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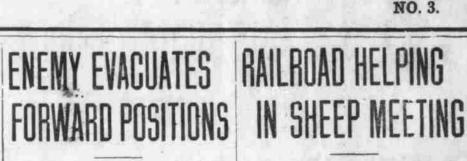
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GENERAL INTEREST' CENTERS THE NOUSTRIAL AGENT OF THE A. C. L. IS CO-OPERATING WITH FARM WORKERS.

# ALBERT IS STRONGLY HELD FOR MORE SHEEP AND WOOL Increasing Artilery Activity Continues Sheep Shearing Demonstration is to Along New Somme Battle

# Be Pulled Off During Meeting on September 12.

Raleigh .- Mr. G. A. Caldwell, agri-General interest in the situation along cultural and industrial agent for the the Picardy battle front has shifted Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, was a to the northward, where it is confirmvisitor at the offices of the experied that the Germans are evacuating ment station and agricultural extension service. Mr. Cardwell is a very mont-Hamel, Serre, Bucquoy and interested co-operator with the agriof farming conditions in eastern secat Authuille and Aveluy, north of tion of North Carolina, having been instrumental in having the banks of the section appropriate funds for financing livestock and other clubs. Just now he is interested in the question of more sheep and wool and is co-operating with Mr. R. S. Curtis in making a success of the big sheep and wool meeting to be held at Wil-

> mington on September 12. Mr. Curtis has arranged a comprehensive exhibit of sheep and wool and has arranged for a sheep shearing demonstration by one of the field men.

# Great Progress in Drive,

Salisbury .- Methodists throughout the Western North Carolina Conference will be interested in an announcement of the progress that is being made towards the raising of \$100,-000 for an endowment fund for the superannuuated ministers and widows and orphans of ministers in this conference.

Rev. J. P. Rodgers, who was appointed by the last annual conference to raise this amount nad who is making his home and his headquarters in Salisbury, states that about two-thirds of the desired amount has already been pledged and that prospects are good for the completion of the full amount by conference time or shortly



Harassed by Franco-Americans on Vesle and Lorraine.

Gradually the famous Lys salient in the region west of Armentieres is giving way under the pressure of the Brittsh. Again Field Marshal Haig's 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 line.

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 Germans Apparently Successful in fire and local attacks. Nowhere has the enemy had the beter of any encounter.

Balllelu and Vieux Rerquin on the Germans have lost further important door of the town which is one of the Lys sector, the British have forced ground. In the former region they keystone positions of the German deback the Germans to a depth ranging have evacuated their positions over fense in Picardy, from 1,000 to 2,000 yards, taking in a five-mile front to the British north the maneuver the village of Outter- of Albert, while in the latter they steen and 400 prisoners.

between the Somme and the Oise riv- river by the French. ers are still holding, notwithstanding the terrific pounding it is receiving mont Hamel, Serre, Puisiexau-Mont from the allied guns, the British have and Bucquoy have been found untendrawn nearer the road leading from able by the enemy in the face of the Chaulnes to Roye between Chilly and recent activity by the British all along Farnsart, placing, Roye in greater the line from Albert to Arras, while jeopardy by attack from the north. the French have persevered in their At the same time to the south of Roye, violent attacks against the Germans over the four-mile front between on the sector, which dominates the Beuvraignes and Canny-Surmatz, a lower portion of the Picardy plain violent artilery duel is raging between and the Oise valley, and have enthe French and Germans. It is in croached further upon the Lassigny region that the French are deavoring-and in their initial efforts and further south have captured the they have met with considerable suc- important town of Ribecourt. cess-to carry forward their two-fold purpose of outflanking both Roye and the capture of Lassigny by the French Lassigny by a drive eastward. Along the Vesle river front, where the Americans and French are hold- Sur-Somme and Etinehem by the ing the line against the Germans, Australians. There is, however, no there has been considerable reciprocal artillery shelling.



GEN. TASKER H. BLISS

Gen, Tasker H. Bliss, American representative at the supreme 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.

Holding Back British and French From Somme to Oise.

Over a front of four miles between North and south of the Somme the have been beaten back in the hill and While, as a whole, the German line wooded district just north of the Oise

German front line trenches at Beaumassif and the Thiescourt plateau

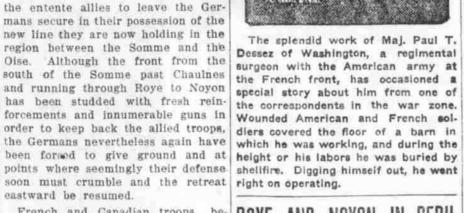


mans secure in their possession of the new line they are now holding in the region between the Somme and the Oise. Although the front from the south of the Somme past Chaulnes and running through Roye to Noyon has been studded with fresh reinforcements and innumerable guns in order to keep back the allied troops, the Germans nevertheless again have soon must crumble and the retreat right on operating. eastward be resumed.

French and Canadian troops between Goyencourt and Laucourt, on a front of about three miles, had fought their way west of Roye until they were virtually knocking at the

The retirement of the Germans on parts of the northern front continues but these manuevers as yet lack definite explanation. Following closely upon the evacuation of front line positions north of Albert, which were taken over by the British, has come another voluntary relinquishment of trenches in th Lys sector. The village of Vieux Berquin has been given up and ground over a front of about nine milse to a depth of from one to two miles has been ceded without fighting.

Along the Vesle river front the Germans are deluging the positions held by the French and



MAJ. PAUL T. DESSEZ

ED ON PART OF FRENCH AND AMERICAN FORCES.

Retreat of Foe Along Oise Valley May Cause Entire Enemy Line to 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.

however, Chaulnes is receiving a sumber approximately 2,000,000 qualfmighty visitation of shells from the

some of their forward positions. Beauthe French front, has occasioned a Puisieux-au-Mont have been abandon- cultural workers in the development special story about him from one of ed. British patrols crossed the Ancre Wounded American and French sol- 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 immediately 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.

IN SITUATION ON THE PI-

CARDY FRONT.

Front.

With the Britsih Army in France .--

Along the new Somme battlefront

# PLANS VET IN MOTION TO REGISTER 13,000,000 MEN

Washington .- Provost Marshal Gen-

eral Crowder announced that plans already have been made for registering the 13,000,000 additional men which he estimates will be brought under the selective service law when Congress enacts the pending bill extending the age limits to include men be-Notwithstanding the enemy's efforts tween 18 and 45 years. From this

CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY PLAY-

ROYE AND NOYON IN PERIL

quiet still continues except for rather increased artillery activity at several points.

# AMERICAN TROOPS REACH

Valdivostok .- The transport carrying the first contingent of American nes and Roye, upon the capture of troops arrived here after an uneventful voyage of seven and a half days from Manila. The men were in excellent spirits and crowded the rails FREEING REGION BETWEEN and rigging, cheering and being cheered by the men of the allied warships in the harbor.

# SPIRIT OF AMERICAN FORCES RAISES MORALE OF ALLIES

New York .- The spirit of American forces overseas has raised the morale of the allied troops to the highest pitch, according to Dr. E. W. Buckley, of St. Paul, Minn., who has just returned from a tour of the western almost to the gates of Lassigny. front.

"The keenest impression of anyone 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- greater part of the way. Noyon is ed. "They are out to win, the French know it, the British know it, and what is more important, the Germans know it."

#### COFERENCE ON WAR PRISONERS PUT OFF

Paris.-At the request of the German government, the Ferman-American conference regarding war prisoners has been postponed, acordig to a Geeva dispatch, published in the Echo de París,

# AMERICANS GAIN MORE GROUND AT FRAPELLE

With the American Army in Lorraine.-The Americans gained more ground at Frapelle, despite a total of 2.500 shells dropped by the enemy on the village, and a raid of the Germans. which was repulsed by the American artillery and automatic rifle fire. In the Woevre an American patrol had a fively engagement. One American, wounded in nine places, heroically valatroyed six machines parked near safety.

hities.

Unofficial reports have announced and of all the German positions be tween the western outskirts of Brayofficial confirmation of them.

From the Somme to the Oise, except in the latter region, where the French have made further gains, the Ger-VLADIVOSTOK FROM MANILA mans seemingly have had further success in holding back the allied troops and still are in possession of Chaul-French have been centered. .

# THE OISE AND SOMME RAILROAD HEAD

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 strate- until the months of congestions. He gic standpoint it ranks with the tak- says; ing by the French of the forest and hill positions between the Matz and the 'Oise, which has brought the French Through Ribecourt lies an open route up the Oise valley to Noyon-a route by rail, and the big national thoroughfare, not to mention the canal which parallels the roadways for the only a little more than six miles northeast of Ribecourt.

Although they are still encountering violent resistance, the French are continuing to make progress through the wooded and hilly country between the Matz and the Oise, where the Germans, from recesses in the forests, on spurs and in the canyons, are using machine guns innumerable. Gas also is being loosed in great quantities by the enemy. Almost entire control of the Thiescourt plateau and the other high ground on this sector is now in the hands of the French.

### 31 GERMAN AIRPLANES ARE PUT OUT OF BUSINESS

London .- Twenty-one. German airplanes were brought down and 10 By a brilliant maneuver, the French also were driven down out of control have finally captured "Z" wood and according to an official statement issued on aviation operations. Six British machines are missing as a result of the aerial encounters. British and American air squadrons co-operated in "N-nangars, inflicting as well several

Americans with shells, gas projectiles and bombs from airplanes, but their allied guns, and Roye has ben so eneffohts have gone for naught so far as causing a relinquishment of territory is concerned. The American aviators are busily engaged in bombing operations behind the German lines, especilly against the bridges leading northward across the Aisne river.

# TOTAL GERMAN LOSSES ESTIMATED AT 6,000,000

Paris. - The total German losses from the beginning of the war to the which the efforts of the British and end of July, 1918, are understood to be six million, according to the newspapers.

WARNS SHIPPERS

son, and that even there may be a re-Washington. - B. L. Winchell, readjustment of the enemy front from gional director, has issued a drastic Soissons to Rheims warning to shippers and industries to Far to the north from Ypres to Albeware of waiting upon transportation ber tthere has ben considerable activity on the part of the British and

'Every effort should be made to induce all classes of shippers, and more particularly, the industries, to follow pulsed: the policy of stocking up during the remaining months of good weather, when the flow of transportation is the easiest and the demands relatively Hehest "

"There is no doubt but that industtack, however, resulted in the reoccutries in general for economic reasons. pation of Fismett. have avoided carrying stocks, relying

upon the railroads to meet their cur-These successes render imposible rent needs from day to day, or week any rupture of the line which would to week, but it is clear that if there separate the French armies of the is an explanation made of the great center from those to the east, or a demands which the carriers will have rupture of the junction between the to meet during the winter and the French and British. The most disdifficulties of transportation that are astrous consequence to the Germans. likely to occur (not merely because of aside from the heavy losses they susthe total volume of traffic, but the tained in men and material. Is the preference that must be given to war collapse of their plan to drive wedges requirements), the probable shortage into the allied lines and the substanof equipment, etc., thy will be willing tial widening and joining which have to stock up for their own protection." threatened general dislocation.

## MPORTANT WOODS ARE TAKEN BY FRENCH TROOPS

AUSTRIANS FIGHT FOR LEAFLETS FROM THE AIR

Washington. - Neutral press re-With the British Army in France .ports that Vienna citizens paid as high as 40 crowns for leaflets dropped by Italian aviators in their recent flight Damery wood. In these two wooded over the Austrian capital in giant Catracts the Germans have been hold- proni planes are causing great satising out desperately for several days, faction in Rome. An official dispatch realizing the value of those positions. today says the cabinet has congratu-The little patches of forest which lated the air service on the feat. The are now in the hands of the allies are aviators reported that people in the virtually on the exertme right of the streets of Vienna fought for posses-Brititsh line. sion of the leaflets.

fied for full military service are expected to be secured.

croached upon that it is now under a So urgent is the need for additional heavy crossfire from both the north manpower, General Crowder said, and south, and seemingly both towns that the draft machinery is being put ultimately must be evacuated. An into shape for the great task ahead added danger to Roye is the fact that without waiting for final action by the French in their operations are Congress. Men of the new draft will knocking at the door of Lassigny. be needed by October 1 and in order about seven miles to the south, and to get them, registration day will have also are pressing forward eastward toto be held not later than September ward Noyon in a wedge-driving ma-15 and if possible September 5 will be neuver, which not only is outflankfixed as the day. ing Roye, but bringing Noyon daily

When the 13,000 men are enrolled nearer the range of the big guns. nearly \$25,000,000 will have been reg-Unofficial reports are to the effect istered since the United States enterthat the Germans, fearing capture 'in ed the war. There were some 10,000 the pocket between Rove and Oise, al-000 enrolled on the first registration ready are rereating along the Oise day, June 5, 1917, another 600,000 last valley toward Noyon, and if the states June 5, and several hunred thousand ments should prove true it is not unmore are expected to be enrolled Auglikely that the entire German battle ust 25. line to the north will give way in uni-

> 2,000,000 IS FIGURE SET AS PROBABLE IN CLASS 1

On the basis of actual figures from insurance companies, census computations and the experience of this of-French forces against the Germans. fice in the previous registration, it The latest German communication ashas been estimated that the required serts that all the attacks were renumber of men for class one may be had only by including within the On the Vesle river the Germans in draft age limits men between 32 and attacks against Fismett, which is held 45 and between 18 and 20. That is to by the Americans and French are desay, approximately 13,000,000 men clared to have driven the allies to the must be added to the list of regissouthern bak of the river. A coutnertrants in order that, with all exemptions allowed at least 2,000,000 men will remain in class one.

# DATE OF REGISTRATION EARLY IN SEPTEMBER

Assurance naving been given that he legislation will receive immediate consideration upon the assembling of the house and of the senate, this office, in its preliminary instructions set out to draft executives in the various states, has proceeded on the assumption that the new registration might be held earl yin September.

# EXPEDITIONARY FORCE HAS REACHED PUBERESHKAIA

London .- The allied Archangel ex- land, at the mouth of the peditionary force has reached Pabereshkala, 100 miles south of Archangei, on the railroad toward Volgoda. Bolshevik forces, on retiring, are declared to have committed every form of atrocity upon the civilian population. Allied forces have been landed along the shore of Onega bay, 10 miles southwest of Archangel, for the furpose of intercepting bolshevik forces retiring from Archangel.

thereafter.

J. A. Bell, a layman, of Charlotte, originated the plan and by his own efforts raised \$16,000 as a starter for the fund.

# Physicians in Trouble.

Raleigh -The State Board of Health made public the names of seven physicians of Robeson county who have been convicted during the present month of violating the State quarantine law. In each of the seven cases the physician was found guilty of having failed to report cases of typhoid fever as required by the statute. Among those found guilty of violating the law in Robeson county was a former member of the General Assembly of the State. The names and addresses are as follows: Dr. N. H. Andrews, Rowland: Dr. H. H. Hodgin, Dr. R. D. McMillan, Dr. B. F. McMillan, Red Springs; Dr. W. F. Stephens, Fairmont; Dr. D. S. Currie, Parkton, and Dr. W. P. Exum, Maxton.

# Fayetteville Clean-Up.

Favetteville .-- With a representative of the surgeon general's office instiuting the work of cleaning up the city, morally, members of the United States Highways Bureau and the State Highway Commission looking after the improvement of the roads leading to the cantonment site, and examiners from the War Department's land bureau advertising for landowners to come forward with legal description of their lands, crops and timber for purposes of valuation, Fayetteville war camp activities are beginning to take definite shape,

#### Reduce Work Hours.

Greensboro .- Proximity, White Oak and Revolution cotton mills and Proximity Print Works announced to their employes that, effective at once, 55 instead of 60 hours will constitute a week's work and there will be no reduction in pay. These are the mills of the Cone family.

## Condition of the "Gassed."

Wilmington .- Information from the Coast Guard Station on St ith's Isriver, is that none of t the gas there recently injury and all are. who suffered at derstood to Cantain Chi one other. of the ligh oast guar lso suffe