

EPIDEMIC FAILS TO STOP EMBARKATION

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Washington, Oct. 5.—Despite the epidemic of Spanish influenza embarkation of American troops is being continued at a rate of more than 250,000 per month, General March announced to-day, the total embarked to date now having passed the 1,850,000 mark.

The September shipments exceeded 250,000 although cases of influenza exceeded 100,000 in training camps here.

The American advance northwest of Verdun threatens the greatest single line of communication between Germany and the west front, General March said to-day, and General Pershing's forces have now reached a point within 18 miles of this great artery. The progress of General Pershing's forces caused the German general staff to throw into this sector many divisions of reinforcements, the chief of staff said, but despite this the Americans not only have maintained the positions, but have pushed forward until they now face the German Krenthild line of defense.

The policy of the war department in sending overseas only men who have not had the disease and who have not been exposed to it have necessitated material readjustment to shipping schedules, but have not interfered with the total number embarked.