



COMBLES TAKEN; ALLIES RUSH ON

British and French Sweep in From Three Sides.

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Thiepval and Gueudecourt in Hands of British, Together With Zollern Redoubt.

FRENCH CAPTURE WOODS

Pivotal Point of German Defense of Bapaume and Peronne Changes Hands.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—Combles, the pivotal point in the German line guarding the approach to Bapaume, on the north and Peronne on the south of the Somme front, has fallen before attacks of French and British, the Germans fighting to death, or surrendering when there was no longer hope.

French and British troops swept in from three sides after their capture of Morval and Fregicourt, broke through the German defenses, overran the town and carried all before them. This place, with its marvelous subterranean passages and powerful fortifications, had been caught in the grip of the entente allies, who, coming from the north and south, had already advanced far beyond it and cut off communication with the rear, except a narrow strip which was covered by the allied guns.

Town Filled With Dead.

At the end of the fighting the town was filled with the bodies of Germans, the French official statement says.

Prior to the loss of Combles, the effect of the victories of the French and British armies in the capture of important strategic points on the previous day was reflected in the official communication issued by the German War Office, which, after describing briefly the great artillery bombardment of the entente allies, lasting four days, and the attack between the Ancre and the Somme, admits that "the conquest of these villages on the line of Gueudecourt must be recognized," and adds: "But before all we must think of our heroic troops who faced the united Anglo-French principal force and the massed employment of material of the whole world's war industry, prepared during many months."

Two Other Towns Fall.

Thiepval, at the northwestern end of the British line, and the fortified town of Gueudecourt, northwest of Les Bouffes, also have fallen to the British. General Sir Douglas Haig's men, after capturing Thiepval, drove on eastward and took the Zollern redoubt, a strongly fortified position which lies between Thiepval and the bend in the British line at Courcellette.

The French likewise advanced beyond Fregicourt and captured the woods between that village and Morval and the greater part of the German fortified positions lying between the Bethune road to the western portion of the St. Vaast woods, nipping off another portion of the German line of communication south of Bapaume.

Much Booty Is Captured.

The German casualties in the fighting are declared by Paris to have been heavy, and, in addition, during the two days' fighting, more than 1200 Germans were made prisoners by the French, while the British took in excess of 1500. Large quantities of booty were taken by the entente allies.

The correspondent of the Associated Press went forward yesterday over the ridge in the Devil's wood and Ginchy region, which the British had fought for over two months to gain. He walked for two miles through an area which reverberated to the blasts of the great guns, picking his way between the bursts of flame from the crashing batteries and moving around the rows of cannon as one who seeks a ford in a stream. On the other side of the ridge he saw guns where he had never seen them before—on the promised land of the lower levels, which the British had won by persistent siege work.

The guns were close up to the British infantry, who listened to their thunder.

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FILIPINO GIRLS RUN AWAY FOR STUDY

PAIR APPLY FOR ADMISSION AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

One Denied Because of Lack of Knowledge of English, Other Registered in Pharmacy.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Sept. 26.—(Special.)—Intent upon securing an education in American colleges, two Filipino girls ran away from their native homes and traveled third class to the United States on a Japanese steamship, landing in Seattle a short time ago.

Senorita Cordero and Senorita Orosa are their names. Miss Cordero was denied admission to the university, but is studying English in high school and hopes to advance far enough soon so that she may take the entrance examination.

On the campus the girls present a strange appearance for they have not forsaken their native costume. Their dresses are of native material and have long trains attached which are pinned up while on the street, but are allowed to hang when in the house or classroom.

Miss Orosa has entered the pharmacy college as a special student and plans after completing her course to return to Baawan, in the islands, and start a pharmacy of her own.

The girls, through the university Y. M. C. A. have obtained homes in the university district and are pleasantly located and enthusiastic over their work. Miss Orosa has had considerable laboratory experience in the stores of her home city, Baawan.

SEVERE WINTER FORECAST

Indian George, 90, Says Snow Will Be Deeper This Year.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 26.—(Special.)—Indian weather forecasters and hunters who have killed bears this fall are predicting another hard winter for the mid-Columbia district. Herman Prerge, an Oak Grove resident, killed a 450-pound brum that had invaded the orchard district. The rolls of fat are declared to indicate a long, severe cold period.

Indian George, 90-year-old patriarch of local redmen, who foretold the big snow last year, warns his white friends against coming cold. George bases his forecasts on the condition of moss on trees and the great crop of acorns.

"Higher up snow coming than last winter," he says.

FOOTPRINT FOUND IN STONE

Cast Indicates Where Indian Maid Trod Thousands of Years Ago.

REDDING, Cal., Sept. 26.—The petrified imprint of a human foot, believed to be that of an Indian maiden made several thousand years ago, was on exhibition here today. The cast was found 20 feet below the surface by workmen digging an irrigation canal.

The Indian girl was thought to have stepped into soft dirt or mud. Water or wind then covered the imprint with sand, which later formed a sandstone mould giving even the details of the toes, ball of the foot and lines of the instep.

PROSECUTOR IS FIRED ON

Bullet Strikes Desk at Which Official Is Seated.

LAKEPORT, Cal., Sept. 26.—While sitting in his office District Attorney H. G. Churchill narrowly escaped death at the hands of unknown persons. A bullet crashing through the window struck the desk at which Churchill was sitting.

AMERICANS IMPORT WHEAT

First Cargo Ever Sent From Argentina Leaves Buenos Aires.

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 26.—The Argentine steamer Pampa sailed for New York today with a cargo of 4000 tons of wheat and linseed. Two other steamers loaded with wheat will follow.

The newspapers call attention to the fact that this is the first time Argentine wheat has been exported to the United States.

WETS WIN AT FORT WORTH

Tarrant County, Texas, Rejects Prohibition by Small Majority.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Sept. 26.—Tarrant County, in which this city is situated, will remain wet according to returns from yesterday's local option election.

Returns today, with one precinct missing, showed the Prohibition forces were defeated by 831 votes.

BIGGEST POLICEMAN DEAD

Chicago Loses 431-Pound Officer Used for Breaking Doors In.

CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—Edward F. Martini, Chicago's biggest policeman, died today. He weighed 431 pounds and was 6 feet 3 inches tall.

For years he was a member of the gambling squad, where he was of great value in breaking doors in raids by leaning against them.

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250,000 READY TO QUIT WORK TODAY

New York Strike Situation Is Acute.

OTHERS WILL GO OUT LATER

100,000 Thursday, 100,000 Friday Is Present Plan.

BUILDING TRADES TO VOTE

Twelve Thousand Teamsters Also Reported Ready to Go Out Soon. Proposed Arbitration Law Submitted to Whitman.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—With the announcement by labor leaders that approximately 250,000 union workers in various trades would quit their places tomorrow in aid of the striking carmen here, it was believed tonight that the effort to tip up virtually all industries in Greater New York had reached an acute stage.

The union officials declared that an additional 100,000 workers would strike on Thursday and another 100,000 on Friday, making a total of 450,000 out by the end of the week. It was asserted that 6000 brewery workers, 115,000 employees in the building trades and 250,000 members of the United Hebrew trades were in favor of a sympathetic strike.

Building Trades Decide Tomorrow.

Twelve thousand teamsters also were reported ready to quit work Thursday or Friday. A meeting of the executive council of the building trades was called for Wednesday to take final action, after the business agents in Manhattan and the Bronx had voted for the strike.

Mayor Mitchell summoned the labor leaders before him as soon as he heard of their plans. He said he desired to be informed directly as to what might be expected tomorrow. The union officials, he announced, told him that they expected 200,000 workers to strike "as a starter."

After a meeting of the joint labor conference committee strikers were supplied with pamphlets for distribution throughout the city in which attacks were made on the so-called Morgan and Rockefeller interests.

Circulars Accuse Capitalists.

"Rockefeller, Morgan and their associates control the transit of the city of New York," the pamphlets read, "and they also control the railroads, mines, industries and public utilities throughout the country, as well as most of the banks and nearly all of the money."

Members of the State Legislature from this city, who called on Governor Whitman late today and urged him to convene the Senate and Assembly in an extraordinary session to deal with the strike situation, submitted a draft of a proposed arbitration act.

The Governor, although opposed to calling the Legislature together at this time, (Concluded on Page 3, Column 1.)

ONLY 10 DAYS LEFT FOR REGISTRATION

BOOKS OPEN AT COURTHOUSE FROM 8 A. M. TO 5 P. M. DAILY.

Women Reminded That They Do Not Have to Tell Age, "Over 21" Being Sufficient Answer.

Ten days more in which to register! Eleven days before the close of the registration books on October 7, but one of these is Sunday.

The time is fast coming to a close in which those who neglected to register in time to cast their ballots in the primaries may go through the necessary preliminaries that they may have a voice in the final election.

Every one who has not registered in 1916 must do so to vote. The registration booth at the Courthouse opens every morning at 8 o'clock and closes at 5 o'clock. A special force of clerks has been put on to handle the rapidly increasing registration, which still is below that of 1914.

It should be remembered, Mr. Prospective Voter, that this is a permanent registration and you will not have it all to do over again unless you should move, change your party affiliation, or neglect to exercise your right of franchise for two consecutive years. Further, remember, Mrs. Prospective Voter, that in this registration you are not required to give your age. Just say you are over 21, and that's enough.

HOLD ON CHINA TIGHTENS

Japanese Exact Tax on Land as Security for Loan.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 26.—The Chinese land tax, to be collected under the supervision of Japanese inspectors, is to be offered as security for Japan's share of the \$50,000,000 loan sought by China, according to a report received here.

The Pekin correspondent of the China press says that this is most serious to China, because it means the penetration of the interior by the Japanese financial representatives, who will be followed by Japanese troops. Premier Tuan Chi-Jui considers the surplus of the salt revenue sufficient security.

CANADIAN LOAN IS DOUBLED

More Than \$200,000.00 Subscribed for British Government.

OTTAWA, Ont., Sept. 26.—The \$100,000,000 Canadian loan has been more than doubly subscribed. It was announced here today. Subscriptions are still pouring in from all parts of the country.

OATS SHIPPERS ACCUSED

Charges of Watering to Increase Weight Investigated.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Reports that water is being added to shipments of oats to increase their weight have caused the Department of Agriculture to instruct inspectors to watch interstate shipments closely.

Department officials said today proceedings under the food and drugs act will be instituted in all cases where evidence of watering is obtained.

COUPLE LOST TWO DAYS ON HOOD SAFE

Presence of Mind Saves Mr. and Mrs. Edlefsen.

RESCUE PARTY IS AWAITED

Thrilling Adventure Related by Rescued Man.

STRENGTH IS CONSERVED

Mr. and Mrs. Edlefsen Immediately on Realizing They Were Lost Build Big Fire and Make Themselves Comfortable.

Lost for two days on the slopes of Mount Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Anton H. Edlefsen, of this city, were rescued yesterday morning at 9:45 by B. E. Waterman, who found them in the woods two miles from Government Camp.

Overjoyed, Mrs. Edlefsen rose from an improvised couch of cedar boughs, where she lay, and embraced Mr. Waterman. The happy end of the remarkable adventure caused a momentary nervous reaction and she collapsed for a moment in his arms. She recovered almost at once, however, and was able to start at once for the hotel from which they set out Sunday morning to climb Mount Hood.

Huckleberries Only Food.

The Edlefsens had slept for two nights in the rain, with nothing to eat save wild huckleberries they had been able to pick near their open-air camp in the woods. They had built a fire in a sheltered nook above Big Zigzag Canyon and despite their unhappy experience, were both well and in splendid spirits, suffering only from lack of sleep and from hunger.

The remarkable self-control of Mr. and Mrs. Edlefsen, when they realized they were lost in the forests that skirt Mount Hood, and their uncommon display of practical common sense in response to their safety, instead of losing themselves further in the dense woods, wearing themselves out in the effort, they did the safest and best thing; they stayed in one spot, kept a fire going, and waited for someone to find them.

Shouts of Rescuers Bring Joy.

Yesterday forenoon they were overjoyed to hear the shouts of a rescuing party approaching. Both shouted lustily. B. E. Waterman was the first to reach them. Mr. Edlefsen rushed forward, grasped both his hands and led him to his wife.

Naturally Mrs. Edlefsen's first thought was for her children, Charlotte and Robert, aged 4 and 4, respectively, who were left at Tawney's Tavern, 12 miles below Government Camp, where the Edlefsens had been enjoying an outing and which they left last Sunday morning.

When assured the little ones were well and ignorant of the tragic absence (Concluded on Page 7, Column 2.)

MARTINE LEADS IN NEW JERSEY COUNT

DEMOCRATIC SENATOR SEEMS TO BE RENOMINATED.

Joseph Freelinghuysen Ahead of ex-Governor Murphy in Republican Race for Same Office.

TRENTON, N. J., Sept. 27.—Senator James E. Martine was in the lead for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator to succeed himself, when primary returns from 353 districts out of 1783 in the state had been counted at 1:30 o'clock this morning.

He had received 3423 votes as compared with 2978 for his opponent, Attorney-General John W. Wescott.

In the Republican contest for the Senatorial nomination, ex-State Senator Joseph S. Freelinghuysen was leading ex-Governor Franklin Murphy.

In the three-cornered Republican contest for the gubernatorial nomination, Walter E. Edge was in the lead. He had received 13,406 votes as compared with 10,716 for Augustus Colgate and 3455 for George L. Record, who ran on a local option platform.

Returns from 52 districts increased Senator Martine's lead. These districts gave Martine 676; Wescott 4510. The relative standings of the other candidates were not materially changed.

BOSTON, Sept. 26.—At the state primaries today ex-State Treasurer Frederick W. Mansfield defeated ex-Adjutant-General Charles H. Cole for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

With 267 precincts not reported out of a total of 1156 Mansfield has a lead over Cole of 6627.

WOMAN'S PURSE SNATCHED

Mrs. S. H. Taylor Loses Valuable Pearl-Set Locket and Money.

An encounter with a purse snatcher was reported to the police last night by Mrs. S. H. Taylor, 211 Fourteenth street, who was accosted near her residence last night and robbed of a handbag containing money, valuables, Motorcycle, Motorcycles, Tully and Morris found a gold watch and some of the papers which had been in the handbag.

Mrs. Taylor reported the handbag also contained \$13 and a locket. The locket was in the form of a 1915 pennant set in pearls and diamonds, and with a pearl pendant.

Jutland Battle Damage Repaired.

BERLIN, via London, Sept. 26.—The Emperor has issued a circular letter of thanks to the German shipyards, which have already completed repairs on ships damaged in the Jutland battle.

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SURPRISES SPRUNG AT FRARY TRIAL

Defense Rests Case, Offering No Testimony.

PROSECUTION PLAYS TRUMP

Letter by Defendant Throws Doubt on Alleged Pact.

PRIEST'S AFFIDAVIT READ

Photograph of Mrs. Ford and Her Daughter, Returned by "Successor" With Uncomplimentary Message, Shown in Court.

Two surprises were sprung in the trial of Elizabeth G. Frary yesterday.

As the result of one of them the case will go to the jury this morning. The other raises a doubt that the purported common-law marriage of Miss Frary to Homer N. Ford was ever performed.

Surprise No. 1 was the announcement of Attorney John C. McCue, when the prosecution rested its case, that the defense would rest without putting a witness on the stand. Miss Frary would not take the stand in her own behalf, and even character witnesses would not be called.

Prosecution Nearly Caught.

It nearly did for surprise No. 2, which had not been disclosed up to this moment and which was being saved by the prosecution for powerful use in the cross-examination. In desperation Prosecutor Collier asked permission to reopen the case. Circuit Judge Davis granted the request and Mr. Collier read a letter to the jury and announced that the state's case was closed finally.

This letter was surprise No. 2. It was written to Mrs. Frary by true wife of Ford, Miss Frary in 1908. It was received by Mrs. Ford in Los Angeles Christmas morning.

Marriage Claim Disproved.

"It absolutely disproves the alleged common-law marriage of Miss Frary and Ford," commented Mr. Collier. The defense disagrees with this. There has never been an absolute proof of the ceremony presented to the court, outside the testimony of Homer N. Ford in his own case. It was a contract marriage and the reason the agreement has not been shown was explained by the assertion that it had been lost. The church marriage of Miss Frary and Ford was in 1915, following the supposed loss.

Was the common-law marriage by an agreement, which Ford has told of writing, a myth?

It is supposed to have been December 10, 1908. The letter to Mrs. Ford was dated 19 days later, and was signed "Miss Elizabeth G. Frary." Further, the letter contains the assertion of Miss Frary that she had sent Ford away and cared little whether or not he came back.

Reference Declared Vital.

The letter may prove of use to the prosecution another way. If it is the purpose of the defense to assert that Miss Frary believed Miss Voght and Ford had never been married, and therefore that she committed no forgery when she deeded away some property as Ford's wife, there is a statement in the letter referring to a time "before you married him"—"him" meaning Ford.

Attorney McCue will make his argument to the jury this morning, as Prosecutor Hindman concluded the opening argument last night. Mr. McCue said yesterday that he intended to show that the state had proved neither forgery nor fraud, nor intent to defraud.

State Maintains Case Proved.

Prosecutors Collier and Hindman hold that the state has proved an unlawful act—the signing of the deed in question by Miss Frary as Mrs. Ford. Intent to defraud is presumed in the commission of an unlawful act, they say.

Miss Frary showed evidence yesterday of the state she was undergoing. As Mrs. Ford testified, Miss Frary several times broke into tears. Her crying was not theatrical and lasted but a few moments. Near her, addressing occasional words of comfort to her, sat Homer Ford, who still claims her as his wife, though the court has decreed that Caroline Ford is his only lawful mate.

Priest's Affidavit Presented.

In the morning mail yesterday Prosecutor Collier received an affidavit from the Chicago priest who married Miss Frary and Ford in May, 1915. It was introduced as evidence. It states that both the contracting parties had sworn that neither had ever been married.

While this might be held to mean that Ford never believed his first common-law marriage with Caroline Voght to be legal, it also argued that this second contract marriage with Miss Frary never took place, says the prosecution. And the deed was signed before the church ceremony.

Testimony yesterday was in a great measure repetition of that which had been given in the trial of Ford last week. Testimony of several out-of-town witnesses was read from the stenographer's notes to save expense and time, by stipulation of attorneys.

Mrs. Ford was on the stand most of the morning.

"Don't want anything like this around—only lawful wives count these days." (Concluded on Page 6, Column 3.)

