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DRIVE BY ALLIES IN WEST BEGUN

50-Hour Bombardment Precedes Infantry Attack.

FOES FIGHT HAND-TO-HAND

Paris Says First Lines of German Trenches Have Fallen Before Onslaught.

WARSHIPS SHELL COAST

Bayonets Used Near Ypres in Battle Which Berlin Says British Are Losing.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—The British and French troops today united in a far-reaching offensive movement against the German intrenchments on the western front.

One of the most terrific bombardments of the entire war has preceded the advance of the infantry, who have engaged the Germans in hand-to-hand combats in front of and in the very trenches.

Thousands of Shells Thrown.

The most important action probably has taken place in Champagne, where the French threw thousands of shells into the German trenches, shelters, and blockhouses and batteries and then began a fierce assault on the opposing line between the Suippes and the Aisne Rivers.

The extent of this assault is not recorded in the French official communication, which, however, declares that the first line of German positions on that front has been occupied and that the French still are making progress.

Foothold Gained in German Lines.

There has been particularly heavy fighting also to the north of Arras, where the Anglo-French troops have gained a foothold at several points in the German lines.

The German War Office officially announces that the Anglo-French artillery preparation was of great intensity and that the long expected offensive movement by the allies has begun. The Germans, however, say they repulsed the British on the northern wing in the vicinity of Ypres in a battle which evidently was with the bayonet.

Warships Bombard Coast.

The British are still attacking northeast and southeast of Armentieres and north of La Basse Canal. Simultaneously the British warships have opened a violent bombardment at many points of the Belgian coast. It is believed certain that a general movement is under way, both by land and sea, which will bring the western zone of the war into the prominence

BULGARIA DENIES INTENT TO STRIKE

SOPIA SAYS "ARMED NEUTRALITY" IS TO BE POLICY.

Example of Holland and Switzerland Followed—Negotiations With Both Sides to Continue.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—Dispatches from Sofia dated September 23 to Reuters' Telegram Company quote the following semi-official statement issued on that day:

"The entry of Bulgaria into a state of armed neutrality is, according to the view in government circles, explained by changes which occurred recently in the political and military situation. Bulgaria has not the slightest aggressive intention, but is resolved to be armed to defend her rights. Following the example of Holland and Switzerland, Bulgaria is obliged, in view of the movement of troops effected by her neighbors and the danger threatening her from the fact of the Austro-German offensive against Serbia, to proclaim armed neutrality, while continuing conversations with the representatives of the two belligerent groups."

A telegram from Athens says that mobilization of the Greek forces is proceeding rapidly and that the people, while bewildered by the kaleidoscope of events, appear to welcome the prospect of war as a relief from uncertainty. It is assumed that Greece will resist any aggressive action that Bulgaria may take.

STRIKE OF 40,000 NEAR Chicago Police Prepare for Emergencies Tomorrow.

CHICAGO, Sept. 25.—Chief of Police Healy late today ordered all police furloughs canceled and summoned his chief assistants to lay plans for emergencies in anticipation of a strike of 40,000 garment-workers Monday.

Leaders of the garment-workers, who are members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of Chicago, declared tonight that a strike was inevitable, and would be called at noon Monday. Labor leaders contended that the strike, if called, would affect all members of the organization in the United States.

DEFENSES TO BE TESTED Maneuvers for Trying Out Coast Forts Set for Next Week.

NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 25.—Maneuvers trying out the coast defenses at Newport, New London and Boston will be carried out next month between the forts and four divisions of destroyers. It was learned today.

While the details were not made public, it is believed one object of the drills will be the testing of the efficiency of searchlights and determination of ranges.

GERMAN LOAN IS PLEASING Assertion Made That Financial Strength Exceeds England's.

BERLIN, Sept. 25.—In referring to the success of the new German war loan, the Berliner Tageblatt, according to the Overseas News Agency, refers to the loan as a proof of Germany's strength and thoroughgoing organization.

"England," it says, "the only land called upon to give a similar proof of financial strength, failed to equal Ger-

JAMAICA SWEEP BY GALE Storm in Outlying Districts Believed Intense.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Sept. 25.—High gales have prevailed in Kingston during the past 24 hours, and it is believed the storm in the outlying districts must be one of considerable intensity, as most of these districts were cut off from telegraphic communication with this city.

COUPLE CONFESSED ARSON SAY POLICE

Plot Said to Extend Over Three States.

MORE ARRESTS TO FOLLOW Mr. and Mrs. Burright Get "Third Degree" in Oakland.

SILENCE AT LAST BROKEN "Trust" Said to Have Had Agents in Every Important City on Pacific Coast; Portland Police Are Borne Out.

OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—Admission forced from Charles L. Burright and his wife, Jean Burright, held by the Oakland police on charges of arson, probably will result in arrests here and in other cities of the Pacific Coast states, according to Captain of Detectives Petersen.

For two days detectives have been sweating the prisoners and have broken through their silence. The confessions are said by Petersen to connect the Burrights with an alleged arson gang that has operated for years in California, Washington and Oregon.

More Arrests Probable.

Petersen, however, will not give a detailed account of the story told by the prisoners, saying it would spoil their chances of making arrests and getting in touch with persons mentioned by them.

The alleged "arson trust" it is indicated, consisted of more than half a dozen persons and it had agents in every city of importance on the Coast.

Petersen says that statements made by Burright bear out the contention of the Portland police that Sanford W. Currier is head of a gang. In his dealings with the Burrights, according to Petersen, Currier acted independently of his particular organization.

Attorney Kept From Clients.

All day the police have been interviewing persons from Contra Costa County who they think may throw light on the case.

Attorney E. J. Wildgrube, counsel for the Burrights, tried to see his clients last night but was prevented by the police. Accompanying Wildgrube was James Barnaman, of Richmond, father of Mrs. Burright. He, also, was not allowed to see the prisoners. Suits for damages against the police were threatened by them.

The Burrights are held on the specific charge of setting fire to a house at Crumbell street and Fifty-fifth avenue, December 13 last. The pair are said to have tried to collect insurance from the Home Insurance Company.

PORTLAND FIRES MENTIONED Burright Named in Confessions to "Arson Syndicate."

Lester Burright, who is reported to have confessed to arson charges in Oakland yesterday, has been mentioned in at least one Portland fire by some of the various confessions now in the possession of District Attorney Evans.

Burright, with James Barnaman, a wealthy merchant of Richmond, Cal., was implicated by at least two confessions in the burning of a house at Firland station five years ago. His name has been frequently mentioned in the confessions as one who was prominent in the coast-wide "arson syndicate," of which Sanford W. Currier, (Continued on Page 7, Column 1.)

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STEFANSSON TELLS OWN STORY OF WORK

Perils of Thin Ice Are Braved in North.

NEW DISCOVERY ETENSIVEX Hundred Miles of Coast, and Mountains Beyond Are Seen.

FORMAL POSSESSION TAKEN Explorer Plans Now to Strike Northwest in Continuing Work and to Cross Seas on Sleds in Spring of 1916.

Vilhjalmur Stefansson, commanding the Canadian Arctic expedition, in the adjoining narrative, sent to the New York Times, announces the discovery of new land in the Arctic. It is the first word written by the explorer himself since April 7, 1914, when his supporting party turned back and left him to continue with three companions his journey over the ice.

Great anxiety had been felt for Mr. Stefansson, and in many quarters he has been given up for lost.

Mr. Stefansson places the new land at 77 degrees 43 minutes north latitude, and 115 degrees 43 minutes west longitude.

In his narrative Mr. Stefansson begins with the ice work of the Spring of this year, and leads quickly to the announcement of his discovery.

BY VILHJALMUR STEFANSSON. (Copyright, 1915, by the New York Times Company. Also copyrighted in Canada. Published by arrangement with the Times.)

HERSCHHEL ISLAND, AUG. 22.—(Via Nome, Alaska, Sept. 16.)—The ice party this year consisted of Storkensen, Andreassen, and Thompson, all Norwegian except myself. We left the base at Cape Kellett in the first part of February with nine others. On February 31, through the accidental spilling of fuel oil, I had to send a sled from Cape Alfred back to Kellett for more oil and waited for them there until April 5.

Late Start Is Made. We finally left Cape Alfred much too late in the season on account of our too southerly base, 200 miles within the area explored last year, and proceeded in a direction between the north and northwest. On account of snow-fooded dogs, thick fogs and soft snow among the pressure ice, and much open water, we had reached by April 25 only north latitude 75 degrees from a point eight miles from the shore. Here the sea depth ranged from 300 to 400 meters.

We traveled much on ice five inches thick, and once would have lost one of our two sleds and the better dog team had the ice broken 10 feet sooner than it did. The sled went down after our last dog reached the strong ice on the far side of the lead, and we finally got the sled and the load, although they were soaking wet.

Journey Made in Thin Ice. On one day we crossed a 20-mile expanse of ice, none of it over eight inches thick, but safe so long as no wind or current moved the ice or broke it into small pieces. At north latitude 76 degrees 20 minutes, between May 1 and 6, we drifted 11 miles south and 13 miles west and there was so much open water that we could make little progress, for it took us three hours to ferry across a 500-yard wide lead. We made the journey on rafts improvised by passing tarpaulins under the sleds and lashing them on the sides.

Such a raft carries 1000 pounds when the water is not rough and less if there is a rough wind. The 13 dogs were capably troublesome. The weather was getting warmer fast, and the ice was broken in small pieces with water or washed up ice between.

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Saturday's War Moves

WHAT the long-expected "drive" by the Anglo-French allies on the western front has begun is indicated by dispatches from London, Paris and Berlin. The Paris report says that gains have been made, Berlin declares the allies have suffered heavily. The offensive was preceded by an intense artillery bombardment lasting 50 hours. Fierce hand-to-hand fighting ensued at many points.

The battle tide on the eastern front seems to be swinging more with the Russians except in the north, where Dvinsk is under heavy attack, with the Germans making headway in their drive on this fortified city on the Dvina.

Stubborn battles were in progress when the latest official statements were issued, for important positions both north and south of the Niemen, including the important railroad junctions at Baranovichi, about 75 miles southwest of Minsk, and Molodechno, about 60 miles to the northwest of that city.

In the southern-central districts around Pinsk and in Volhynia and Galicia the Russian arms appear in the ascendancy, for the present at least. With Lutsk again in their possession they have Dubno to recapture to complete the reclaiming of the Volhynian fortress triangle, of which Rovno has been held throughout.

Fruits of the recent Russian successes in Galicia and Volhynia are reported in the passage through Kiev between September 2 and 20 of 45,000 Austrian prisoners on their way to interior camps.

Neither the chancelleries of the entente allies nor the Turkish War Office report recent happenings of moment in the Dardanelles. The latest statement from Constantinople records minor success for the Turks near Anafarta and Zeddud Bahr, on the Gallipoli peninsula.

The situation in the Balkans is developing with considerable celerity. The Bulgarian mobilization, as well as the Greek, is proceeding, and Athens announces that King Constantine and Premier Venizelos have reached a complete agreement as to the course of Greece. This is understood in the Greek capital to provide for the maintenance of Greece's treaty obligations. The treaty which Greece and Serbia signed after the second Balkan war is said to call for Greek assistance to Serbia should Serbia be attacked by Bulgaria.

As regards the Bulgarian internal situation, it is declared in Sofia dispatches, through Berlin, that the threatened split in the cabinet has been averted, the opposition leaders declaring themselves ready to support Premier Radoslavoff's policy.

Berlin dispatches say that both the Greek and Bulgarian mobilizations are considered there as measures to bring about armed neutrality, similar to that of Holland and Switzerland.

German newspapers express resentment at the attitude of Roumania, which is regarded as far from friendly to the central powers.

September 26, 1914. Germans rush men into East Prussia. Battle in France goes on along entire line. Sayville wireless station has permit to operate with Germany. Toronto troops leave for war zone. Work of relief of Americans in war zone about ended in Belgium. Germans prepare siege of Antwerp.

DRY LAW COST DATA ASKED District Attorneys to Make Estimates on Enforcing Prohibition.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—Suggestion that all District Attorneys in the state prepare an estimate of the cost of enforcing the prohibition act in their respective counties, for inclusion in the budget of the County Courts, is made by Attorney-General Brown in a letter to them sent out today.

"Of course," advises Mr. Brown, "lawful expense created by your office by virtue of the terms of section 25 of chapter 41, laws of 1915, would be a lawful charge against your county, whether the estimate be included in the county budget or otherwise, but it would be better county business to make the estimate and include it in the budget provided for by chapter 321, laws of 1913."

Grandstand Is Divided.

The grandstand and bleachers were divided between Sundown and Caldwell for first place, and the judges were undecided between Caldwell and Canutt until Caldwell had been given his third horse. Sundown failed to scratch his horse as vigorously as the two other riders, which gave them an advantage in the judging and Canutt was awarded second place.

Fifteen of the best riders in the world competed in the semi-finals of the championship bucking contest. Picked from the contestants in the Thursday and Friday afternoon and the Friday morning contests, they represented the best in the viewpoint of the judges. There were many other good riders made, but those put up by

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CHAMPIONS ANEW CLOSE BIG ROUNDUP

Pendleton Boy Crowned King of Busters.

NEZ PERCE INDIANS BESTED Lee Caldwell, Tried Out Thrice, Makes Good.

THRILLING IS EXHIBITION
Sensational Rides by Trio Long Will Be Remembered by Crowds Which Witnessed Finale of Great Attraction.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—New world's champions were made at the Roundup park this afternoon, and Pendleton's sixth nationally famed frontier exhibition came to a close with a fitting climax just as dusk dropped its curtain over the big arena when Lee Caldwell, of Pendleton, was crowned king of all broncho busters.

Caldwell had to ride in the finals three of the worst bucking horses ever saddled for such an exhibition to prove his supremacy over Yakima Canutt, of Pomeroy, Wash., and Jackson Sundown, of the Nez Perce Indian reservation, and he did it in a fashion to prove his title indisputably.

Caldwell rode Two Step, a breathing tornado, in the semi-finals. It was a great ride with the cowboy scratching hard from the first jump. He drew Long Tom, old king of the Roundup buckers, as his first mount in the finals. On this equine devil he made another brilliant ride, scratching all the way.

Judges Not Satisfied.

Sundown and Canutt had made sensational rides, and although Caldwell's horsemanship was perfect, the judges were not satisfied with Long Tom's misbehavior.

Caldwell was given another horse. He got Spitzball, another notorious brute but again the horse failed to show its expected form and Caldwell rode him out, raking him all the way. He was ordered to make a third trial on T. J. Nutt, and then the crowd was treated to a rare exhibition of bucking in which the rider proved master.

Canutt won his chance in the finals, riding Smithy, until his cinch broke and the saddle slipped over the horse's head, pitching the rider headlong and bringing the animal to the ground. Canutt was given a second mount and made another sensational ride, coming over the fence with his horse like a blister on its back. The Idaho Indian, Sundown, made the most spectacular ride of the day on Cuddecar, being so intent on his work that he failed to hear the timer's gun announcing his conquest of the brute and rode a full minute longer before the gun was fired again.

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SOME LEADING ITEMS IN THE PAST WEEK'S NEWS ARE GIVEN FLEETING NOTICE BY CARTOONIST REYNOLDS.

