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BRITISH ARE ADVANCING ON MORVAL

Sweep of English Army Toward Combles Continues, Kaiser's Soldiers Being Threatened With Capture

London, Sept. 15.—British troops have broken the German third line in the great assault inaugurated this morning, said a Reuter dispatch from press headquarters at the British front this afternoon. It is reported that the village of Fleers, a mile and one-half northwest of Ginchy, has been captured. The British are sweeping eastward toward the village of Morval, about two miles directly north of Combles, in a great movement that threatens to surround the Germans in Combles and effect their capture.

The greater part of Bouleaux wood, a mile northwest of Combles already has been captured by the British.

The British advance, according to fragmentary bulletins received here tonight, is the greatest made by General Haig's men since the opening day of the allied offensive.

The British are also reported to have reached the outskirts of the village of Martinpuich, five miles from Bapaume.

London, Sept. 15.—Two of the greatest battles fought in Europe in several weeks are now raging along the Somme front in northern France and along a 75-mile line in northern Greece.

Allied war offices announced today striking victories in both encounters. British troops pushed out in a great blow north of the Somme this morning, advancing more than 2,000 yards on a front of about six miles, General Haig reported to the war office. The struggle is continuing and already large numbers of German prisoners have been brought in.

A few hours before this advance on the British right wing and center began the British left wing struck last night southeast of Thiepval. German trenches were captured on a front of 1,000 yards, including the strongly defended "Wunderwerk."

At about the same time the French advanced to the edge of the village of Rancourt, further tightening the Anglo-French noose about the town of Combles.

In the Balkans great successes were announced in an official bulletin from Paris. The Serbians have driven the Bulgarians back ten miles on the allied left wing, capturing two villages and the principal parts of the heights of Malkanidze. The French war office further announced the capture of Matchoukevo village and two heights to the north by the British and the capture of nearly a mile of Bulgarian trenches to a depth of six hundred yards by the French.

The German war office, for the first time since the allies took the offensive in Macedonia, admitted allied successes this afternoon. Berlin announced that the Serbs have captured Malkanidze positions, but claimed the repulse by the Germans of British soldiers who had gained a temporary success in the Vardar valley.

While the allies were winning successes on the Somme and in Greece, the Italians attacked and captured Austrian entrenchments east of Valone, taking 2,117 prisoners and a large amount of booty, including machine guns and trench mortars. It was officially announced at Rome.

Darwin Ingalls left last night for O. A. C. to resume his studies at that place.

CONGRESS SOON TO BE ELECTED BY PEOPLE OF MEXICO

Mexico City, Sept. 15.—Mexico is about to resume her place among the republics of the western hemisphere after six years of revolutionary disturbances.

A decree issued by General Carranza on the eve of the annual celebration of Mexican independence prepares the way for the present de facto government to be replaced by a substantial government.

The decree calls for a revision of several articles of the Plan of Guadalupe, drawn up on December 12, 1914, and makes provision for the election of members of a national congress. Another decree will be issued tomorrow calling for the election of a constitutional congress on October 15. The first session of the new congress will be held November 20, probably at Croyacan, a suburb of Mexico City.

The decree issued last night provides that each state and territory shall elect a deputy to congress and a sub-deputy for every 70,000 inhabitants, and an additional deputy, if the fraction above 70,000 exceeds two-sevenths of that number. Any state or territory not having 70,000 inhabitants is entitled to elect a deputy and sub-deputy also.

The eligibility requirements are the same as those provided in the election of 1857. Those who opposed the constitutional government with arms will be ineligible to hold office.

MILITIA IS SOON TO BE SENT HOME

El Paso, Sept. 15.—That tentative plans are under way for withdrawal of the national guard from the border was revealed today when telegrams from Washington reached every guard commander, asking how many tourist and stock cars would be necessary to transport troops back to their respective state mobilization points.

Guard officers today are making up reports of the number of cars needed to carry each organization.

As the report of the receipt of the telegrams spread over the militia camps it caused a buzz of excitement among officers, who believe it forecasts an early withdrawal of the guardsmen.

Army officials at headquarters, however, pointed out that the actual withdrawal may be weeks or months distant as this step always is only the first tentative one taken in such transfers.

C. H. Harreschue, who has been working on the state highway at Glendale, left this afternoon for Ashland.

MEXICAN TROOPS BORDER PATROL

New London, Conn., Sept. 15.—If General Pershing's troops are withdrawn from Mexico, Mexican troops must be sent to replace them, General Tasker H. Bliss, assistant United States army chief of staff, told the Mexican commissioners here today.

Bliss put this proposition before the commissioners at today's conference. Luis Cabrera, heading the Mexican delegation, replied that personally he believed General Carranza was prepared to send enough troops to relieve Pershing's force, but he did not desire to commit the Mexican government, he said, without consulting with officials at Mexico City.

COUNTY FAIR WILL OPEN TUESDAY

Exhibits Are Already Arriving at Grounds, and Carpenters Are Hastening Erection of the Show Buildings

The stage is now about set for the Josephine county fair, which will open next Tuesday morning and continue over three days. The carpenters are hurrying the erection of the buildings at the ball park, where the fair will be held, and the receipt of stock at the stock pens has already commenced. The first receipts consisted of the show herd from Steel's Winona ranch, a car containing 17 head of Berkshires being taken to the pens today. The track at the ball park is ready for the sports that will be run on it, and has been fenced in so that there will be no danger of ponies flying the track and bolting into the crowd.

The forenoon of the first day will include a number of races and sports within the fair grounds, the relay race of two miles, with change of horses and saddles every half mile, which will be run at 10 o'clock, being the main event of this day. There will be a continuous performance of sports and races during the day, however. In the evening, at Railroad park, "Farmer" Smith, agriculturist of the O.-W. R. & N. company, and Agriculturist Austin, of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company, will speak. There will also be sports, stunts, carnival features and dancing Tuesday afternoon and evening, as on every other day of the fair, upon the streets of the city. The dancing pavilion is now being erected adjoining Railroad park.

Wednesday premiums will be awarded at the fair and the stock entries will be judged. At 11 o'clock there will be an address by Mr. Austin at the fair grounds, and at 1:30 "Farmer" Smith will deliver his second address. On both this day and Thursday there will be the usual continuous performance of sports and stunts within the fair grounds, and after the close of the fair at the Railroad park and city streets.

LOWDEN WINNER BY BIG PLURALITY

Chicago, Sept. 15.—With only 344 down-state precincts missing from Wednesday's primary, indications today were that former Congressman Frank O. Lowden, republican, for governor, will have a plurality of 107,000 over Morton D. Hull, his nearest opponent. The vote gave Lowden 206,884; Smith, 72,524, and Hull, 108,758.

With 844 precincts missing, Governor Dunne, democrat, for governor, received 129,824 votes, a plurality of about 70,000 votes over Wm. Brinton, Roger Sullivan's entry. Traynor's vote was 18,759.

Latest returns indicate that Medill McCormick is an easy winner for the republican nomination for congressman-at-large. Former United States Senator Wm. E. Mason is still leading over B. M. Chipperfield and is believed a winner, though Chipperfield continues to cut down Mason's Cook county plurality with a heavy poll down state.

James R. Mann, republican leader in the house of representatives, won re-election by 14,806 over Rev. E. H. Boynton.

MORE RAIDS ON BORDER FEARED

Members of the U. S. Army General Staff Have 'Hunch' That Villa Is Preparing for a Spectacular Stunt

Washington, Sept. 15.—The private, whispered hunch of many members of the army general staff circulated through the war department today is that Francisco Villa is planning what he hopes to be a mixture of sweet revenge and the coup d'etat of his spectacular up and down life.

Inquiry from several members of the staff today developed the same answer to the question: "Do you believe Villa is alive?"

The answer inevitably was: "I most certainly do."

And almost inevitably detailing of the hunch followed. Each officer emphasized it was a "pure hunch," but based on letters that read very much like similar letters received a month or two prior to the last Mexican crisis, which caused at least one major general to prophesy just what afterward occurred.

The hunch is that Villa, nursing resentment over the Carranza recognition by the United States, plans a series of lightning like border raids, just as close to election time as compatible with strategy. Army officers generally do not fear any real Villa activity until Pancho has spent several weeks more gathering ammunition and as many of his old followers as possible, in order to make it necessary for the Carranza-United States field armies to enter into operations against him on a larger scale than either would want to at such a time.

NEPHEW OF KAISER IS KILLED IN BATTLE

Berlin, via Sayville, Sept. 15.—Prince Frederick William of Hesse, a nephew of Emperor William, was killed in the fighting near Cara Orman, in the Balkans, it was officially announced today.

MACKENSEN HEADS BALKAN CAMPAIGN

London, Sept. 15.—Field Marshal von Mackensen, in supreme command of the Teutonic operations in the Balkans, has arrived on the German-Bulgarian front to direct the defense against the new onslaughts of the allies. A Saloniki dispatch today reported that the German-Bulgarian commanders are hastily re-grouping their forces in Macedonia. Large bodies of troops are being concentrated in the Vardar valley to meet an expected Anglo-French offensive.

The fighting on the whole of the allies' left wing is growing more violent every day. Capture of a salient held by the Bulgars in the Vardar valley southwest of Dolran was the most important victory won by the British on this sector of the front since the present offensive began.

Greece's intervention in the war is still being delayed by diplomatic negotiations at Athens. Dispatches from the Greek capital today said that King Constantine has summoned a conference of all political leaders in a new effort to find a prime minister who will guide Greece into war and at the same time unite opposing factions in Greece.

BRITISH BRING GERMAN AIRSHIPS DOWN ON SOMME

London, Sept. 15.—British troops resumed their offensive this morning with a powerful blow against the German lines north of the Somme.

General Haig announced this afternoon that the British advanced 2,000 yards on the front from Bouleaux wood, northwest of Combles, to a point north of the Albert-Bapaume road. The attack is continuing and many prisoners already have been taken.

Southeast of Thiepval the British last night captured German trenches on a front of 1,000 yards, including the strong Wunderwerk position.

The British used a new type of heavy armored car for the first time in this morning's great smash, and with remarkable success, Haig reported. Four German aeroplanes were shot down in flames and four others damaged. On no single day on any front since the beginning of the war have so many aeroplanes been put out of commission.

British air forces co-operated splendidly with the infantry in the attack, flying low and turning machine guns on German infantry.

British airmen attacked German headquarters at Bapaume and the enemy railway station, bombarding rolling stock and damaging one train. Two hostile kite balloons were destroyed.

VOTE BOOZE OUT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 15.—British Columbia has gone dry. This was clearly indicated today in early returns from yesterday's voting. The prohibitionists are conceded a majority of 7,500, with 10,000 soldiers' ballots to be counted October 12.

Vancouver and Victoria both have a big majority for prohibition. The dry law becomes effective next July.

Woman suffrage carried by a vote of four to one.

PRESIDENT'S SISTER IS FAST SINKING

Asbury Park, N. J., Sept. 15.—President Wilson received word shortly before noon today that his sister, Mrs. Annie E. Howe, who is gravely ill at New London, Conn., is sinking rapidly. The news was brought to him just after he had finished a morning round of golf at Long Branch. He immediately canceled other engagements and made tentative arrangements to go to New London later in the day. If Mrs. Howe dies, President Wilson probably will accompany the body to South Carolina for the funeral services.

LOAD OF WHISKEY STOPPED AT SALEM

Salem, Sept. 15.—Driving an automobile which was loaded with 226 quarts of whiskey, J. A. Turner, of Stanwood, Wash., came to town last night. He was en route from Hornbrook, Cal., where he had taken on the cargo of whiskey for Stanwood, and would have been at his journey's end by this time had the Salem police not interfered with his plans.

Acting under advice from the federal authorities at Portland, Chief of Police Welsh locked Turner up. He will have a hearing before City Recorder Elgin tomorrow. The automobile used by Turner is a covered one and bears upon its side a nursery company's sign.

WOMAN LOST IN HILLS AT FISH LAKE

Mrs. Ed. H. Allen, of Grants Pass, Missing From Camp, and Searching Parties Are Scouring Forests for Her

Searching parties are scouring the forests in the vicinity of Fish lake, 27 or 28 miles northeast of Crater lake, for Mrs. Ed. H. Allen, of Grants Pass, who is reported lost in the hills.

Particulars of the case are difficult to obtain as the camp of the Allens is far back in the mountains. A telephone message was received at about four o'clock this morning over the forestry department line announcing that Mrs. Allen had become lost in the forest surrounding the camp, though when she was lost is not known here. At midnight last night the forestry people started out 10 men to aid in the search.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. H. Allen and son, Glen, left this city on Sunday, September 3, for an outing at Fish lake. They were taken to Tiller, above Canyonville, by Geo. H. Carner in the Carner automobile. From Tiller they were packed 40 miles over the trail to Fish lake. As soon as word that Mrs. Allen was lost was received here, Mr. Carner started out by auto and at 11:30 phoned from Canyonville that no word had yet been received of the missing woman, though search is being most vigorously prosecuted. There are many campers in the Fish lake vicinity, who are aiding the forestry people in the hunt, and it was not considered advisable to send people out from here, as they could not possibly reach Fish lake before tomorrow. The search will be continued till the missing woman is found, and it is expected that as soon as she is found word will be hurried to her friends and relatives in this city. Mrs. Allen's mother, Mrs. Reddick, lives here, as do also other of her relatives. Mr. Allen is connected with the Grants Pass Lumber company.

LARGE GAINS FOR ALLIES IN BALKANS

Paris, Sept. 15.—Allied troops have scored the greatest victories against the Germans and Bulgarians since the Balkan offensive began, it was officially announced today.

The Serbs drove the Bulgarians back ten miles in a hasty retreat on the allied left wing, capturing Gantitchevo by a brilliant bayonet charge and the major part of the crest of Markanidze. Serbian cavalry pursued the retreating Bulgarians and captured the village of Okesu.

British troops have captured Matchoukevo and two heights north of the latter village. On the right bank of the Vardar the French captured Bulgarian trenches to a depth of 600 yards on a front of 1,500 yards.

The Serbs captured 25 cannon and a large number of prisoners. The Bulgarians are still in retreat and fighting is continuing. The exact number of prisoners and the amount of booty taken has not been reported to the allied base at Saloniki. The Serbs won their greatest victory northwest of Lake Ostrovo, where Serbian successes were reported yesterday. After smashing Bulgarian trenches in the hilly region, the Serbs evidently poured through the breach in the Bulgarian line in force and threw back the defenders in retreat toward the Greek frontier.