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the allied forces were still feeling their way forward carefully through the rear guard screens of machine gunners which still cover many portions of the enemy's present fighting front. Behind this screen the Germans were driving the Germans out of their pobelieved to have reoccupied the old sitions in southern Picardy and in the Hindenburg defenses, which probably section between the Vesle and Aisne have been repaired and supplemented. rivers. So rapid has been the prog-

SHARP GAINS MADE

# IN BRITISH ADVANCE

over a four-mile front between the Havrincourt wood and Peiziere have captured all the German positions on the high ground between these two points and won their old trench positions overlooking Gouzeaucourt, according to the official communication from Field Marshal Haig. The Gouzeacourt wood also is in British hands.

English and New Zealand troops performed the task and during the mans taste bitter defeat on numerous AMERICAN TROOPS CAPTURE, fighting repulsed heavy German counter-attacks.

The text of the statement follows: and New Zealanders attacked and car- to Solssons the French have reclaimried the German positions on the high ed 30 villages from the Germans; have ground between Peiziere and the Hav- crossed the Somme canal at several rincourt wood. After sharp fighting in points and are standing only a short the course of which heavy counter- distance from the important junction attacks were repulsed with losses, we of Ham with its roads leading to St. gained the old British trench line on the ridge overlooking Gouzeacourt and captured Gouzeaucourt wood.

"On the left of our attack, other English troops successfully advanced our line in the eastern portion of the Havrincourt wood. We captured a number of prisoners in these operations."

### AMERICAN TROOPS CROSS THE VESLE IN FORCE

With the American Army on the Aisne Front .--- In the face of the stiffest machine gun fire since the Americans crossed the Vesle in force, American infantry advanced at certain points on a curve line extending from Glennes to Vieil Arcy.

The advance was preceded by a heavy artillery bombardment, which continued all night.

From the plateau the Americans took up positions in the ravines whichh drain northward, but the advance was necessarily cautious owing to the commanding position of La Petite Montagne, which is the highest point in that region. The French and American artillery bombarded the mountain, where the Germans had built strong emplacements.

#### GERMAN SUBMARINE TORPEDOES TRANSPORT

Paris .- The American transport Mount Vernon, formerly the German steamship Kronprinzessin Cecelle, which, though torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of France was able to make port, was carrying wounded and sick soldiers back the United States.

Senator James H. Lewis, of Chicag Ill., who was among the passenge all of whom were saved, is suffering from a chill resulting from exposed

from Solssons eastward toward Rheims-that the retirement of the London .- The British in an advance enemy has the appearance of the beginning almost of a rout. tion.

The French and Americans are fast

ress of the allies-the French in Pic-

ardy and the Americans and French

Meanwhile Field Marshal Haig in The text of the statement reads: the north, from Peronne to Ypres has been almost as busily engaged with troops have captured the village of Artois and Picardy, now likewise is his troops in carrying out successful maneuers which are only in slightly St. Quentin. South of the Oise the from the Vesle river between Soissons less degree of rapidity forcing the French have made progress to the and Rheims, northward toward the Germans everywhere to give ground. outskirts of Servais.

FRENCH REACH FRINGE OF

tured the village of Mennessis, about

four miles north of Tergnier, and on

the t. Quentin canal. Farther south

THE VILLAGE OF MUSCOURT

the war department. The statement

Headquarters of the American Expe-

"Section A. South of the Aisne our

troops entered the village of Muscourt

counter-attacks in this sector were re-

pulsed and our line was slightly ad-

vanced. Two strong hostile raids in

the acts of gallantry set forth after

walking to a dressing station.

machine gun fire to shelter, he was

follows:

ditionary Forces.

es on the enemy.

their names:

THE ST. GOBAIN FOREST

Paris .- The French troops have cap- front from Ypres to Rheims.

Haig's me again have made the Gersectors and the end of the punishment seems for them not yet in sight.

In the latest fighting in the region "Advanced detachments of English extending from the old Noyon sector Quentin and La Fere.

> The French and Americans are hard after the Germans between the Vesle river and the Aisne and for more than eight miles, extending from Conde to Vil-Arcy, they have driven the enemy across the Aisne and are standing on the southern bank of the river. Eastward toward Rheims, almost up to the gates of the cathedral city, the German line is falling back northward.

At the anchor points of the line in the vicinity of Rheims, however, the Ger mans seem to be holding, evidently realizing that a retrograde movement here would necessitate a straightening of their line perhaps as far eastward as Verdun.

## WATERPOWER BILL HAS BEEN PASSED BY THE SENATE

Washington. - The administration waterpower leasing bill was passed by the house after leaders had failed in a infantry. During the attack on Hil- ican troops available for the use of dite proceedings and prevent injussecond attempt to amend it so as to sensirst, France, July 6, 1918, while the supreme commander in the great tice by making the exemption claims carry out the wishes of President Wil- carrying a wounded soldier through battle. son that a "fair value" instead of the amount of the "net investment" should be paid by the federal or mu- theless brought his comrade to safety scope of the new British assault at more complicated if registrants ennicipal governments in taking over power plants at the end of the 50-year ers, insisted on others being taken to the Doual-Cambrai front becomes aplease periods.

NO PRESENT INCREASE TO BE

ALLOWED IN SUGAR RATION

Washington .- Retention of the pres-"Plans for the uniform and equitaent sugar ration of two pounds a ble compensation of injured employes for the army except as authorized by munication dealing with the operamonth for each person was announced or the dependents of employes who acts of Congress in certain cases have tions of the allied forces in the region withe food administration. The cer- may be killed in the service of the been ordered discontinued and all re- around Archangel, Russia, says; e system by which sugar is al- railroads, are being considered." said cruiting stations will be closed as "After further servere hand-to-hand dealers was explained. Not- an official announcement, "and it is speedily as is practicable. The enlist- fighting with an enemy force led by Durham; Fra: nding the promise of a bounti- hoped that it may also be possible to ed men serving at such stations will the Germans, the allied troops have surance at reasonable rates. as in the nex year.

relatively their line from presen\* they have penetrated to the northern fringe of the St. Gobain forest up to Flanders to Champagne is being an vestigate the feasibility of recomthe outskirts of the village of Servais, awered. And the answer apparently mending stabilization of cotton prices is in the negative. according to the French communica-

The strategy of General Foch, which imposed upon the dermans the "North of the Oise, the French necessity of falling back in Flanders, Mennessis, and are along the Canal compelling the enemy to withdraw Aisne in order to avert disaster,

Ago Predicted.

The Germans are now giving

ground over the entire 150-mile battle

along the western part of the battle line and in great danger of a turning

movement eastward from the regions Washington .- Capture by American, of Noyon and Soissons, the German troops of the village of Muscourt with high command at last has been forced 50 prisoners is announced in General to begin the retrograde movement in Pershing's communique, received at the Soissons-Rheims sector which the military experts long had predicted would be necessitated through the American armies.

and captured 50 prisoners. Hostile 1,600,000 AMERICAN TROOPS EMBARKED FOR SERVICE

Washington. - Announcement by the Woevre were beaten off, leaving General March, chief of staff, that prisoners in our hands. In Alsace, a more than 1,600,000 American troops successful raiding party inificted loss- had been embatked for all fronts up to August 31, furnished a new meas-"Section B. The commander-in- ure of the forces Marshal Foch has at chief has awarded the distinguished his disposal with which to follow up cross to the following men of the the victories already won on the

American expeditionary forces, for western front. Included in the American shipments are men sent to Italy and Si-"Sergeant Albert N. Elsea, machine beria, the arrival of Major General gun battalion. While acting as ma- Graves. American commander, at chine gun leader near Hilsensirst, Vladivostok, with nearly 1,400 men of France, July 6, 1918, he was wounded the forces dispatched direct from the in the face by a bursting shell but. United States having been announced continued to direct his men until the by General March. The total number

The size of this American force bewounded, but by unusual pluck never- comes increasingly important as the

> RECRUITING STATIONS OF THE ARMY TO BE CLOSED

priate duty."

to have a commission appointed to in were abandoned.

NO PROTEST TO BE MADE TO

Seemingly the question whether the son against the proposal of Chairman

Germans will be able to hold even Baruch, of the war industries board,

THE PRESIDENT ON COTTON

Washington .-- Plans of southern

senators to protest to President Wil-

After a meeting of southern senators, Senator Smith, of South Carolina, announced that a statement which was prepared for presentation to Mr. Baruch would not be made public at present, but that a conference with Mr. Baruch would be sought.

# Outflanked on all defensive works STAPLE NOT TO BE TOUCHED BY FEDERAL PRICE-FIXERS

Atlanta, Ga .- There is no occasion for alarm over the agitation to fix cotton prices, according to a telegram made public by William J. Harris. from President Wilson. The message was in reply to one Mr. Harris sent earlier in the day calling the Presisuccesses of the British, French and dent's attention to the apprehension of many persons over the situation, and protesting in the interest of the farmers against such a movement.

# LOCAL AND DISTRICT DRAFT BOARDS TO BE ENLARGED

Washington .- As an additional step in speeding up the draft organizations in the effort to induct into military service in October men who register. Provost Marshal General Crowder is planning to enlarge local and district boards wherever necessary.

Announcement was made that General Crowder had telegraphed draft executives in all states asking if an increase would hasten their operation. Boards already have been authorized to use additional registrars.

Employers or dependents of registered men who for patriotic reasons attack ended and then insisted on of men sent elsewhere than to France. may object to entering a claim for de-Lowever, is less than 10,000, leaving ferred classification on the ground of "Corporal Clayton N. Moore, band more than a million and a half Amer- dependency or occupation, will expefor the men, it was said at the provost marshal general's office.

Local boards will find their duties and realizing the scarcity of stretch- the very center of the German line on titled to exemption do not claim it or some interested person does not make the claim in their behalf.

> VICTORY WON BY ALLIES IN REGION OF ARCHANGEL.

Washington-Voluntary enlistments | London - A British official comest the administrators agreed arrange for the retirement of em- be sent to the nearest recruit depot to occupied Obozerskaya. Prisoners to conservation must be inten- ployes upon pension at a given age be physically examined and their the number of 150 were captured and liam B. Let carry out the plan of sending as well as to provide for their pur- qualification records made out with a heavy losses were inflicted on the Canton; R tons instead of 10,000,000 chase of life, health and old age in- view to their assignment to "appro- enemy. The allied casualties were slight."

eigh. Mr. Curtis will be glad to answer any question relative to the show.

### Camp Site Condemned.

ciation, North Carolina Swine Grow-

ers' Association, the North Carolina.

Sheep and Wool Growers' Association,

and the North Carolina Poultry Asso-

ciation. The general secretary of

these associations is R. S. Curtis, ani-

mal husbandman of the North Caro-

lina experiment station at West Ral-

Raleigh .--- The United States district attorney filed petition in the district court at Raleigh for the condemnation of a large portion of the artillery camp to be located near Fayetteville, and other proceedings will follow until title to the property, containing 120,,-000 acres of land, is obtained.

It was learned that the filing of such petition for condemnation does not indicate that the land owners are not co-operating with the government, but in order to get into immediate possession of the property, the condemnation proceeding is necessary and negotiations will continue between the land owners and the government for the purchase of the property and as fast as purchases are made the parties will be released from the proceedings. If prices are not agreed upon commisioners. will appraise the property. It seems to be certain that the camp to be established in Cumberland and Hoke counties is to be of great magnitude and that the work will be pushed vigorously.

### No Contract Will Hold.

Durham -An offer of the Durham Traction Company "to pay the bond interest on an amount of the city's street improvement bonds equal to the entire cost of paving the space between the rails and six inches on either side along the tracks of the company throughout the city on basis of one single track; said interest to be at the rates paid by the city on said bonds," was rejected by the board of aldermen after advice from Attorney Jones Fuller, who had been engaged as city counsel in this matter.

Mr. Fuller advised the aldermen to remain fast to their demands that the traction company pave within the tracks and 18 inches on each side. He argued that no previous board had the right or authority to contract with the traction company whereby the company would not be required to pave its tracks.

Are Now 2nd Lieutenas Raleigh .- Among the r pointees as second lie Camp Taylor, La., are North Carolinians: Go eron, Southern Pir hoon, Columbia bins, Yadking Wilson; Will mony: Willi C : William boro; Dai

parent. PENSION AND INSURE R. R. MEN

the rear and walking himself." PLANS BEING PERFECTED TO