

New York, Sept. 27.—Silver, 69 1/4c; lead, \$7.00 @ 7.15; spelter, \$8.75 and 9.25; copper, \$27.00 @ 28.50.

WEATHER—Utah: Tonight and Thursday Fair; Cooler in Northern Portion Tonight; Frost Tonight.

Smashing Offensive of Franco-British Forces on Somme Front Continues

French Start New Drive to Pocket German Stronghold—Serbs Repulse Bulgarians

No rest is being given the Germans by the victorious Franco-British forces on the Somme front.

The British capture of the long-resisting Thiepval stronghold, following closely and unexpectedly upon the capture of Combes by the combined allied forces, was followed up last night by a new strong on the part of the French south of the Somme, where they drove out the enemy from Vermandovillers and captured a strongly fortified work east of the town two miles from Chauvigny.

Apparently this new drive is aimed at Chaumes which bears to the south-west end of the Somme line somewhat the relation that Combes 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 last week, are expected by military observers in the entente capitals, to be made manifest by speedy further inroads upon German-held territory. The French advance beyond Bouchavesnes is pointed to as directly threatening Allaines, 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 3,000 and 4,000 Germans by General Haig's forces in the fighting Monday and Tuesday. The reported capture by the French bring this total up to more than 6,000. Unofficial figures show the aggregate number of prisoners taken by the Anglo-French armies during the Somme offensive, from July 1 to date, have been 60,000 with some 19 square miles of territory and 44 villages.

In Macedonia the entente forces apparently are encountering a stiffened Bulgarian resistance especially west of the Vardar region. Paris reports Kaimakacalan height subjected to repeated attacks by Bulgarian forces, but declare 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.

Paris, Sept. 27.—A brilliant French attack east of Vermandovillers succeeded during the last week, a strongly fortified work, according to an official statement issued by the war office today.

The report says: "The battle continued violently during the day over the whole front between the Somme and the Ancre. Our troops were successful everywhere, carrying out their attacks most brilliantly."

Paris, Sept. 27, 8:33 a. m.—The Serbians have repulsed three violent Bulgarian attacks on Kaimakacalan height, according to an official statement issued by the war office dealing with the Saloniki front.

The announcement follows: "North of the Somme our troops organized the positions recently won. The enemy attempted no counter attack during the night."

"South of the Somme there was rather spirited artillery fighting in the region of Barleux. A brilliant attack carried out by our troops resulted in the capture of Vermandovillers, of a fortified wood held by the enemy which formed a small salient in our line."

"Everywhere else the night was calm."

British Make New Advance.

London, Sept. 27, 2:26 p. m.—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.

The statement follows: "Our troops made progress during the night, particularly in the direction of Eaucourt L'Abbaye."

"Successful raids were carried out by us opposite Beaumont and Hamel in the neighborhood of Loos."

"Three hostile aeroplanes were destroyed in air fighting on Monday and six others were driven down damaged."

Berlin Reports Loss.

Berlin, Sept. 27, by wireless to Sayville.—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.

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MILLERS FORECAST TEN-DOLLAR FLOUR

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 27.—Local millers declared today that flour may retail at \$10 a barrel in the near future if wheat prices continue to rise. A slump in wheat prices today prevented a further rise in flour, but quotations were firm at \$8.80 for first patent grades in barrels in carload lots.

CENTRAL POWERS GREAT DEFEAT

Bulgarians and Germans Compelled to Retire Before Superior Enemy Forces.

INFLECT HEAVY LOSSES

Massed Formations of Enemy Mowed Down by Allied Rumanian, Russian and Serb Forces.

Bucharest, Sept. 26.—Via London, Sept. 27, 11:09 a. m.—Details of the great battle on the Dobrudja front which lasted from September 17 to 19 and ended, according to General Averro, in the decisive defeat of the Bulgarians and Germans are given in an official statement issued by the war office today.

The statement says: "The supreme command learned on September 17 the detachments of our forces had been compelled to retire before superior enemy forces and were falling slowly back inflicting heavy losses on the enemy."

Measures were taken to meet the situation and a desperate battle began on a front stretching from the Danube to the Black sea.

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

Enemy Forces Mowed Down.

"In two days fighting of the most desperate character, the enemy suffered heavy losses, his massed formations being mowed down by artillery fire. In the center he was driven from trenches, which he momentarily succeeded in penetrating, by the allied Rumanian, Russian and Serb troops."

"Finally at 9 o'clock in the evening of September 19 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."

FIGHT PROVES A DRUNKEN BRAWL

American and Mexican Soldiers Engage in Row in a Saloon—U. S. Trooper Killed.

Washington, Sept. 27.—A report on the fight between American and Mexican soldiers in a saloon in El Valle, near the American expeditionary base last Friday, was made to the war department today by Brigadier-General Pershing with the comment that the Carranza officials regarded the incident merely a drunken brawl. He did not give the name of the American trooper who was killed.

The dispatch follows: "Several soldiers from El Valle camp ran guard Friday night, went into El Valle, got drunk and engaged in a row with Carranza soldiers. One Carranza officer killed, one Carranza soldier wounded. One American soldier killed and another slightly wounded. Board of officers has been investigating but unable so far to ascertain names of any other of the party. Matter looked upon by Carranza officials as simply drunken row."

Soldiers Killed in Row.

Field Headquarters in Mexico, Sept. 27.—Investigation of the brawl in the town of El Valle, in which an American soldier was killed and another wounded, while one Carranza officer was killed and a Carranza soldier was wounded, has revealed that the disturbance resulted after a group of American soldiers ran guard last Friday night and visited several drinking places in El Valle, which is two miles from camp.

Local Carranza soldiers tried to arrest the Americans and a fight followed. The wounded American was held by Colonel Digz, commander at El Valle, but was released upon demand of General Pershing.

Carranza authorities say they consider the killing only a drunken brawl with nobody in particular to blame.

Ecuadorian Minister.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Sept. 27.—Dr. Rafael H. Elizalde, secretary of foreign affairs in the recent cabinet, has been appointed Ecuadorian minister to Washington.

SMALL RESPONSE TO STRIKE CALL

Twenty-two Unions Fail to Join in Sympathetic Move With Striking Carmen.

LABOR CIRCLES QUIET

Leaders Claim 263,000 Workers Will Be Added to Ranks Tomorrow.

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.

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

New York, Sept. 27.—The general strike of labor unions in sympathy with the striking street car men was supposed to be effective today and although labor leaders claimed that some 250,000 workers had responded to the call, there was little evidence that a strike was in progress.

Private canvasses among the labor unions reported that at least 22 unions had failed to respond to strike calls this forenoon. The only report received at police headquarters was that 250 members of the Painters' union had refused to report for work.

Among the unions which failed to go out today was the brewery workers, numbering 6000 but their leaders declared they would strike tomorrow.

These were the figures reported to the meeting by the union delegates, according to Ernest Bohm, state organizer of the American Federation of Labor. The trades which have responded to the strike call, he said, are the United Garment Workers, six building trades' unions, the paper hangers' unions, painters, house wreckers and a number of small organizations. Bohm declared that 263,000 more would go out tomorrow.

HANLY ENDORSES GOV. CARLSON

Believes Colorado Executive Should Succeed Himself—Is Against the Beer Amendment.

Leadville, Colo., Sept. 27.—Governor George A. Carlson, Republican, and candidate for re-election, was endorsed today by J. Frank Hanly, Prohibition candidate for president, as the man who should succeed himself, Hanly's endorsement, uttered at Salida, just before the special "dry" train departed for here, was the first he had given any candidate for office who was not a Prohibitionist, since the tour started.

"I care not what you may do with me," Hanly said, "vote me up or vote me down. My chief interest in Colorado is to urge you not to weaken your present law by adopting the proposed iniquitous amendment this fall which would permit the sale of beer. As for me, if I were voting in the state this fall, I should cast my ballot for the present Republican candidate for governor."

CROP BULLETIN IS FAVORABLE

Washington, Sept. 27.—Widespread mild weather with mostly dry temperatures was decidedly favorable for harvesting and other field work generally throughout the week which ended Tuesday, according to the National Weather and Crop Bulletin today in its final weekly issue of the season.

Corn cutting, silo filling, threshing, harvesting 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 the majority of the states east of the Mississippi river.

Gathering of hay and fodder made excellent progress, but fall pastures, late feed crops and late truck and gardens need rain. Picking and ginning of cotton has been pushed in practically all parts of the belt with very favorable weather.

FEDERAL CONTROL IS ASKED FOR

American Bankers Would Enact Legislation That Would Avert "Costly Conflicts."

APPEAL TO CONGRESS

Committee From Savings Bank Association Want Hearing on Railroad Legislation.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 27.—Congressional legislation in regard to railroads which would make federal control superior to that of the states, was asked in resolutions adopted and announced today by the savings bank section of the American Bankers' association in annual convention here.

The resolutions declared that railroad improvements had been arrested because of the "costly conflicts" arising between the various state and congressional rulings in the supervision of the railroads.

Investors Fear Confusing Laws.

Less new mileage was built last year than in one-half a century with more lines in bankruptcy than at any time in the history of the country, the resolutions set forth. This was said to be due "in a large measure to the impairment of railroad growth because of investment hesitancy which has arisen in consequence of the confusion, waste and inefficiency of railroad supervision by congress and at the same time by 48 states."

Congress is asked in the resolutions to hear the committee from the savings bank section before adopting any railroad legislation.

Officers elected by the state secretaries section were: Major S. B. Rankin, Columbus, Ohio, president; F. H. Colburn, San Francisco, first vice president; George D. Bartlett, Milwaukee, second vice-president, and A. E. Philpot, Dallas, secretary and treasurer.

CROWDS MEET CHAS. E. HUGHES

Nominee Tours Industrial Towns Making Short Speeches—Oliver, Penrose and Flynn Join Party.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 27.—Charles E. Hughes entered the Pittsburg district soon after noon today. He was met at the station by a great crowd of Republicans from all over western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio, and northern West Virginia and immediately began a tour of industrial towns, escorted by a parade of automobiles filled with his supporters. He made several short speeches and visited the Homestead Steel Mills before returning to his hotel to rest before the night meeting at the Pittsburg exposition.

The nominee was joined on his trip here from Cleveland by Senators Oliver and Penrose and by William Flynn, former Progressive leader of this city.

GERMANS REBUILD GREAT BRIDGE

Berlin, Sept. 27.—By wireless to Sayville. The great Pomiatowski bridge across the Vistula at Warsaw which was destroyed by the Russians when they evacuated the city in August of last year, has been rebuilt. The bridge was re-opened in the presence of General von Beseler, the German governor-general.

CHICAGO MAYOR VIOLATES LAWS

Chicago, Sept. 27.—Mayor William Hale Thompson of Chicago, has been fined \$500 by federal authorities for violations of the motorboat 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 Greenbay, Wis., of a motorboat yacht tender belonging to the mayor which was destroyed by fire extinguishers, life preservers, pilot regulations, whistle or bell and fog horn.

A policy of caring for federal soldiers upon retirement to civil life, patterned after that of the British government, which secures employment for enlisted men retiring from the army, has just been inaugurated by the United States.

MARTINE WINS THE NOMINATION

New Jersey Democratic Senator Carries State for Election by Safe Majority.

LEADING IN FIGHT

Winnpenn Is Unopposed for Governor on the Democratic Ticket.

Trenton, N. J., Sept. 27.—Austin Colgate is in the lead in the Republican gubernatorial contest, according to corrected returns from yesterday's primary election up to early this afternoon. Through an error in totaling the morning figures, Walter E. Edge of Atlantic City was reported to have a majority of 10,000 votes over Colgate. The corrected returns from 1247 districts out of 1893 in the state give Colgate 58,501, Edge 53,502. The error took place in totaling the results from Essex county, where Colgate makes his home. Instead of being defeated there as first reported, Colgate polled 20,197 votes against 10,150 for Edge. Senator James E. Martine is increasing his lead in the contest for the Democratic nomination for United States senator. Returns from 1119 districts gave Martine 29,247, Westcott 14,815.

In the fight for the Republican nomination for United States senator, Frelinghuysen is also increasing his lead. Returns from 1400 districts give Frelinghuysen 67,139, Murphy 64,855.

Trenton, N. J., Sept. 27.—Senator James D. Martine, won the Democratic nomination for United States senator by a safe majority over John J. Westcott, according to the vote canvassed at 7 o'clock this morning. Westcott is the state attorney-general and is best known as the man who twice nominated President Wilson.

Returns from 729 districts of the 193 in the state gave Martine 12,824 and Westcott 6,657.

The vote for the Republican nomination for United States senator is very close. Returns from 964 districts gave Joseph Frelinghuysen 94,900 and Franklin Murphy 44,986.

In the three cornered fight for the Republican gubernatorial nomination Walter E. Edge of Atlantic City was far in the lead when the returns from 922 districts were counted.

H. Otto Winnpenn of Jersey was unopposed for the Democratic nomination for governor.

As the returns continued to come in, Frelinghuysen took the lead in the contest for the Republican nomination for senator.

Returns from 1,388 districts give Frelinghuysen 65,977; Murphy 63,463.

Trenton, N. J., Sept. 27.—Returns from the New Jersey primary election up to mid-afternoon give Walter E. Edge a small lead over Austin Colgate in the Republican gubernatorial contest, reversing the result of earlier returns. With 359 districts missing out of 1,893 Edge has 65,668 Colgate 64,988. Record, the third candidate, had 23,249.

MASSACHUSETTS STATE PRIMARIES

Boston, Sept. 27.—Complete returns from the state primaries yesterday as compiled here today showed only slight changes in the pluralities received by Frederick W. Mansfield for the Democratic nomination for governor and by State Auditor Alonzo B. Cook, who was re-nominated in the Republican contest over Joseph P. Brown. The missing precincts made Mansfield's plurality 9,874 and Cook's 16,158.

With all the precincts in, the total figures were: Mansfield 45,530; Cole 35,856; Cook 60,410; Brown 44,252.

Roberts L. Kincaide won the Republican nomination in the fourteenth congressional district over five opponents.

ENORMOUS INCREASE NEW YORK EXPORTS

New York, Sept. 27.—Exports from the port of New York for August, 1916, totaled \$271,257,862 as compared with \$141,971,554 for the same month in 1915, according to a compilation issued today at the customs house. Imports entered for consumption without duty amounted to \$60,382,777, while imports entered for consumption dutiable were \$31,333,895 as compared with \$45,986,777 entered free and \$21,684,132 entered dutiable during the same month last year.

New York, Sept. 27.—The New Jersey Zinc company today declared a dividend of ten percent, bringing the total dividend disbursements of the company so far this year up to 62 percent. The company, it is said, has been supplying large foreign orders.