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## THE ALLIES ARE MAKING GAINS ON ALL THREE BATTLE FRONTS

### BRITISH TROOPS TAKE TOWN OF DOIRAN

ON WEST FRONT ENEMY IS DEFEATED MACEDONIA DRIVE CONTINUES AND IN PALESTINE IMPORTANT SEAPORT HAS BEEN TAKEN

### ENEMY SEEMS GREATLY DISORGANIZED

(By United Press)  
London Sept 24.—Italian troops operating on the left flank of the British and Greeks in the Vardar valley advanced ten miles since yesterday according to dispatches from the Salonika front.

The Serbians alone have taken twelve thousand prisoners and one hundred and forty guns so far reported.

(By United Press)  
Paris Sept 24.—Artillery fighting in the St. Quentin sector and between the Ailette and Aisne is reported by the French war office in the region of Perthes and near Butte du Mesile our two surprise attacks resulted in forty prisoners.

(By United Press)  
London Sept 24.—“Last night the enemy attacked our new positions southeast of Gaverelle, supporting their assault by a heavy barrage,” reports General Haig this morning.

“This attack was completely repulsed and our line remained intact.”

“We improved our positions slightly north of Moeuvres by successful minor operations last night and we regained a portion of the old British line southeast of Voormezle.”

“Hostile raiding parties were driven off during last night's fighting west of Bellenglize and east of Neuve Chapelle.”

“Resuming our advance east of Verdun fierce fighting took place and progress reported.”

“Local attack by the enemy yesterday north of little Priel farm was successfully repulsed leaving

### 10,000 ATTEND FARLEY FUNERAL

(By United Press)  
New York Sept 24.—Ten thousand persons attended the funeral services of Cardinal Farley at St. Patrick's Cathedral in this city.

### SAM'L GOMPERS NOW IN PARIS

(By United Press)  
Paris Sept 24.—Samuel Gompers president of the American federation of labor arrived here from London today.

He is the American delegate attending the huge gathering of allied laborites at a meeting that opens here tomorrow.

“prisoners in our hands.”

(By United Press)  
London Sept 24.—British troops captured the important town of Doiran on the southern shores of Lake Dairan in Macedonia according to dispatches received here.

(By United Press)  
Sofia Sept 24.—The retirement of the Bulgarian army between Cerna and Vardar the Bulgarian war office announces.

(By United Press)  
London Sept 24.—Allied offensive in Macedonia continues successfully, a Serbian communication received here reports.

(By United Press)  
London Sept 24.—British forces occupied the important seaport of Acre in Palestine.

### CONSUL POOLE ENROUTE HOME

(By United Press)  
Washington Sept 24.—Consul General Poole, stationed at Moscow has reached Helsingfors and will be in Stockholm tomorrow, the state department announces.

### FIRE FLURRIES NOTABLE GUESTS

(By United Press)  
Washington, Sept. 24.—Early this morning fire broke out in the palm room and “peacock alley” of the Willard Hotel, this city, and sent scores of noted guests scurrying to the street in negligee attire, among them being Vice-President Marshall.

In a red bathrobe the vice-president seems a bit flustered as he emerged into the lobby, bumping into former Governor Yates, of Illinois and Senator Penrose, who were doing what they could to quiet the more excited guests.

Several women fainted, and the telephone girl also fainted from exhaustion and excitement, after she had warned all the roomers. A short circuit of wires in the palm room was the cause of the fire, the damage being confined to this room and “peacock alley” the estimated loss not being over \$100,000.

### MILLING MEN FIGHT HOOVER

(By Associated News Service)  
Washington Sept 24.—The big milling interests of this country are putting up fierce objection to the proposal of Food Administrator Hoover to have a bill passed by Congress for the compulsory mixing of 20 per cent of other cereal flours with wheat flour before it leaves the mills. This proposition failed when it was introduced in the House as an amendment to the revenue bill recently enacted.

### EXPRESS CLERKS TO ORGANIZE

(By United Press)  
Washington Sept 24.—For the first time in the history of the express business of the nation a wide attempt to organize the express clerks and messengers is being made.

At a three day conference representatives of express men from south Atlantic and southeastern states were deep in American railway express company business at the National hotel drawing up schedules of increased pay and changing working conditions desired by employees in these districts. Florence and Charleston S C were among the large cities represented.

### KAISER SLURS AMERICAN DEEDS

(By United Press)  
Amsterdam Sept 24.—The Kaiser addressing Austrian officers at Briey, while visiting the Alsace Lorraine front on Sunday, expressed confidence that they would give the Americans the right answer at the right moment.

“You have come to fight our battle good comrades,” he said. “You know that we have heavy fighting before us. You know who are before you. Americans have promised France that they would give her Alsace and Lorraine which France alone cannot conquer. The Americans also wish to add big deeds to their big words. With the help of my troops you will give them the right answer at the right moment.”

The Kaiser then distributed four hundred iron crosses and addressed the Austrians and Germans. The British and French wounded in their respective language.

### HUNS WILL PROBABLY ABANDON ST. QUENTIN

WAR WRITER OF BERLIN TAGEBLATT STATES THE AMERICANS HAVE COMPLETED ARTILLERY CONCENTRATION AT ST MIHIEL

### SHOWS FEAR OF RESULTS IN THE VOSGES

### ELLIOTT CLARK DIED OF WOUNDS

(By United Press)  
Washington Sept 23.—North Carolina contributes five men to the 269 that were reported in the three casualty lists today by the army and navy.

Among the North Carolina men lost, the name of Lieut. Elliott B. Clark, of Weldon, appears as having died of wounds. This is a very sad matter since his relatives and friends were led to believe, after it was found out that he was not killed, as first reported, that he was but slightly wounded so that this news comes as a distinct shock to many.

The other state losses were Lieut. James B. Gurney, of Charlotte, killed in action as were Sergeants Wallace Green, of Eure and Herbert L. Payne of Charlotte, and Corporal Lorn F. Mason of Wilmington.

Total losses show 122 killed in action; 34 missing in action; 79 wounded severely; 22 died of wounds; 3 died of accident; 5 died of disease; 4 wounded to a degree undetermined; 2 wounded slightly; 1 died of aeroplane accident and 6 prisoners.

### COTTON MARKET

	Open	High	Low	at 2:40
Oct	32.45	32.58	31.80	31.80
Dec	32.13	32.23	31.60	31.60
Jan	31.80	32.10	31.45	31.45
Mar	31.56	32.04	31.45	31.45
May	31.50	32.00	31.00	31.00

LOCAL MARKET NOMINAL

### GEORGE COKE DIED TODAY

(By United Press)  
Copenhagen Sept 24.—The American have completely artillery concentration on the St. Mihiel front, and a new attack is expected declares General Ardine in the Berlin Tageblatt.

Ardine states the Germans will probably abandon St. Quentin shortly.

### GEORGE COKE DIED TODAY

(By United Press)  
A telephone message this noon from Raleigh to relatives here stated that Mr. George H. Coke died this morning in Raleigh, of pneumonia, after only a few days illness. He being taken ill on Friday.

Mr. Coke is well known here, having married Miss Mattie Tillery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Tillery, and for some time he made his home here. Later he moved to Norfolk so as to be nearer headquarters of the Standard Oil Company, which he represented.

His age was probably 37 or 38 years. The news of his death came a distinct shock to his numerous friends.

No statement was made as to the funeral arrangements, but it is assumed he will be taken to his old home in Edenton for burial.

“By their fruits ye shall know them.” Whatever the principles may be which resulted in the bombing of the Federal building in Chicago, they are mighty poor principles to hold.

## John Josey Writes of French Experiences

Will write you a letter describing my new “home”. We are billeted in a small village “somewhere in France”. We are scattered over the town in the barns, lofts and attics but we are just as comfortable as we were in the Camps. Personally, I like the arrangement better.

The houses here were evidently built when the countries of Europe were continually at war. Everything shows they were built for protection against the enemy. All the rooms from the sitting room to the stables are built so as to form a solid wall around the lot, leaving a court within. The only entrance is an iron gate. Usually there is one window with iron bars opening to the street. Every house is made of brick or stone with a tile roof.

carried on here. There are three small stores in the private homes. Except for the soldier boys, one rarely ever sees a customer go in. The Post Office bank and telephone are all in the same room and managed by an old lady and her daughter. This phone is the only one in the village.

The people here have been accustomed to using oil lamps for their light. But owing to the scarcity of oil they now use candles. The houses, stores, Post Office bank the one telephone, the candle light, all go to show what an old unprogressive town we are in. But, I would not have it changed, it is so quaint and attractive.

There is one building here which to me is a wonder. This is the church. This church, Roman Catholic of course, was begun in 1731

and completed in 1834. Everything about this Church shows age, even the stone steps leading to the altar has been worn down several inches. The benches are the most crude I ever saw. The statuary was made so long ago that the figures are but a poor representative of human beings. One statue is dated 1665. The fine paintings also show extreme age. It is true that the print of one cannot be distinguished. All one can see is a man pulling at his hair. What it represents, I do not know.

And the organ must have been one of the first made. It is so queer. All there is to it is noise.

During the time the Roman Catholics were persecuted, this Church was used as a means of protection people actually shut themselves

in this Church for protection against persecutors. The heavy iron bars used on the doors are still being used.

I went to two services in this Church last Sunday. The regular Catholic service in the morning was different from anything I had ever seen or heard. Their songs were just some plaintive, lonesome sounding melody in a minor key. They kept singing the same thing over and over. The whole service was very impressive. Then in the afternoon a service was held for our battalion. Our Chaplain preached a sermon—a very good one. I played the organ for the hymns. I enjoyed both services very much.

The people here are just as friendly and home like as any one could possibly be. I like them so much.

They thoroughly enjoy trying to converse with us. Most of us have little French books and are thus able to say a few things to them. And these women—they work so hard. The old women, the young, the little girls all of them go out on the farms to work. At noon and early in the evening they come in with their wagons full of wheat, oats, etc. I suppose this work by the women is necessitated by the war.

There is a piano in this village. It is in the school teacher's parlor. Last Saturday night a number of us went down and had an evening of music.

Sergeant Wunder sang several selections. I wish this piano were where I could get to it real often. Even though I like the professor and his wife very much that gives

me no excuse to make their home my “hang out”. So I just have to wait for some coffee to send for me to play for them. But even so I am happy in knowing the instrument is here.

Just a few words of myself before closing. I am well and perfectly satisfied here. I can hardly realize that I am out of America. I have a comfortable place to sleep, am fed well and am not worked to hard. So being a soldier why shouldn't I be satisfied?

I hope all of you are well. It has been so long since I have heard from home.

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