

## MIGHTY BLOWS ARE STRUCK BY FRENCH AT CROWN PRINCE

SECOND LINE OF DEFENSE ON GERMAN CENTER IN CHAMPAGNE IS PIERCED BY JOFFRE.

### BERLIN ADMITS BRIGADE BREAKS THROUGH LINES

Reckless Disregard for Life Marks Battling to Determine Whether Germans Must Retire or Whether Allies' Offensive Will Fail.

London, Oct. 2.—The French have pierced the second line of defense on the German center in Champagne north of Massiges, official reports state. Joffre, striking sledge hammer blows with great forces of men, is making tremendous efforts to break through here on a wide front and roll back the crown prince's army in the Argonne and von Heeringens' forces stretching west through Laon. Important gains are claimed in the Paris communique and Berlin admits that Hill No. 191, a commanding crest, has been captured by the French.

Allies Fight Furiously for Lens. Further west French and British are fighting forward furiously in an effort to take Lens, heart of the French "black country." On both sides of Lens—between Loos and Hill No. 70 and in the Vimy region at Hill No. 140, they have held their gains, but claim no further advances. Berlin reports that the British have been forced back by counter attacks but admits that the French have succeeded in occupying new positions in the Souchez region.

Reckless Disregard of Life. The most bitter fighting of the day took place in Champagne, where both sides, with reckless disregard for life, are battling for the vital positions which will determine whether the Germans must retire from the French territory they have held for more than a year or whether the great offensive of the Allies will break down.

The losses on both sides are enormous, according to all news from the front. It is estimated that in the fighting at least 300,000 men have been lost by both sides. The casualties of the attacking forces naturally are the greater, it is believed.

British Ships Shell Coast. Along the Belgian coast the British fleet in co-operation with French land batteries has resumed its bombardment of the German positions and a great flanking move is about to be launched, it is reported by the British, with Ostend as the initial objective.

The most striking successes claimed by the French were won in Champagne where north of Mesnil and to the east between Hill No. 90, north of Messiges, and the Ville Sur Tourbe-Cernay road the French column pressed forward. The prisoners taken in these operations have not yet been counted.

Berlin admits that south of Marlepy a French brigade succeeded in breaking into the German second line, but states that effort to go beyond this point met with failure, 800 Frenchmen being captured.

### ALLIES GAIN FURTHER SUCCESS IN BIG DRIVE

French and British, battering the German lines before Lille, in Artois and in Champagne, have achieved further successes in their great offensive, it is officially reported.

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### FRENCH MAKE PROGRESS IN CHAMPAGNE DISTRICT

London, Sept. 30.—Field Marshal Sir John French reports that he has captured the second line of German defenses to the west of Loos and that he is now engaging the third line.

In Champagne and around Souchez the Allies also are continuing their desperate attacks and have made some progress, according to official dispatches.

The French afternoon report describes this progress as "step by step," and the night report as "foot by foot."

The Berlin official statement makes the flat assertion that the allied drive has been stopped.

### To Strike at Slavs' Right Wing.

London, Oct. 1.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Times says that, according to prevailing opinion in Russian military circles, von Hindenburg, regardless of the menace to Germany's western front, has brought up fresh forces at Osmiana and is preparing another blow at the Russian right wing to sweep southeastward in an effort to bar the route of retreat for the Muscovite Baronovich army. The general staff emphasizes the importance of the line drawn from Vilezka to Jvenets, the real objective.

## GULF STORM TAKES TOLL OF 40 LIVES, EXTENSIVE DAMAGE

TWENTY-FIVE DROWNED WHEN WIND DRIVES WATERS OF LAKE INTO STREETS OF FRENIER, LA.

### MANY TOWNS AND VILLAGES ALONG COAST ARE FLOODED

Four Steamers Washed Aground at Gulfport, Miss., While Sixty Persons Are Marooned in Box Cars—Sixteen Laborers Drowned at Manshac, La.

Mobile, Ala., Oct. 2.—The West Indian hurricane that spent its force against New Orleans took a toll of at least two score lives and did extensive property damage at smaller cities and resorts along the central gulf coast, according to advices which came in slowly over crippled lines of communication.

Most of the losses of life reported was in Frenier and Manshac, La. The railroad agent at the former town telegraphed that eight white persons and 17 negroes had been drowned and many injured when the wind drove the waters of Lake Ponchartrain into the street. At Manshac, 10 miles farther north, a railroad section foreman and 16 negro laborers were reported drowned. Two children lost their lives in Pascagoula, Miss., when a house was demolished and two men were electrocuted here by wires torn down by the storm. Several other deaths were reported in isolated sections.

Many Towns Flooded. Lowest districts of a number of other cities and villages along the coast are flooded. Three feet of water is reported at Sildell, La., near the east bank of Lake Ponchartrain and property damage there from the wind is said to be great.

At Gulfport, Miss., four steamers including the British steamer Birchwood of 1,800 tons, were washed over the wharves and are now fast aground. Fifty or sixty persons are reported marooned in box cars at Frenier and miles of track in that section were swept away. The New Orleans & Northwest railroad bridge over Lake Ponchartrain is under several feet of water. No trains are running south of Sildell and wire communication between that point and New Orleans, a distance of about 30 miles, is impossible.

Train Service Suspended. The storm resulted in the suspension of train service for 36 hours between Pensacola and Jacksonville, Fla., though the property damage in that section is not believed to be great.

Three blocks along the Mobile waterfront, was flooded by water backed up in the Mobile river by the wind and tide.

All the steamers believed to have been in the path of the storm off New Orleans bar have been accounted for. The Southern Pacific liner Proteus, for which fears were felt, is reported anchored safely in the lower Mississippi.

### MOTHER SAVES SON; IS KILLED

Springs in Front of Boy as She Sees Him and Sheriff Firing Madly at Each Other.

Westville, Okla., Oct. 1.—Mother love defied the law here. The penalty was death. Sheriff Jake Alberty was trailing a gang of bootleggers. He stopped at John Weaver's farm, three miles east of here, for information. Westley Weaver, a son, went to the door to answer the sheriff's summons. He recognized the officer. Fearing he was to be arrested, the boy leaped back into the house, seized a revolver and opened fire. Alberty fell, shot through the hip. Despite his wound, he drew his own revolver and returned the boy's fire. Two of the bullets wounded young Weaver slightly.

Mrs. Weaver rushed into the room. She saw her son and the sheriff firing madly at each other at pointblank range. She sprang in front of the boy just as the sheriff discharged his last cartridge. The bullet pierced her heart.

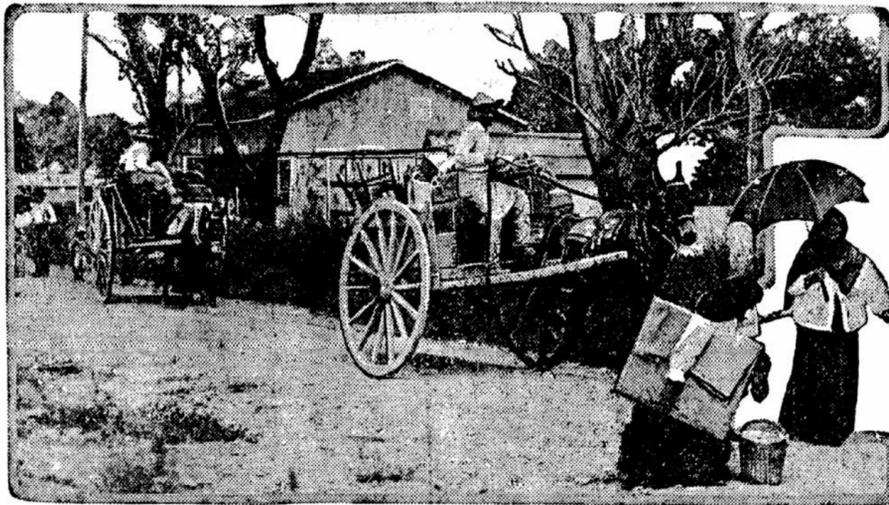
### Slavs Elect Jew to Council.

Petrograd, Oct. 1.—(via London.)—Representatives of commerce and industry have elected M. Weinstein a member of the council of the empire. He is the first Jew to sit in the council and his election is regarded as an endorsement of recent demands for equality of treatment of races and religions.

### Chicago Garment Workers Strike.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—A strike of 15,000 garment workers was planned as a result of the refusal of the employers to grant a higher wage scale and improve conditions. Union leaders say the strike will completely tie up the industry in Chicago. Police reserves were detailed to patrol the clothing manufacturers district, as W. M. Cahn, president of the Wholesale Tailors' association, said he believed that workers might attempt violence. He asked police protection for the plants affected.

## MEXICANS FLEEING TO THE UNITED STATES



The long and bloody warfare among the various factions in Mexico has caused many families who lived near the Texas border to abandon their homes and flee across the Rio Grande to the United States.

## EXPLOSION KILLS 44; INJURES 200

DAMAGE CAUSED BY BURNING OF GASOLINE TANK CAR, IS \$1,000,000.

### ARDMORE BUILDINGS RAZED

Most of Persons Killed in Oklahoma Town Were Crushed by Falling Walls—Dynamite Set Off by Shock.

Ardmore, Okla., Sept. 30.—Proceedings to fix the responsibility for the disaster in which a tank car explosion caused the death of 44 persons, injuries to 100 others, and property loss of more than \$500,000, were started by the municipal authorities who charge Atchison, Topoka and Santa Fe railroad officials with criminal negligence. This was announced by Russell Brown, city attorney of Ardmore.

The death list was put at 44 by police officials. Official statements had placed the number of victims at 55.

Ardmore, Okla., Sept. 29.—Between 35 and 50 persons were killed and it is estimated 200 others were injured here during the afternoon when a 250-barrel tank car of gasoline standing near the Santa Fe freight office in the business district, exploded. The terrific force of the explosion razed many buildings and threw burning gasoline in every direction. A few minutes later Ardmore was at the mercy of scores of fires. At 8 o'clock the fires were under control.

Two workmen were repairing the tank at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. One of them struck the tank with a hammer and it is believed a spark from the blow ignited escaping fumes. There was a terrific explosion, followed by many smaller ones. The workmen were killed. The shock shattered the Ardmore railroad station, used by the Santa Fe and Rock Island railroads, and the Rock Island freight station, and scores of other buildings quickly took fire from the flying liquid.

### REVIEW OF 1865 REPEATED

Thirty Thousand Veterans of Civil War March Before President at White House.

Washington, Oct. 1.—The Grand Army of the Republic has passed in review probably for the last time.

Thirty thousand veterans of the Civil war marched before President Wilson, saluted him as commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the United States, and passing onward, disbanded. It was said by those who beheld the procession that never again will any large number of veterans of the struggle of 1861 hold a grand review.

It was the big day of the G. A. R. reunion, which has been in progress here throughout this week. Early in the morning the crowds began to line Pennsylvania avenue from the capitol to the White House, and at ten o'clock the sidewalks were packed.

The parade was in particular commemoration of the grand review of 1865 when, to celebrate the conclusion of the War of the Rebellion, the most efficient army that ever had been assembled up to that time marched, thousands upon thousands strong, hour after hour, through the streets of the national capital.

### Garment Workers Decline Peace.

Chicago, Sept. 29.—A strike or virtually all workers in the men's clothing industry in Chicago was expected Tuesday. Between 20,000 and 25,000 men and women will obey the order not to return to their benches in the 400 shops, union leaders said. The call for a general strike was issued after the manufacturers had declined to make overtures to bring about peace. The only exceptions to the strike order were several independent firms and one which had an agreement with the union providing arbitration.

### CLAIMS CARRANZA MAN LED

RAIDER SWEARS OFFICER DIRECTED PROGRESO FIGHT.

Describes Capture and Mutilation of American Trooper Who Disappeared During Battle.

Vera Cruz, Oct. 1.—The city of Torreon has fallen to General Obregon, according to a brief telegram from General Obregon to General Carranza.

San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 1.—The Carranza commander at Las Pelados, Mexico, headed the attacking party of Mexicans who crossed the border last Friday night and in a fight with American soldiers captured Trooper Richard J. Johnson, whom they shot and then mutilated by taking his head and ears for souvenirs, it was reported to southern department headquarters by Captain Frank R. McCoy.

Guadalupe Cuellar, a Mexican who said he was one of the attacking party, gave the details of the fight to Captain McCoy in a sworn statement. Cuellar was arrested several days ago by civil authorities and is held in connection with the investigation of the Progreso fight, during which Johnson disappeared.

### AGREE TO \$500,000,000 LOAN

Anglo-French and American Bankers Form Definite Plan for Establishing Credit Here.

New York, Sept. 30.—The agreement between the Anglo-French financial commission and the American bankers with whom they have been conferring over the proposed credit loan to Great Britain and France has resulted in the formation of a definite plan, it was officially announced here, for the establishment of a \$500,000,000 loan issue on five year 5 per cent joint British and French bonds, payable jointly and severally by the two nations upon which the big loan will be a first lien. The bonds will be issued to the public at 98, thus yielding approximately 5 1/2 per cent to the investor and to the nation-wide syndicate of bankers which will subscribe to the loan at 96. Formation of the syndicate has been left to J. P. Morgan & Co., and "a large group of American bankers and financial houses."

### SAFE CONDUCT FOR DUMBA

Acting Secretary Polk to Forward Papers to Lenox, Mass., Shortly—Envoy Will Not Go on Leave

Washington, Sept. 29.—Unconditional recall of Austrian Ambassador C. T. Dumba was announced at the state department. A telegram was received from Dumba saying that he had been recalled and asking that a safe conduct be secured. He announced that he would leave Oct. 5 from New York.

### THREE U. S. SOLDIERS KILLED

Estimated 100 Haitians Have Lost Lives Since American Marines Landed Two Months Ago.

Washington, Sept. 29.—Three American soldiers killed and a score injured was the casualty list of United States peace efforts in Haiti. About 100 Haitians have been killed and twice as many wounded, it is estimated, since the United States landed marines and bluejackets two months ago.

### British Press Comments on Loan.

London, Oct. 1.—That England has become a borrower abroad and that the United States has entered the field of international lending are the outstanding facts widely commented on by the British press. The Times says: "The successful conclusion of the Anglo-French loan in America is in itself an event of such magnitude in our relations with America that any purely financial criticism on the precise terms of the loan must take secondary place. All the circumstances of the operation are unprecedented."

## GERMAN PUBLIC IS TOLD OF DANGERS

PEOPLE ARE TOLD NOT TO MINIMIZE IMPORTANCE OF ALLIES OFFENSIVE.

### FINAL DECISION IS IN DOUBT

Teuton Press Declares Present Operations in France Surpass All Previous Attacks in Bitterness and Severity.

Paris, Oct. 2.—Developments disclose positively that the present move in Flanders is the great Allied drive for which the world watched for a year. Germany has warned the public not to minimize the importance of the greatest offensive movement of the Anglo-French and admitted that the final decision is still in doubt.

### German Press on Fighting.

Amsterdam, via London, Oct. 1.—The fighting on the Western front occupies large space in the German press. The Lokal Anzeiger says:

"It cannot be denied that the new offensive of the enemy is of the greatest importance. The enemy obviously is making repeated efforts to gain at last a decisive success. How long he will be able to maintain his efforts is uncertain, but we must expect that heavy fighting will continue."

### Surpasses Previous Attacks.

The Vossische Zeitung says: "The severe fighting has reached the sixth day without slackening. This confirms the opinion already expressed that this time we have to do with extraordinary efforts. "In view of the bitterness and indefatigable severity of the daily repeated attacks we must come to the conclusion that this offensive surpasses all previous operations of the kind. It shows methodical and careful preparation, which can only be explained by a firm determination to force a decision."

### BRITISH CHASE 8,000 TURKS

Troops in Mesopotamia Capture 1,650 Ottomans and Occupy Town Near Bagdad.

London, Oct. 1.—J. Austen Chamberlain, secretary for India, gave out additional details of the British success in Mesopotamia, in which the previous report said the Ottoman forces were in full retreat toward Bagdad with the British in hot pursuit.

The statement says the British cavalry has entered Kut El Amara, 99 miles east of Bagdad on the Tigris river. The town was found to be deserted and the Turks had fled toward Bagdad by road and river. Along the river gunboats and steamers with an Indian brigade aboard started in pursuit. An aeroplane dropped bombs on one of the Turk steamers.

The total prisoners captured aggregated 1,650, says the statement, but more are coming in. The Turkish force, which is commanded by Nur-reddin Pasha, is estimated at some 8,000 regular troops, who are assisted by a considerable number of tribesmen.

### German Prisoners Escape.

Perpignan, France, Sept. 28.—Several German officers who were confined in the French fort at Villefranche de Conflent, escaped by means of ropes made of bedsheets.

### Admits Allies Success in East.

London, Sept. 30.—Discussing the situation in the East, Maj. Morant says, in the Berliner Tageblatt, according to a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam: "Our battle front in East Galicia and northeast Volhynia is restricted at present to the defensive. Here Gen. Ivanoff undoubtedly has been fortunate. He has understood how to render harmless our threatening flanking movements on the north and south of the battle front. The triangle of fortresses must be conquered later."

## TALKS EASILY BY 'WIRELESS' FROM COAST TO COAST

PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN TELEPHONE COMPANY CONVERSES BY RADIO ACROSS THE CONTINENT.

VOICE TRANSMITTED FOR DISTANCE OF 2,500 MILES.

Travels Over Metallic Line From New York to Arlington, Va., and Thence by Radio to Mare Island, Cal.—Wireless Telephone to Make Changes.

Washington, Oct. 1.—Long distance wireless telephone communication across the continent was accomplished for the first time when experiments extending over several months culminated in successful transmissions of the human voice by radio from the great naval point at Arlington, Va., across the continent to the station at Mare Island, Cal., 2,500 miles away. Will Make Great Changes.

The experiments were conducted under direction of Captain Bullard, chief of the navy's radio service, in co-operation with the American Telephone and Telegraph company and the Western Electric company. Secretary Daniels, announcing the result predicted that further development of wireless telephony would make great changes in long-distance communication, both for military and naval service in commercial usage.

Talks Easily Across Continent. Successful operation of a device for automatically transferring to the radio telephone conversations originating on metallic circuits also was accomplished in the test.

President Theodore N. Vail and other officials of the American Telephone and Telegraph company at New York, talked easily with the Mare Island station, the conversation traveling over an ordinary metallic line from New York to Arlington and thence by radio across the continent.

### WIRELESS LOCATES BULLET

Electrical Experiment at Omaha Hospital Proves Successful in Case of Man Shot in Head.

Omaha, Oct. 1.—The location of a bullet in the brain of a man by wireless electric waves at a local hospital is claimed to be a new development of the use of electricity in surgery. The instrument used was made by Dr. F. W. Millener, whose wireless discoveries have heretofore attracted attention.

E. H. Mrsney of Clarkson, Neb., was accidentally shot in the head two weeks ago. He was brought to Omaha for an operation, but the physicians thought him too weak to withstand probing in the usual manner for the bullet, which was imbedded in the brain.

It finally was decided to try the electrical experiment. It proved successful and the bullet was removed. The physicians say Mrsney will recover.

### TELLS DISEASE AT DISTANCE

New Apparatus Determines at Long Range the Nature of Certain Maladies.

San Francisco, Oct. 2.—Dr. Albert Abrams, well known physician and author announced he had devised an apparatus which already had determined at long range the nature of certain diseases.

Perfection of it and the principles involved in it, he said, would enable an operator to diagnose disease with the apparatus, even at long distances.

An experiment was conducted with Los Angeles. Dr. James T. Fisher, professor of nervous diseases in the University of Southern California, conducted the Los Angeles end.

### Indicted for Joliet Murder.

Joliet, Ill., Oct. 2.—"Chicken Joe" Campbell has been indicted, accused of the murder of Mrs. Odette Allen, wife of the former warden of the penitentiary here. Campbell is a negro who was sentenced for murder from Cook county and was a trusty at the prison and a servant in the family quarter of the Aliens. After a fire in the prison last June, the body of Mrs. Allen was found in her partly burned bed under circumstances that indicated that she had been murdered. The testimony of other prisoners pointed to Campbell and he was transferred, after being held by a coroner's jury, from the penitentiary to the Will county jail.

### Sister of Cartoonist Killed.

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 1.—Miss Clio Davenport, sister of the late cartoonist, Homer Davenport, is dead and her fiancé, Frank Travers, an official of the Panama Pacific steamship company is in a serious condition as the result of an automobile accident at a downtown corner. They were strolling near the hotel where Miss Davenport had been staying with her mother and sisters when they were struck by an unidentified automobilist, who reported the accident to a *Arzulist* and they disappeared.