

ENGLISH SMASH TEUTONS AT YPRES

Lines Penetrated Two-Thirds of Mile.

GERMAN DEFENSES TAKEN

Powerful Resistance Offered and Strong Counter Attacks Made by Foe.

RIDGES ARE OBJECTIVES

New Drive Is Under Way in Flanders After Rest of But Few Days.

BERLIN, via London, Sept. 26.—The British forces in their new offensive in Flanders have penetrated German positions to the depths of about two-thirds of a mile at several places, according to the German official communication issued tonight. Desperate fighting is continuing.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—In an attack along a six-mile front today the British troops captured an important position around Tower Hamlets and strong German field works, according to the official report from Field Marshal Haig tonight.

German Attacks Severe.

Powerful resistance was offered by the Germans throughout the day and they delivered many strong attacks. "But," says the British commander, "our operations were entirely successful."

By the Associated Press.
BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, Sept. 26.—Another heavy attack was delivered by the British at daybreak today against the German positions east of Ypres, and early reports showed that the assaulting troops had pushed the enemy out of many important positions.

1000-Yard Advance Made.

The offensive was started along the greater part of the line that the British reached in last Thursday's battle, extending from east of St. Julien to southwest of Gheluvelt.

Along the northwestern half of the line of attack the British success was marked, but meager details have been received from the sector of Polygon Wood and south of that place. On the north, an advance of from 1000 to 1200 yards was made quickly at numerous places, and it was reported that strong British troops were engaged in fierce fighting only a few hundred yards west of Zonnebeke.

Ridges Scenes of Conflict.

The Germans are resisting desperately, and along a front of about 1000 yards astride the Ypres-Menin road a terrific struggle has been proceeding.

The most important points involved in the new offensive, as was the case six days ago, lay directly east of the city of Ypres, between the Ypres-Roulers railway and the Ypres-Menin highway. Here are situated those strongly held elevations that still remain to the Germans out of the numerous ridges and forests which formed a vital part of their defense in this section of Belgium.

English Tide Rises Higher.

Last Thursday they suffered a crushing blow in the loss of such strongholds as Anzac, Nun's Wood, Glencourse Wood and Inverness Copse and now an ever-rising tide is reaching out for still more.

Australian, Scotch and English

troops this morning were pushing out into a difficult country, over ground still sodden from rains and floods, among concrete and steel redoubts heavily armed with machine guns, over elevations and through bits of wood choked with rapid fire. They might fail in their object and still have covered themselves with glory.

Battle Rages All Night.

The Germans undoubtedly knew that the attack was pending and it is probable that their heavy counter-attacks yesterday and last night against the British positions on the ridge east of Ypres, Polygon Wood and Tower Hamlets were carried out in an attempt to frustrate the British plan. The battle started here yesterday continued with great fury all night and it was along this bit of front that the

WEEK'S SHIPLOSSES AT LOWEST POINT

SINKINGS OF ALL CLASSES TOTAL BUT 17.

Submarine's Victims Least Since Germany Began U-Boat Warfare Early Last February.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—Thirteen British merchantmen of 1600 tons and over and two vessels of less than 1600 tons were sunk by mines or submarines last week, according to the weekly admiralty statement issued this evening. In the aggregate this is the smallest number of vessels sunk during any one week since Germany began her intensive submarine warfare last February.

Two fishing vessels also were sunk last week.

The admiralty statement follows:

"Arrivals, 2775; sailings, 2681.

"British merchantmen over 1600 tons sunk by mines or submarines, including one previously, 13; under 1600 tons, two.

"Fishing vessels sunk, two.

"British merchantmen unsuccessfully attacked, including three previously, 16."

The smallest aggregate of vessels sunk in any previous week since the February undersea campaign was started by Germany was 16, 14 merchantmen of 1600 tons and over, and two of less than 1600 tons. This was during the week ending August 12.

Last week the admiralty report showed 23 merchantmen sunk—eight of more than 1600 tons and 20 of less tonnage.

SENATOR HAS APPENDICITIS

Mr. Chamberlain May Have to Undergo Operation.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 26.—Senator Chamberlain today suffered an attack of appendicitis. Whether he will undergo an operation will depend upon developments of the case within the next 12 hours. It was not until this morning that the pain became so acute he summoned a physician.

The senator's physician has been hopeful that an operation may be avoided, and through the day has been resorting to external applications. Today the senator telegraphed his son at Portland assuring him there was no cause for alarm and promising to advise promptly if an operation is decided upon. The senator is reported to be resting easily tonight.

WIDOW-BRIDE SEASON ON

Winter's Approach Causes Wives of Yesteryear to Try, Try Again.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 26.—(Special.)—June is brides' month, and most of those who are married here during that month go to the altar for the first time, but with the approach of Winter widows seem to have better success in making second and third ventures on the troublesome matrimonial sea.

For instance, today eight marriage banns were issued. Five of the brides-to-be had been brides before, while one was a minor and the other two were under 24.

This tendency for widows to be married in the Fall has been noted here for several years in succession.

PACIFISM TO BE ATTACKED

Nation Will Be Informed of War's Task by Speakers.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—The Nation's war task is to be presented to the people in a Nation-wide speaking campaign, in which many organizations will be enlisted to attack pacifism and arouse the country to the importance of the work it has undertaken.

TELEPHONE STRIKE VOTED

Spokane Local Union Fixes Date for October 21.

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 26.—The local union of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers at a meeting here tonight, voted in favor of a strike of electrical workers employed by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company and affiliated companies effective October 21.

They are demanding an increase in wages from \$4 to \$5 a day for electrical workers and from \$2 to \$2.75 a day for operators.

TAR AND FEATHERS USED

Rice Farmers Deal With Agitators Alleged to Be I. W. W.

STUTTGART, Ark., Sept. 26.—Four white men, believed to be Industrial Workers of the World, were taken from the county jail here early today by 150 rice farmers, who administered a whipping and applied tar and feathers to each of the men and drove them from town.

The men had been arrested on a charge of inciting laborers to cease work.

Great Lakes Fleet Taken Over.

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 26.—Part of the fleet of the Great Lakes Transit Corporation has been taken over by the Government and the corporation will cease accepting freight at Milwaukee on October 2, according to an announcement today.

35,000 PAY HOMAGE TO FARMER AT FAIR

Grounds Packed From Gates to Track.

GOOS CAPTURES GRAND PRIZE

Big Attendance Today Will Clear Expense Sheet.

WASCO TURKEY RED WINS

Prominent Speakers Further Campaign for Food Conservation and Increased Production. Guernsey Club Elects.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 26.—(Special.)—The Oregon State Fair today broke all records for attendance, according to an announcement made by Secretary A. H. Lea, who estimated there were fully 35,000 persons on the grounds. If the grounds will hold that many, the estimate is not far off, as they were practically packed from gates to the mid-field of the track.

This was Salem day and apparently all of Salem, its environs and many from outside packed into the Fair Grounds. All available automobile space was taken shortly after noon and because of the dense crowds that surged around the entrance to the race track it was necessary to shut off allowing any more machines to attempt to pass into the center field.

Mr. Lea announced that if the attendance tomorrow, Portland day, is like today, the board will be in the clear as far as expenses are concerned for this year's show.

Goos Wins Grand Prize.

Weather conditions were ideal today, with no apparent prospect of a change for the worse.

Coos County was awarded the grand sweepstakes prize for the county exhibits, scoring 72.6. The sweepstakes prize is \$100. While there were other counties that scored higher in the percentage than Coos County, they failed to exhibit such a representative showing of products, according to the announcement of the judges. Polk County, as an instance, scored 85.1 per cent, but failed to bring along for its exhibit some of the banner products of the county, which cut down its chances for the sweepstakes. Three high counties in each of the three divisions scored as follows:

First district—Coos, 73.6; Tillamook, 67.7; Lincoln, 66.3.

Second district—Polk, 85.1; Benton, 82.6; Multnomah, 82.1.

Third district—Baker, 77.8; Union, 77.6; Morrow, 75.9.

Wasco Wheat Wins.

The county that won first in each of the three divisions competed for the sweepstakes prize and the competition was exceptionally keen.

"Visitors at the fair declare that the exhibits this year are the best in the history of the fair," said Mrs. Winnie (Concluded on Page 7, Column 1.)

MITCHEL LOSES LEAD IN RECOUNT

BENNETT 94 VOTES AHEAD IN MAYORALTY RACE.

Supreme Court May Be Called Upon to Decide Result of New York Primary Election.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—William M. Bennett took the lead in the contest for the Republican mayoralty nomination from Mayor Mitchell early this morning by a gain of 156 votes in the 17th assembly district, which wiped out the apparent majority recorded for the Mayor in the primary election last week. Mr. Bennett is now 94 votes ahead.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—(Special.)—The examination of the ballots cast in the Republican primary election last week as ordered by the Supreme Court, tonight cut down the majority of Mayor Mitchell over William M. Bennett to 54.

Although the Mayor's majority over Mr. Bennett of 245 votes, which was established by the official returns of the board of elections, apparently was reduced tonight to a dangerously close figure, it was pointed out by Mr. Mitchell's counsel that the changes being made as a result of the present inspection proceedings would in no wise effect the board of election's figures until these changes had been passed upon by the Supreme Court.

Mr. Mitchell began the proceedings with the view of establishing Mr. Bennett's charge that fraud had been committed in the primaries. According to the Mitchell legal forces no evidence of fraud has been disclosed.

In order to have the new figures now being disclosed, officially accepted, it will be necessary for Mr. Bennett to bring an entirely new recount proceeding. Failing to do this he can protest on the ground that the present inspection of the ballots has shown that many of them indicated erasures of the cross-mark opposite his name. There are a large number of ballots which had either the cross-mark before Mr. Bennett's name erased or that showed erasures of the cross-mark before the name of J. A. L. Campbell, the independent candidate for the City Court Judgeship nomination.

According to Mr. Bennett's counsel, all the erasures invalidated the ballots. If the Supreme Court should uphold Mr. Bennett's contention the Mayor's majority will be cut considerably.

"OBJECTOR" SENT TO JAIL

Federal Penitentiary Holds Man Who Refuses to Go to Camp.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 26.—Carl Miller, 26 years old, a conscientious objector to military service, who refused to go with his contingent to Camp Funston, Kan., Sept. 19, tomorrow will be taken to Leavenworth, where he will be placed in prison. Miller will be imprisoned on the order of the War Department at Washington. It is understood he will be kept in durance for the period of the war.

GREAT CORN CROP IS SAFE

Weather Bureau Makes Report That Fatal Frosts Are Escaped.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Much of the country's great corn crop is now safely past danger from an ordinary killing frost, weekly Weather Bureau reports today indicated.

WHEAT \$2.05 HERE WILL ADD 10 CENTS

Farmers Benefit More Than Expected.

MAX HOUSER EXPLAINS CAUSE

Producers Profit by Saving on Transportation.

REALITY OF WAR IS SEEN

Federal Grain Administrator for Pacific Northwest Returns From Washington, D. C., Where "Everything Is Humming."

"The change in the basic price of wheat in Portland to \$2.05 a bushel will naturally make some delay, but farmers must be patient, for what appears on the face of it as only giving them 6 cents more is really giving them 10 cents more a bushel," said Max Houser, Federal grain administrator for the Northwest, on his return to Portland last night from Washington.

He has been East for two weeks, during which time he has been engaged in conferences in Chicago, New York and in Washington, where he went over the grain situation with Mr. Hoover himself.

Mr. Houser explained that the Portland market is so near the wheat producer in its sense that the saving on transportation will really give the farmer a gain of 10 cents a bushel over what he would have received under the former basic price.

Wheat Will Move Soon.

"I expect to have things working fairly well here next week," said Mr. Houser. "I have rather held back on letting wheat come out too early, so as to know what supplies must be held for interior mills."

"I expect to have a conference with Theodore B. Wilcox as soon as this is ascertained, and to get things moving shortly thereafter."

"While in Washington I had several conferences with Mr. Hoover. He is working like a human dynamo. All the various organizations under the food administration are getting pretty well along in working order. It is hard to conceive of the magnitude of it till you really see for yourself what's doing."

All the work of the Food Administration, of course, is to one end—food production, conservation and control.

Nation Deadly In Earnest.

"The various boards of the different departments are all infused with Mr. Hoover's optimism in this work. They are all working along the lines on which he feels so strongly. There is no foolishness. Everything is strictly business and deadly in earnest."

"The delegation from here that went back to Washington in connection with the fixing of the basic price seemed to have been satisfied that the work

LEGLESS NEWSBOY CLIMBS MT. HOOD

JOE HARTY'S SPIRIT RISES ABOVE INFIRMITY.

Dream of Feasting Upon Glorious Vistas Unfolded From Peak's Pinnacle Comes True.

Hats off to Joe Harty, Portland's legless newsboy, whose spirit rises superior to infirmity.

Yesterday he climbed Mount Hood and looked down upon Portland from the highest point in all Oregon.

It has long been Joe Harty's ambition to climb to the snowy summit of Mount Hood and when he resolved recently that he would accomplish the feat it was safe to wager he would do it. He made good yesterday.

The newsboy and his wife left Portland last Saturday for Government Camp and each morning since he looked longingly at the mountain, which from that distance presents a much more formidable appearance than when viewed from Portland.

Weather conditions Sunday, Monday and Tuesday were unfavorable for an ascent and he was compelled to spend the three days in waiting.

But yesterday was clear, and Joe Harty, Mrs. Harty, Elijah Coalman and C. A. Pridemore, guides, and J. O. Jacobs, district forest ranger, set out from the hotel at 8:30 in the morning bound for the summit.

Joe Harty rode a horse to the foot of Crater Rock and from there he made his way over the snow and ice, crevasses and all, on a small sled, equipped with spikes to keep it from slipping back. He clung to rock pinacles and to the line stretched over the cornice of the mountain and edged along like a veteran mountaineer. The party reached the summit at 3 P. M., having occupied in the ascent about the usual time required for the average climber. Last night they returned safe and sound to the Government Camp hotel.

WHEAT IS MOVING AGAIN

Buyers Pay \$1.50 Now and Balance When Price Is Fixed.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 26.—(Special.)—Wheat has begun moving here again with the offer of buyers to pay farmers \$1.50 a bushel, holding the remainder of the price as security for commission, moving charges and other costs of marketing.

The arrangement is temporary until the details of the price-fixing law are worked out.

FAIR DEVICES DENOUNCED

Resolutions Adopted Demand Closing of Concessions.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 26.—Branding as "selling jobs" certain concessions at the state fair grounds where patrons pay money to play various kinds of devices for prizes, the Purebred Livestock Association in a meeting tonight adopted resolutions demanding that these places be closed immediately. The resolutions cover 19 concessions.

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Attempt to Interfere at Willamette Plant Frustrated.

NO PEACE PROGRESS MADE

Yards Will Make Energetic Effort to Resume Operations, Adequate Protection Being Promised for All Who Wish to Work.

OUTSTANDING FEATURES OF LOCAL STRIKE SITUATION.

First clash between police and strikers occur near Willamette Iron & Steel Works.

Several arrests made under provisions of anti-picketing ordinance.

Injunctions not to be asked by unions.

Mayor, Sheriff, Adjutant-General White and Lieutenant-Colonel Abramson every commanding officer in the Bureau of Police, 50 uniformed men and detectives, and several Deputy Sheriffs participate in move to prevent invasion of Willamette plant.

Mass meeting called by strikers for tomorrow night as protest against city officials upholding shipyards in open-shop stand.

First clash between the police and striking ship workers at a point near the Willamette Iron & Steel Works, the arrest of several for violating the anti-picketing ordinance; prevention of efforts to stop streetcars carrying non-union men from that plant and threats of a tie-up of the transportation system featured yesterday's activities in the controversy which has virtually stopped construction of vessels here.

As predicted, the strikers selected the plant of the Willamette Company for their first point of attack in massed formation, and marched upon it yesterday afternoon at the time when the day crew was about to go off duty. It is said they had been instructed by their officers to go there, so as to subject themselves to arrest for the purpose of testing the anti-picketing ordinance, which was passed by vote of the people of Portland last June. This prohibits picketing or assembling at or near plants for the purpose of persuading others not to work.

Mayor Acts Personally.

Following out his announced purpose to afford protection to all men who wish to work in the shipbuilding plants, Mayor Baker personally directed the movements of the police at the Willamette plant, backed by practically every commanding officer of the Bureau of Police and large numbers of police reserves. Sheriff Hurlbut, Adjutant-General White, and Lieutenant-Colonel Abrams were also present.

Around the issue of enforcement of the anti-picketing ordinance centers great interest, as upon the result as decided by the courts much depends. If it is upheld, it is only a question of sufficient men to keep it in force; if it is declared unconstitutional by the courts, it leaves the city without an adequate instrument by which to protect the workers in the shipbuilding plants and therefore subjects them to assault.

Picketing Test May Come.

There was a rumor about the city yesterday to the effect that W. S. U'Ren, counsel for some of the striking unions, intended to seek an injunction against the anti-picketing ordinance, but Mr. U'Ren last night denied that he would do so at this time.

"I have such a plan in mind," said Mr. U'Ren, "but as there has been but a few arrests so far, I do not intend to bring the subject up at this time."

Mr. U'Ren intimated that the unions are as anxious as anyone to have the status of this ordinance fixed by court.

Intimidation Is Suspected.

When the strike was declared union leaders announced that they would conduct their operations in an orderly manner. Police reports show, however, that a number of men have been assaulted, and while it is not known by whom, the effect upon workmen wishing to perform labor in the various "open" plants is such that it probably would result in reducing the number of those remaining on work or of those who might wish to return.

Little progress was made yesterday in augmenting the crews in ship plants and, although the companies have all formally made known their willingness to take back any strikers or to employ any man wishing work, the situation remained virtually unchanged.

Plants to Reopen.

This morning, it is expected, more determined efforts will be made to resume operations, as ample protection has been pledged by the authorities, and the employers feel that they have held off long enough; that they have given the strikers a reasonable length of time in which to decide upon a course, and that, in view of the urgent

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NOW THE VILLAIN TURNS TO SOFTER WORDS.

