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800 CASES HERE OF SPANISH GRIP; **NAVAL MEN SICK**

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Suffering Marines and Sailors Isolated to Protect Others

DOCTORS PLAN ACTION

Krusen Meets Government Authorities—City Institutions Will Care for Patients

Spanish Grip Symptoms; How to Treat Disease

Surgeon General Blue Public Health Service, has issued the following statement on the symptoms and treatment of Spanish influenza; "The disease is characterized by udden onset.

"First there is a chill, then fever, with temperature from 101 to 103. headache, backache, reddening and running of the eyes, pains and aches and general prostration.

"Treatment is simple but import ant, consisting pricipally of rest in bed, fresh air, abundant food, with Dover's powder for the relief of

'The salts of quinine and aspiring ave been most generally used during the acute attack, the aspiring apparently with much success in the relief of symptoms.'

Eight hundred cases of Spanish in fluenza have developed at the Philadelphia Navy Yard and the Nava Home, according to reports made the Bureau of Health her-

Steps toward the strictest isolation of every case among the marines and sailors as quickly as it is discovered in order to protect the civilian population of the Philadelphia district and to prevent salay of war work have been taken, ity and naval authorities co-operating. Special efforts to prevent the disease reaching the 30,000 employes at Hog Island, just below League Island, are being made.

One hundred and fifty of the more severe cases will be transferred today to the City Hospital for Contagious Diseases at Second and Luzerno streets. The Episcopal Hospital also will care for as many patients as it can accomodate in its isolation building. To relieve possible congestion in naval hospitals, the Episcopal Hospital will take over patients suffering from diseases other than Spanish in-

These steps and others were decided upon today at a conference between Municipal Band Attendance Has Dr. Pickeral, of the Naval Home, who charge of the health of marines and sailors in the district; Director Krusen, of the Department of Health and Charities, and Dr. A. A. Cairns, of the Bureau of Health.

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The only difficulty in the treatment of the discase at city hospitals is he lack of nurses and attendants, and the Navy Department has agreed to furnish these.

Both Deciric Cairns and Director. Both Doctor Cairns and Director

Krusen said there was little of the disease among citizens, which, aside from a few isolated cases, has been confined to marines and sailors. Doctor Krusen said he did not anticipate general outbreak among civilians if the individual citizens take proper pre-cautions to avoid the contagion.

The disease is believed to have been

brought direct to the navy yard from Boston, where there has been an It is declared that sailors returning on transports and war vessels brought the diseases from Europe. Citizens are warned not to associate with any

sailor who has recently come from the Research By Doctors

Physicians at the Pennsylvania Hos-

pital are making exhaustive research to discover the species, mode of attack and general characteristics of the Spanish Following the formal warning issued

by the Surgeon General that the aliment had gained a foothold in this country; the admission during the last week of six sallors from the Fourth Naval Dis-frict who were suffering from influenza, and the request yesterday from the Govent to make immediate preparation for the reception of twenty-five more cases, the hospital authorities directed the research work to begin at once.

Resemble Grip Germs

Cultures made of infected sailors are at his present occupation is essential being subjected to close examination, to the best interest of the nation.

They are obtained by allowing small

This announcement, which affects colonies of the bacilli to form in test tubes for the purpose of observing their progress and rapidity of accumulation. Physicians at the Pennsylvania Hospital say the germs have much the effect

on the system as the ordinary grip mi-crobe. The eyes become inflamed, the mucous linings of the nose, throat and lungs are attacked body muscles become sore and the entire respiratory system is subjected to complete disorganization Observation also has been made that with Spanish influenza there is a marked general prostration out of all proportion to the infection.

Will Make Findings Public

Precautions have been taken to iso late all cases at the Pennsylvania Hos pital suffering from the disease. The investigation of the bacilli will be completed as soon as possible, and findings of the physicians made public.

In addition to infected sailors at this In addition to intected annual five in-hospital, fourteen nurses and five internes have been stricken with the malady. All of these now are on the

Allies to Get Enemy Cars

By the Associated Press

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President Wilson to the highly important post of American Ambassador at the Court of St. James,

a medium tall, slender man

whose almost white hair gives him

a distinctly distinguished appear-

He is married, forty-five years

old, and one of the recognized orators of the Government.

He is a strong personal friend of

Secretary of State Lansing, President Wilson, Colonel House and

Lord Reading, British Ambassador,

and his training in handling "big

business" cases for the Government

before the Supreme Court gives

is held, for handling the intricate

international trade problems that

will arise in after-the-war adjust-

"OLD WALNUT" NOT SOLD

of Historic Theatre

loneers. No reason was given for the decision

ITALY HAS LOST 1,350,000

Five Million Men Have Gone to

War, Official Announces

By the United Press

However, he declared: "After the war

However, he declared: After the war Italy will be stronger than ever in mon, due to the cessation of emigration. Our difficulties today are in the labor field, for no fewer than 5,000,000 have been called to arms since the beginning of the war."

MAJOR SIMPSON IN FRANCE

Pioneer Infantry Regiment

Major D. B. Simpson, for many years imployed in the money order division t the central postofice, has arrived

638,500 AT CITY CONCERTS

Averaged 7095 Nightly

All records for attendance at the con-certs of the Municipal Band were broker

Flier Burned to Death in Airplane

By the Associated Press

JOHN W. DAVIS Ambassador Designate Personal Friend of Wilson John William Davis, selected by

Represent United States

His Post in England Will Strongly Resemble Lord

By the United Press

Washington, Selt. 18. John W. Davis, solicitor general of he United States, has been selected by President Wilson as American Ambassador to Great Britain, it was offi

cially announced today. Clarke Estate Heirs Stay Auction

The old Walnut Theatre, Ninth and Walnut streets, did not go under the hammer today.

Helrs of the estate of the late John Sleeper Clarke who owned the famous old playhouse since the late fiftes have withdrawn it from the hands of the auctioneers. bassador to Great Britain."

Mr. Davis, who is now en route to Berne, Switzerland, to confer on Sep No reason was given for the decision not to sell the historic theatre.

The Walnut Street Theatre is scheduled to reopen next Monday under the management of a new company known as the Walnut Street Theatre Company. Plays and pictures will be exhibited.

News that the "old Walnut" was to go under the hammer brought a pang to fregret to thousands of old Philadelphians. It is the oldest theatre in the city having been erected in 1809. tember 23 with German representative on questions involving disposition and exchange of prisoners, is one of the less videly known but most popular officials of the Government.

In many ways Mr. Davis's posi-tion as United States Ambassador to England will not be unlike that of Lord Reading. British Ambassador to the United States. Both men are legal minds of wide repute, Davis being recognized as one of the most able solicitors general the Government ever has had. Both Davis and Reading are of the so-called "liberal" element world politics and both are of charming

personality.

In view of the delicate problems which prosecutions for the war period,

been lightened. John William Davis was bo Clarksburg, W. Va., April 13, 1873. He graduated from Washington and Lee safely overseas, according to postcards received by friends. Major Simpson had been serving at Camp Wadsworth, and he went over with a pioneer infantry law School and later was assistant pro essor of law in the institution. He has been prominent in Democratic politics regiment.

Major Simpson was connected with
the National Guard nearly twenty years.
He went to El Paso. Texas, during the
Mexican trouble as a captain in charge
of the commissary. Later he was placed
of the machine gun commany all his life, being a former member o the West Virginia House of Delegatest delegate to Democratic national convenions and member of the Sixty-second and Sixty-third Congresses, from which he resigned August 30, 1913, to become solicitor general at the request of President Wilson. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, an Elk and a prominent

SENDS HOME GERMAN HELMET

Bugler Carl F. Schmalze, 1842 North Taney street, has sent home a Prussian helmet with a letter telling of his experiences at the front with the 193d Trench Mortar Battery. "Go boy, get the Huns," was the cry of the American soldlers as they went over the top at the point where he was stationed waiting for orders to move into the front lines.

"If the Germans ever had an idea they were the most wonderful fighters in

By the Associated rress

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 18.—When his machine caught fire while flying more than 10,000 feet in the air near Leaside Camp late yesterday. Cadet Henry C. Saunders, of Erin, Ont., was burned to Jeath.

CLASS EXEMPTION REDFIELD FAVORS REFUSED R. R. MEN CANAL PURCHASE

Crowder Rules Employes Sea Level Waterway Across Must Prove Present Work Essential

There will be no class exemption for railroad employes and every individual

thousands in Philadelphia, was made in Washington today by Provost Marshal General Crowder. It stilled all reports that railroad employes were to be given deferred classification in a body.

The Provost Marshal ruled that there can be no blanket class exemption of any kind. Director General McAdoo, who sought such blanket exemption, immediately notified the regional chiefs of all railroads to ask deferred classifica-tion for every employe. ioh for every employe. In accordance with this order, de-

ferred classification on industrial grounds will be asked for thousands of railroad employes in this city and

McAdoo's Instructions

Director McAdoo, in his instruction the various regional chiefs, said: "Please state to the district board with my full authority that after eight and a half months of a thorough study of this subject, being constantly in touch with employes of railroad labor, the representatives of the railroad employes and the representatives of the labor chesapeake and Delaware and the Cape and urges a minimum depth of twenty-five feet for the mum depth of twenty-five feet for the New Jersey sea level canal. try, there is no surplus supply of labor from which new employes can be drawn to replace those who may be taken for nilitary service."

He declared hundreds of miles of military railroads in France are being tion relative to the advantages, commeroperated by men drawn from the railroad service in this country and said training of new employes at this time

The senate resolution sought information relative to the advantages, commercial and military, of a deep sea-level
canal system connecting Massachusetts
Bay and Researd's Bay, New York Bay

SUCCEEDS PAGE AS AMBASSADOR

Solicitor General Named to at London

RANKS HIGH AT CAPITAL

Reading's in America

selection of John William Davis as Am-

Rome, Sept. 12.—The losses in the Italian armies since Italy entered the war amount to 1,350,000 in killed and permanently disabled, according to a statement by Francesco Nitti, Minister of the Treasury, here today in an interview are bound to come out of the war and the need for studious handling of these situations between the United States and ireat Britain. Mr. Davis's selection he is regarded in extremely high esteen by President Wilson. Many times he has been mentioned for important fabinet posts, but at the time when his selection was deemed likely he was irvolved in important Government case efore the United States Supreme Court His selection for an ambassadorshi low is regarded as timely, because the Supreme Court has decided to drop trust Philadelphian Goes Over With Davis's duties as solicitor general have

daughter.

Davis is married. He has o

Bugler Carl F. Schmalze Writes of His Eperiences

New Jersey Also Recommended

Permanent acquisition by the Federal in order to obtain deferred classification ware and Cape Cod Canals, together with ing unofficial word reached this city on under the new man-power bill on indus- early construction across New Jersey of Monday. trial grounds must prove his retention a sea level canal, is recommended by Secretary Redfield, in a report to the rine list made public today are made Senate today, as part of a system of of the men listed are Pennsylvanians, of This announcement, which affects Government-owned deep sea level canals whom twenty-five met death, including housands in Philadelphia, was made in extending from Massachusetts to the Captain Frederick P. Moore, Jr., of South Atlantic States.

> city and by members of the Atlantic 126 names. Deeper Waterways Association for years. It would virtually connect Maine with Florida and would make an inland waterway of great commercial and military value in times of war and peace. making ships in the coastwise trade im-

Coast points.

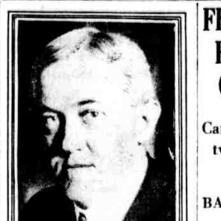
Greater agitation for this waterways system started when German U-boats apof his death have been received in the peared off the coast several months ago.

Secretary Redfield, in a letter accompanying the recommendation, touched upon the value of the waterways sys.

other coast several months ago.

city. The young man gave as his emergency address the residence of a sister at 6011 Glenwood avenue, and no official notification has been received there. The tem from both a military and commer-cial standpoint. He added: for information. "In the opinion of the department,

proposed New Jersey sea level canal. It was submitted in response to a Senate resolution of last July. The Senate resolution sought informa-



JOHN WILLIAM DAVIS Solicitor general of the United States, selected by the President for the post of Ambassador to Great

9 CITY SOLDIERS FALL IN BATTLE sald.

Three More Philadelphians Reported Killed, One Unofficially

SIX ARE WOUNDED

Roll of Honor of City and Vicinity for Today

KILLED PRIVATE JERRY CROCCO, 808 Sout PRIVATE CHARLES LEPCZYK, 218 PRIVATE CLIFTON MANWELL CASEY, 317 West Logan street (un-

WOUNDED CAPTAIN ROLAND C. HEISLER, 443 LIEUTENANT HERBERT P. HUNT SERGEANT JAMES F. FARLEY, 2086 CORPORAL JAMES G. GRIFFITH, 6022 PRIVATE WILLIAM HIPPENSTEEL PRIVATE CHARLES F. MacDONALD PRIVATE MARTIN B. WEBB, 2030 Chestnut street. (Marine corps). PRIVATE THOMAS A. COARLEY, 1249 PRIVATE LUIGO AIELLO (incorrect ad-

PRIVATE WALTER RICHMOND, 5828 PRISONERS PRIVATE ARTHUR FREDERICKS, 6207 PRIVATE WILLIAM CALLAHAN, 2314 FROM NEARBY POINTS

LIEUTENANT JOHN SPARKS MAGILL PRIVATE JOSEPH GALLAGHER, 533 PRIVATE CRAVEN LEIGH, of Culton PRIVATE FRANCISCO SPARAGUE, of

The torrooting list is compiled from the official casualty records and from un-official reports received by relatives and friends of men overseas.

Two of the men from here listed today among the overseas casualties are reported to have lost their lives in ac-The report of the death of a third Philadelphian is reported unofficially. Ten are listed as wounded and two are reported missing. A captain and a lieutenant are among the wounded. A West Conshohocken soldier has been

killed in action, and a man from Clifton Heights and another from Ambler are reported wounded. A lieutenant whose home is in Cyn-

wyd has been wounded.

In the official lists made public today by the War Department the names of two Philadelphians who have been reported casualties before, appear. They McADOO PLANS CONTEST PLAN ADVOCATED HERE are Mechanic James Thomas Costigan. 3861 Coral street, whose death in action was reported here five days ago, and Sergeant Andrew Richard Kane, 2023 Government of the Chesapeake, Dela- North Twelfth street, of whose wound-Two army casualty lists and one ma

Bellevue, Pa The list published in the morning

This plan is virtually the same as had newspapers contains 147 names and the been advocated by shipping men in this afternoon newspaper list is made up of SKETCHES OF THE HEROES

Private Clifton Maxwell Casey is unofficialy reported to have given up his life in France. His father, George E. Casey, 317 West Logan street, German mune from submarine attacks and ex-town, is hoping that the letters he has pediting the shipment of munitions to received from France are in error and

for information.

Casey's nineteenth birthday anniver-

The last letter received from him was written under date of August 3, and

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FRENCH PREMIER FIRMLY STANDS ON WILSON'S 'NO'

Can Be No Compromise Between Crime and Right, He Declares

BATTLES MUST CONTINU

Clemenceau Urges Liberation From the Last Fury of Germany's Foul Force

By the United Press

Paris, Sept. 18. Premier Clemenceau, speaking it he Senate last night, declared that the Allies must keen on fighting unti-Germany understands there can be no compromise between crime and right.

sing her gratitude to the splendid soldiers of the Entente whose efforts are | sitions on a considerable front northabout to free the populations from the west of St. Quentin. Simultaneously, Germans are bringing up heavy resubjugation of barbarism, the Premier

Referring to German atrocities h

criminals are made to pay in full." 'A reversal of fortune has brought

they want and what do you want? Office this afternoon. You must keep on fighting until the noment when the enemy can under northwest of St. Quentin, was cap- mans are keeping weak patrols a disbetween crime and right.

"I have heard it said that peace cannot be brought about by a military decision. That was not what Ger- sulted in the British being pushed with all its horrors. Therefore, let it willage.

The British last night in a many bas done.

renerations may be spared the abominations of the past-"Forward, then, to the liberation of people from the last fury of foul

humanity are with you!" BELGIUM REJECTS With the British Army on the Flanders Battlefront, Sept. 18.-GERMANY'S OFFER

By the United Press Paris, Sept. 18 .- Beigium, after conreject absolutely Germany's offer of a lourteen miles.) separate peace, the Petit Parisien an-nounced today.

The offer was transmitted to King Albert through a German prince who is a relative of Queen Elizabeth of Belgium. King Albert immediately transmitted the proposal to the Allies.

PEACE DEMONSTRATION EXPECTED IN BERLIN

By the Associated Press

London, Sept. 18.—It is rumored in rlin that when the Reichstag meet The complete list of casualties announced today by the War Department is printed on Page 13.

Fifteen more Philadelphia soldiers have been added to the city's roll of honor.

Two of the men from here listed to-

GERMANS HOPE ALLIES WILL MAKE MILD REPLY

Amsterdam. Sept. 18.—Washington dispatches, indicating the attitude of the American Government as to the Austrian peace offer, are prominently displayed in all German newspapers. "This precipitate rejection of the Vienna proposal does not surprise us," says the semioficial Nordeutsche Algemeine Zeitung. "The Americans want to take the lead. Now, as before, they preach force which is to lay Europe in ruins. By the Associated Press

"We shall have to wait to see whe America's allies will allow themselves to become intoxicated with this doctrine of force or whether there will be recog-nition of the fact that an interminably protracted war will lead Europe to ruin and leave only one claimant to the bank

Doctor Wekerle, the Hungarian Pre-mier, arrived at Vienna Sunday, and re-ported to the Emperor upon the political situation in Hungary, which tuation in Hungary, which, according the Lokal-Anzeiger's Budapest corredent, has recently become very crit Centinued on Page Six, Column One

SURVIVORS OF DORA LAND

100 From Torpedoed U. S. Ship Arrive at Irish Port By the United Press

An Irish Port, Sept. 18.—One hundred survivors of the torpedoed American steamship Dora have arrived here aboard an American store ship.

The Dora was a steel screw steamship of 7037 tons, built in 1913 in Italy. She was one of the shipping board's fleet.

NOISY HUCKSTERS PUNISHED Shouting Vendors Cause Partial Closing of Curb Market

Persistence of hucksters who continu-ally shouted their prices caused the food administration to close the lower end of the curb market on College avenue west the curb market on College avenue west of Ridge avenue.

A space of about 200 feet has been left open, and from that point on only farmers will be permitted.

MOIST! EH. WHAT? Hang on to umbrellas, ye fellows

high-mettled. The Clerk of the Weather declares it's unsettled.

Let gentle winds blow from points of the compass. We know what we've got and we're raising a rumpus

AMERICANS SEIZE STRONG POSITIONS: NEW FRENCH DRIVE

HAIG LAUNCHES **ENEMY RESERVES** FRESH ATTACK REACH U. S. FRONT

Enemy Northwest of St. Quentin

HOLNON VILLAGE WON NEW DEFENSES IN REAR

By the Associated Press British Armies in France, Sept. 18. Field Marshal Haig's forces this morning attacked the German po-French troops carried out an opera- enforcements behind the Hindenburg tion on the right. Successful progress was made on both fronts.

London, Sept. 18. ing northwest of St. Quentin, accord- tending to try anything on their own armies before the peoples of free con- ing to an official report from Field initiative. ciende," he continued. "What do Marshal Haig, received at the War

The village of Holnon, three

tured yesterday. A German attack last evening at Moeuvres (six miles west of Cambrai)

"We only seek peace so that future Canal.

The British attack northwest of St. mediately south of the La Basse

Holnon is on a bill, as is Maissemy, cap-tured hate Saturday. These bill post-tions dominate the terrain north of St. Forward to victory! The Quentin and the cond connecting the city with Cambral. From these favorable also in the Vosges and Alsace, over "jumping off" points the British are which he has large numbers of air whole of France and all of thinking noving in toward the city.

(By I. N. S.). The British bounched another drive against the Germans on the Picardy front today sitution with the Albes, has decided to ling over a front of 25,000 yards tover

The zone of the new thrust extends from Just south of Gouzenucourt to Holnon wood, three miles northwest On the southern end the attack is directed against ground dominating the old Hindenburg line.

Ing age.

Examination of Austrian prisoners to continued on Page Eleven. Column Two

British Strike Big Blow at Heavy Re-enforcements Reported by Fliers Behind SMASH ATTACK Hindenburg Line

By EDWIN L. JAMES Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger opuright, 1918, by New York Times C

With the American Army in France American aviators report that the line, running roughly from north of Fresnes to south of Champley, and are Foch Hurls Kaiser's Line busy digging strong positions along that line. It appears that they are expecting another American attack in British forces attacked this morn-this sector, but evidently are not in-

Our new line is being built this side of the Hindenburg line with a rather wide No-Man's land, in which the Ger-Hindenburg main front; we also have patrols in the intermediate space.

The patrols clashed a number of under heavy artillery protection re- times last night and the night before with no important results side, except keeping each other in

back to the western outskirts of the conta shelling, sending over three heavy ba operation advanced their line slightly rages in the last twenty-four hour which were not followed by an attack. Aerial photographs show large num-bers of Germans digging in back of Quentin marks an attempt to outlank the Hindenburg front, evidently that bastlon of the Hindenburg line, paring a second line should the

> Not only is the enemy showing grea patrols, and where he keeps up a he rassing infaitry fire. His activity might mean either that he expects another American effort soon or that he plans a show of his own. Most likely it is the former, as captured are being taken to comb out the service of the rear to get men for the front
> A recent call was sent out for 5000 women to replace railroad workers re to be sent to the fighting Boys of fifteen years of age have been mobilized to some extent to replace in the back area men of fight-

Continued on Page Eleven, Column Two

HOUSE ADOPTS PLAN TO TAX PROFITS WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 .- With less than an hour's discussion and without amendment, the House today adopted the general plan and rates in the war revenue bill for taxation of war and excess profits, estimated to yield \$3,200,000,000 in

ACCUSES PACKERS OF TRYING TO INFLUENCE PRESS WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 .- Chicago packers were accused of atempting to influence newspapers in their favor through the expenditure of millions of dollars in advertising by Senator Norris, of Nebraska, before the Senate Agricultural Committee

Metz Not Impregnable, Declares Gen. Maurice

American Victory at St. Mihiel Changes Character of Front and Gives Foch Opportunity to Take Fortress at Will

By MAJ. GEN. SIR FREDERICK B. MAURICE

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger the same way as would correspond Coppright, 1918, by New York Times Co. ing progress further north. London, Sept. 18. We can now begin to total up the salient of St. Mihiel stood in the way of offensive projects. To attack south of the salient into Lorraine would

The American communiques have been more modest and laconic than 15,000 prisoners, 200 guns and a great quantitiy of material have been captured, but the whole character of the

Prior to the attack of the first Amercomparatively quiet for a very long

From the Allied point of view the results of General Pershing's victory, of the salient into Lorraine fortress of Metz, with all its facilities for a hostile counter-attack, while our own, and give only the very barest summary of what has been achieved. Yet, not only have eight German and Yet, not only have eight German and one Austrian division been defeated, even if the conditions of ground did 15,000 prisoners, 200 guns and a great not put such a plan out of court. Front Now Straight Line

tured, but the whole character of the eastern front in France has been changed.

While they held on to St. Mihiel the Germans were, in fact, effectively defending the Woevre and Lorraine. The latest news shows that the Amer Prior to the attack of the first Amer-ican army the line from the east of Verdun to the Swiss frontier had been hands, have pushed well beyond the base of the salient, while the French. time, and had been lightly held by both sides. It was not one to benefit either the Allies or the Germans to undertake the foot now runs allies that the front now runs allies the front now runs allies that the front now runs allies the front now runs all n great enterprises From the enemy's point of view it led into a difficult defensible country, traversed by the Meuse and the Moselle and against the chain of the French fortresses of Verdun. Toul, Epinal and Belfort: while even if these obstacles were surmounted an advance westward would not thresten the heart of France in

U. S. Troops Push of **Toward German** Frontier

BY TEUTONS

Fortress at Metz Furiously Shelled by Allied Guns

POILUS DASH 2 MILES IN PUSH NEAR VERDUN

Back on 11-Mile

Crushes Heavy Hostile Blowl Near Chemin-des-Dames

PETAIN HOLDS ON AISNE

By the United Press Paris, Sept. 18.

American forces, striking northeast ward along the valley of the Rupt d Mad in the direction of Gorze an Chambley, have captured a series a important fortified positions. Li Liberte announced today. (Gorze is seven miles southwest of

Metz and a mile within the German frontier. Chambley is five miles w of Garze.) At the same time the French, or erating in the Woevre, advanced two (a mile and on a front of eighteen kilom (more than eleven miles). The reached a line east of Watron

Hautecourt, Dieppe and Moranville, I was reported. into the German lines in the direction of Etain, which is one of the bastion of the new Hindenburg line in the Woevre region. The French are re

ported to be within three miles o Verdun. Hautecourt is three mile southeast of Dieppe. Moranville is mile south of Hautecourt. Watron ville is three miles south of Moran ville. The French operation shows six-mile extension to the northwest of the American and French drive

which cleared St. Mihiel salignt.) Special Cable to Evening Public Ledges

Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co Paris, Sept. 18. The fortress of Metz is now undergoing, terrific bombardment from French heavy guns. Experts here are of the opinion that these forts will prove no more able to reaist the fire of modern high explosives than did those of Liege, Douaumont and Vaux, and that it is only a question of time before this formidable pillar at the gateway of Germany itself will

ing the organization of the defense. In the recent turn of events however, Paris is expecting hourly to hear an official denial of this fact.

Hindenburg is known to have been

at Metz a few days ago superintend

be demolished.

By the Associated Press With the American Army in Lorraine, Sept. 18.—German infantry attempted to attack the American lines west of the Moselle Tuesday evening but the enemy troops were driven back by the fire of the American artillery.

When observers reported that a light When observers reported that a light line of German infantrymen was ap-proaching, the American big gum threw a terrific barrage into that area. There were no further movements by

the enemy. Observers reported this morning that there were no living Germans in the region where they were sighted last night. Quite a number of dead, howe

ever, were seen.
American aviators report that en Tuesday American gunners scored direct hit on a big German gun In region of Lachaussee, destroying the gun. Other hits nearby destroyed number of gun emplacements and one shell struck the dugouts where the German gunners had taken cover,

By the Associated Press Paris, Sept. 18—German troops last night launched violent counter-attacks against the French positions on the plateau northeast of Sancy, two piles

north of the Aisne and seven northeast of Soissons. The fre War Office statement issued today that the German attacks were un cessful and that the French maintained their guns. With the American Army in L. raine, Sept. 18 (By I. N. S.).—Amica driving rainstorm a heavy artilled duel raged this morning along Hindenburg line in front of Mets. weather is interfering with north tivity. Everywhere along this the Germans have fallen back to fortified positions known as the

Pittaburgh, Sept. 18.—Three hundred sel coal cars, which secret service floats any were built by the Oren-ein-Arthur Koppel Company for secret hipmant to Germany by way of Mexico, till be sent to France for use in coal in the coaptured by the Allies, according