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Bodies Found as Allies Traverse Scene of Desperate Fighting.

ARTILLERY HAVOC GREAT

Banks of River Marne Are Grim Evidence of Fierce Combat, Fields Are Torn With Trenches and Hamlets Are Battered.

PARIS, Sept. 12.—The battlefields on the allies' left wing over which terrible combats in the past week have been fought present a scene of desolation. All the troops have departed, following on the heels of the fleeing Germans. Most of the dead already have been buried, but here and there small groups of three or four lay together awaiting interment.

Virtually all the wounded, whether French, British or German, have received treatment and have been transported to neighboring villages, from which places they will be transferred later to the provincial cities, where private houses and public institutions have been pooled at the disposal of the army authorities.

Shells Halt French Plans. Along the banks of the Marne evidence of severe artillery fire are visible everywhere. Some parts, looking as though they were ploughed trenches abandoned by the Germans, were excellently planned, but shells bursting overhead caused hundreds of casualties.

Houses Are Battered. In the nearby villages houses have been greatly damaged; many bear bullet and shell marks; doors and windows have been broken; branches of trees have been topped off by shells and scorched by rifle shots.

Rain Works Hardship. The constant rainfall for the last two days has rendered difficult the movements of the troops. The Germans are suffering from this more than are the allies, who are full of ardor and flushed with success. They often capture isolated bodies of Germans, who are usually famished and without ammunition and almost glad to be taken prisoners, while their horses are absolutely exhausted.

Persistent accounts of a German shortage of ammunition reach Paris. A British officer declared today that he had seen a letter written by a German officer, in which the officer said that the invaders' position was becoming critical. He said that the transport was breaking down owing to the long lines of communications.

Further evidence of the lack of ammunition was to be found in the numbers of Germans surrendered when called on, without firing a shot.

The same officer said that the maps carried by the German officers were far superior to those possessed by the French and British. He was full of admiration for the German tenacity, remarking their stand at La Ferté-Macaire, where they delayed the allies' advance for an entire day.

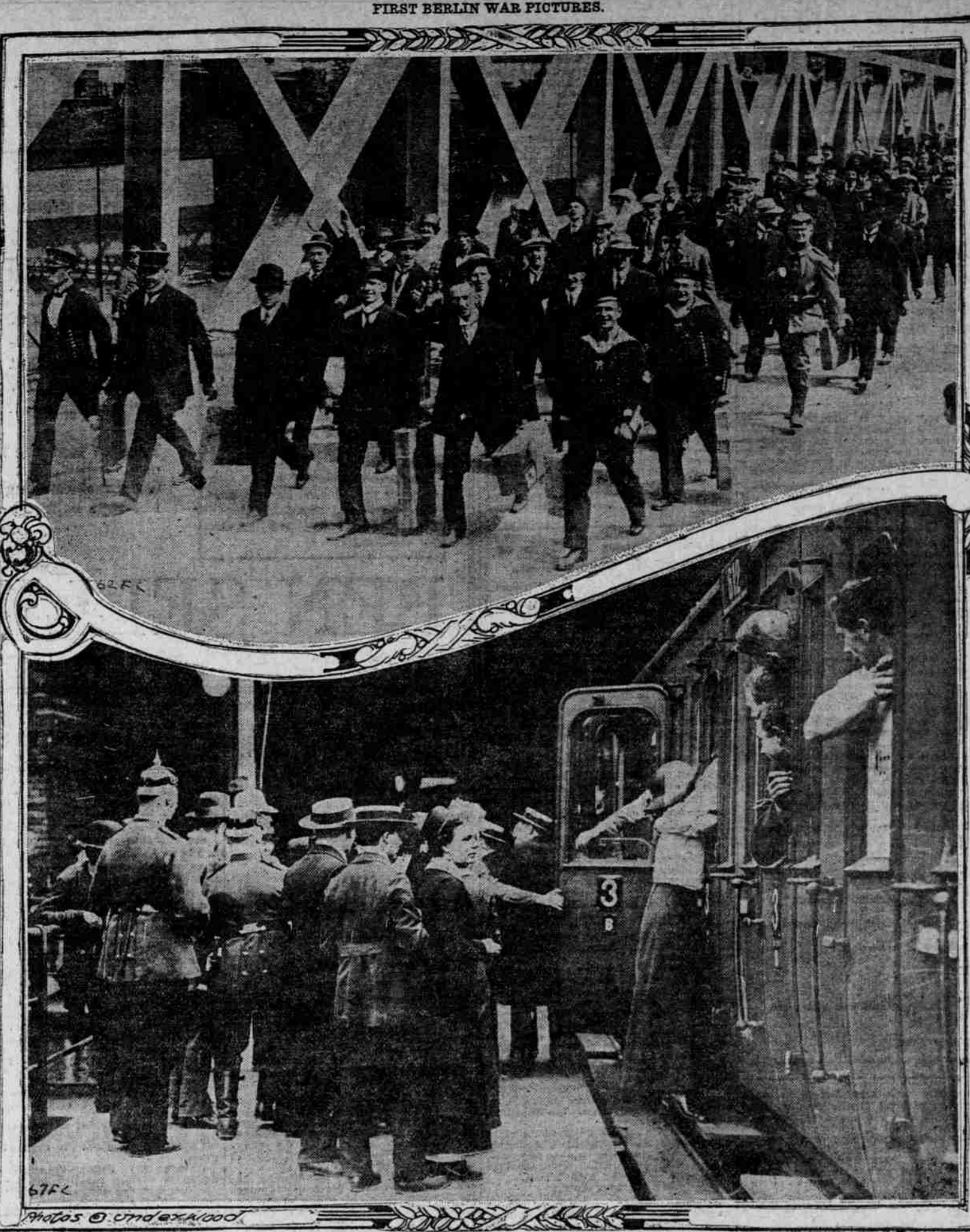
It is generally thought that the Germans are trying to reach the frontier by the quickest route, owing to fears that their communications may be cut off by the fresh army of the allies.

ORPHEUM READY SOON

REPRESENTATIVE SETS NOVEMBER 1 AS OPENING DATE.

Leasing of Hellig or Baker Given Up. Says N. C. Robertson—Prima Donna to Be First Star.

The new Orpheum Theater in Portland at Broadway and Stark street will open, in all probability, Sunday, November 1.



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