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## LA FERRE, GERMAN SUPPLY BASE, IS NOW A MASS OF FLAMES

### BRITISH AGGRESSION KEEP ENEMY BUSY

FIELD MARSHAL HAIG SAYS HIS FORCES ARE STRIKING STRAIGHT FOR ST. QUENTIN AND HAVE MADE MANY CROSSINGS OVER THE SOMME

### NOW ASTRIDE AIMS-ST. QUENTIN ROAD

(By United Press)  
London Sept 6.—Striking straight for St. Quentin the British forces crossed the Somme, south of Peronne, and have advanced nearly 4 miles in some places reports General Haig this afternoon, as follows.  
"We captured St. Christ, Lesmeul, Brie, ad Bruntil villages and took a number of prisoners.  
"Astride the Aimes St Quentin road we have reached Athies and Mons-en-Chauss. East of Peronne we took Doing, and made progress on the high ground between Peronne and Nurle.  
"Eastward of Neuve Chapelle we established ourselves in portions of the old German front line and we hold Buissy, northeast of Peronne, and are nearing Templeux la Fosse, Norlu and Equancourt, where sharp fighting took place yesterday and last night.  
"On the Lys front, west of La Basse, we gained ground and beat off counter attacks.  
"The old British line in the Fauquissart sector is again in our possession, and northeast of Armentieres we advanced our line, capturing several prisoners.

Washington Sept 6.—General Pershing reports that our troops are continuing their advance in co-operation with the French and have crossed the plateau north of Nesle, reaching the crest of the slopes leading to the valley of the Aisne.  
London Sept 6.—Neuve Chapelle in Flanders, north of La Basse is reported captured by the British which represents an advance of two miles.  
Buissy has also been taken which lies between Havrinecourt and the Scarpe river and the French and British have crossed Canal du Nord on the entire front.  
Between the Oise and the Ailette the French are approaching St. Gabain-Massif forest in which the first German long range gun was operated against Paris and afterwards located. They have also captured Outrecourt Massif between the Somme and the Oise.

London Sept. 6. La Fere, the German supply base twenty miles north of Soissons is reported in flames.  
South of Peronne the British forced a crossing of the Somme, General Haig reports today.  
London Sept 6— Since August 8 the Germans have employed on the eastern front fighting one hundred and three divisions, or one million two hundred and thirty six thousand men it was estimated today.

### N. C. DOCTORS PROVE PATRIOTIC

(By United Press)  
Reports being received from all sections of the State indicate that North Carolina doctors are demonstrating one hundred percent patriotism by their prompt and ready enrollment in the Volunteer Medical Service corps, organized for the purpose of adequately serving and protecting the needs of the armed branches of service and of the civilian population. While the application blanks for enrollment which were mailed directly to the individuals from Washington, were not received in the state until the first of this week, yet a number of counties have already reported the enrollment of every doctor within their borders, and every mail is bringing additional reports.

### NORTH CAROLINA LOSES 12 MEN

(By United Press)  
Washington Sept 6.—Of the total casualty of 744 men reported today in two lists by the war department, North Carolina contributed twelve names to the honor roll as follows:  
Private Roby Ferguson, of Moravian Falls, died of disease; Lieut Herold C. Perry, of Wilmington; Corporal Shell B. Williams, of Benaja, and Privates John K. Benton, of Evergreen, Carlos Garland of Ewart, Ira E. Kisor, of Gastonia and Robert A. Harrison, of Wilsonton, all were wounded severely. Those wounded to a degree undetermined were: Sergt Joel C. Brown, of Crestmont and Privates John M. Montague of Elm City, Clarence Burleson of Bakersville and Thomas Leete, of Wise. Private Arthur C. Galloway, of Crestmont is reported as missing in action.  
The total list shows that fifty were killed in action; 139 missing in action; 263 wounded severely; 25 died of wounds; 254 wounded to a degree undetermined; 10 died of disease and two from accident.

Skirts are to be three inches shorter" Main street everywhere will look as if it were staging a musical comedy chorus.

It looks as if the world would be made safe for democracy. But autoocracy had better be looking for a good safe cave to hide in.

### STRAUSS MAY BE WARBURG'S SUCCESSOR

(By United Press)  
Washington Sept 6.—President Wilson is filling a number of vacancies as the result of recent resignations.  
It is understood that he will select Albert Strauss, of New York, as successor to Warburg, for the head of the Federal Reserve board

### ENGLAND DOWNS LABOR CONGRESS

(By United Press)  
Derby England Sept 6.—By an overwhelming vote the labor congress has been defeated, which appears to point to the Wilson resolution as the cause.  
It is also possible to trace tendency toward an union of political parties in England.

### NEW REPORTS COLLECTOR NEEDS

Raleigh N. C. Sept 6.—Capital Stock Tax forms are being sent out from the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue at Raleigh this week to the 4,000 corporations, in the Eastern District. These forms must be prepared, sworn to and returned by September 30. Heretofore, only corporations, the capital stock of which was worth \$99,000 were required to make these reports. Now however by a ruling from Washington all corporations which were required to file income tax returns even though not taxable, are also now required to file capital stock tax returns, regardless of the value of their capital stock. The tax is at the rate of 50cents on the \$1,000, far value of capital stock above a specific exemption of \$99,000.

### CONGRESS DALLIES WITH TAX BILL

(By United Press)  
Washington Sept 6.—Notice was served today upon a group of congressional politicians, who are trying to delay the passage of the war tax bill until after election, that Senator Simmons would not allow the bill to drag along over election.

### U. S GOV. RENTS NEW BEVO PLANT

(By United Press)  
Finding that the new Bevo plant of the Anheuser-Busch Co, at St. Louis, is the very best and most efficient business building in America, the government has leased one third of the entire space and two of the thirteen railroad tracks that run into the building.  
The Government will get about 8 acres of floor space under the lease which runs for four years with the option of cancellation by sixty days notice. This space is to be used by the government for storage of war supplies.

### MR. L. B. SUITER IS HONORED

As one of the two hundred and ninety men out of six thousand agents of the New York Life to be invited to attend the \$200,000 club at Eastern Point next week is a signal honor of Mr. L. B. Suiter, and it is certainly a mark of due regard for excellent work performed by Mr. Suiter during a time when insurance business is hard to write.  
Mr. Suiter leaves here Monday for Eastern Point to attend this meeting which is given free of all expenses by the company in recognition of good work during the past year. He will probably be away all the week.

### AMERICANS STRIKING HARD AT THE AISNE

PERSHING AND HUMBERT'S FORCES LEAVE NO BREATHING SPELL FOR ENEMY TO GATHER HIMSELF TOGETHER FOR COUNTER ATTACK.

### MANY IMPORTANT POINTS GAINED TODAY

### U-BOAT SINKS AMERICAN SHIP

(By United Press)  
Washington Sept 6.—The sinking of the American steamer Lake Owen with the loss of five civilian crew is reported to the navy department.  
Shell fire from the enemy submarine is said to be responsible for the loss.  
The Lake Owen, it has been now been ascertained, was sunk by gun fire yesterday morning in foreign waters.  
Five of the crew are still reported as missing, but the other members have been landed.  
Six others were seriously wounded and six more slightly injured.  
The Lake Owen was a cargo ship of 2,380 gross tons.

### AMERICANS ARE LEAVING RUSSIA

Washington Sept 6.—Consul Hayes, at Helsingfors, reports to the state department that he met the special train of Americans and others enroute out of Russia; that all were well and expected to reach Stockholm tomorrow.  
There is only one good thing that can be said of the Kaiser. Whatever he may be, he is never a nonentity.

Paris Sept. 6- 10 A. M. Encircling from the northwest, southwest and south the important junction point, Ham, on the road to St. Quentin, has virtually been taken, according to battle front advice.

General Humbert's movement from the west against Chemin des Dames, north of the Aisne, is outflanking Genlis wood and are nearing the line of the Croizat canal.  
North of the Oise French advance detachments are reported near Chaunly.  
To the northeast, east of Terny, where the allied line recently stood a continuation of the advance eastward in this region will cut in above the German positions on the Aisne.  
Franco-American troops have reached the Aisne on a front of more than ten miles.  
Continuous advance has been made over the whole front, between the Somme and the Vesle is announced by the French war office today.

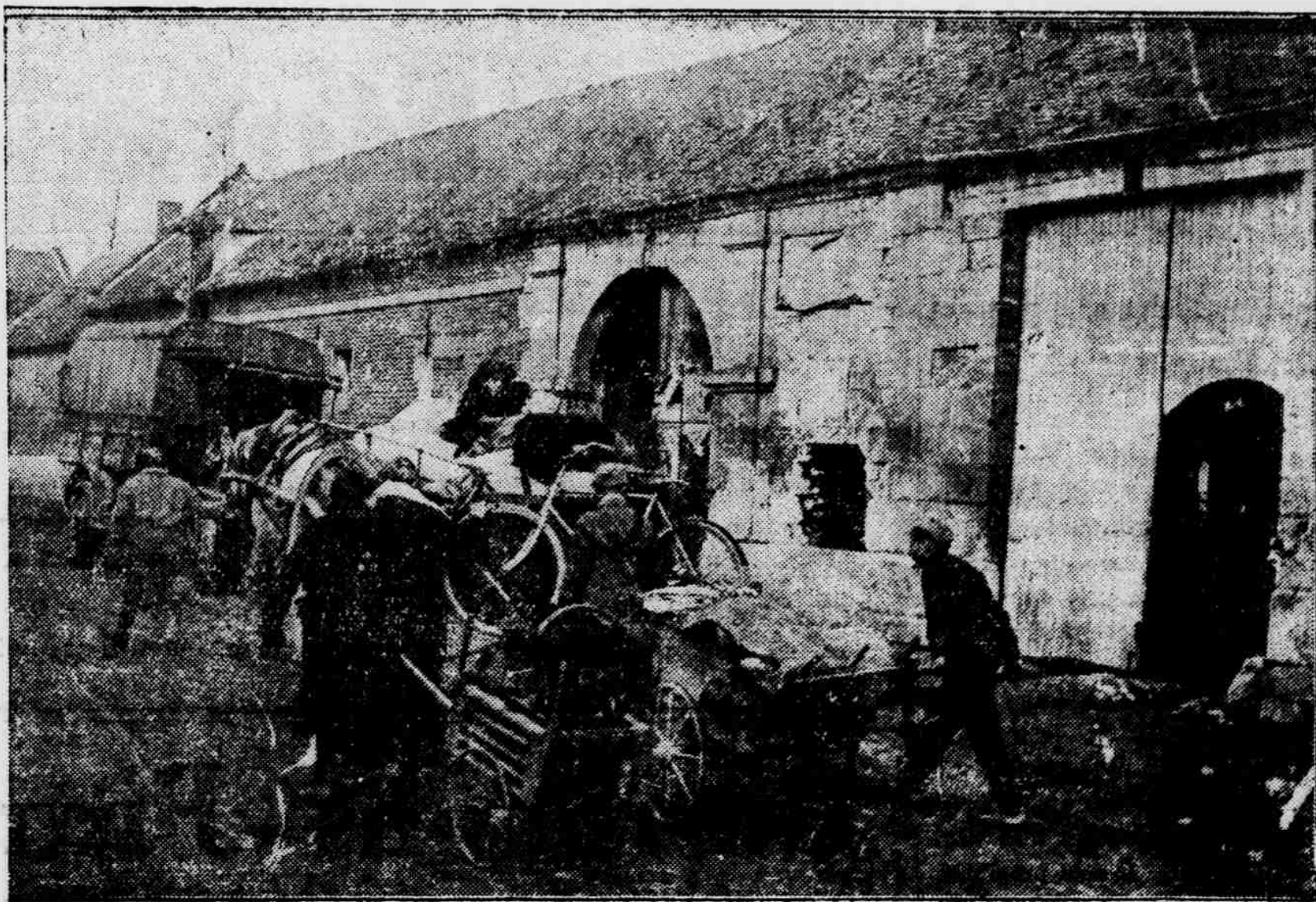
Forward thrusts are reported from Epenancour, south of Peronne to Glennes northeast of Fismes. American troops have taken Fismes and Glennes and are approaching the Aisne at new places north east of Fismes, the statement show.  
In the advance on Ham the French have taken Plessis Patts dote four miles south.  
Toward Channy the French have passed through Abbecourt.

### MR. J. E. ROUSE COTTON WEIGHER

The town commissioners last evening elected Mr. J. E. Rouse the new cotton weigher, the resignation of Capt Tillery making the position open for the unexpired term.  
Mr. Rouse has been in charge of the Mint-Cola plant for some time but owing to the shortage of syrup and other ingredients the plant will close down for the season and will enable Mr. Rouse to attend to the duties as cotton weigher.  
The buyers were all particularly sorry that Capt Tillery could not continue these duties, but they selected the man whom they thought would best serve the farmers and themselves in prompt and efficient work.

COTTON HIGHER  
October cotton, which closed yesterday at 33.75 gained nearly a cent today and at 2.30 the quotation was 34.60. December cotton, which closed yesterday at 33.18, was at 2.30 o'clock 34.05.

WHERE THE WOUNDED OF BATTLE ARE SUCCORED.



A French dressing station immediately in the rear of the lines in Picardy where points wounded in the heavy recent fighting on that front have their wounded temporarily dressed.