

BRITISH SWEEP PAST COMBLES TO NEW LINES

More Than 3,000 Germans Captured in Two Days' Battle, Says General Haig.

ALLIES STRENGTHEN LINES

French Make Progress South of Somme, Crushing in German Salient.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—The British have gained new positions on the Somme front. Patrol detachments are in touch with the enemy, General Haig reported this afternoon.

In two days of the great battle on the Somme front, the British alone have captured between 3,000 and 4,000 prisoners.

PARIS, Sept. 27.—Rolled back by the tremendous allied blow yesterday, the Germans made no attempt to recapture positions taken by the French north of the Somme last night, it was officially announced today. The French spent the night organizing their new positions.

South of the Somme a brilliant attack enabled the French to carry a strongly defended wood, forming a salient east of Vermandovillers.

AVIATORS IN ACTION

Lieutenant Nungesser, French flyer, brought down two German planes on the Somme front yesterday and also shot down a captive balloon. Nungesser has now destroyed seventeen enemy aeroplanes.

The most successful blow struck by Anglo-French troops since the battle of the Marne has brought the capture of Peronne and Bapaume appreciably nearer.

It is possible, military critics said today, that both these towns, the immediate objectives of the great offensive, will fall within a fortnight. The apparent ease with which German resistance collapsed at Thiepval yesterday following the capture of Comblès, surprised military observers here and led them to predict quick victories for the British in the drives on Peronne and Bapaume.

A large number of German prisoners have been brought in all along the Somme front as the Anglo-French days successful operations. At Comblès group after group of Germans was cut off and conveyed to British and French detachments closing in upon the village. Others fought desperately from underground caverns until they were silenced by bombing parties.

Germans Die at Guns. The final dash against Comblès developed into some of the most savage fighting of the whole war. The Germans, caught in the southwestern angle of the village, struck to their machine guns bravely, and died at their posts. The French, advancing through the cemetery on the south-east, and repulsed by the machine guns, attacked by Teuton detachments that stormed their lines in the face of certain death.

The few Germans who escaped retreated. (Continued on Second Page.)

Stormy Reichstag Session Expected

Center Party Planning Opposition to Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg.

BERLIN, Sept. 27.—The stormiest session of the Reichstag since the beginning of the war was forehanded today in discussions in the Berlin hotels by members who arrived for the opening session tomorrow.

Dr. Coerting, an industrial leader from Hanover, will move a vote of no confidence in Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg. Coerting represents one of the Center party groups waging war on the chancellor.

A vote of no confidence in the German Reichstag does not carry the significance attaching to similar action in most European parliaments, where such an expression of displeasure is followed by the resignation of the ministry.

Catholic Home Burns; Loss of Life Reported

QUEBEC, Quebec, Sept. 27.—The Roman Catholic home at Beaumont, near here, was destroyed by fire early today. There were upwards of 200 children and aged people in the institution at the time, and it is reported that there was some loss of life.

But Few Men Out In Sympathy Strike

New York Labor Unions Are Standing By Contracts With Their Employers.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Labor unions in New York were today standing by contracts they have with employers, and there was little response to the call for a general walk-out in sympathy with the striking employes of traction lines.

Police reports up to 11 o'clock accounted for only one local, connected with the Painters' Union, going out as an actual step in the sympathetic movement. Probably 200,000 union workers remained away from work today, but a majority of them would not have reported had there been no strike call, being Jewish, and observing the annual holiday of their faith. Most of these workers are employed in the coat and suit industries, and so far have taken no action toward joining a strike movement. They only recently signed a contract with employers after a long, bitter fight for this system of wage restraint.

The longshoremen, stevedores, and other workers who were expected to be among the first to respond, reported today. All indications were that unions having contracts were showing little sentiment in favor of a strike.

The labor leaders expressed themselves as entirely satisfied with the situation today, but would make no estimate of the number on strike, or about to strike. William Fitzgerald, organizer of the car men's union; Hugh Payne, of the American Federation of Labor; and others, taking leading part in the troubles, were to be in conference with local leaders throughout most of the day.

ASK PERMISSION TO EXTEND CAR TRACKS

Capital Traction Company Would Lay Double Line in Eighteenth Street.

Application for permission to extend its tracks so as to provide transportation facilities to Potomac Park and the group of Government buildings in the vicinity of New York avenue and Eighteenth street north-west was filed with the Public Utilities Commission today by the Capital Traction Company.

The company proposes to install a double track extension in Eighteenth street from Pennsylvania avenue to C street and a single track on Eighteenth street between C street and Virginia avenue, on Virginia avenue between Eighteenth and C streets, and on C street between Virginia avenue and Eighteenth street, forming a terminal loop around the triangle between Eighteenth street, C street, and Virginia avenue.

Authority is requested also for the establishment of a connecting track between the proposed southbound track in Eighteenth street and the existing track in F street, and a double track connection between the tracks of the Fourteenth street line on New York avenue and the tracks in Pennsylvania avenue west of Fifteenth street.

The proposed extensions would project directly into the home of the Interior Department building between Eighteenth and Nineteenth, E and F streets northwest, the Pan-American building, Continental Hall, the home of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Red Cross building, the Corcoran Art Gallery, the municipal bathing beach, Potomac Park, and the tennis courts adjacent thereto.

Urges Extension Needs. Need of such extension was urged by the Commissioners in 1912. In their letter February 1, 1912, in response to a Senate resolution relative to the necessity of establishing additional street car lines in the District, they recommended an extension of the street car line from G street to Potomac Park.

A public hearing probably will be held by the Public Utilities Commission on the subject of the proposed extension of the street car line in the District, and the necessary legislation will be introduced in the next session of the legislature.

CARPATHIA PUTS BACK FOR REPAIRS

Cunard Liner Reported to Have Broken Propeller.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—The Cunard liner Carpathia, after putting to sea from Liverpool, has returned to her dock for examination and repairs, said a Lloyd's Liverpool dispatch this evening.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—The Carpathia, damaged one of her propellers as she was backing out of the dock at Liverpool, was compelled to put back, said a cable message to the New York office of the Cunard line this afternoon.

Timid Aloysius Bowls Over Traffic Officer

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Aloysius, the timid stevedore Charles Tighe, a cabby, of 423 West Fifty-third street, drives to his open back, became frightened at Fifth avenue and Thirty-second street yesterday. A piece of paper fluttered across in front of him, and he immediately ran to the curb and yelping for help, was arrested on a charge of felonious assault.

SUN terrified, Aloysius aided Patrolman Schoenholz, a block away, and started for him. This policeman stepped aside in time and checked the runaway. Whalen was found to be suffering from a broken ankle and was removed to Bellevue. Tighe, the cabby, who had been holding on to the seat and yelping for help, was arrested on a charge of felonious assault.

LOVE SPURNED, WOMAN KILLS MAN AND SELF

Third Principal, Who Posed as New Yorker's Wife, Is Mortally Wounded.

SHOOTING IN HOTEL ROOM

Slayer Had Been Infatuated With Wealthy Widower for Two Years.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 27.—Death wrote final across a story of the mad infatuation of a woman for a man who loved another when Mrs. Harry Belzer, 318 Euclid avenue, Brooklyn, shot to death of J. C. Gravier, New York garage president; probably mortally wounded a woman who posed as his wife, and then committed suicide, in a room in the Hotel Walton here early today.

The mystery that surrounded the tragedy was partially cleared shortly before noon, when Mrs. Frances Apman, sister of the dead man, and Howard Fancey, his partner, arrived here and identified the bodies.

The slayer went under the alias of Mrs. J. C. Ledin, and gave her address as 16 West 120th street, New York.

The identity of the "other woman," now believed to be dying in Jefferson Hospital, however, remains a mystery.

Mrs. Apman and Fancey denied that she was Gravier's wife. His real wife died two years ago. They said, however, they are directing their efforts toward learning who she is.

Magistrate Persch, with two policemen, waits at her bedside in hopes of getting some statement before her lips are forever sealed.

Only once she regain consciousness. Then she was informed of her condition and asked to make an ante-mortem statement.

A woman smile flitted across her mouth an instant, she sighed and said, "Please, please go away. I am so tired. Don't bother me," and lapsed into unconsciousness.

For two years, according to Mrs. Apman and Fancey, Mrs. Belzer had followed Gravier. She was infatuated with him and repeatedly he spurned her love.

Finally she became desperate and followed him every place he went. Mrs. Belzer was handsome, well-dressed, and seemed to be always well supplied with money.

She arrived in Philadelphia as early as Monday, it was learned. This information was given by hotel clerks and a taxi driver, who identified the body as that of a woman who had driven on that day. She visited all of the larger hotels, telling clerks she was in search of her husband.

Registered Yesterday. Gravier and his companion did not register until yesterday at the Walton. Last night Mrs. Belzer had no trouble in going to their rooms by her appearance.

A patrolman saw her waiting in the hall and asked her to follow him to the room. "I am waiting for my husband," she replied. "Guests in other rooms heard no words. Only the opening of a door, four sharp reports, and the faintest of a bell-bowling reached her.

The shooting occurred on the ninth floor, directly beneath the roof garden. An orchestra was playing, and the three shots beneath the diners were muffled. In a minute a bell-bowling quietly informed the leader who had happened on that day. The police were removing the bodies the orchestra played popular tunes and dance pieces to keep news of the tragedy from reaching guests.

Hughes Ends His Ohio Tour; Wilson Man Loses in Jersey; President Plans to Go West

G. O. P. NOMINEE TIRED AS HE ARRIVES IN PENNSYLVANIA

Yanked Out of Bed Early to Speak From Rear-End of His Train.

WILL HAVE WEEK OF REST

Mrs. Hughes Concerned Over Strain on Husband From Strenuous Campaign.

By PERRY ARNOLD. AKRON, Ohio, Sept. 27.—Nominee Hughes finished his tour of Ohio today, sore of throat and tired of body.

He was yanked out of bed shortly after 7 o'clock to make a rear-end of the train speech here. He made a more extended address at Canton, and then rested until noon, when he arrived at Pittsburgh.

With his stops here and at Canton, concluding his Ohio stumping experience, it was estimated today that the Republican nominee has been seen by about 75,000 Ohioans, and has spoken to probably 50,000.

This afternoon Hughes was to make his first speech in Pennsylvania since becoming a Presidential candidate. He was due to speak at least twice in Pittsburgh.

Leaving the Keystone State tonight, after this one brief appearance, he is due tomorrow at Trenton and Jersey City for brief addresses, swinging northward into New York State on the day following.

Hughes will have at least a week's rest in New York after he returns from his present trip on October 1. Complete relaxation will be necessary, if the candidate is to finish his stumping tour. It may be that he will go down on Long Island in order to obtain complete seclusion.

Mrs. Hughes is concerned over her husband's ability to withstand many more of the sort of campaign trips he is now finishing.

Mexican Envoy Is Speeding Home

Ambassador Designate Arredondo Is to Confer First Hand With Carranza.

Mexican Ambassador Designate Arredondo is speeding Mexico City today to take first hand to General Carranza a report as to progress being made by the American-Mexican commissioners at New London, officials said today. Arredondo also will tell Carranza details of his recent conference with Secretary of State Lansing regarding recent political, military and economic developments as they affect the relations of the two governments.

Arredondo took two of his sons with him. The remainder of his family are in Washington. He said he expects to return in two weeks.

Officials believe Carranza's chief reason for a prompt return to Mexico is his desire to learn first hand the ambassador's impression of this government's attitude regarding withdrawal of American troops from Mexico, and establishment of a border patrol.

It was also stated Carranza wants Arredondo to report on the military and political developments in the southern republic, so that Arredondo can lay them before Secretary Lansing.

While changing cars at Fourteenth and U streets shortly before 10 o'clock this morning, Miss Margaret C. Callahan, a pioneer teacher in the local public schools, dropped dead, presumably from heart disease.

Miss Callahan was about fifty years old, and had been a teacher in the public schools for twenty-five years. Since 1886 she has been in charge of the sixth grade at the Tenley school, Tenleytown. Miss Callahan left the home of Dr. J. W. Chappell, 3601 Grant road northwest, this morning to attend a meeting of teachers in the old Central High School.

The body was taken to the Morgue, where it was identified by Andrew J. Cummings, of the Excise Board, a neighbor of the Callahans in Chevy Chase.

Miss Callahan was born in Washington and was well known in Chevy Chase and Tenleytown. She is a sister of Dr. W. J. Callahan and Michael T. Callahan, a contractor, both residents of this city.

Blames Americans. Major General Funston's official version of the fight between American soldiers and Carranzistas at El Valle Friday, blames the American soldiers of whom one was killed and another slightly injured for the trouble. Funston's report reached the War Department today.



Photo by Bain. SENATOR J. E. MARTINE.

SENATOR MARTINE WINS OUT IN JERSEY

Defeats John W. Wescott, Who Was Backed by Wilson for Nomination.

TRENTON, N. J., Sept. 27.—John W. Wescott, Republican Presidential nominee, was defeated by Senator J. E. Martine, in complete returns indicated today.

Martine was strongly supported by German-Americans and also by Irish-Americans, who applauded his resolution for intervention by the President in the execution of Roger Casement. Wescott is said to have lost many labor votes because he as attorney general prosecuted persons arrested during the Roosevelt, N. J., strike.

With 49 of the 153 districts reported, State Senator Joseph S. Frelinghuysen was running neck and neck with former Governor Franklin Murphy for the Republican Senatorial nomination, the vote being 44,900 to 44,882.

Mr. E. Edge, of Atlantic City, apparently has won the Republican gubernatorial nomination over Austin Colgate, Essex manufacturer, though Colgate was gaining some strength in the late returns. George L. Record, former Progressive leader, who was also candidate, received a surprising large vote, but ran far behind Edge and Colgate.

Government Gives Out Health Hints

Second of Series of Bulletins Published Regarding Sanitary Living.

The second of a series of health bulletins for the general education of the public has just been sent out by the United States Public Health Service. This organization is publishing a series of bulletins known as the Health News, each one containing valuable bits of information regarding sanitary living.

Following are hints given in the second edition: It is dangerous to put anything into the mouth except food and drink. Sanitary instruction is even more important than sanitary legislation. The United States Public Health Service issues free bulletins on tuberculosis. The continuous liberal use of alcoholic beverages lowers efficiency and menaces longevity. Moderate exercise in the open air prolongs life. Mouth breathing makes children stupid. Fish cannot live in foul water nor man in foul air. Smallpox is wholly preventable.

PLAYGROUND EXHIBITS ARE DISPLAYED TODAY

All branches of playground activity will be exhibited and demonstrated all day today at the Mt. Pleasant playground, Fourteenth and Park road northwest.

Miss Ella Gardner, director of the ground, and Miss Elele Nickels, as assistant director, will have charge of girls' activities, which will include ring games, dances, basketball, club, and wand drills, and industrial work, such as basket making, knitting, crocheting.

Thomas Crowley will be in charge of the boys' department, which will give exhibitions of typical playground sports.

There will be a similar exhibition and field day at the Virginia Avenue playground, Eighth and Virginia avenues southeast, tomorrow.

WILSON PREPARES TO INVADE MIDDLE WEST SOON

Plans Being Worked Out for Punitive Expeditions Into Territory.

WILL GO OUT NEXT MONTH

Vance McCormick Summoned to Shadow Lawn for Conference With His Chief.

By ROBERT J. BENDER.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Sept. 27.—"Punitive expeditions" into the Central West in October, were today being worked out in detail by President Wilson. Development of his plans for this series of trips—all-important from a political standpoint—includes decision as to the nature of the addresses he will make, and the number.

On both these points, the President is receiving tremendous amounts of advice daily. As a result, he has summoned his campaign general, Vance McCormick, for a conference at Shadow Lawn late today.

In the first place the Democratic leaders want the President to "get into the game" with Hughes and land on a number of issues the Republican candidate is now striving to put over the plate.

When the leaders agree with the President that he should not go out on a stumping tour, they are more and more outspoken in urging the injection of a few more personalities into the so-called "discussion of public questions" to which the President has said he wishes to limit himself.

These leaders wish to see the Republican party, and Hughes himself, if possible, withdrawn from the contest. Wilson and made to answer what both would have done in the situations confronting the Administration during the last three and a half years.

As for the number of speeches he will make, that's another troublesome question for the President. He plans to spend a night in Omaha, October 8; in the afternoon at Indianapolis, October 12, and probably in the afternoon in Chicago, October 15.

En route to these cities the President will cover hundreds of miles, pass through scores of towns and cities, and address thousands of people, many of whom will naturally be on hand to see him at the stations.

Some of his Hettensants want him to make platform speeches. The President, however, believes if he did this on a general plan, his trips might be classified as stumping tours.

May Punish Sellers Of Bad Gasolene

District Heads Consider Program of Prosecution of Those Responsible.

Prosecutions may be started against sellers of inferior gasoline in the District. Complaints filed with the Retail Merchants' Association of the sale of gasoline in short measure and of inferior quality, resulted today in a conference between Charles J. Columbus, secretary of the organization, and Commissioner of the organization, who has supervision of the office of Superintendent of Weights, Measures, and Markets. Mr. Columbus was advised to ascertain from the Bureau of Standards whether any law exists defining gasoline.

If so and it is found that gasoline is sold in Washington that does not meet the standard, prosecutions, it was said, may be entered under the false advertising law, October 1.

Mr. Columbus was asked to ascertain the laws in effect in other cities with regard to the sale of gasoline. With this information at hand, consideration, it was stated, will be given the question of recommending legislation to meet conditions of which complaint is made.

Everything is lovely now," said Captain Dollar, "but we're coming to hard times. People think present conditions will last forever, so they are getting into the business. Too much regulation is going to hurt America's merchant marine opportunities."

Pacific coast representatives asked for more leniency for lumber and other special classes of cargo.

ALL D. C. GUARD UNITS ORDERED TO THE BORDER

Militiamen to Start for Front Early Next Week to Replace Others.

DESTINATION IS NOT KNOWN

Few Recruits of First Separate Battalion Only Men Who Won't Go.

All organizations of the District National Guard, now at Camp Ordway, with the exception of a few recruits of the First Separate Battalion (colored), will get under way to the Mexican border early next week.

Orders to this effect were forwarded today by the War Department to Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, commander of the Department of the East, who will direct the dispatch of the troops; and to Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston, commander of the Southern Department, who will designate the points on border where the District militiamen will serve.

OTHER ORDERS ISSUED.

Along with these orders were similar ones directing organizations of the New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, New York, Alabama, Georgia, Connecticut, Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Colorado, and California to proceed to the border, and directing General Funston, on their arrival there, to send back North to their respective State mobilization camps 10,000 national guardsmen now there.

It is not known whether any detachments of the District militia now on the border will be among those returned.

The War Department directed that the artillery of the Maryland Field Artillery, which has not been on the border, but has been undergoing strenuous training at the Federal art school at Camp Tobyhanna, Pa., be returned to the State mobilization camp at Fort Detrick, Md., and that the Federal art school be closed.

News of the department's action was received with wilder enthusiasm by the citizen soldiers of the District who have been hoping against hope that they would be sent to the border.

Officers and privates joined in the cheers, distinctions of rank being temporarily forgotten. The cheering stations about Washington reported a lively interest on the part of men desiring to enlist in the army, and that the training and eager as bounds held in leash the soldiers have been yearning for the word to go. When they learned today that it had been given they set up a shout that could be heard across the Potomac.

Vigorous Stride.

On the way to the Florida avenue ball grounds, where they are to witness a body ball game between the National Press Club and the Board of Trade teams for the benefit of dependent relatives of the District guardsmen, they met the General. General Harve, Brig. Gen. William E. Harvey is now awaiting full detailed instructions from General Wood and Funston as to how the troops are to be sent and to what points. Owing to the fact that there is no brigades headquarters on the border, General Harve himself will not go. His disappointment, and that of the colored troops to be left behind, contributed to the only element of gloom about the camp today.

General Harvey is of the opinion that his boys will be able to start at the moment the necessary transportation facilities are provided. This equipment, it was thought, would be available not later than the first of next week.

At the office of the quartermaster general of the War Department it was stated that General Wood had not sent in as yet his requisition for transportation for the District men. It is expected at 2 p. m. and as soon as it is received the quartermaster general will get in touch with the railroad officials.

Pullman Provided.

Pullman sleepers will be provided for the officers; tourist sleepers for the men, and cook cars to supply hot meals. Baggage and freight cars will carry the necessary impedimenta and such horses as may be required. Four days will probably be required for the trip though the exact time will depend of course on the points along the border to which the troops will be sent. Owing to the greater facilities offered for embarking the troops the District guardsmen probably will enter in full force at the border there from Camp Ordway.

Orders were issued today for all of the commands in the Third Regiment to prepare for muster pay Saturday. This means that the pay rolls will be finished by Saturday and the money will probably be distributed early next week.

MILITIA JUBILANT OVER BORDER ORDERS

Showing their appreciation in cheering groups, District militiamen at camp near Radio today joyfully received definite announcement that the