

### AMERICANS BRING QUICK VENGEANCE

#### Gas and Flame Wipe Out Germans Who Employ 'Kamerad' Deceit

### GUN BASES CAPTURED

#### Enemy Trying to Link Up Positions Along Kriemhild Line

By the Associated Press  
With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 4.

When New York troops captured the village of Abri-St. Louis, they were made victims of an act of German treachery which has been investigated by army authorities. As the New Yorkers swept into the village a number of Germans came out of their hiding places with uplifted hands and were supposed to have surrendered. When the American came nearer, the Germans suddenly dropped their hands and, seizing hand grenades, threw them with deadly effect, killing and wounding a number of the New York boys.

The survivors retreated and told the story. Then more New York troops went forward. They were armed with flame-throwers and gas projectors and filled the village with flame and gas until not a single German escaped.

#### Big Guns Removed

Two concrete emplacements for big guns were discovered west of Varennes when New York troops advanced along the eastern edge of the Argonne Forest a few days ago. The guns had been removed, but engineers believe that they were Austrian 205's.

The emplacements were 100 yards apart, and apparently were built more than a year ago. A railroad had been built leading up to them, and this enabled the enemy to remove the guns, ammunition and everything of value. French and American heavy artillery battered the enemy positions throughout the entire region along this front and it is believed that the Germans made haste in removing the big guns as soon as they saw that a serious attack was impending.

Big guns were scattered through the Argonne forest and from day to day have been taken by the advancing New York soldiers. Among them were two 150's and several 77's. The forest has been thoroughly searched for these guns by the American troops.

Many of the roads leading from the Argonne forest to Montfaucon and to Malancourt have been found to be barred by concrete pillars as a precaution against the operation of Allied tanks. At safe distance behind these pillars anti-tank gun positions have been found. These in many places were built of concrete. The pillars have all the appearance of having been built recently, in many places the wood frames for holding the concrete in place not having been removed. These concrete positions were for the most part, behind the main line defensive positions, through which the Americans broke during the present drive.

By the United Press  
With the British Army in France, Oct. 4.

From a hard battle of death New York high school boys told stories of wonderful exploits.

These boys are reported to have actually smashed their way through one of the strongest points of Germany's greatest defense system.

Leon Davidson, Walter Burr, Cornell student, aged twenty; Arthur Giles, aged nineteen, of Brooklyn; Ernest Menden, of the Bronx; and Gordon Anderson, Brooklyn, participated in last Friday's fight to prepare positions preliminary to the big attack staged Sunday.

When the barrage fire ceased they became separated from the rest of their platoon and found themselves facing a battery of machine-guns. The boys promptly dropped into a shell hole where they remained for hours. Under cover of battlemoke the youths found their way to a dugout thirty feet deep and with two exits.

All Friday night the boys remained in the shelter of the dugout. Sunday morning they heard the shells of a new American barrage breaking in their vicinity and presently the voices of American troops at the entrance of the tunnel leading to their dugout. The lads staggered from the shelter, too weak to walk, and were carried to the rear in stretchers.

German, overheard the officer suggest to his men that they try to bolt. Instantly Giovanni ordered the officer to stand aside and threatened to kill the first man who attempted to escape. The officer then offered to guide Giovanni to the American line, but the doughboy would have none of it and found the way, turning his party over to headquarters. The party were immediately put to work as stretcher-bearers, despite the protest of one vociferous German who objected to the "ingratitude" of it.

#### Hand-to-Hand Fighting

New York troops described fierce hand-to-hand fighting Sunday night. Masses of machine guns, carefully camouflaged, had been hidden so cunningly by the enemy that the first the doughboys knew of their presence was when they opened fire at close range.

"Our boys were dropping all around," said one of the Americans, "but they couldn't stop us. Our orders were to keep on going, and we went."

A major, unkempt and unshaven, who had not slept for forty hours, had lost none of his enthusiasm over the conduct of his men as he described the exploits to correspondents. The fiercest fight, he said, took place north of Bellincourt, beyond the canal. The Germans and Americans met there in hand-to-hand encounters. The Germans had been expected, the major declared, but proved no match for the magnificent dash and enthusiasm of the Yankees.

The major attributed the strength of the German resistance at the point to the fact that all the enemy combatants were machine gunners, who are regarded as the backbone of the German army.

#### With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 4.—(By L. N. S.)

An attempt by the Germans to "ambush" several of our planes northwest of Verdun last evening proved a complete failure, and American airmen shot down four boche Fokkers and two enemy balloons.

The Germans sent up three dummy balloons and planted seven Fokkers to lie in wait for the expected American attack on them. The American airmen

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There is now therefore nothing to report except the condition of the town and that only superficially. The western suburb has been unavoidably damaged by gunfire. Some other portions have been wrecked by the Germans by explosion or fire, for what reason is not known. In the spring of last year I reported to you a series of fires and explosions in the city, during which the beautiful Collegiate Church, usually called the cathedral, was partially destroyed. These things are unexplained, and I do not think strappet explains the real damage of hundreds of brick houses and shops the shells of which stand at first sight intact.

#### Abduct People of St. Quentin

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long imprisonment, or even where they now are. I dwell upon this because it is part of the penalties of this war that Britons and Americans have not to bear, and may therefore underestimate.

As we returned to our headquarters we picked up by the wayside two stranded Red Cross nurses. In some way they had managed to get to Noyon and to find their destroyed homes, whence they were bringing back the only relics they could find in the ruins, a few old letters, some torn sheets of music, a champagne glass miraculously unbroken and flowers from the garden.

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has been left noticeably tidy, as though complete their work and were proud these thieves had had abundant time to do it well, and nicely.

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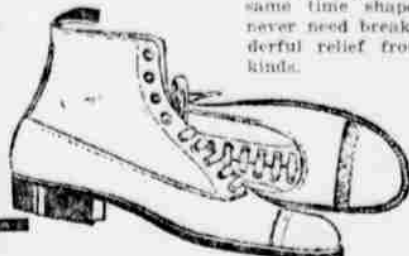
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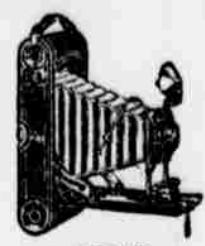
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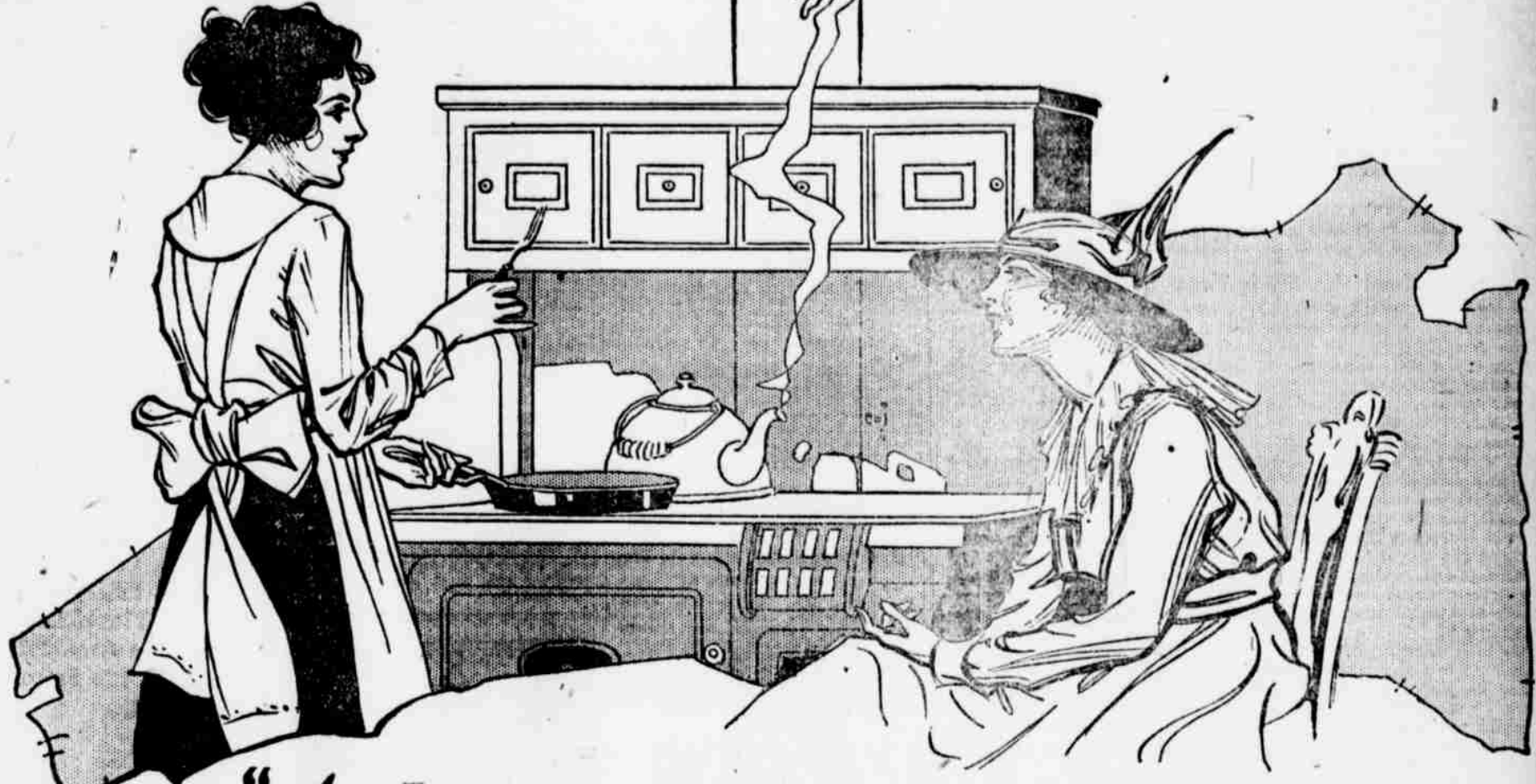
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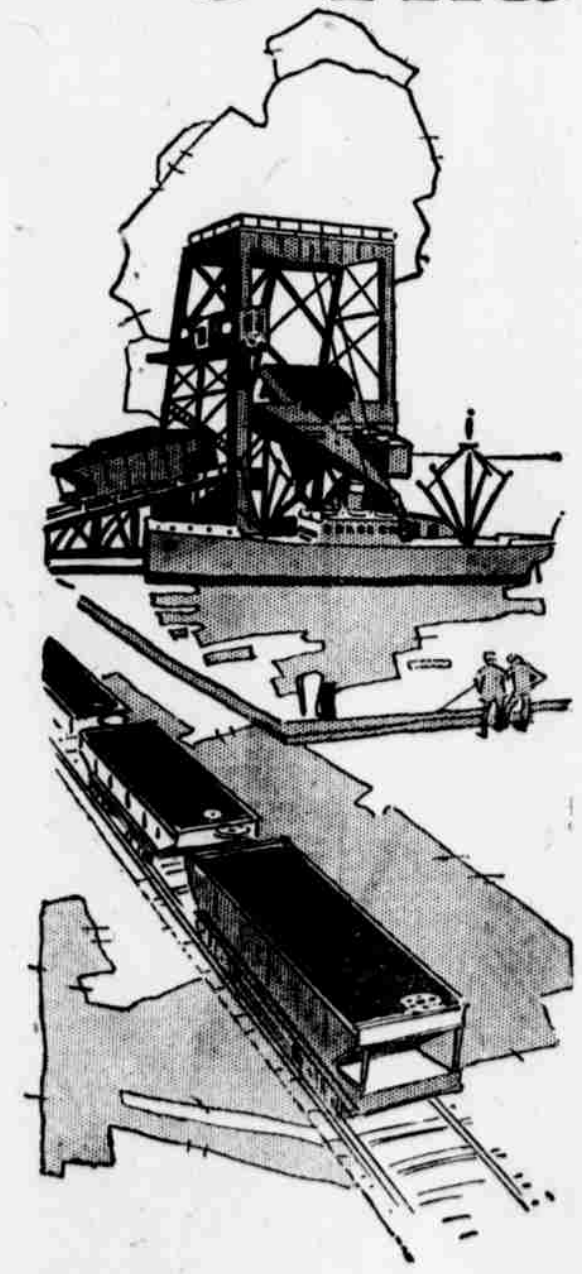
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