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TEUTON FORCES ATTACK ON SIXTY MILE FRONT

Van Hindenburg's Offensive Along Eastern Front Has Begun and Heavy Assaults On Russian Lines North of Carpathians Is Beginning of Attempt to Drive Wedge Between Russian and Rumanian Armies—Allies Make Gains Along Somme Front

London, Oct. 17.—Von Hindenburg's widely heralded eastern front offensive apparently is under way. Teutonic forces are attacking fiercely on a sixty mile front along the northwestern Rumanian frontier. At the same time they have opened heavy assaults against the Russian lines north of the Carpathians. An official statement from the Rumanian war office this afternoon admits some Austro-German successes in this new offensive. The Teutons have pushed down the Trotus valley to the town of Agas, where they are engaged in battle with the Rumanians. Berlin dispatches yesterday reported that the Germans had broken through Gymes Pass, leading into the Trotus valley, and were driving eastward toward the main railway supplying the northern Rumanian armies.

The Russian war office, however, announced the repulse of all Teutonic attacks near Dorna Vatra. It is in this region that Von Hindenburg is delivering his hardest blows, apparently planning to drive a wedge between the Russian and Rumanian armies. The Austro-German attacks north of the Carpathians apparently are to prevent the shifting of Russian troops southward to meet the new attack.

In the Dobrudja, fighting has been resumed between the Russo-Rumanian and the German-Bulgarian armies all along the front.

Anglo-French forces have extended their gains in the last twenty-four hours of fighting on the Somme front, according to official statements from the French and British war offices. The French announced the capture of another group of houses at the cross roads village of Saily-Saillisel, where sharp fighting has been going on for two days. The British pushed out north of Ancerbrook last night for the first time since the opening day of the Somme offensive and penetrated German trenches.

On the Macedonian front, the situation generally is unchanged. The Bulgars counter attacked violently southeast of Monastir but were repulsed by the Serbs.

London, Oct. 17.—Aiming to drive a wedge between the Russian and Rumanian armies, the Austro-Germans have launched a great new offensive near the northwestern frontier of Rumania. Strong Teutonic forces, according to Petrograd dispatches, are attacking the Russian front south of Bukovina, near the point where the Russians and Rumanians have joined hands. The Austro-German war office announced that the Russians have been driven back at this point. Berlin dispatches reported that the Rumanians are falling back across their own frontier.

Every indication points to the beginning of Von Hindenburg's widely heralded campaign to crush Rumania. The Teutonic attacks have suddenly become more violent south of Kronstadt, where General Falkenhayn is trying to break through the Praelen Pass. Southwest of Kronstadt the Austro-Germans are attacking in large force and heavy fighting is going on on Rumanian soil. In Dobrudja there has been no change in the situation in the past few days, according to official statements from the Russian, Rumanian, Bulgarian and German war offices. These statements refuted a Petrograd wireless dispatch, un-

confirmed from any other source, reporting that the Russo-Rumanians had won a great victory and were again before Dobrie, an advance of more than 20 miles.

Tragedy Nears Climax. Berlin, Oct. 17.—(Via wireless to Sayville, L. I.)—"The tragedy on the Somme seems near a climax," said a semi-official statement reporting frightful French and English losses in recent unsuccessful attempts to break the German lines north of the river.

When the British rushed forward for an attack near Guedecourt, the Sixth German infantry division left their destroyed positions and, standing in the face of the approaching enemy, turned loose rifle and machine gun fire into dense masses of advancing enemy troops. These crowded columns were in some places literally mowed down.

Detailed reports show that the attacks between October 9 and 13 are to be counted among the largest fighting actions of the whole Somme battle," wrote the military critic of the semi-official news agency. "The objects of these huge French and English efforts were Bapaume and Peronne."

Allies Are Repulsed. Berlin, Oct. 17.—Repulse of British attacks near Guedecourt and French attacks near Saillies and Fresnoes were reported by the war office this afternoon. South of the Somme the fighting is continuing.

All along the eastern Transylvanian frontier northward to Dorna Vatra, battles are proceeding. The Rumanians are stubbornly resisting at the roads leading through the mountain passes. South of Dorna Vatra, the Teutons have captured heights east of the river Nagra. On the Russian front the Slavs continue their violent storming attacks on several sectors. West of the fortress of Lutsk, and on the Narajowka, they advanced in dense masses but were thrown back with unusually heavy losses. Between Sinjavka and Zubilno and southwest of Zaturcy, the Russians vainly stormed Austro-German positions 10 times. Three attacks near Pastomyty on the Dubnow sector also failed. The Teutons took 1,936 prisoners and 10 machine guns.

Took Greek Warships. London, Oct. 17.—Intimations that a serious crisis is approaching at Athens were contained in dispatches from the Greek capital this afternoon. French sailors have occupied the municipal square and have planted field guns and

THINKS HE HAS GERM

Rochester, Minn., Oct. 17.—Dr. Edward Rosenow, head of the bacteriological department of the Mayo Foundation here, admitted today he had found a germ which he believes is the cause of infantile paralysis. Beyond saying it was found in the tonsils of children suffering from the malady, he refuses to elaborate.

KILLS HOUSEKEEPER AND THEN HIMSELF

Think He Placed Body in Trunk and Sunk It Far Out in the Bay

Blaine, Wash., Oct. 17.—Neighbors of Sanford Chinn, aged fisherman who shot himself through the head here yesterday, and died, are watching the beach today in hope that the waves will wash up the body of his housekeeper, Mrs. Emma Pinkerton and clear up what they feel certain is a murder mystery.

A net of evidence has already been discovered indicating that Chinn had taken the woman's life, placed the body in a trunk, and sunk it far out in the bay and then committed suicide. Chinn was seen to row out into the bay with a trunk in his boat early last Wednesday morning and return without it. Saturday he sold a bundle which proved to be the woman's clothing. Monday he set fire to his house, fired three shots at a neighbor's window and then killed himself.

The missing woman is said to have a relative, John Smith, in St. Paul, Minn.

Wheat Climbs Again On Unfavorable Reports

Chicago, Oct. 17.—Wheat soared in the Chicago grain pit today on a big export business and bad crop news from Russia, England and Argentina. December wheat closed up 5 1/2 to \$1.93 1/2, while May wheat advanced 6 1/2 cents to \$1.64 3/4.

As the market opened half and 3-4 respectively higher for December and May wheat than last night's close, the total gain for the day was 5 3/4 cents in December and 7 cents in May.

The trading was excited. Pit traders reached that wheat was certain to inch \$2 a bushel.

Other grains were up. Corn's total gain for the day 1 7/8 for December and 1 3/4 for May. Oats were up 1 3/8 for December and 1 1/8 for May.

Conditions in Mexico Improving Rapidly

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 17.—Jose J. Pesquera, newly appointed Mexican consul who arrived here a few days ago from Mexico City opened a trade bureau in his offices at the consulate today.

All information desired by American business men regarding Mexican trade conditions will be readily furnished. Pesquera also plans to establish a commercial museum here as an adjunct to the chamber of commerce exhibits.

"I see an immense field here," said Pesquera today. "Conditions in Mexico are steadily improving. Commerce is going ahead and the wheels of industry are turning strongly again."

Lawyer Scheduled to Knockout Willard

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 17.—Jess Willard, world's heavyweight champion pugilist and attorney Earl Rogers of Los Angeles are principals today in a \$25,000 damage suit. Rogers is suing the champion for "reasonable legal services" tendered. Rogers declared in the complaint filed against Willard that he had enabled the champion to make his fortune by securing his release from numerous contracts with promoters.

Willard came to town yesterday with a circus.

HOOD RIVER DEMANDS HUNDREDS OF PICKERS

Hood River, Ore., Oct. 17.—Facing a staggering financial loss, apple growers of the Hood River district today asked every man and woman to go into the orchards and gather the crop.

Petitions were circulated to close all stores and schools so students and clerks can help. Business men promised to contribute automobiles for the volunteer pickers.

Thousands of boxes of apples are going to waste on account of labor famine. Wilson Fike, one of the biggest ranchers, alone lost 3,000 boxes. Unless the emergency is met immediately many growers fear ruin.

THOMAS OSBORNE GIVES SERVICES TO PRISON REFORM

Feels Certain His Methods Are Right and Will Be Generally Used

New York, Oct. 17.—Out as "honor system" warden of Sing Sing, Thomas Mott Osborne is established in New York today as consulting engineer on prison reform to any penal institution in the world. Service free.

"I am still convinced that there are no bad men in the world," said Osborne today. "I am sure my method is right. Some day it will be the only one in use."

"Do you think?" Osborne was asked, "that Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, who confessed to murdering his wife's parents, is a good man? Or is he bad; inherently criminal and vicious?" "I think Dr. Waite is insane," said the warden. "Not violently insane, but excessively abnormal. He has control over his mental processes, but his mind is so warped and distorted that his murdering his father and mother-in-law by poison is not surprising."

"I have studied Waite in the death house at Sing Sing. His predominant characteristics are excessive self-centering, utter selfishness and extreme sensuousness."

"Do you think a man like Waite can be reformed?" "No. But that means nothing. Waite is one of his kind in a generation. He is unique. He is not even a type."

Waite Should Not Die. "But Waite is under sentence of death," I suggested. "Do you think he should die in the electric chair as he has been condemned to die?"

"No; I would not kill Waite. I would not kill anybody. Waite should be locked up for life. I think!"

"In solitary confinement?" "No; he should be permitted to mingle with the other men in prison. He will always be as he has been and is now, but he should not be executed."

"What does he say about himself now that he has been in the death house seven months?"

"He says what I very seriously doubt; that he has had a change of

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"GOLDBUG" TRAIN MET AT OAKLAND BY GREAT CROWDS

Members Grin at Report They Are Wives of Eastern Millionaires

Oakland, Cal., Oct. 17.—Oakland and Alameda county today heard from women of national prominence in literary, sociological and welfare work just why they believe Charles Evans Hughes should be chosen president. Members of the women's Hughes campaign special party arrived here early today to preach the gospel of republicanism, each from a different standpoint.

An enthusiastic gathering of republicans and progressives met the special train at 9:30. Following a few remarks of welcome by Chairman Nichols of the Alameda county republican central committee, the visitors were placed in automobiles, and a long procession traversed Oakland's streets, stops being made at several points for 10 minute speeches.

Speeches were also made at the university campus, in Berkeley, in Fruitvale and Alameda and at some of the industrial plants, after which the party returned to the hotel Oakland, where a luncheon was tendered the visitors.

Members of the party laugh at the report that their special is a gathering of wives of millionaires, with a portable palace for a train, and a cuisinier surpassing that of the majority of exclusive hotels.

"With but two exceptions all of the women in the party are self supporting. There is not a millionaire in the party, which is composed of representative American women," said Mrs. Maude Howe Elliott, daughter of Julia Ward Howe, and herself an author.

"It's for Wilson." San Francisco, Oct. 17.—There will be no need for a special detail of police when the Hughes women's special party arrive in San Francisco this afternoon. No riots will occur, no women will be arrested. The women supporters of Wilson will merely give the Hughes women a "good natured joshing."

This was the announcement of the leaders of the Wilson women today. A big "rubberneck" wagon has been secured by the All Parties League for

saving of those of these people who still survive. He has been the further benevolent consideration of your majesty's government. While no one can fail to appreciate the sufferings and sacrifices of the people primarily engaged in the existing war, nor the difficulties in the way of alleviating the hardships of those who are the incidental sufferers from the war, the death by slow and rapid starvation of millions of innocent people is so awful a fact that such an outcome should be averted if it is within the compass of human effort to avert it.

In the effort to avert it, I confidently pledge the co-operation of the people of the United States, if only the way can be found to make their co-operation effective. May I, therefore, be permitted to suggest that an entirely fresh consideration be given to the possibility and method of relief for Poland and to tender the friendly offices of this government to negotiations to this end, it shall be understood that any plan proposed shall be of such character as to be adapted to the accomplishment of no other result than that of the relief of the distressed inhabitants of Poland.

In conclusion, I can only add that it is my sincere hope that your majesty will see in this note no intention to interfere with the rights and policies of your majesty's government, but merely the attempt to express to your majesty the sympathy and compassion toward the starving inhabitants of Poland felt by the citizens of the United States—a sympathy and compassion which they do not desire shall be evidenced merely by idle words, but which they hope they may be permitted to express by assisting in the actual work by furnishing food to the starving inhabitants of Poland.

"I have the honor to be, your majesty,

"Faithfully yours," "WOODROW WILSON."

16 YEAR OLD GIRL SHOOTS HER FATHER

Hearing He Will Live She Declares She "Is Sorry She Didn't Finish Him"

Chicago, Oct. 17.—"I'm sorry I didn't finish him. I hear he's going to live."

That was the comment today of Miss Fern Roberts, age 16, who shot her father, Dr. Grant J. Roberts, a dentist, here last night because he would not return to her mother.

The girl, who is believed to be insane, referred to him as her father, though today Dr. Roberts said he was her step father.

Miss Roberts said she had urged her father to return to his wife, from whom he separated several years ago, to which he replied, "No, Fern, I can never live with your mother again."

"You will, or you will go to your grave," replied the girl, firing three bullets into his body.

She Consesses Shooting. Chicago, Oct. 17.—Miss Fern Roberts, aged 16, who shot her father, Dr. Grant J. Roberts, a dentist, three times last night was arrested here today.

He will recover, Miss Roberts confessed the shooting today and said she had resolved to kill her father unless he consented to return to her mother, from whom he is estranged.

Dr. Roberts formerly was in the United States medical corps in the canal zone and is well known here. He was taken to the Norwegian hospital after the shooting, where an operation was performed.

To the police Miss Roberts said she was talking one of her customary evening walks with her father. She lived with her aunt and met Dr. Roberts near her home. After he refused to yield to her pleas to return to her mother, who is believed to be in New Orleans, Miss Roberts drew a revolver, she says and shot him three times, then fled down an alley. She was arrested at her aunt's home. Her mental condition will be examined today.

Miss Roberts was suffering from a bullet wound in her right knee which she said was accidental. The revolver exploded in some way as she was running, she told the police. Her condition was not dangerous, it was said at Bridewell hospital today.

Two Mysterious Deaths at General Hospital

San Francisco, Oct. 17.—An army board of inquiry today is investigating a second mysterious violent death at Letcher's general hospital within a short time. The probe follows the death of Charles Walter Blackburn, a chemist, Sunday, after a flat encounter with John Wormley, attached to the quartermaster's department.

Blackburn was undergoing six months training at the Presidio, preparatory to becoming a pharmacist in the army medical corps. According to the story told commanding officers at the Presidio, Blackburn sought to bring a kitten he had found into a building to feed it, when Wormley objected. Saturday the quarrel was renewed and Wormley knocked his opponent down. Blackburn's head struck a cannon ball, causing a basal skull fracture.

Nothing was known of the affair until Frank L. Blackburn of Petaluma, called at the Presidio to see his nephew. He found him dead, and the details enshrouded in mystery.

MINISTER TO SIAM QUILTS

Albany, Ore., Oct. 17.—Because he wished his children to enjoy the advantages of American schools, William H. Hornbrook of this city, resigned as minister to Siam and will return to Albany, according to Fred W. Nutting, lessee of Hornbrook's newspaper here who said today: "Mr. Hornbrook tendered his resignation last May but it was not made public. He will visit in Iowa and Nebraska before coming back to the coast. Mr. Hornbrook intends to resume his newspaper work in Albany."

Hornbrook went to Siam early in 1914.

FARMER BOYS WELCOMED

Portland, Or., Oct. 17.—A visit to the Union Stock Yards, a dinner and dance at Washington high school and a motoring trip over Columbia Highway are the principal features of the entertainment which is being accorded California's champion farmer boys today.

The lads, each of whom holds an agricultural record in the Golden state, start for Tacoma tonight. They will cover the entire country, visiting Boston, New York, Washington and New Orleans.

HUGHES FORGETS CONSUMERS SIDE OF TARIFF LAWS

Emphasizes Fact That They Paid \$107,000,000 Less Under Present Laws

(United Press staff correspondent.) Mitchell, S. D., Oct. 17.—Speaking before a farmer audience of 2,000, Nominee Hughes today analyzed in terms of sharp criticism of the democratic platform pledge as to the tariff and solemnly warned his auditors that the present plan of great appropriations and decreasing of the revenue through import duties "couldn't go on indefinitely as though there was an inexhaustible supply of money."

Hughes produced figures showing that in 1913 under the Payne bill, the total of imports was \$1,815,000,000 against \$2,107,000,000 in 1916 under the Underwood bill. Notwithstanding this vast increase he declared the actual revenue to the government in duties on these imports was only \$212,000,000 in 1916, as against \$319,000,000 under the republican protective policy.

As against these figures Hughes read the democratic platform endorsement of the Underwood bill and the democratic assertion that it stood for tariff sufficient to provide for a government economically administered. He denounced the administration for wasteful extravagance in government.

"The mere existence of resources and the mere existence of men capable of handling and developing these resources are not sufficient to insure prosperity," he declared. "We must have adequate government policies for maintaining the advantages of our markets. We must have protection of American agricultural industries, otherwise our plans for departmental regulation will be mere barren forms."

The audience in this city of about 8,000 was mostly of farmers, many of whom had traveled long distances since daylight to hear Hughes expound his principles. The day was cold and Hughes shivered frequently in his breezy ride to the hall.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC CANNOT BUILD NOW

President Sproule Tells Klamath Falls Folks to Wait Two or Three Years

San Francisco, Oct. 17.—Klamath Falls and the Klamath country offer a splendid field for railroad development but extension at this time is impossible, owing to continued unsatisfactory earnings throughout the entire system, according to William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific today. Sproule, with Herbert Fleischacker, financier, has just returned from a visit to the Klamath region, at the request of Klamath people, who are anxious to secure railway extensions.

"I regretfully told the Klamath people that our company is unable to do any new construction work at the present time, and could only say what has been necessary for railroads all over us extend is no greater than our desire to open their territory," said Sproule.

"Immediately preceding the San Francisco Exposition, there were a number of years of exceedingly low earnings for railroads. The exposition opening and temporary closing of the Panama canal furnished our first ray of sunlight. If present conditions exist a few years more, there will be vast new construction on lines like those in Klamath already surveyed."

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Fair tonight and Wednesday, cooler this afternoon, westerly winds.

THIS IS INDIAN SUMMER

It pays a whole lot better 't git even with your friends instead of your enemies. These are great days for burglars, with mother an' father both lined up in political parades.

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