

GERMAN LOSS OF 40,000 SOLDIERS

WONDERFUL LAND SHIP IN BATTLE

New British Armored Cars Are War Monsters Which Level Down Everything in Their Path.

DRIVING TEUTONS AWAY

ermans Preparing to Retreat From Their Long Held Positions on Somme River in France.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LONDON, Sept. 18.—Forty thousand British armored cars, equipped with machine guns and at the same time opened a bombardment on Grandcourt and Lezard, on the two highways leading to Bapaume.

The allied successes have had a most profound effect in Berlin, according to Hague dispatches today. The Germans had been led to believe that the Somme drive had been halted by the inability of the British to capture the Fiers-Coureclette line and to break through the German defenses around Thierval. The German papers are now preparing the public for the early evacuation of both Peronne and Comblis and pointing out that a retirement on a wide front may become necessary for strategic reasons.

The French shifted their attack south of the Somme yesterday to warn the Germans not to withdraw troops from that sector to reinforce the battered lines north of the river. The assault was completely successful and deepened the wedge in the German line between Peronne and Comblis.

Delayed dispatches from press headquarters are full of exploits of the new British armored cars, or "tanks," the monsters that played such an important part in the capture of Fiers, Coureclette and Martinpuich in Friday's attack. One correspondent reported that they are not armored cars at all, but huge land battleships that shed ordinary gun fire like a duck does water and can only be damaged by a dead hit from a big shell.

"The attack swung up Fiers across a wide stretch of difficult ground strongly defended," wired one correspondent. "The first news of success

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VILLA ATTACKS MEXICAN CITY

Country is in Turmoil Today as Result of Raid by Bandits on Jail at Chihuahua City.

SALAZAR WAS RESCUED

Outlaws Are Being Pursued in Usual Mexican Manner, by Carranza Troops Far in the Rear.

[By Webb Miller, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

EL PASO, Texas, Sept. 18.—All northern Mexico is in turmoil today as reports of Villa's attack upon Chihuahua City early Saturday spread throughout the country. Four thousand defacto troops from Monterrey are being rushed to Chihuahua City and other points, while two columns of cavalry are pursuing the flying bandits toward Santa Clara canyon, according to reports given out by General Gonzales, Carranza commander at Juarez.

Despite reports given out by Carranza officials that Villa was badly defeated, the effect of his attack following his threat to shout "grito" in the city of Chihuahua on independence day was to rouse the enthusiasm of the people. In Juarez, troops are patrolling every street in order to prevent an outbreak of pro-Villa feeling.

Three Carranza officials who deserted when the bandit attack on Chihuahua commenced and rode north to catch a train, arrived in El Paso early today. According to their story the Villistas attacked the town in two columns, one marching straight to the penitentiary without a shot being fired upon them, the other column driving the Carranzista soldiers before them to the palace. When it was seen that the penitentiary was doomed to fall, Carranzista officers ran through the corridors, shooting political prisoners through the bars.

About twenty were killed in that manner. Then the doors were broken down by the Villistas who rushed in and rescued General Salazar.

General Trevino, Carranzista commander, was shot by one of his own men, these officers declare, and about one-third of the garrison mutilated and went over to the bandit leader.

The Villistas lost about two hundred men, according to best estimates, while the Carranzista losses were not announced, but were said to be very heavy.

As the Villistas left the prison and started to cut their way through the fighting troops, bands to hand fighting took place in the streets. The streets were swept by shell fire, killing defacto soldiers and bandits alike. For an hour after Villa had evacuated it, cannon fire was kept up on the palace.

The Carranzistas did not immediately pursue when the bandits finally cut their way through the lines. Once outside the city, the Villistas reformed and marched away in good order across the Rio Churiscar, proceeding northward toward Santa Clara canyon.

By military men here, it is believed Villa did not intend to occupy Chihuahua City, but that his purpose was to make a demonstration for its effect upon the American-Mexican

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Automobile Party Killed at Railway Crossing

Fast Mail Struck Car and Three Women and Negro Chauffeur Were Picked Up Dead

ERIE, Pa., Sept. 18.—Four persons were killed at the grade crossing of the tracks of the New York Central railway in front of Girard depot today, when the fast mail train No. 35, west bound, struck the automobile of Mrs. Percy Sieger, of Pittsburgh. Those killed were: Mrs. Percy Sieger, Pittsburgh, wife of one of the members of the firm of Sieger Brothers, Mrs. K. Shipman, Pittsburgh, believed to be the daughter of Mrs. Sieger; Miss Maude B. R. Shipman, 13, daughter of Mrs. K. Shipman. Negro chauffeur, name unknown.

RUMANIANS ABANDONED MANY GUNS

Retreat of More Than Fifty Miles From Bulgarian Frontier Before Mighty Forces.

BIG BATTLE EXPECTED

Austro-Germans Continue Retirement in Transylvania, But Are Holding Their Wings Against Attack.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] BERLIN, Sept. 18.—Russo-Rumanian forces already have retreated more than fifty miles from the Bulgarian frontier and are falling steadily back on the Cernavoda-Constanza line, where a great battle is expected.

In an attempt to relieve the Teutonic pressure in Dobruja, the Russians are attacking in force at several places along the Austro-German front. At only one point, before Halitz, did the Russian attack meet with any success.

The Rumanians have abandoned many guns in their hasty flight before Mackensen's forces. German army reports that the Rumanians are hastily strengthening their lines south of the Cernavoda-Constanza railway, where capture would practically cut Rumania off from communication with Russia from the Black sea. The Austro-Germans continue their retirement in central Transylvania, but are holding their wings firmly against Rumanian attacks.

The Rumanians have been unable to make any progress with their left wing since they occupied Orsova.

Take Up New Stand. BERLIN, Sept. 18.—Joined by fresh reinforcements, the Russo-Rumanian armies have taken up positions on a line extending from Rasova through Cobadin to Tuzla, on the Black sea, after a three days retreat. It was officially announced this afternoon.

The new positions lie ten miles south of the important Cernavoda-Constanza railway toward which the Germans, Bulgarians and Turks advanced about fifty miles.

South of Rasova, a Danube river town upon which the enemy rested his right flank, the Germans came in contact with Russo-Rumanian forces and captured five guns in a sharp engagement. An enemy counter-attack was repulsed.

Serbian Victory. SALONIKA, Sept. 18.—Serbian troops captured Bulgarian first and second lines at the village of Kamakchalan northwest of Ostrovo lake and near the Serbo-Greek frontier. It was officially announced today. Ten machine guns were captured.

BLACKMAILERS ROUNDED UP

Band is Said to Have Secured Over Million Dollars From Victims All Over the Country.

ONLY FROM RICH FOLKS

Detectives Raided Apartment House Where Four Men and Three Women Were Taken.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—Over a million dollars is said by government agents to have been secured from rich men and women all over the United States by four men and three women held here today on federal warrants under prohibitive bail.

The members of the alleged blackmailing band will be arraigned before the federal authorities here Tuesday for proceedings seeking to return them to Philadelphia for trial. The charge on which removal will be sought is the kidnaping of a government witness at Philadelphia.

Mrs. Edna A. Klipper of Philadelphia, who is said to have given \$500 to the swindlers, was notified by the federal district attorney she would be called as a government witness. The wire had been tapped and before the marshal arrived, a man representing himself to be the deputy marshal, called and asked Mrs. Klipper to go with him to the train. She awoke in Montreal, where she was detained. Mrs. Klipper is expected in Chicago late today to testify tomorrow.

The tango parlors, hotels and clubs of New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Atlantic City and other large cities are said to have been the favorite hunting grounds of the band. They have engaged Charles E. Erbsstein, a well known criminal lawyer, and expect to make a strong fight for liberty. The women of the party are alleged by government authorities to have been used to entrap rich men into compromising positions and then blackmail them. The men are said to have simulated in rooms of suspects.

The persons held in the county jail on federal warrants are Edward Donahue, alias "Doc" Donahue; Mrs. Edward Donahue; Mrs. Helen Evers, alias Mrs. George W. Brown; Henry Russell; James Christian, alias H. J. Cross; George Bland; Mrs. Frances Allen, alias Mrs. Frances Chapman.

The number blackmailed in Chicago is estimated at from seventy-five to 100. Hauls were as high as \$10,000. Only one was as low as \$500. But the biggest money was made in New York and Philadelphia.

Detectives arrested the supposed blackmailers by taking possession of an apartment house where they were staying, early Sunday. One detective operated the switchboard and listened to all conversations. Dictographs were placed in rooms of suspects. They waited until most of those they wanted were in their rooms and then swooped down.

H. G. Clabaugh, government agent, ordered the arrest of a May Traub in St. Louis. In the rooms of the band were scores of pictures of men and women in unconventional poses. These were to be used as evidence to demand money from the persons trapped.

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ITALIANS ADVANCE TO THIRD LINE

Defeat Austrians After Three Days of Fierce Fighting in the Region of Monfalcone.

CLOSING IN ON TRIESTE

In Spite of Heavy Rain Storms, Italy's Troops Drive Enemy Down Slopes of the Hills.

[By John H. Hearley, United Press Staff Correspondent.] ROME, Sept. 18.—The Italians have broken the Austrian third line in the region of Monfalcone, after three days of fierce fighting.

On the whole front from Goritz south to the sea, the new Italian drive on Trieste is proceeding satisfactorily. A whole series of Austrian positions, from Oppacchiasella southward through Pietra Rossa, have been carried and the Austrians driven back to trench positions in the valleys.

Advanced Italian lines are now within less than thirteen miles of Trieste.

Heavy rain storms have interfered with the progress of the offensive, preventing aerial observation and thus impeding the artillery attack. But despite these obstacles, Cadorna's men drove the enemy down the eastern slopes of Hills 144, 208 and several other dominant positions, holding up the Italian advance along the Vallone.

Food Disorders. LONDON, Sept. 18.—Food disorders have broken out in Vienna, said a Geneva dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph today.

Beef is selling at \$4 a pound and rice at \$2 a pound. There is terrible distress among families of working men, the dispatch added.

Man Lead Double Life. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] REDLANDS, Calif., Sept. 18.—That Francis J. Everett, of this city, who was killed here a year ago, was really J. P. Cowie, once law partner of Senator Moses E. Clapp, of Minnesota, is the declaration made by the Standard Accident Insurance company in papers on file here today.

The company is disputing the claim of Mrs. Everett to the man's insurance on the ground that she was never legally his wife. After her husband's death Mrs. Everett filed a claim for \$1,500 insurance and learned through insurance investigators that Everett had previously been married at Fergus Falls, Minn., and that his name was then Cowie. Why he dropped out of sight from Fergus Falls, twenty-five years ago, Everett never told any one. Several prominent Redlands men were early associates of his and declare they recognized in Everett the brilliant young Minnesota lawyer. They never mentioned the incident to him, they said. Mrs. Everett is still living and is seventy years old.

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WILL RETURN MANY MILLIONS

After European War is Ended American Tourists Will Flock to See Battle Fields.

EMIGRANTS TO GO HOME

Record Breaking Ocean Traffic Will Come With Peace and Bookings Are Already Reserved.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Millions of dollars poured into this country by warring European powers for munitions are to be poured back into Europe at the end of the war by American tourists and immigrants, who will return to their home countries to aid in the work of rehabilitation.

American curiosity to see famous battle fields and the desire of aliens to play a part in rebuilding the war-torn cities of their countrymen will send money flooding back to Europe, according to indications at steamship offices here today.

Taking as an estimate, as viewed by steamship officials, that 100,000 Americans will visit Europe during the first year after the war, and that they will spend an average of \$1,000 each, \$100,000,000 will be returned to the European countries within twelve months after peace is restored.

Europe will, of course, be a greater show place than ever, after the war, steamship men point out, after the war, the rolling into the continent as well as those of more moderate means, the estimate of \$1,000 each as the amount they will spend, is regarded as low.

Inquiries and applications for passage on the first ships to sail from the United States to sail after the war, are rolling into the booking offices by the hundreds and causing the steamship companies to make every preparation to handle the biggest trans-ocean traffic in history after the war.

But two companies—the North German Lloyd and the Hamburg-American line—are actually accepting tentative bookings. In the face of the uncertainty as to the termination of the war, Hamburg-American line officials refused to divulge the number of passages already booked. These bookings are being made in the order of receipt and are subject to cancellation.

The North German Lloyd has 107 passengers booked for the first vessel to sail after the close of hostilities.

The International Mercantile Marine, which controls the American line, the Atlantic Transport, the White Star and the Red Star lines, is making preparations for record traffic both east and west bound, according to J. B. Lindsay, booking agent.

Uncertainty as to rates, however, and dates of sailing, prevents maintenance of a passenger list.

Trans-ocean passenger and freight rates may take a jump after the war, Lindsay said, because of conditions which will increase the cost of operation.

"However, this is a matter of speculation," said Lindsay, "and it is too early to give it great consideration."

The International Mercantile Marine now has four ships under construction and tentative plans are ready for the construction of several more to handle the anticipated rush of traffic from America to Europe and the flood of European goods which will be thrust upon the American market.

Cunard and Anchor line officials said they were prepared to handle heavy traffic and that their vessels

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FRENCHMEN CONTINUE TO ADVANCE

In Heavy Fighting Last Night Another Victory Was Won and 1,200 Prisoners Taken.

THE TOWN IS ENCIROLED

One Battalion of Germans Was Almost Annihilated by Artillery Fire of French Guns.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] PARIS, Sept. 18.—French troops completely surrounded the village of Denecourt, south of the Somme, in heavy fighting last night, it was officially stated today. The Germans counter attacked savagely on the whole front south of the Somme where the French scored important gains yesterday. Three particularly violent attacks were made east of the village of Berny and south of Denecourt, where the French repulsed the onslaughts and then made further progress, completing the encircling movement.

Twelve hundred prisoners and ten mitrailleuses were taken. According to prisoners of the Tenth Ersatz division, the German losses in fighting south of the Somme yesterday were enormous. Two divisions of the Thirty-eighth battalion were almost annihilated by French artillery fire that preceded the capture of Berny and Vermandovillers.

North of the Somme, the French carried a German trench east of Clerly and repulsed counter attacks.

Aeroplane Squadron. [By Henry Wood, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

PARIS, Sept. 18.—For the first time in the history of the world, the French used an aeroplane squadron to lead the successful attack on the village of Bouchavesnes, north of the Somme, it was learned today.

Twenty fast armored aeroplanes, each mounting three machine guns, one pointing forward and two downward, charged the German lines before the French infantry left their trenches.

Flying high above this charging air column, were French aviation officers who directed the attack several hundred feet below in much the same manner that an officer directs an infantry charge from a sheltered dug-out.

The French fliers swooped low over the German lines and the artillery lifted and raked the German trenches with a murderous fire. Prisoners report that this form of attack had a remarkable effect upon the Germans who had survived the artillery and were awaiting in their half-rusted trenches the coming storms of French infantry. It sent them flying in panic down communicating trenches and in some instances caused machine gun operators to desert their posts. The infantry came on with a rush, the air chargers drove forward to the second phase of their work. They flew along the roads turning their machine guns on German reserves being brought into action along the roads leading to Bouchavesnes.

This new use of aeroplanes proved so successful that it is expected to

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WATCHFUL WAITING FOR BREMEN TO LAND ON AMERICAN SHORE

New London Was Agog Today Both Yet and Again, But Submarine Didn't Come.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 18.—New London was agog today, both again and yet—expecting the German merchant submarine Bremen to arrive at any time. The tug T. A. Scott, Jr., hired by the Eastern Forwarding company, put out last night when reports were received of a submarine being off Block Island. This, it is understood, proved to be one of the American submarines manœuvring in these waters, but employees of the tug company said they believed the Bremen was likely to appear at any time. No allied warships are reported off New London.

When the soggy, chill fog lifted from the Thames early today, it failed to reveal the Bremen out beyond Eastern point as was expected. At two a. m., a vessel humming like a submarine was heard, headed toward the sound beyond the point. Report-

ers thought they sighted a tug with her, but the humming ceased, all lights were extinguished and the fog was so thick the craft could not be picked up again. Soon after seven this morning three tugs signalled out from beyond the edge of the lifting mists. One had a tow, the submarine hunters thought they were surely in a developed that one had nothing more than a string of barges and the others were without tow.

The Scott company tug, which spent last night nervously watching for the Bremen, was one of the three. The Scott tug put back to her pier without explanation, though it was known she expected to bring in the submarine over night.

The American submarine K-5 came in during last night.

The summer colony and the American-Mexican commission group spent a sleepless night awaiting the Bremen. Julius Fleischman took an excursion party out in his yacht Whirlwind, but returned early this morning, disappointed. The presidential yacht Sylph, kept a special look-out and the Northwest light fog horn screamed incessantly throughout the night.

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CANDIDATE HUGHES OFF AGAIN ON TOUR OF SEVEN STATES

Special Train of Five Cars to Carry Gospel of Republicanism to People.

[By Perry Arnold, United Press Staff Correspondent.] NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Invigorated by a five day rest, Charles E. Hughes left New York at eight a. m. today on his second campaign tour and from now on will be on the road almost constantly until election day, November seven.

Mrs. Hughes found at the last moment that she could arrange her affairs so as to accompany her husband, and

was with the candidate when their train pulled out for what will be one of the most energetic campaigns ever attempted by a presidential candidate. Hughes will spread his doctrine of republicanism in Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York when he returns here Sept. 23. The schedule calls for an average of fifteen speeches a day. The Hughes party left in the car "National" attached to a special train. The entire train was made up of five cars to care for the party of thirty-five, including secretaries and newspaper men.

During the trip the nominees will attend three state fairs and will wind up his trip at the informal state republican convention at Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 23.