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## GERMANS BEGIN EVACUATION OF CHEMIN DES DAMES REGION

### GREAT BATTLE BEING WAGED TODAY ON 30 MILE FRONT: AMERICANS AND BRITISH ARE GAINING EVERYWHERE

#### French Cross The Aisne At Several Point

#### AMERICANS LAUNCH BIG OFFENSIVE; SCARCELY ANY OPPOSITION FROM GERMAN INFANTRY

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Oct. 11.—The Germans today began the evacuation of the famous Chemin Des Dames and the region north of the Aisne and south of Loan.

#### French Cross Aisne

(By Associated Press.)  
Paris, Thursday, Oct. 10.—(Delayed)—The French today crossed the Aisne east of Eully and southeast of Laon and drove the enemy northwest. The French gained ground north of Barry and Aux and have taken prisoners, it was officially announced tonight. In the Champagne sector the Germans have begun a retreat towards the Aisne. The French have crossed the Aisne at Termes, which they hold and have occupied the station at Grandpre, where numerous prisoners have been taken.

#### Americans Take Towns

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Oct. 11.—Americans operating with the British on the front southeast of Cambrai completed last night the capture of Vauxandigny and Stouplet, it is officially announced. The River Selleben has been crossed by the British north of Lecatou, who are fighting on the eastern section of that town immediately east of Cambrai. The British have reached the outskirts of St. Veast and St. Aubert.

#### Great Battle Being Waged

(By Associated Press.)  
With the Anglo-American Forces Southeast of Cambrai, Oct. 11.—A great battle is now being fought in this region on a front of nearly thirty miles today which is being extended to the north. The British are gaining everywhere. There is virtually no enemy infantry opposition.

#### French Advance

(By Associated Press.)  
Paris, Oct. 11.—The French last night advanced in the region north of the Aisne and captured Chivy and Moulins, and pushed on beyond. It is officially announced. Italian troops reached a point south of Courtecon on the Chemin Des Dames. In champagne

the French crossed the Zulpe and gained a footing between Stettienne Boul Sur Sulpe, as well as at Wermerville, Vandetre and St. Masmes. On the front west of the Argonne the French captured Semide Mont, St. Martin and also stormed the Cordon by Iris.

#### Artillery in Action

(By Associated Press.)  
With Americans Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 11.—(Noon)—Heavy artillery firing in the region west of Neune began early today. The Americans started action before daybreak and the Germans responded. Fires reported behind the lines are believed to have been started by American shells.

#### Archbishop Carried Off

(By Associated Press.)  
British Front, France, Oct. 11.—Monsignor Chollet, archbishop of Cambrai, was carried away by the Germans when they evacuated the city.

### 400 LOST WHEN MAIL STEAMER WENT DOWN

(By Associated Press.)  
Belfast, Thursday, Oct. 10.—(Delayed)—Four hundred lives were lost when the mail steamer Lainsier was torpedoed in the Irish Sea this morning; 300 survivors have been landed at Kingstown. The steamer sank in fifteen minutes after being struck. The boat carried 650 passengers, including many women and children and a crew of seventy.

#### GASELESS SUNDAYS HAVE CAUSED HORSE TO 'COME BACK' IN NEW YORK

New York, Oct. 11.—There is no need to "watch your step" on Broadway these gasless Sunday nights. Without the steady flow of motor vehicles that formerly kept the traffic squad as busy on the "day of rest" as any other, the asphalt seems all but deserted.

"ansom, sir!"  
The once-familiar salutation, all but forgotten during a generation of automobile supremacy, smites the ear. The cabby has come into his own again. Horses that had been demoted to common equine labor have been recalled to their former places between the curved shafts. Vehicles of the eighties and nineties—two-wheeled and four-wheeled—have been resurrected from the dust and cobwebs of livery stables which, once a week, have taken on some of their ancient activity.

Hansom, coupes, barouches, and even a few victories, shabby genteel in faded and time worn upholstery, rattle over the pavements and line the curbs, to the delight of the old Knickerbockers and to the amusement of the younger throngs who have never known the metropolis except in its present regime of horseless locomotion.

Between Thirty-third and Fifty-ninth streets tonight traffic policemen stood listlessly at their posts. Whistles that usually signal "Go" and "Stop" were stilled. Cabbies cut corners, and no imperious hand bade them halt. Pedestrians dodged diagonally across the street, and the blue-coats did not interfere. Traffic without the automobile, was not traffic in their eyes.

### OVER 3,000 PRISONERS TAKEN BY SERBIANS

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Oct. 11.—The Serbians, after capturing Leskovats, have again advanced and on Oct. 8 they had reached a line ten miles north of the town. It is officially announced that more than three thousand prisoners and five guns were captured.

#### SOLDIER'S WOUND LEFT SCAR IN FORM OF A CROSS

(By Associated Press.)  
Paris, Oct. 11.—Private Jean Fournan of New York City hereafter will carry a cross on his back as a souvenir of the great war. The wound that has marked him is so unusual that he is known at American Military Hospital No. 1, where he is now convalescing, as the "Red Cross Man," and doctors, nurses and patients have watched his case with unusual interest.

Fournan is a member of one of the American regiments recently engaged in the fighting around Fismes. He has been in France since last October, and went through heavy fighting on several fronts without a scratch. One morning a short time ago, just

### SEVERE EARTHQUAKE RECORDED AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Oct. 11.—A very severe earthquake was recorded at 10:30 this morning by the Georgetown University seismographs which looked like it might have centered west of Washington but there was no indication as to where it was located.

as his company went over the top, headed for a Boche machine gun nest, a shrapnel shell knocked him out. He had a momentary stinging sensation and then awoke to find himself on an American sanitary train from which he was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

When he was carried to the operating room, the surgeon looked him over and then called the other doctors to come and look. The boy had been hit by two pieces of shrapnel, one of which had gone down his back so close to his spine that only a miracle saved him from paralysis. The other had crossed at right angles, leaving the mark of a perfect cross on his back.

Fournan has those pieces of shrapnel in his Red Cross treasure bag. He says they're "lucky pieces" because they "only left a scar."

### Over 1,900,000 Americans Troops Now In France

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Oct. 11.—Americans sent overseas have passed the 1,900,000 mark, which was announced today, coupling the statement with the urgent appeal to the country to support the Fourth Liberty Loan.

Locating the various divisions, Gen. March said that the Twenty-ninth Division is on line with the Vosges, and the Eighty-second is east of Argonne.

#### MANY SITES FOR NEW ASYLUM ARE BEING PROFFERED

#### Committee Meets to Receive Proposals and Other Meetings Will Be Held Soon

Jacksonville, Oct. 11.—Receiving proposals from Florida cities and counties for the location of the proposed new state hospital for the insane, J. W. Watson of Miami, chairman of this committee named officially some time ago, and George Wilder of Plant City, a member of the body, were here yesterday in session. Dr. W. M. Bevis of Chattahoochee, the third member, being absent. Proposals were received from a number of cities and several other sessions of the committee were announced by Mr. Watson yesterday afternoon, giving other Florida localities an opportunity to submit offers of sites for this institution.

Offers of sites were received from Gainesville, Arcadia, Tampa, Pensacola, Daytona, Plant City, Micco and Putnam county. These offers were accepted as information for the time being and a decision will be made at a later date, when the committee as a whole has an opportunity of inspecting the various sites proffered. Several inspection trips will be made, according to Mr. Watson.

#### Means Big Investment

While no figures have been set for the proposed expenditure on the new asylum, the buildings and plant probably will cost in excess of \$200,000, the committee stated. Architects were some time ago invited to submit plans and Mr. Watson will gladly furnish any information desired concerning specifications. To the city or town which secures this institution, it is stated, will come

### ST. CLAIR MOTT, OF JACKSONVILLE, KILLED WHILE PERFORMING RED CROSS WORK

(By Associated Press.)  
Paris, Oct. 11.—St. Clair Mott, of Jacksonville, Fla., of the American Red Cross, was killed while following the American troops with equipment and supplies.

### NO MODIFICATION YET OF GASLESS SUNDAY ORDER

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Oct. 11.—The gasless Sunday order will not be modified to permit of the use of cars next Sunday. It had been announced that a change would be put into effect today, but this will not be in time for next Sunday.

### TODAY'S CASUALTY LIST

The following Floridian appears in today's casualty list:  
Died of disease, Private Herbert Franzen, Miami.  
The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American Expeditionary Forces:  
Killed in action ..... 31  
Missing in action ..... 93  
Wounded severely ..... 170  
Died from wounds ..... 62  
Died from accident and other causes ..... 4  
Died of disease ..... 29  
Wounded slightly ..... 2  
Prisoners ..... 6  
Total ..... 397

#### List No. 2

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American Expeditionary Forces:  
Killed in action ..... 21  
Missing in action ..... 98  
Wounded severely ..... 200  
Died from wounds ..... 62  
Died from accident and other causes ..... 6  
Died of disease ..... 29  
Died from aeroplane accident ..... 3  
Prisoners ..... 6  
Total ..... 425

#### SCHOOLS ARE NOT TO BE CLOSED AT ST. PETERSBURG

St. Petersburg, Oct. 11.—Schools of St. Petersburg will not be closed, theaters will be allowed to run as usual and St. Petersburg will continue the even tenor of its ways, not in the least fearing an outbreak here of Spanish influenza. A few mild cases have been reported, but there is no present fear of an outbreak here such as has been noted in many northern cities.

Mayor Lang said this morning that he had been appealed to by some persons, who were greatly excited and alarmed over the spread of the influenza in cities in the South, to close the schools and theatres and churches here until the danger is over. But after thinking it over, the mayor concluded that the fears were groundless and such a drastic step as was proposed is not now necessary.

"Some persons here have gone crazy and think that the whole country is about to be wiped out by the influenza and they have been after me hot foot to close up everything here," said Mayor Lang this morning. "I have investigated and while I find that there are a few cases here, the disease is not epidemic and there appears to be little or no danger of it being epidemic, so I have decided not to order the schools and public gatherings suspended."

### KAISER CALLS CONFERENCE TO CONSIDER PRESIDENT'S ANSWER

#### ACTION IS UNIQUE IN THE HISTORY OF GERMANY

(By Associated Press.)  
Amsterdam, Oct. 11.—Emperor William has summoned the sovereigns from all German federal states to Berlin for a conference before answering President Wilson's note, according to the Cologne Dispatch. Such a conference is unique in the history of Germany.

#### GAINESVILLE APPRECIATES AID SENT BY LAKELAND

Chairman H. C. Stevens of the Lakeland Red Cross Chapter has received the following self-explanatory letter from Chairman D. B. Hiers of the Alachua Red Cross Chapter: Gainesville, Fla. Oct. 10, 1918.

My Dear Sir:—In behalf of the officers and membership of Alachua County Chapter Red Cross, I desire to convey to you an expression of our appreciation for your prompt and very material assistance given in response to our appeal to you for help last week.

The condition of the Soldier Student body at the University had become serious, with no nurses available through the ordinary army channels. As soon as this became known, and, notwithstanding influenza had already become epidemic among our own residential population, our women who were able to leave their homes volunteered their services. We wired you and other Chapter chairmen throughout the State for nurses. You responded to such good effect that we are now able to say to you the conditions are as satisfactory as could be expected. Out of about three hundred cases of influenza among the soldiers, I think twelve cases of pneumonia developed, and we regret to announce that of these, three have died. There are five more desperately ill, but they are holding their own, and we are very hopeful for their recovery. Others are being discharged daily, leaving less than a hundred in all now in hospital, all doing well.

Conditions are still serious among the civilian population, with our doctors and pharmacists overworked, but the epidemic is on the wane, and we have it now pretty well in hand.

I would like to say in simple justice to all that I really believe our civilian death rate has been greater than among the Soldier Students. I have taken the liberty of giving you a brief statement of the conditions, covering the period of time since the Red Cross took charge of the nursing and supplying suitable food for the University Soldier sick, assuming that you would be interested in this.

And now I want to say again, we are sincerely grateful to you for your aid so promptly given. If you ever want anything we've got, or that we can get, ask, and it's yours.

Sincerely,  
B. D. HIERS,  
Chairman Alachua County Chapter,  
A. R. C.

An officer went to a room where there were a lot of recruits, and asked, "Anyone here who understands a Ford?" They all answered in chorus: "I do." Whereupon the officer said: "Well, go down to the cook house and help turn the crank of the ice cream freezer."