French Sweep Forward Over Oozy Mud Covered With Red Patterns

GERMAN TROOPS DAZED

Forces Completely Overwhelmed and Their Morale Shattered

By HENRY WOOD WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE

It is the battle of the snows that is ragover forty twisting miles today on the sat French offensive front. French arfire turns the carpet of snow into tillery fire turns the carpet of snow into sety mud and red spattered patterns, through which General Nivelle's men were advancing today.

I succeeded in following the French ad-

vance in this battle of the snows on one nameless hill southwest of Moranvillers. Trenches, dugouts, shelters everywhere were filled with German dend. Dazed Germans were being hauled from dugouts there they had hidden, burrowed deep in the piles of their own dead. Farther back the ples of the knows were cleaning the sherers of the ground taken by the first forward movement I had seen dazed, staryorward movement as Germans staggering out of dugouts shoked with their dead comrades thirty-is hours after those dugouts had been ken by the French.

Beyond the nameless hill the new French and German lines were visible. Between them was an abandoned German battery, sark and bare on the snow. As I watched I saw one of those marvelous bits of French tegy executed. French established lines to the rear

from the abandoned battery. They were alimly put there to entice the enemy to sek a recapture of the abandoned guns. The ruse was successful. As I watched out the Germans dashed. Their horses were hurriedly hitched to the abandoned guns. French machine guns suddenly pat death. Horses, men, all except thirty mans were wiped out in a twinkling. The morale of the French troops stounding. At 4/o'clock Wednesday e ning I found the same troops which I had seen capture the positions they were then in on Tuesday morning preparing for a fresh deance. The dash was to start at 5 o'clock and the French troops were jokingly dub

It is typical of all operations along the great French front that General Nivelle is not seeking to pierce the German line at a given point. Instead he proposes an ad-vance along the entire front by steady s. It is not like the warfare of the ous Somme campaign. How well it is orking out is evidenced by the fact that style of attack, than at any time since the battle of the Marne.

From another nameless hill today I saw

across the Champagne plains an endless maze of German trenches. It represented three years' work of millions of men. Countless tons of barbed wire, numberless carloads of steel plates, miles of concrete fortifications marked it. There were thounds of bomb proofs. Many were with electrical plants equipped with the costly and most modern conveniences These the French captured intact. The for of their advance, the irresistible sween wing the battering down of the inary works by the terrific hail of French tillery, drove the Germans out. Most of

Then the fighting centered in the Rheims-Souplet sector. The French advance was executed over snowclad ground, which pied a crest of hills so strongly fortified hat in the plain below the French had erctofore not been able to advance since he battle of the Marne. But the French hell bombardment was so destructive that n fifteen minutes after leaping out of their trenches the French infantry had occupied the German positions on a front of more than two-thirds of a mile, advancing formore than a mile and a third in an

Despite this terrific artillery fire, the ositions were so dotted with machine guns that there was brisk fighting. The French settled down during the night. At dawn, just as a brilliant sun crept over

horizon, glistening on the snow, the each dashed forward. The Germans, inded by the glare of the sun and dazed ith the cold, were unable to use their maguns before the French were upor

A Russian brigade, which took the oath allegiance to the new provisional Governnt shortly before going into action, dised itself in one attack of the offen-

HOUSTON CALLS CHIEF OF IOWA FARM SCHOOL

A. Pearson, of Ames, Will Help Agriculture Department Meet War Problems

WASHINGTON, April 20 .- President R. Pearson, of the Iowa State College of criculture, has accepted an appointment chief adviser to the Department of Aglture and will assume his duties tomorw, it was officially announced today. President Pearson's selection is in line

h the Administration's general policy of lizing the brains of the country for period of the war. A statement from Secretary Houston's

The Secretary of Agriculture has re-mented R. A. Pearson, president of the sea State College of Agriculture, Ames, to come to Washington at once and we him the benefit of his advice and asnce for an indefinite period. President rson will particularly assist in keeping outh with the machinery in the various stes and in helping of direct some of activities of the department, which are safely increasing in volume because of present emergency."

present emergency."

President Pearson was born in Evansie, Iad., in 1873, studied at Cornell, and
April, 1908, was chosen Commissioner
Agriculture in New York. He has been
Ames since 1912.

DIES WHILE VISITING KIN

P. K. Filbert, Prominent Pottsville Dentist, Stricken at Ashland

bottsville, Pa., April 26.—Dr. P. K.
bert, a prominent dentist of this city.
At Ashland today, where he had been
case on Sunday while visiting relatives.
Was sixty-seven years old and was a
live of Marion township, Berks County,
Was graduated in 1873 from the Pennvania College of Dentistry at Philadeland then came to this city, where he
lie a leading practitioner. He was a leading practitioner. He was a femplar and an Odd Fellow, a di-Templar and an Oda Fellow, a un-the Schuylkill Trust Company and of the City Building and Loan on. He was a member of Trinity of Church, of which he was a ves-

Wills Admitted to Probate obated today include those of reeter, 504 North Marshall street, private bequests disposes of prop-d at \$15,000; Theodore L. Adams, City. \$14,025; Joseph Gee, Man-at, Germantown, \$7900, and Den-oy. 1308 East Columbia avenue, he personal effects of the estate Mobald have been appraised at

PEOPLE AND BUSINESS WARNED AGAINST RECKLESS WAR ECONOMY

TLL-ADVISED economy and interference with normal pursuits, subject of caution to individuals and business by Howard E. Coffin, member of Advisory Commission of Council of National Defense.

Unemployment problem must not be created by premature or unnecessary closing of his featuries.

sary closing of big factories.

Avoid hysteria over reported imminence of food shortage.

Correct habits of wastefulness, but make "production more prolific and efficient," in words of the President.

War declaration should have no real effect on national industry and finance, but we must not be stampeded into a psychologic fear.

Prosperity is more needed in war time than in peace time. . Cease aimless and unconstructive hysteria of patriotism and make every effort count for accomplishment.

French Press on Laon: Crush Counter-Attacks

pulsed. North of Urvillers there were patrol combats.

East of Loivre we have captured East of Loivre we have captured enemy trenches along with 250 pris-oners. We delivered grenade attacks on Vaucierc plateau and southwest of Courcy, penetrating German trenches.

During the night the Germans delivered strong counter-attacks along the line in Champagne. Near Moronvillieres, after a severe bombardment, the Germans made especially severe assaults. The attacks broke down under our curtains of artillery fire and much gun fire. The Germans not only sustained heavy losses, but left pris oners in our hands.

Seventy-seven square miles of France been reclaimed up to today from the invaler by five days' continuous steady

General Nivelle's men have now pro gressed over a front of nearly forty miles to a depth of from three-quarters of a mile to four full miles. A score of villages and towns have been taken since Monday when the great offensive started.

The German losses have been staggering Two complete divisions-40,000 menwhich made a counter-attack on Juvincourt Demoralization is spreading among the Germans-even among their officers. Great masses of re-enforcements hurriedly rushed to the line are unavailing in stop-

ping the advance.
"The battle is progressing favorably," is the calm way in which the French military chiefs regarded the offensive. "The results

exceed the expectations. French officers regard the advance be-tween Ostel and Courtecamp as having reached the proportions of a great success The utmost strategic importance is attached to the formidable positions captured there.

LONDON, April 20. Field Marshal Haig's British army ha lashed out again against the Germans de-fending the Cambrai-St. Quentin front. In the sector of Villers-Guislain the British made powerful assaults last night, win-ning fresh ground, the War Office reported

eight miles from the German fortress of in the region of Villers-Guislain within a

There were heavy artillery duels along the front, especially around Lens at the northern end of the Hindenburg line. Both British and German batteries in that region have been re-enforced. Since the British opened the joint drive

n April 9 with their assaults on the Arras front the Allies have captured nearly 36,-000 prisoners and nearly 500 guns from the

Losses of such magnitude have been inflicted on the German armies between the Loos-Lens sector and the Argonne forest

that von Hindenburg has had to rush 500,-900 fresh German troops to the imperiled parts of the western front.

Never for an instant, by day or night, does the British pressure relax around Lens, and near St. Quentin and the Alsne River the French slowly but surely drive forward against the vital railways feeding Laon in a grand encircling movement to isolate the fortress.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES All men married since the outbreak of the war will be considered as single and subject to conscription as single men, according to a ruling made April 18 by the War Department.

Clarence F. Idell. 131 W. Durham st., and Annie E. Eustace, 7125 Boyer st. William S. Wallace, 1933 E. Cambria st., an Louise B. McDermott, 3009 Amber st. Samuel K. Young, 2220 Oakford st., and Bess M. Townsend, 2120 Annin st.

Francis J. Finnegan, 1839 North St., and Isa bella A. Rodgers, 834 N. Rambrey st. John Phillips, Jr., 1420 Bainbridge st., and Olive Burrell 923 S. 18th st.

Della A. Rodgers, 834 N. Bambrey 81.
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Hood, 2420 E. Hazzard 81.
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Mary Balley, 1130 Rodman 81.
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725 Hoffman 81.
Ben H. Dabloff, 1224 8, 5th 81., and Jannie
Snyder, 1750 N. 31st 81.
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Morgan, 2030 Dickinson 81.
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Caskey, 1422 S. 6th 81
Joseph V. Briscoe, 5823 Baynton 81., and Irene
Mitter, 3856 Oscoola 81.
Roman Bestadecki, 3102 Richmond 81., and
Bertha Lennondowski, 3281 Beigrade 81.
August Singer, 2425 S. 62d 81., and Ida Gerton.
635 N. Markoe 81.
Daniel McDougail, Jr., Baltimore, Md., and
Sophia O. Ankiewitz, 335 N. 10th 81.
George A. Payne, 2550 Meredith 81., and Mabel
E. Keim, 871 N. Pennock 81.
Leonard J. Frazely, 247 N. Hilton 81., and Mary
A. Hamilton, Atlantic City, N. J.
Frederick Albert, 2817 Trenton ave., and
Bridget McCloskey, 2117 Trenton ave., and
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Elkton Marriage Licenses

ELKTON, Md., April 20.-Couples procuring marriage licenses here today were: Josiah L. Porter and Alice Berry, William Pinto and Florence Schneider and John Sharkey and Stella Ryan, all of Philadelphia; John W. Robinson, Dayton, Ohio, and Mary St. Clair, Frenchtown, N. J.; Drew McElwee and Emma Adams, la.; J. Harry Fay, Jr., and Ida M. Wilson, Perryville, Md.; Harry J. Hooker and Elizabeth S. Ellis, Marcus Hook, Pa.; Robert S. Brooks and Marie A. Cain, South Bethlehem, Pa.



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ing to be called for service.

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Most of the men who have volunteered for the Colonel's division have had previous Here are some of the men who, it was

learned today, are ready to join the Colonel's division: Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois Charles Jerome Bonaparte, former Attorney General; Roy O. Woodruff, Republican Congressman from Michigan; William Curtis Farabee, explorer; John M. Parker, Louisi-ana, Bull Moose candidate for Vice President in the last election; Medili McCormick, Congressman from Illinois; Jack Greenway, Yale end of years ago; Seth Bullock, Gifford Pinchot (he's to be a lieutenant

green and gray.

Hats

Boys' & Children's

Cloth } 98c

colonel); Lieutenant Governor, Celesty, Illinois; Rock Channing, former Rough Rider; Sidney Drew, actor; Judgo Alfred Page, New York; Prof. Hiram J. Bingham, Yale; Robert D. Curry, former Governor of Wyoming; Dr. S. Edward Young, Brooklyn; Dr. Olin B. Colt, Rockyille Center (latter two offered services as chaplains); Rear Admiral Winslow, U. S. N.; State Senator Hutchinson, Washington; Ran-dolph Hagerman, Denver, and scores of

Many men, such as Marcus B. Toney, of Nashville, Tenn., a Confederate veteran, have offered themselves for any service they may perform.

No applicants under twenty-five years of age are being accepted for the division.
Officers have already been selected, and so
great has been the response that the Colonel
could not only enroll a division of 23,600 men, but has enough three full army corps. but has enough applicants to make

More than 25,000 negroes want to go to the European fighting front with the Colonel. Tentative organizations have been filled in several States. Texas and South Dakota and Arizona have complete regi-ments ready and drilling. Utah and Wyoming have regiments almost ready

If the War Department will not consider colonel Reonevelt as commander of the Colonel Reosevelt as commander of the division, he would be perfectly satisfied to go as a subordinate officer with General Wood in command. The Colonel would be content with command of a brigade. The main thing with the Colonel is that

Jumped Backward From Auto QUAKERTOWN, Pa., April 20.-Jumping off backward from a swiftly moving auto-mobile. Milton Weaver, of Richlandtown, suffered a fractured skull. He was removed to St. Luke's Hospital, Rethiehem

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