



THREE VILLAGES WON BY BRITISH IN GREAT DRIVE

Now Hold Courcellette, Marti- quich and Flers; French Re- pulse Counterattacks

BULGARIANS DEFEATED

English Throw Skirmishes Across Struma; Von Machen- sen Reports Gains

The heavy offensive launched yesterday by the British north of the Somme, the most powerful in weeks, was successful in gaining ground along the entire line, except immediately opposite Ginchy, where the Germans clung on desperately, to- day's dispatches indicate.

The most important points gained were the villages of Courcellette, east of Thiepval; Marti-quich, south of the Pozieres-Bapaume road, and Flers, two miles north of Ginchy. These three villages are now completely in possession of the British, London announces to-day. The Germans already have begun counter attacking the French at points where they recently advanced, both north and south of the Somme. Parris to-day reports the repulse of German attacks east of Clerf, immediately north of the stream and near Berny, below the river, southeast of Estrees.

Winning in Macedonia In Macedonia, where notable successes for the entente troops against the Bulgarians in the center and on the left wing were reported yesterday, renewed activity now is announced on the right flank, where the British have again thrown skirmishes across the Struma and raided villages occupied by the Bulgarians. Continuous bombardment of Bulgarian positions in the Doiran region indicates the probability that the British are about to strike with their infantry in this sector.

Von Mackensen Reports Gains In Dobruja, southern Rumania, the Bulgarians, Turks and Germans have on a decisive success against the Rumanians and the British. Marshal Von Mackensen reports. The announcement is contained in a telegram sent by Emperor William to the Empress. Recent reports from the capitals of the central powers have indicated a steady advance for their troops in their Dobruja invasion.

Petrograd reports the situation in the Russian and Galician war theaters unchanged. Dispatches from Athens announce that M. Callagyveropoulos, a lawyer and member of the former Theotokis cabinet, has been summoned by King Constantine to his residence at Tatoi and indicate that the former minister has been entrusted with the formation of a new Greek cabinet.

Two Die From Injuries in Du Pont Powder Flare

Wilmington, Del., Sept. 16.—Thomas F. McMillan, 1730 North Sixth street, and Thomas J. Alley, 1000 North Hancock street, Philadelphia, victims of a powder flare at Carney's Point, last evening, died at Delaware Hospital this morning.

T. T. Pudvan, of Wilmington; Thomas O'Brien, of West Chester; and Paul Robertson, of Penn's Grove, N. J., in a serious condition and not expected to recover. All fourteen other injured men are doing well. Du Pont Company officials are investigating, but have not yet learned the cause of the flare.

ROB CASHIER OF \$6,000 AND ESCAPE Miami, Fla., Sept. 16.—Four men held up the cashier of a bank at Homestead, Fla., yesterday, and robbed the safe of \$6,000. They escaped in automobile. Posses are in pursuit.

Second Registration Day, September 19

Voters of the city who failed to register on the first registration day will have an opportunity to register on Tuesday, September 19, on the occasion of the second registration day. The polling booths will be open from 7 to 10 o'clock in the morning and from 4 to 10 o'clock in the afternoon and evening to accommodate all voters.

As the registration on the first day was comparatively light, all voters are urged to register without fail Tuesday. Voters must be prepared to exhibit receipts for State and county taxes paid within the past two years.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and probably Sunday; cooler to-night and probably Monday; cooler to-night, with probably frost in exposed places; moderate west winds.

The Susquehanna river and its tributaries will remain nearly stationary. A stage of about 3.9 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Sunday morning.

General Conditions Rain fell generally in the Atlantic States Friday and local showers occurred along the northern boundary from Michigan westward to Western North Dakota. The high pressure area in the Northwest has moved over the eastern half of the country and is now centered over the Lower Ohio Valley. It has caused a general fall of 2 to 18 degrees in temperature over nearly all the country east of the Mississippi river in the last twenty-four hours. Frosts occurred this morning in Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 54. Sun: Rises, 5:46 a. m.; sets, 6:14 p. m. Moon: Last quarter, September 10, 12:35 a. m. River: Stage: .57 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 72. Lowest temperature, 65. Mean temperature, 68. Normal temperature, 65.

TO ASK CHARTER AT ONCE FOR NEW HOTEL COMPANY

Important Steps Preliminary to Construction of Building Taken

MANY NAMES SUGGESTED

Governor Commends Move; Committee Invites Popular Subscription

All Harrisburg is rejoicing in the fact that the long-looked-for and much-needed big hotel is no longer a dream. Without a moment's loss of time the active spirits of the hotel company have undertaken the important steps preliminary to the construction of the building. Application for a charter will be made without delay and meanwhile the organization of the company will be completed and steps taken to procure plans and develop the other details connected with so important an enterprise.

Already in response to the Telegraph's invitation many suggestions of a name for the new hotel have been received and it is hoped that many others will be submitted. Governor Brumbaugh was more than pleased to hear that the new hotel had been launched by Harrisburg citizens and in an enthusiastic interview he adds his commendation.

The Governor's Congratulations Governor Brumbaugh, fresh from the districts of the State said: "The enterprising citizens of Harrisburg are to be congratulated and thanked for their loyalty to the Capital City in making possible a splendid hotel for Harrisburg. 'I know of no city of equal prominence and size whose need is greater than that of Harrisburg, and of those in official life, of the army of professional and business men called here, and of the social life of our city, it will be a magnificent institution speedily in operation. I am particularly glad to note that, like many of the best hotels in Atlantic City, it is to be conducted without a bar. It will be an added attraction as a home hotel. 'It will in a special manner be of great service as a headquarters hotel for the thousands who in a few years will be coming to Pennsylvania over the William Penn Highway and the radial routes that will meet in this city. 'As an agency needed, as an added attraction to the city, it will be a practical demonstration of the loyalty and enterprise of the good people the city, it will stand as a memorial of civic advance and community co-operation.'

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Believe All Workmen in Powder Building Killed; Bits of Bodies on Wires

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 16.—Bits of bodies hanging to telegraph wires, pieces of flesh scattered through the ruins of a brick building, and the fact that six men have been missing since an explosion last night at the plant of the Aetna Chemical Company in Oakdale, a suburb, to-day prompted hurried investigation by the coroner's office. Officers of the company declared they did not know the number of casualties, but expressed belief that all work in the building had been killed.

John Paul, of Sayville, Ill., died in a hospital soon after the blast, and a hand, picked up on a road near the plant, was believed to be his. A diamond ring which had belonged to B. R. Dodge, night superintendent. A large party of workmen searched the ruins for bodies, and undertakers followed with baskets. No one was held out as anything but parts of bodies would be found. The plant where the explosion occurred was said to be engaged in the manufacture of a high explosive.

Phila. Outdoor Author Dies in Canadian Wilds

Skagway, Alaska, Sept. 16.—Thomas Martindale, an author and merchant of Philadelphia, known for his writing about the woods of Pennsylvania and in the wilds of Northern British Columbia, according to word received here last night. His body is being brought over the trail to Skagway for shipment to his home.

Philadelphia, Sept. 16.—Thomas Martindale was prominent in the business and social life of this city. He was president of the grocery firm of Thomas Martindale and company and was a director of various financial institutions. Mr. Martindale had written extensively of outdoor life and was widely known as a big game hunter. He made annual hunting trips to the wilds of the northwest and his collection of trophies is one of the largest in this section. He was a native of England but had lived in this city for many years. He recently celebrated his seventieth birthday.

MANY ENDANGERED BY FIRE

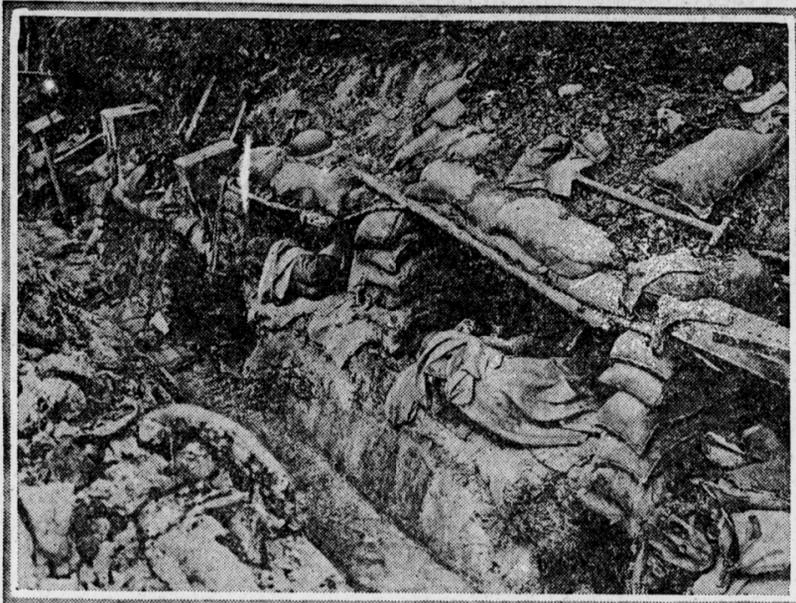
Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 16.—Fire starting in an unoccupied building to-day caused a loss of \$200,000, endangering the lives of guests of two small hotels, who were forced into the street this night, and for a time threatened to sweep the entire wholesale district. When the fire was brought under control, it had destroyed one building and damaged several others. The police believe tramps sleeping in the vacant building started the fire.

CLUB AS EUGENIC SOLUTION

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 16.—A club is the solution of the eugenics problem among the Zulus of Africa, said J. H. Balmer, for thirty-two years a resident of that country, before the international hy-cum convention here last night.

"When a baby is born to Zulu parents and it appears to be below the Zulu standard, it is given a gentle wallop over the head," he explained. After that there is a funeral."

FATIGUED WITH FIGHTING, TOMMIES SLEEP IN TRENCH



SLEEPING QUARTERS IN BRITISH TRENCH.

English soldiers are shown taking a much needed rest in a trench on the western front. The trenches are so sheltered as to prevent fatalities from bomb and grenade attacks, as well as from cannon fire.

ONLY SISTER OF PRESIDENT DIES

Mrs. Anna E. Howe Had Been Ill With Peritonitis; Wilson Greatly Shocked

New London, Sept. 16.—Mrs. Anna F. Howe, only sister of President Woodrow Wilson, died at her apartments in a local hotel early to-day. Mrs. Howe had been extremely ill for about a week with peritonitis and the end had been expected at any moment for the last two days.

The President was informed a week ago of his sister's critical condition and on Monday came here returning Wednesday to Shadow Lawn. Mrs. Howe had been too weak to recognize him. She was kept constantly informed of her condition and when death came a message was sent to him.

Mrs. Howe came from her Philadelphia home in the early summer with her niece, Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President, stopping at a summer hotel in the suburbs. Her health had long been impaired. When her condition became a matter of grave concern Mrs. Howe was brought to a city hotel. With her were her two sons, George Howe, of North Carolina, and Wilson Howe, of Richmond, Va., and a daughter, Mrs. Colman, of Philadelphia, besides Miss Wilson.

The President and Mrs. Wilson plan to join the funeral party at Trenton, N. J., to-day.

Copies Soldiers' Vote Opinion Sent to Border

Seven hundred copies of the opinion of Attorney General Brown on the methods of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers to-day to-day to secure the votes of the Pennsylvania Guardsmen who may be in federal service and out of the State on election day were to-day sent to Major-General Clemens, commanding the Pennsylvania troops on the border. One of the pamphlets will be placed in the hands of each commissioned officer. Appointment of commissioners to take the votes will be followed by Governor Brumbaugh within a few days, numerous suggestions having been made to him. The preparation of the ballots by the Secretary of the Commonwealth has been started.

ENGINEERS ADJOURN

Members of the legislative committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers adjourned to-day to meet at the call of Chairman Robert Fernon, of Philadelphia, who was unanimously re-elected. Plans for a meeting of the Legislature were discussed. Action taken will be made public following a report to be made to Warren S. Stone, Grand Chief Engineer. Resolutions of thanks were sent to the Grand Chief commending his activity during the recent strike controversy.

CIVIC LEAGUE TO MEET

The Booker T. Washington Civic League members will meet on Tuesday evening at 8.15 o'clock at the office of William Page, undertaker, 1407 North Sixth street. The work for the Fall and winter will be discussed. Officers are Archdeacon E. L. Henderson and Dr. J. E. T. Oxley.

BROTHERS KILLED BY TRAIN

Shamokin, Pa., Sept. 16.—William and Michael Little, of this city, while visiting friends at Excelsior, were instantly killed early to-day by a Reading Railway passenger train running them down.

KAISERIN ON EASTERN FRONT

London, Sept. 16.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam says: "German newspapers announce that Empress Augusta Victoria has been summoned to the eastern headquarters by Emperor William and passed through Breslau Thursday on the journey from Berlin. It will be her first visit to the eastern front."

WEST SHORE LODGE MASON'S YEAR OLD

Celebrate Anniversary With Elaborate Banquet at Menger's Inn

Members of the West Shore Lodge, No. 681, Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, celebrated the first anniversary of the organization of the lodge at Menger's Inn, Oyster Point.

Since the organization of the lodge with 22 members, it has increased until now there are 80 enrolled. Much interest has been aroused in Masonic circles because of the success of the organization and the big advances made by the lodge. Prominent Masons in this part of the State were present last night and in short addresses praised the members of the West Shore Lodge for the splendid work done in the first year of their organization.

Worshipful Master Fred C. Beecher was toastmaster and opened the ceremonial with a history of the first year's work. Other addresses were made by William D. B. Alney, on "The Square"; William H. Earnest, past-master Brownstone Lodge, Hummelstown, on "The Stability of Masonry"; District Deputy Grand Master Samuel Goodyear; Worshipful Master Harvey D. Knupp, Harrisburg Lodge, 629; Worshipful Master Tolbert Scholl, St. John's Lodge, Carlisle.

James W. Milhouse, Lindley H. Dennis and William M. Denison were on the anniversary committee and made arrangements for the affair which was a big success. Officers and committee of West Shore Lodge during the first year were:

Fred C. Beecher, worshipful master; Harry M. Askin, senior warden; Lindley H. Dennis, junior warden; Gustav W. Ensign, treasurer; A. Elwyn Strode, secretary; Charles W. Harst, chaplain; Walter M. Mumma, senior deacon; Ralph E. Irwin, junior deacon; F. A. Lovell Harrison, senior master of ceremonies; Daniel B. Isenberg, junior master of ceremonies; Jesse L. Bowman, presulant; and Henry M. Shope, Tyler. Grievance Committee: U. Grant Fry, Charles W. Ensign, Robert E. Cahill; Charity Committee: Henry N. Eowman, James W. Milhouse, William M. Denison; Committee on Instructions: F. A. Lovell Harrison, John E. Sweeney, Edward K. Cooper; Stewards: William L. Rowland, George W. Cook, L. Richard Heagy; Anniversary Committee: James W. Milhouse, Lindley H. Dennis and William M. Denison.

Serious Results May Follow Cutting Off of U. S. Trade With Neutrals

Washington, D. C., Sept. 16.—The State Department to-day sought to learn through diplomatic channels what countries were included in Great Britain's blockade order restricting shipments from the United States, Holland and the Scandinavian countries. If the action is found to shut out any great quantity of American trade with these neutral countries, it doubtless will be regarded as serious by this government.

The American embassy at London was requested to confirm published reports of the new order and explain its scope and effect upon American commerce. American Consul General Skinner called to-day that the "black list" order had been modified to permit British marine insurance companies to underwrite insurance on property of "black list" United States concerns.

FIRST FROST WILL FALL ON OLD MR. PUMPKIN TO-NIGHT, FORECAST

Straw Hats Disappear and Overcoats Pop Out With First Blasts of Cold Wave From Northwest

Frost will be on the pumpkins in exposed places to-night according to the forecast of E. R. Demain in the local office of the United States Weather bureau, unless something unexpected prevents the steady journey eastward of a cold wave from the north northwest. Straw hats are disappearing and a few overcoats appeared in the streets late last night

BIG WAR CENSUS NEARING FINISH

Sectional Committee Gathering Data on Preparedness For Uncle Sam

Complete census of the productive output of 80 per cent. of the manufacturing establishments and mills in Dauphin and the surrounding counties which could be called upon for assistance in feeding and clothing a nation or an army in time of war has already been forwarded to Uncle Sam's national industrial preparedness board through the efforts of the sectional committee headed by C. M. Kaltwasser, general manager of the Harrisburg Light and Power Company.

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Woman's Neck Broken in Fall Down Stairs

Attempting to descend the steps from the second floor of her home yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock Mrs. Catherine Breach, aged 57, 1315 James street, tripped and fell to the bottom of the first floor. Her neck was broken and death occurred a short time after. Several neighbors who had been standing outside of the house heard a heavy thud and upon investigation found Mrs. Breach in a heap at the bottom of the steps. A telephone call was sent for the police ambulance, but the woman was pronounced dead before it arrived.

Coroner Eckinger gave a certificate of accidental death. The funeral services will be held at the home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the Rev. Lewis S. Mudge, pastor of the Pine Street Presbyterian Church officiating. She is survived by her husband, Raymond Breach, four sons, Thomas W., Raymond E., George and Charles, two daughters, Mrs. Flora Carbaugh and Mrs. Lillian Armstrong. Burial will be made in the East Harrisburg cemetery.

POSTPONE WHARTON SMOKER

Announcement was made this morning that the smoker scheduled to be given Monday night by the Harrisburg Wharton School Club in honor of Dean McClellan of the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School has been postponed indefinitely because of the inability of the Dean to be present.

PLOMBAINE FATAL TO FIVE

Lexington, Ky., Sept. 15.—Word was received from Lawrence county yesterday that Mrs. James Price and four of her children died another child is not expected to live as a result of plomaine poisoning from eating cabbage.

FREEZING IN INDIANA

Indianapolis, Sept. 16.—Light frosts were general over Indiana last night and eight towns in the State reported freezing weather, according to reports received at the government Weather Bureau here to-day.

7-YEAR ABSENCE OF HUSBAND IS PENSION WARRANT

Judge Kunkel Hands Down Important Decision on Mother's Assistance Act

AID TO DESERTED HELD IN MILLION BAIL

Proof of Actual Death of Spouse Need Not Be Presented Is Ruling

Widows claiming financial assistance from the State under the mothers' pension act of 1915 are not required to present proof of actual death of the husband or father by direct evidence, but the legal presumption of death after an absence of seven years is sufficient to warrant the State's help, according to an opinion handed down to-day by President Judge Kunkel of the Dauphin county courts.

The question was raised recently by the Mothers' Assistance Fund trustees of Philadelphia county in petitioning the court to compel Auditor General A. W. Powell to draw a warrant for payment of \$15 monthly for the benefit of Mrs. Edwina Wilbur, 2522 Carlisle street, Philadelphia, whose husband deserted her more than ten years ago and whose whereabouts has been unknown ever since. Mrs. Wilbur claims State aid for herself and four children, aged 15, 13, 11 and 9 years.

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SCHOOL BURNED, HOME DYNAMITED, IN NEW OUTRAGE

New Building, Costing \$30,000 Totally Destroyed; Miner and Wife Hurt by Explosion

187 of I. W. W. Caught in Raid Are Sent Back to Jail

Wilkes Barre, Pa., Sept. 16.—Thirty hours after 317 members of the I. W. W. were surprised in a hall, arrested and taken to jail, outrages broke out again in the upper end of this county, the home of a miner was dynamited and a school house destroyed by fire.

Early to-day the residence of Michael Loughney, of Pittston, a miner was rocked by an explosion, and the man and his wife dropped from the second floor to the cellar. They were not seriously hurt, but the building was wrecked. The school house burned was at Duryea and is a total loss. It was practically new and cost \$30,000.

A detail of State police and a posse of deputies under Sheriff George Duss are scouring the section around the scene of the crimes, but have made no arrests. Facing the necessity of furnishing

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Pa. Railroad Conductor Dies From Injuries

H. E. Kreiger, a freight conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad, was hurled under a draft of moving freight cars last night near Division street, sustaining injuries which caused his death shortly after 7 o'clock this morning. Coroner Eckinger is investigating. The accident occurred about 11 o'clock and the injured man was taken to the Harrisburg Hospital. One foot was cut off, the other badly mangled, and the right arm severed at the elbow. Death, it is believed, was caused by shock.

The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon. Service will be conducted at the home, 2428 Reel street, by the Rev. A. M. Stamets, pastor of Augsburg Lutheran Church. Burial will be made in Paxtang cemetery.

Conductor Kreiger was 42 years of age and is survived by his wife and one sister, Mrs. Earnest Myers. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Pennsylvania Railroad Relief Department.

Blue Army Wins Because Red's Reinforcements Fail

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 16.—The "Blue" army, commanded by Brigadier General A. Logan, commanding the Second and Third brigades, defending El Paso, yesterday afternoon defeated the "Red" army of invaders commanded by Brigadier General William G. Price, whose forces consisted of the First Brigade. The engagement took place near Pancho, Tex., and lasted for more than four hours.

Ten thousand men participated in the fighting, each being supplied with fifty rounds of blank ammunition. Failure of General Price to be supported by two brigades of mythical reinforcements forced him to abandon the fight and retreat. The mythical reinforcements were unable to support him because of a phantom train wreck, and his commanding officer ordered him to retreat.

Both sides lost approximately 1,000 men each, according to the figures of the war game.

TRAINS COLLIDE IN HUDSON TUBE

New York, Sept. 16.—In a train collision at the entrance to the Pennsylvania railroad tunnel leading under the Hudson river to New Jersey, two persons were seriously injured to-day. For about ninety minutes 100 passengers were captives in the tube unable to make their way back to the station because the entrance was blocked. The accident happened when an electric locomotive crashed into the side of a car of a Washington-bound train.

BOY DROPS MATCH IN POWDER STEELTON

Steelton.—While looking with a lighted match for some nails in the cellar of his grandmother's home, Joseph Beistline, aged 13, son of Roy Beistline, Enhaut, was seriously burned about the face and eyes, when a spark from the match fell into a small can of gunpowder which exploded. The Steelton Fire Department was called but was not needed. The boy is being treated at the Harrisburg Hospital.

BIGGEST HIKE OF U. S. ARMY

San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 16.—Fourteen thousand and sixty-three officers and men of the Regular Army and National Guard left San Antonio to-day on the biggest practice march in the history of the American army, an 83-mile "hike," to Austin, which is expected to give the men who compose the Twelfth provisional division, marching experience under what would amount to war conditions.

ASK RECEIVERS FOR BIG FIRM

Philadelphia, Sept. 16.—Application for the appointment of receivers for William Whitmer and Sons, Inc., a \$3,000,000 lumber concern, was made in the United States District Court here to-day by Robert F. Whitmer, former president of the concern.

WILL NOT CONSIDER BELGIUM LOAN

Washington, Sept. 16.—Ambassador Von Bernstorff to-day informed the State Department that the German government would consider "null and void" any loan to Belgium negotiated in the United States during German occupancy of that country.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Frank Sztros and Mary Gall, city. Clyde Chalmers Swayne, city, and Frances Heddens Krug, Sunbury. Ira S. Cassel and Edna May Zimmerman, West Chester. Annetta Marshall, Swatara Station, and Cecelia Ziliphi, Swatara. David Ober Gerbach, city, and Hannah Mary Koch, Lower Paxton. Robert Simmons Seibert, Steelton, and Mtnerva Jane Hoover, city. Roy Henry Scherer and Ella Marie Hatfield, Elizabethville. Earnest Leo Steever, Elizabethville, and Elizabeth Greenwood Snyder, Philadelphia.