

BITTER FIGHTING AFTER FIRST RUSH OF ARGONNE DRIVE

Guns Eight Meters Apart Blasted foe's Line at Outset

508 ALLIED PLANES HELP

Enemy Apparently Scented Direction of Impending Attack Only on Day Before

From the time of the cutting off of the St. Mihiel salient, the Germans had foreseen, with much uneasiness, that another attack was certain soon to follow somewhere in the same region, directed against the Briey iron fields and the great railroad communication line between Metz and Mezières.

But the enemy did not entirely neglect the position of the front from the Meuse to the Argonne, and between September 22 and 25 the CXXVth Division and the 1st Guard Division were introduced into the line between the CXXVth Division and the 1,111th Reserve Division, strengthening particularly the defenses in front of Montfaucon and to the west of it.

One Gun for Every Eight Meters

But the six-hour preliminary American bombardment greatly damaged these positions as well as the front lines. It was the most terrific bombardment ever delivered upon a front of similar extent, for the American and French artillery averaged more than one gun for every eight meters along the line; as compared, for example, with an average of one gun for every 25 meters, which was about the density of the German artillery concentration in the bombardment of the Champagne, on July 15.

SILVER LEAVES AT SCHOOL LOSE FAME

Ranking Student Busted to Primary French Class

The sergeant was very low in his mind when, on attending the first session of the class in advanced French at the Alliance Française (an outpost of the Sorbonne in America) he discovered that most of his classmates were commissioned officers.

BREST FINDS NEW WAY TO KILL COOT

Delousing Plant Burns Up While Bathers Flee Undressed

Clad only in the issue garments given them by nature on the day they were born, 150 soldiers made record time a few days ago in sprinting from a burning delousing plant to the nearest shelter.

MOTOR UNITS LOSE NAMES

Subsidiary units of the American Mission, Reserve Mallet, one of the oldest American Army commands in France, are to lose their present names.

"HOMMES 60" FOR A.E.F.

"Hommes 60" is the sign which American box cars in use in the A.E.F. might have painted on their sides.

Capture of Montfaucon

Grimly crawling on up the hill slopes, they reached the edge of the town. By 11 o'clock they were in it, and before noon it was completely captured and German machine guns were being taken back to the preparation fire of their accompanying Artillery.

COLONEL MISSES AIRPLANE RIDE

But Lots of People Still Watch That Bulletin Board

The colonel had always wanted to take a ride in an airplane. But as heaven had made him C.O. of an Infantry regiment, he was forced to bide his time until the other day when, entering the headquarters of the Second Corps Aeronautical School at Châtillon-sur-Seine, near Troyes, his eye brightened at sight of the following notice on the bulletin board:

"All officers who want to go up must register here."

Strolling on the bulletin board was a pickup note—a metal pencil. The colonel picked it up, started to inscribe his name, and suddenly thought better of it. He had received the shock of his life—a real shock, through the board and the pencil and the colonel's good right arm and the rest of the colonel's body.

SERVICE STRIPES SPORTEDBY P. W.'S

"Warum Nicht?" They Ask After Six Months' Work

Probably encouraged by the wave of righteous protest which arose in the A.E.F. in defense of the service chevron, a group of German prisoners who have been on catcative duty at Brest for over half a year recently burst forth in service stripes.

When the surprised Americans asked why, they were told that the Boche considered that after six months' service for the American Army they rated service stripes.

Meanwhile, what is variously considered as a compliment and otherwise to the spirit who chased the snakes out of Ireland occurred on his birthday this week at G.H.Q. He is a number of prisoners who have been manuevering the boulevardiers of Chaumont and who had worn through their skyjackets at this honorable toll were issued green caps.

The same day the Chaumont band, admitted as nearly perfect as bands can be by the people who hear it as well as the people who play in it, rendered Irish airs in honor of Jim's birthday.

26,000 MEN CARED FOR IN A.E.F.'S GARAGE

Motor Transport Corps Had Big Part in War, Has Big Job Now

When Uncle Sam breaks up housekeeping in Europe, there will be a nice little garage business to dispose of, a little business that operated or had supervision over 119,928 vehicles, employed 26,000 men, and during the year of 1918 consumed the modest amount of 48,000,000 gallons of gasoline, 4,000,000 gallons of oil, and 2,000,000 gallons of grease.

It took part of the cargo space of 480 vessels to bring over the vehicles alone for America's overseas garage.

It is not as yet certain what will happen to the business when its days of usefulness to the A.E.F. are over. A certain amount of it will, in all probability, be taken back to the States for the Regular Army, and the French, Belgian and other European Governments will perhaps take the rest.

Work of Trucks in Battle

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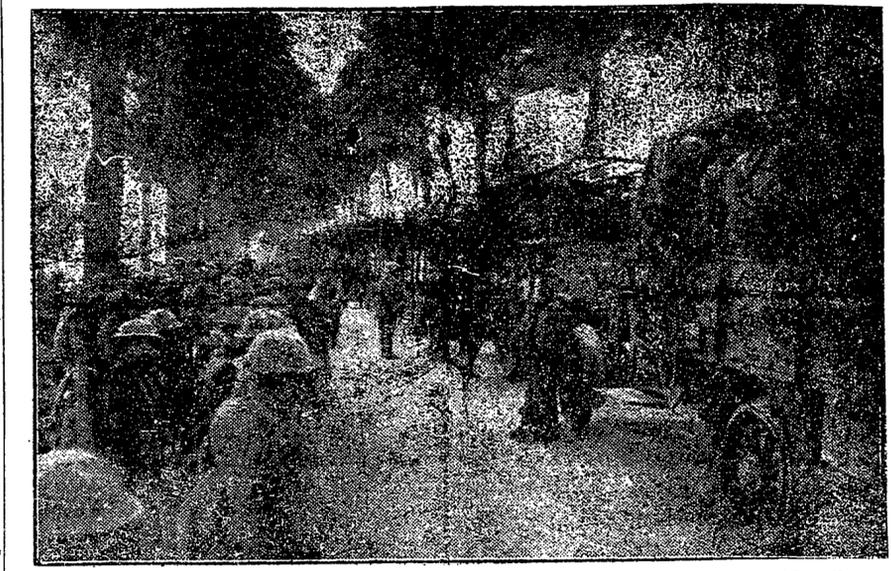
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TRUCKING IT FRONTWARDS—AS DONE IN 1918



Part of the work of the Motor Transport Corps—Getting the rest of the Army up where it could do its work

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PRESIDENT IS BACK; PEACE WELL IN SIGHT

U-Boat Manufacture Denied to Germans by Allied Council

The Supreme Allied War Council, with President Wilson once more at the table this week considered the Naval peace terms which are to ban from the high seas the pirate craft, with the pirate flag that watched the Lusitania go down with her women and children and whose commanders ruled the German Empire out of the league of sportmanship in war.

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AMERICAN LEGION, TO UNITE WAR'S VETERANS, ON WAY TO FORMATION

FOURTH OF A.E.F. HAS SAILED HOME; BOCHE SHIPS SOON

Four More Divisions Now on Ocean or Stepping Aboard

42ND TO GO VIA FRANCE

German Liners Will Carry Food to Beaten Enemy on Return Trips from States

One-fourth of the A.E.F. has gone home. Last Sunday's counting up showed that from the signing of the armistice up to that day more than 500,000 troops of the American Army had set sail from France.

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Paris Caucus Names Executive Committee to Plan for Convention

Temporary Constitution Is Adopted by Representative Gathering in Three Days' Session

America's sons in O.D., navy blue and forest green are now a part of an authentic veteran association. With the formation of the American Legion at a caucus of delegates from both the commissioned and enlisted personnel of the Army, held in Paris Saturday and Monday, there came into being the first official organization of those who have participated in the Great War.

Convention in States Also

Before the caucus finally adjourned it created an executive committee which will act for the A.E.F. until the first convention in the United States and which is representative of the various units of the American Legion in France.

Name Problem a Poser

The selection of a name was the last matter taken up by the caucus, and was acted upon just prior to adjournment Monday afternoon.

Family Reunion Held in Coblenz

Signal Corps Man Found by Mother War Kept in Germany

"Have you a room where my mother can stay tonight, please?" halcyon days at the training camps in the States flashed across the minds of the Y.W.C.A. Hostess House instructor as she surveyed the sturdy American soldier who had asked the question. And then the story came out.

Gobs to Man German Ships

Under the agreement reached Saturday, the German passenger boats is not expected to be landed with troops and start on their first voyages. When they reach the United States some of them will be partly refitted so as to increase their efficiency and carrying capacity, and they are now becoming available for the new purpose.

Equal Facilities Sought

The central joint committee will hold a meeting monthly, with a representative of G-1, G.H.Q., present, for considering questions of mutual concern and activities throughout the A.E.F. The joint committees in each division or S.O.S. command, as designated before, will also hold monthly meetings to discuss the concerns and activities in their respective territories.

Welfare Officers Will Act as Judges

Welfare officers will act as judges in determining the proper disposition of huts, restaurants and entertainment halls through their areas, and new installations will not be made by any society without consulting them. They will be expected to notify the societies of the locations of all units of troops in their territory and to see that adequate and fair facilities are provided for all the units.

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