

COMBLES ALMOST SURROUNDED AND CAPTURE IS NEAR

BRITISH FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ON WEST OF VILLAGE WHILE FRENCH DRIVE WEDGE IN FARTHER INTO SOMME.

GERMANS VAINLY ATTACK NEWLY WON POSITIONS

Teutonic Allies Continue Advance in Roumania — King Ferdinand's Troops Repulsed in Transylvania, Vienna Reports—Russian Drive Checked.

London, Sept. 16. — Beset by the British on the west and the French on the east, the village of Combles, in the Somme region of France, apparently is on the verge of capture by the Allies.

With the British firmly established in the Luce wood, less than a mile to the east of it, the French have driven their wedge in farther and captured Le Priez farm, through which runs the road to Rancourt.

German Attacks Fail.

Along the Peronne-Bethune road to the north and south of Bouchavesnes, the Germans, according to Paris, have vainly attacked the newly won French positions in the hope of regaining their transport line to the north, but all their efforts have been without success and the French have maintained all their gains.

Except for reciprocal bombardments and a slight advance by the French by means of a bombing attack near Belloy-en-Santerre, south of the Somme, the situation elsewhere on the entire front in France and Belgium remains unchanged.

Teutons Gain in Roumania.

The Teutonic allies are continuing their advance on the Dobrudja sector of Roumania, according to Berlin and Sofia. Across the mountains in Transylvania, the Roumanians have attacked west and east of Hermannstadt, but were repulsed, says the Vienna war office.

In the Carpathians, the Russians attacked vigorously the forces of the Central Powers at Smotrec, Ludova and Kapul, storming positions after heavy preparatory bombardment. Their efforts to drive forward, however, were stopped with sanguinary losses, according to Vienna.

Serbs Make Progress.

On the Macedonian front considerable heavy fighting has taken place, with the results beclouded owing to contradictory reports by the different war chancelleries. The Serbs in the Lake Ostrovo region are declared by Paris to have made appreciable progress against the Bulgars, while both Berlin and Sofia report bombardments in this vicinity, but mention gains for neither side.

On the front where the Italians are facing the Bulgars, Sofia asserts that the Italians have been put to flight.

NEW YORK BUSINESS MEN SEEK TO END CAR STRIKE

Offer to Co-operate with City Officials — Score of Persons Hurt in Accidents.

New York, Sept. 16.—Representative business and professional men have offered to co-operate with city officials in an endeavor to settle the transit strike which for the past seven days has hampered transportation in Manhattan, the Bronx, and portions of Westchester county. While James P. Holland, president of the state federation of labor, was telling 8,000 striking carmen and their sympathizers at a meeting in Union Square, after their parade, that 70,000 allied trade unionists would strike Saturday unless a settlement was effected in the meantime. Mayor Mitchel and the public service commission were in conference with committees from the Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants' association, and kindred organizations, in an effort to end the strike.

Although a score of persons were injured, several of them seriously, in surface car accidents, the police reported there was comparatively little violence.

BRITISH COLUMBIA GOES DRY

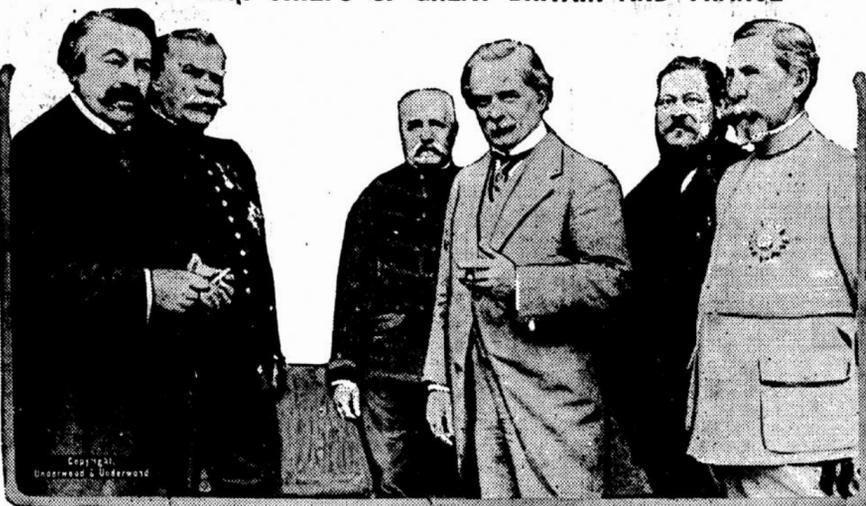
Woman Suffrage Apparently Adopted According to Returns.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 15.—Woman suffrage and prohibition apparently have been adopted by the voters of British Columbia, according to incomplete returns received here from the general election.

Serbians Carry Bulgarian Trenches.

Paris, Sept. 15.—Continuing their advance west of the Vardar the Serbians carried Bulgarian trenches between Kovil and Vetrenik, making progress also in the direction of Kaitmatchalon. Northwest of Lake Ostrovo the Serbs carried a height west of Hill 1,500 after violent fighting the advance guard reaching Solkes Malkandiy. The Bulgarians suffered heavily. On the Allies' right wing, from the Vardar to the Struma, intermittent cannonading continued, but there were no important infantry actions.

GREAT WAR CHIEFS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE



Left to right: Aristide Briand, French premier; General Joffre; General de Castelnau, chief of the French general staff; Lloyd-George, Great Britain's minister of war; M. Thomas, French minister of munitions, and General Roques, French minister of war. This gathering of the greatest of France's war chiefs and Lloyd-George, Britain's minister of war, is one of the most notable conferences that have taken place since the beginning of the great war.

SHERIFF ARRESTS OVER 400 I. W. W.'S

PRISONERS LOADED IN AUTOMOBILES, AND OTHER VEHICLES AND CARRIED TO PRISON.

MEN ARE TAKEN EIGHT MILES

Streets Lined With People Who Watch Motley Procession—Paper Found Tells of Demands for Increased Wages and Members' Release.

Scranton, Pa., Sept. 16.—More than 400 Industrial Workers of the World, holding a meeting at Old Forge in defiance of the orders of Sheriff Phillips, were put under arrest by the sheriff and his deputies, assisted by a large detail of state police.

The men did not resist arrest, the officers trapping them in a hall, of which they had taken possession of against the owners' protests.

All Are Locked Up.

No preliminary hearing was given the prisoners, but all were locked up to await their hearings. Sheriff Phillips received word that the I. W. W.'s planned a big secret meeting in Swartz hall at noon, and elaborate plans were made to prevent it. The prisoners were escorted in squads from the hall and loaded into an automobile, ice wagons, coal wagons, motor trucks, drays, and various other vehicles commandeered by the sheriff's men as fast as they came in sight.

Route Covers Eight Miles.

Joe Nozzi and other alleged leaders were among those arrested. All the way to the jail the streets were lined with people who had heard of the arrests and the coming of the motley procession of prison vans. The route covered eight miles.

A paper setting forth that the Industrial Workers demand increased wages for all classes of workers in the mines, a full day when the colliery closes down because of accident, and the release of all Industrial Worker prisoners in Minnesota jails, was found on one of the prisoners.

BRIDGE SPAN FALLS; 11 DEAD

Ninety Men on Structure While Being Put into Place—Weighed 5,000 Tons.

Quebec, Sept. 13.—With the loss of 11 lives, the second attempt to bridge the St. Lawrence river here, resulted in a failure when the massive center span, weighing 5,100 tons, suddenly collapsed and fell into the river.

The bridge was being constructed at a cost of \$1,700,000 in order to shorten the railway journey from Halifax to the Canadian Northwest by 200 miles.

The collapse occurred when the span was about 15 feet in the air. Ninety men were on the structure when it fell.

RUSSIAN DESTROYER IS SUNK

Warship Destroyed in Gulf of Riga by German Aeroplanes.

Berlin, Sept. 15.—A Russian destroyer has been sunk in the Gulf of Riga by a German aeroplane squadron, says a report given out by the German admiralty. German naval planes have also attacked Russian sea forces in the Black Sea off Constanza, Roumania.

Cotton Pickers Carry Guns.

Mulberry, Ark., Sept. 15. — Cotton pickers in Crawford county were working with shot guns across their shoulders while eight men were being tried before Judge Scott as alleged night riders. Cotton pickers were warned by the raiders who rode through the county Tuesday night that they must quit picking for 75 and 80 cents a hundred and hold out for a dollar a hundred pounds. Pickers say that 200 to 300 men participated in the invasion.

PRESIDENT PLANS CAMPAIGN

WILL ACCEPT HUGHES' CHALLENGE ON RAIL ISSUE.

Wilson to Write Number of Letters to Democratic Candidates in Doubtful States.

Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 16.—The part President Wilson is to take in the campaign for his re-election was discussed here by the President, Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, Postmaster General Burleson, and Secretary Tumulty. The plans it was announced will be put into final shape at a meeting here Monday between President Wilson, Vance McCormick, chairman of the Democratic national committee, and Homer S. Cummings, head of the speakers' bureau of the national committee.

Campaign in Doubtful States.

The President will not begin his "porch campaign" at Shadow Lawn until next week. In the meantime, he will write a number of letters to Democratic candidates in doubtful states. A decision has been reached that the campaign for the re-election of the President will follow closely the lines of his speech of acceptance. Through speeches to delegations here and through letters, he will amplify points made in that address, and will accept the challenge of Charles E. Hughes, the Republican nominee, on the issue created by the settlement of the recently threatened railroad strike.

HEARINGS ON ARMOR PLANT SITE CLOSED BY DANIELS

Selection for \$11,000,000 Establishment Probably Will Not Be Made for Two Months.

Washington, Sept. 15.—Hearings before Secretary Daniels and the general board of the navy on the question of a suitable location for the projected \$11,000,000 government armor factory, closed with approximately 125 cities and rural districts asking for the plant.

A selection probably will not be made for more than two months.

All possibility of purchasing a ready built plant was disposed of during the hearings.

Secretary Daniels said that every proposal would be given careful consideration and no precaution would be omitted to make the selection the best possible.

BLISS ASKED FOR OPINION

Joint Board Discusses International Police Question—Taxation Decreases by Carranza Are Considered.

New London, Conn., Sept. 15.—Suggestions as to what methods shall be employed to establish peace on the Mexican border were submitted to Major General Tasker H. Bliss U. S. A., by the American members of the American-Mexican joint commission. The officer's opinions were sought on subjects ranging from the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico to the possibility of creating an international police to guard the border. No conclusion, however, was reached and the commissioners will continue their conferences with General Bliss.

Dutch to Control Shipping.

Amsterdam, Sept. 15.—It is reported here that the Dutch government is preparing a bill under which the state will be enabled to commandeer shipping to bring goods to Holland for distribution under state control.

Americans Endangered at Kavala.

Athens, Sept. 15.—The British legation has informed Garret Drovers, the American minister, that the Greeks have surrendered to the Bulgarians the last of the forts defending the seaport of Kavala, in north-eastern Greece. Several of the forts were occupied some time ago by the Bulgarians. Warships of the Entente Allies have removed 1,500 Greek soldiers to Thasos. Rioting at Kavala is reported and it is said houses and shops have been pillaged. A number of Americans are endangered.

REPUBLICANS WIN VICTORY IN MAINE

ELECT GOVERNOR, AUDITOR, TWO U. S. SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS.

PLURALITY OF 13,000 SHOWN

Progressives Return Largely to the G. O. P., in Opinion of Leaders—Milliken Leads His Ticket, Defeating Governor O. C. Curtis

Portland, Me., Sept. 13.—Maine

Republicans reinforced by returning Progressives won a signal victory at the election. They elected a governor, an auditor, two United States senators and four representatives in Congress and wresting control of the state house of representatives from the Democrats will be able on a joint vote of the legislature to elect the other state officers not chosen by popular vote. Carl E. Milliken led his ticket, defeating Governor Oakley C. Curtis, who sought re-election by a plurality of approximately 13,000.

Indorsement of Hughes.

United States Senator-elect Frederick Hale sent a telegram to Charles E. Hughes, who had shared in the campaign, claiming that the vote was an indorsement of Hughes' candidacy for the presidency. Governor Curtis issued a statement asserting that anything less than a Republican plurality of 15,000 would indicate that the people of Maine wished to uphold the President.

The Progressives, who two years ago cast 18,266 votes, returned largely to the Republican party, in the opinion of Republican leaders. The closest fight was for Congress from the Second district where Representative Daniel J. McGillicuddy was defeated by Wallace H. White, Jr., by 500 plurality.

ALLIES BALK EFFORTS TO FORM NEW GREEK CABINET

Entente Powers Not Satisfied With Program Outlined by Premier Dimitracopolus.

Athens, Sept. 15, via London.—The Allied powers are not satisfied with the program outlined by M. Dimitracopolus, whose acceptance of the premiership was based on full power to control the national policy. M. Dimitracopolus has, therefore, abandoned his efforts to form a cabinet.

TURK CAPITAL PROMISED CZAR

Deputation Visits Italy, England and France and is Convinced of Economic Resources of Allies.

San Francisco, Sept. 15.—That Constantinople has been promised to Russia by the Allies should the Teutons be defeated in the war, was the statement made here by M. H. Itchas, member of the duma and one of the Russian parliamentary deputations sent by the czar to England, France and Italy to confer with the governments.

Ammonia Blast Kills Six.

Newark, N. J., Sept. 15.—Six men were reported to have been killed by an ammonia tank explosion in the plant of the Interstate Milk & Cream company.

Poindexter is Nominated.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 15.—United States Senator Miles Poindexter, who was elected as a Republican six years ago and who joined the Progressive party four years ago, was renominated as the Republican candidate for senator in the primary election, defeating Will E. Humphrey, now representative in Congress from the First district by a plurality estimated at 7,000. Henry McBride of Seattle, who was governor of the state from 1901 to 1905, was nominated as the Republican candidate for governor.

PACIFIC STEAMER CONGRESS BURNS; PASSENGERS SAFE

MEN AND WOMEN FIGHT WILDLY TO ENTER LIFE BOATS TWO MILES OFF COOR BAY BAR.

SCHOONER AND BARGE RESCUE ALL ON BOARD

Palatial Liner Was Pride of the Pacific Coastwise Service—Smoke and Heat Almost Unbearable When Last Life Boat Leaves for Shore.

Marshfield, Ore., Sept. 16.—Fire destroyed the Pacific Coast Steamship company's liner Congress, two miles off Coor Bay bar.

While persons on the shore watched the great steamer burning, passengers fought wildly to enter the life boats. The gas schooner Tillamook and the dredge Colonel P. S. Michie arrived in time to save the passengers, numbering 253, and the crew of 110.

No lives were lost, nor one injured, it was found when the two vessels landed.

Fight Frantically for Boats. The Congress was the pride of the Pacific coastwise service, plying between Tacoma and Seattle on Puget Sound and California ports. It and its older sister ships, the Governor and the President, were the largest vessels in this service.

When the Michie and the Tillamook reached the Congress they found the liner almost completely shrouded in smoke, and the passengers fighting frantically to enter the life boats.

Despite the stress of the situation, however, Captain N. E. Cousins and his crew managed to maintain control and the work of transferring the people aboard to the rescue vessels was carried out in an orderly manner.

Smoke Almost Unbearable.

Before the last boat load, in which was Captain Cousins, left the Congress the smoke and heat were almost unbearable. Flames were shooting out of the ventilators and up the passageways. Soon afterward the flames enveloped her from stem to stern, lighting the sky to a crimson hue. With the wind and tide the steamer then began drifting in toward the spit on Coos bay.

The crew of the life saving station in a power boat reached the Congress shortly after the Michie and Tillamook arrived, and helped remove the passengers and crew to the two latter vessels.

Congress Cost \$1,250,000.

San Francisco, Sept. 15.—The Congress, which was built in 1913, at Camden, N. J., at a cost of \$1,250,000, is a steel steamer of 7,985 tons, 424 feet long and 55 feet broad.

DENY PACT CLOSE OPEN DOOR

State Department Receives Note From Guthrie Giving Attitude of Tokio Government.

Washington, Sept. 15.—Both Japan and Russia have given the United States formal assurances that the new Russo-Japanese treaty does not repeal or affect the treaties of 1907 and 1910, in which those nations pledged themselves to maintain the integrity of China and the open door policy.

Department officials let it be known that the statements were entirely satisfactory and that inquiries regarding the new treaty, over which they had been considerably perturbed, probably would not be pressed further.

DUNNE AND LOWDEN NAMED

Illinois Governor Wins Sweeping Victory in Primary Election.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—Sweeping victories for Governor Edward F. Dunne and former Congressman Frank O. Lowden, candidates respectively for the Democratic and Republican gubernatorial nomination, the apparent defeat of William Lorimer by about 1,000 votes by Arthur W. Fulton for the Republican nomination to Congress for the Sixth district, characterized the Illinois primary election.

WILL NOT OBEY 8-HOUR LAW

Gulf Railroad Serves Notices on Employees and Public.

Galveston, Texas, Sept. 14.—Officials of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroads have begun serving notices on employees and the public along all its lines that the recently enacted eight-hour law for the trainmen would not be obeyed except upon orders from the court of last resort.

Organized Anti-war Demonstrations.

Rome, Sept. 13.—Morara and Pinotti, officers of the Italian Young Men's Socialist association, have been arrested charged with organizing antiwar demonstrations in Italy and other countries. In the house where the men were arrested the police seized 50,000 copies of antimilitarist manifesto which was intended for distribution among the soldiers. Morara and Pinotti are said to have been working in conjunction with the International Young Men's Socialist association, which has headquarters at Zurich.



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Story of Man Who Turned From His Wickedness Ended in Somewhat Unexpected Manner.

The late John Philip Quinn, the reformed gambler, who for 20 years traveled all over America exposing the electric roulette wheel and other cheating devices had a reform story that he would tell while exhibiting his queer paraphernalia in his private car.

"Don't be afraid of reform," he said. "Help every poor devil who wants to reform. The way most people act, you'd think they all believed religiously in the reform story."

"You stopped smoking because she asked you to?" was the question put to a solemn-looking chap.

"Yes."

"And you stopped drinking because she asked you to?"

"Yes."

"And you gave up your poker parties and went into refined, serious society for the same reason?"

"Yes, yes, yes."

"And then, I suppose, you married her?"

"Well, you see, after I'd reformed like that, I found I could do better."

Personal Appreciation.

He had been telling her in a frank, straightforward way about what an athletic, business man and all-around great fellow he was.

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She looked at him with gentle intensity and answered, "You are."



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