

The Daily Ardmoreite.

VOLUME TWENTY-THREE

ARDMORE, OKAHOMA, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1916.

NUMBER 308.

FIGHTING MORE SEVERE ALONG THE SOMME FRONT FRIDAY NIGHT

NUMEROUS COUNTER ATTACKS MADE THERE BY THE GERMANS, BUT ALL WERE REPULSED AND FRENCH MADE GAINS.

Further French Progress Reported North of Rancourt by Use of Grenade Attacks—British Said to have consolidated the Ground Recently Won at Distrimont Farm, Northwest of Lesars—Petrograd Reports No Important Action on the Eastern Fronts—British Losses Were Heavy for Month of September, Averaging more than Thirty-Eight Hundred Daily, According to Official Report—Berlin Claims feat of First Rumanian Army at Hermanstadt in Transylvania, by German Troops.

Unusually heavy fighting occurred on the Somme front Friday night because of the German counter attacks there. The French have made further progress north of Rancourt by grenade attacks.

The British have consolidated the ground won at Distrimont farm, northwest of Lesars, London says. A division of the new British army was engaged there.

Petrograd reports nothing important in the western end of the Caucasian fronts.

A Bulgarian official statement says, a Serbian trench, forming the principal Serbian position, was captured yesterday. No change is reported from the situation in Dobrudja.

Berlin says, the first Rumanian army was defeated at Hermanstadt, Transylvania, by the Germans.

British Losses Heavy
London, Sept. 30.—The British losses during September were more than 3,800 daily. Casualties on all fronts for that period were, officers, 5,439; and 114,110 men.

JNO. RINGLING WILL BUILD TO THE FOX FIELD

RAILROAD MAGNATE AND SHOW OWNER WILL BE HERE EARLY IN OCTOBER. BRANCH FROM WILSON OR RINGLING.

The statement was made yesterday that news of the Fox development had reached John Ringling and that he would be here within the next ten days. It is very natural that Mr. Ringling will not like to see the Santa Fe road build a line out of Ardmore to the Fox district and he will, it is stated, build a line here himself. It will be a branch line either from Ringling or from Ardmore. The Ringling people will build a shorter line to build and can complete it earlier than the Santa Fe can possibly build.

This announcement will naturally make Ardmore up. The Chamber of Commerce of this city will not desire to see a branch line of the Ringling road built to Fox, this city would rather have a line built direct from here. It will open up more towns in Ardmore's trade territory, it will be a road of longer mileage and will be a property of greater taxable wealth.

While some of the best informed men of the city believe that the Santa Fe will build the road yet there are others who do not believe that John Ringling and President Ripley will stage a race to the new oil field.

The probable result is that neither of them will build and that an interurban will build out of this city to the new Fox field.

WEATHER FORECAST
New Orleans, La., Sept. 30.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for Sunday is fair and warmer.

RUTHLESS SUBMARINE WAR IS TEST OF CHANCELLOR'S POLITICAL LIFE.



BETHMANN-HOLLWEG AND MEMBERS OF THE REICHSYAG

According to reports from London, a great political crisis has been slowly developing in Germany. The pan-Germans, before the opening of the Reichstag on Sept. 28, have been making every effort, the correspondent says, to overthrow Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg. The Berliner Tageblatt is quoted as saying:

"Tension in the atmosphere of imperial politics has reached such a high point that a discharge must follow if the empire is not to suffer lasting damage." Reuter's correspondent says articles in the Independent National Correspondence show that the pan-Germans are fighting for a policy of ruthless submarine war, the chief obstacle of which is the imperial chancellor.

A conference of the socialists of the German empire has adopted by a vote of 251 to 5 a resolution declaring the country must be defended until its enemies are prepared to conclude a peace guaranteeing the political and territorial integrity and the economic development of Germany, according to a telegram from Berlin received at Amsterdam and forwarded by the Reuter-Telegraph company.

ENGINEERS IN FIELD, MAKING SURVEY

PLANS ARE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LINE OF ELECTRIC ROAD TO FOX OIL DISTRICT.

The Ardmore Railway company which owns the system of street railways in Ardmore now have engineers at work making a survey and computing the cost of construction of an electric line from here to the new Fox oil district. One of the routes will be surveyed by Springer but where the other two routes will be surveyed is not known. One of them will in all probability be direct to Fox with a branch at Keller extending through the Santa Fe field and on to Healdton while the other probably is by the towns of Lone Grove, Wilson, Wirt and to Fox with a loop back by way of the asphalt mines at Woodford and through the Springer Valley. However these statements are mere deductions.

I. M. Putnam who is general manager of the street railway stated yesterday that his associates were all out of the city and that he is not authorized to make any statements for them. He did state, however, that he had been instructed to get up the surveys mentioned and to have compiled by competent engineers a statement of the cost of construction of a line along the different routes. Immediately upon receipt of these instructions he placed surveyors in the field and they are now at work.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Galt are in Oklahoma City while Mr. Franklin and Mr. Apple are in the east. It is believed that the latter gentlemen are now in the money markets to see about financing an interurban line west out of Ardmore that will reach the great oil fields and asphalt deposits of the county.

MAYOR MULLEN WILL RESIGN NEXT TUESDAY

THE CALL OF OIL ACTIVITY BECOMES IRRESISTIBLE AND MAYOR WILL REBUILD FORTUNE AFTER OFFICE CAREER.

"You may state to the people of Ardmore that I will at Tuesday night's meeting of the Board of City Commissioners tender my resignation as mayor and will insist upon its acceptance," said Mayor L. V. Mullen yesterday.

"I have sacrificed too heavily already in a business way and I do not feel that I can in justice to my own interests serve the people longer at this time as their mayor."

Mr. Mullen was chosen as the Democratic nominee for mayor almost two years ago over some of the city's most popular men and was then elected without opposition to the office of mayor. After serving for a year and a half the call of the oil and land business becomes irresistible and he will leave off the office and enter activity into the game of business again where he formerly met with a measure of success.

When the resignation has been accepted the Board of City Commissioners will select a mayor. The board can select any person of the city who is eligible under the charter but the selection will probably be made from among the membership of the board. Some of the commissioners are outspoken for the selection of O. C. Lasher as mayor and that is the action that will probably be taken. Mr. Lasher, it is understood, is in a receptive mood and if the office is tendered him he will accept. The commissioners will then select some citizen of the Third Ward to succeed Mr. Lasher as a member of the board of city commissioner.

STRIKING BREWERS RETURN

EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE GENERAL STRIKE RECEIVES CHECK FROM BREWERY WORKERS.

TRACTION MEN BACK

Traction Officials Say Strikers Are Returning to Work at Rate of Fifteen Daily — Strike Benefit Being Distributed Among Men.

New York, Sept. 30.—Efforts to organize a general strike in support of the street car men suffered a check today when nine hundred brewery workers, who had quit in response to the call, returned to work.

The labor leaders still assert that 100,000 men are out.

The traction company officials say that the street car men are returning to work at the rate of fifteen daily.

Officers of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees began the distribution of \$5,000 strikers' benefit fund among the street car men, who have been on strike since September 6.

THE SANTA FE WILL BUILD OUT TO FOX

ENGINEERS WILL BE HERE EARLY IN OCTOBER TO LOOK THE SITUATION OVER — OPINION IS ROAD WILL BE BUILT.

B. A. Simpson and D. C. Fitzgerald have returned from a business trip to Chicago. While they did not go there on a proposition of building a new railroad, but while they were there they learned that the Fox field had come in and they immediately put the proposition up to the Santa Fe, asking them to build a line of road from Ardmore to Fox. They were assured that the matter would receive the earnest consideration of the road and an engineer will come here within a few days. The company stated that if the reports it had on the topography of the country and of the extent of the oil area were confirmed by its engineers, that the line of road would be built.

It is firmly believed by some of the best business men in Ardmore that the Santa Fe will build a line out of this city to the new oil area. They state that the road will not in any way interfere with the Ringling road, that its paralleling of that line of road out of here will not stand in the way of the Santa Fe's building and they believe that work will begin immediately. New locations are being made at Fox. Long wagon hauls will begin this week and the oil men would appreciate a line of road. The people of Ardmore and those at Fox as well as at all intermediate points would appreciate the road. It will mean more taxable wealth for the county. It will mean some prosperous little towns out to the northwest. It will mean better schools and better churches and more profits to the Carter county farmers out that way. It will be of vast benefit to Ardmore. It will further clinch this city as oil headquarters for this oil district which promises now to be the greatest in the entire state of Oklahoma. It will also mean that the main supply houses will be located in this city and only branch houses will be built in the fields. It will bring scores of families here who will reside in Ardmore while the bread winners of the family will work in the fields. It will mean some large buildings here for oil well supply stores. It will give the city still another touch of new life, and the road ought to be able to pay for itself entirely during the early days of the field when there is so much hauling to be done.

REPORTS HAVE VILLA DEFEATED

IN RECENT CLASH BETWEEN CARRANZA TROOPS AND VILLISTAS, LATTER WERE DEFEATED.

TWICE DRIVEN OFF

State Department Agents on the Border Say Force of Two Hundred Fifty Bandits Twice Attacked Carrancistas, But Were Defeated.

Washington, Sept. 30.—The state department has reports of the recent fighting between Carranza soldiers and Villistas in Chihuahua, which apparently confirm the latter's defeat.

Department agents on the border reported that 250 bandits twice attacked a force of 150 Carrancistas at Cuahuacae, but each time were driven off.

Not Affected by Order.
San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 30.—Texas, Arizona and New Mexico guardsmen for the present will not come under the recent war department order relieving troops on the border with fresh organizations from the northern states, it was announced at southern department headquarters today.

Parker to Speak for Wilson.
According to the United Press reports, John M. Parker of Louisiana, who was the vice Presidential nominee of the Bull Moosers, running mate of Theodore Roosevelt on the Progressive ticket, has come out in a statement that he will support Wilson in the coming campaign. His itinerary is announced to cover the states of New York, New Jersey and Ohio. The report says that Parker wrote the President offering his services.

JUDGE MAXEY MAY RESIGN JUDGESHIP

JUDGE OF FEDERAL COURT OF WESTERN TEXAS DISTRICT FOR TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS WILL QUIT OFFICE.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 30.—Judge T. S. Maxey, judge of the federal court of the western district of Texas for twenty-eight years, may resign, he announced today, probably December 1. The only reason given is that he feels he has held the position long enough.

MORGAN LEAVES FOR ENGLAND ABOUT LOAN

AMERICAN FINANCIER SAID TO BE ARRANGING FLOTATION OF ANOTHER LOAN OF A QUARTER OF A BILLION DOLLARS.

New York, Sept. 30.—J. P. Morgan, financial agent for the British government in the United States, sailed for England today for the reported purpose of arranging the flotation of another British loan of \$250,000,000, backed by American securities.

DONNA, TEXAS, QUARANTINED.

Quarantine Established Against Border City by Authorities.
Mercedes, Tex., Sept. 30.—The military authorities have placed a quarantine on Donna, nine miles west of here to prevent a spread of paratyphoid to the military camp at Llano Grande. Several cases are reported at Donna.