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TYTAL OF 95 **ARGO SHIPS** LEFT WAYS

Ofial Reports on July 4 aunchings Show New World's Record

FIST HONOR WON BY PHILADELPHIA

Ent Vessels Plunge Into Daware River on Record-Making July 4

2: WAR VESSELS, TOO

Alitions to Merchant Marine nclude 42 Steel and 53 Wood Craft

Launchings on Fourth, Official Reports Show

Micial figures to date on yester-'s launchings were made public the Emergency Fleet Corporan this afternoon, as follows:



nety-five ships were added to the nghant ficet of the United States verday, when forty-two steel vessels o fifty-three wooden ships were bached in yards throughout the catry. More launchings may be repied later.

ie grand deadweight tonnage was fothe steel ships alone was 287,464 strong armed guard patrols the staeffor the wooden ships 187,000.

iese figures were made public by tEmergency Flect Corporation here mand of the station, today established th afternoon as official estimates himself in a clubhouse near the stareports had been received from sally every yard where launchings flanking him at a table, he obtained we scheduled yesterday. The figures statements from 600 officers and men. doot include launchings of approxirely twenty-five war vessels. diarism will be run out by picked men. inbraced by the totals for the

den ships are eight vessels actually patrolled by bluejackets today. Even lached on July 2 and 3 in various men in naval uniform were halted and vis. to avoid additional expense made to show passes. wh would have been incurred by L. J. Wentworth, supervisor of and politely told to leave the neightl Eleventh shipping district, a borhood. finet in the Columbia River made it rafe for ribe bulls to leave the ways. a two in Gulf yards, which stuck on toted. All of these were counted as occurred while the barracks virtually hing been launched on Indepen- was deserted strengthened the in dee Day.

Sets World Record

The records show that ninety-five als in all were launched on July 4." Jersey coast. Two enlisted men were s≱a statement issued today by HowalCoonley, vice president of the fleet of heroism in saving powder and gasocoration. ."This is in excess of our line for the scout patrol boats were gitest expectations, and constitutes recorded. aorld record which will be hard to

ongratulations on yesterday's per fnance were sentin a cablegram by Thas L. Devitt, chairman of Lloyd's This I, Devitt, chairman of Lloyd's Hister of Shipping, to Charles M. Swah, director general United States Sping Board Emergency Fleet Cor-pition, this afternoon. The cablereads as follows:

The committee of Lloyd's Register of Sping, in general meeting assembled offer to the director general othip construction in America on this porable anniversary of Independence their heartiest congratulations upon brilliant success of the efforts of self and American shipbuilders cul nating in the magnificent launching pformance today, the full significance which is recognized by none more th by Lloyd's Register of Shipping. which will contribute so largely to with confidence

Signed) "THOMAS L. DEVITT,

Philadelphia the Center

iladelphia was the nerve center o instion's wartime way of celebrating t birth. As each ship, freighter, asport or destroyer, splashed its way water, a miniature vessel sped listening wire extended from the of City Hall to a window in the ading. Broad and Arch streets. here were launchings from Maine

it Gulf of Mexico; from yards in the lif and yards at the westernmost ex-tailty of the continent. Director Genof Shipping Schwab was present at Plaunching of twelve ships at his own ds at San Francisco and Secretary of this city and at Baltimore.

Tops Record of Any Year

secords of the launchings were still i twenty-four hours yesterday inched more ships than it ever linched in twelve months before the w. The single day's output more an offset the entire shipping loss of the United States through German somarines, and ripped the teeth from Centinued on Page Stz. Column Two

When you think of writing.

When you think of writing.

think of WHITING.—Ado.

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ful Occupation

fans. We are drawing more people at Shibe Park than in years, and if base-ball is shut down, where will these peo-

FEDERAL AGENTS

ity of Sewell's Point

Naval Barracks

The ruins of the naval barracks at

Sewells Point, swept by flames yes-

cret Service men and agents of the

All roads leading to the station were

Persons who reached the door of

Spy Rumors Fly Fast

cendiary belief entertained here.

The loss, estimated at upward of

\$200,000, includes the most complete

Firemen first on the scene said they

Blaze Spreads Rapidly

NO CONCESSIONS TO DUTCH

Associated Governments Send

Not on Railroad Question

By the Associated Press

BRITISH BAG 10 ENEMY PLÂNES

Railway Junctions Bombed

By the United Press

London, July 5.—Ten German air-planes were accounted for by British airmen Wednesday, according to the official aviation communique. During the day and night sixteen tons of bombs

Machines Destroyed—Two

station at the same time.

equipment of naval stores on the New

terday, are being raked today by Se

Cape May, N. J., July 5.

understand.

2183 PER CENT BASEBALL LOSES WORK-OR-FIGHT CASE IN TEXAS FOOD PROFITS, Board Rules Two Players Must SENATE HEARS Ouit Game for Some Use-

Dallas, Tex., July 5.—The first indication of the status baseball players may have the "work-or-fight" ruling of the War Department was recorded here today when Sam Lewis, pitcher for the Dallas (Texas League) club was summoned by his local board and ordered to engage in an essential occupation or be placed in Class 1.

Lewis, who is married and has one child, had previously been in Class 4. He will appeal.

He will appeal.
Irwin Compere, another Dallas pitcher, who supports his mother and had been placed in Class 4 on a dependency claim, was ordered to do likewise.

FLOUR MEN REAPED

EXCESSIVE HARV EXCESSIVE HARVEST

"We expected a ruling like that." said Connie Mack this afternoon. "Under the Crowder order baseball players are classed as nonessentials and will remain so until an abeput is taken. Those players in Dallas will apput their cases. in Business

"It must be remembered, however, that this is a introl league care. The players do not receive big saintles, and LIQUOR'S HEAVY TOLL there would be little difference in the

there would be little difference in the stipend if they engaged in war work. But in the hig leagues it is different. For example, if a man sets 5500 a month and is supporting a family, how will he get by on \$100?

"The ball players are worrying about this order and something nurs of done soon. As soon as the cases are appealed we expect a quick decisio. Baseball is very popular this year, and it affords rest and recreation for thousands of fans. We are drawing more people a Shibe Park than in years, and if base-Soft Coal Concerns Took Mere Margin of 504 Per Cent

lly the United Press

Washington, July 5 Excess profits as high as 2183 per go? I expect to see the matter settled for cent were made by some businesses in 1917, a Treasury Department report submitted to the Senate today showed. The report is a partial answer to the Borah resolution, asking data on profiteering. The 2183 per cent ex- DEPENDS UPON OFFER dorsed today by officials and diplomats ample was that of a food dealer.

RAKE FIRE RUINS The report listed the percentage of excess in 1917 profits over those for 1916, together with changes in capital and other statistics relating to the Investigators Comb Vicinbusiness, but gave no names.

Next to a food dealer who made 2183, came a liquor man with a capital stock of \$5000, who had an excess of 1220 per cent. Another liquor man with \$100,000 capital, made 152 per QUIZ OFFICERS AND MEN

cent. A cold storage concern, capitalize at \$10,000, exceeded its 1916 profits by 472 per cent. Another, capitalized

Piled Up Big Profits

at \$249,000, made 31 per cent

te grand deadweight tonnage was cret Service men and agents of the in the dairying business excess profits 4164. The total deadweight tonnage Naval Intelligence Burgan, while a ranged from a to 182 per cent; banking. 0 to 82 per cent; contracting, 0 to 95 per cent; clothing manufacturers 151 per cent; chemicals, as high as 37 Captain Frederick Hanke, in com- per cent A flour miller with \$90,000 capita

showed an excess profit of 236.24 per r cent. In 1916 he made \$48,000 profit f Every clue pointing toward incen-

dirring the launchings until the the clubhouse where Captain Haake 17.75 per cent, having made \$171,000 was conducting the investigation, were in 1916 and \$526,000 in 1917. A retail was conducting the investigation, were conducting the investigation, were conducting the investigation were in 1916 and \$526,000 in 1917. A retail

Department stores ranged from Reichstag on the Rumanian peace treaty nothing to 23.69 for one with small capital. Several with capital as high capital. Several with capital as high reserved their attitude to 15 capital as high reserved the 15 capital as high reserved the 15 capital as high reserved the 15 capital as hig Spy rumors were flying fast here a two in our yards, which stack on spy tumors were hying tast here as \$300,000 showed no excess profit, treaty and reserved their attitude to. Russia and isolated corners of the tways when launching was at- today. The coincidence that the fire as \$300,000 showed no excess profit, ward it. He asked that the Government At every point of access the ward it. to 176 per cent.

Clothing also Greedy

1916, to \$127,000 in 1917.

overcome by smoke and many acts Electrical machine makers ran from no excess to 91 per cent; machine tool retreat before main headquarters opens manufacturers from none to 788 per up unpleasant vistas." cent; drygoods concerns up to 117 per

found pieces of oil-soaked rope, partly consumed, near the burned buildings. These figures are to be supplemented by further data as soon as it is prebegan in four different parts of the pared. A list of names of all firms making more than 15 per cent in 1917 is to be submitted.

The fire was discovered shortly after 0:30 o'clock. Within a few minutes No Typical Examples 10:30 o'clock. Within a few minutes the entire station was a sheet of flame. Some delay, not fully explained, followed, and it was nearly thirty minutes before the Capa May the department, was resided.

Today's figures, the department explained, were taken from returns as they were received, and no attempt was made to take typical examples Perished With Husband and against the bling Prusslan rulers. fire department was notified. Calls was made to take were then sent to Wildwood, Anglesea from these returns. The report is the second section of Continued on Page Six, Column Five

RUMORS HURT AUSTRIAN RULER

By the Associated Press

The Hague, July 5.—Washington and the Entente allied Governments have sent a note to Holland for the purpose of controverting statements in the Dutch press that the associated Governments contemplate making concessions regarding transit over the Limburg Railroad. The note says this would be contrary to the agreement made with the Dutch Government last April, which, wille releasing the Netherlands Governments from certain engagements regarding the transit of gravel and send to Germany, did not contemplate any concession regarding the transit of military supplies. Mystery in Reports Affecting the

Charged With Conspiracy to Re-Emperor and Empress Amsterdam, July 5.—A group of Austrian deputies visited Doctor von Seydier, the Premier, this week, according to dispatches from Vienna, and called attention to current rumors affecting the Emperor and Empress "in a way deeply hurtful to the feelings of the patriotic population." They asked the Premier what the Government had done to deal with "these disgusting machinations."

The reports received here do not give the nature of the rumors. Premier von Seydier told the Deputies he was well aware of "these base and absolutely senseless tales," which he attributed to the enemies of Austria who are attempting to loosen the ties of affection and respect binding the imperial house to the loyal population. Amsterdam, July 5 .- A group of Aus-Sheboygan, Wis., July 5.—Edward E. Schilling, of Chicago, general vice president of the United Leather Workers' International Union, is being held here by the authorities on the charge of subornation of perjury and alleged conspiracy among enemy aliens of the United States.

John Sebanz and John Suttanthick, naturalized Austrians, were also taken into custody. It is alleged plots were uncovered to create strikes in Government-working tanneries.

loyal population

PASS RUMANIAN TREATIES

Today's Official Reports

aken by us in yesterday's successful operations on the Somme ex ceeds 1300. One German field gun more than 100 machine guns and a number of trench mortars have so far been counted.

A hostile attack against our nev position east of Hamel (Ricardy) last night was easily repulsed Prisoners were left in our hands. A successful raid was carried out by us in the Beaumont-Hamel sector. An attempted hostile raid in the neighborhood of Strazeele (Flanders front) was repulsed.

FRENCH French patrol parties, operating setween Montdidler and the Oise (Pleardy), in the Champagne, on the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun region) and in Lorraine, took pris

GERMAN PEOPLE

WOULD COMPEL

PEACE OF HONOR

Socialist Press Says Reason-

able Terms Would Be

Acceptable

Admits German Forces Not

Inexhaustible and Supplies

Are Curtailed

By the Associated Press

newspaper Vorwacrts, or Berlin, declares

that the desire of the German people for

a speedy peace with honor is so strong

that a sensible accommodation from the

realization.

on open towns.

other side would be bound to lead to its

"Our enemies today," continues the

ewspaper, "baye the opportunity of ob-

taining a peace not prescribed by the

war map, but based on the equipoise of

the military and economic forces on both

requires an admission that the economic

"Unfortunately," he continued, "Doc-

to obliterate the impression caused. His

like the army leaders, how to beat its

Continued on Page Two, Column Three

Daughter, Says Swedish Paper

re is no confirmation of the re-

assassination from any

THREE HELD FOR STRIKE PLOT

strict Leather Output

By the Associated Press

TAFT TAKES LONG VACATION

Frederick N. Judson Represents

Him on War Labor Board

By the Associated Press

By the Associated Press

Amsterdam, July 5

WILSON FOILS **NEW GERMAN** PEACE DRIVE

"No Compromise" Declaration Forestalls Plan of Enemy

ADDRESS IS SPEEDED OVER ENTIRE GLOBE

News of Foreign-Born's Pledge Reaches Every Corner of World

CARRIED INTO RUSSIA

U. S. Propaganda Designed to Quicken Revolts of Oppressed Peoples

Washington, July 5 The call to the peoples of the world to agent America's declaration of indenendance and the reiteration of Amermise" in the issue now at stake, made by President Wilson in his Fourth of July address at Mount Vernon, was in-

no half-way decision is tolerable." nor concelvable," many officials believed will have an important effect in forestalling another "beace offensive" Germany, rumors of which have reached Allied capitals for several weeks.

Although only a single reference made to Russia, the enumeration of "the people of stricken Russia still among the rest, though they are for the moment un organized and helpless, was counted bassader Francis at Vologda was upon to be a potent factor in the influences working for rehabilitation in

Mount Vernon address, it was pointed out by some officials, while not so specific as some of Prerident Wilson's nations is expected any hour, previous addresses, constitutes in many

Phillipp Scheidemann (Socialist leader) has given.

With Government investigators ing him at a table, he obtained ments from 600 officers and men.

Another, capitalized at \$25,000, made ments from 600 officers and men.

Str.,000 in 1916 and in 1917 raised it to 381,000, an excess of 137,57 per cent on his capital.

The more candidly we speak of this persended will our enemies gigantle parades throughout the nation. The most readily will our enemies gigantle parades throughout the nation. The most readily will our enemies gigantle parades throughout the nation. matter, the most readily will our enemies gigantic parades throughout the nation.

A \$500,000, meat packed made 14.20 believe us, when we say that this opport cent, while a \$72,000 concern made pressive situation can only induce us for years to make greater military effects, but not to accede to conditions dispersive forts, but not to accede to conditions dispersive the night and today the

Carried Into Russia

Paper manufacturers ran from none take the initiative in stopping air raids being carried into Germany and Auike the initiative in stopping an open towns.

Reverting to Secretary von KuehlReverting to Secretary von Kuehlgann's speech of June 24, Herr Scheidegann's speech of June 25, Herr Scheidegann's speech of June 26, Herr Scheidegann's speech of June 27, Herr Scheidegann's speech of June 28, Herr Scheidegann's spee On \$10,000 capital, a concern in the retail clothing trade made 1181 per cent, jumping profits from \$68,000 in to the Government's opinion."

In the property of a program what has long been known to be the Government's opinion."

The whole "Foreign Born Day" yes.

tor you Kuehlmann was obliged next day terday was staged with the stated purpose of getting "back to the homes of the foreign born" what their peoples up unpleasant vistas."

Attacking the Government for not Vernon on the Mayflower yesterday President Wilson talked personally with Scheldemann said. every representative of the thirty-three heldemann said:
"We want a Government which knows, groups of foreigners represented on the the army leaders, how to beat its journey. He told each the purposes To the present Government | America has in fighting the war through to a finish, and held out the pledge to George Ledebour, a Social Democratic them of equal voice in the deliberations

To Quicken Revolts

CZARINA SLAIN, NEW RUMOR believed, destined—to stiffen the morale f all the fighting forces and quicken he desire of the oppressed to revolt the desire In this connection it is now permis cent Austrian offensive Italians, Czech a round-up of profiteering evidence for the use of Congress in framing the war-tax bill.

The first section was submitted last week by the Federal Trade Commission of the capital section was submitted last week by the Federal Trade Commission of the capital section was submitted last week by the Federal Trade Commission of the capital section was submitted last week by the Federal Trade Commission of the capital section was submitted last. Letters were sent over by thousands, and for days the cables were submitted last. Letters were sent over by thousands, and for days the cables were submitted last. jammed with these messages. To them today is attributed the remarkable change in morale of the Italian troops and the wonderful "comeback" staged on the Plave.

In all quarters today there was great reaction of approval to President Wilson's Independence Day address. Continued on Page Five, Column Six

BIRTHPLACE HONORS PERSHING

LaClede, Mo., Enjoys Double Celebration on Fourth of July Laclede, Me., July 5.—This small town as bedecked with flags yesterday for ne of the greatest celebrations in its listory — Independence and "Pershing history
Day" recalling in the one event the
birth of the nation and the birth of the
leader of the American expeditionary
force here September 13, 1860. Governor Frederick Gardner and his staff came here, together with officers from several of the cantonments of the

> Effort to End Textile Strike By the Associated Press

Reichstag Members Approve Pacts, But
Socialists Dissent
Socialists Dissent
Amsterdam, July 5.—The Reichstag has passed the peace treaty and supplementary treaties with Rumania, according to a Berlin dispatch.
The Independent Socialists voted against all the treaties.

By the Associated Press

Washington, July 5.—Announcement was made here by the National war to Socialists Dissent

Washington, July 5.—Announcement was made here today asked Henry B. Endicott, and the lines with muchine-gun fire wounding John M. Naval, of Philadel-lone of the joint chairmen, has gone to Murray Bay, Canada, for the summer at the cording to a Berlin dispatch.
The Independent Socialists voted against all the treaties.

By the Associated Press

Washington, July 5.—Announcement was made nere today that Balter today asked Henry B. Endicott, executive manager of the State committee of public safety, to endeavor to end a strike of textile opreators at Lowell. Manchester, N. H., and Pawtucket, R. L.

In order that soldiers wound supervise the device of public safety, to endeavor to end a trike of textile opening of the State committee of the lines with muchine-gun fire wounding John M. Naval, of Philadel-low wou

AMERICANS AND AUSTRALIANS MARK "FOURTH" BY ADVANCE

By the Associated Press

Harassing of the German lines in the wset shows no signs of lettin up. An advance of a mile and a half on a width of four miles with th capture of 1300 prisoners was made south of the Somme by Australians German efforts to hold the attacking Australians and Americans, who have appeared on this part of the line for the first time were in vain. The Germans delivered a counter-attack which was easily repulsed. In addition to the prisoners taken a German field gun and more than 100 machine guns were captured.

Between the Olse and the Aisne where the latest French blow gainer considerable ground and more than 1000 prisoners, the Germans have no attempted counter-thrusts. The Germans have given up counter-attacks and heavy gunfire against the new American positions west of Chatcau Thierry, but are homburding the village of St. Pierre Aigle, south of the

Aisne, gained by the French Tuesday

In the thrust south of the Somme the Allies recaptured the village of Hamel and the Hamel and Vaire woods. The woods are on high ground The Erench gain at Autreches also takes elevations from the Germans Along the Ancre, Australian troops progressed 50 6yards on a front of 1200 yards.

Through the successful and successive thrusts in the past ten day r more, the Allies on the western front have taken from the Germans positions which would have been very useful in future offensive opera The number of prisoners taken in the last week is nearly 6000.

The Italians continue their operations near the north of the Playe and rapidly are driving the Austrians back to the line of the old river bed

U. S. ARTILLERY FINLAND READY TO FIGHT ALLIES BLOTS OUT VAUX

ca's purpose to permit of 'no compro- May Declare War At Any Not One House Standing After Twelve Hours Hour. Stockholm of Shelling Hears

The statement of the President that ARMENIANS WIN TOWN BOCHES DIE IN CELLARS

Washington, July 5. A delayed dispatch from Irkutsk Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger June 28 and received at the State With the American Army on the Department today said all communication with Vologda, Moscow and several places in western Siberia had lage of Vaux. Today it is a few acres been cut off for several days. The

At editor at office, here a declaration of war by Pinland against the Entente

A Certains and Finnish ways the most forceful and clear-cut 50,000 men already has begun a macron and the Bots de la Roche. It was log a maximum distance of more than "The policy of truth demanded by statement of Allied war aims that he across the Russian frontier to capture a base on the Murman Rallway for operations against the port of Kola, which commands the Archangel. Allled forces, including a few score Americans, are

dated June 21.

against the participation of German soldiers in Cossack raids and against

the German advance from Nikolaeff. Armonian Corees on the aggressive in

By the United Press

and mines during June, official cables ment are missing, all supposed to be lost.

By EDWIN L. JAMES right, 1218, by New York Times Co. Marne, July 5.

Five days ago it was the pretty department's last report from Am- which the Americans had to blow out ace to the safety of Paris. Tourists in France may remember

that on the Paris-Metz road just about can troops, supported by tanks, atfour kilometers out of Chatcau-Thier- tacked on a front of about four miles between a hill, now known as No. 204. Somme, there that the railroad ran over the highway on a heavy bridge of masonry. The Paris-Metz road went through its center and there were about six cross streets. About 600 At the same time Australians and about six cross streets. About for lived there before the war. There shurch and a market place. a church and a market place. There were two business streets in village and on its outer edge

When the boche came down leaving that country. The attitude of the Bolsheviki troops is uncertain.

Finns, assisted by Germans, are push-

heaps of bricks and stones, with here and there a great block of ancient masonry. Even the streets had been trans-transcasin have established them—blotted out, only jagged edges of rem-selves well within this former flussian usnts of walls marking generally territory, according to reports from where they had been.

The Paris-Metz road is piled twenty The latest advices from this source, feet high with wreckage of buildings quoted by the Berlin Lokal Anxelger, on either side. Here and there is a state that air Armenian force, 25,000 piece of bedstead stuck through the quoted by the Berlin Lokal Anxelger, on either saw, gate that an Avmenian force, 25.000 piece of bedstead stuck through the strong, has occupied the city of Erivan, strong, has occupied the city of Erivan, are a child's school books and remains of a rag dollbaby. Where the mants of a rag dollbaby, where the mants of a rag dollbaby, where the mants of a rag dollbaby of the most formidable hombardments. Even the pavement of the market place is torn up. There was no place where a shell had not hit. Thousands of shells had fallen into the village in the twelve hours of our bombard-

A Bruish correspondent with me said Continued on Page Five. Column Seven tured several groups of the enamong he many cannis in this

WILSON ASKS WIRES LEGISLATION AT ONCE

WASHINGTON, July 5 .- President Wilson this afternoon gave notice to Congress that he wished the Aswell resolution, giving him control of telegraphs and telephones, passed before a recess is taken. The message was given to Chairman Pou, of the Rules Committee in a telephone conversation. Chairman Pou's committee sat immediately and reported out the special rule which will make the resolution in order for consideration late thisafternoon.

SERIOUS UNREST EXISTS IN SOUTH AFRICA PRETORIA, July 5 .- Premer Botha, of the Union of South Africa, has issued a statement showing that serious unrest exists in South Africa. Strong police and military measures are being taken to cope wth the situation.

WANTS PACIFIC PROTECTED AGAINST GERMANS WASHINGTON, July 5 .- Senator Saulsbury, of Delaware, teday introduced a resolution asking that the United States, Japan and Great Britain form an agreement to prevent German aggression on the Pacific Ocean.

GERMANS SHELL HOSPITAL

Flier Uses Machine Gun Paris, July 5 .- Following their usual inhuman tactics of warfare, a boche aviSEEK FAIR VOTING IN PANAMA

Philadelphian Wounded When American Soldiers Will Supervise Assembly Elections Sunday By the Associated Press

> Panama, July 5 .- It was announced engaged there was an air of tran-quility which did not suggest a morn

HAIG BREAKS FOE'S BLOW TO REWIN HAMEL

Strategic Picardy Point Captured by Americans and Australians

GAIN MILE, GRIP VILL**AGE** IN "FOURTH" SURPRISE

French Strike Again on Front North of Aisne, Adding to Captives

ADVANCE HALF A MILE

Italians Continue Offensive in Piave and Asiago Battlefields

By the United Press

London, July 5. A German counter-attack on Hamel, aptured by Australian and American troops yesterday morning, was repulsed last night, Field Marshal Haig reported today

More than 1300 prisoners were taken by the British forces in yesterday's operation in the Somme area. In addition 100 machine guns and a number

Patrol activities, which resulted in additional prisoners, were reported by the French War Office in a

While the citizens of Allied counof desolation. I visited the village tries formally celebrated American Independence Day, the soldlers of those of existence because the presence of nations advanced on three fronts. the Germans there constituted a mer- making important gains and taking more than 2000 prisoners In Picardy, Australian and Ameri-

ry, they passed a neat village nestling between Villers-Brteonneux and the yesterday morning, advanc-Hamel and the woods of Hamel and

At the same time Australians vanced 500 yards on a front of three quarters of a mile, east of Ville In these two operations than 1000 prisoners were taken. Americans Repulse Raid

The Germans made a raid against an American sector in the Vosges, esterday morning, following artillery preparation, according to a dispatch from the field. The enemy was severely punished. A captured officer reported that eight were killed.

stitutes an eloquent tribute to what lower Alsation sectors the American American artillery can do upon occasion. In all that place I saw not one house standing, not so much as one story of a house. All was ruin—tillery activity. French troops in two

tween the Oise and the Aisne advanced nearly a mile on a three-mile front, mking 1666 prisoners on the eve of the "Feurth." The Italians made further gains on the lower Playe, on both sides of the Brenta River and on the Aslago plateau. Nearly 500 prisoners were

of the present campaign, says a dispatch from the Italian front. Most of the Austrians' small bridges were set aftre by floating burning petrol boats down the river. The larger bridges were destroyed by the It lian troops surrounded and cap-

SURPRISE ON FOURTH WINS HAMEL VILLAGE: TAKES MANY PRISONERS

By PHILIP GIBBS

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger right, 1918, by New York Times Co. War Correspondents' Headquarters in France On the Western Front. July 5. By a surprise attack yesterday, the

Australians have taken possibly 1500 prisoners in an advance of one and a half miles on a four-mile front, including the village of Hamel and the trench system beyond it, south of the Somme. Their own losses have been astonishingly light. When I went into the Australian

area it was difficult to believe an at-tack had taken place, for there was none of the usual scenes which follow a battle, however successful ing the price that must be paid nearly always for victory.

There was no great traffic of ambulances on the roads. I passed several casualty clearing stations above which Red Cross flags waved, but their tents were empty and there was noth ng doing at that hour in the m There was no long trail of lightly wounded men. Even the guns seemed no more nelsy than on any fine morn-ing when there is good visibility for a harassing fire, and behind the lines at the headquarters of the divi-

ing of battle. The truth is that the enemy so utterly surprised and the Aus

Associated Press, United Press, Central News, International News Dispatches and Special Cables, Giving It AN UNEQUALED NEWS SERVICE THE EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER HAS