

BRITISH PUSH GERMANS BACK IN NEW DRIVE

Penetrate Third Line of Defense and Capture Village of Fiere.

ATTACK IS ALONG SIX MILE FRONT

Trojans Forced Back One and One-Quarter to One and Three-Quarter Miles—In Night Assault Haig's Forces Capture Trenches on Half Mile Front—Entente Allies Inflict Serious Defeats on Bulgarians.

The British resumed the offensive today in a powerful attack north of the Somme in northern France. According to London they have driven back the Germans a mile and a quarter to nearly a mile and three-quarters in some places on a six mile front.

As a preliminary to today's extensive operations, General Haig's forces last night captured German trenches on a front of half a mile southeast of Thiépval.

Apparently today's attack had not spent its force when the official bulletin was issued as it declared the British were continuing to progress.

The French on their part drove into the south of Comblis, which already was nearly hemmed in by entente forces, and report an advance as far as the village of Ran-court.

Heavy fighting also has taken place on the Verdun front, Paris reporting two attacks there, both of which were repulsed.

Heavy strokes are being delivered against the Bulgarians in the Macedonian front, with marked success, according to Paris today. Victories have been won by the French, British and Serbians.

London, Sept. 15.—The British in their offensive along the Somme have broken the German third line of defense and have taken the village of Fiere, two miles north of Ginchy, according to reports received by Reuters' Telegram Company today.

British forces are also reported to have gained the outskirts of Martinpuich, a mile and a half east of Pozières, the report adds.

The British returned to the attack on the Somme front last night, charging over a sector about six miles long. The war office announced today they had advanced from 2,000 to 3,000 yards.

The attack was made along the heaviest fighting has been in progress recently. The British advanced on the line between Comblis and Ginchy to a point north of the Albert-Bapaume highway.

Preceding this morning's extensive movement the British last night drove forward south-east of Thiépval and captured about 1,000 yards of German trenches, including a strong fortified position.

Renewal of heavy fighting in Mesopotamia, with the British on the offensive, is reported in a delayed statement issued at Constantinople on Sept. 9. The British are said to have lost 2,000 men in the engagements.

Austrians Suffer Severe Defeat. London, Sept. 15.—According to advices from Swiss sources the Austrians have suffered another sanguinary defeat west of Kopul mountain in the Carpathians, said a wireless dispatch from Rome today.

TRIPLE DEFEAT FOR BULGARS. Entente Allies Win Series of Successes on Macedonian Front.

Paris, Sept. 15.—The entente allies have won a series of successes on the Macedonian front, the war office announced today, French, British and Serbian forces, operating at different points, have broken thru the Bulgarian defenses.

A brilliant victory for the Serbians over the Bulgarians was won in a battle, lasting several days, west of Lake Ostrovo, near the western end of the fighting front.

The British success was effected west of the Vardar, near the center of the entente front, where they captured important positions. The lines forced by the French were to the east of the Vardar.

The Serbians captured twenty-five cannon and a large number of prisoners. The statement, retired for a distance of twelve miles.

French Take German Trenches. Paris, Sept. 15.—North of the Somme the French last night captured a series of German trenches and advanced as far as the village of Ranecourt, the war office announced today. On the Verdun front the two German attacks were repulsed.

Frederick William Killed. Berlin, Sept. 15.—Prince Frederick William of Hesse has been killed at Orman. It was officially announced by the war office today in its report on the operations on the Balkan front.

Murder Indictments Stand. Duluth, Minn., Sept. 14.—Judge Peller, in district court today, rejected the motion to quash the indictments against the nine Industrial Workers of the World held for the murder of Deputy J. W. Myron, at Bwabik. The prisoners will enter their pleas tomorrow to the indictment of murder in the first degree and assault in the first degree.

SWEDEN HELD NOT NEUTRAL

Entente Allies to Join in Protest Against Policy Towards Shipping.

ATTITUDE TOWARDS "SUBS" AGGRAVATES

Sweden Holding Up Shipment of Coffee in Retaliation Against Great Britain—Germany to Care For Manned Greek Army—Entire Corps to Be Held as Neutrals—Pitiable Condition of Grecian Refugees.

Paris, Sept. 15.—The French government has instructed the minister at Stockholm to join with the other entente ministers in presenting a firm note to Sweden in regard to its policy of neutrality. The note takes issue in the opposition of Sweden in distinguishing between submarines of war and those of commerce, which the entente affirms has an effect contrary to neutrality, since the Swedish naval forces would hesitate to attack a German submarine in Swedish waters under the pretext that it might be a merchant submarine, whereas it would not hesitate to attack an allied submarine, since the allies have no merchant submarines.

The attitude of Sweden has caused difficulties with the allies, following the blockade of Germany, resulting in the holding up of goods en route to Sweden, suspected of being destined for Germany. Sweden retaliated by holding up parcel post matters in transit between England and Russia. This led to an exchange of notes which accomplished nothing and early this month a deadlock was reached. Great Britain insisted as a condition to submitting the dispute to arbitration that Sweden must promise not to interfere again with mail matters. Sweden declined. Negotiations were transferred to Stockholm but latest advices from London indicate that no solution of the problem was in sight.

Berlin, Sept. 15.—Stockholm dispatch says that Sweden has held up 10,000 pounds of coffee destined for England, presumably because Great Britain has held up coffee destined for Sweden.

GREEKS TAKEN TO GERMANY. Army Corps Cut Off From Athens to Be Treated as Neutrals.

Berlin, Sept. 15.—The Vossische Zeitung says that the officers of the Fourth Greek army corps, which is to be transported from Kavala, Greece, to Germany, will be accompanied by their families, "thus preventing the starving women and children by the entente."

Official announcement was made yesterday of the plan to transport to Germany Greek troops stationed at Kavala. The announcement said the troops cut off from communication with Athens by the entente forces were suffering from disease and lack of food and that they would be taken to Germany as neutrals. Athens dispatches said 1,500 Greek soldiers had been removed from Kavala on warships of the allies.

Pitiable Condition of Refugees. Athens, Sept. 13.—Via London, Sept. 15. [Delayed]—The Margarete, the boat in which Baron von Schenk, head of the German propaganda in Greece was sent to Kavala, to be turned over to the Bulgarians, arrived this afternoon with 1,000 refugees, who were in the most pitiable condition. They had been without food since Sunday and were packed in the ship like sardines. The refugees said that a German aeroplane had dropped three bombs as the boat was leaving Kavala, which came within a few inches of striking the ship.

An eye witness who described the entry of the Bulgarians into Kavala on Monday said that three Greek regiments which had remained in the town were given until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning to surrender as prisoners of war. At the expiration of this ultimatum they gave up their arms and were taken to a country.

Terrific conditions were described on the island of Thasos, where 7,000 refugees had fled from the invaders in row boats and sail boats. They lacked every necessity of life and great numbers of women and children were camped out in the open without food. The refugees said that disorder reigned in Kavala where bandits were looting the houses and all the Greeks who could were taking refuge in flight. They said only three of four Americans remained in the town, the others having gone to Thasos.

MORE SHIPPING RESTRICTIONS. Great Britain Takes Steps to Prevent Neutrals From Trading With Germany.

London, Sept. 15.—The plan of rationing the neutral countries of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland, under which no further licenses will be granted for the present to British exporters, has been extended to apply to the United States by the Netherlands Overseas Trust Company to accept further American consignments and declining to grant letters of assurance for shipments destined for these countries. In consequence American shipments for Holland will be stopped, while the countries trading between the United States and Scandinavia will not take cargoes without definite information about their ultimate delivery.

Neutral diplomats here believe two reasons induced the British government to take this action. The first is the simplicity of the plan, which enables the government to control sup-

WILSON STANDS BY 8-HOUR LAW

President to Challenge Statements by Hughes of Its Effects.

TO DENY PURPOSE WAS WAGE INCREASE

Admits Temporary Increase Will Result But That Other Objects Are of Importance—Wilson Again Summoned to Bedside of Sister—Fairbanks Ill and Compelled to Cancel Speaking Dates.

Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 15.—President Wilson decided today to take advantage of the earliest possible opportunity to challenge the statements made by Charles E. Hughes in recent speeches that the basis on which the settlement of the threatened railroad strike was made was merely an increase of wages for employees.

The president, it was said, will hold the principle of an eight-hour day was vitally affected by the strike settlement, and will seek to show that while the railroad legislation passed by congress today that his sister, Mrs. Anna E. Howe, who is ill at New London, Conn., was sinking rapidly. Tentative plans were made immediately for his departure for New London later today.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—In a statement given out today, former Senator Lorimer, defeated for nomination for congress, announces his intention to "stick to politics."

Chicago, Sept. 15.—Word reached western republican campaign headquarters today that Charles W. Fairbanks, republican candidate for vice president, is suffering from a slight attack of gastritis and that after speaking in Atchison, Kan. tonight, he will cancel his other dates and return to his home at Indianapolis, Ind., for a few days' rest.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 15.—The coast to coast prohibition special, carrying J. Frank Hanly, the prohibition president-elect, Dr. Ira Landrith, the vice presidential candidate, and other prohibition campaigners, started down the coast today. Stops for speeches were to be made at five cities, including Tacoma. A night meeting will be held at Portland.

Indianapolis, Sept. 15.—Vice President Thomas R. Marshall was notified last night of his nomination for vice president on the democratic ticket and formally accepted the honor. The ceremonies were the third of the kind to be held in Indianapolis within the last few weeks. The other two notifications were for J. Frank Hanly, the prohibition presidential candidate, and Charles W. Fairbanks, republican vice presidential nominee.

Many prominent democrats from all over the United States, including National Chairman Vance McCormick, were present. Informal political conferences were held by the leaders and plans for the campaign were discussed thoroughly.

Martin H. Glynn, former governor of New York, delivered the speech of notification after having been introduced by J. A. M. Adair, candidate for governor in Indiana, chairman of the ceremonies.

All the speakers praised the democratic administration, replied to the republican attacks which had been made on it, and expressed confidence of a democratic victory.

A big parade preceded the ceremonies.

COXEY NOW SEEKS TOGA. Leader of Army of Unemployed Is Independent Candidate in Ohio.

Columbus, O., Sept. 15.—Jacob S. Coxe, of Massillon, O., who, more than twenty years ago, led "Coxey's army" of unemployed on a long march to Washington, today filed papers with the secretary of state as an independent candidate for United States senator.

BLOM HEIRS WIN CASE. Jury at Eldora Decides in Favor of Estate of Ackley Man.

Eldora, Sept. 15.—The jury in the case of Blom against Roberts, which has been on trial in district court here for three days, this morning brought in a verdict for the contestant, Blom. By the verdict the disposition of \$6,000 is left to the heirs of George Blom, a former resident of Ackley.

HOPE TO AVERT GENERAL STRIKE

Union Leaders Believe Settlement of Street Car Differences is Hopeless But Officials Believe Sympathetic Strike Will Not Materialize.

New York, Sept. 15.—Altho union leaders here virtually abandoned hope that Mayor Mitchell and the public service commission may bring about an amicable settlement of the street car strike, the belief was strong in official circles today that some action would be taken within the next twenty-four hours to avert the sympathetic strike of 70,000 trade unionists.

The central federated union of Manhattan will hold a special meeting to consider the advisability of joining in a strike that "will astound New York."

The Brooklyn central labor union, comprising the board of trade, has already voted in favor of such a strike. During the night violence broke out anew. From midnight to daylight to-day, Sixth and Ninth avenue cars were bombarded with bricks, stones and other missiles.

Service on subway and elevated lines continued normal, but the surface lines are still crippled.

Attempt to Avert Strike. London, Sept. 15.—Another effort is being made today to avert the threatened strike of railroad employees who are demanding a 10 per cent increase in wages, which the railway managers refused to grant. Walter Runciman, president of the board of trade, taking the initiative in the attempt.

COLD IN WEST. Freezing Temperature in South Dakota—Frost in Kansas.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Sept. 15.—Temperatures as low as 28 were recorded in various places of the state last night. A thin coating of ice was formed on standing water here. Most of the corn is beyond danger, but melons, tomatoes and other garden stuff suffered.

Frost in Southwest. Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 15.—The earliest frost for fourteen years were felt last night, though practically all of Kansas and northern and western Missouri. At Hanover, Kan. during the night, the minimum was 33 degrees. Little damage was reported.

Little Damage in Northeast Iowa. Special to Times-Republican. Dubuque, Sept. 15.—With a temperature of 46 there was a light frost in exposed places last night but not sufficient to do material damage except to tender garden vegetables. It is believed no damage was done to corn in northeastern Iowa. Temperature is rising slightly but there is prospect of frost again tonight if the sky remains clear.

CANADIANS VOTE DRY. Prohibition and Woman's Suffrage Win in British Columbia Elections.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 15.—On the face of incomplete returns available early today from yesterday's general election in British Columbia, prohibition had a majority of more than 5,000 out of a total tabulation of 25,000 votes. Woman's suffrage carried apparently in every district.

The cities favored prohibition by good sized majorities. In Vancouver the vote was 8,805 for and 4,598 against. Victoria gave 2,932 for to 2,775 against.

WELSH DECLINES OFFER. Guarantee of \$15,000 For Fight With Dundee is Not Acceptable.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—A guarantee of \$15,000 for a twenty-round match with Johnny Dundee, in New Orleans, will not be accepted, the manager of Freddie Welsh, the lightweight champion, said today. His manager said he would fight on a percentage as well as a larger guarantee.

Amateur Games For Des Moines. Toledo, O., Sept. 15.—The Toledo Rail-Lights left for Des Moines this afternoon, as contenders for the national amateur baseball championship, following an adjustment of differences between the two clubs.

The local team will meet Des Moines on Saturday and Sunday in the second round of the title tournament. The difference arose over the question of where the series should be played.

Courts Held For Funeral. Des Moines, Sept. 15.—Court machinery was stopped here today while judges attended the funeral of the late Judge Irish.

A number of jurists from other sections of the state attended the funeral.

NEWS OF THE DAY

T-R. BULLETIN.

The Weather. Sun rises Sept. 16 at 5:43; sets at 6:7. Iowa — Fair tonight with frost; warmer in west portion; Saturday increasing cloudiness and warmer.

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BURDEN OF PROOF IS ON DEFENDANTS

Six Carloads of Liquor on "Trial" in Des Moines Courts to Be Considered "Bootleg" Liquor Until Consignees Prove It is Intended for Personal Use.

Des Moines, Sept. 15.—Judge Hubert Utterback, in the district court here today placed upon the defendants the burden of proof in the "trial" of six carloads of liquor seized by county authorities on Aug. 25. The judge announced that until the persons to whom the liquor was consigned proved they intended it for their personal use, it would be considered "bootleg" liquor.

Attorneys for the consignees announced after the ruling of the court that each of their 512 clients would demand jury trial.

The seizure in this instance is the largest in the state since it went dry.

LOSES LIFE IN FIRE.

Boy Burned in Incendiary Blaze on Latta Farm.

Sioux City, Sept. 15.—An arson gang seeking revenge for some unknown reason are suspected of setting fire to the home of the late Congressman Latta here last night. Elmer Moore, 17 years old, a protégé of Latta, is dead as the result of burns. When firemen dragged Moore out they found him on the floor of the house and also in the barn which was burned at the same time. The Latta ranch buildings have been burned at the rate of two every year, the fires starting from incendiary origin.

Moore and Paul Lydich, one of his schoolmates, were taking care of the house in the absence of the Latta family. Lydich saved himself by jumping from the window of the room in which they were sleeping. Firemen found Moore crouching between the bedstead and the wall, badly burned. He died three hours later.

CLOSE RACE IN BIG LEAGUES.

Pennant Races Not Yet Determined and Season Near Close.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—The Chicago White Sox were in the list today as real contenders for the American League pennant, with Brooklyn in the lead in the National League race. Chicago moved up to within a half game of Boston and Detroit, the leaders, with Washington as their opponents today. Boston leads the league. It has won one game less than either the Sox or Detroit, but has lost two less than either.

In the National League flag race the four opponents which Brooklyn found itself against today were Philadelphia, Boston, New York and Pittsburgh. Brooklyn was one and a half games ahead of the Phillies, and Boston two and a half games behind, while the Giants just managed to keep up the pace of the Dodgers.

A table showing all the games yet to be played by the leading teams in the American League gave Boston 18, Detroit 14, and Chicago 15.

In the National League, Brooklyn had 21 games, Philadelphia 21, and Boston 22.

LIVE STOCK MEN MEET.

Discuss Marketing Conditions at First Session at Denver.

Denver, Colo., Sept. 15.—Improvement of marketing conditions was expected to be the principal topic discussed at the conference of the marketing committee of the American Live Stock Association with stock raisers and shippers here today. Prominent live stock men of the west and southwest are expected to participate in the discussion.

Resolutions urging congress to continue hearings recently held in Washington in regard to an investigation of the packing industry were expected to be presented.

GARRANZA CALLS FOR ELECTIONS

Mexico to Select Delegates Who Will Revise Constitution.

FIRST CHIEF NOT IN DICTATOR ROLE

Decree Explaining Call For Special Elections Declares Action Is Fulfillment of Promises Previously Made—Elections to Be Held Oct. 15 and Assembly to Be Convened Dec. 1—Presidential Election Will Be Called

Mexico City, Sept. 15.—General Carranza's call for an election of delegates to a constitutional convention to revise the constitution are set forth in the preamble of a decree now made public.

The preamble makes plain that the constitutional program as set forth in the Guadalupe constitution, adopted in 1913, and elaborated at Vera Cruz in 1914, shows clearly that it was provided that when their cause was triumphant and military elections had taken place, the first chief should call for the election of a congress, give an account of his actions and have his report ratified or modified by congress.

He then was to call a general election and turn over the power of government to the legally elected president. General Carranza calls attention to the fact that the constitutionalists have carried out their program, even going to the extent of imperiling the nation by standing for the rights of the country, contrary to the attitude of a neighboring republic.

Dictatorship Not Sought. He declares that the reforms projected are not intended to lead to the establishment of a dictatorship. The government to be established will be of such form as to demonstrate categorically that sovereignty resides with the people. Both federal and state rights will be respected and the spirit of the constitution will be carried out. The only purpose is to purge the constitution of defects in the way of obscenity.

The election of delegates to the constitutional assembly will be held Oct. 15. Business sessions will begin Dec. 1. As soon as a constitution is adopted a presidential election will be announced and the assembly will be dissolved.

Assignment Order Changed.

San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 15.—The two Tennessee regiments ordered to the border will be placed at Eagle Pass instead of Camp Clark, as first announced. They will occupy the camp formerly occupied by the Kansas regiments, transferred to San Antonio.

General Funston said he expected that other state troops would be available later for Camp Clark.

Col. H. J. Slocum, who was commander at Columbus, N. M., when the "Villa raid" took place, has been assigned as brigade commander at Laredo, Tex.

American Outpost Fired On.

Del Rio, Tex., Sept. 15.—An American outpost, twelve miles east of here, was fired on by Mexicans from across the Rio Grande last night, according to a report reaching here today.

CONFEREES FACE OBSTACLES.

Commission Facing Prolonged Discussion of Mexican Affairs.

New London, Conn., Sept. 15.—Practical obstacles have arisen in the consideration by the American-Mexican joint commission here of numerous suggestions for the pacification of the border, which make it seem possible at this time that any agreement can be formulated without prolonged discussion.

Major General Bliss, assistant chief of staff of the army, was before the commission today, to point out objections that can be raised to many of the proposals, including that of an international constabulary to relieve the forces of both countries of border patrol work there are no doing.

The commission held only a brief session, the Mexican party planning to leave for New York to celebrate the Mexican national holiday tomorrow. They will return Monday when the conferences will be resumed.

INVESTIGATE LIVING COST.

Prices of Necessities in Des Moines Higher Than in Other Iowa Cities.

Des Moines, Sept. 15.—Prices of necessities in Des Moines ranged from 13 to 50 per cent higher than in other Iowa cities, according to the report of a committee appointed to investigate the cost of living, returned to the city council. Strict economy, buying for cash and in bulk and self-delivery were suggested as remedies.

REPORT FOUR NEW CASES.

Infantile Paralysis Has Affected 136 Iowa Children—Fifteen Die.

Des Moines, Sept. 15.—Four additional cases of infantile paralysis were reported today to the state board of health. There are now 136 cases in the state. There have been fifteen deaths.