

MORE GERMAN TRENCHES FALL TO THE ALLIES

French Troops Begin Move to Surround Peronne From Northwest

ASSAULT AT VERDUN FAILS, SAYS, PARIS

Paris, Sept. 28.—On the Somme front the British and French continue to make gains in the vicinity of Thiepval and the St. Pierre-Vaast road. The latest British gains include German trenches on a front of 2,000 yards north of Fiers and a strong redoubt on a hill 2,000 yards northeast of Thiepval.

The French have been thrusting out forcefully east from Rancourt into the St. Pierre Vaast wood at which point, and at Bouchevaines to the south, they are at 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 assaults were repulsed, Paris declares.

The Russians have resumed their violent attacks in southern Volhynia and Galicia but report a stubborn defense by the Austro-German armies. From Macedonia come additional reports of a determined Bulgarian resistance to the entente offensive in the region west of the Vardar. The repulse of Bulgarian attacks upon the French and Russians near Florina is reported. The Bulgarians have not resumed their attack on the Serbians at Kaimakalan. The British are increasing their artillery activity on the Struma front near Janina.

On the Rumanian front battles are in progress at various points near the Transylvania border. Berlin claims the Teutonic allies have made progress near Hermannstadt, while Bucharest reports the defeat of the Austro-Germans in the Jiu valley.

BULGARS REPULSED.

London, Sept. 28.—The repulse of four successive Bulgarian attacks on Kaimakalan mountain is described in a dispatch from Serbian headquarters to Reuters dated Wednesday. The dispatch said the Bulgarians attacked the Serbians and "in the darkness were able to get into the first line trenches but at a heavy sacrifice." Desperate hand to hand fighting occurred in the trenches. The Bulgarians attacked four times but were driven out and finally retired beaten. "The Serbian losses were heavy, the Bulgarians' fearful," the dispatch adds.

MORE VESSELS SUNK.

London, Sept. 28.—The 2,500 ton British steamship Stathe and the Swedish bark Benguela, 658 tons, have been sunk.

A Christiania dispatch to Lloyds says the crews of the Swedish steamships Knut Hilde and Danla have been landed.

GERMAN REPORT.

Berlin, 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 German army headquarters staff.

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

RUSSIAN REPORT.

Petrograd, Sept. 28.—"Attempts by advanced posts of the enemy to approach our trenches west of Riga were repulsed by our fire," says today's official statement. Last evening, after a heavy bombardment southeast of Pinsk, small detachments of the enemy assumed the offensive. They were repulsed.

"In the region of Bubnov, Svinluchy and Korytynka, fighting was resumed. The enemy is resisting stubbornly."

"On the Baltic sea on Tuesday our seaplanes made a successful raid on the enemy aerodrome near Lake Angern."

GERMAN PLAN DISCUSSED

London, Sept. 28.—A Petrograd dispatch to the Chronicle says that Field Marshal von Hindenburg's new plans are arousing much discussion in the Russian capital because the German commander in chief is known to attach more importance to the eastern than western front.

Russian military observers believe that von Hindenburg is even prepared to retire to the Rhine rather than permit further Russian advance and a defeat in the Balkans.

GREECE TO WAR UPON BULGARS

ASSOCIATED PRESS LEARNS KING CONSTANTINE HAS MADE UP HIS MIND.

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

Reports that a general mobilization has been ordered are premature. After the session of the council of ministers at the palace this morning Premier Katoeropoulos 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 mobilization would logically follow.

Later in the day it developed that the king had decided on a declaration of war against Bulgaria. The decision has not yet been announced publicly, as numerous details remain to be worked out.

They include an ultimatum to Bulgaria demanding instant evacuation of all Greek Macedonia, as well as plans for mobilization under the difficult conditions presented by the occupation of Greek territory by the entente forces. The king this morning discussed the mobilization problem minutely with Gen. Mosothopoulos, chief of staff, and Gen. Yanakitsas, former minister of war. He probably will preside personally over a meeting of the crown council at noon tomorrow.

Even the departure of former Premier Venizelos from Athens created nothing like the suppressed excitement evident everywhere this afternoon. The people feel that their long period of expectancy is about to end and the prospect of war with the Bulgarians apparently is welcome.

PRINCE GEORGE RECALLED.

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.

REVOLT IS PLANNED.

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

U. S. DEFIER APPLAUDED

Nicaragua Presidential Candidate Refuses Prestige of Backing at the Price Demanded.

San Salvador, Sept. 28.—Dr. Irias, liberal candidate for president of Nicaragua, is reported to have received numerous telegrams from Honduras, Costa Rica and San Salvador, congratulating him on his refusal to agree to the conditions laid down for presidential candidates by the American minister to Nicaragua. The newspapers of the three countries violently attack Gen. Emiliano Chamorro, candidate for the conservatives, for having accepted the American conditions.

Telegraphic advices say that the political situation is causing growing excitement throughout Nicaragua.

A Managua dispatch dated September 25 said it was reported that Dr. Benjamin L. Jefferson, the U. S. minister to Nicaragua, had intimated to the conservative and liberal presidential candidates that the winner in the election must respect existing treaties with the United States. American economic intervention in the country and the policing of Managua by American marines.

NO SIGHT OF SUBMARINE

Reports Persist That the Bremen is Off U. S. Coast But the Vessel Fails to Appear.

New London, Conn., Sept. 28.—For several weeks everything has been in readiness here for the arrival of the German merchant submarine Bremen and numerous trips have been made by officials of the Eastern Forwarding Co. and others on tugs in search of the long awaited craft, which has frequently been reported as being outside the harbor.

Officials of the forwarding company said today they had no definite information to give out concerning the undersea boat.

NEW SUBMARINE READY.

London, Sept. 28.—The Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph says travelers who have arrived from Bremen report that a third German commercial submarine will be ready to sail within a month. This submarine is to be known as the Kaiser, is said to be slightly larger than the Deutschland.

WANT EGGS LABELED.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—Regulations to compel shippers of eggs to bill their shipments as either "candied" or "uncandied" eggs were sought before the state public utilities commission today by John B. Newman, assistant commissioner of the state food commission. The question was taken under consideration.

BIG STRIKE NOT UP TO PROMISE

New York Police Deny That Union Men Have Quit in Any Large Number

New York, Sept. 28.—Union leaders appeared today to have met with small success in their renewed efforts to bring about their promised general strike to aid the striking traction employees, which was called to begin yesterday. Police officials disputed claims of the leaders that more than 125,000 have quit work.

"If there is a general labor strike in this city we can't find it," said the secretary of the police commissioner. Renewed efforts were made today to extend the general strike of all trades unions in this city and Westchester county which began yesterday to enforce the demands of the striking street railway men. Estimates of the number going on strike on the first day range from 500 to upwards of 125,000. The maximum figures were given by the labor leaders.

Unions having a total membership of 164,000 are to vote on the strike today. Today is the beginning of the third week of the strike of the street car men. The traction companies assert their service is improving daily. Union leaders, however, see a possibility that the motormen of the subway and elevated lines may join the strike.

One passenger was injured when a Third Avenue elevated train was showered with bricks and bottles today. Other trains were also attacked. Four men were arrested this morning charged with being responsible for a riot which occurred recently following the demolition of a surface car.

Service on elevated and subway lines continued normal today except for the withdrawal of many cars owing to decreased traffic due to the Jewish holiday.

SPECIAL PRAYERS IN REVISED BOOK

New York, Sept. 28.—An effort to Americanize the book of common prayer for the Protestant Episcopal church will be made at the triennial convention in St. Louis next month by the revision committee on that volume. The committee has prepared a separate prayer for the president of the United States and the governor of the state and there will be presented for adoption a prayer for congress, a petition for the army and another for the navy, intercessions for the courts of justice, a prayer for our country and for the state legislature. The committee also has written a special prayer to be said on the Fourth of July.

GIRL'S ROMANCE DELAYS EXPOSURE

Chicago, Sept. 28.—A real romance of an Iowa girl has temporarily blocked exposure of the latest blackmail plot which resulted in the seizure of a rich Iowa merchant out of \$10,000.

The girl, whose father was the victim of the blackmailers, is to be married October 29 and several agents promised today to delay arrests until after the girl's wedding.

Fear that his daughter's future happiness might be wrecked and that the forthcoming wedding plans might be cancelled, caused the blackmailers' Iowa victim to ask for a delay in making the arrests and exposure. His request has been granted.

"The man has decided to aid us in every possible way to prosecute the swindlers," said Hinton G. Clabaugh, Chicago head of the department of justice. The Iowa is a widower.

IOWAN SERVING IN THE TURKISH ARMY

Des Moines, Sept. 28.—A naturalized citizen of Iowa is serving in the Turkish army "somewhere on the eastern front," it was learned here today. Salem Sheehan, a local Turk, received work from the state department that the U. S. ambassador at Constantinople had been advised to negotiate with Turkish authorities for the release of his brother from the Turkish army.

Sheehan's brother went to Turkey to visit his old home just prior to the outbreak of the European war and was conscripted.

CITY EMPLOYEES ON CIVIL LISTS

Des Moines, Sept. 28.—Every city employe in Des Moines will be put on civil service beginning October 1, it was announced today by Councilman Ben Woolgar. The announcement followed filing of charges that members of the so-called "booze squad" of the police department had been cooperating with various "bootleggers."

The "booze squad" has been used solely to run down violators of the liquor laws.

NO BELGIANS AID GERMANS. Berlin, Sept. 28.—The semi-official Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung today prints a denial of reports from hostile sources that Germany has enlisted foreigners, notably Belgians, for military service.

BANDITS HOLD UP FAST TRAIN

SIX MEN ROB NEW YORK-CHICAGO EXPRESS AND ESCAPE WITH LITTLE TROUBLE.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 28.—Search was being vigorously pressed today for a gang of men, believed to number five or six, who late last night held up the New York-Chicago express, east-bound, on the Michigan Central, near Dearborn, ten miles west of here, and after beating fireman John Doherty into unconsciousness, made off with one pouch of registered mail. How much they obtained is not yet known. The coaches and pullmans were not entered.

Only two men participated in the actual work of the holdup. They boarded the train somewhere east of Ypsilanti, concealing themselves between two cars. Shortly before Dearborn was reached, they climbed over the tender and covered the engine crew with revolvers. They already had uncoupled the mail and baggage car from the rest of the train. As they ordered the train stopped two miles beyond Dearborn, one of the men hit fireman Doherty over the head with a revolver, rendering him unconscious.

Engineer Charles Palmer was then taken from the cab to the door of the mail car. The robbers forced him to tell the mail clerk to open the door. The two holdup men entered the car. One mail pouch was thrown out and picked up by a third member of the gang.

The mail clerk was then locked in his car and the engineer returned to his cab. The holdup men then disappeared.

HAS FAITH IN HIS WIFE

Chicago Man Refuses to Believe Ill of Girl Wounded in Triple Tragedy in the East.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 28.—Hurry-ing to the bedside of his wife, the one survivor in the triple shooting in a hotel here early yesterday, Joseph C. LeDuc of Chicago today said that he had every confidence in her loyalty to him and that he would stick to her through all her trouble.

There was an affecting meeting when LeDuc reached the bedside of his wife. LeDuc said he did not believe his wife had visited Atlantic City with Graver. He thought she probably met him accidentally in New York and consented to take an automobile ride to this city.

The husband asked how Graver and his wife had registered at the hotel and when told as man and wife his face grew grave.

"That was the work of Graver and I am sure Lillian did not know it," he exclaimed.

LeDuc said he still believed her innocent of any wrongdoing.

Mrs. LeDuc, the husband said, had been studying operatic singing for ten years.

PREPAREDNESS IS URGED

American Bankers Come Out For Principle of Universal Service For Young Men of Nation.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 28.—Advocacy of universal military training in this country and greater participation in national, state and municipal politics were urged here today by speakers before the American Bankers' association.

Military service for all young men was declared necessary by James J. Lynch of San Francisco, president of the association and Frank A. Vanderlip of New York.

Ills in politics through "demagogues and ward healers" have gotten into city councils, state legislatures and even congress, are due to the negligence of bankers and other business men, the convention was told by Mayor George H. Edwards of Kansas City.

Bankers have given freely of money to campaign funds, he said, but they should also loan their personalities to politics.

Possibilities of lively clashes on policy were apparent today. Country bankers have declared their intention of introducing resolutions affecting the question of branch banking and it was announced that a resolution asking a change in the check collection system would be advanced.

Any attacks on the federal reserve act will be vigorously opposed, adherents of the measure have announced.

TEACHERS ARE AT INSTITUTE

One Hundred and Fifty Here to Attend Lectures on School Subjects

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM.

Given at high school, 8 o'clock. Music furnished by glee club under direction of Miss Katherine Powers. Lecture, Our Boys and Girls, Dr. H. S. Curtis.

FRIDAY.

At the court house. 9 a. m.—Lecture, E. S. Kindley. 10:30 a. m.—Lecture, J. W. Searson. 1 p. m.—Lecture, E. S. Kindley. 3 p. m.—Lecture, J. W. Searson.

One hundred and fifty rural school teachers, principals of town buildings and former instructors are attending the first day's program of the Wapello county inspirational institute being held today in the small court room on the third floor of the court house.

Edgar S. Kindley, a chautauqua and institute lecturer from Davenport, opened the meetings this morning at 9 o'clock with a lecture and was followed at 10:30 o'clock by Henry S. Curtis, a lecturer on play and recreation. Dr. Curtis talked again at 1 o'clock this afternoon and Mr. Kindley is finishing today's session with another lecture late this afternoon.

This evening's program will be given in the high school auditorium and a large crowd of city teachers and townspeople is expected. The First Cavalry band megaphone chorus was not able to keep its engagement and Miss Katherine Powers, director of music in the public schools of Ottumwa, has arranged a prelude to Dr. Curtis' lecture which is classed as one of his finest.

REPUBLICANS IN N. Y. HARMONIOUS

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Sept. 28.—Virtually no opposition to the program prepared for presentation today to the republican state convention in session here was expected by the leaders.

Besides welcoming Charles E. Hughes tonight, the principal business of the gathering is to adopt a platform.

In the form, in which it has been drawn for submission to the platform committee, the platform contained planks recommending return to the primary system approved by Mr. Hughes when he was governor, under which candidates for state offices would be named at party conventions and contained a strong declaration favoring arbitration as a means of settling industrial disputes.

WOMEN WORKING FOR JUDGE HUGHES

Chicago, Sept. 28.—Republican women in the larger cities of Illinois are organizing branches of the national Hughes alliance to stir women to the importance of their vote in the November election, when for the first time in a national election they have the right of franchise in voting for presidential electors.

Mrs. Agnes E. McCartney, who is working under the direction of Miss Harriet E. Vittum of western republican headquarters, has organized a branch in Springfield and is now busy forming organizations in Bloomington, Decatur, Peoria, Rockford, Rock Island and Taylorville.

MANY PEDDLERS OF MEDICINE IN IOWA

Des Moines, Sept. 28.—The state of Iowa has received \$77,656 in fees for the two year period just closed, from peripatetic medicine vendors and registered pharmacists, it was announced today. The vendors pay the state \$100 a year.

The peddlers travel through rural districts and sell farmers everything in the medicine line from hog cholera remedies to hair restorer.

UMPIRE IN PANAMA DISPUTE IS DEAD

Washington, D. C., Sept. 28.—The death in Madrid Tuesday of Vice Admiral Concas y Palau, umpire in the disputes between the United States and Panama as to land seized or inundated by the Panama canal, probably will cause delay in the settlement of the claims, it was said here today. State department officials indicated that negotiations soon will be entered into with the Panaman minister for a successor.

AUSTRALIANS TO PAY HIGHER TAX

Melbourne, Sept. 28.—M. Higgs, minister of the treasury, announced today in the house that the government proposed to confiscate all war profits in excess of a small maximum to be established and reduce the limit of income tax exemption to 100 pounds sterling except in the cases of married men and of single men with dependents. Old age pensions will be increased to 12 shillings 6 pence.

ARMORED TANK NEAR CAPTURE

BRITISH WAR INVENTION STARTS OUT FOR BERLIN BUT RUNS SHORT ON FUEL.

British Front in France, Sept. 27.—(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 participants in the struggle.

The most wonderful of all the tales told was perhaps that of one of the tanks, or new armored motor cars, which started for Berlin on its own account. This monstrous land ship, ambling and rumbling along, did not wait on the infantry after the taking of Gueudecourt but plodded through shell holes and across lots looking for its prey like some prehistoric lizard. 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, with its steel hide impenetrable to bullets, stalled, curiosity and a desire for revenge was a flippant to their courage. They went after it with avidity.

British officers say that while the tank's machine gun blazed right and left some of the Germans managed to creep along the trenches under the forelegs and hindlegs of the crouching beast. Then they swarmed over it looking for an opening through which to strike at its vitals. They fired their rifles into joints and bombed it all over but to no avail. All the while the tank's machine guns kept busy at the human targets in reach while its crew, chosen daredevils, concluded to stick until they starved or the Germans got them out.

Finally the British infantry in the rear, seeing the tank in distress, with a cheer rushed the Germans and overwhelmed them.

The taking of Thiepval and the Zollern redoubt, which lies between it and Courcellette, was a wonderful business. Thiepval was held by the one hundred and eightieth German regiment. According to prisoners, the defenders had fortified the commanding ridge with an amazing series of ramified tunnels and dugouts. The men of the hundred and eightieth asked permission to remain in Thiepval, giving their word that it would never be taken from them and the German army commander consented.

And, for the most part, it was taken over their dead bodies.

PLANS TO ASSAIL G. O. P.

President Wilson Seeks to Take Offensive Against Foes Who Have Had Him on Defensive.

Long 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 C. McCormick, chairman of the democratic national committee, and Secretary Tumulty.

Mr. Wilson, it was decided definitely to day, will make at least two speeches in New York state.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—Former Senator Du Bois, who managed Speaker Champ Clark's presidential campaign in 1912, left Chicago today on a speaking tour of the far western states in behalf of Wilson and Marshall.

EVARD IS CANDIDATE.

St. Louis, Sept. 28.—I. Newton Evard of Marshall, Mo., was nominated for state superintendent of schools by the republican state committee yesterday.

WILSON BREAKS FAITH

Republican Campaigner Charges That Administration Has Failed to Keep Its Promise.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Sept. 28.—The democratic party has not kept its pledge to reduce the high cost of living, Charles W. Fairbanks, republican candidate for vice president, charged in an address here this afternoon. The speaker also touched upon the tariff, the Mexican situation and economic conditions in this country at the termination of the European war.

"The republican party," said Mr. Fairbanks, "has kept faith with the American people since the days of Abraham Lincoln."

PLANS STARTED FOR MARSHALL VISIT ON OCT.

District Committeeman Here to Confer With Democrats on Celebration of Day

COMMERCIAL CLUB NAMES COMMITTEE

Plans are beginning to take shape for the proper reception of Vice President Thomas R. Marshall, when he comes to Ottumwa for an address on the afternoon of Saturday, October 7.

A number of local democrats met in the Commercial club Wednesday night to discuss the plans for the day and confer with George W. Godfrey of Albia, member of the state central committee from the sixth district, with J. M. Gaess, postmaster of Albia, who was present at the meeting.

The general arrangements for the day were gone into during the meeting and particular attention was given to the advertising of the coming of the vice president. Steps were taken to inform the people all over the six congressional district as well as southern Iowa generally in order to bring a large crowd here for the day.

An advertising committee and press representatives were named and plans set in motion to thoroughly publicize the proposed visit of Mr. Marshall, who will be the first of the most prominent speakers of the democratic national campaign committee to visit Iowa. Ottumwa is favored by being one of four cities in the state to have the vice president. The local committee in charge of the day, with the cooperation of the townspeople irrespective of politics, expects to make the occasion a memorable one. Political partisan ship will be shelved for the day in order to make the reception of the vice president one befitting the exalted office.

TO NOTIFY DISTRICT.

Committeeman Godfrey has taken up the task of making the visit known over the district and will get in touch with every county chairman, who in turn will present the matter to the various township committees.

The entire district organization is expected to make every effort to bring large representations of the several communities here for the day.

Commercial Club Aids. The Commercial club through President C. S. Harper has appointed the following nonpartisan reception committee under the chairmanship of B. Sax:

Homer Roth, R. J. Shanahan, J. M. Weidenfeller, Jerry Shea, Robert Cunningham, J. B. McCarroll, F. W. Simmons, W. T. Harper, N. F. Reed, C. W. McCarty, Sant Kirkpatrick, J. F. Waterman, H. L. Cowgill, E. P. Canny, H. L. McIntire, E. B. Hartman, D. E. Swain, Mayor F. H. Carter, W. J. Barry and F. A. Ehrmann.

The committee will meet at 1 o'clock Saturday morning, October 7, in the Commercial club and will make the vice president and give him welcome to Ottumwa. The arrival of Mr. Marshall is scheduled for 10:40 o'clock the Milwaukee from Muscatine where he speaks the night previous. He will be accompanied here by United States Marshal N. F. Reed who meets him upon his arrival in the state from Wisconsin and will accompany him on his trip through Iowa.

Reception at Club. The plans for the day have not been completed but will probably include the meeting of the vice president at the Milwaukee station by the First Cavalry band which has been engaged for the day. The reception at the Commercial club will be the big event of the morning and it is planned to hold the public reception in the beautiful new rooms of the club between the hours of the distinguished visitor's arrival and 12:30 p. m.

A large speaking platform will be immediately erected on the grounds of the federal building at Third and Court streets. This will afford a large space for the crowds to congregate in and about the city park to hear the address which will be delivered about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Should the weather be unfavorable, the afternoon meeting will be held in the opera house which has been engaged for the purpose.

Ask Merchants to Decorate. A committee named at the meeting of the local democrats Monday night will meet with the Retail Merchants' association at the directors' meeting and supper this evening to ask the members of the association to decorate their various business houses for the occasion. The public is asked to wear gala dress for the day and to have the business houses, public buildings and residences decorated for the day in honor of the visit of the vice president.

TWO MEN LYNCHED.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 28.—Two negroes, arrested in connection with the murder of Bud Burns at Gardonsburg Saturday night, were taken from the Hohenwald jail by a mob early today and shot to death.