

## TITANIC BATTLE OPENS IN FRANCE

### Important Victory Seems Start of Vast Drive.

## FORWARD STEP IS GIGANTIC

### Franco-British Allies Envelop Peronne From the North, Taking Second Line.

## SOYECOURT VILLAGE WON

### Attack Made on Front of 12 Miles, 5000 Germans Being Taken Captive.

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PARIS, Sept. 4.—(Special.)—The French won a magnificent and highly important victory yesterday north of the Somme and I have reason to believe that the last night's communique begins another series such as we had in the first days of the great offensive.

The question whether the battle of yesterday was the prelude to a vast Franco-British offensive is one the censor would not permit to be answered, but it is evident that the French General Staff would not have begun that action except according to concerted allied plans.

### Attack Is on Big Front.

Tonight's official communique, which was passed by the censor, says: "A bloody battle is going on on both banks of the Somme. The French have made fresh progress east of the village of Forest, north of the river, and on the south have successfully attacked objectives along a front of 20 kilometers (12½ miles), from Barleux to Chaules.

"The village of Soyecourt was brilliantly carried by assault, as well as part of Vermandovillers. More than 5000 prisoners have been taken north and south of the Somme in the last two days.

"Progress also was made on the right bank of the Meuse, in the Verdun sector, in the Fleury region."

### Grant Forward Step Made.

Yesterday's action constitutes a giant step forward on the road enveloping Peronne from the north and also shortens by many miles the British march on Bapaume. The German second line from the Somme north to Comblès now is entirely in French hands. That line passed through Clerly, La Forest and slightly west of Comblès. All these positions are now held by the French. Their line touches the borders of Comblès, which is a powerful fortified position intended by the Germans to be an impregnable support for their second line.

The French broke into the Germans' second line when they took Maurepas and now hold it across its whole depth. Moreover, Comblès stands on the eastern edge of the plateau of which Thierval marks the western limits.

### Germans Now Enveloped.

In turning it into a fortress, surrounded by a powerful system of minor defenses in Maurepas, Le Forest, Guillemont and Ginchy, the Germans intended it to serve the double purpose of protecting Bapaume on the north and in conjunction with Mont St. Quentin of defending Peronne on the south. The French were making an enveloping movement on Peronne from the north.

Now, with the German second line in French hands and French troops on the borders of Comblès, the German cannon no longer can be served from there.

### New District Opened.

It is four kilometers across the low-lying, marshy ground from Clerly to Mont St. Quentin. From the latter point the Germans bombarded Peronne in 1870, and now they have a chance of seeing the position reversed.

The advance yesterday relieved the French lines south of the Somme, from Biaches to Vermandovillers, from an enflading fire by the Germans north of the river. Mont St. Quentin is the other point from which the Germans are able to enfilade these lines, and its capture not only will mean the fall of Peronne, but will open the whole district from Ver-

## VENISON BARBECUE PLEASURES GOVERNOR

### RIDDLE GUN CLUB IS HOST TO BIG CROWDS.

### Bucks, Roasted Whole, Are Served and Addresses and Sports Are Enjoyed.

ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—With more than 2000 people from all sections of Douglas County in attendance, the Rod and Gun Club, of Riddle, today held its fourth annual venison barbecue under the most favorable conditions.

The programme of the day included brief addresses by Governor James Withycombe, of Salem; Bishop Walter Sumner, of Portland; Judge J. W. Hamilton, of Roseburg; band concerts, rifle events, fly casting, dancing and other entertainment features.

The barbecue closed tonight following a dance held in the open-air pavilion. State Game Warden Carl D. Shoemaker and a number of his deputies were among those present at the barbecue.

## FOES GET MILITARY HONOR

### British Bury German Airship Victims as Befits Soldiers.

LONDON, Sept. 4.—Officers and men of the German airship destroyed Saturday night while raiding England, will be buried with full military honors. Details of the funeral have not been settled but the bodies probably will be put in separate graves in a church yard near the spot where they were found after the airship fell.

Each body will be placed in an oak coffin, covered with a German flag and carried to the burial place on a gun carriage. British soldiers will compose the firing party and a British army chaplain will conduct the services.

"Every British airman killed in action over the German lines," says one of the morning newspapers today, "has received the honor of a military funeral and the allies will accord similar honors to enemy soldiers when the opportunity offers."

## WORD "OBEY" ELIMINATED

### Protestant Episcopal Church to Change Marriage Ceremony.

CHICAGO, Sept. 4.—The commission of seven bishops, seven pastors and seven laymen of the Protestant Episcopal church, appointed to revise the ritual of the church, has determined to eliminate the word "obey" from the marriage ceremony, it was learned here today.

The commission will report to the general convention of the church at St. Louis October 11. Radical changes were proposed in the ten commandments, the burial and baptismal services, and in arrangements of various prayers. The tenth commandment, as an example, will be shortened to "Thou shalt not covet anything that is thy neighbor's," if the commission report is adopted.

## VERNON CASTLE IS KILLED

### Noted Dancer Meets Death in Action on Front in France.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—(Special.)—Vernon Castle, one of the foremost exponents of the modern dance on the American stage, who went abroad several months ago to join the colors under the British flag, has been killed in action in France, according to reports received here today. For several days past there has been a rumor along Broadway to the effect Castle had met his end in the war, but it remained for a letter received by Miss Mildred Francis, a former actress, from Lieutenant Lewis Sloden, in France, today to confirm the report.

According to the letter from Sloden, Castle was killed two weeks ago while flying over the German lines.

## CAMPAIGN TOURS PLANNED

### Trips for Messrs. Hughes, Fairbanks, Roosevelt and Taft Outlined.

CHICAGO, Sept. 4.—When Charles E. Hughes is speaking in the West, Charles W. Fairbanks will be speaking in the East, according to plans of the Republican campaign committee worked out to avoid a conflict in dates.

Mr. Hughes will, it is said, not go further west than Oklahoma the next two trips he makes. Theodore Roosevelt may speak in Indianapolis early in October.

The plan also provide for a tour of the Central and Western states by ex-United States Senator A. J. Beveridge and William H. Taft in October.

## PASTOR'S SLAYER ADMITS

### Minister Is Said to Have Been Ousted for Misconduct.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 4.—Will Trotter, under arrest at Shady Grove, Ala., charged with killing the Rev. J. E. C. Harrison, admitted today, according to Shady Grove police officials, that he shot the pastor.

According to reports reaching Birmingham the minister had been suspended by church officials on charges of misconduct with Mrs. Trotter, who is organizer at the church.

## ORGANIZED LABOR PARADES IN FORCE

### Attractive Floats and Bands in Line.

## CHEERING THROUGH IN STREETS

### Some Trades Well Represented, While Others Are Few.

## ABOUT 2500 MEN MARCH

### Speaking in Parkway Follows Procession—Celebration Then Is Shifted to Columbia Beach for Rest of Day.

Organized labor turned out in full array yesterday to make the Labor day parade a big feature of the annual celebration. Also they made big affairs of exercises in South Parkway in the morning and of a general celebration at Columbia Beach during the afternoon and evening.

About 2500 workers were in the parade, which was one of the biggest organized labor demonstrations Portland has seen. Nearly every craft was represented, some with a few men, and others with hundreds. They walked in columns of six through the West Side business district, while thousands lined the streets and cheered.

### Floats and Bands in Line.

Attractive floats, some representing much work and expense, were featured here and there in the parade, and bands furnished lively music to which the paraders kept step.

The procession moved into the main business district from South Fourth street at 10 A. M., headed by Ferullo's band and officers and members of the Central Labor Council. At intervals in the line were placards bearing information regarding organized labor and the labor union membership and advantages.

### Printers Well Represented.

The allied printing trades union was represented by about 250 members each with a paper arm band bearing the words "Allied Printing Trades." This was one of the strongest represented unions in the parade. Bringing up the rear of the contingent was a float labeled "United Labor Means Living Wages." The printers had a band in their division.

The bricklayers' local was on hand with 200 members, and the structural ironworkers with about 225. Each union and each local were headed by their official banner.

The carpenters had the biggest turnout, there being about 425 of them in line. Their division extended nearly three blocks, with the men marching three abreast. The plasterers followed with about 60 men, the painters with

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## SEATTLE WILD MAN GETS THREE VICTIMS

### SERBIAN AMUCK IN HEART OF BUSINESS DISTRICT.

### Prey Attacked Without Warning and Struck With Gaspipe—One May Die of Injuries.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 4.—George Yalich, a Serbian, is declared by the police to have run amuck with a gas pipe tonight in the heart of the business district, inflicting dangerous injuries on one man, and serious injuries on two others before he was captured by the police. Four hours previously Yalich had been released from jail after serving a six-months sentence for stabbing six men, as a result of a war argument at the same place.

H. L. Peters, a printer, was hit on the head, and is believed to have suffered concussion of the brain. His condition is regarded as dangerous.

## LABOR SHORTAGE ACUTE

### Klamath Lumber Plant Has to Discontinue Night Shift.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—The sawmill of the Pelican Bay Lumber Company, of this city, the largest lumber plant in Klamath County, has been obliged to lay off its night shift of men for the reason that not enough men can be secured to run full force. Now that the night crew is not working, the men have been distributed to various positions among the day crew.

Other mills and logging camps are asking for men. Thus far they have been unable to obtain all the help needed. Advertisements are to no avail.

## ARGENTINA DEFERS REPLY

### Decision on Merchant Submarines to Be Made When One Arrives.

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 4.—The Argentine government has reached no final decision as to its reply to the representations of the entente allies that merchant submarines of a belligerent nation should be treated as warships. It is learned that Argentina's reply will state that the government has taken the request of the allies under favorable consideration, but that its reverse decision as to its attitude until such time as a submarine may arrive at an Argentine port.

## FOOD GAMBLERS HARD HIT

### Collapse of Strike Catches Dealers With Enormous Supplies.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—Food dealers who gambled on the expected isolation of New York from outside supplies as a result of the threatened railroad strike and held back shipments to unload at famine prices, found themselves today overwhelmed by their own plot. Prices suddenly collapsed with the averting of the strike and the food gamblers were caught with vast quantities of supplies on their hands. One speculator is reported to have lost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

## HUGHES IS HECKLED IN SOUTHERN TOWN

### Hostile Crowd Is Won Over by Candidate.

## CLOSE OF SPEECH APPLAUDED

### Nashville, Tenn., Audience Begins by Cheering for Wilson.

## ARBITRATION IDEA UPHELD

### Republican Candidate Brings Auditors to Feet to Acclaim Him by Declaring for Protection of American Rights.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 4.—In territory which no Republican Presidential nominee has ever visited before, Charles E. Hughes tonight faced a tumultuous audience in the Auditorium here. With cheers for Woodrow Wilson ringing again and again in his ears, heckled by questioners and halted often by Democratic sympathizers, the nominee criticized the Administration for its policies, argued for a protective tariff and, in a reference which the audience took to apply to the enactment of the Adamson bill, asserted that he stood firmly for the arbitration of all industrial disputes.

"I believe there is no grievance with respect to labor," Mr. Hughes said, "that cannot be settled by a fair, candid explanation of the facts."

## Arbitration Principle Upheld.

"We have, in the past, had to deal frequently with the opposition of employers to the principle of arbitration. Sometimes they have refused to arbitrate disputes. Public opinion has been against them. I stand here firmly for the principle of arbitrating industrial disputes, and I would not surrender it to anybody in the 'country.'"

## Legislation on Fact Approved.

"Now then I stand for two things. First for the principle of fair, impartial, thorough, candid arbitration; and second, for legislation on facts according to necessities of the case. And I am opposed to being dictated to either in the executive department or Congress by any power on earth before the facts are known."

"We have a great country and a great future. But it can only be preserved in one way: That way is the way of all honest, fair investigation and candid treatment. Show me the

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## JAPANESE TROOPS AND CHINESE FIGHT

### TOKIO RUSHES HEAVY REINFORCEMENTS TO MONGOLIA.

### Nipponese Accuse Celestials of Attacking Them When They Were Trying to Mediate.

TOKIO, Sept. 4.—Another clash between Chinese and Japanese troops is officially reported from Chaoyanwpo, Mongolia, and has led to the dispatch of heavy Japanese reinforcements.

It is contended that the Chinese attacked the Japanese while the Japanese were advancing to mediate between the Chinese and Mongolians.

PEKIN, Sept. 4.—Parliament today confirmed a compromise Cabinet as proposed by Premier Tuan Chi-Jui. The vote received by Premier Tuan Chi-Jui was almost unanimous. There was much opposition to several members of the compromise Cabinet, but the critical financial condition of the government and the seriousness of the Japanese demands for police power in Manchuria and Inner Mongolia silenced party strife.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Secret demands in addition to those published in dispatches from Peking are being pressed on China by Japan as a result of the recent clash of Chinese and Japanese troops at Cheng Chiatun. It became known here tonight that the situation is much more serious than has been indicated, confidential reports saying the unpublished demands threaten the authority of China over the whole of Inner Mongolia.

Officials here view the development with real anxiety, fearing another China-Japanese crisis, which might involve the interests of the United States. The Cheng Chiatun incident, trivial in itself, but coming on top of the strained relations ever since Japan took over Kiao-Chow from Germany, has been closely watched since Japan hastened to send 2000 soldiers to the disturbed district and her cabinet announced that a satisfactory outcome depended on China. Reports from Peking show alarm there.

## PUPILS SET NEW RECORD

### Baker School Attendance Beats Former Opening Days.

BAKER, Or., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—That Baker has passed the 5000 population mark was indicated by the greatest increase in school registration today in the history of Baker public schools. By noon 1393 pupils had registered, an increase of 131 over the opening day last year.

The rush was so great that Superintendent A. Strange this afternoon secured permission from the School Board to appoint an extra teacher and is seriously considering securing an extra room because the buildings are now filled.

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## GUARDSMEN REACH CLACKAMAS TODAY

### Third Oregon Infantry Passes Roseburg.

## GOVERNOR IS ON FIRST TRAIN

### Happy Soldiers Cheer Upon Crossing State Line.

## FINE CONDITION SHOWS

### Many Carloads of Equipment and Animals Coming—Men Ride in Tourist Sleepers—Salem Prepares Welcome.

ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—Tired and weary as a result of their long and tedious journey, but in the best of health and spirits, 412 members of Oregon military forces, in command of Colonel McLaughlin and 20 subordinate officers, arrived in Roseburg at 8:45 o'clock tonight, en route to Clackamas, after nearly 10 weeks passed at Imperial Beach and other military camps of Southern California.

Those aboard the first special train of 21 cars comprised Companies A, B and D, of Portland; Companies B, C and D, of Clackamas; the headquarters company, Machine Gun Company, Sanitary troops and the Infantry Band. Major L. A. Bowman was in command of the First Battalion.

## Colonel Praises Men.

"I have only the highest praise for the men under my command," said Colonel McLaughlin during the brief stop of the train here, "and it is with some personal regret on my part that we have been ordered to return to Oregon. The conduct and personal habits of the men have been excellent."

"The health of our men has been far better than anticipated and our sanitary forces are entitled to the highest commendation. I also delight in saying that the discipline and training received by the men while in camp have done much toward placing them in shape for actual service."

## Correspondence Is Heavy.

"To give some idea of the volume of correspondence which passed through the district headquarters during the nine weeks on border service, more than 10,000 communications were received and answered, over 80 per cent of which I had to personally examine. "While the men are glad to get back to Oregon and its invigorating climate, they do not regret the two months passed in border service."

Although the troops were given liberal ovations at every stop along the route the little town of Riddle, 39 miles south of Roseburg, outdid itself in genuine hospitality.

It was there that Governor Withycombe, of Oregon, boarded the train and formally welcomed the troops back to Oregon. As the train drew into the station the Riddle band rendered military airs, while a crowd of 2000 people cheered themselves hoarse. It was a welcome that will ever be remembered, according to those aboard the train. At Myrtle Creek, Grants Pass, Medford and other Southern Oregon points the boys were received with true Western hospitality.

## Roseburg Welcome Hearty.

Roseburg greets the boys an enthusiastic welcome as the train pulled into the station, and the troops responded with yells that rent the air.

"Oregon should be proud of her young men," said Governor Withycombe. "I am certainly proud that Oregon made such a grand showing, and was able to contribute such a fine body of men."

Seven other trains are scheduled to pass through Roseburg tonight, three carrying the remainder of the Oregon troops and four transporting the Washington forces. None of the officers of the Oregon troops passing through here tonight had received orders with reference to their movements following their arrival at Clackamas tomorrow.

## GUARDSMEN PASS ASHLAND

### Troops Cheer Themselves Hoarse Upon Entering Oregon.

ASHLAND, Or., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—Troop trains in seven sections bearing the Third Oregon Infantry from Imperial Beach, Cal., to Camp Withycombe have been passing through here today. The initial contingent went north at noon, consisting of the First Battalion and equipment, 22 cars in all, including tourist, box and flats. The two other battalions will arrive tonight at late hours.

Governor Withycombe met the first battalion at Grants Pass this afternoon, and will accompany it to camp. Citizens welcomed the soldier boys and were eager to learn of their experience on the border.

To a man they appeared in the pink of condition, both physical and mental, with no kickers in the ranks. Rumor that they might not be mustered out after reaching camp provoked no comment, showing the morale to be high. Colonel McLaughlin and staff accompanied the First Battalion. The military equipment accompanying each detachment is considerable, including auto trucks, ambulances and horses, in addition to the minor appliances. Of the 22 cars of the First Battalion, 14

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