

Early this morning the French pushed urther eastward, capturing the Bois l'Abbe

Meet to Plan Unification

of Military Direction

near the Peronne-Bapaume-Bethun ighway, by a brilliant bayonet charge.

legan yesterday are of the greatest im-. The positions carried are the last of the strongly fortified German third line defense between Combles and Peronne. All the positions now held by the Germans back of this line have been built under the unceasing fire of French artillery and, ently, are not nearly so strong as be old lines.

General Foch is nearer a striking victory the Germans than at any time since areat Somme offennive began.

les, the main point of support of the German line from Bapaume to Per-

is under fire from two sides and half-Lirounded as the result of the smash-lows of today and yesterday by the

bigs almounded as the result of the smash-ing blows of today and yesterday by the franch. Peronne itself has been cut off from direct communication with Combles and the French, driving eastward on a front of nearly four mfles, have established them-sives almost directly north of the city. The capture of both Combles and Per-ena within a foright is proved to prove

ne within a forinight is expected by some litary critics if General Foch continues hammer blows north of the Somme.

hammer blows north of the bounders dill 145, two miles southeast of Combles. a captured in the first fifteen minutes of ereat French push yesterday. The ranch went over the summit with bayonets of greandes and drove the Germans down a rolling slope. From this new position reach artillery can completely dominate ambles, while the British are shelling the win on the northeast.

Continuing their rush, the French took trenches along the Bapaume-Peronne bish-and a half. Hull 76, rising from the swampy ground os the northern bank of the furtills River and within artillery range of Peronne, was reached by the right wing of the attacking army.

GERMANS ACCUSE RUSSIANS OF KILLING WAR PRISONERS; ONLY AUSTRIANS ARE SPARED

BERLIN, Sept. 18.—Russian troops are conted in a statement issued by the Over-as News Agency today of butchering their isrnan prisoners. This policy is alleged

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THE WEATHER FORECAST

or Philadelphia and vicinity-Gen ally cloudy tonight, becoming unset-M Thursday; moderate temperatures; the variable winds.

ELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES water ... 2:17 a.m. 2figh water ... 2 34 p.m. water ... 9:28 a.m. Low water ... 9 31 p.m. TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR 1 65 64 70 75 78 80 81

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the French gains in the great attack that FOR A FUTURE DRIVE

BERLIN, Sept. 13 .- The combined "grand offensive" of the Allies will be met by a combined "grand defensive" of the Central Powers, who will swing to the attack when the proper time comes.

The great war council being held at the Kaiser's headquarters on the eastern front is for the purpose of unifying the direction of all military movements by armies of the Central Powers. Since early in the war they have acted completely in accord in their military movements, making it possible to beat off vastly superior enemy forces. That scheme of unified offense and defense

will be made even more effective as the result of the present conference, attended by war chiefs of the four emptres warring on the Allies. Most favorable reports were brought to

the war council from the different fronts. The Austro-German commanders sent word that the latest Russian offensive around Halloz has been stopped. It was learned that the German and Bulgarian invasion of Rumania continues to make progress, while the Bulgarians are successfully re-

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Heights

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 13 .- Four are ead and two others are in the City Hosital seriously injured as the result of a ilision between a trolley car and an auomobile late yesterday at a crossing of the Shore Fast Line at Ocean Heights, near Somers Point. The dead are:

MRS. EUGENE KILLIAN, of 21 West Thirty-MRS. BAMUEL HAY, 25 West Thirty-fifth MRS. BELLA VINETTE, or Bennett, of 19 East Thirty-sevenib street, Bayonne, N. J. MORRIS L. INGERSOLL, of Steelmanville, this county.

The injured are:

The injured are: MRS. W. H. DAVIS. 1128 Avenue A. Bayonna. MRS. MANGARET WOLF, of Collinsweed ave-ue. West Collingswood. The five women had been staying at the Chelses farm of Irwin Myers, above Ocean Heighia. Mr. Ingersell was taking them to the Shore Past Line station, where they sere to take a trolley car for Pleasantille, to take a train on the Reading for

American Ship Damaged in Crash

LONDON, Sept. 13. --- The Ame



CENTRAL POWERS CONFER Heads of the nations allied with the Teutonic Powers held an im-portant council of war on the eastern front today to confer on plans for the winter. Present weref in order from top to bottom, the Kaiser, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, Archduke Karl of Aus-tria, the Bulgarian Czar and Enver

Pasha of Turkey VARE AND DOYLE ARGUE

PHILADELPHIA'S CLAIMS **TO HAVE ARMOR PLANT**

Secretary Daniels Opens Hearing to Determine Location of Federal \$11,000,000

Factory 110 CITIES WANTIT

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13 .- With 110 titles represented as formal applicants for the \$11,000,000 Government armor plate plant, Secretary of the Navy Daniels today opened the hearing which will result in determining the location of the factory. Two Pennsylvania Congressmen, Representatives W. S. Vare and H. W. Temple,

appeared to present arguments for the location of the plant in that State, the former to act for Philadelphia, and the latter for New Castle.

W. P. Miller and E. W. Lawrence appeared for the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, and Michael F. Doyle for the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

When the hearing opened the official lis of the Navy Department showed the following Pennsylvania cities applying for the plant: Philadelphia, New Castle, Chester, Pitts-

surgh, Oll City, Slatington, Berwick, Sunbury, Alientown, Bridgeport, Erie, Coates-ville, Columbia, Girard, Sandy Lake, Scott-dale, New Cumberland, Emerald, Carnegia.

New Jersey applicants are: Park Ridge, Phillipsburg and Camden. New Castle sent the largest delegation of ny city in Pennsylvania. Those who repesented New Castle at the hearing ware Robert L. Wallace, J. J. Dean, H. W. Tempie, Robert McKinney, George F. Winter, Harry Toynbee, Dr. L. W. Wilson, Bert

Kline, E. E. McGill, P. L. Rentz. Arguments of the Alabama delegations were the first to be heard. Senator Under-

od, who took a prominent part is gettin a Federal armor plate plant appropriatio ough Congress, introduced the datege

and an Page Four. Coins

Paskert scoring. Whitted forced Cravath. Hornsby to Huggins. One run, one hit, one error.

SECOND INNING Butler filed to Paskert. Wilson fanned. Niehoff threw out Snyder. No runs, no

hits, no errors. Luderus singled to center. Bancroft singled over second, Luderus stopping at second. Killefer tripled to right center, scoring Luderus and Bancroft. He was given a great ovation. Rixey went out to er, unassisted, Killefer remaining at The squeeze play failed, Killefer nailed at the plate when Paskert d the ball. Paskert walked. Paskert remaining nyder. third died stealing, Gonzales to Huggins, runs, three hits, no errors. Two

THIRD INNING

Bancroft and Luderus retired Ames. Bet-sel went out the same way. Nichoff went out in center and made a pretty catch of Gonzales's fly. Ne runs, no hits, no errors. Nichoff went out, Huggins to' Snyder. Stock lined to Betzel. Cravath doubled to eft. Whitted then doubled to right, scoring Cravath. Luderus was purposely passed Bancroft filed to Huggins. One run, two hits, no errors.

FOURTH INNING Stock's throw retired Miller. Huggins fanned. Hornsby fanned. No runs, no hits, no errors. Killefer was out, Hornsby to Snyder. Rixey was out to Snyder, unassisted. Pas-

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THAYER AND KENNEDY BEATEN IN DOUBLES

Warren and McCormick, of Coast, Eliminate One Red and Blue Team by 6-4, 6-2

HAVERFORD, Pa., Sept. 13 .--- Eugene Warren and E. R. McCormick, of Southern California, shattered the Red and Blue hopes for the intercollegiate tennis doubles championship at the Merion Cricket Club today, when they scored an unexpected triumph in straight sets over Sid. Thayer, Jr., and Kenneth Kennedy. Things broke badiy for the Penn youngaters and the California cracks won at 6-4, 6-2. The other Penn team, made up of Ted Edwards and Joe Rowland, advanced through the default of Benedict and Bowman, of Cornell. Harvard avenged Princeton's victory in singles yesterday when Richard Harte and G. Colket Caner, wearers of the crimson, and both Philadelphians, defeated Leonard Beekman and Philip Vandeventer.

Princeton, in two sets, at 6-6, 6-3. The third doubles match, played early today, resulted in a victory for the Crimson over the Blue, Whitehouse and Pfaff-man, of Harvard, defeating Webber and Hoddard, Yale, 6-4, 6-3.

The other doubles matches necessary a complete the first round went by default. liker and Kaas. Princeton, and Hair and Joit, Gernell, advancing over Alien and Fayfor, Johns Hopkins, and Hawks and

U. S. AND MEXICAN TROOPS SURROUND VILLA EL, PASO, Tex., Sept. 13,-Carranza troops have thrown a circle around the place where Villa and his followers are believed to be hiding, with American troops forming one segment of the ring, General Gonzales, Carranzista commander at Juarez, announced today. Within a short time a clash is expected, Gonzales said. The easiest route of escape from the circle is being guarded by two outposts of American cavalry,

GEORGIA COURTHOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE

DECATUR, Ga., Sept. 13 .- Fire today destroyed the De Kalb County Courthouse and for a time threatened the whole city. The loss is estimated at \$80,000. Court records are believed to have been burned.

COUNT DE LESSEPS' SON DIES AT FRONT

PARIS, Sept. 12 .- Count Robert de Lesseps, son of the late Count Ferdinand. has been killed at the front. He was a brother of Jacques de Lesseps, who married Miss Mackenzie, of New York.

FAIRBANKS RECOVERS FROM ATTACK OF ILLNESS

TULSA, Okla., Sept. 13 .- Fully recovered from his attack of acute indigestion last night at Oklahoma City, when he was forced to stop speaking for several minutes, Charles W. Fairbanks, Republican candidate for Vice President, resumed his campaign here today. Mr. Fairbanks ascribed his illness to constant traveling recently, but said he would complete his speaking tour.

BAPTISTS PLAN PLEDGE-SIGNING CAMPAIGN

Ten thousand Baptist churches throughout the country have been urged to aunch a pledge-signing campaign against the liquor traffic, in which brotherhoods and men's Eible classes are to take a leading part. Carrying pledge cards, the members will canvass their congregations and neighborhoods. The campaign will begin on Temperance Sunday, which will be observed November 12.

STRAUSS COMPLETES NEW OPERA

BERLIN, Sept. 13 .- Richard Strauss, the composer, has completed his new opera, "The Woman Without a Shadow."

CARUSO TO GET \$66666 A NIGHT IN BUENOS AIRES

NEW YORK, Sept. 13 .- Enrico Caruso will warble in Buenos Aires next sum mer for \$6666 a night. He has signed a contract to sing at thirty performances at the Colon Opera House for \$200,000, more than twice his salary at the Metropolitan Opera House and probably the highest salary ever paid an opera singer.

HUGHES MEETS CAMPAIGN LEADERS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Spt. 13 .- Charles E. Hughes, Republican candidate for President arrived in New York today from Plattaburgh to confer with his campaign leaders. He expected to leave at 4 o'clock this afternoon for Bridgehampton, L. I., to rest until Monday.

SUPREME COURT TO CONSIDER ANTHRACITE CASE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13 .- The Department of Justice has completed its plans for its final effort to break up the combination between Eastern railroad and anthra-cite coal producers. Either next Monday or Tuesday the Government will file its briefs in the United States Supreme Court in the actions against the Lahigh Valley

WALL STREET ODDS UNCHANGED BY MAINE RESULTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 .- The Republican victory in Maine has had no effect on the betting in Wall street. To the surprise of election betting commission to be wager was made, and there was no change in the odds offered of 1 on Hughes to best Wilson, with the Wilson manay being held for 2 to 1 ed of 10 to

room and say it was Woods's room. "Schwartz further says in his affidavit that Councilman Harrington came to his place of business and told him he need not be afraid of saying that Woods resided there, and that they would take care of him if he got in trouble.

even go so far as to take them up to a

"From an investigation made, former Lieutenant Woods lives now at 4052 Parkside avenue, where he had resided about a year with his sister."

EXPECT MORE ARRESTS

The committee has more warrants for politicians, which will be served within the next few days.

Woods' name was stricken from the list in the seventh division of the Fourth Ward last spring.

Director of Public Safety Wilson ass Secretary Roach that he was heart and soul in the effort to clean up the registration list of "phamtoms" and told him that he would have the assistance of the Department of Public Safety whenever he desired

A city-wide campa'gn for the elimination of "phantoms" from the voting lints was launched this morning by the Committee Seventy, when a canvass was started in every ward to purge the voting lists of all fraudulently registered names.

A corps of twenty-five investigators, working under the direction of E. L. D. Roach, secretary of the committee, is making the canvass. They carefully check up every name that was registered on September 7, the first registration day, and will present to the courts whatever evidence of frauds they find.

Congressman John R. K. Scott's search for "phantoms" in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Wards, where he is leader, also started this morning. Scott has enlisted the aid of the Committee of Seventy, and his own investigators are working in conjunction with the committee's agents.

POLICE CANVASS

A general police canvans will be asked for probably today. Roach will visit Di. rector of Public Safety Wilson and rec that a general police canvass be made as a further deterrent to false registration.

The police were called in to canvans the voting lists prior to every election 1 during the Blankenburg administration, with the result that hundreds of names and been fraudulently placed on the li were eliminated.

Roach today declared the canvass il year would disclose a larger number "phantoms" than any previous canvas as ducted under the direction of the Committ of Seventy.

Dutch Liner, American Built. S LONDON, Sept. 11. The new D reight liner Antwerpen, which was it's Newport News, Va., has been d'a sumouries vie, has been used \$540 tons not and been a The Autocrassi 13 M 18

and the Reading Company.