

FRENCH TROOPS SCORE GAIN ON VERDUN FRONT

Mile of German First Line Trench Captured in Furious Assault

GREAT DRIVE MAY END FOR WINTER

Russians Continue to Move Ahead Despite Efforts of Teuton Armies

London, Sept. 7.—The capture of German first line trenches over a front of one mile before Verdun was announced today.

On the Somme front the principal activity of last night was on the initiative of the Germans, who made a determined effort to recapture from the British the small section of ground along the Guillemont-Cambes highway known as Leuze wood.

An intimation that the Somme offensive may soon be dropped for the winter is contained in a dispatch from the British front. A staff officer is quoted as saying that if the British wait until spring before making further efforts there will be available four times the present great quantity of artillery and correspondingly vast stores of ammunition.

Petrograd reports that the city of Halicz, sixty miles southeast of Lemberg, is under Russian bombardment and in flames. The capture of railroad lines in this vicinity also is reported.

Since the opening of the new Russian drive the heaviest pressure has been directed against the Austro-German lines above and below Lemberg and there has been constant fighting before Halicz. This city is on the trunk line railroad running southeast from Lemberg to Stanislaw and Kolomoj, and is also the southern terminus of another line. Its strategic importance is indicated further by the fact that it is on the Dniester at its junction with the Gnila Lipa.

MANY RUMANIANS TAKEN. Berlin, Sept. 7.—More than 20,000 Rumanians were taken prisoner when Bulgarian and German troops captured the Rumanian fortress of Turukal, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters.

In the capture of the fortress more than 100 guns were taken. After heavy fighting with the Russians, the Germans have fallen back in the sector between the Zlota Lipa and Dniester rivers, the war office announced today. Russian attacks near Brzezany, on the Zlota Lipa, southeast of Lemberg, were unsuccessful.

AIR RAID ON DESERT. London, Sept. 7.—A raid by British aeroplanes on Turkish positions at El Arish in the Sinai peninsula, ninety miles east of the Suez canal, is reported in an official statement given out today.

HUNGARIANS ARE OUT OF HARMONY

London, Sept. 7.—A Zurich dispatch says that on account of the violent opposition with which the Hungarian government is meeting in parliament, measures have been taken to end the session if the situation becomes more aggravated.

Premier Tisza, the dispatch says, informed leaders of the opposition party that he had procured from Emperor Francis Joseph a decree proroguing parliament and that he would take the decree with him to every sitting and promulgate it in the attacks of the opposition should become too violent.

PENNSYLVANIA TO EXTEND ITS LINES

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 7.—Authorized announcement was made here today by the Pennsylvania railroad lines west of Pittsburgh of their plan to enter Detroit, with an estimated expenditure of \$40,000,000, to reach freight and passenger terminals there by the extension of the Pennsylvania lines which will be extended from Toledo to a point near the Detroit city line where connections will be made with the Pere Marquette railroad and that road's rails will be used to reach the Fort Street station.

The greater part of the millions to be expended will be used to build a belt road for freight purposes which will parallel the fifty mile line of the Detroit Terminal railroad, owned jointly by the New York Central system and the Grand Trunk.

BATHING BEACH PAYS. Waterloo, Sept. 7.—Estimated receipts for the municipal bathing beach at Cedar River Park, which closed the 1916 season, were placed at \$1,500 by Park Commissioner O. C. McClintock.

The beach opened June 30 and enjoyed a record breaking attendance during July, and a fair patronage during the month of August.

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SWEDISH SYNOD NOW IN SESSION

SWEDESBURG, IN HENRY COUNTY, IS SCENE OF IOWA CONFERENCE.

Swedesburg, Sept. 7.—The forty-eighth annual fall session of the Iowa conference of the Swedish Lutheran Augustana Synod of North America convened in this city Wednesday. The Swedesburg Lutheran church, Rev. Dr. J. Eckholm pastor, is hostess to the one hundred delegates which are arriving on every train. It promises to be one of the most important of the Swedish conferences which have been held in this part of the country for some time, and some of the best talent from the Lutheran pulpits will appear on the program. The conferences will continue through with three daily sessions, until Sunday evening. During this time all delegates and visitors will be entertained by the hospital people of Swedesburg and vicinity. Aside from the splendid program there will be a special musical feature every day. All sessions will be held in the fine church and its pipe organ will add very much to the pleasure and profit of the conference.

HEIRESS KILLED UNDER AUTOMOBILE

Chicago, Sept. 7.—Miss Josephine Murphy, daughter of William M. Murphy, millionaire owner and editor of the Minneapolis Tribune, was killed when an automobile in which she was riding toppled over an embankment near Oak Forest, a suburb, early today. Her body was pinned under the machine.

Miss Murphy, with her mother, and Miss Charlotte Murphy, her sister, has been spending the summer at the farm of Mrs. Sarah Hopkins, a sister of Mrs. Murphy.

The accident occurred when Miss Murphy, in the Hopkins machine, was returning from Blue Island, Ill. She had taken a guest to a train. There was only one person in the machine with the chauffeur for the Hopkins family. He escaped uninjured.

Miss Murphy was 22 years old, and prominent in Minneapolis society.

DES MOINES SHOCKED.

Des Moines, Sept. 7.—There is scandal in Methodist circles of Des Moines.

One of the numerous barrels of beer intended for state fair week consumption, which was seized by the Iowa Anti-Saloon league, was consigned to the paragon of the First Methodist church.

The shipment was addressed to S. Clergy, 1001 Pleasant street. Rev. John L. Hillman resides there.

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BIG WILL CONTEST DECIDED BY JURY

BATTLE OVER HEINBACH ESTATE FINALLY SETTLED AFTER LONG DISCUSSION.

Hannibal, Mo., Sept. 7.—The Heinbach will contest in the courts for six years, and involving the site of the town of Ilasco, Ralls county, valued at \$20,000 and six years of rent, amounting to about \$1,000 annually, was decided at Bowling Green for the plaintiff. The suit, entitled Mary Alice Heinbach vs. Jesse Heinbach, et al., had been on trial in the Pike county circuit court for seven days, having begun Monday, August 28.

It was one of the most hotly contested suits in this section in years, four attorneys representing the plaintiff, while there were eight of the defendant's counsel. The plaintiff is the widow of Samuel Heinbach and is suing the children of another marriage. Attorneys for the defendant will ask for a new trial and if they fail in that will appeal.

Samuel Heinbach wrote his will September 27, 1910, leaving his property to his wife, each child receiving a dollar. He died the following January, and when the will was filed it was rejected by the probate court. The widow filed suit to probate the will. The case was tried in the April term of the Ralls county circuit court at New London and after several days consumed in hearing testimony the jury found against the will and that Heinbach at the time of his making was of unsound mind. The plaintiff appealed and the higher court sent the case back for a new trial. A change of venue was taken to the Pike county circuit court, after a half hour's deliberation a verdict was returned for the plaintiff, sustaining the will and declaring that Heinbach was of sound mind.

HIGH TENSION WIRE CAUSES MAN'S DEATH

Adel, Sept. 7.—Martin Harsh, an Adel man about 25 years of age, was instantly killed by contact with a high tension wire of the Adel Mill Co. on its line which runs south from that town to De Soto. His body was found a short time later by two men coming into town.

No one saw the accident and the exact details will probably never be known. Harsh left Adel in the morning to go out in the country. He was riding a horse and it is presumed that he attempted to pass under a high tension wire carrying 6,600 volts of electricity. The wire had been blown partly down. When found his body was under the horse and both were dead. Harsh's left arm was burned off almost to the elbow.

Harsh is survived by his widow. He was a son of John Harsh and had lived in Adel all his life.

ANNUAL HARVEST OF APPLES BEGINS

Council Bluffs, Sept. 7.—The annual harvest of the apple crop at the state orchard east of the city is to begin this week, according to Professor Laurence Greene of the state college at Ames, who has arrived with Professors T. J. Maney and W. E. Whitehouse, to oversee the picking and packing of the crop.

Probably twenty or twenty-five pickers will be employed at the start, according to Professor Greene, and the force may be increased from that figure after the start. He expects to stay in Council Bluffs and at the orchard for at least two weeks, overseeing the work, which will last probably well on toward cold weather.

The yield at the state orchard will be a good one—the only kind they are accustomed to have with their scientific methods. The crop last season ran well over 6,000 bushels, and while the crop this year will hardly be that large, it is expected there will be several thousand bushels of apples to be taken from the trees and packed in the next few weeks. The fact that some private growers do not look for a bumper crop this year will make no difference at the state orchard.

MOTHER WAITS FOR HER WAYWARD SON

Des Moines, Sept. 7.—After eight years of toil and privation, during which time she has constantly dreamed of the day when her boy would be liberated from the penitentiary, Mrs. Mary Gifford, of Des Moines, has saved enough to provide a home for the prodigal, who is now a free man.

When her son was sentenced to Ft. Madison penitentiary on a forgery charge, the little mother was thrown upon her own resources. She earned a livelihood by drudging in a laundry. She hoarded every cent, oftentimes denying herself the necessities of a life.

It was her ambition to get a little place of ground, build a cottage and once her boy was free, to keep him with her always.

Her son ran away and was nabbed by the Des Moines police one week ago. He regained his liberty in the Polk county district court through a writ of habeas corpus.

Mrs. Gifford has been paying weekly installments on a lot. She has bought lumber from the state fair board at a low price. The son, W. M. Gifford, has already begun to build the cottage.

When the task has been completed he expects to get work and keep his mother in comfort for the remainder of her days.

ELDON

Claude Camblin went to Selma on a hunting trip.

Dr. Jesse Moore and Nate Moore attended the fox hunt in Agency Tuesday night.

The Methodist ladies monthly social will be held at the home of Mrs. Geo. Trant Friday afternoon.

Chas. Plank went to his home in Florida to spend a short vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Parick are visiting in Oklahoma.

Jno. McFadden drove to Fairfield on business Wednesday.

C. M. McFartridge, of Moravia, was here Wednesday to make an adjustment on the loss of Wm. Hendrin's house, which burned to the ground Saturday, September 2.

Prof. H. F. Trumbo organized a ten-piece orchestra in the high school, Wednesday.

Wm. Aubey and Wm. Bray were in Fairfield Wednesday.

Geo. Uplands of Ottumwa, was in the city on business.

Among the many electrical appliances being used here since the new day current is on, is an electric pump at the home of W. H. Hancock on the Hill, which pumps water from a 265 foot well, and is so arranged by turning a lever he can pump the water outside or into the house.

BLAZE DESTROYS TIMOTHY STACKS

Creston, Sept. 7.—Fire, presumably started from a spark from the threshing engine, totally consumed three stacks of timothy and two stacks of oats on the farm of Joseph McClure about seven miles southeast of Murray, entailing a loss to Mr. McClure of more than \$200, with insurance of \$100. The threshing outfit, belonging to Alva Long and J. W. Grigg, had just set and started threshing for Mr. McClure and had threshed but nineteen bushels of timothy seed when the fire broke out. The spread of the blaze was so rapid that the men had hard work in saving the separator from destruction, and it was only by the determined effort of the men present that the machine did not burn. The loss falls quite heavily upon Mr. McClure.

TO DEDICATE CHURCH.

Fairfax, Sept. 7.—Dedictory services for the new \$6,000 Fairfax Methodist Episcopal church will take place next Sunday, September 10, at 10 a. m. The Rev. S. R. Beatty, D. D. district superintendent of the Cedar Rapids will have charge.

The evening services will be conducted by the Rev. Sylvester E. Elles, D. D., pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Iowa City.

KEOSAUQUA.

The Keosauqua schools opened Monday with an excellent attendance—93 enrolled in high school, a large percentage of which were non-resident pupils. The grades are well filled and every thing looks flattering for a good school year. There are more new teachers than for many years. First primary, Mrs. Snyder; second primary, Mrs. Linsley; third grade, Miss Meredith; fourth grade, Miss Hany; fifth and sixth grade, Miss Dick; seventh and eighth, Miss Umbright. The high school teachers are: J. W. Clarson, superintendent; Miss Cheney, principal, and Miss Craftree and Miss Riedelsal, assistants.

Court convened again Friday, after a week's intermission. The Wilson will case of Birmingham, which was creating much interest, was settled Friday, as they were ready for trial. The Sears Snyder case returned to the grand jury. It seems Van Buren county court has been very fortunate in settling cases out of court. Again the jury have been notified not to appear as there will be no jury cases this term.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mort loaded their goods here Tuesday and shipped them to Lincoln, Neb., where Mr. Mort has employment. The family will go in a few days.

The Christian Sunday school enjoyed the day Saturday picnicking at the fair ground. About 30 were present. The picnic spread and watermelon feast were two of the prominent features of the day. A number of stunts were pulled off. There was a ball game between the men and the boys in which the boys won 11 to 7. There were foot races and sack races and a general all round good time.

Miss Mabel Pittman left Saturday for Troy, where she begins her school work Monday morning as teacher of the sixth and seventh grades.

Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Perkins returned Friday from their vacation trip in Michigan and New York.

The Misses Mary and Francis Day returned to their work in Waterloo Saturday morning, after an extended visit here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Day.

Mrs. E. C. Coons and children, of Ottumwa, came down Saturday and attended the Christian S. S. picnic, returning in the evening.

Earl Pearson, Jr., oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pearson and Gorden Hany, one of the twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hany, have been seriously sick. Both are improving now.

The Akey family enjoyed a reunion and picnic dinner at the A. A. Bonner home, about 4 miles west of town, Sunday. Those present were the Bonner family, Ed. Akey, Jr., and family, M. F. Kinsey and family, Henry Kinsey and wife, Arthur Rineberger and family, Thomas Ebbeling and family of near Memphis, Mo. It was a very happy occasion—one of the many such occasions this splendid family enjoys together. There were 20 present.

Rev. J. C. Behrens returned to his home here Tuesday, from Mt. Pleasant where he attended the annual conference. The members of his church as well as the people of Keosauqua, are pleased to learn he is returned to the work here for another year.

Among those from here who attended conference at Mt. Pleasant, Sunday, were W. M. Walker and wife, John Wright and wife, J. C. Calhoun and wife, Misses Orpha, Lucia, Linsley, Alice Wright and Daisy Hany; Messrs. James W. C. Donalds, J. W. Cheney and J. C. Behrens.

PARSONS EXPECTS BIG ENROLLMENT

FAIRFIELD COLLEGE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO EXCEPTIONALLY FINE YEAR.

Fairfield, Sept. 7.—Parsons college opens on Tuesday, September 12, and already the number of new students enrolled is very flattering. It seems highly probable that there will be at least 100 members of the freshman class this year and that is the largest freshman class yet to be enrolled in Parsons. Both Ewing hall and Ballard hall, the girls' dormitories, have had all of the rooms engaged for several weeks and townspeople are now being asked to open their homes to those who have thus far failed to engage rooms. In view of the largely increased attendance it is probable that two additional instructors will be engaged to assist in the mathematics, physics, English and modern language departments. Some such action is expected at the meeting of the board of trustees which will be held on the opening day.

While the president for Parsons has yet been chosen it is probable that at the meeting of the board several applications will be presented. Dr. W. A. Wirtz, who was made dean last year, will have charge of the school until a successor is chosen, for Dr. Lowell M. McAfee, who resigned last June and returned to Park college in Missouri.

Prof. G. H. Garretson of Salem, who graduated from the state university last June, has been engaged as coach for Parsons this year and is now in the city meeting the Fairfield students and getting acquainted with early comers. Prof. Garretson, while in school at Iowa City, was captain of the track team one year and also played end and fullback on the football team. He is said to be an all around athlete.

Prof. John E. Winter, who comes to Parsons from the University of North Dakota, has been chosen to fill the position in the department of philosophy and education, from which Prof. Gregory recently resigned.

Mrs. McLain, a Burlington woman, comes to Parsons as matron of Ballard hall this year. Mrs. McLain was formerly matron at the Presbyterian church in Texas.

Miss Grace Faulkner Ward, formerly of Hunter college in New York, will be dean of women this year. Miss Ward has taken a degree at Radcliffe college and is said to be a most congenial and excellent instructor.

It is quite possible that because of the fact that Parsons became a member of the Iowa conference last year that she will suffer a great handicap on the athletic field this year as no freshmen will be eligible to play in the regular college team and the number of years for playing is limited. If such be the case an unusually strong freshman team will be secured from the material at hand and it will be able to meet other freshman teams of competing colleges so that however the conference rules work out athletics will still be a strong feature in Parsons.

PICNIC HELPS TO BRING OUT PEOPLE

Washington, Sept. 7.—A picnic to bring all the people of a county together once a year is an institution unique in Washington county. Hundreds of automobiles from all parts of the county were lined up on the grounds of the county home, and wagons conveyed a part of the great delegation. The immense lawn and beautiful grounds were one mass of people, men, women and children, as they were seated at the noon hour to a delicious basket dinner. A program was prepared by Superintendent Beatty and his assistant, Mrs. Frank E. Beatty. The Washington band furnished excellent music, the Rev. F. A. Gegeby and Captain J. A. Young were the orators of the day.

SCHOOLS ARE OPEN AT FAIRFIELD NOW

Fairfield, Sept. 7.—The Fairfield public schools opened Tuesday morning after a three months' summer vacation and almost fifteen hundred students are enrolled in the various departments. The high school has an unusually large number of students there being 336 enrolled at the opening of the session Tuesday morning and others enrolling during the day. It is thought will bring the total up to 350.

Superintendent Arthur W. Craine, who was elected to succeed Supt. Cap E. Miller has been in the city for the past three weeks getting acquainted with the Ward buildings, locations, and the instructors. Assisting Mr. Craine is an able corps of teachers practically all of whom are well known to the students. They are as follows: Principal—O. F. Nixon. Mathematics—Miss Cora E. Porter. History—Miss Emma J. Kahl. Latin—Miss Florence Roth. English—Miss Alma May Stewart. German—Amy A. Rowland. Book keeping and Algebra—Miss Mary Fisher. English—Miss Helen Bean. Physics and mathematics—E. P. DeVoe. Modern and ancient history—Miss Ercel Finnsch. Physical geography and zoology—I. F. Held. Manual training—H. D. Repass. Sewing—Miss Marlam Wills. Cooking—Miss Helen Reed. Agriculture and athletics—Fremont Lang.

The position of instructor of music and drawing is vacant for the present because of the recent resignation of Miss Elba Slater. It is expected that this place will be filled very shortly.

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BRITONS BELIEVE HARDEST WORK OF THE WAR IS OVER

WRITER AT THE FRONT SAYS GERMANS CANNOT REGAIN THE INITIATIVE IN WEST.

With the British army in France, Sept. 5.—Via London, Sept. 7.—The British feel that their uphill work in this latest offensive is over, with the exception of the taking of Gincly. From the Somme to Thiepval the Germans now have been blasted out of their old positions.

"This is not the only point in our favor," said a British staff officer. "The Germans chose their ground when they built this line of fortifications. When the British first smashed through the Germans said that we were in a sack. But we have made an opening in that solid line of defense as a start in our plans. It is the Germans now who are in a sack."

"If we prefer to end the summer offensive and wait for spring, we shall have quadruple the number of guns and so much ammunition that we shall have to keep up daily a battle of guns on four times the length of the present front in order to consume the supplies arriving daily across the channel. Why, our present position on the Somme front means simply that we could kill two Germans to every Briton on the German line."

The Associated Press correspondent, who has been a year with the army, in his goings and comings meets many officers and soldiers. One of the striking things to him is how often some gain which elates the British or the French public. Again, the public entusiasm over some event which the army opinion regards as incidental to the day's work.

The British and French successes this week had an extraordinary effect on both armies. "Go over and see the French," said the British officer, "if you want to see an army with its head in the air."

Not even the rainy weather can dampen the high spirits of both armies. The many new highways which the British build and the new railways have saved transports from being mired. The supplies have gone up as usual through the storms on schedule time.

Whether private soldier or general, if you ask them, "When do you think the war will be over?" you get no opinion of any possible conclusion short of next summer.

OHIO DEMOCRATS ARE CONFIDENT

Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 7.—Adoption of a platform was the principal work of the democratic state convention, which met in adjourned session here today. Senator Atlas Pomeroy, as chairman of the convention, predicted "victory in Ohio and in the nation" at the November election and declared that "the people will not change the realities of Wilson for the prophecies of Hughes."

Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma, who was to have addressed the convention, cancelled his engagements in order to remain in Washington to urge the passage of his corrupt practices act, now before the senate.

The state platform as drafted by the resolutions committee for presentation to the convention this afternoon contains a strong endorsement of President Wilson's administration and a bitter denunciation of Gov. Frank B. Willis of Ohio.

HUGHES ON HIS WAY TO SPEAK IN MAINE

Boston, Sept. 7.—Charles E. Hughes arrived here today for a brief stop on his way to Maine.

Speeches are scheduled for today at Hampton Beach and Portsmouth, N. H., and at York Harbor, Me., with an address at Portland tonight.

Mr. Hughes will be in Maine on Friday and Saturday. He plans to return to Boston Sunday.

A brief stop was arranged for this forenoon at Beverly, where the nominee was to speak from the train platform.

Mr. Hughes appeared refreshed today. His voice was in good condition.

IOWA PASTOR RETURNS.

Iowa City, Sept. 7.—The Rev. F. S. Nichols, chaplain of the First Iowa infantry, at Brownsville, Tex., has tendered his resignation and will leave the land of soldiers and return to Iowa City. He will fill his pulpit at the Christian church in Iowa City, for the time in months, on September 24, according to his present plans. The University city clergyman, feeling that war is a minus quality, prefers to return to his pastorate. In the event of real trouble with Mexico he would continue in the army.

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