# ACROSS THE AISNE WORKERS GET RAISE

Germans Continuing Their Hasty McAdoo Boosts Wage of the Retreat.

MANY VILLAGES CAPTURED NOT IN ON FIRST BOOST

To Go Behind The Hindenburg Line-Strong German Reinforcements Arrive.

London.-The French and Americans are fast driving the Germans out of their positions in Southern Picardy and in the sector between the Vesle and Aisne Rivers. So rapid has been the Railroad Administration. the progress of the Allies-the French in Picardy and the Americans and French from Soissons eastward toward Rheims-that the retirement of the enemy, has the appearance of the beginning of a rout.

Meanwhile Field Marshal Haig, in been almost as busily engaged with his troops in carrying out successful maneuvers which are only in a slightly tess degree of rapidity forcing the Germans everywhere to give ground. Haig's men again have made the Germans taste bitter defeat on numerous sectors, and the end of the punishment for them seems not vet in sight.

In the latest fighting in the region extending from the old Noyon sector to Solssons the French have reclaimed 10 villages from the Germans; have crossed the Somme Canal at several points and are standing only a short distance from the important junction of Ham, with its roads leading to St. Quentin and La Fere.

On the south they have made further crossings of the Ailette River and tre fast skirting the great wooded region which acts as a barrier to diect attack on Laon, the Chemin des Dames and the western Aisne defenses of the enemy. Seemingly at the present rate of progress this barrier shortwill have been overcome and, infeed, the entire salient northwest of Soissons obliterated. Already the French south of Fresnes, on the fringe of the high Forest of Coucy, have penecrated the old Hindenburg line.

All behind the lines northeast of Fere, which apparently indicates that the Germans intend to fall back as fast as they can to the old German lines running southeastward from St. Quen

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 half on the actual minute basis. to Veil-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 point of the line in the vicinity of Rheims, however, the Gerrealizing that a retrograde movement here would necessitate a straightening of their line perhaps as far eastward as Verdun.

In Flanders the British have taken bread for marching rations. the town of Ploegsteert and positions southwest of Messines and northeast of Wolverghem, and repulsed strong Southeast of Arras, all the way down

the line to the south of the Somme, below Peronne, the British have dug more deeply into the enemy's front on various sectors, especially toward Cambrai and immediately north and south of Peronne, in the latter region having driven in the enemy's rear guards for considerable distances.

The Germans have been violently bombarding the Americans at Frapelle, on the eastern end of the battlefront in Lorraine, but have attempted no infantry attacks. More than 3,000 shells, many of them gas projectiles, have been sent into the American line by the enemy.

#### VON HERTLING RESIGNS.

Health As Cause Of Action.

ling, the imperial German chancellor, has resigned, giving bad health as the west of Fismes. Captain Brooks was cause for his retirement, according standing at the entrance of an imto the Geneva correspondent of the Daily Express, quoting a dispatch re- merly occupied by the Germans, and ceived in Geneva from Munich, Bavaria.

LARGE AERIAL LOSSES.

466 German Machines Destroyed Against 216 British.

London.-Four hundred and sixtyfive enemy machines have been deteen British machines are missing. | would be unwise.

# PUSHING THE HUNS NEAR MILLION R. R.

Lower-Paid Classes

Indications That The Teutons Intend Basic Minimum of \$87.50 a Month Established in Order Effective September 1-Merit System Adopted.

> Washington.-Nearly a million rail crease were granted raises in pay by ment by President Wilson.

an hour for those on the hourly basis. great cruelty murdered civilians. The increase affects mainly clerks, station employes, boiler washers, stationary engineers, power transfer and negroes given the death penalty for the north, from Peronne to Ypres, has turntable operators, common laborers, their part in the riot. Thirteen were painters, masons, concrete workers, executed and the President was called water supply men, plumbers and other upon to review the findings in 16 maintenance of way employes.

Director McAdoo's general order on also offered a method whereby griev- Department's statement. ances could be adjusted.

A basic minimum of \$87.50 a month foremen and other supervisory work- I believe the lesson of this lawless a month; switchboard operators, jani- ed out by the action alreaady taken tors, watchmen and elevatormen, \$70; and that now directed and also bestationary engineers. \$110; stationary firemen and power-house oflers, \$90; boiler washers, 38 cents an hour, with a 50-cent maximum; power transfer and turntable operators, 33 to 45 cents | the people of that race to further zeal an hour; shop, station and warehouse employes, 31 to 43 cents an hour; common laborers, 28 to 40 cents.

Building, bridge, painting, mason, concrete, water supply, and kindred workers, get a basic minimum of \$115 per month; assistant workers of the same class, together with coal wharf, coal chute, fence gang, pile driver, ditching and holsting engineers and them justice. bridge inspectors, \$105; track foremen, \$100; assistant track foremen, 5 cents Noyon great conflagrations are to be an hour more than their laborers; meseen, particularly around Jussy and La chanics in maintenance of way and building and branches, 53 cents an hour; helpers to these men. 43 cents; track laborers, 28 to 40 cents.

None of the employes in the classes noted shall have a monthly rate in excess of \$250 a month.

An eight-hour day is established, with prorata overtime of time and a

The increases become effective September 1, with back pay to January 1 based on the new scale if it has not already been paid.

#### PREPARING FOR HUN CHASE.

mans seem to be holding, evidently 2,000,000 Packages Of Chewing Gum Sent To Yanks.

Washington.-More than 2,000,000 packages of chewing gum have been In the initial maneuver to the re- ordered by the War Department to treat along the Vesle front the Amer- help the army keep off thirst during icans and French captured both Ba- long marches. Lemon drops made from soches and Fismette. From Bazoches a special formula and canned tomatoes they moved six miles northward to also have been ordered in large quan-Viel-Arcy, while from Fismette they tities for the same purpose, says a have penetrated more than three miles statement from the War Department. northward to Barbonval, which is only | More and more open warfare in France a little more than a mile south of the is increasing the demand not only for thirst quenchers, but also for hard

#### 120 CAUGHT IN LANDSLIDE.

counter-attacks launched against them. Score Still Buried at Portsmouth Navy Yard.

> Portsmouth, Va.-Eleven laborers are reported dead and more than a score seriously injured as a result of a landslide which caught about 120 men, mostly negroes, employed on excavation for a new drydock at the Norfolk Navy Yard shortly before noon. Twenty are said to be still buried under the slide. Rescuers were digging to uncover them. Two white men and 14 negroes, seriously injured, had been sent to a hospital.

#### CAPTAIN BROOKS KILLED.

Loses Life Near Fismes When Ger-

man Shell Explodes. American Army in France.-Captain Imperial German Chancellor Gives Belvidere Brooks, son of former general manager of the Western Union London.—Count George F. von Hert- Telegraph Company, was killed August 22 by a shell during a German attack mense cave south of the Vesle, forwas watching the effect of shells in other localities when struck.

NO TOUR FOR WILSON.

Too Much Important Legislation Now On Hand.

Washington .- It is extremely unlikestroyed and 200 disabled since the ly that President Wilson will make a commencement of the offensive on Au- tour of the country in behalf of the gust 8, according to an official state- Fourth Liberty Loan. Because of the ment on areial operations. Sixty-one pending revenue legislation and other hostile balloons were destroyed and important matters the President was 911 tons of bombs were dropped on understood to feel that a prolonged various targets. Two hundred and six- absence from Washington this month

## **HOUSTON RIOTERS ESCAPE GALLOWS**

Death Sentences of 10 Negro Sordiers Commuted

GET LIFE (ERMS IN PRISON

Desires The Cremency To Be a Recognition of the Splendid Loyalty of the Race To Which the Soldiere Belong.

Washington.-Death sentences of 10 negro soldiers who participated in the road employes of the lower paid classes | riot at Houston, 'fex., August 23, 1917, not covered by the first big wage in have been commuted to life imprison

In six other cases the President In substance the increases are \$25 affirmed the death sentences because a month over the January 1 rate for the condemned men had been found those on monthly time, and 12 cents guilty of having deliberately and with

This action, announced by the War Department, concludes the cases of 29 cases.

the subject provided for a system of whose sentences he commuted had not promotion based on ability and been convicted of personally and diseniority, the latter applying where rectly causing deaths. The soldiers cases of equal ability presented. He involved were not named in the War

"I commute the remaining sentences," the President said in a state is given chief clerks, foremen, sub- ment attached to the record, "because ers; boys receive a minimum of \$45 | riot will have been adequately pointcause I desire the clemency here or dered to be a recognition of the splendid loyalty of the race to which these soldiers belong and an inspiration to and service to the country of which of which so many of them are now competent military authority in Washbravely bearing arms at the very front ington who has had time to digest the uted by the workers for French and of the great fields of battle."

at length, emphasizing the gravity of

#### BOMB SHAKES U. S. BUILDING.

In Chicago.

Chicago.-Four persons were killed Justice.

explosion resulted in the arrest of nine force them. men. Several more were taken into

#### DEFEND TRADE BOARD.

ber of Commerce.

Washington .- The Parmers' National ter to President Wilson denouncing the that the enemy would be as effective recent charges of the Chamber of Com. in the defense as in offense. merce of the United States against the

Hampton, managing director, says the commission may have erred in judgment on some points but has rendered a great service to the common people. power.

#### CZECHO-SLOVAK RECOGNIZED.

Move May Have Far-reaching Effect On War Situation.

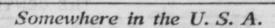
Washington. - Recognition of the Czecho-Slovak nation by the United States Government assures the Czechs of Northern Austria of a standing in the league of nations, and, since it follows similar action by Great Britain, France and Italy, it may have a farreaching effect on the war situation in Europe. In any event, it is expected to produce a new alignment of demands upon Germany and Austria-Hungary at the peace table.

The first immediate effect of the American Government's action, State Department officials said, will be in the opening of the way to furnishing much needed war materials and supplies to the Czecho-Slocak armies operating against the Germans and Austrian forces in Siberia and Southern Russia.

#### ON THE LAST LAP.

Semi-official Statement Sees Early Allied Victory.

London (via Montreal) .- Paris newsning post."





Can Save Them.

ARMY OVERRATED

General March And Associates Never Imagined German War Machine Could Be Crippled In Six Weeks.

Washington .- If the retreating German armies fail to make a successful tremendously important news that is Belgian war orphans. The President reviewed the record coming from the battle field of France.

And even if such a stand is made the rioters' crime and the care taken and the Allied advance halted for a by the military authorities to give time, it is by no means certain that a rally of fresh reserves by Ludendorff and new concentrations of men on this line, as has not been effected It Kills Four and Injures Many Others up to this hour, will save the German armies from the most overwhelm. Liberty Loan are taking shape and it ing defeat since the war began.

trance of the building, but shattered and Americans are about to leap telling them what has been done with every window on the first three floors across it 20 miles from the Queant the money already provided. of two buildings across the street, Drocourt bulge. In other words, the and was attribued to the L. W. W. Allies have found this line vulnerable by Philip J. Barry, in charge of the at every point where they have hit it. local offices of the Department of They have had no more difficulty in penetrating it than in occupying other Raids on two headquarters of the positions believed to have been strong-I. W. W. within 15 minutes after the ly held until the effort was made to

Farmers Reply To Charges Of Cham- centrated force, and because of the western front. notion some people gained that the German soldier was a superman, the Headquarters here made public a let- impression has gone forth generally

But less than seven weeks fighting Federal Trade Commission as "pre. has shown how utterly wrong those cisely the sort of action which we an. people were who looked upon a Ger. Lenine, the Belshevik premier, against ticipated certain business interests of man Army as an almost invincible whose life an attempt was made last the country would take against the army. The experience of the British, Friday, has become highly critical, ac-Federal Trade Commission because of French and Americans in France since cording to a dispatch from Moscow to its conspicuous service to democracy." July 18 shows the Germans can be the Central News Agency. The crisis The letter signed by George P. beaten down, can be driven to cover is expected within three days. Surretreat wherever the Allies desire to nine's body. strike with enough man and gun

And it was this false idea of Ger- 1,000,000 IRON RATION ORDERED. many's remaining strength that caused to declare that the war would be won in 1919. Not one of them, apparently, imagined that the German war machine could be crippled in six weeks as it has been. What they actually expected was that the counter-offensive would continue until late fall; that it would force the Germans back little by little until the Rhine country would come within the range of powerful Allied artillery, and that the great battle would, doubtless, halt at that point for general reorganization and reinforcement by the fresh corps from America.

In other words, the great successes which General Foch has achieved within the past few days, for example, did not enter into the calculation of the dent of the Old Dominion Steamship Allied War Council or the other au- Line, was placed in charge of all coastthorities who had planned ahead for a wise steamships operated by the Railcrushing blow to Germany some time road Administration and will succeed next year. And because these suc- the Railroad Administration's coastcesses were not anticipated, they mean wise steamship advisory committee, that the Allied armies are just that of which L. J. Spence is chairman. much to the good on the season's fighting. They are just that much ahead RUSS MINISTER ASSASSINATED. of the schedule laid down for them by

the supreme command. And this leads to the natural quespapers print the following semiofficial tion whether or not the war can be statement: "The hour seems close at won before 1919. Of course, there is ulation. Every strategist, official or received through Berlin, were arrested. He is 45 years old.

unofficial, expert or unexpert, can do his own figuring on that possibility and one is about as apt to be right as tht other.

But there are some phases of the present military situation that are not natters of guesswork. And the most important is the demonstrated fact that the German army is approaching a state of demoralization. It is not The President found that the 10 Only Rallying of Fresh Reserves functioning as it should. It is not standing the gaff. It is a powerful piece of fighting machinery when it is going ahead, but when it is retreating is limp and spiritless.

#### MILK TO CHRISTEN SHIPS.

But Maybe It Isn't 16 Cents A Quart In Portland.

Washington.-Bottles of milk have been substituted for bottles of wine in christening ships at Portland, Orc. and suggestions have been made to the Shipping Board that the substitustand at the Hindenburg line they will tion be made general at all shipyards. face disaster. Of this there is not the The bottles before being filled with they are citizens and for the liberties slightest doubt in the mind of any milk, according to the Portland custom, must be filled with coins contrib-

PLANNING PRESIDENT'S SWING.

disaster will be escaped. Only such Itinerary For His Tour Not Yet Ready For Announcement.

Washington. - Plans for President Wilson's speechmaking for the fourth was said his campaign might carry Already the Hindenburg line has him to the Pacific Coast. The Presiand more than 75 others injured by been seized-10 miles of it-by the dent probably will make nearly a score the explosion of a bomb in a crowded British and Franco-Americans are of addresses in many sections of the entrance to the Federal Building. The within sight of it 40 miles to the east country, calling on the people to subexplosion not only wrecked the en- of the British position, and the British scribe to the nation's war fund and

### GERMAN PRESS EXPLAINS

Blames Failure In West On The Spy-System.

Washington, - A new explanation from the German newspapers of what The truth is, and military authorities is happening in France and Flanders custody within the Federal Building, in every Allied capital are not recog- came in an official dispatch from Switand a woman whose name was sup- nizing it, that the German power of zerland. It says the German press now pressed was arrested in a nearby build- resistance has been wildly overesti- asserts that Germany has never known mated. Because the German has been how to organize her system of espiona hard-hitting enemy; because her age, and that it is to the mistakes made drives, whether in the east or in the by her secret service that she owes west, have een terrific in their con- her unpleasant experiences on the

### LENINE MAY DIE.

Bolshevik Leader's Condition Reported

To Be Critical. London.-The condition of Nikola) and can be thrown into wholesale geons have removed a bullet from Le-

## General March and his associates here Ground Meat And Wheat Pressed Into

Cake For Yanks. Washington .- An order for a million emergency rations for the oversea forces was announced by the War Department. The ration corresponds to the "iron ration" of the British troops, It is composed of ground meat and wheat compressed into a cake and a block of sweet chocolate and will sustain a man a day.

TO DIRECT SHIP LINES. H. B. Walker Placed In Charge Of

Railroads' Steamers.

Washington .- H. B. Walker, presi-

People's Commissary For Home Affairs Killed.

Amsterdam .- Moses Uritzky, people's hand when the superb efforts of the nobody here or anywhere else who commissary for home affairs at Petro 46. He has filed with local draft au-Allies will begin to bear fruit. We are knows the answer to that question. grad, has been assassinated. The ason the last lap and close to the win- But there is no embargo against spec- sassins, according to Russian advices be forwarded to his home at Elko, Nev.

## BEER BREWING STOPS DECEMBER 1

Food Administration Annunces Drastir Wove.

#### AFFECTS OTHER BEVERAGES

The Breweries May Be Allowed To Open Between December 1 And The Effective Operation Of Nation-wide Prohibition.

Washington.-Manufacture of beer in the United States will be prohibited after December 1 next as a war meas-

ure. This announcement was made by the Food Administration, which said the decision had been reaached at conferences between President Wilson and representatives of Fuel, Food and Railroad administrations and the War In-

dustries Board. Factors which influenced the decision to prohbit the manufacture of beer after December 1, the food administration announcement said, were "the further necessity of war industries for the whole fuel productive capacity of the country, the considerable drouth which has materially affected the supply of feeding-stuff for next year, the strain upon transportation to handle necessary industries and the shortage of labor caused by enlargement of the

army program." Warning also was issued to manufacturers of all beverage and mineral waters that for the same reasons there will be "further great curtailment in fuel for the manufacture of glass containers, of tin plate for caps, of transportation and of food products in such

beverages. Action along this line, it was said, had been expected by the brewing interests in view of the Fuel Administration's order of last July 3 reducing coal consumption of breweries 50 per cent, and a warning that they might not be able to continue in busi-

Under national prohibition legislation passed by the Senate and sent to the House which enacted similar legislation last May, manufacture of beer and wine would be prohibited after May 1. Today's order will move up six months the time for discontinuance of the manufacture of beer, although the breweries may be allowed to resume operation between that date and the effective operation of the dry legislation, if finally enacted, since today's

order was "until further orders." The manufacturer of whisky was prohibited last year and there have repeated demands in Congress that the President exercise his war-time power to stop the manufacture of beer as a food conservation measure: The House last May in adopting the Emergency Agricultural Appropriation Bill attached a rider which provided that none of the funds appropriated by the measure should be used until the manufacture of beer was discontinued.

MAY BRING HUNS TO U. S.

Corps Of Interpreters In Army Ordered

Increased. Washington.-Publication of orders providing for a substantial increase in the corps of interpreters of the army revived reports of plans for bringing to America large numbers of Germans

captured on the western front. The new orders provide that in addition to the commissioned personnel of the interpreters' corps already authorized, there will be "one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant and one sergeant for each 500 prisoners of war interned

in the United States." In this connection it is known that the shipment of civilian goods on returning army transports and supply ships recently was sharply curtailed by the military authorities.

HUNS ABANDON PEACE DRIVE.

Teutons Agree Present Is No Time For It.

Washington.-Germany and Austria have agreed that the present is no time to start peace offensive, according to a dispatch from Switzerland reporting on the recent conference at Vienna between Admiral Von Hintze and Count Berian.

This message says the Teutonic foreign ministers agreed that the Entente must be made to realize that Marshal Foch cannot break the German front and that years would be required to defeat Germany.

An official French dispatch, commenting on the report, notes that the ministers did not speak as in the past of a victorious Germany dictating peace

SENATOR FIRST TO REGISTER.

Henderson, Of Nevada, Sends Draft Card To Elko.

Washington.-Senator Henderson, of Nevada, has the distinction of being the first member of the United States Senate to register under the new draft law extending age limits to men under thorities a registration certificate to