements, has attended the drive of the Canadians along the valley of the were made on Hill 304 northwest of Souchez toward Lens, during the last Verdun, one of he commanding de- week. The gain of ground is greater fenses whic has protected Verdun on than in any action since the capture legislation, modification of which is the westernly side of the Meuse. Yes of Vimy Ridge, and the land restored asked by President Wilson to facilitate Slight Increase in Claus Rates terday a blow of apparently as great to France includes some of her most force was delivered in the region of productive coal mines. Coulotte, Leav-Dead Man's Hill, second of towering itte and almost all of Avion are firmemineces in this region. In neither ly held and that part of the plain east case, the reports of the defenders of Vimy where, a week ago, no one show, were any thing more than first could show himself above the top of ter to the President announcing its line trenches penetrated and General a trench without drawing the fire of decision. Petain's forces last night got back snipers and machine guns may now

Hill sector the Germans carried the ground along the Souchez river this a mile and three quarters, but the troops who attacked the enemy at French reaction drove them out of 2:30 o'clock Thursday morning in the trenches there, except on the the outskirts of Avion. The Germans this session is legislation dealing only The offensive tendency of the Ger- put up a resistance so strong that with distilled beverages. some of the advanced parties were forced to retire. At 7 o'clock in the morning they attacked again and after hard hand-to-hand fighting the result tion to the Rev. Dr. James Cannon, der class rates. All roads are to be cinity of Cerny and Corbheny. They of which was seen in the number of chairman of the Anti-saloon League's German dead remaining on the field legislative committee, after conference they pressed forward toward the western part of the village. The same men took part in a third attack within 24 hours. This was launched at 7 o'clock dent wrote, "that heated and protractlast night and after they had once again reached the goal set for them they surrendered to sleep, the sleep of utter exhaustion, in a downpour of ufacture of beer and wines are retain- a re-hearing would be of no value at

regarded as most satisfactory. The enemy, by damming the Souchez river by blowing up the highway and the have been kind enough to consult me railway bridges crossing the canal, that it would undoubtedly be in the and by obstructing the connecting public interest in this very critical channels through the marshes in the of their defenses in the salient immed- region southwest of Lens, has placed a belt of inundated land between him- ions should consent to their eliminaself and the Canadian corps along a tion from the present measure." front of more than a mile.

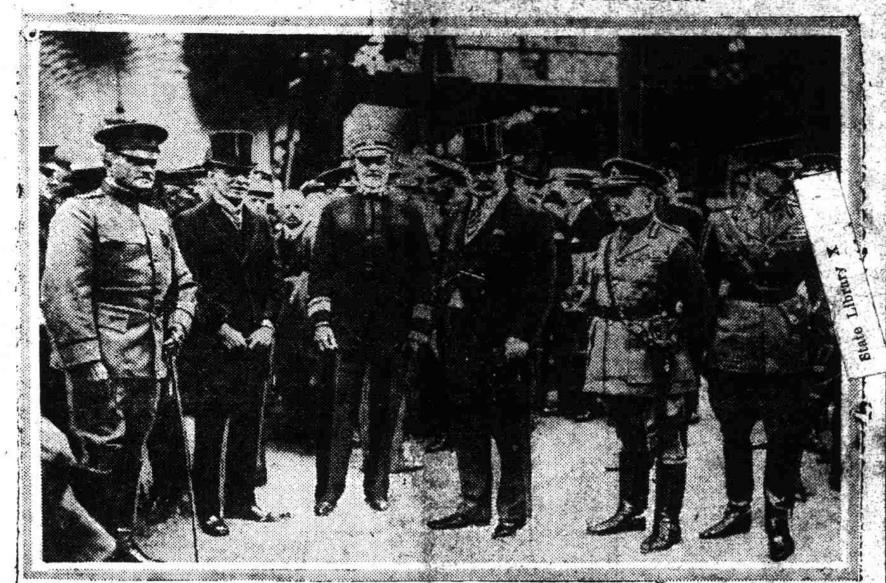
The inundations are a cover to a cause they reveal his intention to in the coming week. wage a purely defensive warfare along

this part of the line. tions that German man-power is no ments. longer what it was. The number of enemy troops in the field appears lit- TWO MILLION DOLLARS tle less than before the opening of spring operations, but the spirit of the men is no longer that of an assured victory. A prisoner taken yesterday spoke of the process of disillusionment the German people are going through. If the war does not end

tion in Germany. wet and slippery chalk to a dressing station. The change in their ideas BRAZIL NAVY AFTER The cruiser Kleber was built in Bor- as to how the war will end is all the deaux in 1902 and cost \$3,651,600. She more significant because it was not

at Jamestown in 1907. Point St. week in the South Atlantic East Gulf closest possible co-operation of the on April 6 was 13,266, has recruited * men is truly insp:ring." Mathieu is on the French coast not States and Tennessee, the Weather two governments is being considered to a strength of 26,356. Its authorized * Bureau announced today.

OFFICIAL GREETING TO PERSHING IN LONDON.



PERSHING AND AD. SIMS IN LONDON.

The group which met General John J. Pershing at London represented the American and British governments. Left to right, those in the picture are: General Pershing, the American Ambassador, Walter Hines Page; Admiral Sims, U. S. N., commanding the American fleet in the war zone; Lord Derby, Lord French and General Sir Francis Lloyd.

Canadian Headquarters in France, Confer on the "Bone Dry' Provision in the Food Control Bill.

> (Dy Associated Press.) Washington, June 30.-Organized prohibition forces conferred with "dry" Senators and representatives today in an effort to determine their attitude on the "bone dry" prohibition passage of the Food Control bill by

After these conferences, the executive committee of the Anti-saloon League is expected to draft a let-

Regardless, however, of any action the league may take, it was generally agreed that the President's intervention has had the effect of preventing any interference with the manufacture of beer and light wines, and that the most prohibitionists can hope for at

The Presdent's attitude on this subes with Congressional leaders.

"It has become evident," the Presied debated will delay passage of the bill if the provisions affecting the man- troops. The opinion intimated that ed and insisted upon. In these cir-The situation Friday afternoon is cumstances, I have not hesitated to if the carriers meet adverse condisay to members of the Senate who tions. matter if the friends of those provis- able for those months. It points out

Prospects of the elimination of the prohibition issue, it is generally beweakness the enemy would not have lieved today, will bring about passage betrayed even a few months ago, be of the Food bill by the Senate early Commissioner Meyer, dissented in

FOR NEW HOSPITALS

(By Associated Press.) Wilson has sent to Congress a recommendation by Secretary Daniel soon, he said, there will be a revolu- appropriation of \$2,200,000 for additional emergency hospitals. Tempo rary hospitals are nearing completion

(By Associated Press.)

FOR THIS WEEK American fleet in South American wa- tion at the returns from the recruit- * an animal was lost or injured, * that is best in our civilization." ters in hunting down German sea-raid- ing campaign. On February 1, last, * and there was not a single case * The speaker then read a number believed they were consumed. ers and watching for German submathere were only 55,000 men in the * of serious sickness. The men * of passages of Scripture in which by the United States.

The Commission Says Railroads Not Dependent on Higher Rates.

TWO OF ITS MEMBERS DISSENT IN PART

Allowed-Coal, Coke and Iron Are Also Raised.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 30 .- Railroads of the country are generally in flourishing condition and not dependent on prosperity, the Interstate Commerce the expedition has arrived safely. Commission holds in its decision denying the roads' application for a 15 per cent, advance in rates.

Although refusing general relief freight revenue, as about one-fourth far from port. ject was made known in a communica- of the freight handled is moved un allowed a 15 per cent, increase on coal, coke and iron.

Arguments of the roads that they were suffering heavily because of war time conditions received but little sympathy from the Commission, it being held that the carriers have profited greatly by the mobilization of this time, but said that relief will be granted within the next few months

The Commission concluded that the roads' pessimistic predictions of jeopardized incomes for early in 1917 are not substantiated by figures now availthat comparisons were made largely between last February's usually unfavorable statistics and those of 1916. a most prosperous year for all car-

Commissioner McChord, who, with part, urged that essential facts dis-Debate continued in the Senate to- closed be reported to Congress with There are daily increasing indica-day, principally on committee amend- the request that an investigation be ordered to determine whether prices demanded of the carriers for fuel and supplies were reasonable under present conditions.

ment In Marine Corps.

@ INTERNATIONAL

Of the Landing of American Troops at French Port.

(By United Press.)
Washington, June 30.—No official report on the landing of the American expedition in France had come to the officials said. It is assumed that the foregoing dispatch is the announcement of the safe landing of all the units of the first expedition.

Paris, Wednesday, June 27 .- (Delayed by Censor) The first expeditionary unit of American troops in command of Major General William L Sibert arrived safely at a French port. Rear Admiral Gleaves has cabled freight rate increases for continued Secretary of the Navy Daniels saying

A dispatch received in New York Wednesday afternoon from France anthe commission indicated its willing- nounced that the second contingent ness to increase class rates in the of the troops from the United States Eastern district approximately 14 per had arrived and disembarked during cent. This virtually allows Eastern the morning. The arriving troops carriers about 4 per cent. in gross were later transferred to a camp not

> A Port in France, Tuesday, June 26 -The first contingent of American troops, landing today, were greeted joyfully by the population of this whole district

> The transports, whose expected ar rival had not been previously announced publicly, came steaming into the harbor in a long line at an early hour. The news that the Americans were arriving spread with amazing rapidity and by the time the troopships drew alongside the quays where the men were to disembark, thousands of persons were on hand to greet!

A wild welcome was spread by whistles of craft in the harbor and cries of "Vive La France,!" and "Vive Les Etats Units!" seemed to come from every throat in the crowd, which was thickly dotted with the vari-colored uniforms of French soldiers and sailors. Meanwhile the bands on the warships were playing the "Star-Spangled Banner" and the "Marseillaise" as the American colors were hoisted to their staffs.

The town soon took on a holiday in the lowest place in hell. appearance and before the day was over scores of American flags were flying along with the tri-colors of

cers from Paris and American naval were in war with Germany. This genmen from elsewhere were present tleman remarked, 'I do not think the with French military men of high United States wants war.' My reply rank and a similar representation was, 'If the United States does not from the French navy to receive the want war, the United States ought to wwhen two fast freight trains on the lew fighting forces of the Allies.

MUSTER FIGHT WG

Apologizes to Nero For Comparing the Kaiser to Him.

DECLARES GERMANY MUST BE CRUSHED

Charlotte Minister Delivered Strong Address Before Baptist Seaside Assembly Today.

Rev. Walter M. Gilmore. wrecked. The Kaiser is the greatest after. In size, armament, equipment criminal since Nero; in fact, I should speed and all but minor differences apologize to the shades of Nero." War and Navy Departments, today this morning, at the Baptist Seaside 600 feet of length and 23,000 tons of Christian Minister and the Great more than 21 knots.

War," that fairly swept the large There are no secrets about the large light's construction; except modifices

to boiling in every patriotic vein. Dr. tions made after fier hull had been Vines spoke with the eloquence that laid down to give her greater security is born of a conviction that is con- against submarine attack. Navy desuming his own soul, and the effect signers believe the vessel will be a was electric. Since the Assembly hard problem for a submarine and opened three days ago hardly a pass- she cannot be sunk with a single toring reference has been made to the pedo. great war before. The address tonight by Dr. B. D.

Gray, of Atlanta, on "A Carribean sides as her protection against tor-Cruise," will thrill and charm. Dr. pedo craft, and four 3-inch anti-air-Gray will deliver the Assembly ser- craft guns of the long range type remon tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, cently designed by the Bureau of Ordand at night an address on "The Im- nance. Below the water line two 21mediacy of Our Task." At 9:45 to- inch torpedo tubes supplement the morrow morning a unique feature will terrific broadside weight of the ship's be the organization of an up-to-date guns. Sunday school of those attending the under the direction of Senator John A. ble class will be taught by Dr. A. T. delighted his audiences with his daily ters for an admiral and his staff in lectures on First Thesselonians. The addition to the regular officers' quarmusic, led by Mr. Woisiagie, will be a special feature.

The regular routine of the morning fleet if necessary. session was carried out with the exception of two speakers on the pro- New Mexico, Arizona, Pennsylvania gram, who were unavoidably detained, and Tennessee will be the last Amer-Dr. Graves, of Wake Forest, on account of the death of his father, and Miss Williams, of Birmingham, on account of continued illness. Rev. Bruce Benton, of Rockingham, led the pastors' conference; Miss Ruth Caldwell, of Lumberton, the W. M. U. Conference; Dr. Robertson continued his series of Bible studies; and Dr. Bruner his course on Evangelism; Dr. Vines concluding the services with

his masterly address. In the outset Dr. Vines declared that a position of neutrality is utterly untenable and impossible for a minister. "The Christian minister must have convictions on all great issues, he continued. "Dante, in his 'Inferne,' puts those who are neutral in the everlasting fight between right and wrong

"I met a gentleman some time ago just prior to President Wilson's notable address in which he declared France over public buildings and pri-that the United States was in a state of war with Germany and asked the Delegations of American army offi- power of Congress to declare that we want war.' This shows my personal Seaboard Air Line Railway collided been my attitude ever since the Lusi- 20 miles worth of Raleigh. The dead tania went down.

"My feeling of hostility to Germany * has been accentuated mainly by two G. Linkous, of Portsmouth and Ra-Paris, June 30.—Said Major- * things: The declaration of the Ger- leigh, respectively. * Geenral Pershing, on his return * man chancellor that the 'treaty with (By Associated Press.)

Washington, June 30.—The navy has almost doubled its personnel since to his headquarters today after * Belgium was a mere scrap of paper. Brake mouth. has almost doubled its personnel since * barkation: "The landing of the * nations of the earth, and indicated her Wells." war was declared and now needs less | * first American troops has been a * attitude of lawlessness and purpose GERMAN WARSHIP than 25,000 men to bring it up to the * complete success. In this re- * to sling standards down; and the injured, are from Raleigh. new authorized strength of 150,000. | * markable transfer of a large * fact that, after a trip to England, I

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This Newest Wonder of Superdreadnaught Type Success-fully Takes the Water

A HARD PROBLEM FOR SUBMARINES

Built to Withstand Their Attacks-Armed With Heaviest Guns-Requires Crew of Eight Hundred Men-To be Followed by Ships of Heavier Armament.

(By Associated Press.) Camden, N. J., June 30.—Another monster fighting machine for the navy took the water here today from the yards of the New York Shipbuilding Company, when the superdreadnought, Idaho, sister ship to the Pennsylvania, flagship of the Atlantic fleet, was suc-Simmons, granddaughter of Governor Alexander, of Idaho, was sponsor. Because of the war, the general public was not admitted to the geremony. "Germany is the mad dog among The Idaho will carry twelve 14 inch nations. She must be crushed and 50-calibre rifles, mounted in trios in destroyed, or else civilization is four turrets, two forward and two she will be a duplicate of the Penn-So said Dr. W. M. Vines, pastor of sylvania and of the Mississipp the First Baptist church of Charlotte, Genre's turbine engines will hurl her

calibre rifles swung along the Idaho's

Like the Pennsylvania, the Idaho Assembly and others at the Beach, will need 25 senior, 16 junior and 10 warrant officers; 40 chief petty offi-Oates, of Fayetteville. A special Bi- cers and more than 800 men as her fighting complement. She will carry Robertson, of Louisville, who has so 70 marines and be fitted with quarters, so that she can carry the flag for the commander-in-chief of the

The Idaho, Mississippi, California, ican battlecraft to carry twelve 14-They will complete a wing of 7 gigantic vessels, with this armament, and next from the ways will come the West Virginia, Washington, Maryland and Colorado, carrying eight 16inch rifles. Behind those will come the new class of 42,000 tonners, five of which have already been authorized, which will carry twelve 16-inch

ON THE SEABOARD

Fast Freights Collide—Four Trainmen Killed—Wreckage Burned With Bodies

(By Associated Press.) men were killed and two others more or less seriously injured early today attitude in this matter, and this has head-on need Franklinton, N. C., about

Engineers H. Gaskins and Samuel

Fireman O. L. Wells, of Raleigh. Brakeman George Napier, of Ports-

Wells and Napier were white men T. C. Jones and John Smith, the

The wreckage burst into flame im-Navy officials, in announcing last * force across the ocean—one of * have been convinced that the English mediately after the crash and every-Washington, June 30 .—Brazil's navy night that the total enlisted strength * the largest operations we have * people are the most religious people thing inflammable was destroyed. The has begun co-operating with the now is 125,363, expressed gratifica- * ever undertaken—not a man or * on earth, and that they stand for all bodies of the dead had not been recovered several hours later and it was

The smash-up was described by Washington, June 30.—Occasional rines. Sending of a special diplomation, and on April 6, the day war * landed in splendid morale, with * God's wrath against sin and wicked railroad officials as one of the worst Her complement was 500 men. She thunder showers and moderately warm ic mission to Brazil to arrange for was declared, the total was 64,680. mer complement was 500 men. She thunder showers and moderately weeks the system ever had.

The marine corps, whose strength to the coming greater co-ordination of forces and the weather are indicated for the coming greater co-ordination of the complement was 500 men. The marine corps, whose strength to the international fleet weather are indicated for the complement was 500 men. The physical appearance of our * not to be out of harmony with God's Both locomotives were demolished to the complement was 500 men. The physical appearance of our * not to be out of harmony with God's Both locomotives were demolished to the complement was 500 men. The physical appearance of our * not to be out of harmony with God's Both locomotives were demolished to the complement was 500 men. The physical appearance of our * not to be out of harmony with God's Both locomotives were demolished to the complement was 500 men. The physical appearance of our * not to be out of harmony with God's Both locomotives were demolished to the complement was 500 men. The physical appearance of our * not to be out of harmony with God's Both locomotives were demolished to the complement was 500 men. The physical appearance of our * not to be out of harmony with God's Both locomotives were demolished to the complement was 500 men. The physical appearance of our * not to be out of harmony with God's Both locomotives were demolished to the complement was 500 men. The physical appearance of our * not to be out of harmony with God's Both locomotives were demolished to the complement was 500 men. The physical appearance of our * not to be out of harmony with God's Both locomotives were demolished to the complement was 500 men. The physical appearance of our * not to be out of harmony with God's Both locomotives were demolished to the complement was 500 men. The physical appearance of our * not to be out of harmony with God's Both locomotives were demolished to the complement was 500 men. The physical appearance of the complement was 500 men. The physical * timately destroy war, we are living and other commodities smashed to bits and burned.