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## DECISIVE BATTLE IS BEING FOUGHT

### G. A. R. PASSES IN REVIEW BEFORE PRESIDENT WILSON

Great Parade of Veterans Today in Washington in Which 20,000 Men Tramp Again to Strains of Martial Music.

### REMNANTS OF ONCE VICTORIOUS ARMY

Old Soldiers Find Much to Complain Against Over the Arrangements for Their Comfort by Local Committees.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—A rift in the pleasure of G. A. R. veterans attending the forty-ninth annual encampment developed today. Arrangements of local committees were sharply criticized. Many veterans were outspoken in their indignation. Following a near riot last night at the speech of President Wilson, over seating arrangements, many complaints today occurred over grandstand and parade arrangements. Lack of sufficient seating capacity in the reviewing stands was charged by many visitors. Prices charged for seats were also complained of. Another cause of criticism was the arrangements made for transporting disabled veterans, unable to march in today's parade. None without tickets were permitted to ride in the free automobiles and buses secured by the local committee. Others had to pay 25 cents each to ride in auto sight-seeing cars. Inability of veterans to get tickets in the rush and confusion, caused sharp disputes. The scale of prices for grand stand seats was from \$1 to \$2. There were also reports today that many tickets had got into the hands of speculators who were holding out for exorbitant prices.

Passed in Review.—For the fourth time since they fought to hold the states together and perhaps for the last time, a long line of Grand Army warriors tramped down Pennsylvania avenue today and passed in review before the president of the United States.

There were nearly 20,000 of the aged warriors and though the years had broken most of the great battalions, the remnants stepped with martial tread to the rattle of the drums.

It was an impressive sight and over it all the sun smiled while a cool breeze fanned the cheeks of the grizzled grey beards making their march less weary.

President Wilson reviewed the soldiers from the court of honor in front of the white house. In the president's box were Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, Mrs. McAdoo, members of the cabinet and the president's secretary and Colonel W. W. Harris.

The postoffice, treasury, state, war and navy and labor departments buildings were points of vantage from which thousands viewed the parade. Spectators included 40,000 government employees, given a holiday by order of President Wilson.

The Great Parade. [By Gen. Nelson A. Miles, Written for the United Press.] WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Washington looked today through the eyes of fifty years ago.

Its populace and visitors joined with the nation's executive in reviewing the battered line battalions of the Grand Army of the Republic—all that is left

### The War in Mexico

Latest Developments Among Our Revolutionary Neighbors of the South.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Sept. 29.—The head of Trooper Richard J. Johnson, who disappeared during the battle at Progreso last Friday, has been exhibited as a trophy on the Mexican side of the river, according to a statement alleged to have been made to county officers by a Mexican prisoner at Progreso. The Mexican is being held in connection with the disappearance of the soldier. Johnson was a member of Troop E, Twelfth cavalry and his home was in Mount Norris, N. M. Mexicans fired across the river at

of the stalwart legions, 200,000 strong, who marched with youth's firm step before the white house in review with Sherman, Meade, Sheridan and Hancock at the close of the war that called the army into being. Celebrated in the most beautiful capital, among the people of the struggle, most prosperous republic in the world, the fiftieth annual grand review of the Grand Army of the Republic epitomized and symbolized the spirit of our nation—unity; and mighty influence on all humanity through unborn ages.

There in the vanguard of this body, unique and filled with the essence of tragedy and romance, marched the remnants of Logan's men—the troops from Illinois. John A. Logan is dead, but can it be I saw his shadow striding on beside them?

Few of the handful of old leaders who are left from the days of '61 and '65 passed here today. Wilson of Delaware, Dodge of Iowa, Brooks of Pennsylvania, and Pennypacker and Shortland of Illinois, Andrews of Minnesota, Connor of Maine and Louis Grant who fought with Andrews; Greg, that grand old Pennsylvania cavalryman; Hardin of Chicago, Nickerson of Somerville, Paine of Massachusetts, Pierce of Michigan, Seward of Albany, Medford of Oregon—all still living, but not all here.

Their boys troops by, though, rigid and the dragging chains of time permitted, and with them in fancy anyhow, if not in fact, their generals went marching on before.

Fifteenth in line marched what remains of the men who fought with George H. Thomas at Nashville. "The Rock of Chickamauga," we called him; "the noblest Roman of them all." In Swinton's history you'll read that his army's Nashville campaign plan turned out a valiant victory for us.

A naval banner streaming free above the stumbling ranks brought back the memory of John Ericsson. He is not here, but that small group which few the ribboned ensign well could tell you all about him; how he dreamed the Monitor and heard it scoffed at; how Lincoln overruled the army and ordered him to build the armored ship; and how at last it saved the union craft the Merrimack was mowing down; and revolutionized all naval warfare.

Far down the line were the boys from Delaware; and still among them was their gallant general, James H. Wilson, leader of one of the largest commands during the civil war and who rendered important service again in the war with Spain.

Then there were the Pennsylvania boys, once led by the youthful general, George A. Pennypacker, who, still alive, carries in his person two confederate bullets.

In this parade of the Grand Army

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### FRANCE

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] PARIS, Sept. 29.—Important gains have been made by the French, both in the Artois and the Champagne regions in furious attacks that continued all day yesterday and throughout last night. It was officially announced this afternoon. In a stubborn battle, French troops stormed and captured the heights dominating the Vimy heights, and the orchards southward, east of Souchez, taking 300 prisoners, a lot of whom were guardsmen. German losses total more than three army corps (out 120,000 men) the war office estimated this afternoon. In the Artois and Champagne actions more than 23,000 German prisoners have been taken. French booty now includes seventy-nine cannons. The French are advancing all day and night in the Artois region. Large numbers of German prisoners are being taken, both in this district and in the Champagne. In the fierce battle around Massiges, in the Champagne region, one group of 1,000 Germans found themselves surrounded in yesterday's battle and surrendered. German artillery violently bombarded French positions north and south of the Aisne yesterday and in the region of the St. Marcd woods. Near Troyon and in the region of Vailly, there was also heavy bombardment. The French batteries replied energetically.

President Poincaré today addressed a letter to War Minister Millerand, declaring that the French troops have definitely proven their superiority over the best troops of Germany in the great battle now being waged. Millerand forwarded Poincaré's letter to General Joffre with a note congratulating the French commander in chief and the entire army on their continued successes.

### AT VIMY HEIGHTS.

[By Ed L. Keen, United Press Staff Correspondent.] LONDON, Sept. 29.—The fiercest infantry fighting of the entire Franco-Flanders front is now on west of Vimy, in the region just north of Arras.

The French are centering attacks on the range of the Vimy heights, blocking the path to the important German railway center and base of Arras.

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### BALKANS

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] BULGARIA, Sept. 29.—The success of the allies' offensive movement has removed the possibility that Bulgaria will enter the war at once on the side of the Austro-Germans, according to the Sofia correspondent of the Tribune.

"Bulgaria is alarmed at the prompt mobilization of the Greek army, the failure of the Austro-Germans to attack Serbia and the imminent Roumanian mobilization," the Tribune's correspondent wired from the Bulgarian capital.

"Diplomatic circles here consider German machinations in the Balkans a disastrous failure. It is ascertained that recent events in France have forced the Austro-Germans to reduce the contingent destined for an invasion of Serbia and to adopt a defensive attitude."

### TROUBLE IN CABINET.

ATHENS, Sept. 29.—Two members of the Bulgarian cabinet have resigned because Czar Ferdinand refused to approve an immediate attack on Serbia, according to dispatches received here today.

The members who tendered their resignations are M. Toncheff, minister of finance, and M. Blakoff, minister of commerce. The czar conferred last night with M. Malitoff, who is said to oppose aggressive action by Bulgaria. This led to rumors that Premier Radcaloff had resigned and that Mal-

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### TURKEY

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LONDON, Sept. 29.—A large Turkish force has been defeated and routed with heavy losses by the British in Mesopotamia, J. Austlin Chamberlain, secretary for India, announced in the house this afternoon. The British captured the enemy's positions on both sides of the Tigris and took large ammunition supplies. The Turks are fleeing toward Bagdad. British losses were less than five hundred.

### HALF A BILLION IS QUITE A SUM

Loan to Allies Having Been Completed, Wall Street Has Job to Arrange Plans.

### CHICAGO NOT EAGER

Committee is Wined and Dined in the Windy City, But Cannot Pick up a Nickel There.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—England and France must pay \$25,000,000 annually as interest on the half billion dollar loan. This was the chief topic of discussion in Wall street today, following the formal announcement of the completion of the most gigantic loan ever negotiated.

One reason advanced as to the high rate of interest was that it was necessary to make the loan especially attractive in view of the fact that munitions payments probable will be made with funds out of the credit. While it was not stated in the official agreement that war purchases would be made with this money, it was not said they would not be.

Even with Wall street's almost perfect system for handling huge sums of money, the task of setting the machinery of credit in motion is a titanic process. Such details as having half a billion dollars worth of bonds engraved; listing that amount of securities on the stock exchange; arrangements for their distribution; selection of depositories and interest paying stations, details never attempted before—today face managers of the loan.

### Chicago is Cold.

CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—With the virtual completion of the half billion dollar loan to the allies, there was growing realization today among Chicago and western financiers who came here to meet the Anglo-French commission that the trip of that body here had its real purpose the mission of personal assurance that what benefits are to be derived from the huge money transaction were not to be confined to one section of the country.

Thomas W. Lamont, partner of J. P. Morgan and Co., explained the details of the loan to a conference of bankers. One meeting was held yesterday and a second one today. Every effort was made to convince western bankers that they would profit more by the loan than would eastern capitalists. Lamont kept in touch all day by telephone with the Morgan offices in New York. The series of receptions and luncheons which characterized yesterday's social side of the visit, continued today. Behind that mask the loan commissioners and Lamont continued their efforts to get western bankers in line for the loan. In spite of the cordial reception given the visitors, the biggest western bankers continued cold on the proposition. Bond houses will probably be called on to market the western commitment of the loan.

### Not Interested Out West.

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 29.—Because Denver and the west was "not getting much benefit from the war," John C. Mitchell, president of the Denver National bank, and head of the local clearing house, declared today that the Anglo-French loan bonds would not interest investors in this section. "Communities in the east benefited by the war orders, probably offer the best market for the bonds," said Mitchell. "I have not been approached regarding the loan by any of its backers and don't believe any one in Denver has."

### Nothing Done in Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 29.—A half dozen of the biggest bankers here today refused to discuss in any way the big loan consummated by the Anglo-French financiers. Despite their refusal to comment on the negotiations, practically all of them have indicated in the past two weeks that their banks will have nothing to do with furnishing money to the warring countries.

### Lower Supreme Court Decisions.

[Special to The Gate City.] DEPT. MOINES, Sept. 29.—Simons, appellant, vs. Western Life Indemnity Co., Cass county, affirmed.

### Italy

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] ROME, Sept. 29.—More than 300 lives were known to have been lost in the sinking of the Italian battleship Benedetto Brin in Brindisi harbor. The ministry of marine confirmed today press reports of the disaster and reported no additions to the list of eight officers and 379 of the crew of 750 who were rescued. The death of Rear Admiral Rubin De Cervin was also officially confirmed. The explosion was caused by a burst of flame that reached a powder magazine aft. The origin of the fire has not been determined, but a preliminary investigation, according to the marine office, precludes the possibility that the ship was the victim of hostile attack.

### GERMANY

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] AMSTERDAM, Sept. 29.—Kaiser Wilhelm, according to reports received here today has abandoned his trip to Berlin and has gone direct to the western battle front to observe operations.

German newspapers received here admit that what may prove to be a decisive struggle, is now going on on the western front.

"The most formidable stage, perhaps, the decisive moment of the war has now been reached," says the Neueste Nachrichten of Leipzig. "If Joffre is able to force our armies to take up new positions, a new struggle must result, costing us, perhaps, terrible sacrifices. But we shall endure them."

The Neueste Nachrichten of Munich lauds the German troops for their courageous defense, declaring: "Though our soldiers were in a difficult position, they met the enemy's frightful onslaught with the greatest bravery."

### SUCCESS EVERYWHERE.

BERLIN, Sept. 29. (Via Amsterdam.)—Important successes on both battle fronts in the face of the greatest attack the allies have yet developed, has aroused the greatest enthusiasm here.

Dispatches today from the western front report all Anglo-French attacks since Sunday have been repulsed. In the east, Von Hindenburg is threatening Dvinsk and the Russians are being thrown back across the Volhynian fortress region.

It is fully realized here that the western battle has not ended and that the allies may make further slight gains. But the allies' best blow was struck on Saturday, German military critics believed. Then the British were halted southwest of Lille.

### OFFICIAL REPORT.

BERLIN (via wireless to London) Sept. 29.—German troops have repulsed the British, several rows of trenches taken by the enemy, north of Loos, it was officially announced this afternoon.

On every sector of the battle front, Anglo-French attacks have been repulsed in the last twenty-four hours, the war office reported.

"We have been unable to eject the

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### ENGLAND

[By Ed. L. Keen, United Press Staff Correspondent.] LONDON, Sept. 29.—A great storm of shells is bursting across the Franco-Flanders front in what may be described as the second phase of one of the greatest battles in the history of the world.

The first mad rush through the German lines is over. Both in the Champagne and the Artois region, the allies have settled down to steady, hammering attacks, counted up to exhaust and wear down the Germans until the way is made ready for another dash and another attempt to bite deep into the German front.

Berlin today repeated that the allied offensive movement has been brought to a halt. The last official report from Paris said the French were gaining ground "foot by foot," indicating the stubbornness of the defense now being maintained by the Teutons. The British official statement, believed to cover operations later than those recorded in the Berlin communique, report important progress around Loos, where it was stated the British are now attacking the German third line.

Unofficial reports from northern

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### TO BE SHOT AT DAWN LIKE AN ENEMY SPY

Joe Hillstrom, Sentenced to Death, had His Choice of Being Hanged or Shot to Death by Riflemen in the Prison Yard.

### PROTESTING HIS INNOCENCE TO THE LAST

Claim That He is Protecting a Married Woman's Name, Makes I. W. W. Member Appear as Hero in His Friends' Eyes.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Sept. 29.—Blind-folded, Joe Hillstrom, 33, will be led from his cell in the county jail shortly after sun rise Friday, strapped in a chair, and shot through the heart by five riflemen receiving forty dollars in gold each from the state of Utah.

Hillstrom gave no hint today that he would reveal the name of the married woman at whose home he said he was on the night a grocer and his son were foully murdered. Circumstantial evidence convicted Hillstrom of the double murder, "the woman in the case" not coming forward to establish Hillstrom's alibi.

Governor William Spry, fearless in the face of threatening letters received from Hillstrom's I. W. W. friends, said today that no human power can save Hillstrom from the death penalty. Besides Spry, the members of the board of pardons, and the supreme court do not believe Hillstrom and declare that he is not "protecting a married woman's name."

Hillstrom saw the Swedish consul and his lawyer Soren X. Christensen today. They vainly pleaded with him to give them the woman's name in secret so they might investigate and possibly obtain a reprieve. "I have lived like an artist and will die like one," Hillstrom said. "Who the woman is, is nobody's business. I am innocent of the crime charged to me."

Hillstrom's closest friends believe he will go bravely before the rifle squad shortly after sunrise Friday and will carry the woman's name, if there is a woman, to the grave. No other state in the union gives a condemned man the choice between hanging and the firing squad. Hillstrom chose the firing squad and even asked to face the riflemen unblindfolded. That was denied him. Hillstrom has not asked for spiritual consolation, nor will he. There is no regular prison chaplain.

The doomed man is eating well and sleeping regularly. His face is drawn, but that is not entirely from worry, his guards stating that Hillstrom has been very brave so far. No death watch has yet been established, but likely will be Thursday.

When Hillstrom has passed his last night of life he will be roused before dawn and be given a chance to bathe and take breakfast. Whatever he desires will be furnished him at that meal. He will then have an opportunity to make a final statement and reveal the woman's name, but his friends say he will never betray her. The death warrant read, two guards will blindfold him and lead him away. Others will follow with the sheriff

### TOWN SCORCHED BY NIGHT FIRE

Twenty-five Residences and Twenty Stores Went Up in Flames During Night.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] SUFFERIN, N. Y., Sept. 29.—Twenty-five residences and a business block containing about twenty small stores were destroyed by a fire which swept Sufferin during last night and early today. The fire burned for hours. Early today the blaze was under control, but the property loss will be heavy.

A smoking mass of charred ruins is all that remains of the principal business block of the town. Fire departments from nine surrounding towns battled against the flames all night long. Hundreds of persons were carried from their flaming residences, unconscious, by firemen. At the Rockland hotel one hundred guests escaped or were carried out in their night clothes.

The police said there were no reports of deaths. A fireman had both legs broken in a falling wall.

—Read The Daily Gate City.

### What the War Moves Mean

By J. W. T. Mason, Former European Manager of the United Press.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—The most significant indication for the moment of the conditions along the western battle front is that the allies' official reports now enumerate gains in yards instead of miles and speak of capturing prisoners in hundreds instead of thousands.

It is apparent from this fact that the Germans continue to stiffen their resistance, although they are not yet holding their own at every point along the line. The British seem to have abandoned their efforts to reach Lille and to have halted their other offensive north of Ypres. Apparently they are concentrating their major strength at Loos.

The Germans are now facing a concerted Anglo-French drive which has the important German supply station of Douai as its objective, twelve miles to the east. To reinforce the Douai line, other parts of the German front probably have been weakened. If the allies discover from what points the withdrawal have been made, the possibility exists that they may break through one of these semi-guarded barriers.

But under normal circumstances, before a successful assault can be delivered against entrenched positions, there must be preliminary artillery fire of high intensity to blow the enemy's obstructions away. This fire acts as a warning to the enemy. Some notice, therefore, would doubtless have to be given to the Germans if the allies were to select a new point for an offensive. There would then result a race between the rapid effectiveness of the allies' artillery and the quick concentration of German troops in the threatened area.