



BRITISH SMASH WAY TO COMBLES; FORCE GERMAN BACK INTO OPEN FIELDS

Gen. Haig's Forces Battling Desperately to Get Full Possession of Town Very Valuable to Kaiser; French Reach Cemetery South of Village and Capture All of Freigcourt; Only Protection of Teutons Are Shallow Trenches Hastily Dug Under Fire

ZEPPELINS IN NEW RAID ON ENGLAND CAUSE DEATH OF 29

Six Aircraft Participated in Invasion; Berlin Admits Allied Advance on Somme Front Over Six and One-Half Miles, Including Combles Sector; Concedes Success of Rumanians; Russians Lose in Galician Attacks; Entente in Macedonia Campaign

British and French troops to-day reached the town of Combles on the Somme front after having virtually pocketed the place in a struggle of many weeks' duration and are fighting to gain complete possession of it.

On the south the French have reached the town's edge and have penetrated the cemetery. In addition they have further closed the small opening left in the Combles pockets by capturing all of the village of Freigcourt, a mile to the east.

The Combles salient, doggedly maintained by the Germans, has long been a serious hindrance to the allies, hampering them in their offensive toward Bapaume and Peronne. Its elimination, however, seemed imminent after yesterday's combined thrust by the Franco-British forces which carried them to Morval on the one side, and Freigcourt on the other, leaving as a line of retreat for the Germans only a roadless gap a mile and a half in width, swept by the allied guns.

Bombs dropped in last night's Zeppelin air raid on England, carried out by some half dozen of these German aircraft, caused the death of twenty-nine persons, it was officially announced in London to-day.

While the great battle on the Somme front was at its height the Germans last night attacked the French lines at Verdun, driving in between the Thiaumont work and Fleury east of the Meuse. Paris to-day announced that the French guns were effective in checking the German assaults.

Combles, a town of some 2,000 population before the war, had been rendered of small strategic importance to the Allies by their long continued encircling movement. It has been of notable value to the Germans, however, because as long as they clung to it the Franco-British freedom of action in pushing their offensive movements toward Bapaume and Peronne, on either side of it, was hampered.

Turned into a strongly fortified position by German defensive ingenuity, it has persistently held fast like a rock in the course of a turbulent stream that has had to be blasted loose before the channel was fully opened up. This process has only been accomplished by long continued, severe and costly effort on the part of the Allies.

Driving in from the south, the French successfully swept by Hardecourt, Maurepas, Le Forest and finally reached Freigcourt, a mile east of Combles. More slowly, but none the less, the British have pushed their advance on the north side of the German salient. Their struggles to reach and hold Ginchy and Guillemont were expensive in time and men, but finally the ground round Combles and Comblainville to the east was occupied putting the town in a pocket of which the opening was constantly being narrowed by the drives of the entente armies.

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THE WEATHER

Harrisburg and vicinity. Partly cloudy and warmer to-night and Wednesday.

Eastern Pennsylvania. Partly overcast and warmer to-night and Wednesday. A stage of about 2-7 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Wednesday morning.

General Conditions. The pressure is low over the Plains States and along the northern border with the principal depression over western Canada; it is high southeast of the lake region and over the Northern Pacific States.

There has been a general rise of 2 to 12 degrees in temperature over nearly all the country in the last 24 hours except a part of the Pacific slope, New England, the Susquehanna valley and in a few other widely separated localities where falls of 2 to 16 degrees are reported.

Heavy frosts occurred this morning in the upper Susquehanna valley with minimum temperature 38 degrees at Scranton and 36 degrees at Binghamton.

Temperature, 8 a. m., 50. Sun: Rises, 5:56 a. m.; Sets, 5:57 p. m. Moon: New moon, September 27, 2:54 a. m. River stage, 3.6 feet above low water mark.

Yesterday's Weather. Highest temperature, 67. Lowest temperature, 56. Mean temperature, 58. Normal temperature, 62.

GOVERNOR BRUMBAUGH ABOUT TO START ON THIRD AGRICULTURAL TOUR



Governor Brumbaugh is shown in the foreground, just before leaving Market Square at 7.50 o'clock this morning on his third agricultural tour. Secretary of Agriculture Charles E. Patton, is standing in the rear to the right of the Governor.

BUSINESS MEN ASKED TO BOOST WHARTON SCHOOL

Urged to Encourage Young Men and Women to Attend University Extension

An appeal to the city's business men to urge young men and women in their employ to take advantage of the opportunities afforded by the Harrisburg branch of the University of Pennsylvania. Wharton school of accounts and finance was made public to-day by Wendell P. Raine, secretary of the Harrisburg branch, who is now registering students for the coming school year at the offices of the Chamber of Commerce in the Kunkel building.

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GOVERNOR PARTY OFF ON FARM TOUR

Nearly 200 Officials and Guests in Forty Cars Will Make Trip

Governor Brumbaugh and a party numbering nearly 200 State officials and guests left Harrisburg this morning for the third and last of three farm tours designed to bring the State government and townspeople in general into closer touch with the agricultural conditions and farm life.

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SACRIFICES SELF TO SAVE OTHERS HUMILIATION

Vice-President of Big Firm Tells of Being Surprised in Hotel With Blackmailer

Chicago, Sept. 26.—Announcing that he had concluded to "accept personal humiliation" to save other men and women from being drawn into the blackmailers' trap Edward R. West, vice-president of the C. D. Gregg Tea and Coffee Company of New York and Chicago, admitted to-day that he is the "A. R. Wesley" who was surprised in a New York hotel with "Alice Williams" by representatives of the band of Mann Act blackmailers recently exposed.

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Pennsylvania Railroad Begins Work on Great New Freight Depot

Work on the construction of the great new Pennsylvania freight station in South Harrisburg was officially begun to-day when a permit was granted by City Building Inspector James H. Groves for the erection of the big train shed and warehouse just below Mulberry street in Second.

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Boston, Sept. 26.—The Massachusetts record for early election returns was broken to-day by the town of Carver which turned in its report to the press for the State primaries at 10:45 a. m. State Auditor Alonzo B. Cook, who seeks renomination by the Republicans, received four votes and his opponent, Joseph I. Brown three. No Democratic ballot was cast. There is rivalry among the Cape towns for the distinction of being the first to report on election day.

BISHOP CAN NOT COME THURSDAY

Failure to Receive Papal Bulls From Rome Holds Up Installation

The Rt. Rev. Mgr. M. M. Hassett, rector of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral, this afternoon announced that the coming of Bishop Philip R. McDevitt, to Harrisburg, has been indefinitely postponed.

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REPUBLICANS OFF FOR STATE RALLY

Harrisburg Republican Club Prepares For Opening Reception of Campaign

The Harrisburg Republican Club last night elected the following delegates to the Pennsylvania State League of Republican clubs, meeting in York, to-day, to-morrow and Thursday: Senator E. E. Beideman, City Commissioner W. H. Lynch, City Treasurer Harry F. Oves, former Representatives D. L. Keister and William S. Tunis, Charles E. Pass, A. D. Peace, L. R. Metzger, William D. Block, David Wilbert, C. C. Miller and Charles K. Hess.

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UNIVERSITY CLUB FORMAL OPENING

Men Prominent in Business and Professional Life Are Speakers

The formal opening of the University Club of Harrisburg took place at the club rooms, Front and Market streets, last evening. One hundred and fifty club members met one another, many of them for the first time, and the atmosphere of good-fellowship was present that augured well for the future of Harrisburg's youngest club. Many of the more prominent men of the city, in all departments of business and professional life, were present and expressed themselves as highly pleased with the plans and possibilities of the organization.

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Corporal and Seven Men March Over Into Mexico; Apology Made by U. S.

Washington, Sept. 26.—The United States has apologized to Mexico for the act of a Texas cavalry corporal and seven soldiers, who crossed the border September 21, the war department announced.

In addition, the corporal will be tried by court-martial. Colonel Joseph A. Gaston, of the federal army, stationed at Marfa, Tex., and commanding the Big Bend district, has been instructed by General Funston to make an investigation "as promptly as possible" and to report to him what action is taken.

The war department made public the following telegram from Colonel Bell to General Funston, reporting the incident: "Major Long, Huideosa, wires: 'Corporal Rogers, Troop B, Texas cavalry charge patrol seven men, crossed river into Mexico September 21; this without authority or reason and contrary to standing orders. Patrol fired at by about ten Mexicans; returned this side. One American horse killed. Have ordered written report and corporal tried and directed Major Anderson to express regret to Colonel Huideosa.'"

"High Food Cost Due to War"—Secretary Redfield

Washington, Sept. 26.—The war is blamed by Secretary of Commerce Redfield as the chief factor in causing a thirty-five per cent increase in the cost of living.

"There is waste in war," Mr. Redfield said in an interview on present economic conditions, "the men in the trenches are using more shoes, more hats and more clothing than they do in normal times. The demand for meat has grown because the millions of men in the field demand more meat than usual.

"The increased price movement is world-wide. Conditions everywhere are abnormal. Half the world is at war and the old order of things is upset. It is a very natural consequence that prices should advance."

COUNCIL DELAYS ACTION ON GROSS FINANCE APPEAL

Park Commissioner Isn't Sure About Some Items and Asked For Postponement

BOWMAN RAISES QUESTION

Says Money Isn't Available; \$2,736.72 Asked to Finish Outdoor Season

Because City Commissioner E. Z. Gross didn't quite understand some of the items for which he asked additional park appropriation to carry on the departmental operations to the end of the year, he asked Council to-day, to wait another week to decide whether or not he can have what he needs.

Council cheerfully agreed and the ordinance authorizing the turning over of a balance of \$2,736.72 of the fines and forfeitures balances to the park maintenance fund, was laid over until next week.

Park Commissioner Gross then left (Continued on Page 9)

POLICE SEEKING WOMAN 'RAFFLES' TO SOLVE THEFTS

Officers Believe Robber Who Steals Only Jewelry and Millinery Is Female

LEAVES CIGARS BEHIND

Apron Is Dropped as Intruders Depart From Allison Hill Home

Is there a woman "raffles" aiding in the burglaries in the city during the last few weeks? This is the question confronting the city police who have been making unsuccessful efforts to catch the thieves who have entered dozens of homes in Harrisburg during the last few months.

Lately, however, the raiders have been passing up cigars, men's furnishings (Continued on Page 12)

Olivet Calls Pastor From Portland, Ore.

The congregation of Olivet Presbyterian church, Derry and Kittatiny streets, by a unanimous vote have called the Rev. Alfred L. Taxis, of Portland, Ore., as their pastor. The result of the first ballot gave Mr. Taxis ninety-four per cent, majority, a record to be envied, which was immediately followed by an unanimous call.

The Rev. Alfred L. Taxis, who is comparatively a young man, is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, with a degree of Bachelor of Arts. His work in Portland, Ore., has been very successful, first as a missionary in the back woods district, and later as pastor of the Anabel Presbyterian church in Portland. He comes very highly recommended, both as a forceful pulpit orator as well as a successful organizer. The congregation at Olivet are very fortunate in securing his services.

The Rev. Harvey B. Klaer of this Covenant church of this city moderated the meeting at which J. W. McDonald and C. Frank Glass were elected by the congregation to prosecute the call before the Carlisle Presbytery which is in session to-day and Wednesday at Mercersburg.

FATHER HELD FOR DEATH OF DAUGHTER

Easton, Pa., Sept. 26.—Anto Luttenberger, a Bushkill township farmer, has been arrested charged with the murder of his daughter, Grace, six years old. The day after the death of the child the parents said that she had been killed in a fall from a cherry tree. County authorities claim that on the day the child died the father kicked her, and then threw her across the bedroom, her head striking the wall with such force that the skull was fractured. A sensational feature of the case was that Mrs. Luttenberger accused her husband of the murder in a squire's office. There is another story that it was the mother who caused the child's death by striking her over the head with a rolling pin.

T. R. EXPECTS BIG MAJORITY IN PENNSYLVANIA

York, Sept. 26.—A telegram of regret from Theodore Roosevelt whose presence was expected was read to delegates to the Pennsylvania State League of Republican clubs in convention here late this afternoon. He wired: "Please extend my warmest sympathy with the work being done and express my full expectation of an enormous majority in Pennsylvania for Mr. Hughes."

VILLA HEADED TOWARD PERSHING

Field Headquarters, Mexico, Sept. 26, via Radio to Columbus, N. M.—Villa and his bandit command are moving northward toward the American expeditionary force, according to reports received to-day at Field Headquarters from a source believed reliable. Villa is reported to have crossed the Northwestern railroad at San Andres, twenty-five miles southwest of Chihuahua City after skirmish there between his men and Carranza troops.

CHARLES A. FORD DIES SUDDENLY

Harrisburg.—Word was received this afternoon by A. C. Kushwa, 931 North Second street, of the death of Charles A. Ford, former superintendent of transportation for the Pennsylvania Steel Company, at Steelton. Mr. Ford died of heart failure yesterday at his home in Hawley, Pa. Mr. Ford moved his family from Steelton just a few weeks ago. He was yardmaster of all yards on the Erie Railroad system between New York City and Chicago.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Newton McKamey, Steelton, and Mary Brown, Middletown. Harry Leroy Konz, Camp Hill, and Dora Elisabeth Morgan, Enola.