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## GERMAN FRONT FROM CAMBRAI TO ST. QUENTIN FALLING

### FLU CONTINUES TO SPREAD ALL OVER THE STATE

**Fourteen Hundred New Cases Reported; Gen. Layton Dispatched To Camp Sherman.**

[By Associated Press to The Banner] COLUMBUS, Oct. 10.—The epidemic of Spanish influenza continued to spread in Ohio today, 1,400 new cases being officially reported to the state department of health. According to state health officials a grand total of 3,400 cases have been reported since the outbreak of the disease.

Governor Cox today ordered Adjutant General Roy E. Layton to go to Camp Sherman and establish headquarters where the friends and relatives of soldiers suffering with the disease can obtain assistance. General Layton will go to Chillicothe late today and will make his headquarters in the Red Cross community house.

### Theatres And Movies Are Closed In Capital City

COLUMBUS, Oct. 10.—As a precautionary measure to guard against the spread of Spanish influenza, Dr. Louis Kahn, city health officer, today ordered all theatres and motion picture houses to close their doors after today until further notice. The schools and churches have not been ordered closed. The order will not affect the National Dairy show, being held on the state fair grounds in this city.

### Sixty-Five Soldiers Die In Day At Sherman

[By Associated Press to The Banner] CAMP SHERMAN, Oct. 10.—Sixty-five more soldiers died from influenza and pneumonia at Camp Sherman last night and this morning, the military authorities announced at noon today. This makes a total of 772 men that have died at the cantonment since the outbreak of the epidemic.

### O. S. S. CLOSED 'TIL SPANISH INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC ABATES

**All Twenty State Institutions Get Closing Orders; No Cases At Sanatorium.**

[By Associated Press to The Banner] COLUMBUS, Oct. 10.—The Ohio board of administration today sent telegraphic instructions to managers of the 20 state institutions directing them to close the institutions at once to all visitors until the Spanish influenza epidemic has abated.

Acting Supt. Harry W. Phillips of the Ohio State Sanatorium stated Thursday that, so far, the institution is free from any cases of influenza and every precaution is being exercised to prevent an outbreak of the disease.

Mr. Phillips further stated that the institution has been closed to all visitors, carrying out the order of the state board of administration.

### SPRINGFIELD MAN LOST WITH YANK STEAMER

[By Associated Press to The Banner] WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—Six officers and 17 enlisted men of the crew of the cargo steamer Herman Frasch, sunk in collision with the steamer George C. Henry on October 4, were officially reported missing today by the navy department.

Among officers missing is Ensign Wheldon Abrogast, Springfield, Ohio.

### Yankee Leader And Haig Both Report Success

**Americans Penetrate Main Line Of Hun Resistance, Says Pershing**

[By Associated Press to The Banner] LONDON, Oct. 10.—The attack of the Anglo-American forces in the breach between St. Quentin and Cambrai resulted yesterday evening in continued advances, according to Field Marshal Haig's report today.

[By Associated Press to The Banner] WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—Penetration of the German main line of resistance west of the Meuse by the Americans against fresh enemy divisions is reported in General Pershing's communique for Wednesday.

### GERMANY'S ALLY MAY ADHERE TO TERMS OF PRES.

**Ministerial Council To Introduce Bill For National Autonomy; Separation Of States Favored.**

[By Associated Press to The Banner] LONDON, Oct. 10.—A report from Vienna that the Austro-Hungarian ministerial council has decided to introduce national autonomy "in order to make President Wilson's stipulations an accomplished fact," says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen today.

A movement favoring a proclamation separating Hungary and Austria is making extremely rapid progress among the public in the dual monarchy, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Zurich.

### WASHINGTON GIVES COMPARATIVE AMTS. IN 3RD, 4TH LOANS

[By Associated Press to The Banner] WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—In answer to the insistent question: "How is the fourth Liberty Loan really going?" a comparison today of records during this campaign with those of the third loan show these facts:

The fourth campaign of three weeks is half gone and \$1,791,463,200 in subscriptions, or 39 per cent of the \$4,600,000,000 sought, have been reported. When the third campaign was half over \$1,371,000,000, or 33 per cent of the total finally reached, had been subscribed. This record in the third loan drive, \$420,000,000 less than at the corresponding stage of the present drive, was achieved in two weeks as compared with ten days which have passed in the current campaign.

## PROPOSED WAR TAX OF TEN PERCENT ON ALL AUTOMOBILES IS CUT IN TWO BY MEMBERS OF SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

[By Associated Press to The Banner] WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—The 19 per cent tax placed by the house on passenger automobiles and motorcycles were cut in half by the senate finance committee, Wednesday, which made rapid progress in its revision of the war revenue bill. Consideration of the amusement and club dues sections and half of the luxury tax schedule was completed.

In reducing the tax on passenger automobiles and motorcycles to 5 per

### Poison Gas



### BRITISH IN LECATEAU

[By Associated Press to The Banner] LONDON, Oct. 10.—British cavalry today reached the outskirts of Le Cateau, the railway junction southeast of Cambrai, which is the immediate British objective, the Exchange Telegraph Co. says it learns.

### BELGIANS IN REVOLT OVER DEPORTATIONS BY GERMANS, STORY

[By Associated Press to The Banner] AMSTERDAM, Oct. 10.—A revolt has broken out in Bruges, Belgium, the populace having risen against the attempts of the Germans to deport the civilians, according to Les Nouvelles. German troops used their guns and killed or wounded numerous Belgians.

### THE LOAN CAMPAIGN IS AT A STANDSTILL ACCOUNT INFLUENZA

The Liberty Loan campaign in Mt. Vernon and Knox county is at a standstill on account of the Spanish influenza.

### COURT HOUSE OFFICES ARE ALL FUMIGATED

All the offices and the corridors of the court house were given a thorough fumigation by Janitor Purdy Wednesday evening. The janitor states that the interior of the building will be given a fumigation each evening until the influenza germ in Mt. Vernon has been stamped out.

### 2 DIE IN ARMY HOSPITAL BLAZE

**Fire At Hospital No. Three Takes Lives Of Officers; Six Are Hurt.**

[By Associated Press to The Banner] RAHWAY, N. J., Oct. 10.—Two army officers were burned to death and six others were burned or injured in a fire which started at 2 a. m. today in the officers' headquarters of the United States army general hospital No. 3 at Colonia, four miles from this city.

### PITTMAN ATTACKS LODGE FOR STAND ON WILSON'S NOTE

[By Associated Press to The Banner] WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—Spirited debate on President Wilson's response to the German peace offer began today when the senate reconvened after a recess since Monday. Senator Pittman of Nevada opened the discussion by attacking Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the Republican leader, declaring that Senator Lodge's published statement criticizing the president's note could serve no good purpose.

### FORMER LIEUT.-GOV. DEAD

YOUNGSTOWN, Oct. 10.—Asa W. Jones, former lieutenant governor, died Wednesday at his home, Burg Hill, Trumbull county, near here. He had been ill six months with heart disease.

### NO SUCH LUCK!

[By Associated Press to The Banner] STOCKHOLM, Oct. 10.—There is a persistent rumor here that Emperor William has abdicated.

### THIRTY-SIX MILLION A DAY IS SLOGAN IN LOAN CAMPAIGN

**Fourth Reserve District Has Big Quota To Fill In Eight Working Days.**

[By Associated Press to The Banner] CLEVELAND, Oct. 10.—An average of \$36,000,000 a day is necessary in order for the Fourth federal reserve district to raise its fourth Liberty Loan quota of \$600,000,000. Unofficial estimates placed the total at \$309,728,850, leaving a balance of approximately \$290,000,000. Only eight working days remain, next Saturday, Columbus Day, being a legal holiday.

### WILLIAMS IS INJURED AT THE BRIDGE WORKS

Floyd Williams was severely injured at the Mt. Vernon Bridge works Thursday morning when a sledge hammer slipped from the hands of a fellow workman and struck him in the abdomen. The injured man was removed to his home on Howard street in McCormick's ambulance where he was attended by a physician.

### THREE NEW CASES

Three new cases of Spanish influenza were reported by physicians of the city to Health Officer Colville Thursday afternoon.

### AMERICANS, BRITISH AND FRENCH BY TERRIFIC BLOWS, WIDEN DEEP WEDGE IN LINE OF THE GERMANS

### GREAT BOMB SQUADRON INVADES ENEMY LINES

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE CHAMPAGNE FRONT, Oct. 9, 7 p. m.—During the American activities south of Romagne this afternoon 79 allied bombing planes passed southward, having bombed Buzancy and other railroad and supply stations behind the German lines. American pursuit planes took an active part in clearing the air for the bombers, downing four Fokkers in the regions of Remonville and Aiherville. The bombers started out late in the afternoon, in groups. After accomplishing their missions the groups met on the way back and passed over the American line in one flock.

**Yanks, Under Gen. Pershing, Launch Attack After Attack Against Hun Positions; Taking of LeCateau Would Cut Last of Lateral Railways.**

**Disintegration Of German Line Being Hastened By Vigorous Strokes Delivered By French; Yankee Bombing Expedition Drops Bombs On German Targets; 350 Planes Engaged.**

[By Associated Press to The Banner] Vigorously pressing the advantage gained by the breaking of the German line between Cambrai and St. Quentin, the British, French and American armies have widened the great wedge in this area to such an extent that the entire German front from Rheims northward seems to be collapsing.

The disintegration of this line is being hastened by the vigorous strokes delivered by the French along the Aisne while further east the German left flank in the active battle area is being hammered hard by other French forces and the American near army in the Champagne, Argonne and Verdun regions.

Most telling in its immediate effect is the thrust by Field Marshal Haig southeast of Cambrai where American troops also are operating. The British commander has swung the main direction of his drive northward and already has pushed to within two miles of the important railway junction at Le Cateau.

The taking of Le Cateau, which seems imminent, will cut the last of the lateral railway lines connecting the German northern front with the great salient at Laon and apparently will make inevitable the evacuation of the entire Laon area.

Before Le Cateau the British are on a line fully ten miles in advance of the longitudinal line running between Cambrai and St. Quentin, having swept through the greater part of this area in great strides, driving before them a disorganized army. Meanwhile further south the French are pushing forward toward the Oise in the general direction of Guise. They have made notable progress to the east and southeast of St. Quentin. Their columns here have passed Fontaine Notre Dame, nearly six miles directly east of St. Quentin. This push is likewise having an effect in closing the Laon pocket.

The first American army under General Pershing is not being outdone by the other allied forces in the delivery of hard blows upon the crumbling German defensive systems. The thrust east of the Meuse in the Verdun area is being followed up by further attacks which have resulted in the advance of the line here well up toward that one by the offensive west of the river.

in the Argonne where a junction has been effected with the French at Lancon, thus virtually clearing the forest of Germans, new attacks were launched this morning. All the recent gains of General Pershing's men have been held, notwithstanding the throwing in of German reserves.

Not the least interesting development of the American campaign is the work of the air forces which evidently have been assembled in such numbers that an American bombing expedition, which dropped more than 30 tons of bombs on German areas on Wednesday, comprised no less than 250 machines.

### MRS. CRITCHFIELD'S FUNERAL

The funeral of Mrs. Belle Critchfield at 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning at McCormick's chapel. Interment in Mound View.

### U. S. STEAMSHIP IS SUNK; MANY THOUGHT LOST

**News Of Torpedoing Brought To Atlantic Port By British Freighter.**

[By Associated Press to The Banner] AN ATLANTIC PORT, Oct. 10.—News of the sinking by a submarine of a large American steamship with the probable loss of many of her crew was brought here today by a British freighter. The British ship had aboard 20 survivors of the American vessel.

### CASUALTY LIST

(Official War Department Report) ARMY  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—The casualty list for today, issued by the war department, contained 584 names, divided as follows: Killed in action 80, missing in action 105, wounded severely 338, died from wounds 13, died from accident and other causes 19, died from disease 30, died from airplane accident 4, wounded, degree undetermined, 4.

The Ohio men in the list were:  
Killed in Action  
Private Antonia Battaglio, Cleveland.  
Died from Wounds  
Private Earl McDevitt, Lisbon.  
Wounded Severely  
Sergeant Harold Hissen, Loudonville.  
Corporal Ralph H. Douce, Caledonia.  
Privates Clarence W. Smith, Athens; Charles Leo O'Malley, Cleveland; John H. Eckenwiler, Beaver Dam; John H. Millholm, Napoleon, William Przbys, Toledo; Joe Aspinall, Bamhill; Walter J. Dutcher, Canton; John Yanno, Youngstown.  
Wounded in Action  
Private Chas. E. Sergeant, Barnesville.  
MARINE CORPS  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—The marine corps casualty list today included 42 names, divided as follows: Killed in action 19, died of wounds 4, died of disease 2, wounded in action 15, prisoners 2.  
The following Ohio men were included in the list:  
Killed in Action  
Corporal P. Heymann, Clyde.  
Wounded in Action  
Sergeant Dell Ashby, Lima.