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# DRIVE BY FRENCH LESSENGING FORCE

## Have Not Yet Accomplished Object of Breaking Through the German Lines

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#### From Which They Can Dominate the German Lines of Communication—Battle in Champagne is Over a Fifteen Mile Front and the French Are Within Two Miles of the Railway Which Has Been so Useful to Teutons in Moving Troops and Supplies to Threatened Points—Field Marshal Von Hindenburg Has Resumed His Effort to Reach Dvinsk—Montenegro is Taking a Hand in the Attack on the Central Powers.

London, Sept. 28, 9:50 p. m.—In Champagne the French are attacking the German line of trenches and making further progress, but seemingly the allies' offensive movement is not being carried on with the same impetuosity that characterized the first two days of the operations. The successes won are recognized as very important, but the main object which is to break through the German lines, has not yet been accomplished.

#### Allies Have Improved Positions.

Both the British and French have greatly improved their positions by gaining the hills and crests from which they can dominate the German lines of communication. Their next attempt is to secure the crests which should be made easier to carry out in the view of experts here.

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#### ITALIAN BATTLESHIP.

Purely Accidental—Rear Admiral Rubindeverin Among the Dead.

Paris, Sept. 28, 10:15 p. m.—A despatch to the Havas agency from Brindisi says:

"A fire which was followed by an explosion has occurred on board the Italian battleship Benedetto Brin. Eight officers and 372 marines have been saved thus far.

"Rear Admiral Rubindeverin is among the dead. The fire was purely accidental. The Benedetto Brin was in peace times carried a complement of 720 men. She was completed in 1904 at a cost of \$5,700,000.

The battleship, which was of the pre-dreadnought class, carried four 12-inch, four 8-inch and 12 6-inch guns, 20 12-pounders, two 1-pounders and two machine guns. She also carried with four torpedo tubes. The vessel had a speed of about 20 knots.

Rear Admiral Baron Ernesto Rubin De Cervin was in command of the vessel.

KING OF SPAIN HAS OFFERED POPE RESIDENCE

Should Pontiff Decide to Leave Rome—No Intention of Doing So.

Rome, via Paris, Sept. 28, 9:47 p. m.—The king of Spain last May offered the pope a palace part of the monastery of San Lorenzo, near Madrid, to Pope Benedict as a residence should he decide to leave Italy.

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## Cabled Paragraphs

German Prisoners Arrive in England. Southampton, Sept. 28, 9:06 p. m.—Three hundred men, the first of the German prisoners captured by the British in the last battle on the western front, were landed here today. The majority of them are young men in good physical condition and well clothed, although much bedraggled and otherwise showing the effects of the severe ordeal which they had undergone.

## CONDITIONS ON MEXICAN BORDER MORE ACUTE.

A Battery of Mountain Artillery Sent to Prevent a Raid.

Washington, Sept. 28.—Conditions along the Mexican border in the Brownsville district again have become acute, according to messages to the war department today from Major General Funston, and a battery of mountain artillery has been dispatched to Progress, Texas, to prevent a raid by 500 bandits who threaten to cross into American territory.

Colonel Blockson, in command of the troops near Progress, reported through General Funston that the bandits seemed to constitute an independent band.

"If Carranza does not stop these bands," telegraphed Colonel Blockson, "believe me I will be compelled to follow them across."

Secretary Garrison said he interpreted the colonel's telegram to mean that if conditions did not improve he would find it necessary to recommend that American troops be permitted to pursue attacking forces along the international line whenever necessary to deal with them.

Information placed in the hands of the department of justice by T. R. Beltrair, Carranza's consul at San Antonio, Texas, bears out to an extent Colonel Blockson's report that the bandits seem independent of Carranza's control.

Mr. Beltrair's words that former followers of Jesus Flores Maron, leader of a socialist movement in Lower California, have organized on the border and are working there actively, foment trouble between the United States and Mexico.

There are intimations that outside influences are supplying funds for the alleged plot and department of justice officials have begun an investigation. Carranza authorities themselves are not aware of the extent to which the alleged intrigues have been carried and the hoping for the relief of Carranza through vigorous measures by the Carranza commanders.

DECISION AGAINST KELLOGG TOASTED CORN FLAKES CO.

Permanently Enjoined from Fixing Resale Price of Its Products.

Detroit, Sept. 28.—The Kellogg Toasted Corn Flakes company of Battle Creek is permanently enjoined from fixing the resale price of its products, by a permanent decree announced today in United States district court here.

The government's anti-trust suit against the Kellogg concern. The decree, which is considered highly important because it establishes a precedent against the fixing of resale prices on food products, was entered today.

The government brought suit against the Kellogg company in December, 1912, alleging the defendants had no right to compel the resale price of their property or to suggest or warn jobbers that if they refused to carry out the fixed price agreement they would be cut off from further supply of toasted corn flakes.

The defendants contended they were not violating the law, inasmuch as the notice to jobbers concerning the resale price was printed on a carton, containing the product which had been patented with the notice thereon. The patent, they claimed, gave them the right to handle their product in that way. According to the decree, however, the company is not only permanently enjoined from fixing the resale price, but it must also refrain from using on its cartons or boxes the notice concerning the fixed prices.

ANNUAL MEETING STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

L. H. Healey Re-elected Secretary—E. E. Brown, Pomfret, on Executive Committee.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 28.—At the annual meeting of the state board of agriculture today it was voted to ask the state civil service commission to exempt the board from the civil service law. These officers were elected: Vice president, J. Arthur Sherwood, Easton; secretary, M. H. Healey, Woodstock; treasurer, C. A. Thompson, Melrose; executive committee, N. H. Brewer, East Hartford; Everett E. Brown, Pomfret; Fernando Wheeler, Stonington.

Clifford I. Stoddard of Woodbridge was re-elected a trustee of the Connecticut Agricultural college, and William H. Lee of New Haven a member of the board of control of the experimental station in New Haven.

The salary of the secretary was fixed at \$1,250 a year. The treasurer reported \$100 on hand.

PLANNING COMMISSION TO EXTERMINATE MOSQUITOES.

Composed of Officials of Connecticut, New York and New Jersey.

## Formal Opening of G. A. R. Encampment

WELCOMED TO THE CAPITAL BY PRESIDENT WILSON

CHEERED FREQUENT

Colonel David J. Palmer in Introducing President Told Him That the Veterans Stood Behind Him in His Foreign Policy.

Washington, Sept. 28.—Veterans of the Civil war here for the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic were formally welcomed to the capital tonight by President Wilson, who told them their battles fifty years ago were fought for the uplift of mankind and that there has ever seen might not be impaired.

Scenes of Patriotic Valor. The president spoke amid scenes of patriotic fervor in the crowded convention hall into which the old census building had been converted.

Colonel David J. Palmer, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., introduced amid a throng of cheering and introduced him that the veterans stood to deal with them.

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## DEATH LIST AT ADMORE NOW PLACED AT 44

And Total Property Damage at Half a Million Dollars.

Admore, Okla., Sept. 28.—Officials of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway may be charged with criminal negligence in connection with the explosion and fire which caused the wrecking of the business district of Admore and the death of forty-four persons here yesterday.

Officials here, in a statement issued tonight by Russell Brown, city attorney of Admore, investigation of the cause of the disaster will begin tomorrow by the municipal authorities. An official list issued by the police late today placed the number of victims at 44.

Early official statements had placed the number of victims at 35. This discrepancy was explained tonight by the fact that several persons previously reported dead were found in hospitals or their homes after a close police check with the physicians.

The death list tonight was increased to forty-seven by the death of Otto McClurg, 15 years old, of Admore, a messenger boy, and the finding of the bodies of two negroes.

PRATT & WHITNEY EMPLOYEES VOTE UNANIMOUSLY TO STRIKE

Want Eight Hour Day, With Extra Pay for Overtime and Holidays.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 28.—Employees of the Pratt & Whitney company at a mass meeting tonight voted unanimously to go on strike at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The vote to strike came after a committee of members of the management, met last night to present the demands to Works Manager B. M. W. Hanson, had reported that Mr. Hanson had declined to discuss their demands.

The Pratt & Whitney factory, a branch of the General Electric company, employs about 3,200 men.

GIRL FIGHTS PISTOL DUEL WITH TWO MEXICAN BANDITS.

Was Wounded in the Forearm, But Drove Off the Outlaws.

Brownsville, Tex., Sept. 28.—Near Hamilton last night Miss Grace Carter fought a pistol duel with two Mexican bandits. Miss Carter was wounded in the forearm, but drove off the outlaws.

Miss Carter was at home with her mother and last evening went out of the house for water, taking a "sixteen" revolver with her. She was away two Mexicans open fire on her. Miss Carter fired three times and the Mexicans mounted their horses and galloped away.

Miss Carter said that a relative of hers, a private in the army, was in a party of deputies and posse of men which killed a Mexican.

Private Richard Johnson, Who Has Been Missing Since Friday.

Brownsville, Texas, Sept. 28.—The head of Private Richard J. Johnson, U. S. cavalryman, who has been missing since last Friday's battle near Progress, has been exhibited as a trophy on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande, according to a statement made tonight by a Mexican prisoner to Hidalgo county officers at Pharr, according to a report which reached here.

## Definite Plan for Half Billion Loan

ISSUE TO BE FOR FIVE YEARS AT FIVE PER CENT.

BONDS WILL BE ISSUED TO THE PUBLIC

at 98, to Syndicate at 96—Denominations as Low as \$100 and Payable in Installments.

New York, Sept. 28.—The agreement between the Anglo-French financial commission and the American bankers with whom they have been conferring over the proposed credit loan to Great Britain and France has resulted in the formation of a definite plan. It was officially announced here tonight for the establishment of a \$500,000,000 loan issue on five year 5 per cent. joint British and French bonds, payable jointly and severally by the two nations upon which the big loan will be a first lien.

May Pay by Installment. The bonds will be issued to the public at 98, thus yielding approximately 1 1/2 per cent. to the investor, and to the nation-wide syndicate of banks which will subscribe to the loan at 96. Formation of the syndicate has been left to J. P. Morgan & company and a large group of American bankers and financial houses.

At maturity these bonds will be repayable in cash or convertible into bonds redeemable from 10 to 20 years thereafter by the two governments jointly and severally.

Sir Henry Baginton Smith, a member of the commission, made public the announcement. Sir Henry said that an identical statement would be made tonight in Chicago by Lord Reading, chairman of the commission, who, with three other members, is conferring with western bankers there.

## CHICAGO BANKERS CHEER ANNOUNCEMENT OF LOAN

Made at Banquet by Lord Reading, Chairman of Commission.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—Cheers from scores of Chicago's foremost bankers and business men greeted the announcement at a banquet here tonight that the \$500,000,000 credit loan to France and England, the largest ever contracted for in the United States, had been arranged for.

The announcement was made here by Lord Reading, chairman of the Anglo-French financial commission, and three other members of the body, arrived today. The other visiting commission members who will return to New York tomorrow are Sir Edward H. Holden, Basil Blackett and M. Ernest Malet.

During the banquet Mr. Lamont explained details of the loan to virtually every banker in the city and to representatives of the city's business community.

More than 10,000 auto trucks, valued at \$20,000,000, have been shipped to England and France since the United States since the war began.

An item in the budget presented to the French chamber of deputies provides for an expenditure of \$15,000,000 for free tobacco for the army.

President Wilson signed an order closing the government departments today, when the G. A. R. parade and review by the president will be held.

All American officials on the Mexican border were ordered to cease all consignment of war supplies when their destination is not definitely known.

In case of Greece entering the war, Prince Nicholas, brother of King Constantine, will head the army, if illness prevents the king from taking the field.

Because of the lack of trained men to man them, the battleships Ohio, Wisconsin and Missouri will be transferred to the reserve from the first line fleet.

The Spanish ship Luis Vives was seized by Italian authorities at Genoa, when \$20,000 in gold, which is believed to be destined for Chicago, was found aboard.

About 700 of the 1,200 employees of the Hennee Manufacturing company, Hills plant at Springfield, Mass., went on strike to have their working hours rearranged.

About 2,000 United States Cartridge company employees returned to work at Lowell, Mass., following an idleness of two weeks caused by a strike of unskilled help.

Seven persons were injured when a passenger car of the Grand Trunk railroad was overturned near Oakville, Ont. The accident was caused by a broken rail.

Willard Huntington, a California railroad man, member of the late Col. P. Huntington, was killed when his auto turned over at Otsego, N. Y. Four of his companions were hurt.

W. A. Viall of the Brown & Sharpe Manufacturing company, Providence, announced that 500 of the strikers who went out nine days ago have returned to work within the past 24 hours.

The contract for the construction of the new United States survey steamer Surveyor was awarded to the Manitowish Shipbuilding company at Manitowish, Wis. The boat will cost \$18,700,000.

## Condensed Telegrams

Bulgaria suspended railway service with Greece. Greece's mobilization has called 400,000 men to the colors. The French senate rejected the wheat monopoly import bill. Wireless service between Sayville, L. I. and Europe was suspended. Sir John French, commander-in-chief of the British armies, is 63 years old.

## STEAMER RAMMED

Boston Lightship SMASHED HOLE IN HER TWO FEET ABOVE WATER LINE

As a Precautionary Measure the Lightship Asked for Assistance, But It Was Not Needed—Cause of Accident Unknown.

Boston, Sept. 28.—The Boston lightship asked for assistance from the steamer Quantic tonight and had a hole smashed in her side two feet above the water line. The Quantic outward bound for Philadelphia with a few passengers and crew sustained only slight damage, according to radio messages which she sent to her agents here. After standing by for a time to learn the extent of the lightship's injuries, the steamer proceeded to Philadelphia.

Assistance Sent. As a precautionary measure the lightship asked for assistance from this city and the lightship tender Mayflower and a naval tug, which were sent to the Charlestown yard, were sent to help. The Quantic Beach life savers, six miles from the scene of the collision, also set out in their motor boat to lend help to the crew of the lightship in effecting temporary repairs.

Weather Clear, Sea Moderate. The weather was clear with a moderate sea and it was believed that in the prevailing conditions the vessel which protects the outer entrance of the harbor would be able to remain on her station until a relief ship could take her place.

## FREIGHT STEAMER ISABEL STRUCK SUBMERGED ROCK

In Long Island Sound Off Cow Buoy—Sank in Ten Minutes.

Stamford, Conn., Sept. 28.—The freight steamer Isabel, plying between New York and South Norwalk, struck either a submerged wreck or a rock in Long Island sound off Cow Buoy tonight and sank in ten minutes. Six of the crew who arrived at Shippan Point in a small boat expressed the opinion that the steamer sank in ten minutes.

The freight, which was loaded with coal, struck the rock at 7 o'clock. The craft shook under the impact of a collision and almost immediately began to list. Water came over the bow and the vessel sank beneath the waves.

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