



ALLIES' DRIVE STILL GOES ON

Germans Regain No Ground but Make Stand.

FOES FIGHT HAND-TO-HAND

British Report Inflicting Heavy Losses on Enemy Near Hulluch.

BERLIN TELLS OF CHECK

Counter Attacks Result in Furious Battle at Close Range.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—The great offensive of the second British forces against both sides of the elbow joint on the German positions on the western fronts has not slackened, but General Joffre's afternoon bulletin reported no new outstanding success.

The British official statement told briefly of heavy losses inflicted on the Germans northwest of Hulluch, where heavy German counter attacks were carried out during the course of the day.

Berlin Says Drive Is Checked.

Berlin maintains that by means of counter attacks the allies' drives have been checked, with heavy losses, but as the Germans make no claim of having recovered the ground taken from them, the indications are the allied gains on Saturday and Sunday generally have been maintained and at some points improved, and that the fighting has reached the state of vicious attacks and counter attacks, which may persist for weeks.

Berlin reports insist that any stories that the German line has been pierced are untrue, and it is pointed out that those who have seen service in the west know it to be impossible for the allies to break through.

Prisoner Total Is High.

It is estimated the prisoners captured by the allies during the rush will reach a total of more than 25,000, but this is offset to some extent by the German claims that nearly 7000 French and British fell into their hands.

Denied further news of the great battle, England is awaiting developments with an eagerness not equalled since the critical days when the Germans fell back from the gates of Paris. In the meantime, the public is warned to expect heavy losses, and that the Germans, already 2,000,000 strong from the coast to the Swiss frontier, may throw reinforcements into the line for a struggle the like of which even this bloody war has not yet seen.

Allies' Task Far From Over.

Optimists also are reminded that the Germans are likely to put the most dependence on the second and third line of defenses, relying upon machine guns, which means that a difficult task is ahead of the allies.

The fighting in the eastern theater has brought no important change, but England regards the position of the Russian arms as improving daily, which strengthens the hope here that Germany dare not weaken her 700-mile eastern front in order to fill the gaps in the west.

The Bulgarian situation remains obscure, resulting, as it did last night, in the oft-repeated assurances of Sofia that the country intends merely to maintain an armed neutrality.

Germans Are Confident.

BERLIN, via London, Sept. 27.—The Berlin newspapers are devoting much space to the "great offensive" in the west. The tone of the comment is one of satisfaction that the long-expected attack finally has begun, and there is current confidence regarding the outcome.

The Lokal Anzeiger reproduces the views held in official quarters, where the offensive is regarded as having failed. It is also pointed out officially that the reinforcements have been brought up in time at the threatened points, and there is no prospect of the Anglo-French driving the German lines back.

It is admitted that the French and British suffered heavy losses, and

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APPOINTMENT OF MR. HILD RATIFIED

DENVER TRAMWAY DIRECTORS FOR HIM UNANIMOUSLY.

October 1 Date Fixed for Appointment to Become Effective—Beeler Not to Leave at Present.

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—The appointment of F. W. Hild, former manager of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, as manager of the Denver Tramway Company was ratified here today by the directors of the company, his appointment to take effect Friday next, October 1.

He succeeds John A. Beeler, although Mr. Beeler will remain with the company for the present in an advisory capacity and at the same salary, \$10,000 a year.

Acceptance of the resignation and ratification of the appointment of Mr. Hild to succeed Mr. Beeler was unanimous.

Claude Boettcher, chairman of the directors, said: "There was no friction of any kind at the meeting and Mr. Beeler's resignation was accepted with regret. Conflicting reports published have been unjust to Mr. Beeler, I think, and it is only fair to him to say that the announcement of Mr. Hild's coming to Denver emanating prematurely from this city unintentionally placed him and the directorate in a wrong light."

CHINESE MONARCHY WAITS

President Says Citizens' Convention Must Decide.

PEKING, Sept. 27.—President Yuan Shi Kai today replied to the suggestion by parliament that there should be immediate action whether the people want a monarchy or a republic, by stating that the decision must await the vote of the citizens' convention.

"The responsibility for passing the constitution devolves on the citizens' convention," said President Yuan. "As the solution of the question concerns the nation's foundation, it is imperative that we proceed carefully. We already have fixed November 20 for the final elections. When these are completed, the convention will be inaugurated, and we then shall ascertain the people's opinion."

COUNT'S SLAYER GIVES UP

Assassin of Galician Governor Proposes to Become Citizen.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Myerslap Jeczynski, a Ruthenian fugitive from justice who assassinated Count Andreas Potocki, Governor of Galicia, in 1908, and escaped from prison after his conviction, surrendered himself to F. O. Howe, immigration commissioner at Ellis Island.

Skoczynski has been in the United States several months, having passed the immigration authorities with little difficulty. Until today his identity was not suspected.

He requested an adjudication of his status in this country in order that he might apply for citizenship. His case was adjudged and he was paroled in custody of his counsel.

HARRIMAN ESTATE LOSES

Verdict for \$60,000 Given in Suit Over Land Deal.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 27.—A verdict of \$60,000 against Mrs. Mary W. Harriman and the estate of her husband, the late Edward H. Harriman, railroad magnate, was rendered by a sheriff's jury today.

Mrs. Anna N. Lauer, of Penfield brought the action to recover damages, alleging that false representations were made to her regarding a tract of land which she purchased from agents of Mr. Harriman in 1904.

No defense was entered by Mrs. Harriman.

TWO ZEPPELINS SIGHTED

Only One of Warships Returns to Base Over Holland.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Sept. 27.—Two Zeppelins flew over Northern Holland this morning, traveling in a northwesterly direction. Both displayed the German battle flag. They were at a great height and going fast.

A few hours later one of the airships returned to its German base.

TURKS SUBSCRIBE \$500,000

Funds Given to Third War Loan as Expression of Sympathy.

CONSTANTINOPLE, via London, Sept. 27.—A large number of Turks, all of moderate means, subscribed an aggregate of nearly \$500,000 to the third German war loan as an expression of sympathy for Germany.

Virtually all the subscriptions were for small amounts.

GERMANS TO BE INTERNED

London Police Require All Not Exempt to Surrender.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Every male German, Turk and Austrian of military age in London who has not been granted exemption will be required today to surrender to the police.

Austrians under 51 years of age and Germans under 55 years will be interned.

BURNING GASOLINE SENDS 31 TO DEATH

Ardmore, Okla., Shaken by Explosion.

200 DANGEROUSLY INJURED

Tank Car Bursts and Sprays Town With Flaming Liquid.

MARTIAL LAW DECLARED

Fires Break Out on All Sides. Other Victims Believed to Be Under Wreckage on Main Street, Which Is in Ruins.

ARDMORE, Okla., Sept. 27.—At least 31 persons were killed and it is estimated, 200 others were injured dangerously here this afternoon when a 250-barrel tank car of gasoline standing near the Santa Fe freight office, in the business district, exploded. "The force of the explosion shook down many buildings and threw burning gasoline in every direction. A few minutes later Ardmore was at the mercy of scores of fires."

At 8 o'clock tonight the fires were under control and the city was under martial law. Private homes immediately were thrown open to the injured and scores of men were working tonight in the smoldering ruins along Main street in search for additional victims.

Street Wrecked by Explosion.

Not a building on Main street escaped damage, either as a result of the force of the explosion or of the fires following. The publishing plants of the Daily Advertiser and the Statesman were damaged.

All school buildings, business houses and residences within 12 blocks of the business district bear evidence of the explosion. Practically every window in the city was shattered.

Two workmen were repairing the tank at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, when one of them struck it with a hammer. A spark from the blow ignited fumes escaping through a small leak. The explosion followed. The workmen were blown to pieces.

Railroad Station Shattered.

The shock shattered the Ardmore railroad station used by the Santa Fe, Frisco and Rock Island railroads, and the Rock Island freight station and scores of other buildings took fire from the flying liquid.

The flames spread rapidly until all of Main street appeared a roaring furnace. Thirty freight cars in the Santa Fe Railroad yards were destroyed. The fall of smoke hanging over the city prevented rescuers from doing effective work.

The roof of the Whittington Hotel was blown in by the force of the first explosion, but all guests were believed safe.

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11 ARE CAUGHT IN CAVE-IN

Hope for Victims in Wilkesbarre Mine Is Abandoned.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Sept. 27.—Eleven mineworkers were entombed today at Coaldale Colliery of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company at Coal-dale, as the result of a fall of rock. The fall was caused by a heavy blast, and extends for fully 300 feet, blocking the single passage leading to the chamber in which the men were at work.

Hope of reaching any of these men alive has been given up.

RAILWAY RECEIVER QUITS

Rock Island Resignation Held Up Until Associate Is Consulted.

CHICAGO, Sept. 27.—H. U. Mudge, one of the receivers for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, resigned today. Judge Carpenter, of the United States Circuit Court, to whom the resignation was submitted, refused to accept it until he consulted Judge Dickinson, former Secretary of War, the other receiver.

TURKS BANISH PRIESTS

Catholics Driven From Constantinople, Sofia Learns.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—A Sofia dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company says: "According to private advice from Constantinople the Turks are expelling all Catholic priests from that city."

PULPITS ASSIGNED FOR NEXT PERIOD

Methodists for Strict Sabbath Observance.

BISHOP HIGHLY COMMENDED

Five Deacons Ordained and Six Deceased Elders.

ONE PASTOR WILL RETIRE

Rev. R. J. Cooke Leaves for Los Angeles to Attend Meeting of Higher Body and Delegates to Roseburg Conference Depart.

ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—The adoption of resolutions commending the administration of Bishop Cooke, and favoring enforcement of the Oregon Sunday-closing law, consideration of reports from the various committees of the church, and the appointment of pastors for the ensuing year, comprised the chief business transacted at the closing day's sessions of the annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which has been in high esteem for his personal qualities, worth service and administration, and that we thank him for his able addresses and sermons and for the brotherly and impactful manner in which he has presided over our sessions.

That if in the order of the church, he should be assigned to this Episcopal area for another quadrennium, we will give him a most cordial welcome and pledge to him our loyal support in his administration of the affairs of the church in the Northwest. (Signed) Frank L. Loveland, Watson Shipworth, T. B. Ford, C. M. Knight, committee.

Sunday Observance Advocated. Another important resolution adopted by the conference pertained to the Oregon Sunday-closing law, which was recently held to be constitutional by a decision of the Supreme Court of this state. The resolution was entitled "The Sanctity of the Sabbath," and was introduced by Rev. A. R. Maclean.

Mr. Maclean said the ministers rejoiced in the decision of the Supreme Court, and declared it to be the resolve of every minister to do all within his power in the way of educating public opinion to keep the law in effect. Mr. Tuttle, head of the social service committee, reported that a still more stringent law was in preparation, and would be submitted at the next general election. He said he hoped to make it impossible even to purchase a newspaper on Sunday.

The petition of Rev. J. L. Beatty, of Cottage Grove, who asked to be re-elected, was referred to the committee on the petition of Rev. J. L. Beatty.

MAN, 91, SEEKS OFFICE

Democrats and Republicans Both Name Him Candidate.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—Milton C. Loudon, 91, of Linden, decided this morning to seek his first political office at the Fall election. This afternoon he was nominated for Justice of the Peace by Linden Democrats, and tonight his candidacy was returned by the Republican organization of the borough.

Although he has never before been a candidate for any political office, Mr. Loudon declares that if his services as Justice prove pleasing, he will seek higher honors at the polls.

ENGLISH GET NO WAR NEWS

Complaint Made on Behalf of Recruiting and Relatives.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Not one word descriptive of the momentous operations in France, hardly 100 miles away, had reached the London newspapers late this afternoon since the laconic dispatch of Sir John French last night, with the exception of today's official French report.

Newspapers are urging relaxation of the censorship. They contend it would be helpful in recruiting and that the relatives of the men at the front are entitled to more information concerning their achievements.

EXPLORER REACHES PORT

Discoverer of Baffin Island Just Learns of War.

QUEBEC, Sept. 27.—Captain Joseph Bernier, the Canadian Arctic explorer, has reached port on his vessel, the Guide, after a successful trip to the new land known as Baffin Island, and which in 1916 will be recognized as a Canadian possession.

Captain Bernier and his crew set sail for the north on July 4, 1914, and it was not until the receipt of letters and papers a month ago that the captain and his crew were informed of the European war.

GERMAN COMMANDS SHIFT

Von Eichhorn Among Disfavored Since Failure to Surround Russians.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Owing to the failure of the Teutonic forces to surround the Russian army at Vilna, there have been many changes in the German commands, says a dispatch from Petrograd to Reuter's Telegram Company.

Even General von Eichhorn's name is mentioned as being among those in disfavor, according to statements made by German prisoners.

FRENCH TRANSPORT LOST

Berlin Reports Sinking of 5000-Ton Coal Carrier by Austria.

BERLIN, Sept. 27.—(By wireless to Sayville.)—"A dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung from Athens says that a French transport steamer of 5000 tons has been sunk by an Austrian submarine in the Libyan Sea," says the Overseas News Agency.

"The steamer was carrying coal from Malta to Cyprus."

German Diplomats Leave for East.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—Captain Franz von Papen, military attaché of the German embassy at Washington, and Prince von Hatzfeldt-Trachenberg, counselor of the embassy, left here today for Denver. They arrived here last Wednesday.

ESCAPED CONVICT SHOOT'S MARSHAL

J. J. BENSON, OF JEFFERSON, IS FELLE BY OTTO HOOKER.

Superintendent Minto and Posse Are in Pursuit of Fugitive, Who Heads for Albany.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 27.—Harry Minto, Superintendent of the Oregon State Penitentiary, was shot and killed by Otto Hooker, an escaped convict, at 11:30 o'clock tonight.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—Attempting to arrest Otto Hooker, a convict who had escaped this afternoon from a gang of 25 convicts grubbing brush a mile south of the Penitentiary, J. J. Benson, City Marshal of Jefferson, was shot and probably fatally wounded by Hooker. Hooker waved the officer's revolver from him, when Benson approached too near, and shot him. The convict then fled down Jefferson's main street and escaped. He is believed to be making his way south toward Albany.

With a posse of 10 men from the prison, Superintendent Minto is pursuing Hooker.

The bullet fired by Hooker struck Marshal Benson just above the collar bone, ranging downward. When Hooker slipped into the brush from the field where the gang of prisoners was at work, he was not missed immediately. Later, when the alarm was sounded, Superintendent Minto with prison guards rushed to the scene in an automobile. They trailed him southward and Minto, leaving part of the posse, pushed on ahead to Jefferson, where he notified Marshal Benson to be on the watch. Minto then returned to the vicinity of where the escape took place.

Avoiding his pursuers, Hooker entered Jefferson about 10 o'clock tonight and was accosted by Benson, who surrounded him to surrender. According to word reaching here, Hooker made as if to comply, but when Benson walked up to him, he grappled with the officer and wrested the gun from his grasp. Hooker then turned the revolver on the Marshal and shot him.

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STATE FAIR GROUNDS, Salem, Or.

Sept. 27.—(Special.)—Gates of the Oregon State Fair swung wide today for the 54th annual week's exhibition, and 4000 persons, by estimate, poured into the grounds. Cloud-flecked skies, reminders of Sunday's showers, marked the opening hours, but as the day advanced a beneficent sun swept them clear.

With the first day given over to the children, the youngsters flocked to the grounds by hundreds and formed the greater portion of those in attendance. Children were everywhere, inspecting the exhibits, patronizing the amusements along concession way, and swarming at inopportune moments over the track during the races.

Officials were kept busy herding the stray youths back of the fence that lines the course. No accidents were reported.

Salem Schools Give Programme.

A literary and musical programme was given by Salem school children this morning in the new auditorium.

The races formed the principal attraction today, and although the track was muddy and slow in consequence, the events were marked by close finishes, which gave a touch of excitement.

Thrills were supplied by Aviator Minter, who, in his biplane, circled around the track and above the grandstand for eight minutes. With daring dips and glides the Seattle flyer startled spectators. He is scheduled to fly twice each day throughout the remaining days of the fair.

Bands Give Concerts.

McElroy's band of Portland and the Salem Cherrybuds band gave concerts during the day and tonight. Other than the music there was no set programme tonight, but thousands visited the exhibits.

The tent city in the oak grove, just within the gates, had reached a population of 2000 tonight, and Albert Toner, who is in charge, said that he expected several hundred more campers tomorrow.

Good roads enthusiasts began arriving here today for the meeting which they will hold tomorrow morning in the new auditorium. Charles W. Myers, representing the Portland Chamber of Commerce, is superintending the preliminary arrangements here for the meeting.

Mr. Meier to Preside.

Julius Meier, of Portland, president of the Columbia Highway Association, will act as chairman. Governor Withycombe and other members of the State Highway Commission, the advisory board of the commission, and prominent good roads men have been requested to speak.

In the afternoon a programme will be given in the new auditorium under the auspices of the women's clubs of the state. The Governor will deliver the welcoming address. Among the speakers will be Mrs. Anna L. Strong, of the Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.

State Hospital Display Amazes.

Among the exhibits in the new pavilion which drew the admiration and wonder of visitors today is the display of farm products shown by the Oregon State Hospital. The wide variety of fruits, vegetables, grains and grasses raised on the State Hospital Farm is unexcelled by any county, judging from what the different booths show. The

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4000 AT SALEM ON FIRST DAY OF FAIR

Children Swarm Over Grounds and Track.

SCHOOLS GIVE PROGRAMME

Counties, Farms and Institutions Show Products.

AVIATOR'S GLIDES THRILL

Hens With Record of 281 Eggs to Credit, Great Beds of Dahlias and Other Flowers, and Displays From Industries Seen.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME AT STATE FAIR.

Good Roads day and Women's day.

10 A. M.—Aeroplane flight. 10:30 A. M.—Good roads meeting in new auditorium. 1:30 P. M.—High-wire act; races at Lone Oak track; band concert. 2 P. M.—Aeroplane flight. 2 P. M.—Women's Club programme in new auditorium. 4:30 P. M.—Free art lecture in art department of new pavilion by Mrs. Alice Webster, Portland. 7 P. M.—Fireworks display. 7:30 P. M.—Concert in new auditorium by McElroy's Band, and selections by State Fair Glee Club and Salem Business Men's Quartet. 7:50 P. M.—Community sing in old auditorium.

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