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GERMANS STILL ON THE DEFENSIVE

With the French Army at Verdun, Sept. 9.—The Germans are now entirely on the defensive at Verdun. The great battle, begun 201 days ago, has now entered its third and final stage. The French are steadily winning back their lost ground. The battle will gradually die out like an extinct volcano, it is believed here.

It has now been learned definitely that the Germans were forced to remove huge quantities of artillery and men from Verdun to the Somme front three weeks ago to meet the new Anglo-French offensive.

This had an immediate effect upon the morale of the remaining men. In February they had been told they were to capture Verdun. At the end of July they were told it would be sufficient to simply dominate the situation there. But when they had been reduced in numbers to merely a defensive garrison after nearly seven months of fighting, their morale was so shattered that groups of prisoners have been surrendering, some of them going through Verdun singing the "Marseillaise." French officers declare.

The seventh and last great German massed attack was made on both banks of the Meuse on July 10. The French checked this blow immediately, and took the offensive. Ever since that time they have retained the initiative, capturing in their operations more than ten thousand prisoners, a score of cannon and a hundred machine guns.

Fighting on the west bank of the Meuse has practically ceased. Hill 304 and Dead Man's hill are now numbered among the glories of the past. East of the river Meuse, the Germans are concentrating for a final desperate struggle to retain the forts of Vaux and Douaumont. Even on this sector their resistance has been slackened. This fact I learned personally Thursday and Friday, when the German bombardment let loose as a prelude to an attempt to recapture trenches captured by the French in the Vaux Chapitre and Chenois wood on Wednesday. This cannonading was incomparable to the terrific fire of the German guns that marked the early fighting around Verdun.

VON HINDENBURG VISITS THE WESTERN FRONT

Amsterdam, Sept. 9.—German newspapers today confirmed Paris' reports that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is making his first visit to the western front.

Von Hindenburg was at the Somme front when the British and French delivered their great smash this week. The Cologne Gazette's correspondent reported that the kaiser's new chief of staff looks younger and fresher than ever. He is conferring with the crown prince and other German leaders and expects to visit the whole front.

STEEL COMMON BREAKS HIGH PRICE RECORD

New York, Sept. 9.—U. S. Steel Common broke its previous high record price for the seventh time in three weeks today, selling at 103 1/2. Unfilled orders on the books of the company August 31 totaled 9,660,357 tons, the monthly unfilled tonnage reported showed today. This was an increase of 66,650 tons over the July 31 figure.

FRUITDALE

Miss Mary Oakes spent Monday in Hugo.

Miss Margaret McQuiston returned Sunday from her summer vacation at Los Angeles.

Mrs. Stroud Hoare spent Wednesday in Grants Pass with friends.

Mildred Hamilton accompanied Alice Ament for a weeks visit with Miss Ament's uncle and aunt at their mine in the Illinois valley.

School opened Monday September 4 with Miss McQuiston for teacher for her second year.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hamilton, James Wright and Glenn Hamilton were callers at Homewood farm Sunday.

Mrs. P. C. Bosua, Mrs. James Luther, Alice Luther, Miss Ida Hatch and Oliver McEuan spent Sunday in the Applegate valley.

After three years spent at Lockport, N. Y., Robert Harris returned Saturday, expecting to remain here.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Breitmayer entertained at 6 o'clock family dinner Friday evening, the event honoring Florenz Breitmayer, whose birthday occurred on that day.

DIXIE

Mrs. L. R. Kelley from Wolf Creek visited at the Dixie Ranch Thursday.

Hop picking began Monday. A fine crop is reported this year.

H. C. Bobzien and family and L. M. Boozer, Presbyterian minister, visited the Dixie ranch Monday.

Guy and Leo Thompson attended the Murphy dance Saturday night.

The Misses Lola and Blanche Thompson who have spent the past year at Eugene and Portland, returned home Thursday. They were accompanied by their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Newhard who will visit here for sometime.

TRIS SPEAKER IN LEAD, COBB SECOND

New York, Sept. 9.—Tris Speaker, with an average of .383 is still on top in the American league race for batting honors. Ty Cobb is second with .364 and Joe Jackson of Chicago has an average of .351.

In the National league Hal Chase leads the hitters with an average of .321. Jake Daubert of Brooklyn is second with .320 and old Hans Wagner is third with .318.

Eddie Collins, in the American league, is drawing near the 300 mark, the latest showing his mark at 295. Benny Kauff also is improving in the National league. He now has a count of 272.

Cullop of the Yanks is still the best of the American league pitchers. He now has a record of 12 games won and four lost. Roland, Detroit, is second, with nine won and three lost, and Joe Benz, White Sox, is next, with 9 won and 4 lost. Walter Johnson has won 24 and lost 16.

Hughes, Boston, still leads the National league moundsmen, with 14 won and three lost. Allen, Boston, is second, with seven won and two lost. Alexander, Philadelphia, is third, with 27 victories and nine defeats.

This week has been one of changes in the National league. Brooklyn relinquished the lead to Philadelphia, when the Phillies made a clean sweep of the series with the Dodgers and continued the slashing work by cleaning up Boston. The Phillies' first reverse came yesterday, when they fell in the first game of a scheduled doubleheader with the New York Giants.

While the Phillies were faltering, the Dodgers came back and administered a double defeat to the Braves in Boston.

Detroit and Boston have maintained their fight on about even terms in the American league. The Tigers gained a game on the week's play, by yesterday's victory over St. Louis, while the Bostonians were tied by the Senators, boosting the Tigers' average along.

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INFANTILE PARALYSIS CASE IN PORTLAND
Portland, Sept. 9.—With an infantile paralysis case existing in Portland, city health officials today established a quarantine at the home of John Battalio, whose 16-months-old son is stricken. The case is believed sporadic, but every precaution will be taken.

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At the Churches

Newman M. E. Church
At 11 a. m. there will be communion service. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered. The pastor will make a brief address on the topic, "Caesar or Christ." The choir, in charge of Prof. J. S. MacMurray, will sing the anthem, "His Love Will Shine Always." Solo by Miss Allene Dunbar, "There is a Blessed Home."

At 8 p. m. the sermon topic will be, "The Soul and Its Task of Heaven Building." The choir will sing the anthem, "The Solid Rock." Solo, "Eye Hath Not Seen," by Miss Genevieve Pattillo.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Sam H. Baker, superintendent.

Epworth and Intermediate leagues meet together at 7 p. m. for a rally service led by Miss Marguerite Wible.

You are cordially invited to these services. Strangers made specially welcome. Melville T. Wire, Pastor.

Salvation Army
At the army barracks, 310 South Sixth street, Holiness meeting at 11 a. m., Sunday school at 2 p. m., salvation meeting at 8 p. m. Lieutenant Thos. Ivy in charge.

Baptist Church
The superintendent will be glad to welcome all in the Bible school this morning.
"How Shall We Account for Christ" is the morning subject. Mrs. Knapp will sing "Let Us Have Peace." At the evening hour R. K. Hackett will speak on "Evangelism From the Layman's Viewpoint," and the "Pathfinders" will sing.
The pastor will lead the B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m.
A kindly welcome to all.
S. A. Douglas, Pastor.

St. Luke's Church
The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (Ephphtha Sunday).
Holy Eucharist at 8 a. m.
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
Morning prayer at 11.
No evening service.
All are cordially invited to these services.
Rev. Charles Wilson Baker, Rector.

Christian Church
Bible school, 9:45; service, 11; sermon, 11:30, "The Endeavor That Counts"; communion, 12; Christian Endeavor, 7; service, 8; sermon, 8:30, "The Character and Work of the Prepared Man." A kindly welcome is extended to you.
J. H. Harmon.

Bethany Presbyterian Church
Sabbath school at 10 a. m.
Morning worship at 11. Sermon subject, "A Man for the Gap."
Popular evening service at 8 o'clock. Topic, "Have We Outgrown the Religion of the Cross?" Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 p. m.
L. Myron Boozer, Minister.

First Church of Christ Scientist
Christian Science services are held every Sunday, in the W. O. W. hall, at 11 a. m. Wednesday evening meetings at 8 o'clock. The subject for today is "Substance." The reading room is open daily from 2 to 4 p. m., except Sunday. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the reading room.

CHICAGO WHEAT CLOSES LOWER

Chicago, Sept. 9.—Wheat continued easier today, government crop figures being better than the trade anticipated. Unloading by longs helped to depress the market. September closed down below a low one-tenth of a cent, opening 1 1/4 at 125 1/4, December down 1 at 153 1/4, and May down 2 1/4 at 154 1/4.

Corn was unsettled and was influenced by the declines in wheat. September was down 1 at 88, December down 3/4 at 73 1/4, and May down 1/4 at 77.

Oats displayed sharp price losses on first trades. The bullish government report, showing less than was expected, together with weakness in the other grains, prompted heavy selling and further decreases. September was down 3/4 at 46, December down 1/2 at 48 1/4, and May down 1/4 at 51 1/4.
Provisions were higher, despite a weak hog market.

RUSSIAN NAVAL FORCES ENGAGE BULGARIANS

Petrograd, Sept. 9.—Russian naval forces were engaged against the Bulgarians yesterday for the first time, it was officially announced today. Torpedo boats bombarded the port of Balchik (captured from the Roumanians by the Bulgars) sinking 21 barges loaded with bread.

New York—Edward Mancino killed his 17-year-old bride, Rosie, because she wore a flaming red skirt, and then blew out his brains.

Job printing of every description at the Courier office.

AT THIS INSTANT HAND GRENADE KILLED THREE



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The French trench had been under fire preparatory to an attack by German infantry. The photograph was made as the advance began with a shower of grenades. An instant later a terrific fight was on here. This is at Verdun. The center of the French can be seen falling, while the man behind him carries a grenade. Only bare tree stumps are left standing.

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