

AUSTRIAN THIRD LINE
BROKEN BY ITALIANS

Italian Drive on Trieste Is Proceeding Satisfactorily on Whole Front.

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 Gorizia south to the sea the new Italian drive on Trieste is proceeding satisfactorily. A whole series of Austrian positions from Oppacchianella 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 rainstorms 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, 206, and several other dominant positions holding up the Italian advance along the Vallone.

RUSSO-ROUMANIANS
RETREATING, IS CLAIM

Berlin Says foe Has Fallen Back Fifty Miles Already.

BERLIN, Sept. 18.—Russo-Romanian forces already have retreated more than fifty miles from the Bulgarian frontier, and are falling steadily back on the Carnavoda-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 Von Mackensen's forces. German airmen report that the Rumanians are hastily strengthening their lines south of the Carnavoda-Constanza railway, whose capture would practically cut Rumania off from communication with Russia via the Black Sea. The Austro-Germans continue their retirement in central Transylvania, and 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.

Bulgars Are Defeated
Near Serbian Border

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

BLAMES BLOCKADE
FOR BABIES' DEATHS

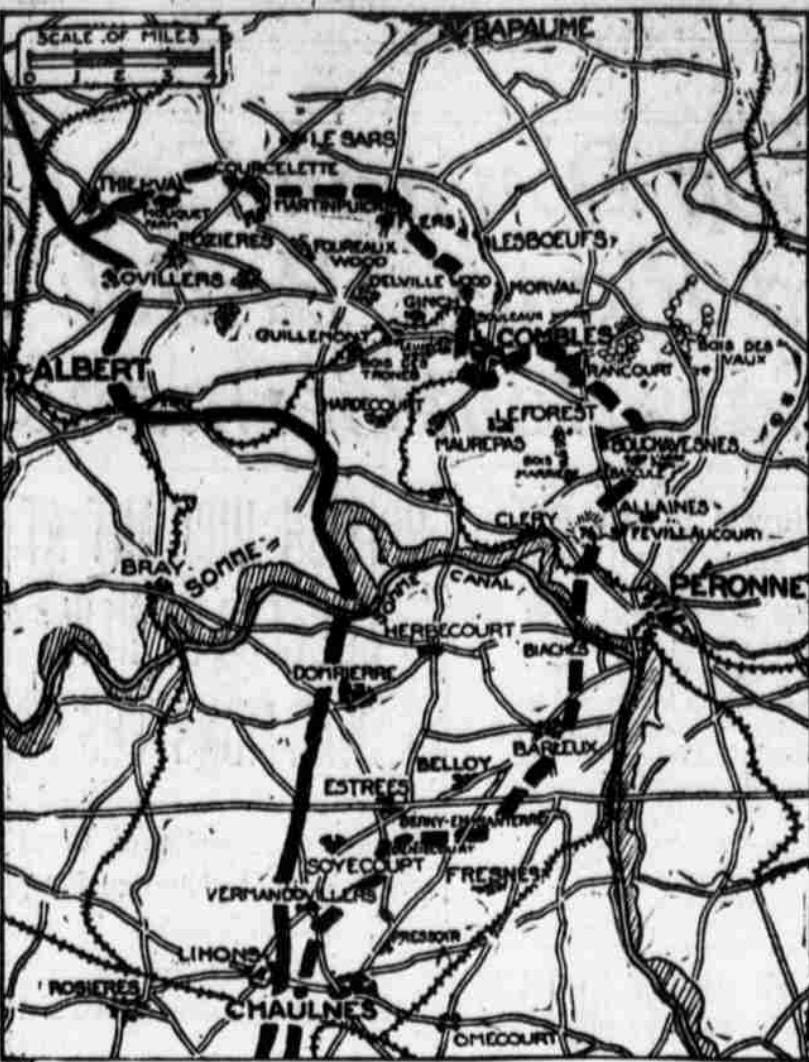
PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 18.—"England's blockade has worked an enormous injury to America and but little to Germany. We are having an epidemic of infantile paralysis, and hundreds of babies have died. Many of those lives would have been saved if the powerful disinfectants and wonderful medicines made in Germany could have been brought to this country for use in the plague districts."

This assertion was made last night by Charles P. Steinmetz, electrical wizard. The war, Steinmetz asserts, has not retarded the development in the electrical field, for necessity has caused the Germans to become more active and make remarkable discoveries. "England felt," said the electrical wizard, "that the naval blockade would cripple Germany. That is a mistake, and the real sufferer has been America. Consider what it means to the health of the United States to have its supply of drugs, medicines, and disinfectants cut off. There is nothing more essential in fighting a plague than the powerful disinfectants made in Germany."

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Forecast for District of Columbia—Fair and pleasant weather tonight and tomorrow; gentle, westerly wind. For Maryland—Fair tonight and Tuesday; somewhat cooler in east portion tonight; probably frost in most of district of west portion; generally westerly winds. For Virginia—Fair tonight and tomorrow; cooler in extreme southeast portion tonight; probably frost in extreme west portion; general, variable winds.

FIGHTING AREA OF SOMME



Solid Black Line Indicates Position of Allied Forces When the Offensive Started on July 1. Dotted Line Shows Advanced Positions Now Held by Allies.

British Triumphant in
Hand-to-Hand Fight
With German Soldiers

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Soon after the French and British armies had struck on the Somme front yesterday they were called upon to face desperate counter-attacks from the Germans. The British repulsed every attack made on their new positions, doing heavy execution in the German ranks with artillery fire. The French also repulsed every German attack made on them.

One of the German attacks upon British trenches near Fiers and Martinpuich, on the line of the big British gains of Friday, led to a fight of a kind that has not been seen on the western front in many a month—hand-to-hand fighting between thousands of troops in the open.

GERMANS ARE HURLED BACK. The British won it, throwing back the Germans with heavy losses and in confusion. The official statement describes it thus: "Between Fiers and Martinpuich an enemy brigade advancing to attack in the direction of High Wood (Fourreaux) was met by two of our battalions in the open. Hand-to-hand fighting ensued, in which we were completely successful, the enemy being dispersed and thrown back with heavy losses. In all of yesterday's operations the number of prisoners taken by both armies totals just about a thousand. The French took 700 and the British 250. Of these, twenty-one are officers. The British got quantities of rifles and equipment when the Germans fled from the Danube trench. The Danube trench, which the official statement mentions, is the abandoned trench simply gives point to a condition that has existed on the Somme front recently, the increasing low morale of the German troops. Soldiers in trenches smashed by British shells fled in disorder, and the infantry attack in disorder, but seldom before have they abandoned much equipment, as they did. The British attack was aimed at Thiepval. Practically all were made just south of the Ancre, at almost the northern end of the Somme. From the taking of Mougnet farm and Danube trench puts Thiepval in great danger, as both positions are just east of the town. The gain about Courcellette, still further east, also make Thiepval an uncomfortable position.

Aim to Win High Ground. Another important aim of the attack was to enter the high ground now occupied by the Germans who hold Thiepval, and the terrain a little back of it, as the high ground was occupied on Friday by the taking of Courcellette, Martinpuich and Fiers. From a little north and east of Thiepval the ground slopes down to Grandcourt, where the Germans are strongly entrenched. The British attack that won the Danube trench and Mougnet farm was begun last evening, and continued during the night. The fight for the French trench was of the kind that the British Tommy calls "nasty." The trench, in reality a whole system of interlocking trenches, was fortified with all the ingenuity that German engineers could bring to bear.

Besides the actual entrenchments, approaches, gaps and communication trenches, there were dugouts in great numbers underground, in the dugouts, concrete, sandbags, beams and brick. All the dugouts were connected with underground passages, and all the passages prepared against attack. In front of it all was an elaborate system of barbed wire entanglements. From the trench the infantry intensity had cut to pieces the barbed wire and smashed parts of the trench labrynth. Then came the infantry—the official statement does not say whether or not the new armored motor cars, the "tanks," led the way.

Fight Rages For Hours. For hours the fighting raged hand to hand in the trenches, in pitch black passages underground, in the dugouts. Bombs and bayonets were the usual weapons once the German machine guns were silenced. At Mougnet farm, known to British soldiers as "Monkey" farm, the final capture of the main work ended one of the bitterest struggles in the whole Thiepval sector. Here the two armies have engaged for weeks around this strong work, which most of the time the Germans held securely, sometimes

BRITISH JUBILANT AT
TANK CARS' SUCCESS

Stories of Exploits of Great Fighting Machines on Every Tongue in London.

(Continued from First Page.) answer one could get was "hush, hush," and they have come to be known as that. Until they were actually sent into battle few believed that the rumors about them were anything but fairy stories. But it is different now," writes Philip Gibbs in the "Daily Chronicle" from the front. "And I have seen them, walked around them, got inside their bodies, and looked at their mysterious organs, and watched their monstrous movements. I came across a herd of them in a field, and like a countryman who first saw a dog said: 'Holt, they ain't no such animal.' Then I sat down on the grass and laughed until the tears came into my eyes (in war one has a funny sense of humor), for they are monstrously comical, like toads of vast size emerging from the primal mist in the twilight of the world's dawn."

"I felt awfully bucked," said a young officer, about five feet high, who was in charge of one machine, "when my beauty ate up her first house, but I was sorry for the house, which was quite a good one." When the British soldiers first saw these creatures galloping along the roads and over the old battlefields, taking trenches on the way, they shouted, "The tanks are coming!" a day afterward. The troops got out of their trenches, laughing, shouting, cheering again, because the tanks had gone on ahead and were scattering the Germans dreadfully while they moved over their trenches and poured out fire on the German side. These men, who are usually strange, venturesome and did very good work, justifying their amazing existence.

On the British trenches in the twilight of dawn one of those motor monsters loomed up and now came crawling forward to the rescue, cheered by the enemy's machine gunners. The tank of encouragement to it and laughed so that some men were laughing even when the bullets caught them in the throat. It waddled forward right over the old German trenches, went forward very steadily. There was a silence from the assaulting troops, who called out in surprise, "The tank is coming!" The machine gun fire burst out in nervous spasms, but the tank did not mind. The bullets fell from its sides harmlessly.

Walked Through Factory. It advanced upon a broken wall, leaping up against it heavily until it fell with a crash. The tank rose on its side, the bricks and passed over them and walked straight into the midst of a factory ruins. From its sides came flashes of fire and a host of bullets, and then it tramped the ruined machine gun emplacement, "having a grand time," as one of the men said with enthusiasm. It crushed the machine guns under its heavy armor and then it moved on, its teams with its deadly fire. The infantry followed in and took the place after this great secret of their construction. They were then assembled at a central factory under supervision of experts of the armored car division. A great virtue of this weapon in war is that it lessens very considerably the

Held Up Their Hands. They held up their hands, crying, "Gott in Himmel," and asked how they could fight against such monstrous things. The taking of Courcellette was a great achievement, skillfully planned and carried out by splendid men and one monster. "It was like a fairy tale," said a Cockney boy who can't help laughing every time I think of it. He laughed then, although he had a broken arm and was covered in blood. "They broke and ran like mice as if they were matchsticks and were over the barricades like elephants. The Boches were thoroughly scared. "Our artillery was active during the day. Another conflagration in the enemy's ammunition dump at Grandcourt broke out as the result of our fire. Our air service successfully continued its attack upon enemy communications. Another enemy machine was destroyed. Three of our machines are missing."

BLOW DEALT GERMAN
JABBERWOK TRADE

Loses Wild Animal Business of East Africa.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Germany's jabberwok market has hit the skids. "The birds and the beasts were there" when General Smuts grabbed most of German East Africa and the Kaiser's colonial fief. A blood-sweating beetle moth doesn't give a damn what flag flies over its grazing ground. Neither does a dik dik or a whiffenpoof or a man eating pig. So Germany is cut off from her zoological supply.

The first shipment of animals is here from the new British territory today, consigned to H. Bostock. Twenty-five baboons goose-stepped at least about the decks with still a shadow of German accent on his language. Six porcupines with fixed bayonets held a small hollow square, and 400 birds screamed while a pair of secretary birds made notes for reference. "The Germans will never regain their animal trade," said Bostock today.

Uninvited Guests Start
Shooting at a Party

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 18.—Joseph Pendergast was giving a party to friends in his home, 518 West Forty-eighth street yesterday when two strangers appeared and demanded refreshments. They refused to leave when requested and the guests attempted to eject them. Chairs were used as arguments for a while, and then some one fired four shots. Daniel Sullivan, of 622 West Forty-ninth street, was hit in the abdomen. Pendergast and Thomas Doyle, of 228 West Sixty-seventh street, suffered scalp wounds. The unwelcome guests fled. Arguments for a while, and then some one fired four shots. Daniel Sullivan, of 622 West Forty-ninth street, was hit in the abdomen. Pendergast and Thomas Doyle, of 228 West Sixty-seventh street, suffered scalp wounds. The unwelcome guests fled. Arguments for a while, and then some one fired four shots.

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losses of advancing troops from enemy machine guns. In this way, however, the purpose of the shield which it was proposed some time ago should be carried by the attackers, but the use of which weight and other considerations made impracticable. The new car completes the work of the artillery bombardment on the enemy trenches before the infantry advances. Its chief work is to locate the German machine gunners and blow them out of their positions so that they cannot now down the advancing infantry. This done the infantry can occupy the abandoned enemy positions with comparative ease.

MEETING CALLED
ON EXCHANGE EVIL

The executive committee of the Retail Merchants' Association will meet at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening in the headquarters of the organization to discuss methods of correcting what the merchants term the "returned goods evil."

Havre de Grace Race
Entries for Tomorrow

First race—For two-year-olds; selling; five and a half furlongs. Scylla, 106; Giltier, 107; Doc Meale, 109; Glanaghty, 107; Ed (Jim) Brown, 108; Velour, 109; Kilkeny, 104; "Sky," 106. Second race—Maidens; six furlongs; three-year-olds and up. Beau de Meis, 115; Senator Casey, 115; Water Belle, 112; Spect, 112; Porin, 115; Old Scout (Imp.), 115; Alberta True, 112; Prior Nought, 115; Tanvily, 112; Wizard, 115; Wore Wolf (Imp.), 115; Past Master, 115. Third race—Will close later. Fourth race—All ages; handicap; one mile and a sixteenth. Malachite, 117; Sangallo, 109; Eagle, 108; Sandmark (Imp.), 106. Fifth race—For two-year-olds; five and a half furlongs. Woodtrap, 115; Warsaw, 115; Green Tree, 115; Bally, 115; Duddy Long Legs, 115; Jack Carl, 109; Capital Prize, 109; Beautiful Morn, 115; Triple Crown, 112; Polonium (Imp.), 109; Merchant, 108. Sixth race—For three-year-olds and up; selling; mile and a sixteenth. Maxlin's Choice, 115; Vals, 114; Hide Tide, 111; Fay Street, 114; Rosewater, 102; Naushon, 114; "Dainergeld," 113; Flag Day, 114; Tamerlane, 118; Eddie T., 109; "Menlo Park," 108. Seventh race—All ages; handicap; mile and seventy yards; selling. Fuzzy Wuzzy, 117; Republican, 110; Madame Herrmann, 108; Royal Interest, 110; Preemptor, 111; Illuminator, 108. *Apprentice allowance claimed. *Weather clear, track fast.

SANGSTER QUIZZED
ON VALUATION WORK

Capital Traction Co. Officials Contend He Exceeded Scope of Utilities Inquiry.

With Andrew Sangster, chief accountant of the valuation bureau on the stand, the hearing on the valuation of the properties of the Potomac Electric Power Company was resumed by the Public Utilities Commission today.

Mr. Sangster was examined by W. F. Ham, vice president, and S. R. Bowen, secretary of the company, as to his methods of arriving at the cost of certain items and his reason for the elimination of certain property values.

The contention of the company is that Mr. Sangster should have gone no further in his accounting work than to prepare and present a historical report of the company's properties as shown by the books, but that instead he has excluded a number of items so as to show only the cost of existing properties.

STREET WORK BIDS
TO OPEN TOMORROW

New Contract Calls For Expenditure of \$300,000. Bids for paving streets and avenues, provided for under the District appropriation bill, with sheet asphalt and asphalt block will be opened at the District building tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The contract calls for the expenditure of approximately \$300,000. It is expected work will be begun about October 1. The asphalt block contract at present is held by the Washington Asphalt Block Company and the sheet asphalt contract by the Warren Quinlan Company, of Syracuse, N. Y. Bids have been received for the laying of cement sidewalks. The lowest bidder is William F. Cosh, of Washington. About \$100,000 will be expended in the work.

New Hours 9:00 to 6:00 The Palais Royal A. Lisner G & 11th \$5.00 The lower picture is of a Velvet Poke, for which the "Opening" Souvenir price is \$5.00. Here in black and colors, with ribbon bow trimming. The New Autumn Dresses and Suits Here At As Much As \$97.00—and As Little As \$15.00—Third Floor Suits, Special at \$29.50 Dozens of new styles to select from, each a reproduction or adaptation of an imported model costing twice \$29.50. A critical visit is requested—with the assurance of object lessons more instructive than a page of descriptions. Go to third floor and, in one of the private parlors, allow the expert attendant to try on one or more of the new suits, pointing out the new features. Dresses, \$15.00 and \$16.50 Developing the newly correct silhouette. Various styles, including one-of-a-kind samples of serge and silk in combination; black, blues and other colors. The prices—\$15.00 and \$16.50—will seem very special—when these dresses are seen and tried on. Palais Royal—Third Floor Parlors—6 Elevators.

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