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## GERMANS FORCED FURTHER BACK BY BRITISH TROOPS

**Fighting on the Somme Front Continues in Favor of Allies—Violent Artillery Actions on the Macedonian Front.**

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Sept. 6.—The British again pushed forward on the Somme front last night. All of the Leuse wood has been captured, the war office announced today.  
Fighting continues between Leuse woods and Comblès and in the vicinity of Gincy.

**FRENCH ARE ATTACKED.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
Paris, Sept. 6.—Positions newly won by the French south of the Somme river were attacked several times by the Germans last night. The assaults were broken by the French fire, the war office announced today. Other German assaults were delivered in the region of Denicourt and Berny.  
On the Verdun front the Germans yesterday evening directed an intense bombardment against Fleury, but French quick fires prevented the German infantry from advancing.

**ARTILLERY ACTIONS.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
Paris, Sept. 6.—Violent artillery actions are in progress in the region of Lake Doiran and Struma river on the Macedonian front in a sector held by the Serbians, the war office announced today.

**PRISONERS ARE CAPTURED.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
Bucharest, Sept. 6.—The capture of many prisoners and the repulse of attacks against positions held by the Rumanians is the official announcement of the war office today.

**GERMAN LOAN A FAILURE.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
London, Sept. 6.—Subscriptions to the German war loan during the first two days indicate that the loan will prove a failure, according to reports from Berlin by Amsterdam. Returns first two days are far behind total raised in the same time to previous loans.

**ATTEMPT TO INVADE RUMANIA.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
London, Sept. 6.—Official announcement was made by the Rumanian war office today that attempts of Germans and Bulgarians to invade Eastern Rumania have been defeated.  
Rumanians have regained possession of the entire frontier east of the Danube along which the attack was directed.  
The Rumanian invasion of Austria is being carried on with further success. After a spirited fight in the region of Borseck the Rumanians captured the heights west of that point.

**DANISH STEAMER SUNK.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
London, Sept. 6.—The Danish steamer Jeanne has been sunk, according to Weymouth dispatches to

Lloyds shipping agency. The crew was landed.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS COMING IN.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
Berlin, Sept. 6.—Subscriptions to the fifth German war loan, which opened Monday, continue to be received in large amounts. Corporations subscribed 29,000,000 marks.

**RUSSIAN GAINS CONTINUE.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
Petrograd, Sept. 6.—Russian troops yesterday captured Teutonic fortified positions in the region of lower Gordenka in the direction of Halicz, Galicia, and drove the Austro-Germans toward the northwest, says an official report today. In fighting so far 4,500 men have been captured, of whom 2,000 are Germans.

**GAINS AND LOSSES.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
Berlin, Sept. 6.—The Russians, according to the war office here today, were pressed back in the center by Archduke Charles on the front between Zlota-Lipa and Dneister rivers, Galicia.

Clergy on the Somme front has been captured from the Germans by the Entente allies.  
Seven of the Tatrakins works in southeast Rumania, including armored batteries, have been stormed by the Teutons.

**TURKS ARE REPULSED.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
Petrograd, Sept. 6.—In Ognott region, in Armenian Turkey, Russian troops are advancing and inflicting great losses on the enemy. In West Ognott corpses of Russian soldiers have been found mutilated.

**AIRSHIP CREW BURIED.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
London, Sept. 6.—A great crowd gathered today to witness the funeral of the 16 members of the crew of the Zeppelin which was brought down Saturday night. They were buried in the village potters field.

**GROCERY CLERKS STRIKE.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Sept. 6.—Three thousand grocery clerks went out on strike in this city, Jersey City, Newark and outlying towns today. The strikers demand a minimum salary of \$15 a week, one per cent of the store receipts, and shorter hours.

**CORRUPT PRACTICES BILL UP.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, D. C., Sept. 6.—By the vote of 32 to 14 the Senate today decided to take up Senator Owens' corrupt practices bill, greatly curtailing campaign expenditures and imposing heavy penalties.

## BOARD ADJUSTED TAXES ON BANKS

Assessed Them Seventy Per Cent of Capital Stock and Surplus.

In the adjustment of bank taxes in Leflore county the Board of Supervisors this morning rendered their final verdict to the effect that 70 per cent of the capital stock and surplus of the banks will be taxed. The banks asked that an assessment of 40 per cent, upon taxable assets, be made.  
The Board will very likely be in session the remainder of the week adjusting taxes.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast for Wednesday.  
Alabama and Mississippi—Probably fair Wednesday and Thursday.  
Louisiana and Arkansas—Wednesday and Thursday, partly cloudy.  
Oklahoma—Wednesday fair; Thursday unsettled.  
Tennessee—Fair Wednesday and Thursday.  
East Texas—Wednesday generally fair, except showers in lower Rio Grande valley.  
West Texas—Wednesday and Thursday unsettled, probably showers.

The Weather map shows cloudy in Florida and North Carolina. Generally fair in rest of cotton belt. Increasing cloudiness in Texas and Oklahoma. Heavy rain at Wilmington, N. C., and raining at Raleigh. Moderate temperatures.

**The Rainfall.**  
Vicksburg .01 inches; Charleston, S. C., .01; New Orleans .50; Wilmington 2.20; Raleigh, raining, .08; Newbern, N. C., 2.60.

**Weekly Weather Report.**  
Washington, Sept. 6.—The weather of the week was favorable for the development of cotton and for picking and ginning. Work progressed rapidly in all central and southern districts. Bolls opened prematurely where too dry and the crop is in advance of the season in the northwestern and southeastern parts of the area; it is 10 to 15 days late in northeastern parts of southwestern states. Weevil damage and shedding continue.

## CONVICT FARM SOLD.

Greenville, Miss., Sept. 6.—At the meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Washington County Monday the county convict farm of 908 acres was sold to the highest bidder, John C. Hay, for \$65 per acre, or a total of \$62,920, sealed bids being received, the lowest bid being \$40 per acre. Possession will be given Jan. 1, 1917. The farm was sold after the county had adopted the policy of working the prisoners on the public roads of the county.

Cypress Shingles for sale by C. G. Nichols, Swiftown, Miss., Phone Itta Bena 14-5 rings.

## TODAY'S MARKETS.

(Greenwood Cotton Ex. Service.)  
**LIVERPOOL FUTURES.**  
Today's close. Prev. close.  
Oct.-Nov. 9.45 1-2 9.61  
Jan.-Feb. 9.40 1-2 9.55 1-2  
Mch.-Apr. 9.39 9.54  
May-June 9.37 9.52 1-2  
Spots 9.63  
Sales 8000

**NEW ORLEANS FUTURES.**  
Open. High. Low. Close.  
Oct. 15.34 15.34 15.12 15.13-14  
Dec. 15.64 15.64 15.35 15.38-40  
Jan. 15.70 15.70 15.47 15.51-52  
Mch. 15.87 15.89 15.69 15.60-62  
May 16.03 16.03 15.89 15.70-73  
Closed 20 to 24 down from yesterday's close.  
Spots: 15.38—25 off. Sales 750.

**NEW YORK FUTURES.**  
Oct. 15.65 15.69 15.47 15.53-55  
Dec. 15.80 15.80 15.60 15.65-67  
Jan. 15.86 15.89 15.67 15.72-74  
Mch. 16.06 16.06 15.83 15.86-90  
May 16.18 16.18 16.01 16.00  
Closed 16 to 22 down from yesterday's close.  
Spots: 15.80—15 off.

New Orleans, Sept. 6.—It is rumored here that National Ginner's report will show 612,000 against 464,000 government figures last year.  
The first ginning report of the season will be made Friday of this week.

## DAILY COTTON LETTER.

New Orleans, Sept. 6.—Liverpool fully met our decline, but spot sales are larger, \$3,000 bales. That market is still one hundred points below a shipping parity and there are but two ways to correct it—the spot basis must decline over here or Liverpool must advance—Spot quotations from the interior show sharp cuts not only in Texas, where the leading centers quote 60 to 80 points off from recent top prices, but also in Georgia. The map showed generally fair except North Carolina. Indications are for increasing cloudiness in the west with rain in western Texas and Oklahoma towards Friday.

New Orleans market opened 6 to 8 points lower and selling against spots and to liquidate was in evidence from the start in such volume that prices declined 20 points, bringing our market a cent a pound under the recent high, and also below spot quotations. The local spot situation is upset. Interior offerings are much below factors prices. On account of freight conditions and low parity with Liverpool, business is difficult.

## MINERS WALK OUT.

(By Associated Press.)  
Pittsburg, Kan., Sept. 6.—Eight thousand miners in southeast Kansas coal fields who walked out yesterday, are idle today. The strike was caused by delay in closing the agreement with the Southwestern Interstate Coal Operators Association. Negotiations are under way at Kansas City. Six companies are affected by the walkout.

Take The Daily Commonwealth.

## CONVENTION OF SUFFRAGES ON TODAY

Several Southern Women Will Make Addresses at Tonight's Session.

(By Associated Press.)  
Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 6.—The forty-eighth annual convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association opened here today. Reports of committees occupied most of the morning session. Dixie Evening will be celebrated at the night session. Several Southern women will be speakers. President Wilson is expected to address the convention on Friday.  
A debate on the question of whether National American Woman Suffrage Association should drop its work for state amendments and concentrate its efforts on a federal amendment, was a feature of the opening session of the Association's annual convention here today.

Mrs. Ida Husted, of New York, as leader of the "Federal Amendment" forces argued in the affirmative, while Miss Laura Clay, of Lexington, Ky., argued in favor of confining the right to individual states; a third debater, Mrs. Raymond Brown, of New York, took a middle ground in favor of both federal and state work.  
Mrs. Harper declared that the Association should concentrate on the Susan B. Anthony federal amendment and the working the individual state be discontinued.

"We have now, obtained enough equal suffrage States to make our measure a national political issue," Mrs. Harper said; "to force its endorsement by the platform of all five of the parties; to persuade a Presidential candidate to declare for the Federal Amendment which his party was too boss-ridden to favor; to compel the President of the United States to reverse his own attitude completely and defy the platform on which he was elected; and to wrest from a reluctant Congress a vote in both Houses and to scare it so badly that it has resorted to every subterfuge known in that body in order not to put itself on record again before election."

"Have we not reached a point where we can stop these minor attacks on our opponents' right and left wings and march our forces straight up to the Congressional trenches where the main body of the enemy lies concealed?"  
Mrs. Harper named as opponents "the corporations, the liquor and other vice interests."

"We have had enough of appealing to the individual voter with his secret ballot," Mrs. Harper added, alluding to the State fights. "We demand a fight in the open that we may recognize our foe and the influence behind them. Why were both Republican and Democratic conventions willing to favor woman suffrage through State action? Because they knew they were putting it off till doomsday. They understood perfectly that in fully one-half of the States where women are still disfranchised the constitutions are so framed that amendment is practically impossible. \* \* \* Let us have no more of these State campaigns with their killing work, their personal humiliations, their fraudulent votes, and their stuffed ballot boxes. \* \* \* Now that our measure has been brought through generations of toil and sacrifice in sight of the promised land, let us not wander another forty years among the States but take the necessary steps at this meeting to enter into possession without needless delay."

## COTTON BRINGS OVER 27 CENTS

Carroll County Man Sells Bale Here for Twenty-Seven and Quarter.

Mr. Flowers Williams, who lives about six or seven miles southeast of Carroll county, brought a bale of Greenwood, just across the line in Dixie Improved cotton to Greenwood yesterday which he sold to Mr. A. C. Metts, representing H. C. Nall & Co., for 27 1-4 cents a pound. This is the highest price yet paid on this market for new cotton.

## INFANTILE PARALYSIS ON THE INCREASE.

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Sept. 6.—Twenty-two deaths and 53 new cases of Infantile Paralysis were reported today.

Col. A. E. Jennings, of Memphis, was among his many Greenwood friends today.

## KNOX CLAIMS 1,000 MAJORITY SYKES SAYS HE IS ELECTED

Official Count of Ballots May Be Necessary To Determine Outcome of Election—Ethridge Appears Winner in the First.

**KNOX CLAIMS 1,000 MAJORITY.**  
The editor of The Daily Commonwealth called Hon. R. H. Knox at Houston over the long distance telephone at one o'clock this afternoon, and he claims to be nominated by a majority of 1,000 votes over Judge E. O. Sykes.

**SYKES CLAIMS CLOSE MARGIN.**  
Mr. Eugene Sykes, at Aberdeen, a brother of Judge E. O. Sykes, over long distance telephone at one thirty, told the editor of The Daily Commonwealth that Judge Sykes claims the election by a very narrow margin.

The voting in Leflore county was light as indeed it was all over the entire district. In this county scarcely one-third of the voters availed themselves of the privilege of suffrage.  
The vote cast at the different boxes in Leflore county yesterday was as follows:

	Sykes.	Knox.
Minter City	12	4
Sunny Side	7	6
Schlater	55	8

	Money	Shellmound	Greenwood	Itta Bena	Sidon	Morgan	Swiftown (no election)	Total
	14	4	9	0	175	91	44	5
	30	4	19	0	365	122		

Sykes majority, 243 votes.  
In the first primary held three weeks ago in which Chancellor McGowan was eliminated, Sykes received in this county a total vote of 352, McGowan 40, and Knox 73. Judge Sykes getting a majority over both of his opponents of 239. His majority over Knox yesterday was 243.

The total vote cast in this county for all three candidate three weeks ago was 465 as against 487 yesterday.  
**ETHRIDGE IN THIRD.**  
In the First district where Judge Clayton D. Potter was opposed by Assistant Attorney-General George H. Ethridge, Judge Potter has practically admitted his defeat. At a late hour last night he is understood to have believed his opponent to have been elected.

## WAGON LOT MATTER TO BE FINALLY DECIDED TODAY

City Council At Session Last Night Postponed Action Until Commissioners Could Visit Lot in Question—Two Petitions.

The City Council in session last night took up the matter of the hitching lot for rural teams, and after discussing the matter and considering a petition and counter-petition in regard to it, postponed final action until today, when the Commissioners will personally visit the proposed site and reach a decision.

The property purchased by the city on the River Front and is about 150 feet square. At the time of its purchase no objection was raised, but at the meeting last night, a petition signed by 19 property holders in the immediate neighborhood of the lot in question, was presented to the Commission asking that the lot not be used for the purpose of parking country teams. A counter-petition signed by 26 property owners and business men in the city asked that the Commission reject the other petition and use the lot for the purpose for which it was purchased.

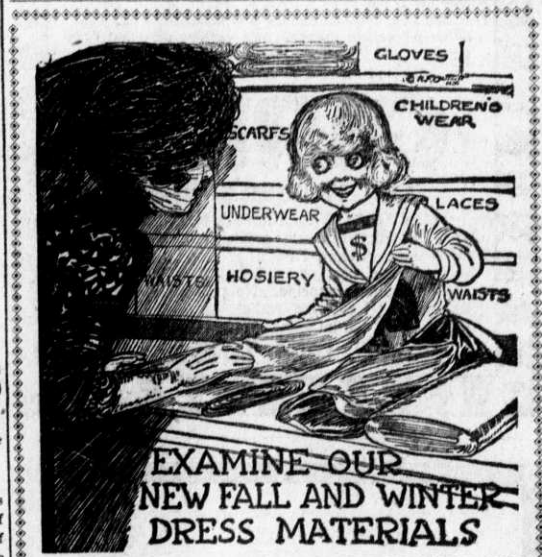
The Commission allowed the regular salary accounts of the city employees and all other accounts that were correct.

Several long ordinances were passed, none of which were of very much importance and mostly were to protect the Memphis Paving and Asphalt Co., who are paving Washington street.

City Clerk S. H. Montgomery made his report and turned over to the city the taxes that have been collected. His report was accepted and approved.

The Chief of Police, C. L. Bonner, also made his report, which was accepted and approved. He turned over to the city all money collected on fines and costs.

The assessment rolls of the city, both real and personal, were filed with the Commission at the session last night and both put on file where they will remain for 30 days, in compliance with a law to that effect. Any objections to the assessments can be made now. The Commission will take up the matter of adjusting the taxes at the October session.



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