



ALLIES PUSHING ONWARD IN WEST

More Than 20 Miles of German Trenches Taken.

BATTLE CONTINUES FIERCELY

Capture of 12,000 Prisoners by French, 1700 by British, Is Reported.

FOE'S POSITION WEAKENED

British Compelled to Retire at Two Points, but Assert Net Advantage.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—Decided gains for the allies, accompanied by the capture of many prisoners, have been made in the vigorous offensive launched yesterday from near Verdun to the Belgian coast.

Capture of 12,000 German prisoners by the French and of 1700 by the British is reported.

GERMANS ADMIT REPULSE

The German official report, issued from Berlin today, admits the repulse of a German division at Loos, with considerable casualties and loss of materials, as also is the evacuation of an advanced German position north of Perthes, between Rheims and the Argonne forest.

The offensive began Saturday morning. For several weeks there has been an almost incessant bombardment, which late last week increased in intensity, particularly in the sectors where the infantry attacks took place.

FRENCH MAKE IMPORTANT GAINS

The French, who are credited with the most important gain, made their chief onset against the German lines around Perthes, Beausejour and Suippes, in Champagne, where in December they made a considerable gain of ground. An attack Saturday, however, gave them possession of more territory than they had retaken from the Germans since the latter dug themselves in after the battle of Marne.

According to the French account, the Germans were driven out of their trenches over a front of 15 miles, varying in depth from two-thirds of a mile to two and a half miles.

ADVANCE IS BEING PRESSED

Apparently the advantage is being pressed still further, as the French communication makes only the briefest mention of the operations.

The importance of this gain lies in the fact that every yard of ground taken in this region weakens the German position around Verdun, from which the Germans might be compelled to retire should the French succeed in making any further advance.

The French also have regained the cemetery of Souchez and trenches east of the "Labyrinth," in the Arras district, which was the scene of heavy fighting earlier in the year. The Germans had built what they considered almost impregnable fortifications. This attack was made in co-operation with the British, who attacked on either side of La Basse canal.

BRITISH ATTACK SUCCEEDS

The attack to the south of the canal, Field Marshal Sir John French reports, was a complete success. Trenches five miles in width and about 4000 yards in depth were taken at this point.

This push forward gives the British possession of the road from Lens to La Basse, which was used by the Germans for moving troops and supplies north and south, and threatens to outflank the German troops which hold the town of Lens.

Hill 70, one of the positions taken on the road, is less than a mile directly north of Lens, while Hulloch, which also fell into the hands of the British, is at the end of the road near La Basse. It is only 12 miles from Hulloch to Lille.

BRITISH FAIL NORTH OF CANAL

North of the canal the British were unable to hold the ground gained, and had to fall back to the trenches they had left in the morning. The attack, however, accomplished one purpose, as, according to Field Marshal French, German reserves were sent to

STRENUOUS WEEK TIRES JOHN D., JR.

MINEOWNER PREPARES TO CONFER ON POLICIES.

Union's Attitude Toward Meeting Said to Depend on Decision of Officials of Company.

DENVER, Sept. 26.—Fresh from the coal camps of Southern Colorado, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., will begin a series of conferences here tomorrow in the offices of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company. At these conferences, it is expected, there will be formulated whatever labor policy will result from Mr. Rockefeller's tour of inspection of mining properties.

Mr. Rockefeller spent today at the ranch of J. F. Weiborn, president of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, near Denver. It was a day of rest, which the Standard Oil man needed badly after his strenuous week of touring the coal mining region.

Percy Tetlow, a member of the committee representing the International executive board of the United Mine Workers of America, which on Saturday issued a statement suggesting a conference with Mr. Rockefeller, said tonight that no formal invitation had as yet been sent.

FOURTY-NINER IS DEAD

Peirce Rudio, Pioneer of West, Passes Away at Centralia.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 26.—(Special.)—Peter Rudio, a native of Germany, and one of the California gold seekers of 1849, died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Andrew Kahler, in this city.

Mr. Rudio was born in Strassburg in 1825, coming to the United States when five years of age. In the gold days he walked to Iowa, died in Wisconsin. He was married near Walla Walla, Or., in 1854, his wife dying last February. He is survived by six children. They are Mrs. Kahler, Mrs. I. J. Gilliam, of Ellensburg; W. M. Rudio, of Seattle; George Rudio, of Santa Paula, Calif.; Mrs. William Forsythe, of Milton, Or., and Mrs. W. M. Pierce, of La Grande. He was admitted to Masonry at the Dalles in 1858. The body will be sent to Walla Walla for interment.

T. P. HOLMES, 60, DEAD

Native of Oregon and Long Resident of Portland Passes.

All his life a resident of Oregon, Thomas P. Holmes, aged 60, died at his home, 1201 Commercial street, yesterday morning after a lingering illness. The funeral will be held Tuesday, although the hour has not yet been set.

Mr. Holmes was born in Yamhill County and lived there for 17 years. Then he came to Portland and in 1887 he married Miss Margaret Smith, daughter of the late George Smith, of Yamhill County. He was also survived by a brother, Oliver C. Holmes, of Portland.

HILL LINER KILLS WHALE

Great Northern Cuts Huge Sea Mammal in Twain, Jarring Craft.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26.—(Special.)—To not many travelers on the deep is it given to see a whale killed by a modern steamship, but that was the treat given the 325 passengers on the turbine Great Northern, which arrived from Plavet this afternoon. Just north of Point Arena this morning the Great Northern struck a huge whale fair amidships and cut the leviathan in two.

WOMEN WILL STUDY LAW

25 College Graduates Apply for Admission to New School.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Sept. 26.—(Special.)—Some 25 young women, graduates from Radcliffe, Barnard, Bryn Mawr and Smith colleges, have applied for admission to the first graduate law school in America, devoted exclusively to the instruction of women, which is to be opened this Fall.

Joseph Henry Beale Royall, professor in the Harvard Law School, is the head of the new institution, which is called the Cambridge Law School for Women. Lectures will be delivered in buildings belonging to Radcliffe College.

RAIN IS PROMISED AGAIN

Sunday Wet and Cloudy; Sun Seen Only for 59 Minutes.

It rained yesterday and, what's more, it's likely to rain again today. The weather man surveyed the situation last night and said "Showers Monday," and Fall showers usually mean something akin to rain, under conditions as they are now.

A considerable downpour followed the afternoon of drizzling shortly before 6 o'clock last night and sent a good many who had dared to brave the day scurrying to shelter. The entire day was cloudy, only 59 minutes of the day being clear.

BUOYANT FEELING STIRS ALL FRANCE

Beginning of Drive Is Felt in Paris.

BIG TROOP MOVEMENTS ON

People Optimistic in Face of Reverses of Russians.

NAPOLEON'S FATE UPLIFTS

Country Believes Kaiser Has Ventured Too Far Into Russia, and Has Prepared Himself to Be Badly Smashed.

BY CAROLYN WILSON.

PARIS, Sept. 26.—There is a general spirit of optimism in France, which, in the face of the Russian retreat and the present failure of a diplomatic adjustment in the Balkans, seems marvelous. I don't know in six months when I have felt such a healthy stirring of hope among the French people. They all believe—perhaps it would be truer to say, "We all believe," for every one with them—that a smashing offensive is going to come off in a short time, and they haven't a grain of doubt that it is going to be a "corker"—to render into corresponding slang their own phrase.

Big Troop Movement On.

There can be no doubt that there is and has been a tremendous changing of troops, concentration, and rearrangement. Either directly or indirectly through friends, I have kept in fairly close connection with 10 different men at the front.

Of these nine have already been removed to the sector of the Argonne and Alsace, and the tenth, who still remains just back of Ypres, in that little space where a few French troops are left with the British, wrote his mother the first of the week that he is to move east too, in a short time.

Now if these 10 men, in different regiments, concerned with various branches of the army—equal in direct acquaintance on the front—are all removed, it stands to reason that a large percentage is being massed in the east.

British Holding 100 Miles.

This may partly be due to the large English forces which have come over and which are now holding a much greater portion of the line.

I understand that, with a few minor exceptions, the British are holding about 100 miles—probably even a little over. They are to all intents and purposes in winter quarters, and will do nothing more except hold their line, unless the French should make such a successful attack that forces might be moved from opposite the British trenches to support the troops attacked by the French.

I have been assured over and over (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

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CANAL CLOSED FOR WEEK

Recent Slide Is Worst in History of Panama Waterway.

PANAMA, Sept. 26.—(Special.)—It will be another week before the canal is reopened. Fifty-five ships have been delayed so far, and some of them have turned back. The recent slide is the worst in the history of the canal, eighteen months will be required in excavation work to remove all the earth that slipped into the canal.

CLUB POST TO BE GIVEN UP

F. W. Hild, Scheduled to Leave, Is Multnomah Vice-President.

F. W. Hild, general manager of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, who is to leave shortly for Denver to take up a similar position there, probably will resign the office of vice-president of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, which he now holds, according to an announcement which he made last night. The matter will come up at a meeting of the trustees of the club, which is to be held today.

BATTLE RAGING ON FRONT OF 300 MILES

Every Sector Being Hammered by Allies.

TRENCHES BATTERED DOWN

German Positions on First Line Filled With Dead.

TROOPS WORK IN UNISON

Terrific Conflict of Marne Is Exceeded in Intensity and Numbers Engaged; Kaiser's Reserves Are Held at Bay.

PARIS, Sept. 26.—(Special Cable.)

By a combined, simultaneous onslaught with overwhelming forces on every sector of the battle front, stretching 300 miles from the North Sea to the Vosges Mountains, the French and British armies have captured more than 20 miles of German trenches and fortifications for a depth in many instances of two and one-half miles, have seized fortified villages and vantage points and have taken more than 20,000 prisoners and many guns.

The battle, which began Saturday night, which raged with undiminished fury all Saturday night, still continues with the forces in death grip in hand-to-hand fighting, in which bayonets are being used.

Battle Greater Than Marne.

In the number of troops engaged, in the terrific havoc wrought by countless batteries of the heaviest artillery and in the magnitude of the new offensive drive begun by General Joffre, Commander-in-Chief of the French, and Field Marshal Sir John French, Commander-in-Chief of the British, to expel the Germans, the vast conflict now under way exceeds even the battle of the Marne, which halted the invasion of France in its momentous bearing on the fate of the warring nations.

The terrific assault, begun Saturday and now being pressed with unabated vigor and determination, came after ten months' of patient preparation by the French and British commanders.

The battle was preceded by preparatory thunder of the hundreds of huge new cannon built for the supreme conflict and which, for 50 hours, literally rained fire on the German fortifications, both explosive and incendiary shells being hurled into the positions held by the Teutonic soldiers.

The German War Office pays tribute to the ruin caused by this bombardment in its reference to the fact that the French "penetrated our battered-down trenches."

Armies Act Simultaneously.

Following a conference several days ago between General Joffre and Field Marshal Sir John French, the allied commanders made ready for their simultaneous assaults. It was decided that the French would send enormous columns of infantry into action in the

Sunday's War Moves

TWENTY thousand unwounded prisoners and dead and wounded on both sides not yet numbered figure in the toll in the first two days' drive of the Anglo-French forces, who have begun a great offensive movement against the German entrenchments along the line of the war zone, which extends from the North Sea to the Swiss frontier.

Two distinctive operations are underway, one to the north of Arras and the other in Champagne region, while there has been an incessant bombardment along the almost entire front. Both the British and French have been successful, carrying trenches extending over a distance of 20 miles, and a depth varying up to two and one-half miles.

It is reported that the advance still is continued, the ground gained having in a large measure, been held and constructed. The Berlin War Office admits the retirement of the German forces at various points, but minimizes the result of the engagements.

The British gains have been to the north of Arras. They have taken the town of Loos and the quarries north-west of Hulluch and have compelled the Germans to draw on their reserves to check the advance.

For the time being the development of events in the west have overshadowed those in the eastern theater, where the Russians have stayed the progress of the Austro-Germans at many points and apparently have succeeded in netting themselves well in hand for further offensive and defensive operations.

The quick answer of Greece to Bulgarian mobilization probably has been a factor in clearing the atmosphere with respect to Bulgaria's intentions. The Bulgarian government has notified the powers that the mobilization of the Bulgarian army was not intended as an offensive measure. Individual members of the Bulgarian government also have expressed themselves to the same effect.

Nevertheless both Greece and Roumania continue to make ready for any eventualities.

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Bomb dropped in Paris beheads woman and maims girl. German advance upon Warsaw is declared failures. Battle rages furiously, without decisive result, in France.

GIRLS SURE OF ESCORTS

Fair Sex, in Majority, Pass Rules for Jefferson Boys of 1914 Class.

Boys of the 1914 class at Jefferson High School have become complacent subjects of a social despotism developed by the girls of the same class, apparently for the purpose of seeing that all of the girls are taken care of for the class party on October 1.

The proportion of girls to boys in the class is about five to three, and they voted a social despotism under the class must escort only girls of the 1914 class to the party, while the girls have the privilege of inviting escorts where they choose.

CONGRESS TO STUDY GAS

Week to Be Devoted to Development of Problem at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26.—New processes in the utilization and manufacture of gas for cooking and lighting purposes, the problems of gas management and the relations of public utilities to Government will be discussed by experts this week at the third International Gas Congress, which opens here tomorrow and will be in session five days.

"Gas week" will open tomorrow with the annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Gas Association.

RANCH MANAGER IS FREE

Man Held by Mexican Bandits for Ransom on Way to Border.

EL PASO, Sept. 26.—E. P. Fuller, manager of the Cudahy ranch at Santo Domingo, near Villa Ahumada, who was recently kidnaped for a ransom, said to have been equivalent to \$2000 in United States currency, has been released and has reached Villa Ahumada. A message received from him today said he expected to reach the border on the first train north, but gave no details of his release or whether the ransom sent to the bandits from here was paid.

CARRANZA ARMS HELD UP

Munitions Stopped at Border on Orders From Washington.

LAREDO, Tex., Sept. 26.—United States customs officials today held up 500,000 rounds of cartridges and a large number of Army rifles destined for use by the Carranza forces, on orders said to have emanated from Washington. All ammunition will be so held pending further orders, it was said here today. It is not known whether this is the beginning of a new embargo on arms to belligerents in Mexico.

MARINES KILL 40 HAITIENS

Rebels Attack Americans and Wound Ten Men.

CAPE HAITIEN, Sept. 25.—In an attack by Haitian rebels on an American force about two miles from Cape Haitien 40 Haitians were killed, 20 Americans were wounded.

The rebels have refused to disarm and the Americans are marching on Haut-du-Cap, in the Plain of the North.

CURB ON TIPPLERS WHO SMOKE IS AIM

Temperance Union Has "Lovely Scheme."

SUPREME COURT AID IS HOPE

To Class Tobacco Users as Narcotic Addicts Is Idea.

LAW TO BAR DRUG SLAVES

Lecturer Outlines Plan Amid Applause of Meeting Addressed by Attorney-General and Prosecutor on Prohibition Act.

If the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has its way, no person who uses tobacco in any form will be permitted to receive shipments of liquor in Oregon after the Prohibition law goes into effect next January 1, even in the limited quantities prescribed by the act.

Mrs. Mattie M. Sleeth, state lecturer for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, told an audience in the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Vancouver avenue and Fargo street, yesterday afternoon, of a "perfectly lovely scheme" the union has in view for depriving tobacco users of their drinks.

Proposed Process Is Simple.

The process of eliminating them from the privileged ones who under the law can ship 24 quarts of beer or two quarts of spirituous liquor a month, is to be quite simple, as Mrs. Sleeth outlined it.

In the affidavit for all liquor consignees to sign they must swear among other things that they are "not addicted to the use of narcotic drugs." The plan of the union is to have tobacco users declared addicts to the use of narcotic drugs.

Supreme Court Aid Is Hope.

Makes no difference whether you smoke it, chew it, or perchance, use it as snuff—the use of the weed in any form would deprive you automatically, under this arrangement.

"The Woman's Christian Temperance Union," Mrs. Sleeth explained, "has a perfectly lovely scheme in view to get the Supreme Court to declare that tobacco users are addicted to the use of narcotic drugs."

This announcement, which she made following addresses by George M. Brown, State Attorney General, and Walter H. Evans, District Attorney of Multnomah County, on enforcement of the Prohibition law, evoked an outburst for the most spirited applause.

Liquor Delivery Is Doubtful.

"That was one point the speakers have not touched on," continued Mrs. Sleeth. "And another one is that under the law liquor shipments must be delivered at the residence of the consignee. Well, I guess some of that liquor will never be delivered. The women will have something to say about that."

There was more enthusiastic applause. Introducing Attorney-General Brown, the first formal speaker on the programme, Mrs. Sleeth described him as "a dry Attorney-General of a dry state, who will tell you 'how the W. C. T. U. can help enforce the prohibition law.'"

Women Told They Can Aid. He said there was more that the women could do to aid in the enforcement of the law.

Mr. Brown expressed the belief that the District Attorneys of the state will do the best they can to enforce the law, but added that it would be necessary for every law enforcer under the act to have a great deal of courage, spirit, energy and patriotism.

"When business gets adjusted, and people will begin to feel that this law is a good thing after all, it will be easier," he said.

"The law has got to be backed by force. No law is greater than the force behind it.

"One of the first things you must consider is how the Portland police force stands on the subject of enforcing the prohibition law. How are you going to prove that they knew there was a blind tizer, and did not act on it?"

Care in Fixing Blame Advised.

"But never blame the police force unless you have something to blame it for."

"The assumption is, of course, that the police and the Sheriff's force will do their full duty. But that is for you to ask them and keep asking them until there is no longer any doubt. Find out how your Constable's office stands. Find out how your magistrates and your judges stand. Some of them may not be inclined to punish the man who violates the prohibition law as they would punish the man who violates the burglary law."

Liquor Is Being Stored.

District Attorney Evans spoke on the subject. "Can the Prohibition Law Be

THERE'S SOMETHING DOING AT THE STATE FAIR THIS WEEK.

