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POUNDS KEY POSITION

By the United Press

shing's communique for yesterday, received at the War Department, says:

ceived at the War Department, says:
South of the Aisne our troops entered the village of Muscourt and
captured fifty prisoners. Hostile
counter-attacks in this sector were
repulsed and our line was slightly advanced. Two strong hostile raids in
the Woevre were beaten off, leaving
prisoners in our hands. In Alsace
a successful raiding party inflicted
losses on the enemy.

## **MANGIN TURNING HINDENBURG LINE**

Burning of La Fere Shows Foe Is Preparing for Further Retreat

FRENCH ADVANCE RAPID

Tremendous Pressure Makes it Unlikely That Crown Prince Can Stand on Aisne

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger purisht, 1918, by the New York Times Co Paris, Sept. 9.

The most significant news this morning is contained in a laconiagency dispatch published here, which states in four words that "La Fere is burning." La Ferc is a little town lying right in the Hindenburg line i what was described as a hole in th valley of the Oise, midway between St. Quentin and Anizy, which into town marks the sharp bend of the Hindenburg line to the castward ve tween the Chemin-des-Dames and the Laon plateau.

Laon plateau.

The advance of the French troops in this region was extraordinarily rapid. Mangin's army covered at some points between eight and ten miles during the day by driving the enemy rear guards before them, and Saturday night at Fresnes, within a mile of the German main defensive line. At Lacaux again Mangin's troops are less than four miles from the western end of the Chemin-des-Dames heights, toward which are retreating the remnants of the Crown Prince's corps who have been vainly trying to dam back the American advance across the Vesle.

won't Stand on Aisne
With the tremendous pressure
which is being brought to bear on
them not only by the Americans in
front of them, but by Mangin's Ironsides on their right fiank, it is regarded here as unlikely that the
Crown Prince's retreating troops will
be able to take refuge behind the
main German line behind the Chemindes-Dames, whence they started out
on their would-be final triumphant
march on Paris on March 21, which
was brought to such a disastrous fin-

was brought to such a disastrous fin-ish on the Marne.

Mangin is now master of the whole of the great main roads from Solssons and Chauny, and will doubtless direct his main effort along the valley of the Oise into and beyond In Fere, where the Oise and Serre mest, rather than attempt a frontal attack further south. where the terrain, from its nature, is all in favor of the defenders.

St. Gobain Battle Center Mangin has pierced the Hindenburg line in the forest of Coucy. This news only confirms the impression I tried to convey by my cable yesterday namely, that the deepest interest of the whole battle now centers round the heights of St. Gobain. Mangin, in effect, is now well on the rend to do to the southern end of the Hindenburg line proper what the British did a day or two ago by their magnificent smash at its northern end around Queant. The British have, for all prac-tical purposes, turned the Hindenburg line from the north. Mangin is turn-ing it from the south.

Mangin is cominuing his sure but swift infiltration of German positions swift infiltration of German positions which must sooner or later give him the mastery of Anizy-ie-Chateau, which lies weil inside the enemy's principal defenses north of the Aliette. The point where Mangin has broken through is marked by the villages of Aulers and Bassoles. The degree of Mangin's success may be gathered from the fact that these villages have been in German possession since 1914. been in German possession since 1914, when they first invaded northern France. They form integral parts of the great Hindenburg line, at one of its strongest points. From these two

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the material that he couldn't take away he also destroyed.

Along the road into Fismes one

Along the road into Fismes one may see an interestoing example of German work. It had a good line of telegraph poles. Each one of these was sawed off three feet six inches above the ground, and then as if by an after-thought each fallen pole was sawed in two each being cut at the sawed in two, each being cut at the same point. Nothing couuld be more complete or methodical.

One hears that the Germans are preparing to use a new gas which is

preparing to use a new gas, which, in place of the temporary blindness use of such gas. The Germans might do well to remember that we have copied their mustard gas and now are turning it out in larger quantities than they can. We can probably is certain to give us the secret of it. This report calls to mind the fact that in the last ten months the boche has tried seven new gasses, but none of the new brands has proved worth

Incidentally, the Germans are having trouble in supplying troops with masks because of the rubber shortage. Leather as a substitute for rubber in face of the mask is not

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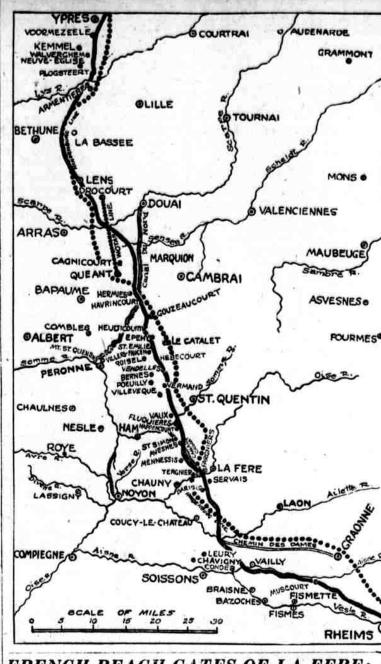
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#### **TODAY'S BATTLE IN FRANCE**



#### FRENCH REACH GATES OF LA FERE; NEW GAINS BY ARMIES OF BRITISH

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and Aulers.

near Laffaux (northwest of Soissons) were repulsed during the night, the War Office announces. German artil-lery has been active between the Oise and the Alsne.

## LUDENDORFF REACHES

By the Associated Press

London, Sept. 9.—The statement in a German communique that "we are everywhere in our new positions" is interpreted here as implying that General Ludendorff is of the belief that the German retirement is now ended and that it is his intention to try to make a stand on the present line. and that it is his intention to try to make a stand on the present line. It is reported from Paris that the German artillery yesterday was thundering along the whole battlefront as it had not done for several weeks and the general indications are that the German counter-attacks and other activity confirm General Ludendorff's approach intention.

supposed intention.

No belief, however, is expressed villages the distance is only three miles to go before Anizy and the important knot of cross roads leading to Laon are reached.

No belief, however, is expressed here but that the Allies are still hold ing the initiative and will compet the enemy to continue his retirement. It is pointed out that although the Germans are still holding the Messines ridge forming the northern bulwark of their line, the French seem to be steadily maneuvering them from besteadily maneuvering them from be-fore the Laon-La Fere positions and St. Gobain Forest, which form the southern buttress of the Hindenburg line, and there are no indications of any cessation of this pressure.

#### GERMANS ARE MANNING **OLD BRITISH DEFENSES**

By PHILIP GIBBS Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

Countight, 1918. by New York Times Co. With the British Armies, Sept. 9. From Havrincourt Wood to the villages before St. Quentin the German rear-guard is still falling back toward caused by mustard gas, would result in permanent blindness, but as yet the Hindenburg line. We have reoctleave heard no positive proof of the cupied nearly all of the wood and pushed close to our old trench system east and north of it. Patrols were fighting yesterday at the edge of Gouzeaucourt and on the high match any gas they turn out, since the unavoidable percentage of "duds" met with a severe rebuff when he counter-attacked after we broke the

Hindenburg line last autumn.

country centering in that town, is tenable only with difficulty. (The St. Gobain forest is one of the strongest defenses of Laon). The French can the defenses of Laon. The French can the defenses between Ganalda North attack via Servais at the north, via tish defenses between Canal-du-Nord at the south and via Barises and Gouzeaucourt, possibly with the intention of trying to hold them in-Two strong German counter-attacks stead of the Hindenburg line immediately behind. The artillery fire has increased in this area.

South of Gouzeaucourt our advance guard has made good progress. Heudicourt was taken after very little fighting, and Saulcourt, south of it. LINE OF RESISTANCE was found unoccupied. Between these two villages the enemy retired to the Epehy line, which is a litle over a mile from his Hindenburg trench works. We are more than half way between Villers-Faucon and Ronssoy -the front embraced St. Emilie yes terday morning—and have crossed the terday morning—and have crossed the Cologne River east of Roisel. Sharp Nom, taking prisoners. West of resistance was encountered when Bri-Auberive a German raid was unsuctish patrols tried to enter Roisel and

fighting is reported in that vicinity. Below Roisel, however, our advance has been accelerated. Vendelles and Soyecourt were abandoned by the Germans before the British patrols were in contact, and the wooded area east

FRENCH ABOVE AISNE IN 1917 TRENCHES

By the Associated Press With the French Army in France, Sept. 9.—The troops of General Mangin between the Aisne and the Olse rivers

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Greatest Machine Gun Fire

Greatest Machine Gun Fire

"The divisions that tried to prevent the crossing of the canal and river," the Associated Press correspondent was informed by a French officer, who has participated in most of the campaigns of the war, "accomplished the greatest concentration of machine gun fire that now been witnessed in this war."

The French troops were obliged to face that fire at a range of twenty yards in order to cross the Oise-Aisne Canal and the River Ailette. Ploneers throwing bridges over the canal seventeen yards wide suffered not only from the quick-firers, but were in good range of German grenades. It required two days to advance to the Ailette from the village Pont Saint Mard and four days to gain 509 yards of ground. The machine guns were massed thickly all along the canal in front of Quincy and in the woods, thickets and marshes.

Sergeant Chargee Enemy

Sergeant Charges Enemy

Fee Abandons Guns

During several hours French projectiles sent splinters flying all through the timber, and when the infantry charged they had to go on to Coureyin-Ville to catch the enemy, who had fled, leaving his guns and an enormous amount of material and supplies behind. Courey-le-Chateau and the height on which it stands were thus turned from the north and flanked at the same time from the south, while thousands of shells filled the ruins of the surrounding positions.

Chateau Nogent, to the southeast, was taken about the same time, and with it the Germany lost positions on which they had spent a tremendous effort. They retired behind their three positions of barbed wire on the line to Fresnes. The booty they left behind in two immense engineering groups included locomotives, railroad material of all sorts and a great number of quick-firer and emplacement guns and one fifteen-inch gun with which they had bombarded French towns far behind the line cast of the Allette.

#### Official War Reports FRENCH

Paris, Sept. 9.

North of the Somme we enlarged our progress eastward of Avesnes toward Clastres. We occupied the notable La Motte farm (southwest of St. Quentin).

Our elements crossed the Canal Crozat opposite Liez (northwest of La Fere).

during the night there was violent German artillery and German infan-try reaction. Two strong countertry reaction. Two strong counter-attacks in the region of Laffaux (northeast of Soissons) were repulsed We took eighty prisoners belonging to five different regiments. In the Champagne the French made

BRITISH London, Sept. 9 A hostile raiding party was suc-cessfully repulsed last night north of Arleux (between Cambrai and Douai). With the exception of artillery activity in different localities, being mu-tual particularly in the neighborhood of the Arras-Cambrai road and in the

La Bassee Canal and Ypres sectors,

there is nothing further to report.

## now are virtually behind their old wire RUSH U. S. TROOPS, MILNER ADVISES

Western Successes Do Not Lessen Urgency, Says British War Minister

MUSTN'T ABATE ENERGY

Unceasing Pressure Weakens German Civilian and Military Morale

By the United Press

Urging the necessity of continuing to rush American troops to France, Lord Milner, British Minister of War, in reply to an inquiry today wrote the following

"You tell me that in certain circles

Sergeant Charges Enemy

The French engineers finally succeeded in bridging the canal, and over the first bridge an enraged sergeant charged the Germans around a machine gun position and, single-handed, made twelve of them prisoner. Such was the work that went on both along the river and the canal during the five days, each day exhausting Germany's best divisions.

Twenty-two quick-firers were found in a small thicket called Etuaraissage Wood. They were almost as thick in Yache Wood and the more extensive timbered land fronting Coucy-le-Chateau and Coucy-la-Ville. Where the French could get at them they charged and killed the German gunners on their pieces, but many emplacements were too well hidden or protected for a direct attack and it was necessary to shell them. slacken our effort. This applies to every Allied nation. It is the duty of the European Allies to shate nothing energy, and indeed to strive as if Amer-ica were not behind them.

"America's strength—great as it is—

energy, and indeed to strive as if America were not behind them.

"America's strength—great as it is—can only be relied upon to bring about a decision if it is added to the forces of the European Allies and not substituted for them.

"I do not think I need name the the reasons why our pressure, both military and economic, must not be abated for one instant. From a military point of view the successes are of no value unless they are followed up, and to reap the fruits of them the enemy must be given no rest. Weakening of his civilian, as well as his military morale, depends upon unceasing pressure.

"Again we cannot permit Germany to recruit her strength by exploiting her occupied territories in the east, and the only way of preventing such recruitment is to allow her to players.

"With the American Armies in France, Sept. 9.—American artillery has opened a heavy bombardem on Le Petite Montagne, a powerfully fortified height which risess 250 feet at the point where the German line leaves the Alsne and dips toward Rheims.

This height is the key position to the enemy front in that region. It is furrowed with a trench system, and its slopes and crest are defended with thick belts of barbed wire. American batteries, including many six-inch guns are harding out deeply indented wooded ravines infested with machine guns which command the valleys on each side, but the first of the Cornel of the Cornel

the only way of preventing such re-cruitment is to allow her no leisure. Lastly, it is of vital importance to all Allied belligerents to bring the war to an end at the earliest possible date with a view to conserving a reasonable bal-ance of resources for the work of recon-

"Surely every thinking man must agree that a great effort to win an early ictory is better business than a more anguid and protracted campaign, Costs both in men and money will be in-

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#### French Big Guns Factor in Battle

has rendered it impossible to hold even organized land fortifications with a sufficient density of troops through-out to prevent a maneuver at one point or another.

The assailant has thus an enormous

advantage, as the Germans found in their attack on the Chemin-des-Dames. Now it is turned against them, and, flushed by victory, the French pursue tactics of "infiltration" with irresisti-

ble success and dash.

The second factor is the unprecedented dryness of the season, which facilitated a turning movement against the massif along the marshy Oise corridor to a degree impossible before. The Germans are trying to remedy matters by artificial floods, but the matters by artificial floods, but the parched earth soaks up the water rapidly and ground is now feasible for infantry that was an impassable morass at this time last year.

The third factor is the enormously increased power and number of the Allied engines of offense, whether they be tanks or Stokes guns, to prepare the way for the infantry or gigantic cannon to smash whole blooks of decannon to smash whole blocks of de-

fense at one shot.

It may not be generally known that last year the great underground fort-ress that was Douaumont really suc-

Americans Retake
Town of Muscourt

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and destroyed the last of the machine guns and provoked the seasoned Prussian fighters or what was left of them, to retake themselves down hill to the low-lying land along the Aisne.

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Tess that was Douaumont really succumbed to a single shell from an eight-cen-linch gun which plerced more than a hundred feet of earth and concrete and, exploding in the fort's vitals, utterly paralyzed resistance.

The fourth factor, the most important of all, is the progressive demoralization of the German army. When an officer can say, "I have surrendered because I believe it is my duty as a good German to fight no longer, since our cause is lost and a continuance of the struggle only lengthens the agony and increases the suffering." there is something very rotten in the State of Germany.



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