

MAD DRIVE ON SOMME FRONT IS CONTINUED

Victorious Franco-British Forces Give German Armies No Rest.

SUCCESSES SPUR THE ALLIES ON

British Troops Score Fresh Gains in Night Assault in Direction of Eaucourt l'Abbaye, and French Capture Fortified Wood Near Verdandovillers in Brilliant Attack—New Attack Apparently Aimed at Chaunes.

No rest is being given the Germans by the victorious Franco-British forces on the Somme front. The British capture of the stronghold of Thiepval, following closely and unexpectedly upon the capture of Comblies by the combined allied forces, was followed up last night by a new stroke on the part of the French south of the Somme, where they drove out from Verdandovillers and captured a strongly fortified wood east of the town of Chaunes.

Apparently this new drive is aimed at Chaunes, which bears to the southern end of the Somme line somewhat the relation that Comblies did to the northern sector. The beginning of a French effort to pocket this other German stronghold was apparent some time ago.

Meanwhile the military importance of the gains from Thiepval to the Somme scored in the smashing offensive of the present week are expected by military observers in the entente capitals to be made manifest by a speedy further inroad upon German-held territory. The French advance beyond Bouchavesnes is pointed to as directly threatening Arras, two miles north of Peronne, and preparing the way for an encircling movement intended to drive the Germans out of Peronne itself.

Related reports from the British front today announce the capture of between 4,000 and 4,500 Germans in the fighting Monday and Tuesday. Unofficially it is shown that the aggregate number of prisoners taken by the British since the beginning of the Somme offensive from July 1 to date, have been 80,000 with some 150 square miles of territory and forty-four villages.

Paris reports Kalmankal heights subjected to repeated attacks by Bulgarian forces, but says the Serbians held fast to the captured position.

Greece apparently is on the verge of entering the war on the side of the entente, King Constantine being now reported to have consented to such action.

London, Sept. 27.—The British again advanced on the Somme front last night, the war office announced today. The greatest success was won in the direction of Eaucourt l'Abbaye.

Between 3,000 and 4,000 prisoners were taken by the British in Monday's and Tuesday's fighting on the Somme front, according to a delayed portion of General Haig's report given out today. The report says:

"The battle continued over the entire front. Our troops were successful everywhere."

French Capture Fortified Wood. Paris, Sept. 27.—The brilliant French attack east of Verdandovillers has succeeded in capturing a strongly fortified wood, according to an official statement issued by the war office.

Zepellins Again Raid England. Berlin, Sept. 27.—The British naval base of Portsmouth, and military establishments near the mouth of the Thames and at North Shields, Lincoln and Derby, were attacked by the Zepellins which raided England Monday night the admiral announced today. The official account of these operations follows:

"On the night of Sept. 25 and 26 several German airships bombarded extensively and with a visible success with explosives and incendiary bombs the British naval port of Portsmouth, fortified places near the mouth of the Thames, and industrial and railroad establishments of military importance in middle England, including North Shields, Lincoln and Derby. The airships returned unharmed, notwithstanding strong attacks of anti-aircraft guns."

Bulgars Force Rumanians Back. Sofia, via London, Sept. 27.—After ten days of heavy fighting between Serbian and Bulgarian troops on the western end of the Macedonian front, compelling a retreat along the whole front, it was announced officially today.

Rumanians Slay Own Officers. Berlin, via wires to A. P. via Traverville, Sept. 27.—Indirect reports from Kronstadt, Transylvania, declare that disgruntled Rumanian soldiers set off a dynamite bomb under a train loaded with 400 Rumanian officers, only seven of whom escaped unhurt.

MANY CAPTIVES AT COMBLES

German Troops Join Revolutionists. Paris, Sept. 27.—Greek troops in Canea to the number of 4,000 have joined the revolutionists, according to a Radio Agency dispatch from Athens. Only a colonel, a few other officers and twenty-five of the men remained loyal to the government.

BANKERS TO USE INFLUENCE.

Will Endeavor to Alleviate British Censorship of Mails and Blacklist. New York, Sept. 27.—Agents of American banks in London will be appointed members of a committee with headquarters in this city to co-operate with a committee of American bankers in an attempt to alleviate the British censorship of American mails and the blacklist, said A. B. Hepburn, who acted as host at the luncheon and reception here with New York bankers for Sir Richard Crawford, trade agent of the British government in Washington.

Tobacco Regulations Withdrawn. Washington, Sept. 27.—Great Britain has withdrawn regulations for the importation of cigar tobacco, which American growers have declared would ruin their business and authorized imports on the basis of those in 1915, 1914 and 1913.

Berlin Admits Allies' Gains. Berlin, Sept. 27.—After unusually severe fighting on the Somme front, in which the entente allies suffered heavy losses, they captured Thiepval and gained ground on both sides of Courcellette, the war office announced today. Attacks further to the east were repulsed by the Germans.

Greek Cabinet to Resign. London, Sept. 27.—The Greek ministerial council, held in Athens yesterday evening, says a dispatch from Athens, will be followed by the resignation of the Kaigropoulos cabinet and by the issue of a proclamation of King Constantine to the nation.

BRITISH OFFICERS NOT DETAINED

Men Held by Government Officials at Ellis Island Permitted to Continue Journey—Not Traveling As British Officers.

Washington, Sept. 27.—Release of Maj. Arthur S. Humphreys and Lieut. Hugh L. Levick, the British army officers detained at Ellis Island on their arrival from England, was ordered today by Commissioner Caminetti.

Evidence taken yesterday by a special board of inquiry showed that Humphreys is en route to Canada on leave, while Levick is on his way to Boston to visit relatives, and both are traveling entirely as individuals.

Mr. Caminetti explained that the detention of the officers was only a neutral measure on the part of the government to interfere with the movement of European officers or men coming to this country as individuals and not engaged on active service in connection with a belligerent's armed forces.

PAYS \$100,000 TO BLACKMAILER.

Man Admits Extorting Fortune From Edward Lauterbach in 18 Years. New York, Sept. 27.—Edward A. Leet, 42 years old, an inventor, accused by Edward Lauterbach, a lawyer, of having extorted about \$100,000 from him in the last eighteen years, pleaded guilty to an indictment against him yesterday. He will be sentenced Oct. 3. The maximum penalty is fifteen years.

Lauterbach went before the August grand jury and said that for nearly two decades he had been fleeced by Leet, and his wife, who demanded huge sums, asserting the lawyer was under "moral obligations."

He produced checks showing payments in excess of \$50,000 and letters threatening violence, alleged to have been written by Leet.

The Leets, it is alleged, came here from Scranton, Pa., eighteen years ago with a letter of introduction to Lauterbach. They were in financial straits and the lawyer helped them. Lauterbach called on them frequently and then Leet began making his demands.

Lauterbach was in court to testify against Leet, if necessary. Assistant District Attorney Weller asserted he had subpoenaed a prominent Scranton attorney and three other residents of that city who were prepared to testify Leet had fleeced them in the same manner.

Lauterbach was in the public eye about two years ago when he was mentioned in indictments brought against David Lamar, known as the "Wolf of Wall Street," for impersonating former Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania in an attempt to swindle J. P. Morgan & Co. and the United States Steel Corporation in an alleged plot to influence legislation.

Charges against Lauterbach were made with the New York Bar Association in an effort to disbar him. They were unsuccessful, but he was censured. Lamar is serving a term in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga.

EPIDEMIC UNDER CONTROL.

Infantile Paralysis Reported on Decline in This State. Des Moines, Sept. 27.—The infantile paralysis epidemic in Iowa is under control, it was announced today by Dr. C. H. Sumner, secretary of the state board of health. Dr. Sumner said the epidemic was on the decline.

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Germans Make Feeble Resistance to Last Onslaughts of Allies.

TEUTONS REMOVE HEAVY CANNON

Infantry, Undeferred by Big Guns, Throw Down Arms When Charging Anglo-French Forces Reach Trenches Most Picturesque Incident of Great Somme Offensive—Allies Gain Reach Six Miles in Depth.

British Front in France, Sept. 27.—The capture of Comblies was one of the most picturesque incidents in the whole course of the great Somme offensive. It marked the opening of yesterday's forward surge of the British and French forces which reached its climax in the capture of Guedecourt and Thiepval.

All night long bitter fighting had been in progress at various points on the front and with the dawn the battle broadened to include the whole British front. Comblies fell as the sun rose on a perfect summer day.

Sitting in the middle of a group of hills the town was isolated yesterday by the seizing of the high ground on either side by the French and British. In the early hours of the morning the British took an orchard in the outskirts and then they charged the trenches on the edge of the village. At the same time the French, dashing forward on the other side of the village, pushed triumphantly forward to the heart of the village.

In the main street the soldiers of the two nations met, joyfully calling to each other "Parlez Vous" and "Howdy Bye do."

Late Resistance Feeble. One of the most striking features of the fighting last night and today was the surprisingly slight resistance offered at Morval and Comblies by the Germans, according to all reports made by the British officers. The Germans made the usual counter attacks against the new British positions last night but their lackey spirit.

In some instances the allied commanders stated that considerable bodies of Germans threw down their rifles promptly when the attackers reached their trenches, altho it was known they had orders to stand to their arms. This sometimes the British found the strongest defense made in front of Guedecourt. There the Germans used their machine guns with the tenacity and unyielding courage which has hitherto characterized them. The British resumed the attack yesterday and today all the village is in their possession.

Big Guns Withdrawn. Both today and yesterday the Germans showed an inclination to withdraw their guns immediately they were in any danger, evidently desiring to take no risk of losing any of their heavy artillery. This sometimes leaves their troops in the front line unprotected by cannon fire and may account for the number of surrenders.

Since the offensive began the British have taken nineteen villages and at some points their gains now are six miles in depth. "Elation over today's and yesterday's work is greatest at the casualty clearing stations where the red coat of victory is best measured."

ALLIES WIN DOBRUDJA BATTLE.

Checks German Allies. Bucharest, Sept. 27.—Details of the great battle on the Dobrudja front, which ended, according to General Averesco, in the decisive defeat of the Germans and Bulgarians, are given in an official statement today. The statement says:

"The supreme command learned on Sept. 17 that detachments of our forces had been compelled to retire and were falling slowly back, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. Measures were taken to meet the situation and a desperate battle was begun stretching from the Danube to the Black Sea."

"The fighting opened on the Danube, where enemy columns, consisting mostly of Germans, endeavored to force their way into Chernavoda. This effort was defeated by the Rumanians, who with repeated bayonet attacks, supported by the fire of three monitors in the river, brought the advance of the enemy to a standstill."

"Two days fighting of the most desperate character, the enemy suffered heavy losses, his massed formation being mowed down by artillery fire. In the center he was driven from trenches which he momentarily occupied."

"Finally at 9 o'clock in the evening of Sept. 17, the enemy onslaught reached its climax. The allies by a formidable counter attack overthrew the enemy's right wing, which fled. The enemy losses were great. Everywhere heaps of corpses were found and in front of one division alone 5,000 rifles were picked up. The allied troops then advanced, driving the enemy before them."

HANLY QUESTIONS FAIRBANKS.

Prohibition Candidate Seeks to Make Votes by Distributing Handbills. Salt Lake, Colo., Sept. 27.—Interrogations for Coloradoans to ask Charles W. Fairbanks, the republican vice presidential nominee, regarding his attitude on the liquor question were strewn along his path thru the state today by J. Frank Hanly.

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Mexican Ambassador En Route to Mexico to Confer With Carranza. State Department Sees Hope of Inducing First Chief to Consent to All Agreements of Joint Commission—Official Report on Fight Between American and Carranza Soldiers Indicate Trouble Was Drunken Brawl.

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GOOD HARVEST WEATHER.

Conditions During Past Week Generally Favorable for Farm Work. Washington, Sept. 27.—Widespread dry weather with mostly mild temperature was decidedly favorable for harvesting and other field work generally throughout the week which ended Tuesday, according to the weather bureau.

Harvesting of tobacco, potato and beet digging and cranberry picking made fine progress. Much fall plowing and grain seeding were accomplished, but dry soil seriously hindered this work in parts of Oklahoma, Iowa, Missouri and northern Texas and in a majority of the states of the Mississippi valley.

Gathering of hay and fodder made excellent progress, but fall pastures and late truck and gardens need rain.

RICH IOWAN VICTIM OF BLACKMAIL PLOT

Swindlers Said to Have Secured \$10,000 by Method Similar to That Employed by So-Called Million Dollar Blackmail Syndicate. Chicago, Sept. 27.—Investigation of a new blackmail plot involving a rich Iowan, who is alleged to have been fleeced out of \$10,000, was started by federal officials today.

The method of extortion was declared the same as was employed by the so-called \$1,000,000 blackmail syndicate, agents of the federal department of justice said.

Two young women and a Chicago attorney are involved. Neither their names nor the name of the victim will be made public until arrests have been made.

The Iowan, a widower, was caught in a compromising position, and he was surprised by an alleged federal official.

Iowa Officials Uninformed. Des Moines, Sept. 27.—Officials in the United States marshal's office, at the office of the federal district attorney's office and the state attorney general today said they had no information regarding the Iowan who, it is alleged, was swindled out of \$10,000 in a blackmailing scheme reported from Chicago today. It was said that the Iowa end of the case probably would be handled by special operatives and not turned over to the local officials.

CARMEN WANT HIGHER WAGES.

Disgruntled by Exclusive Provisions of Eight Hour Law. St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 27.—Leaders of the Brotherhood of Railroad Carmen in the northwest met in St. Paul today to discuss a plan to demand higher wages from the Great Northern, the Northern Pacific, the Canadian Pacific and the C. M. & St. P. and recognition of the union. The carmen, it was said, were disgruntled over the passage of the Adamson eight hour law.

Omaha Plans For Wilson Visit. Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 27.—An elaborate program for the visit of President Wilson to Omaha, Oct. 5, was submitted to the executive office here today. The program includes a parade in addition to a speech. The president played golf during the mornings.

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WOMEN CAMPAIGNERS COMING.

Hughes Special to Visit Cedar Rapids and Waterloo. Waterloo, Sept. 27.—Announcement was made here today by Mrs. Florence Duncan, field secretary of the Hughes national alliance, that the women's special campaign train, which will leave New York City, Oct. 2, would be in Waterloo, Oct. 6, for an evening meeting. The train will stop at Cedar Rapids en route here, coming from Rock Island. The route from this city is to St. Paul.

STORM DAMAGE AT UNION.

Hail and High Wind Play Havoc With Window Panes. Waterloo, Sept. 27.—The storm last evening was the worst of the season. Much damage was done by the very large hail that came with the wind, breaking exposed windows with a west exposure. All of the large windows in many homes were hit as bad. The apples were knocked from the trees.

LIGHTNING KILLS FARMER.

Man and Three Horses Hit While Returning From Field. Waterloo, Sept. 27.—While C. S. Gray, aged 63 years, a farmer living near Persimmon, was driving in from a field last night he was overtaken by a storm and killed by a bolt of lightning. Three horses he was driving were killed.

DANGELO FOUND GUILTY.

Jury Returns Verdict of Murder in the Second Degree. Centerville, Sept. 27.—Frank Dangelo today was found guilty of murder in the second degree. The jury found in its verdict that Dangelo shot and killed P. Traxler, following a dance here last June. Traxler had danced with Dangelo's sweetheart.

CAN'T KEEP FAMILIES ON SALARIES OF \$20

Des Moines, Sept. 27.—Because of the high cost of living, which, as asserted, had rendered them destitute, two Des Moines laborers came into juvenile court today and asked the city to take their children and care for them.

NEWS OF THE DAY

T. R. BULLETIN. The Weather. Sun rises Sept. 28 at 5:53; sets at 5:48. Iowa—Showers and cooler tonight; Thursday unsettled and cooler.

PAGE ONE. Telegraphic News: Mad Drive on Somme Continues. Many Captives Taken at Comblies. Sympathy Strike Only Partial Success. Arredondo to Advise Carranza. PAGES TWO, THREE AND FIVE. Iowa News: Labor Laws Wanted. Frozen Corn Drying. Iowa Cattle Win in South. Love Survives Despite Poy. College Teams Ready. Shade Trees Must Be Preserved.

PAGE FOUR. Editorial: Harding Helped Insure His Interests. More Than a Memorial. Did You Stay Home Today? Topics and Iowa Opinion. PAGES SIX, SEVEN EIGHT, NINE. City News: Harding Speaks at Rhodes Fair. Deacons' Rouser, Not "Booze" Paramount Issue. Would Form Local Red Cross Organization. Store Employees to Form Association. Nine Children Left Motherless. General and Brief City News.

PAGE TEN. Markets and General: Big World Supply Weights Down. Wheat. Unwelcome Rains in Corn Belt. Cattle Trade Unsettled. Hogs Slow and 15 Cents Lower. Bankers Would Retire Greenbacks.

WRECK TRAIN; MANY DIE. Bandits Set Fire to Wreckage, Permitting Passengers to Escape. Laredo, Tex., Sept. 27.—Bandits last Saturday wrecked a north-bound National Railway passenger train between Gonzalez Junction and San Luis Potosi, Mexico, resulting in the loss of several lives, and a few minutes later a south-bound train composed of passenger and freight cars crashed head-on into the wreckage, which was set on fire by the bandits, resulting in the loss of about a score more lives, according to T. B. Hohler, British charge at Mexico City, who arrived here today.

STRAW VOTE IN HARDIN.

Indicates Severe Republican Revolt Against Harding. Special to Times-Republican. Eldora, Sept. 27.—A straw vote was taken here Tuesday among the farmers, mostly from the west portion of the county, who were in the city attending a meeting before the board of supervisors. The vote indicated a republican majority of between 1,500 and 1,800. This straw vote indicated that there is a serious sentiment in Hardin county.

DONALD RATHBONE KILLED.

Former Resident of Eldora Meets Sudden Death in Montana. Special to Times-Republican. Eldora, Sept. 27.—Word was received here Tuesday of the accidental death of Donald Rathbone at his home in Lewistown, Mont. Mr. Rathbone was remembered by Hardin county people as the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Rathbone, former Eldora residents. The elder Rathbone served for a number of terms as auditor of this county. Donald Rathbone was about 38 years old and is survived by his wife and two children.

JEALOUS WOMAN KILLS MAN.

Wounds Woman Companion and Commits Suicide in Philadelphia Hotel. Philadelphia, Sept. 27.—The woman who shot and killed J. C. Graver, of New York seriously wounded his female companion and then committed suicide in a prominent hotel here today, has been identified as Mrs. Harry Belzer, of New York, by a sister of the dead man. This sister, whose name is Mrs. Frances Apman, came here today with Harry V. Fanny, of New York, a business partner of Graver, and made the identification at the morgue.

Mrs. Apman told the police that Mrs. Belzer's maiden name was Margaret McAndrew, and that the woman had not been living with her husband recently. Graver, she also told the police, was a widower and had been very friendly with Mrs. Belzer.

From cards found in Mrs. Belzer's handbag the police were led to believe she was Mrs. LeDeur in the hospital, at first supposed to be Graver's wife, has not made any statement. Mrs. Apman will go to the hospital later in the day to see if she can identify her.

GRAVUR HUMANITARIAN WORKER.

New York, Sept. 27.—J. C. Graver was well known here in police and humanitarian circles. For ten years he was chief probation officer of the court of special sessions. He was removed from that office in 1911. He originated the Tombs prison school and gained a reputation among prison workers thruout the country.

CHICAGO MAYOR FINED \$500.

Thompson, of Chicago, Convicted of Violating Motor Boat Laws. Chicago, Sept. 27.—Mayor William H. Thompson, of Chicago, has been fined \$500 by federal authorities for violation of the motor boat laws, it became known here today. The fine has not yet been paid according to an official of the coast guard service.

The fine resulted from the finding at Green Bay, Wis. of a motor boat yacht, belonging to the mayor, without the protection, fire bell, whistle, or fog horn.

MANY UNIONS FAIL TO QUIT

Sympathy Strike in New York Fails to Reach Great Magnitude.

LITTLE EVIDENCE SEEN IN CITY

Canvassers Among Labor Organizations Report That Twenty-Two Unions Failed to Respond—Brewery Workers May Go Out Thursday—Strikers to Date Number 125,000 Men—Quiet Prevails Thruout City.

New York, Sept. 27.—Union workers to the number of 125,000 went on strike today in sympathy with the striking traction employees, according to figures given out at a meeting of representatives of labor unions.

The general strike of labor unions in sympathy with the striking street car men was supposed to be effective today and, altho labor leaders claimed that more than 125,000 workers had responded to the call, there was little evidence that a strike was in progress.

Private canvassers among the labor unions reported that at least twenty-two unions had failed to respond to strike calls this forenoon. The report came from police headquarters that 200 members of the painters' union had reported for work.

Among the unions which failed to go out today was the brewery workers, numbering 6,000 men, but their leaders declared they would strike tomorrow. Say More Will Go Out.

These were the figures reported by union delegates, according to Ernest Bohm, state organizer of the American Federation of Labor. The trades which have gone on strike, he said, are the United Garment Workers, six building trades unions, painters, house wreckers and a number of small organizations. He declared 203,000 more would go out tomorrow.

The general strike convention, attended by representatives of international unions having headquarters here, was called to order by State Organizer Hugh Frayne. None of the leaders would make a statement as to what his own union had done.

Far less than 125,000 union employees responded to the call, according to reports received at police headquarters. The officials said, however, that it was difficult to obtain an accurate estimate and declined to fix a definite figure.

Guard Hedley's Home. Police have been guarding the home of Frank Hedley, vice president and general manager of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, in Yorkville, following threatening telephone messages received by him that his home would be destroyed by a bomb unless he settled the strike.

After a meeting of the joint labor conference committee, strikers were supplied with pamphlets for distribution thruout the city, in which attacks were made on the so-called Morgan and Rockefeller interests.

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