ordun Watch Tower, Rewon by French, Is German Charnel House

HELLS UPTURN HORRORS

russians, in Sullen Rage, Fill Air With Drone of Hurtling Bombs

By HENRI BAZIN Correspondent of the Evening Ledger with WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD (by official courier to Paris

post), Aug. 29.

On my way back to American field head arters from Paris, where I had gone upon pecial professional errand. I made a wide our and went by way of Verdun. I w Verdun of old. I have seen it in all weathers this last year, and it is to my inite regret that circumstances prevented my being there in the days when "They shall not pass" was first incorporated within the language of the world. Now, I have been compensated. I could write a book about the experiences of the last sixteen hours. From the spot news perspective, there are newer records than I could make, records flashed but recently, and records, too, long past and ancient in the hotory of this war.

Here there is but the attempted portrayal
of an impression—an impress on of Hill 204.

All night it had been raining, and this
morning, when the rain ceased, the leaves upon nearly all the trees bordering the Mayse showed as if by mirrole a yellowing tinge of autumn. For during the most of August the rainful has been constant and

the atmosphere as of late October. The earth is as if scaked with water and the mud is as slippery as if scaked in oil. We were but two, a French officer and myself. With every step there was the sucking sound of boothed withdrawn from suction. We had been walking a full hour silently through a bayou with nothing but mud before us, mud under us, and a gray. gray sky overhead. A turn in the trench, and its slightly higher elevation permitted a sudden view of a familiar yet always unreal landscape, a landscape of nothing else but shell craters partially or completely but shell craters partially or completely water-filled, new craters and old craters, one

displacing the other.

Beyond lay our objective, Hill 304, the Hill of History the Hill surmounting the city that a million years from now will rank higher than Thermopylae. Months ago I had looked upon 304 through the glass while the Boche still held it. Now, as I visioned it at closer range, it seemed tower and it was red. The red of a dried lower and it was red. lower, and it was red, the red of a dried, congulated mass of blood. We were still half a kilometer away when I detected something else—the indescribable eder of decaying human flesh. For Hill 304 is truly the Hill of Death, and of hideous death, Out of the havou we now made our way. Out of the bayou we now made our way, still in allence through the cratered earth, for it was an hour when words would have for it was an hour when words would have seemed as mocking things. I noticed in-stance after instance that Dante did not mention in his Inferno only because he had no conception of modern war.

DEAD, WITH SMILING FACES At my side, near enough to touch it had reached out my hand. I saw a German helmet covering a dead head, a head show-ing a blackened, sardonically smiling face. ing a blackened, sardonically smiling face. Beyond, coming as if from nowhere out of the martyred soil, a pair o hands, crisp and dead, and livid. One held a revolver. Bothwere as stiff as stone. Close beside, I saw the leg of a French soldier with the shoe, the puttee and part of the trouser still covering it. And but a little distance away the half-fleshed skeleton of a Prussian guard that a shell had uplifted from its rest in the grave and thrown, as if mockingly, upon the surface. The discoluted uniform was still recognizable. It was in its putrid flesh and uniform that which was to putrid flesh and uniform that which was man, and it was half leaning, half sitting,
a fantastic, almost pensive attitude,
gainst the side of a crater
These will suffice, for more of the same

k. Indeed, did I also see, more by the we score and ten score, old dead disin-ered and new dead that had just passed. I would I had time to rewrite and rewrite that which perforce I must here type hastilly to catch the post. Then perhaps I could do some small justice, convey in tiny measure the very hell of hells that modern war in reality is. But perhaps that which the Germans have expisted, as it were, on Hill 304 cannot be measured in written explanation. At any rate it seems to me one should dream of it and weigh for a great, great while before attempting to convey in words.

"Three hundred and four," is truly a vast, vast German cemetery. As I remembered the reddish color I have mentioned as noting from a distance, it flashed across me that the color was true, for the coli was genuinely soaked in blood and its sature of reddish clay but a weak synoald I had time to rewrite and rewrite

ature of reddish clay but a weak syno-ym of true substance. The dead are as lose upon it as dried pear in a bag. They uncountable. One sees the places uncountable. One sees the places they were buried months ago, the where shell-fire has disinterred the places where they are newly into and each grave rubs the other, part of the other, the whole hill an and large liberaging channel house. It ill-smelling charnel house It

Upon the very top of the hill there is an dmirable observation point—an observation point—an observation point that the Boche had held long and finally lost, after sacrificing thousands at thousands of his own, and—more's be pity i—many and many a son of france. From the point of its greatest eight? saw Porges Brook of early, sloody memory, the villages of Haucourt and Malancourt and Bethincourt, with ther villages beyond and the valley commanding German occupied Montfaucon, ising in the distance like a beacon light upon the shares of the sea.

ing in the distance like a beacon light on the shores of the sea. From the military point of view it was by to understand why the Boche fought desperately here why he was willing to rifice the very flower of his future gention's sait the best of his youth and for, only finally to lose; and to see why sullen Boche rage he still volces his disasure, for the sight of a single man or o upon this height is the signal for district of his artillery. Even we lone two drew a salvo of 77s.

we lone two drew a salvo of 77s, quickly moved to another spot out within a Beche-dug bayou. From ar side I watched German shells strikpon a road in our lines where French
lances passed at frequent intervals
failing before and behind them but
ng nothing during the few minutes I
d. Every village or that which was
lage within French lines was being sge within French lines was being reded as if in fury at finding once the polls of France a better man than some of the Guard and in consequence, rown Prince's artillery was aiming to a main the old and noncombatant schilled.

HING CLUB BUYS LAND

Alexieff, Russian Chief, Kills Himself

of state have been intrusted to M. Kerensky, Premier; M. Terestchenko, Minister of Foreign Affairs; General Verkhovsky, Minister of War; Admiral Verdervski, Minister of Marine, and M. Nikitin, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs. As Terestchenko and both the defense Ministers count as members of no party, and as Nikitin and Kerensky are Social Revolutionists, the Cabinet, as far as it is a party one, is Social Revolutionist. The portfolios of the other departments will be allotted by the Cabinet of five, but the occupants will rank only as directors of departments.

At the plenary session Friday of the

At the plenary session Friday of the Petrograd Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Deputies, which was attended by soldiers who were absent from the previous meeting, there were repassed the Maximalist resolutions, adopted Thursday, putting forward an extremely radical program demanding exclusion of all representatives of the propertied classes from power, abolition of private property, the immediate declaration of a democratic republic, etc.

etc.
The delegates also adopted a resolution setting forth that the tragic situation of the country made necessary the constitution of a strong revolutionary power free from all compromise with the counter-revolutionary bourgeoise elements, and announce tionary bourgeoise elements, and announc-ing they had decided to convoke imme-diately a general conference of representa-tives of the whole organized democracy for the settlement of the question of consti-tuting a power capable of leading the coun-try until the time the constituent assembly assembled.

Asked regarding the hetman of the Cos-Asked regarding to the sacks. General Kaledines, who with the forces on the Don has not yet surrendered and who is reported to be attempting a revolt. Premier Kerensky sald:

Kaledines is still at large and making trouble, but I hope this incident will soon come to an end. If not, the provisional government have the means and the will

to end it.

General Kaledines may have a considerable number of adherents among Cossick officers, but he and they in no way represent the rank and file of Cossacks, who are very democratic and entirely devoted to the revolution and the provisional government. In proof of this I have just had here a deputation from the Cossack Council, which expressed absolute devotion to us and promised support.

port.

It is impossible yet to analyze the full import of Korniloff's rebellion, but if in some respects it is a great misfortune, it may prove to be a blessing in disguise because it shows the strength of the provisional government and the revolution.

Fortier, it is a needed lesson to our parties and individuals to abstain from violence, extremist policies and demands for manifestations. Whether the lesson is learned or not, you may be assured that a counter-revolution will never succeed. It commands no support worth mentioning either from the population or the army, both of which have a thirst for security, discipline, tranquillity and for the settlement finally of the distracted country's tangled affairs.

Questioned in regard to his views on the war, Premier Kerènsky said:

I can at present only say that the

I can at present only say that the Korniloff revolt has not weakened the army. The spirit of the troops is improving and is markedly better than at any time since the big retreat in Gallein. Whatever differences there are in the nation about the war, it is universally recognized that defense against the foreign for its impressive in the integrate. foreign for is imperative in the interests of national freedom, and the survival of

Korniloff's fate, the Premier replied:

Kerniloff's fate, the Premier repiled.

I cannot say definitely, as that matter does not rest with ine. I can say only that no departure from justice is intended or will be tolerated. In myself and, I believe, the nation there is generally no vindictive feeling or desire to add more tragedles to those we recently witnessed. Therefore, while not doing anything to prejudice the revolution, we intend to handle this grave matter if a fair spirit, and if, according to law, Korniloff is put on trial you may be assured be will be judged openly and without the least attempt by the Government to bring pressure on his judges one way or the other. Nor will such pressure from gher quarters be tolerated.

SLAV NATION UNIFIED BY KORNILOFF REVOLT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17. The Russian Republic has emerged from threats of counter-revolution stronger than ever before. The entire nation has been unified by the attempted Korniloff re-Increasing military against the Germans on the Riga front may now be expected.

This is the situation in Russia as outlined in dispatches from Petrograd to the State Department and the Russian embassy today. The complete breakdown of the Korniloff movement is confirmed in these cablegrams. The Cossack movement has not been quelled in all districts, but it is not regarded as serious by the Petrograd

General Alexieff was to have been placed in command of all the Russian armies. No confirmation of the report that he had com-mitted suicide, following an interview with Premier Kerensky, has reached either the Premier Kerensky, has reached either the Russian embiasy or the State Department. New generals have been appointed by the Petrograd War Office in an effort to restore confidence among the troops. Stern discipline will be exercised everywhere under orders from Premier Kerensky.

Cablegrams dealing with the military situation assert there are more German troops on the Russian front than ever before, but that the Russians are beginning over the pressure against them. On

to exert new pressure against them. On the Riga front the Russians have advanced seven miles in the last five days. Russian diplomats believe today that

the Kerensky government now is in posi-tion to quell quickly any new uprising. Alijed diplomats asserted today that the Kornloff revolt had demonstrated the strength of the Kerensky government, and that the result would be to allow Russia. again to take an active part in the military

Eggs Sixty Cents a Dozen, Prediction HAZLETON. Pa. Sept. 17.—The price of eggs will go to sixty cents a dozen, and possibly more, this winter owing to the high price of corn and other feed, according to predictions of farmers in the surrounding valleys. Hundreds of farmers are disposing of their pourtry because, they say, the business is not profitable.

Pottsville School Loan Paid POTTSVILLE, Pa., Sept. 17.—The Potts-ville school district has just paid off \$12,000,

representing the balance of a temporary loan floated early in the summer. The board has voted \$300 per month mainte-nance to the city's free public library and has raised the salaries of about forty of the teachers.

REVOLUTIONARY OUTBREAK IN SPAIN

EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1917



Clemenceau Sees

Sammees in Camp

hurrahs re-echoing from the surrounding hills. It was a perfect September day.

ARMY ENGINEER TROOPS TO JOIN PERSHING FORCE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.
Every phase of army engineering is to be represented in the American troops that are now or soon will be in France. The army engineer corps, following cabled re-

quests from General Pershing, already has organized numerous regiments of engineer troops and in three training camps speed-

ing-up processes are in effect to whip into shape the kind of engineer organizations sought by General Pershing.

The recommendations of General Pershing already filled or in the process of completion, include the following engineer organizations: Five railread construction

organizations: Five railroad construction regiments, four railroad operating regi-ments, two shop regiments, four road-build-ing battallons, eight construction battallons,

six topographical sections, three map-re-production detachments, ten supply depot detachments, six water supply companies

six forestry regiments, six mining com-panies, four fortifications battalions, five inland waterways companies and five elec-

The War Department declined to make known how many of these engineer organi-

zations already have been furnished Gen-eral Pershing, but no secret was made of the fact that all the resources of the en-

Seriously Hurt by Acid Explosion

trical regiments.



First photographs received in America showing arrest of rioters during the recent disturbances in Madrid. Spanish troops have been kept busy quelling disorders in Barcelona and other cities, as well as the capital, where general strikes are causing general unrest among the

Allies Expect War

and the United States is at present holding the money bag-

SOME FRICTION SHOWN

There are, of course, some evidences of friction here and there. Italy feels that she is not getting the aid that she needs and complains that her offensive against Austria, which promised so well, is being weakened and nullified because of this lack of aid. Impatient spokesmen for her here and in Rome even go so far as to hint that Great Britain does not desire Italy to

As a matter of fact, however, officials of the Administration give assurance that there is every disposition to extend Italy all the aid it is possible to extend with the shipping that is available, and the hint is dropped that Italy might help matters' some by a readjustment of her shipping facilitles.

The conferences which have been in progress in Washington between 7 officials of the American Government and the Japanese War Mission, headed by Viscount Ishii, are expected by American officials to bear results in the near future in the way of increased facilities, transportation of needed railway supplies from the United States to Russia and in an increased form of naval participate n in the war by Japan. of naval perticipaten in the war by Japan. The members of the Japanese Mission are at present away from Washington touring several cities, but on their return in a few days will resume the conferences. The pur-pose of the recess, it is stated, was not only to enable the Japanese to visit these other to change the Sapanese to the Societies, but to give the Foreign Office at Tokio opportunity to pass on the program of co-operation between the two countries that was laid before Baron Ishii last week by Secretary of State Lansing.

Though no announcement has been forthcoming as yet, it is understood that a work-ing arrangement was tentatively approved by the conferees here, under which Japan would supply ships to carry the needed sup-plies to Russia, in return for which service the United States would lower the Ameri-

the United States would lower the American steel plate embargo in favor of Japanese shipyards.

Every expert who has professed to diagnose the weakness of the Russian armies, aside from the weakness that is produced by the internal dissensions in the Russian expolutionary government, has beauty by the internal dissensions in the Russian revolutionary government, has located the trouble in the disorganized Russian railway system. Indeed, it has been the poor railway service that is responsible for much of the food shortage in Petrograd and other centers where counter-revolutionary intrigues have flourished.

Thus, if the United States is able to reorganize the Russian railroads by next spring, there are many officials here who believe that the Russian bear can again be made a factor in the war by the time

be made a factor in the war by the time the supreme crisis of the war arrives. There is only the slightest mention here of Germany's reply to the Pope. Attention centered at present on prosecuting the

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THREE GERMANS ESCAPE

gineer corps are being directed to furnish-ing the American commander with all the engineers he had requested. to Last Another Year | Interned Sailors Get Away From Fort Oglethorpe in Hailstorm

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Sept. 17 .- A trio of interned German sailors escaped from the Fort Oglethorpe prison camp here during a violent hailstorm

They are Gustav Hartwig, who escaped several weeks ago and was captured at Tr nton, Ga.; Paul Neimann and Carl battery exploded and Groff was removed to his home seriously injured. His face and Hentchell.

Two Deaths at Camp Mills

CAMP MILLS, Hempstead, Sept. 17 .-Two deaths in National Guard units camped that Great Britain does not desire Italy to win the war, and in consequence is persuading the United States to extend her aid elsewhere.

Two deaths in National Guard units camped here took place today. Wilbert Riley, a private in the 167th Alabama Infantry, of Ozark, Ala., died of a complication of measles and pneumonia. George Neff, New private in Company E, 165th York Infantry, accidentally shot and killed himself while at drill with his company. Both men will be given military funerals and their bodies sent home



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ITALY AIMS BLOW AT SAN DANIELE

Flanking Movement to Cut Off Austrian Stronghold Under Way

RAIDS ON WEST FRONT

German Advance Guards Driven Back by Russians East of Riga

Following the capture of Monte San Gabricle, the Italian forces operating in the Gorizia sector are attempting to isolate Monte San Daniale, another strongly fortified peak, lying south of San Gabriele. Cadorna's troops are fighting their way eastward along the heights south of the Chiapovano Valley with a view of cutting off this Austrian stronghold.

West Front

Successful raids east of Epehy and in the neighborhood of the Aveas-Danat Railroad are reported by Field Marshal Haig.

The French War Office reports that the Germans were temporarily successful in violent attacks in the Apremont forest, northwest of Verdun, but were subsequently driven out of the captured trenches by counter-attacks.

East Front

East of Riga the Russians are continuing their counter-offensive and have driven the German advance guard back southwest of Pskov. Indications point to a new German drive against the fortress of Dyinsk and Minsk, 160 miles further

GERMANS WIN BUT FAIL TO HOLD APREMONT LINE

PARIS, Sept. 17. German artillery raged into a crescendo of violence at several sectors on the French front in the Apremont forest (northwest of Verdun) last night, preceding a temporarily successful attack. The War Office statement today said the Apremont assault gain-ed the enemy a foothold, but that counter-attacks drove the Germans out.

Another violent German surprise attack in the Vosges failed. In other sectors the statement reported violent artillery fire.

CADORNA AIMS ISOLATION MOVE AT SAN DANIELE

ROME, Sept. 17. An "isolation movement" against the Austro-Hungarian position on Monte San Daniele is under way along the southern edge of the Bainsizza plateau and dis-patches from the Italian front today re-ported further progress in that sector. While part of General Cadorna's victor-lous Italian troops are at work construct-ing new roads along the mountainside, others are dragging heavy guns up the rocky, battle-scarred slopes of Monte San

Meanwhile, detachments of picked troops are fighting their way eastward along the heights flanking the Chiapovano valley, to get in the rear of the Austro-Hungarian forces on Monte San Daniele. The capture of this fortified summit, towering 1800 LANCASTER, Pa., Sept. 17.—Jay Groff, a garage employe of Quarryville, lighted a match last night to peer into a big storage battery filled with sulphuric acid. The feet in the air, is expected soon.

Prisoners are still flowing back to the Italian rear and most of them show traces

Emperor Charles of Austria has son the Trentino front, according to advice from Zurfeh today. The Emperor at Trent on Thursday and began an investigation of the Austro-Hungarian front.

There has been a comparative but the Trentino front, the heaviest fighting tween the Austro-Hungarians and Italian occurring along the Isonzo River and Julia fronts.

SLAVS EXPECT SMASH BY ENEMY AT DVINSK

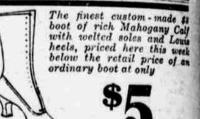
LONDON, Sept. 17.—German troops be youd Riga have been driven back by the Russians to a point where serious counterattacks have become necessary to maintain the enemy's main positions. Petrograd reports that a battle is now in progress has the Pskov road, in the region of the Zervold farm, and that the Russian troops are successfully repelling the hostin thrusts, exhibiting great firmness and stability.

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The Russian General Staff, however, believes that the Germans will not remain content with the capture of Riga, but an making ready to smash the whole Russian front, both at Dvinsk, which guards to line to the bend of the Dvina River, and at Minsk, about 160 miles to the south.

General Valuveff, newly appointed cosmander in chief of the Western Russian front, under General Alexieff, has issued the following order of the day to his army. "The enemy does not sleep. On the contrary, he is intoxicated by his Rigging Success and is according to reliable information, preparing attempts to break through the Russian front at Dvinsk and Minsk. Should he succeed, the liberty secured by the revolution will be lost."

F. and M. Sophomores Arrested LANCASTER, Pa., Sept. 17.—While plantering the western end of the city last night with proclamations for the freshmen, a score of Franklin and Marshall sophomore were swooped upon by the police, and three men, whose names were withheld, were as



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