were advancing over and beyond Fles-

uleren ridge.
"Look," he said, "you can see them

I stored through his glass and there

rtheast of the Flesquieres, but whe er they were British or German

"There goes a tank," said the officer.
It was crawling steadily, but present halted, and I did not see it move again.

Artilery Goes Forward

A little later there was a new stir of

movement over a wide stretch of ground behind where I stood and I could see

from many folds in the earth and down

tracks horses and guns and wagons com

only a second before was a living man with a heart beating to fierce purpose.

west. I followed him down as he crash

Fewer Prisoners Than Expected

Prisoners were late in coming down,

He was not the only one to dis amons

could not make out

hine-gun fire.

with a bump,

some back lightly wounded, are satisfied and uplifted in spirit.
Those of us who knew Wednesday that the next day would bring this battle had some dark minutes in the night when we thought of the ground our men would set out to take. It was very difficult work because of those ridges held by the enemy, and because of the Canal du Nord, which our men would have to

FRENCH CAPTURE 8000: TAKE STRONG POSITION

By WALTER DURANTY

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co-With General Gourand's Army, Sept. 28.

The French advance continued yester-day. The weight of the attack was launched against the German positions where the main line of resistance was situated. According to the latest infor-mation, progress was rendered difficult by a network of machine-guns, whose density increased as the troops pushed forward.

forward.

The conquered positions of great strength and the number of prisoners, which now approaches 8000, speak for the importance of the victory. In broken ground, criss-crossed by barbed wire and trenches, it is extraordinarily hard for the assailants to keep touch and maintain unity of progress.

But the striking proof of the value of Thursday's operations is afforded by the fact that the army everywhere reached and at many points went beyond the objectives the high command had set for the day.

Yesterday aviators reported certain

Prisoners speak in awe-struck tones of the terribie effects of the French artil-lery, especially the gas shells

FRENCH PLUNGE ON FIVE MILES FURTHER Verdun.

PHILA. LIEUTENANTS DIE OF INFLUENZA

Spanish Grip Claims Two Navy Officers-200 New Cases Reported Here

Two Philadelphia lieutenants of the Two Philadelphia neuterians of the flushed with their success in cleaning latest victims of Spanish influenza. 260 out the St. Mittel sallent and with a new cases of which have been reported in the city. The two dead officers were Lieutenant James F. Feeley, thirty years old, 2502 Powelton avenue, and Lieutening in the region of Verdun, trudging wiletty and nurmesfully un the impact. ant Gilbert M. Neuberger, 1864 Shunk

was a member of the Order of the Congregation of the Mission, and upon his ordination, four months ago, was sent to St. Joseph's Seminary. Princeton, where he was a professor. For eleven years he was a student at St. Vincent's Seminary Germantown.

visional Commander

By the Associated Press

Viadivostok, Sept. 28.—Martial law has been decreed at Viadivostok and in the district of Viadivostok by Colonel Butenko, provisional commander of the armed forzes of the Martime province, in accordance with the Russian field regulations and legislation governing fortresses in war time.

The decree has been authorized by the Allied commanders and they will aid in enforcing it, if necessary. The measure is directed against enemy agentications, it had long been contemplated by the Allied commanders, who deemed it requisite in view of the lack of reliable civil and police administration. Colonel Butenko has succeeded Colonel Volstoff, who recently resigned, and has the recognition and confidence of the Allies.

PLANE OUTPUT SPEEDS UP

Curtiss Company Will Soon Produce 100 Battleplanes Daily By the Associated Press

Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 28.—The Curtiss Aeroplane Corporation, at Buffalo, by next March will have reached a production of 100 battle planes daily. John N. Willys, president of the corporation, announced here last night at a meeting of 6000 Liberty Loan salesmen.

Willys returned last night from Detroit, where he conferred with officials of the aircraft board and agreed to a contract which is claimed to be the biggest of its kind ever awarded. Willys declared that the Curtiss company in January will cease entirely the production of training planes and concentrate Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 28.—The Curt.

tion of training planes and concentrate on battle planes. These combat planes will be of three types, Willys said. They age: The S. E. Five, single seater, chase plane; N. S. B., two seater, and the De Haviland, equipped with Liberty mater.

Quotas in Fourth Loan and Easy-Buying Plan

Philadelphia's quota for the fourth Liberty Loan is \$259,198,000. The quota set for the Philadelphia district, including all of Pennsylvania, all of New Jersey south of Trenton and all of Delaware, is \$516.800.000.

Pennsylvaria, outside of Philadelphia, is called upon to raise \$202,905,000; New Jersey, south of Trenton, \$38,694,000, and Delaware, \$16,012,000.

As in the last three Liberty Loan drives, subscribers through their employers will be permitted to buy bonds on the installment plan. For a \$50 bond. \$1 weekly is due, and

for a \$100 bond, \$2 weekly. Payments for subscriptions in five installments have-also been provided for. A first payment of 10 per cent is to be made and the remaining as follows: 20 per cent on November 21, 20 per cent on umber 19, 20 per cent on Janary 16 and 30 per cent on Jan-

AMERICAN TRICK FOOLED GERMANS

Foe Knew of Coming Attack Four Days, Captured Officers Say

CAUGHT SHIFTING ARMY

Teutons Led to Believe the Thrust Would Be East of Verdun

By CAMERON MACKENZIE Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger 1918, by New York Times Co Sept. 28.

It has become fairly evident to just what degree the American attack was a surprise to the enemy. From captured German officers, it is learned that for four days before the blow was delivered it was known that some sort of thrust the objectives the high command had set for the day.
Yesterday aviators reported certain adroit diversions the Americans beenemy units advancing rapidly, which suggests that the enemy has decided to the direction of the push would be off to the eastward of Verdun toward Etain.

and perhaps even against Metz.

Acting on that beitef, the enemy be gan shifting troops and guns, and Thurs-day morning when the attack was made found him rather caught betwist and tween the sectors, east and west of

tions of Pershing's army have the Ger mans been able to calculate accurately points in the advance. There was that which was described as "stiff resiafter the American experiences in Chateau-Thierry and St. Mihiel sectors an almost conventionalized meaning It signifies the employment by the Germans of their thoroughly unpicturesque machine-gun tactics. In all the engagements of Thursday

they had no other form of fight ex-cept, of course, the use of artillery to offer, and Americans discovered and circumvented more than forty differen types of machine-gun emplacements. Such resistance is stiff, but it is a far cry from the day when the enemy troops would stand with fixed bayonets to hold back the attack.

In the present far-flung assault upon

the enemy the First American Army must needs have had its part. Still-flushed with their success in cleaning. ing in the region of Verdun, trudging quietly and purposefully up the immor-tal Via Sacra—along which only a trifle The Rev. Joseph Tierney, recently ordained a Catholic priest, died yesterday
in St. Joseph's Hospital. Father Tierney
of the Order of the Con-

minary, Germantown.

Crown Prince mercilessly expended Lieutenant Feeley, who was a member treasures of blood. It is not yet possiof the naval reserves, died at Newport, ble to supply any save most meager de R. L. and Lieutenant Neuberger, of the tails of this second independent opera arth Navai District, died in the Navai tion of the American army. At 11:30 apital. Both developed pneumonia Wednesday evening the heavy artillery Hospital. Both developed pneumonia after the influenza.

Of the 200 new cases 123 are among civilians and seventy-seven among endisted men of the Fourth Naval District. Sixty-eight of the civilians are in South Philadelphia, forty-six in North Philadelphia, and nine in West Philadelphia, and nine in West Philadelphia.

Of the seventy-three deaths reported for the week ending yesterday, sixty-terious, invisible and trying than ghours.

Wednesday evening the heavy artillery and defended of warfare and crowded forward through the dense growth. It was fighting without art, for the combatants were too close together the combatants were too close together the combatants were for close of the time lighter artillery inserted to permit the use of guns, and they were left to fight it out. They still are in the forest, but reports indicated to be of first-class fighting quality, with remnants of other divisions, the 20ist. The towns of Montfaucon, Septsarges. of the 200 new cases 123 are among civilians and seventy-seven among en-listed men of the Fourth Naval District. for the week ending yesterday, sixty-terious, invisible and trying than ghosts. nine are among men of the naval district. and the heavens above rattled like a

bility greatly improved, and when at 2:30 the field guns set to work they twinkled and danced as fascinating as a myriad of firefles all along the wide semicircular sweep of valley that lies immediately beneath the Verdun forts.

immediately beneath the Verdun forts.

The infantry advance was made in a cold, uncertain light at 5:30 Thursday morning. Prom Fort de Marre, one of the principal of Verdun defenses, it was possible at first to observe very little. Now and again some particularly virulent American battery would flare up to reveal briefly a column of dark groundlike flavors pressing forward or ome-like figures pressing forward or perhaps a dust cloud of some speeding lorry; but there was little else until full cawn arrived. Then a thin bluish auumn haze promised a fairly clear day and that promise was later fulfilled.
From the position upon which I stood
it was possible before midafternoon to
watch in blackish brown bursts the pro-

gressive, steady demolition of towns and villages in German hands and to trace out in shell plumes, which mounted upon a not distant hill-like shapes of suddenly sprouting trees, the network of

the matter of gunners the Americans the matter of gunners the Americans seemed to have easy mastery of the situation. That does not imply that the German infantry, included in which was putting the pincers if quick enough, toping up to one of their officers and at least one division of Prussian Guards and one of the most trustworthy Jac-However, such were the vim and dash and eagerness of the doughboys that before midday they had pretty well overrun their objectives along the entire reach of their front.

Beld Rush of Americans

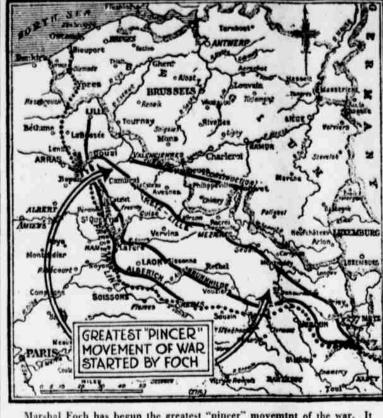
The whole performance of the Ameri mer they have been setting for them selves. With fearlessness and light-hearted courage to which only the most rare tribute would be adequate, they went into an attack which was in no sense a pinching operation such as they had learned to exercise in the Chateau-Thierry and St. Mihlel sectors, but a brutally direct forward thrust. There was no faltering, no doubts, but along the entire line a bold, swift onward

itself with conspicuous gallantry. It is not permitted to reveal what that division was or the part of extended American front upon which it operated. This much, however may now be told: particular division was for

of American design were used for the first time in the attack west-ward from Verdun. They behaved splendidly. In the fighting which pocurred for the capture of Vauquois, a village standing upon a commanding eminence and one for which the Ger-mans in the old days paid an enorous price, these new products of Ameri-in ingenuity, crawling forward under can ingenuity, crawling forward under the shelter of a dense white smoke screen, led the infantry and so successfully dealt with nests of machine guns within the place that the doughboys made their entry without the smallest difficulty and with scarcely a casualty. On the enemy's plans it is useless to speculate. All that is certain is that in the Verdun sector, the Americans have dealt him a most teiling blow.

The sum reconstruct of the guns were slog-ling away with rapid fire with the heavies, monstrous 9.2s. far behind where I stood, and the field batteries well forward. The solse of their shells was happening. It is alaways enormously difficult to go the facts of a battle from what one's vision suggests, from linchy and Moeuvres southward to favincourt I could see gun flashes and officer was persuaded that the troops

FOCH'S GREATEST PINCER DRIVE



Marshal Foch has begun the greatest "pincer" movement of the war. It is apparently aimed at both ends of the Hindenburg defense system at once. Haig's drive in the north is also a direct threat at Cambrai and Douai. The Franco-American offensive is directed at the railway lines running parallel to the present front east of Rheims, which are the main supply lines for all the German armies around Verdun. In the above map the black lines behind the German front represent the secondary defense lines to which the Germans can fall back when the Hindenburg system is broken by the Allies

HAND-TO-HAND FIGHT IN ARGONNE FOREST

Americanss Force Germans to Yield After Stubborn Contests—Line Moves Forward as Villages Are Taken

By the Associated Press With the American Forces Northwest

in spite of their determined efforts to hold, their positions yielded one after slowed down, but last night the line had been moved forward far enough to satisfy headquarters and win the praise of the French, whose laison officers are losely observing the operations.

region of Charpentry, which continued until late in the day. The Germans and on the Canadian side of things, left strong detachments of machine gun- where I happened to be, there were of Verdun, Sept. 28.

Along the entire American front the sidered wise to supplement the infantry's "siking of the first objectives. It seems Germans made a stand restorday, but work with that of artillery which was pretty certain that the enemy placed in position at midday.

In the same part of the field bitter and thinned out his line by withdrawing

fighting culminated in victory for the many men behind the Scheldt canal, another to steady hammering. The sweeping advance of the first day was blainville and Eclisefontaine. The Canadians were astonished at the weakness of the resistance they met with Prisoners brought from the American left gave information indicating that the Germans are re-enforcing their line. Among them were troops from two guards divisions, one more than hitherto

The country about Montfaucon and the Argonne forest was the scene of desperate contests. The Germans left admirable markmans. perate contests. The Germans left masses of machine guns, and it was against such formations that the Americans were forced to advance. In the Argonne forest the fighting often developed into an almost hand-to-hand character as the men reverted to the preliminary principles of warfare and crowded forward through the dense

Apparently theirs was a fight alone, but along the flanks, even to the north, units of Americans had advanced stead-MARTIAL LAW AT VLADIVOSTOK

Weather Favored Americans
Early in the night there had been visional Commander

Wisional Commander

Weather Favored Americans had advanced stead-illy, making certain the eventual withdrawal of the comparatively small part of the enemy's force stationed in the woods to delay the general advance.

Weather Favored Americans and the heavens above rattled like a beaten tin pan.

Weather Favored Americans had advanced stead-illy, making certain the eventual withdrawal of the comparatively small part of the enemy's force stationed in the Hagen positions, enabling the enemy line to swing some 30 degrees to meet any attack from the comparatively small part of the enemy's force stationed in the Hagen positions, enabling the enemy line to swing some 30 degrees to meet any attack from the comparatively small part of the Hagen positions, enabling the enemy line to swing some 30 degrees to meet any attack from the comparatively small part of the Hagen positions, enabling the enemy line to swing some 30 degrees to meet any attack from the comparatively small part of the Hagen positions, enabling the enemy line to swing some 30 degrees to meet any attack from the comparatively small part of the Hagen positions, enabling the enemy line to swing some 30 degrees to meet any attack from the Johnson to swing some 30 degrees to meet any attack from the Johnson to swing some 30 degrees to meet any attack from the Johnson to swing some 30 degrees to meet any attack from the Johnson to swing some 30 degrees to meet any attack from the Johnson to swing some 30 degrees to meet any attack from the Johnson to swing some 30 degrees to meet any attack from the Johnson to swing some 30 degrees to meet any attack from the Johnson to swing some 30 degrees to meet any attack from the Johnson to swing some 30 degrees to meet any attack from the Johnson to swing some 30 degrees to meet any attack from the Johnson to swing some 30 degrees to meet any attack from the Johnson to swing some 30 degrees to meet any attack fro

ATTACKS BY THE GERMANS hardly any escort, and many wandered NO LONGER ARE FEARED

BY PHILIP GIBBS

creat rick for if the enemy guessed he time of the attack and ranged a They had supreme confidence in their duck boards leading to the front lin

German soldiers and German sald: I went out early across the old hatticfields to this new scene of action and felt again something of the old thrill which touched one a year ago

before the Cambrai adventure on No Rain Follows Red Sunset

Thursday night it rained heavily after a red sunset which splashed all across ruins of Bapaume and all those villages which the British have regained after this six weeks of history were rose-colored in this evening light between the tall, black masts of dead

Thing are going well." he said true

in the Hindenburg support line weet of Graincourt.

On the Cambrai road the airmen reported batches of the enemy advancing in the course of an article on the to surrender with hands held high. The

The storm clouds had not passed were dimly revealed by the rising curtain of day. Lights glimmered from the windows of huts built in these wastes and tents glowed red as the sol-diers behind the lines rose and lit their

were outside their hangars, scenting the wind and looking to their machines for months beneath the tutelage of the Brittersh army, and was in fact hand-raised by it. In its fine achievement of Thursday morning, it did its preceptors most infinite credit.

Tanks of American design were used wind. Above their grown near the first flight over the battle lines. The battle lines. The battle lines army all across the sky, according to the swing of the line, and presently the sun rose and the clouds were dispersed by a fleet wind. Above their grown near the first flight over the battle lines. The battle lines are the first flight over the battle lines. The battle lines are the first flight over the battle lines. The battle lines are the first flight over the battle lines. The battle lines are the swing of the wind. Above their snowy peaks there was a lake of blue, and those balloons of the British watching the drama of battle below them gustening and white

the German guns. It was taking a the sweep across Flesquiere

heavy burrage on that sector, the troops would have suffered heavily. The business of the batlefield was in full activity. Supporting troops were on the troops did not shirk the risk, the move, marching in Indian file along strength and in their luck, and we or standing in groups under the shel-now know with thankfulness that they ter of sunken roads waiting for orders were justified in their faith. The enemy's barrage fell too late, when they were already through and across and it was light when it came and fell behind them as they marched into the enemy's country, on the north of Bourion Wood, with other troops with of them fighting toward the visit of the visit of the fighting toward the visit of the vis suth of them, fighting toward the vil Medical Corps were laying out new lages of Graincourt and Anneux.

The left of the attack was timed to full view of Bourlon wood, except for a

"One of my majors has just b

"Certainly," said the young medical dians, who had only a section on the older, and later I saw a stretcher be- left of the assault line) swung southing carried along with the wounded major above the steel helmets of four sure-

I went over to a gunner observing

"Thing are going well," he said. "The Canadians seem to have all their ob-jectives. I can tell that because our guns have lifted on to the second ob-

scene, standing so high and black up wastes and ients glowed red as the soldiers behind the lines rose and lit their lamps.

Campfires began to burn outside the old dugouts, where sandhags were whitning in the dawn. Already the airmen were outside their hangars, scenting the remarkers of that our gas in remarkers of the control of the property of the pr repayment of that horror on the

around it and away to the left of it clouds of pure white smoke, which rose in tall columns and then spread out and of the British watching the drama of hattle below them gustening and white mingled, making a dense white screen I was not in time to see the first which almost hid it from view. The barrage fire, which began just at dawn British were putting over smoke shells without any preliminary bombardment. In order to hide the movements of the but it was terrific when I arrived in infantry, and it was obvious from my sight of Bourlon wood and Mocuvres in side that the troops were moving forthe valley below. With Fresulters below, with Fresquieres ward again in a new phase of the at-

their legs, and the walking wounde bursts of greenish smoke as lyddite shells were fired. There was a tremendous barrage of fire all about Bourion wood to the left and right of it, and in often that I cannot picture it again. though every time one sees it, the drama and tragedy of it move one to emotion.

Business of Battle

Prisoners Show Gratitude The men spoke of the terrible barrage which wiped everything out, and they made no secret of being at th end of their tether. They tried to show their tether. They tried to show gratitude to the British by offering them picture postcards and other souvenirs.
"Our fellows make pets of 'em," said of the British intelligence officers. "And one would hardly think that an hour ago it was a fight to the death, if a man did not surrender mighty quick. The good nature of the British goldler is marvelous and I am glad of it, be-cause it leaves a little chivalry in the world." There seems to be no doubt that suc-

cess was with the British from the start. In center and on right of attack here they worked steadily down behind the Hindenburg front and the support lines, outflanking Flesquieres ridge and not attacking it frontally, as in November

eastward in the direction of Graincourt village down a sunken road, while other were engaged in mopping up pockets of Germans and machine-gun nests

though they were tall fellows, they arrived at the advanced

cage they came down the roads with

bloody heads, broken arms and holes

enemy beyond Flesquieres were seen to be assembled with their faces turned direction, while the British were bearing down from the north.

That is all I can tell today, because but I may sum it all up by saying the once again the British have broken through the enemy's strong positions. The Hindenburg line is being worn to a frazzle and they have by immense valor inflicted another heavy defeat upon the best German troops.

BERLIN TO BOOST LOAN

New Jersey Town Patriotic Despit Unpopular Name

Unpopular Name

Berlin, N. J., will have a big Liberty
Loan parade tonight. All nearby towns
have been invited to participate, and
Atco. Gibbstown, Lindenwold, Clementon. Stratford, Atco and other places
will have delegations in line. The fire
departments of Berlin and West Berlin
will parade, along with the lodge of
Odd Fellows, Brotherhood of America.
Red Men, Sunday schools, churches and
other organizations of the town.

Following the parade there will be a
meeting in Grange Hall, and the farmers
and others say that they will subscribe
liberally for Liberty Bonds.

Bethlehem Booters Elect Campbell Bethlehem, Pa., Sept. 28.— James amphell has been elected captain of he national and American acceer cham-pions, the Bethlehem Steel eleven.

BULGAR PEACE MOVE WON'T HALT FIGHTING

sure enough was a cotumn of men go-Allies May Have Foe in Much Worse Situation Before Possession of Town Will Concerted Answer to Proposal Is

Ready

nany sunken roads and along many field

ermistice of forty-eight hours with a riew of making peace.

ing forward, as if at a given signal .cavy guns were being dragged forward Whatever answer the Allies return by exterpillar tractors, and lighter guns, the request it is most unlikely, the harnessed to teams of horses and mules were coming quickly over the rough Evening Public Ledger learns, that the proposal will have an immediate effect on the military situation in Macedonia. Even the kite balloons were going There is no military reason whatever why the Allied forces should be stayed in their triumphant progress, and the Allied Governments need a day or two forward in a spirit of victory, I saw one of them tethered to a motor lorry riding through the sky most gallantly to get a nearer view of the enemy's deat the very least to weigh the situation and decide on concerted action. Meanwhile. Allied cavalry are rid-

feat. A few minutes later there was an air fimt overhead. the British airmen were on the wing, and the drone of their engines was loud in the drone of their engines was loud in the sky, even above the tumult of For once the Allies may congratulate

the guns. They were flying low over the guns and transport and demoralizing inantry by their flerce swoops with maout the consent or support of his col-leagues. The Daily Chronicle's well in-One German airman was bold enough to come on the British side. I think formed diplomatic correspondent says: he had designs on that traveling balloon. But suddenly one of the British scouts passed above him and then swooped like genuine appeal. It bears every appearahawk and machine-scunned him. The ance of being benafide and comes German airplane burst into flames. It though a recognized and responsible became a long tongue of scarle flame channel, which for the moment need not

caught like a feather by the breeze, and be indicated, below it dropped a dark body which "The sugg "The suggestion that it is personal initiative of Malinoff is gratituous and haracteristically German

A Ministerial Coup

the German airmen. I met two of the young British pilots standing in a field The everture has been made to the Allied powers as a whole and not to a single government. It is an obvious effort to stop fighting to discuss peace and watching German prisoners coming back. Behind them was a crashed materms. On the other hand it is highly probable that in proposing an immediate truce. Mailnoff executed a ministeri "How are things going?" I asked, by ate truce, Mailnoff executed a ministeri-way of greetings, and the younger of al coup as regards his sovereign Ferdithe two grinned, and said:
"Pretty quick, but I was too busy to The two grinned, and said:

"Pretty quick, but I was too busy to warch much of the battle. I had to deal with my own Hun after bombing their depots at night. My man has gone himself at the earliest moment.

"But the evidence concords that the

garia for some time has been growing more and more resentful with Germany.

She has been angry at the German she is a been angry and be did not see how the Allies could be a been and the did not see how the Allies out of the the center group.

The three groups can only the the center group by the separated from the center group been angry and the did not see how the Allies out of the the center group by the separated from the center group been

garia dropping out of the war is endless. The Chronicle emphasizes the im-portance of the setting free of the Allied

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Lenden, Sept. 28.
Bulgaria has asked the Allies for an from the defeats in Palestine, but migh from the defeats in Palestine, but might also afford the Allies the chance they so greatly need to exert influence again in the Black Sea. This might put an entirely new aspect on the Russian situation, and change radically as well that

Lord Cecil Confirms Request "The Bulgarian request for an armi

tice has been made to us officially" said Lord Robert Cecil, British assistant for eign secretary, to the Evening Public Ledger representative. He appeared in the best of spirits and laid stress on the fact that this was a bona fide advance from one of the enemy countries. "This is not a rumor," he said.

is not like one of those reports of which we have heard so much in the past about something some representative of one else in a neutral country." Lord Robert was not prepared to dis-

he made it plain, now that a request ceived, the Allies had the right to specify the conditions they would impose before granting it. It was possible, he pointed out, either to accept or to refuse an armistice, and also to accept it with Lord Robert was then asked whether

had not been fighting at Saloniki, and that the United States was not even at war with Bulgaria, Washington would

on how the request for an armistice was considered. If it were held to be a mere military matter, I suppose the commander-in-chief in the field would deal with it as he would with any other purely military question; but if it be considered as a political matter, then I have not the least doubt that Washington will be consulted."

Lord Robert also discussed the possi-

Bulgars are sick of the war, and desire to end it. It was the evident obedience to a mandate of the people that the Government addressed its appeal to the Enten."

In this connection a diplomatic authority pointed out last night that Bulgaria for some time has been growing aria for some time has been growing aria for some time has been growing aria for some time has been growing and the council of something like the same lines as the permanent military mountain, one of the the main heights of the Babuna range, and their cavalry mountain, one of the the main heights of the Babuna range, and their cavalry practicability. There were, he pointed out, already permanent political committees in each Allied council in something like the Babuna range, and their cavalry practicability. There were, he pointed out, already permanent political committees in each Allied council on something like the Serbians have captured repairs.

portance of the setting free of the Allied said, he could not see how a "Saloniki armies for service elsewhere, and the perhaps still more important reactual practice. FIVE U-BOATS A MONTH ASQUITH IS FIRM

Admiralty Expert Also Says Sacrifices Must Not Be Fleet Is Helpless Because

LOST, GERMANS ADMIT

of Allied Navies By GEORGE RENWICK

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co. Amsterdam, Sept. 28. man admiralty, admitted at the GerThe German Chancellor, said Mr. AsThe race for Uskub is, therefore of thrilling interest and is pregnan great possibilities.

We need have no fear of America, for we have disposed of the Russian steam-

Speaking of the work of the German high seas fleet the captain declared that

strength of the foe.

"These raids are especially difficult."
he went on, "on account of the fleet having few eyes, that is to say, large
crulsers. If we had spent a couple
milliards in building a great battle fleet
the U-boat war would, perhaps, have
been unnecessary and we should have strength of the foe. been able to beat the English navy We have an enemy against us who three times stronger than we are, as therefore, we have to be careful, for if

The speaker made further admissions by declaring that it was thought that the sinking of 600,000 tons of shipping the sinking of 600,000 tons of shipping—monthly up to August of last year, "would bring England to reason, but the determination of the English deceived us. How has it been possible, it is often asked, to bring 1,000,000 American soldiers to Europe? The reply is that the enemy uses our fastest ships for transport purposes, and these are very difficult to torpedo."

The Cologne Gazette's naval expert, in the course of an article on the de-

crease in the amount of tonnage sunk during August, blames the weather, but he holds firmly to the belief that Ger-many's triumph or defeat rests with

ITALIAN GUNS ACTIVE

Heavy Shelling on Many Sections. Patrols Take Prisoners By the Associated Press Rome, Sept. 28.—The official state issued by the Italian war office

"There was considerable artillery ac livity in the Lagarina valley on the Pasubio and in the Posina, and the Astice valley and on some sectors of the Piave line. Northeast of Laghi, patrols put enemy parties to fight in disorder and took prisoners. Other prisoners were taken in the Ornie valley."

Liberty Loan Gelf Tournament
Members of the Philadelphia Cricket
Club will start the Liberty Loan drive
today with a novel tournament. Each
entrant will subscribe for a Liberty
Bond in any denomination he may see
fit. All subscriptions will be credited
to the Chestnut Hill district, and aiready a number of big subscriptions
have been promised. This is believed
to be the first Liberty Bond tournament,
and it should lead to other clubs holding
events of a similar kind. Prizes in the
shape of war savings stamps have been
donated as prizes for best gross and net
scores and, therefore, there will be no
entrance fee beyond the obligation to
buy a bond.

Wasted, He Urges

London, Sept. 28 .- Speaking at a con-ference of the National Liberal Feder-ation at Manchester Herbert H. As-Allies and can fight well on a ration quith, former British Prime Minister, which would mean starvation to nonthly and about 125 officers and during the last two months had been

man navy league meeting at Dortmund.

The captain went on to say that it did not matter if the amount of tonnage fensive in France and Flanders had comsunk declined, because "Admiral Scheer, like Von Hindenburg, will find ways and means to clutch hold of the enemy." Premier continued, had been marked as the enemy occupied tiers of tranches and significant. There had been no in hills which completely dominated the campaign of the war more skillfully con- Allied lines. The Bulgars must, thereroller, and we can also finish off the that by which General Allenby had cap.

the Holy Land. have made a determing Mr. Asquith deciared he never had to have lost heavily. doubted the continued pressure of the Allied forces, naval, military and economic, would prove in the long run irresistible

"But the more confident we are in our faith in ultimate victory," the speaker continued, "the more we should be on guard that our unexampled sacrifices are not wasted, frittered away, without securing a clean peace and setting up a curing a clean peace and setting up a new international policy which will chain up forever the furies of war."

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The relational policy which will be the preventing him from moving the forever the furies of war." By a "clean peace," Mr. Asquith said, away his reserves to oppose the he meant a peace which would attain for the world the object for which the Allies have been fighting. The Allies recently

Haig Ready to Take Enemy Base

defenses are composed of a system of

The latest British official statement reads:

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"The village Graincourt has been captured and the advance continued to Cantaing to Fohtaine Norte Dame. In the left center the Canadian corpa under General Currie, attacking with the first, third and fourth divisions, forced a passage of the Canal du Nord and captured the villages of Sannez-lez-Marquion and Bourlon with the wooded heights of Bourlon hill."

Bourion hill."

"Substantial progress has been made toward Railiencourt and Haynescourt.

"Our deep advance astride the ArrasCambrai road was greatly assisted by the close co-operation of the Twentysecond Corps, under General Godley, south and north of the Sensee and Scarpe Rivers.

"The Fifty-sixth London Division of this corps crossed the Canal Du Nord, and, attacking northward, has captured Sauchy, Lestree and Sauchy-Caucy, "North of the Scarpe on the extreme

"North of the Scarpe on the extreme left English and Scottish troops completed the capture of Arleux-en-Gohelle and the German trench system in the vicinity of that village. "Perfect co-operation between the commanders of neighboring units and formations; between infantry, artillery, tanks and aircraft together with the gallantry and resource of all the ranks have again enabled us achieve complete success at relatively small cost. Several thousand prisoners and many guns have been captured."

SERB AND BULGAR RACE FOR USKUB

Determine Fate of Ferdinand's Right Armies

DRIVE CENTER GROUP IN

British Have Had Important Part in Macedonian Offensive, Late Dispatches Show

By MAJOR GENERAL SIR FREDERICK B. MAURICE

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The results of the victory won by the Serbians are growing daily, indeed almost hourly, in importance.

The Bulgarian army before the battle was disposed in three groups. The left group, extending from the sea to Lake Doiran, had its main line of communications up the Struma valley toward Sofia. The center group from Lake Dol-ran to the Cerna was supplied mainly by the Vardar valley railway, and its communications ran through Veles to communications ran through Veles to Uskub. The right group, which extended from the Cerna past Monastir to Lake Okhrida, was based on Kirchevo, which lies forty miles northwest of Monastir and is connected by rail through Tetovo

and Uskub. Lord Robert was then asked whether the Serbian attack has completely view of the fact that American troops driven in and defeated the center group and the two outer groups have had in consequence to fall back. Lateral com munication between the left and cenbe consulted by the Allies before their answer was returned. He replied:
"Well, of course, that would depend Ishtib. The Serbians have been for some time in contral af the Vardar val-ley as far as Gradsko, and now they have occupied both Veles and Ishtib, so that the left Bulgarian group is for the present separated from the cen-

The center group could keep up com munication with the right group by way of Prilep and the Babuna pass, but now bility of setting up a permanent politi- the French have occupied Prilep and cal Allied council on something like the the Serbians have captured Popadiya separated from the center group by the

The three groups can only reunite if the center group, which has been retiring in such disorder before the Ser-

authority to commit his Government. But premiers are required at home and so they could not attend a permanent council. Consequently, Lord Robert said, he could not see how a "political Versailles" could be worked out in actual practice.

ASQUITH IS FIRM

FOR "CLEAN PEACE"

Sacrifices Must Not Be

doing everything that is possible to rush up troops to cover Uskub, which is con-nected by railway with both Nish and Equally we must bear in mind that the Serbians have pushed ahead so rapidly that they are now a long way from their railways, and though they

The race for Uskub is, therefore one

tured the better part of two Ottoman armies and cleared out the Turk from the Holy Land.

The fighting appears to have been very severe, for the Bulgars are said to have made a determined resistance and

British Deserve Credit

The British attack against the enemy's main positions east of the lake

It is a pity that we were had received peace overtures from the Austrian Foreign Minister, Baron Buriam. Whatever the motive, the speaker added, Burian's suggestion did not commend itself to him as a practical proposition. stration, or had undertaken a serious attack, and we were quite unable to appreciate the part which the British had played. They are now rewarded for their important but somewhat thankless work by having the enemy's goost formidable positions in their hands and they are advancing against the right of the Bulgarian left group, which is reachable.

aschemza range. This range the British have already turned at Kosturino gap. At its western end they have crossed the frontier and

entered Bulgaria. The most striking factor in the situa-ion is the apparent breakdown of the norale of the Bulgarian army. What tion is the apparent breakdown o morale of the Bulgarian army, is surprising is that one fighting of the Serbian army, which has been fighting just as long, but more continu-ously and under far more trying condi-tions, should have been so splendidly maintained.

The Bulgars have been fighting most continuously for six years, it is not surprising that they shoul

In Palestine the situation ing as we expected. We have occupied the quadrilateral of Haifa, Nasareth, Thiberias and Acre, and are, therefore, in position to control the country west of Lake Tiberias.

East of the Jordan we now hold Am East of the Jordan we now hold Amman station, so that the fate of the Turkish forces south of that place along the Hediaz railway should be sealed. It remains to be seen how much of that part of the fourth Turkish army which was north of Amman will make good its escape.

It is truly remarkable that General Allenby should have gained his great victory and captured 45,000 prisoner at a cost of fewel than 450 casualty.