OVER HINDENBURG LINE

maison Heights

By G. H. PERRIS Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger opyright, 1918, by New York Times Co.

With the French Armies, Sept. 13. Though very familiar with this ground, a slip of memory yesterday led me to anticipate by some hours the arrival of Mangin's first lines across the west end of the ChemindesDames. When the map names no longer correspond with any visible object, such slips are easy, and no trace remains of the Maugeuge road, of the Guardian Angel in Vaurian's farm, which long elaborate bombing activities, marked the point where the Chemin maison, Chrevegny, Vauclere and Craonne, those battlefields of horrible

year's struggles. Bitter experience has given them an intimate knowledge of the ground and all its possibilities of the ground and all its possibilities of ambush—thickets in the steen ravines where bothe machine gunners congregate and deep limestone caves and quarries with which the hillsides are riddled. Now we have light and rapid tanks, whose mechanism is being constantly improved, and of which the cars we first saw at the mill of Laffaux in April. 1917, were but clumsy precursors. Swarming airplanes, with their machine guns and bombs, are virtually new and very precious auxiltually new and very precious auxil-

night against strong resistance—more than 100 dead bodies were found in one trench—dominates the low ground on both sides of the Ailette about Pinon, and its loss leaves the German forces on Malmaison plateau with only one on Malmaison plateau with only one Maubeuge road through Chavignon to

Mangin at Fort Malmaison

Besides 4500 prisoners, the three days of well-directed and determined pressure has thus brought Mangin's army to the culminating height of Fort Malmaison. We know what that means by last year's experience. When at length Malmaison was taken in October the enemy abandoned the whole of the Chemin-des-Dames and whole of the Chemin-des-Dames and bolted behind the Allette. A ridge further east and all his supply roads were, in fact, so closely in view from this plateau that they could not long be held or only at fearful cost

much more favorable to us. The Germans are at the same time astride the Vesle Hill, astride the Aisne, astride the Chemin-des-Dames and astride the Ailette. Instead of having these natural obstacles to fail back upon one after the other, they may be cut off along the Aisne and along the Allette valley simultaneously. Their Allette valley simultaneously. Their chief stronghold, the St. Gobain forest block, is in danger of being turned by the south and east. The fate of the whole center of the Hindenburg line is therefore decidedly in question.
It is time the heroic blood and other losses of four years' campaigning on the Aisne were avenged.

PLAN ARMY TO OFFSET U. S.

Enemy Would Enroll 3,000,000 in Russian Provinces

was said.

However, the plan is reported to be depending upon the dying down of the battles in the west, in order that the Central Powers might have a six months' respite in which to carry out

two guns he drove off three of the four boches, crippling one, but meanwhile one foe got beneath the tail of the American machine, where the gunner could not shoot.

Swooping sharply, the major gave

313,000 MEN SAIL IN AUGUST

Shipment of U. S. Troops An nounced in London

London, Sept. 18.—Three hundred and thirteen thousand American troops em-barked for Europe during August, it was announced today. Of these 180,000 were carried on British ships.



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Mangin's Army Now Press- Can Outrun Best Fokkers at 5000 Meters and Arouse Formidable Barricades Great Enthusiasm—Americans Win in Many Combats

By EDWIN L. JAMES

down burning. Continuing on patrol, near Lachausse, he was attacked by three Fokkers. He dashed at one and

machine gun. Turning sharply he crashed a second and dived with the third Fokker on his tail. At a height

of 500 meters he maneuvered to ad-

vantage and got the remaining Boche An experience of Lieutenant J. M.

Keeping

by being the quicker with his

He had lost direction and there was an airdrome ahead. Thinking it was his own, the American selected it to land, but at a height of 200 meters

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger of the wreckage and stood up, to see four American doughboys. They had been guarding boche prisoners just behind our first line. I have the major's word that those four American doughboys.

With the American infantry and carrillery having completed the task of ever saw in his whole life. The major establishing a strong new line after has replaced his machine with a new With the American infantry and artillery having completed the task of establishing a strong new line after has replaced his machine with a new wiping out the St. Mihiel salient, there has developed a most intense aerial contest along this new line. We have, as the enemy well knows, one of the greatest airplane concentrations in the history of a inition and has term. The enemy has many star government.

give an idea of what we are doing one may state that filers attached to the First American Army have dropped more than thirty tons of bombs in the last twenty-four hours.

another has machines camouflaged and in the caves and crannics of those black and green.

One squadron is flying machines with American markings. We have got a large number of these in the below.

And now the wheel of fates comes the full circle round with inexorable stride. The French alone now are recovering their campo santo of last year's struggles. Bitter experiences both sides of the Moselle River, espe-cially in harassing an enemy move-ment toward Saarburg. Four tens of bombs were dropped on the railroad station at Conflans in the morning.

British bembers in conjunction with the First Army dropped eleven tons of bombs in daylight on Karisruhe. American hombers reported good results at Bayonville, Frescatty and Sabions, at the latter place three big fires having been tarted.

De Haviland Fours Win

American-made De Haviland fours Swaab was even more thrilling. with Liberty motors continue to arouse the greatest enthusiasm over their performances. They give promise Already the roads of the enemy supply, re-enforcement or retreat along the valley from Anizy-Le-Chateau to the valley from Anizy-Le-Chateau to protection from chasse machines. They have been developing a speed of the protection from chasse machines. They have been developing a speed of the protection from chasse machines.

made good their escape when attacked a heavy cloud. by a heavy formation of Fokkers and Albatross planes. This was done by making height and then speeding

counted for a boche chasse which was brought down by the observers' train-ing the rear end machine gun on the pursuers. I do not mean to say that De Haviland machines are chasse ma chines. Any De Haviland would stand against one bothe chasse machine, but it would flee from more than one, for the reason that the De Haviland is not capable of diving and maneuvering, which is necessary to participate in a pitched air battle. But they are the

pitched air battle. But they are the fastest thing on wings on the western front today at a height of 5000 meters or more: We still lack American made chasse machines.

This strenuous air fighting, of course, brings out many thrilling stories, many of which cannot be told because our aviators are wounded, or have lost their lives, and the censor. have lost their lives, and the censo have lost their fives, and the censor-ship rules bur talking about casualties. However, the experience of Major de-leted), of Gloversville, N. Y., com-mander of an observation squadron

Attacked by Four Fokkers

The major's outfit was asked to perform and especially important and dangerous mission, to do the work Rome, Sept. 18—(By I. N. S.)—At a recent conference of the rulers of the Central Powers it was decided to entoil 3,000,000 soliders from Esthonia. Livonia. Courland, Ekrania. Finland and other parts of Russia with the 1920 class of Germany and Austria, with which to withstand American attacks, according to the Zurich correspondent of the Corirere d'Italia today.

At the same time, the Austro-Germans plan to raise 1,500,000 adidional troops to fight the Czecho-Slovaks in Russia. It was said.

However, the plan is reported to be flying in a

months' respite in which to carry out their program.

Esthonia, Livonia and Courland are Russian provinces which German troops overran.

PORTUGUESE PLOTTERS FAIL

gunner could not shoot.

Swooping sharply, the major gave his gunner a line on the fourth boche, but both machine guns jammed. As the German swept by he let loose a hurst of bullets which took off the major's propeller. Helpless, the American machine began to glide to earth, while the German got behind again

Nipped by Arrests

By the United Press

Madrid, Sept. 18—A plot to altack the Portuguese President and Government, said to have been consocted by a number of officers and noncommissioned dispatches from Lisbon stated today. It is planned to isolate in Lisbon those who have been apprehended.

The Portuguese Government is taking possession of the railways, telegraphs, telephones and waterways. thought he was as good as a prisoner. Then his plane hit a wire line and turned turtle, throwing the observer twenty feet. The major climbed out

By WARD PRICE

Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co. With the Italian Armies, Sept. 18.

greatest airplane concentrations in the history of aviation, and he is trying ing to equal it.

The Germans have thrown their crack squadrons on to this front, and air fights daily are counted by scores, while both sides are indulging in elaborate bombing activities.

In bombing we are doing perhaps our biggest work. We are operating both day and night hombers, and to both day and night hombers, and to give an idea of what we are doing give an idea of what we are doing black and green.

In an idea of what we are doing before us. The areas are allowed to paint their machines in distinctive that their machines in distinctive that their machines and white wings and white wings. An other bas machines painted black with white stripes, and another squadron the rushing stream itself and writhes the rushing stream itself and writhes and another has machines camouflaged black and green.

Shortly afterward another sector close at hand, to the north of Mount Grappa, broke into activity. A series was part of a patrol of five machines which was broken up by enemy shell-fire. In a high wind Swaab got lost eral places. At once here, too, the Italand was carried far behind the enemy lans made good their intentions, and

to land, but at a height of 200 meters The role which the Italian army is he saw a Fokker arise in front field playing now is made up of constantly Fokker has an advantage, but only sight.

When attacked by German chasse planes our De Haviland fours can get away by imply running, which is what observation or bombing planes are expected to do when attacked by a chasse. Monday afternoon for the fifth time De Haviland four machines are good their escape when attacked.

ITALIANS RETAKE Y. M. C. A. WORKER IN DRIVE

Overcome in Sudden Rush

On either side of the parrow and pre-

planes, which dived one after another into that gap between the high mountains, dropping bombs and emptying

and 350 Prisoners Taken

RAIDS IMPROVED LINES

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initous gorge of the Brenta River at trips the point where it leaves the Austrian lines and enters the Vallian there has

white body. Another Fokker outfit has red bodies and white wings. Another has machines painted black with white stripes, and another squadron has violet-colored machines, while yet another has machines camouffaged black and green.

One squadron is flying machines with American markings. We have got a large number of these in the last few days.

American Downs Four Boches
Lieutenant Charles R. D. Olive, flying yesterday, got four boches single handed. He was flying north of Thiaucourt when attacked by a Fokker-He got beneath and sent the Fokker down burning. Continuing on patrol.

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Carries Chocolates and Cigarette for American Soldiers By the Associated Press

By the Associated Press

With the American Army on the Lorraine Front, Sept. 18.—The Y. M. C. A. has won its place in the hearts of the American soldiers and an instance of the service rendered by these workers is given in a story told of the recent fighting. On the morning of the American advance against the St. Miniel salient, a Y. M. C. A. man appeared among the soldiers carrying a huge pack on his back. He did not explain his presence except by a whispered word to a commander, who nodded approval.

When the order to advance came he moved forward with the men. At the first pause while the soldiers were behind a little rise of ground, the Y. M. C. A. man made his way from soldier to soldier giving each a cake of chocolate and pack of digarettes. When his pack was exhausted he returned to the rear, but reappeared in a few hours with another bundle. He repeated his trips out?! his organization was able

rear, but reappeared in a few hours with another bundle. He repeated his trips until his organization was able to bring up supplies in larger quantities.

FRENCH TO REOCCUPY HOMES Will Recover Treasures Buried at

St. Mihiel

By the Associated Press

FOOD RIOTS IN AMSTERDAM

drums of machine gun bullets upon the Shops Pillaged by Mobs-Infantry and Cavalry Called Out By the United Press

Amsterdam, Sept. 18. — Food riots oke out here Monday night and Tues-y in various parts of the city, Shops were piliaged.

The police and infantry and cavalry detachments dispersed the mobs. Four persons were injured.

BEATEN GERMANS UNABLE TO REACT

Great Army Too Much Deterioriated to Reply to Foch Offensive

SHOULD ADMIT DEFEAT

By CHARLES H. GRASTY Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co. Paris, Sept. 18.

As details filter through from the

St. Mihiel battle, fresh stimulus is given to speculations that have been going on since July 18 as to what is the matter with Germany. Not once since Foch's offensive have they shown their old striking power. The great army which previously never let a single week go by without making us feel the force of its blows has for nearly two months been limp and impotent. Until now the prevailing opinion has been that quarrel in the high command and the broken confidence of the German people were reflected in the weakened morale of

the army.

It is possible the German high command depended too much upon the natural strength of the position, as perhaps we did at the Chemin-des-Dames when the Germans walked through on May 27. It is suggested also that Pershing jumped so quick and hit so hard that it threw the Germans into confusion before they could he army. mans into confusion before they could pull themselves together.

The American victory has completely upset the organized peace of

fensive in Germany

While it is unsafe to leave out of reckoning some kind of strong Ger-man rally east of our present positions, man rally east of our present positions, or to count on too great a weakening in the enemy lines in front of the French and English as a result of Pershing's stroke in the Woevre, and while only a few weeks remain of good fighting weather, the feeling is general that Foch will succeed in choosing winter quarters for the Germans more to his liking than theirs.

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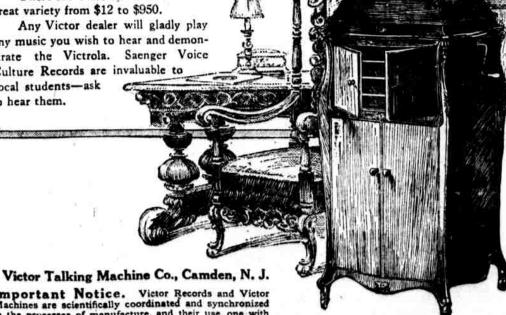
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