

## BRITISH MAKE SLIGHT GAINS ON SOMME

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## GAIN POSITIONS NEAR EAUCOURT

### French Troops Thrust Out From Rancourt into St. Pierre Vaast Wood, Directly North of Peronne—Germans Make Renewed Attacks at Verdun but Efforts are Fruitless and Costly—Bulgars Present Bitter Resistance.

While no new advances for the infantry on the Somme front are reported by Paris today, the violent struggle is being kept up without cessation by the artillery.

The French have been thrusting out east from Rancourt into the St. Pierre Vaast wood, at which point, and at Bouchavesnes, to the south, they are almost in a direct line north of Peronne, against which the speedy development of their enveloping movement is now to be expected.

Meanwhile activity has been resumed at Verdun, the Germans again attacking east of the Meuse, between Thiaumont and Fleury. The thrusts were checked by the French, with heavy losses to the enemy's troops.

The Russians have renewed their attacks in Volhynia.

From Macedonia comes additional reports of a determined Bulgarian resistance to the entente offensive in the region west of the Vardar.

Also so far as is known, Greece has not yet formally declared war as an active belligerent on the side of the entente, the announcement is reiterated from Athens to-day that she will speedily take this course. King Constantine, it is affirmed, has decided for an immediate declaration of war on Bulgaria.

London, Sept. 28.—British troops last night advanced at various points on the Somme front between Martinpuich and Guedecourt, says the British official statement issued today.

The British announcement says: "During the night our line was advanced at various points between Martinpuich and Guedecourt and posts were established west and southwest of Eaucourt l'Abbaye and within 800 yards at that village."

"On the left of our front our position was consolidated on the ridge north-west of Thiepval. A battalion of the enemy infantry was caught on the march and successfully repelled."

Bulgarian Attacks Repelled. The repulse of four successive Bulgarian attacks on Kalkmakan mountain is described in a dispatch from Serbian headquarters to Reuters, dated Wednesday. The dispatch says: "The Bulgarians, after receiving reinforcements, yesterday attacked the Serbian line. In the darkness they were able to get into first line trenches, but at a heavy sacrifice."

"An officer taken prisoner said that crossing the first line was like walking over a stream of corpses."

"The Bulgarian attacks four times but were finally driven out beaten."

"The Serbian losses were heavy, the Bulgarians' fearful. Fifty prisoners were taken."

French Halt German Attack. Paris, Sept. 28.—A strong attack was made last night by the Germans on the Verdun front between Thiaumont and Fleury. The attack was repulsed. The French batteries are bombarding the German positions.

The announcement says: "On the Somme front our batteries continued actively to bombard German positions. The bombardment was an infantry action during the night."

"On the night bank of the Meuse, a strong German attack was delivered during the night against the Thiaumont-Fleury front. The attackers sustained sanguinary defeat under the fire of our machine guns and artillery."

"Everywhere else the night was calm."

Repulse Anglo-French Assaults. Berlin, via London, Sept. 28.—German troops yesterday victoriously repulsed the Anglo-French forces on a greater part of the battle front between the Ancre brook and the river Somme, says the official statement issued today by the headquarters staff.

German aviators yesterday again dropped a great number of bombs on Bucharest, according to today's German official statement, which adds that several points of the Roumanian capital are still burning as a result of our previous attacks.

## "TANKS" CLAIM PART IN VICTORY

### Participate in Capture of Both Combles and Thiepval on Somme Front.

## ONE REFUSES TO WAIT FOR INFANTRY

### Goes on Excursion on Own Account, Penetrates German Lines and Runs Short of Gasoline—Keeps Guns Going While German Soldiers Swarm Over and Under in Effort to Find Opening—Rescuers Finally Bring Up Oil.

British Front in France, Sept. 27, midnight, via London, Sept. 28.—In the lull which has occurred after the great two days' battle in which five villages and 5,000 prisoners were taken by the allies, the correspondent of the Associated Press has had an opportunity to glean many stories from the participants in the struggle. These stories were not only of courage and heroism but of a humor and paradox possible only in such complicated and remorseless warfare.

The most wonderful tale of all told was perhaps that of a "tank" or new armored motor car, which started toward Berlin on its own account. This monster land ship did not wait on the infantry after the taking of Guedecourt but plodded over shell holes and across low looking for its prey like some prehistoric lizard.

In course of time it found a German trench, but as it engaged the occupants with its machine gun, it ran out of gasoline. When the Germans found this strange creature impenetrable to bullets, curiosity and spirit of revenge was a fillip to their courage. They went after it like prehistoric man after a wounded mammoth. No such game was ever seen on this western front, marked as it has been by all kinds of bizarre fighting.

According to the accounts given by the British officers, while the tank's machine gun blazed right and left, some of the Germans managed to creep along the trenches under the fore leg and high legs of the beast. Then they swarmed over it looking for an opening. They fired their rifles into joints and bombed it all over but to no avail.

All the while the tank's machine gun kept busy at the human targets in reach.

Finally the British infantry in the rear refused to wait on any general's orders that they should remain at the objective which they had gained. They were out to save the tank, and with a cheer they rushed the Germans and drove them off.

The troop inside opened the door and called out: "We are all right if you will only get us more juice so the old girl can have a guzzle of her proper drink."

The infantry formed about the tank while a runner was hurried back for gasoline. The gasoline arrived safely, and the beast, having taken a swallow, ambled back to the British line. It left behind 250 dead Germans, according to its commander.

Another tank assisted in the taking of Thiepval. There was once a chateau in Thiepval. The cellar is still there reaped by the remains of the dwelling, walls and bricks pounded into debris. Here the Germans waited, smoking their cigars and drinking soda water, which was brought up through shell proof underground tunnels, while the roofs over their heads were being labored vainly by British artillery. They had the sense of security of a Kansas settler when he went below with a cyclone approaching.

When the guns began rattling Mr. Thomas Atkins took cover and considered ways and means of silencing the enemy. Then a tank rolled in, which with elephantine deliberation lumbered across trenches and, dipping its vertebrae ponderously in and out of the shell holes, made a quick finish of the cellar and its occupants.

Come Like Rats From Holes. An example of what persistent digging will do in extension of cellars of buildings is given in the capture of Moquet farm. The British blew into the mouth of all entrances of dugouts that they could find and had advanced their line well behind the farm, when a British officer saw two Germans on a slag heap by his side. They beckoned to him and he went toward them and one shot him dead. Both then disappeared in the earth.

Later on Germans came to the surface and began firing into the backs of British pioneers. When the pioneers returned after a fierce underground melee they brought with them as prisoners an officer and fifty men. It is supposed that the Germans here had found the forgotten tunnels of a medieval monastery and added auxiliary ones to suit their own purposes.

The British spent today in taking ground in a number of smaller attacks in order to rectify their own line.

WILSON DEFEAT BY HYPHEN? Defeat of Wescott in State Primaries Attributed to Irish and German Votes. Trenton, N. J., Sept. 28.—Complete returns from the state-wide primary Tuesday confirm the defeat of Attorney General Wescott by James E. Martine for the democratic nomination as United States senator.

The defeat of Wescott, who was the Wilson candidate, is declared to have been brought about by the hyphen vote—viz: the German-Americans and the Irish-Americans in north Jersey.

South and central New Jersey went strong for Wescott, but the smashing vote given Martine in Hudson settled the contest. Wescott was beaten two to one.

Senator James E. Martine said at Plainfield yesterday the democrats who voted for him are just as good democrats as those who voted for Wescott and for the most part as good Wilson democrats.

Many of the leading democrats of the country have wired their congratulations to Senator Martine, but he received no message from President Wilson.

His victory was perhaps the most remarkable in the history of the state, according to his own statement not a single politician and but one newspaper in all of New Jersey was friendly to his candidacy. His opponent included everybody that is identified with the democratic organization in this state from President Wilson down to city committeemen.

Joseph S. Frellinshusen of Somerset defeated Governor Franklin Murphy of Essex for United States senator on the republican ticket by about 3,500.

## WILSON TO ASSAIL G. O. P. POSITION

### President and Political Advisers Agree on Vigorous Campaign Discussion in Speeches Wilson Will Make—Porch Address Every Saturday.

Log Branch, N. J., Sept. 28.—Arrangements for President Wilson to assail the republican stand on the prominent issues of the campaign were made at a conference here today between the president, Vance McCormick, chairman of the democratic national committee, and Secretary Tumulty.

Using his speech of acceptance as a foundation, the president is preparing to build up his case in a series of campaign speeches.

Mr. Wilson will make at least two speeches in New York state, one in New York City and the other in Buffalo. He will also speak in St. Louis.

A decision was also reached for the president to make at least one speech here every Saturday between now and election.

Hughes to Wilson's State. Trenton, N. J., Sept. 28.—Charles E. Hughes today addressed an audience at the state fair here. Mr. Hughes reached Trenton at 10 a. m. from Pittsburgh, where he spoke last night and motored to the fair ground. There he held a public reception and then spoke from the platform over various victorious and defeated republican candidates at last Tuesday's election.

Mr. Hughes spoke chiefly of the protective tariff. He assailed the administration vigorously for the Adamson law, extravagance and "broken pledges." He reiterated his declaration for enforcement of American rights. The crowd applauded frequently.

Roosevelt Coming West. Chicago, Sept. 28.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt will make at least five speeches in western states for Hughes and Fairbanks next month, according to reports received today at western republican headquarters.

Altho the itinerary is not definitely announced, it is said he may speak at Chicago, Denver, El Paso, Tex., and San Francisco.

Iowa Supreme Court. Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, Sept. 28.—The supreme court today ruled in the following cases:

State of Iowa vs. Saling, appellant. Union county. Reversed.

Birke, et al., appellants, vs. McNeill, executor, et al. Mahaska county. Reversed.

Illinois Artillery Ordered Home. San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 28.—The First regiment of Illinois field artillery, with the battery of Wisconsin artillery, which has filled out the regiment since one of its batteries was sent home, today was designated by General Funston to return to home stations.

Republican governor, but they do not say much about it. They are not saying much, but are wondering what they can do. In one of these two classes half of the members of the republican party in Iowa find themselves today. More than half the republicans of Iowa were opposed to Harding at the primary, and he is much weaker now than on the day he was nominated.

Offsetting this unprecedented defection in his own party, Harding finds himself the beneficiary of an astonishing lot of recruits from the democratic party. The wet democrats, from one river to the other, are with him to the last man. For one cause alone will democrats, in this year which means so much to them, cast to the winds their party's interests. That cause is liquor.

What satisfaction can any man find in a candidacy wherein he loses a very large proportion of the best element in his own party, and acquires a very small proportion of the worst element in the party of opposition? What honor or glory? "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

Mr. Harding should withdraw. He ought to relieve the republican party of a candidacy which has become burdensome to it. The party is popular in Iowa this year, but he is so unpopular that his only chance of success is thru democratic help. It is idle to go into the reasons why. There are reasons, or these conditions would not prevail.

No one man is as great as the republican party, and no one man ought to stand in the way of its success. Republicans do not want to elect a democratic governor; they want to elect a republican, and Harding ought to be big enough to step aside and thus end a situation which is becoming intolerable.

Thousands upon thousands of republicans have said openly that they will not support Harding, because he does not represent the best ideals of republicanism. Thousands on thousands of other republicans are embarrassed by the fact that they want to remain regular and want to elect a

## GRECIAN KING NOW FOR WAR

### Constantine Consents to Immediate Declaration Against Bulgaria.

## ULTIMATUM FIRST STEP IN MOVE

### Will Demand Evacuation of Greek Macedonia—Army Mobilization Order to Follow—Announcement Causes Great Excitement in Athens—Mass Meeting Planned at Mytilene at Which to Proclaim Revolution.

Athens, Sept. 27, via London, Sept. 28.—The Associated Press is in position to state positively that King Constantine decided this morning to favor an immediate declaration of war on Bulgaria.

Report that a general mobilization has been ordered is premature. After the session of the ministry Premier Katoeopoulos hastily called a cabinet meeting. The premier declared the government was giving the fullest consideration to the situation and said there might be addressed to Bulgaria a note of such character that an order for mobilization might follow.

The details to be worked out include an ultimatum to Bulgaria, demanding immediate evacuation of all Greek Macedonia, as well as plans for mobilization under difficult conditions prescribed by the occupation of Greek territory by the entente forces.

The king discussed the situation minutely with General Moschopoulos, chief of staff, and General Yanakitsas, former minister of war. He will probably preside personally over a meeting of the crown council at noon tomorrow.

Even the departure of Premier Venizelos from Athens failed to cause the great excitement apparent here today.

Athens Calm in Crisis. Despite the profound popular belief that the country is facing the greatest crisis in its history, calm expectancy reigns in Athens.

The Venizelist morning papers published declarations which the former premier left prior to his departure, in which he says the movement he heads is not revolutionary, but purely of national character, and that he has no desire to save the country, or the government, from the integrity of the actual government of the country.

Mr. Venizelos declares that his course is the only way by which national unity may be preserved, and that he will struggle for the salvation of Greece without the aid of the constitutional government, if the government will not act.

Will Aid if King Fights. But if the king decides to defend Hellenic soil against the invaders he will be glad to turn over the forces he has gathered to cooperate in a common effort to save the country.

It is learned that communication between the king and Mr. Venizelos has already been established through the former minister of war, Gen. Yanakitsas, and that the outlook is favorable for an early arrangement of the difficulties at present dividing Greece.

To Proclaim Revolution. Paris, Sept. 28.—An Athens dispatch to the Havas agency says a monster meeting will be held at Mytilene tomorrow, at which the revolution will be proclaimed.

King's Brother Summoned Home. London, Sept. 28.—Prince George of Greece, brother of King Constantine, who has been in London for some time representing the views of the Greek court, today received a telegram from the king recalling him to Athens.

Censorship Abolished. Berlin, Sept. 28.—The Greek minister in Berlin today informed the German government that the Greek censorship had been abolished and that his government declined responsibility of news dispatches from Greece.

PREPAREDNESS IS INSURANCE. National Bankers' Association Discusses Military Training and Defense. Kansas City, Sept. 28.—Advocacy of universal military training in this country and greater participation in national and state and municipal politics were urged here today by speakers before the National Bankers' Association.

Military service for all young men was declared necessary by J. J. Lynch, of San Francisco, president of the association, and Frank A. Vanderlip, of New York. Ills in politics thru which "demagogues and ward heisters" have got

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VENDERS BOOST STATE FUND. Fees Collected in Past Two Years Amount to \$77,666. Des Moines, Sept. 28.—The state of Iowa received \$77,666 in fees for the two year period just closed, from medicine vendors and registered pharmacists. The vendors pay the state \$100 a year. The peddlers travel thru rural districts in wagons and sell farmers everything from hog cholera remedies to hair restorer.

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### New York Police Officials Say Sympathy Walkout Is Not Visible.

## LABOR HEADS SAY 165,000 ARE OUT

### Promise Burg. Before End of Day—Motors, Subway and Elevated Trains' Men to Quit Work—Traffic on Set Car Lines Normal Except for Withdrawal of Cars Due to Jewish Holiday.

New York, Sept. 28.—Leaders of union labor appeared today to have met with small success in their efforts to bring about a sympathetic strike to aid the striking traction employees. Despite the claims of the leaders that the number who have quit work total 125,000 and more, police officials said today that if a strike was in progress there was little evidence of it.

"If there is a general labor strike in this city, we can't find it," said the secretary of the police commissioner.

Service on the subway and elevated lines appeared normal today except for the withdrawal of cars due to the Jewish holiday.

The statement today by Ernest Bohm, state organizer of the American Federation of Labor was: "We have 163,000 out at this moment. We will have quite a surprise for you this afternoon. I am not bluffing when I say this."

Reports received at police headquarters today were that 12,000 tunnel workers on the new subway construction were preparing to strike.

One passenger was injured when a Third avenue elevated train was showered with bricks and bottles today. Several arrests have been made in connection with the outbreak.

Unless the public safety commission can bring about an adjustment of their differences, it was announced by the commission, the motormen on the subway and elevated lines who are members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers threaten to join the striking street railway men.

L. G. Griffin, of Cleveland, deputy grand chief of the brotherhood, and A. L. Gridley, organizer, called at the offices of the public safety commission and notified that body of the possible strike. They explained to Chairman Straus that differences between the members of their brotherhood and the interborough had arisen.

Shonts Refuses Parley. The union leaders said they had solicited an interview with President Shonts to discuss a possible settlement and he refused to meet them. They said they would have the commission and will withhold final action until the commission's efforts looking toward an adjustment are reported.

The grand jury returned fifteen indictments against many strikers or strike sympathizers charging them with stone throwing, assault, and smashing windows.

Violence again broke out today when a crowd of strike sympathizers attacked a Grand street cross-town car with stones, shattering windows and driving the motorman, conductor and passengers into the street. The mob was dispersed by the police.

Efforts of the Third avenue system to run cars in Westchester county today resulted in attempts by the strikers to cripple the line by cutting feed wires, soaping rails and pulling trolley poles from the wires.

CONFER ON HEALTH RULES. Cities Claim Health Commission's Are Too Severe. Des Moines, Sept. 28.—The Iowa state board of health commissioners today went into conference with a committee representing the Iowa League of Municipalities regarding the laws and rules of the commission regarding the quarantine in various large cities. The purpose is to formulate quarantine rules thruout the state. A number of cities have complained that the health commission demands are too severe and are unfair to the municipalities.

The committee from the league included E. T. Malmberg, Newton; Dr. J. C. Cole, Oelwein; J. F. Ford and A. C. Mueller, Fort Dodge; James R. Hanna, Des Moines, and Frank Pierce, Marshalltown.

SIX NEW CASES REPORTED. Infantile Paralysis Again Appears in Several Sections of State. Des Moines, Sept. 28.—Following the announcement yesterday by Dr. G. H. Sumner that the infantile paralysis epidemic in the state had abated, six new cases were reported today. Two were reported from Henry county, one each from Rockwell City and from Cedar Rapids, and two from Webster City.

"Today's reports bring the total number of cases to 175. It also was announced that three 'suspicious' cases had been reported from Clinton.

DEMOCRAT PLEDGE UNKEPT. Charles W. Fairbanks Charges Failure of Promise to Reduce Living Costs. Colorado Springs, Sept. 28.—The democratic party has not kept its pledge to reduce the high cost of living, Charles W. Fairbanks, republican vice presidential candidate, charged in a speech here today. He touched also upon the tariff, the Mexican question and economic conditions in this country at the close of the European war.