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BRITISH AND FRENCH PUSHING GERMANS STILL BACK ON SOMME

FRENCH PENETRATE GERMAN POSITIONS AT SAILLEY SAILLESEL AND HAVE OCCUPIED HOUSES ON EDGE OF ROAD TO BAPAUME

British Troops Yesterday Attacked German Positions Northeast of Guedecourt, Three Miles East of Bapaume and Penetrated German First Line, but Germans Regained the Lost Ground, After Counter Attacks, Says Berlin Statement. British on Struma Front in Macedonia Have Pushed Further Northeast in Direction of Demis Hissar, says British Statement from Saloniki—Berlin Says Rumanian Army in Transylvania Lost Approximately Two Divisions in Battle with Teutons at Hermannstadt—Berlin says Allies Lost Seventy Four Aeroplanes During Month of September.

Continuing their advance on the Somme front last night, the French penetrated the German positions at Sailley Saillisel, the Paris war office announced today. They also occupied houses on the edge of the road to Bapaume.

The Germans made a violent counter attack and the fighting is still in progress.

A London statement today announced that the Germans made a heavy attack last night on the newly won British positions in the vicinity of Schwaben, on the Somme front and were repulsed with heavy losses, according to the statement.

British troops yesterday attacked the German positions northeast of Guedecourt, three miles south of Bapaume and penetrated the German first line, but the ground was recaptured by the Germans after a counter attack, says a German official statement.

British forces on the Struma river front in Macedonia are active on the left flank of the line and have pushed their outposts further northeast in the direction of Demis Hissar, says a British statement issued from Saloniki.

Rumanian Divisions Wiped Out
Berlin, Oct. 16.—"The Rumanian second army in its retreat in Transylvania, lost approximately two divisions," says the Overseas News. "The Rumanian first army and the larger part of the second army were virtually annihilated when a successful attack was made on the first army at Hermannstadt by the Austro-Germans. The Rumanians planned to send a second army to the assistance of the first army, but the second army advanced too fast eastwardly and was forced to retreat in haste, and its retreat became a panicky flight," continues the statement.

Seventy-four aeroplanes of which twenty-one were French and fifty-three British, were shot down by Germans during the month of September, according to an exact list compiled by German military authorities.

WILL PROTEST THE RATES.

Texas Attorney General to Fight Proposed Freight Rates for Texas.
Austin, Tex., Oct. 16.—Attorney General B. F. Looney left today for Washington where he will appear before the interstate commerce commission next Thursday in protest against the new freight rates recently promulgated by the railroads of Texas as a result of the commission's decision in the Shreveport rate case and which will become effective November first.

Now turn to the want ads.

WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, Oct. 16.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is fair and colder; Tuesday fair.

FINE LECTURE SUNDAY BY DR. E. R. WELCH

LARGE AUDIENCE AT BROADWAY METHODIST CHURCH WAS HIGHLY ENTERTAINED LAST NIGHT.

The large audience which packed Broadway Methodist church Sunday night to hear Rev. E. R. Welch deliver his lecture on "The Philosophy of the Tightwad" went expecting to hear the "money grabber" taken to a skinning. And while he was not forgotten, all came away convinced that one can be a tightwad with more than his money. The lecture was punctuated with humorous hits at the expense of men who live for self alone, yet will long to profit by the generosity of others. The essence of the lecture, however, was of a more serious vein. He exhorted his audience not to be niggardly with the church, the biggest and the best institution in the community. Don't be a tightwad with your community spirit. Boost to the limit. Bury your hammer and get a horn. Don't withhold the use of your talents from the community. Don't be stingy with your personal influence, love and sympathy, and words of appreciation and encouragement. The speaker paid a glowing tribute to Ardmore and Carter county and made an earnest plea for larger efforts to make it grow. The most eloquent part of the lecture, however, was its fervent tribute to "mother" as the embodiment of all those good and unselfish things that the tightwad is not. After the lecture the chancel was crowded by appreciative friends who congratulated the speaker on this, the second lecture he has given while in the city. Mr. Welch, we learn privately, has opportunities to devote his time to the Chautauqua platform at a large salary but has declined in favor of the pulpit.

CARRANZA TO MAKE FIGHT ON VILLISTAS

ASSURANCES GIVEN AMERICAN MEMBERS OF JOINT COMMISSION THAT CARRANZA WILL CAMPAIGN AGAINST VILLA.

Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 16.—Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican Commission, placed before the American members of the Mexican-American joint commission today a statement from Ambassador Designate Eliseo Arredondo, containing the assurance of his government that an active campaign against Villa is being planned.

J. H. Dillard of Wilson was in the city today on business.

CONTROL OF THE DANUBE RIVER IS OBJECT OF BOTH SIDES IN ROUMANIAN CAMPAIGN



"IRON GATES OF THE DANUBE" - GEN. MACKENSEN

Where Austria-Hungary, Roumania and Serbia meet on the Danube is one of the important strategic points in the present warfare, the river there passing through the famous "iron gates" which barred navigation until a channel was opened in 1896. The Danube, which is second only to the Volga among European rivers, makes two sharp turns there, changing its course from northeast to south to southwest. The "iron gates" are controlled by the Roumanians. On the Hungarian side is the town of Orsova; on the Roumanian side is Turnu-Severin. "At Orsova (on the Danube near the Hungarian-Roumanian frontier) we repulsed three enemy attacks," says a Roumanian report. Mackensen, the famous German general, is fighting for the control of the Danube, which means virtually the decision of the fate of a large part of the Balkan peninsula. It is for this purpose that the German drive is un-

dertaken through the Dobrudja province of Roumania, the Bukarest-Constanza railroad being the immediate objective. To relieve the pressure the Roumanians crossed the Danube into Bulgaria.

HUGHES SAYS FARMER HAS BEEN IGNORED

IN URGING ENACTMENT OF ADAMSON BILL, REPUBLICAN NOMINEE CHARGES WILSON IGNORED AGRICULTURISTS.

Hastings, Neb., Oct. 16.—Charles E. Hughes today told a crowd of farmers here that the democratic administration ignored the agricultural interests of the country in urging the enactment of the Adamson law. The republican nominee in support of his contention cited a telegram from Harry N. Pove, president of the Farmers Union of Texas, to President Wilson, requesting that the farmers be permitted to submit data in the arbitration proceedings between the railroads and the brotherhoods.

Chaplin Taylor a Hero.

Washington, Oct. 16.—For courageously diving a motor ambulance through fire-swept zones and exposing himself to enemy fire while succoring the wounded, Chaplain Le Roy N. Taylor, U. S. Navy, has been highly commended in a report just received from Colonel J. H. Pendleton, commanding the expeditionary force of United States Marines operating in Santo Domingo. In a letter to the Navy Department, Major General George Barnett, commanding the United States Marine Corps, officially expressed his admiration for the coolness and daring displayed by Chaplain Taylor.

TWO NEGROES LYNCHED BY PADUCAH MOB

ONE WAS ACCUSED OF ATTACKING A WHITE WOMAN AND THE OTHER OF APPROVING ACTION OF THE OTHER NEGRO.

Paducah, Ky., Oct. 16.—Two negroes were lynched by a mob here today and their bodies burned. One of the negroes was charged with attacking a white woman and the other accused of voicing approval of the other black's action. The negroes were taken from jail by a mob of citizens who overpowered the jail guards and hanged the blacks near the home of the woman that was attacked.

Soil Exposition Opened.

El Paso, Texas, Oct. 16.—The International Soil Products exposition opened its doors to the public Saturday night. The opening was without ceremony, further than the blowing of every whistle in town in welcome. The city is crowded with visitors. The fair will last ten days. The International Irrigation congress also held the opening session of its twenty-third annual meeting.

Tulsa's Trade Temple.

The Tulsa Trades and Labor council is preparing to erect a \$25,000 labor temple there. The temporary board of directors, chosen at the last meeting of that body, contains the names of two former Ardmore printers, George B. Johnson and Lewis Marston.

AGAIN WARNING IS SENT TO ALL GULF SHIPPING

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS INDICATE TROPICAL STORM IS MOVING NORTH; NOW CROSSING NORTHERN YUCATAN.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 16.—The tropical disturbance today is apparently crossing the northern portion of Yucatan peninsula, moving north or northwest, according to reports to the weather bureau. It is still of a marked character and gulf shipping has again been advised to take precautions.

ALLIES WILL RECOGNIZE VENIZELLOS

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT SET UP IN ISLAND OF CRETE BY FORMER PREMIER OF GREECE RECOGNIZED BY ENTENTE.

London, Oct. 16.—The entente allies have formally recognized the provisional government of Greece in the Island of Crete, which was set up by former Premier Venizelos.

DANGER LURKS IN POLITICS

THE GREATEST INDUSTRY IN THE STATE MADE A TARGET BY THE POLITICIANS.

WILL KILL INDUSTRY

Unless Curbed Tax Grabbers Will Drive Oil Operators to Adjoining States.

Those politicians who controlled the last legislature of the state of Oklahoma singled out the oil producers for goats. Those who are engaged in developing the most hazardous industry in the state have had imposed upon them unjust taxation. The legislators were possessed with the same crude instincts as the ancient aborigines who looked no further than the advancement of their immediate tribe, and were not broad-minded enough to know that crushing the greatest industry in the state is detrimental to the welfare of all the people in Oklahoma. They have not advanced far enough in broad intelligence yet to know that the upbuilding of this great industry and centralizing it here is of vast importance and benefit to all the people in the state, no matter where they reside.

Oil producers pay into the state treasury 30 mills on the dollar of their receipts for the sale of the oil produced. Under the budget of 1917 other classes of property will pay into the state treasury two mills on the dollar, based upon the avalorem basis. It is true that a small portion of this 30 mills is paid back into the counties for school and good road purposes, though the amount is nothing compared to what would be available for township, school district and county government, if the oil producers tax was paid the same as other taxes are paid, and appropriated in the same manner.

Only State Having This Method.

No other state in the Union has undertaken such a high-handed method of levying tribute from one single industry. The people in the non-oil developed part of the state should join in opposing this method of taxation for the professional politicians are an avaricious lot. It is hard to tell how soon their appetite will call for a production tax on broom corn, cotton, cotton seed oil, packing house and manufacturing products. As a matter of fact it isn't good statesmanship to take away the oil taxes and appropriate them to the exclusion of the localities paying the tax. County and local governments have to be maintained in the oil country and the oil tax ought to help maintain this necessary expense. Besides it is

Bad Financial Policy.

Three refineries locating just across the line in Kansas recently which will be fed by Oklahoma crude; transporting storage oil to Kansas and other states where oil men have a few rights left; the tearing down and abandonment of great tank farms; the removal from the state of late of our wealthiest men, shows what the short-sighted policies are bringing about in this state.

Bad Economics Too.

This policy is unsound, for oil development helped principally to the upbuilding of the magnificent cities of Bartlesville, Muskogee, Vinita, Okmulgee, Ponca City, Sapulpa, Ardmore and Tulsa. It is putting renewed life and vigor in Blackwell, Eald and Perry, and all the rest of western Oklahoma counties wait for oil men. The upbuilding of these cities has created a market for the farmers and, they too, indirectly are partners and derive great benefits from the production of oil. Is the progress of these cities to be retarded and palsied by the machination of brazen demagogues? Shall Grant, Woodward, Major, Custer, Kiowa and all the rest of western Oklahoma counties wait for oil men to turn loose millions in their midst testing the lands for oil, until the demagogues run their course, or will they too join in killing them off at the coming election. Oklahoma, the Pennsylvania of mineral resources of

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