

DECISIVE PHASE OF BATTLE OF AISNE NOW RAGES FRENCH EMPLOYING NEW AND TERRIBLE EXPLOSIVE

WHOLE FILES STRICKEN DEAD STANDING WITH GUNS POISED

TURPINITE, NEW FRENCH EXPLOSIVE, KILLS WITH FUMES—DEATH FROM BOMBS IS PAINLESS AND PRACTICALLY INSTANTANEOUS

(Correspondence of Associated Press.) London, Sept. 17.—Remarkable tales of novel engines of war are appearing in all parts of Europe, but nothing has yet equalled the reports circulated concerning new guns used by the French which fire turpentine, a substance said to produce instantaneous and painless death for every living thing within its reach.

soldiers stood dead in their trenches as a result of the fumes from the mysterious turpentine discharged by the French in engagements along the Marne. The dead Germans are reported to have maintained a standing posture and retained their rifles in their hands, so sudden and unusual was the effect of the new weapon. Instantaneous paralysis is said to have been caused by turpentine.

Although it is so deadly in its work, turpentine cannot be objected to on the ground that it violates human principles of war. In fact, it is so humane that it must not be confused with lyddite and other explosives, which have deadly fumes. Whole Files Dead English correspondents have reported that entire lines of German soldiers were killed in the same manner.

Fired Only by Experts The French gun for the use of turpentine is shrouded in as great a mystery as turpentine itself. Experts are required, it is said, for the use of the new ammunition and the manipulation of the strange gun so recently introduced into warfare.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED MEN LOST WITH CRUISERS BRITISH ADMIRALTY IS WROTH BECAUSE EFFORT WAS MADE TO SAVE SOME LIVES

London, Sept. 25, 9 p. m.—It is officially announced tonight that nearly 50 officers and 1,400 men were lost in the sinking of the British cruisers Aboukir, Hogue and Cressy in the North sea.

BANKS THAT HOARD COIN ARE EXPOSED

Washington, Sept. 25.—Continuing his campaign against high interest rates and the hoarding of money by banks, Secretary McAdoo made public tonight a list of nearly 250 national banks in all sections of the country, outside reserve and central reserve cities, which are carrying reserve in excess of legal requirements.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT DENOUNCES LORIMER

East St. Louis, Ill., Sept. 25.—Theodore Roosevelt finished his Illinois campaign in behalf of the progressive ticket here tonight by addressing a large crowd.

ALASKAN COAL BILL HELD BY SHAFROTH

Washington, Sept. 25.—Passage of the bill to provide for leasing government coal lands in Alaska was prevented in the senate tonight by Senator Shafroth, who announced his intention to submit radical amendments tomorrow.

CHARLES H. MOYER FIGURES IN THIS MURDER CASE TRIAL OF FOUR STRIKERS IN MICHIGAN COPPER WAR IS TO COME UP SOON

Houghton, Mich., Sept. 25.—The trial of John Hubba and three others charged with the murder of Thomas Daly and Henry and Arthur Jane last year, was transferred to Marquette county today. The case will come up soon. The murdered men were non-union copper miners and the defendants were strikers in the copper war of 1913.

NONE LOST WITH TAHOMA

Valdez, Alaska, Sept. 25.—A wireless message indicates that the officers and crew of 72 men and others who were aboard the United States revenue cutter Tahoma, wrecked near Kiska island in the western Aleutians, are safe.



DECISIVE BATTLE IS RAGING BOTH ARMIES UPON OFFENSIVE

ALLIES STRIKE GERMAN RIGHT, GERMANS PUSH INTO FRENCH LINE NEAR VERDUN—FIGHT MAY MEAN END OF AISNE STRUGGLE

London, Sept. 25, 9:15 p. m.—Almost simultaneously the two great hammer strokes in the battle in northern France have fallen and some decisive result must come before long. The allies have struck the German right wing and the Germans, on their part, have hurled themselves against the French line between Verdun and Toul.

debouching from Toul, have advanced in the region of Beaumont. In the contest to the east of Rheims the French have made some progress, but elsewhere nothing of importance has happened. In East Prussia Some confirmation comes today of yesterday's report that the Germans have suffered a reverse on the East Prussian frontier. Several trainloads of wounded, including German prisoners, have arrived at Pskov, according to a Petrograd dispatch, having been (Continued on Page Seven)

WESTERN MONTANA DAY AT STATE EXPOSITION

Helena, Sept. 25.—(Special.)—The University of Montana Carnival band, a half-hundred cheering students, led 500 western Montanans in the fair grounds today to assist in the celebration of Western Montana day.

OVERMAN TO PROBE INSIDIOUS LOBBIES

Washington, Sept. 25.—Frequent charges and insinuations that insidious influences have been at work in Washington in connection with anti-trust and rivers and harbors legislation have prompted Senator Overman, chairman of the special lobby investigating committee, to consider calling his committee to complete its inquiry, begun more than a year ago.

MONTANA'S BANKS DO SOMETIMES HOARD

Washington, Sept. 25.—Included in Secretary McAdoo's list showing the percentage of reserves carried by each bank are the following: Montana:—First National, Butte, 41 per cent; Yellowstone National, Billings, 36 per cent; First National, Great Falls, 35 per cent; First National, Glasgow, 29 per cent.

BISHOP SPALDING OF UTAH KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Salt Lake City, Sept. 25.—Bishop F. S. Spalding, head of the Episcopal church in Utah, was instantly killed here tonight when an automobile in which he was riding struck a curb and overturned. Bishop Spalding's neck was broken. The car was driven by a young daughter of Judge William H. King.

LOVETT'S OPINION UPON COMPETITION

New York, Sept. 25.—If the Southern Pacific company did not control the Central Pacific railway there would be more competition than there is now, in the opinion of Judge Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the executive committee of the Union Pacific railway and formerly head of the entire Harriman system.

GERMANS HEDGING ON CAPTIVES' TOTAL

London, Sept. 25.—The Central News agency has received the following dispatch from Rome: "A message from Berlin says the general staff having agreed to the complete official list of prisoners, has found it necessary to admit that the totals already announced were erroneous. The aggregate number of prisoners in German hands is now reduced from 250,000 to 50,000, of whom 30,000 are Russians."

WAR REVENUE BILL IS BY THE HOUSE

Washington, Sept. 25.—The administration war revenue bill, imposing additional taxes on beer, domestic wines, gasoline, special taxes on theaters and certain dealers and stamp taxes; all estimated to produce \$105,000,000 within a year, was passed by the house, by 234 to 135, late today and sent to the senate.

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EXTREME VIOLENCE CHARACTERIZING BATTLE

FIGHT AT NOYON SEEMS TO BE DECISIVE—FRENCH ARE DRIVEN BUT RALLY

TRACHERY REPAID BY TERRIBLE VENGEANCE

Paris, Sept. 25.—The official communication on the battle in northern France, says that this morning French troops about Noyon were compelled to give ground before superior forces, but having been reinforced, again assumed the offensive, the engagement being one of particular violence.

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