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## HINDENBURG OFFENSIVE ON WAY

### Berlin Dispatches Report Germans Advance Through Gympes Pass--Russians Announce Repulse of Teutons

London, Oct. 17.—General von Hindenburg's widely heralded eastern front offensive apparently is under way.

Teutonic forces are attacking fiercely on a 60-mile front along the northwestern Roumanian frontier. At the same time they have opened heavy assaults against the Russian lines north of the Carpathians.

An official statement from the Roumanian war office this afternoon admits Austro-German successes in this new offensive. The Teutons have pushed down the Trotus valley to the town of Agas, where they are engaged in battle with the Roumanians.

Berlin dispatches yesterday reported that the Germans had broken through Gympes pass, leading into the Trotus valley, and were driving eastward toward the main railway supplying the northern Roumanian armies.

The Russian war office, however, announced the repulse of all Teutonic attacks near Dorna Vatra. It is in this region that von Hindenburg is delivering his hardest blows, apparently planning to drive a wedge between the Russian and Roumanian armies.

The Austro-German attacks north of the Carpathians apparently are to prevent the shifting of Russian troops southward to meet the new attack.

In the Dobrudja fighting has been resumed between the Russo-Roumanian and the German-Bulgarian armies all along the front.

Anglo-French forces have extended their gains in the last 24 hours of fighting on the Somme front, according to official statements from the French and British war offices. The French announced the capture of another group of houses at the cross roads village of Sully-Sallinet, where desperate fighting has been going on for two days. The British pushed out north of Acre brook last night, for the first time since the opening day of the Somme offensive, and penetrated German trenches.

On the Macedonian front the situation generally is unchanged. The Bulgars counter-attacked violently southeast of Monastir, but were halted by the Serbs.

### SIO SEEPAGE CAUSES INTOXICATION OF HOGS

Chehalis, Wash., Oct. 17.—Going out to feed his pigs today, C. Bergheim, of Tacoma, found them all staggering drunk. Some hiccupped, others were cross-eyed with joy, and one tried to warble swinish melody. A number were struggling greedily around a corn silo. Investigation revealed the hogs were drinking fermented seepage—similar to fine old corn whiskey. Bergheim stopped up the drain and the pigs reeled away to sleep it off.

### SALE OF STOMACH BITTERS DOES NOT VIOLATE DRY LAW

Dallas, Ore., Oct. 17.—A verdict of not guilty was reached today in the trial of Charles Skinner, on a charge of violating the prohibition law by selling stomach bitters containing alcohol. The case was closely watched by wholesalers and manufacturers of drugs throughout the United States. Many big firms had representatives at the hearing.

## COL. ROOSEVELT STARTS WESTERN SPEAKING TOUR

New York, Oct. 17.—Republicanism today drew out for play its left bower—Theodore Roosevelt. The colonel left at 10:30 for his big western trip. He is to speak in five states, Kentucky, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Illinois.

The major part of the colonel's efforts will be made in Kentucky, where he is scheduled for 13 stops and short platform speeches before swooping down on Louisville for his first real offensive of the tour.

The colonel said upon leaving today that he intends to make it as much that way as possible to the democrats.

The colonel will begin his speaking at Falmouth at 8:36 tomorrow. He will have mighty scant intervals of rest until he concludes the short talks at Lebanon Junction at 6:48. He arrives in Louisville at 7:30 in the evening for a three-hour and a half stop, where he delivers a carefully prepared address.

The question of a New York state trip and a trip to Pittsburg, and perhaps a few places in Indiana and Ohio, will not be decided until the colonel's return to New York Saturday, October 28.

## SERIOUS CRISIS THREATENS ATHENS

London, Oct. 17.—Intimations that a serious crisis is approaching at Athens were contained in dispatches from the Greek capital today. French sailors have occupied the municipal theater and have planted field guns in readiness for instant action, said a dispatch to the Evening News.

An earlier dispatch from Athens reported the landing of marines at Piraeus, to reinforce the Athens police and prevent "threatened trouble."

Allied troops have taken possession of the Greek battleships Kilkish, Averoff and Lemnos.

### WHEAT SOARING

Chicago, Oct. 17.—Wheat soared in the Chicago grain pit today on a big export business and bad crop news from Russia, England, and Argentine. December wheat closed up 5 1/2 to 163 1/2, while May wheat advanced 6 1/2 cents to 164 1/2.

Portland, Oct. 17.—Wheat jumped two to five cents on the Portland market today, being the season's record. Bluestem was bid to 141. Another increase in the cost of flour is momentarily expected.

New York—When an itinerant circus man asked theatrical Sam Maguire where he could get a "flop with a splash for a man and a half," Maguire knew. He got him a room with a bath for \$1.50.

## GERMAN OFFENSIVE HAS BEEN CHECKED

Petrograd, Oct. 17.—The New Austro-German offensive near the Roumanian frontier south of Dorna Vatra has been checked, it was officially claimed today. The Russians repulsed several enemy attacks.

In Dobrudja fighting has broken out along the whole front.

North of Korytnica and near Bolshoevce obstinate fighting is going on. Fierce enemy counter-attacks were halted yesterday, and throughout the day there was no interruption in the intense bombardment. The Russians captured a machine gun and thirty prisoners in this region.

## STARVATION STALKS IN MEXICO

### Wiping Out of Population in State of Zacatecas Is Feared Unless Some Outside Aid Is Given at Once

El Paso, Oct. 17.—For the first time since beginning their campaign against Villa, Mexican de facto government officials admitted the location and importance of the size of the bandit chief's forces when it was announced today that Villa, with his main body of 800 well-armed men, and more than a thousand recruits, partly armed, are near Temosachic, about 150 miles southwest of El Valle, the southernmost outpost of General Pershing's expedition.

A detachment of Villistas is being sent into the foothills of the Sierras by Villa, according to a message from General Trevino, Carranza commander at Chihuahua City, to General Gonzales at Juarez, to recover machine guns, ammunition and supplies hidden by the bandit leader months ago.

Extinction of the population of the towns of the state of Zacatecas by starvation is threatened unless aid is given at once, according to a circular sent to Juarez. The circular stated 2,000 persons have died of starvation in the capital of Zacatecas in the past four months and that typhus and yellow fever epidemics are raging there now.

## PRESIDENT'S EFFORTS TO RELIEVE SUFFERING IN POLAND UNSUCCESSFUL

Shadow Lawn, N. J., Oct. 17.—Because important differences still exist between the allied and central powers under which supplies may be sent to starving Poland, President Wilson today announced he has "not yet been successful in inducing the powers to conclude a definite settlement." Some weeks ago the president wrote a letter to the king of England, president of France, czar of Russia, emperor of Germany, and emperor of Austria, urging their cooperation in alleviating the suffering of the Polish people. Today he issued a statement admitting his efforts had been in vain.

The announcement follows: "I have now received replies from the king of England, the president of France, the emperor of Germany, the emperor of Austria and the czar of Russia to my letter of July 20, 1916, in which I tendered the friendly offices of this government in negotiations looking to a fresh consideration of the possibility and method of relieving Poland. It appears, I greatly regret to say, that there are still important differences between allied and central powers as to the terms under which relief supplies may be sent to Poland. I am disappointed that I have not yet been successful in inducing the powers to conclude a definite settlement."

The president's letter to the European rulers, pleading the cause of Poland, was also made public today. It is as follows:

"In the view of the overwhelming disasters which have befallen the millions of non-combatant inhabitants of Poland, I feel justified by the universal and honest expressions of the sympathies of the American people, regardless of race origin or political sentiment, to suggest to

## BABY CASKET IN OIL STRIKE EXHIBIT

### Striking Poles Say the Wage of \$1.50 to \$2 'Won't Give the Kids a Chance' --Many Killed in Riots

Bayonne, N. J., Oct. 17.—A baby-sized casket, tufted with silk and satin, is on display in the oil strike district here today. Ragged urchins, playing in the gutters, shun it with instinctive dread, for they have seen a lot of funerals with just the same kind of caskets.

That little casket has something to do with the strike.

"We want to give the kids a chance and keep 'em from filling those caskets," a striker said today. "And, let me tell you, a man can't raise a family on \$1.50 a day or on \$2 a day. That's what this strike is all about. Prices are way up, and a poor workman has not got a chance. It's hunger to stay in, so we had to quit and fight for a raise."

The speaker's eye was black from a strike fight—he had been taken for a "scab," he said.

"Some of the Poles have murder in their hearts," he said, "but the thinking men don't approve of trouble. They're for peaceful ways. But I guess, maybe, you'd understand if you had a bunch of kids and only \$2 a day to raise them with. Maybe

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## NOMINEE HUGHES SPEAKS TO SOUTH DAKOTA FARMERS

Mitchell, S. D., Oct. 17.—Speaking before a farmer audience of 2,000, Nominee Hughes today analyzed in sharp criticism the democratic platform pledge as to the tariff and solemnly warned his auditors that the present plan of great appropriations and decreasing of the revenue through import duties "could not go on indefinitely as though there was an inexhaustible supply of money."

Hughes produced figures showing that in 1913, under the Payne bill, the total of imports was \$1,813,000,000, against \$2,197,000,000 in 1916 under the Underwood bill. Notwithstanding this vast increase, he declared the actual revenue to the government in duties on these imports was only \$212,000,000 in 1916, as against \$319,000,000 under the republican protective policy.

As against these figures, Hughes read the democratic platform endorsement of the Underwood bill and the democratic assertion that it stood for tariff sufficient to provide for a government economically administered. He denounced the administration for wasteful extravagance in government.

"The mere existence of resources and the mere existence of men capable of handling and developing these resources are not sufficient to insure prosperity," he declared. "We must have adequate government policies for maintaining the advantages of our markets. We must have protection of American agricultural industries, otherwise our plans for departmental regulation will be mere barren forms."

The audience in this city of about 8,000 was mostly of farmers, many of whom had traveled long distances since daylight to hear Hughes expound his principles. The day was

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### INFANTILE PARALYSIS GERM BELIEVED FOUND

Rochester, Minn., Oct. 17.—Dr. Edward C. Rosenow, head of the bacteriological department of the Mayo Foundation here, admitted today he had found a germ which he believes is the cause of infantile paralysis. Beyond saying it was found in the tonsils of children suffering from the malady, he refused to elaborate.

Cleveland—In a flush of generosity, John D. Rockefeller left for his Tarrytown estate. At the station he gave a little girl five buffalo nickels and five pennies. He gave the city a \$3,600 piece of property.

## MACHINE GUN FIRE MOWS DOWN TROOPS

Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville, Oct. 17.—The "tragedy on the Somme seems near a climax," said a semi-official statement, reporting frightful French and English losses in recent unsuccessful attempts to break the German lines north of the river.

When the English rushed forward for an attack near Guedecourt, the Sixth German infantry division left their destroyed positions and, standing in the face of the approaching enemy, turned loose rifle and machine gun fire into dense masses of advancing enemy troops. These crowded columns were in some places literally mowed down.

Detailed reports show that the attacks between October 9 and 13 are to be counted among the largest fighting actions of the whole Somme battle," wrote the military critic of the semi-official News Agency.

"The objects of these huge French and English efforts were Bapaume and Peronne."

## SEVEN DEAD AND TWO MISSING

### Employes Trapped in Offices of Oakes Chemical Laboratory Have No Chance to Escape Speeding Flames

New York, Oct. 17.—Seven persons were burned to death and two are missing in a fire which this afternoon destroyed the chemical plant of the Oakes Manufacturing company and spread to adjoining property, according to reports to the police early this evening.

Of the seven bodies recovered, six were men. All were burned beyond recognition.

New York, Oct. 17.—Fire which started in a laboratory of the Oakes Manufacturing company and swept through the plant, with almost explosive speed, this afternoon killed four or more employees of the plant.

After firemen had fought for three hours against chemical fumes and flames trying to reach the business offices, which were in the center of the building, they brought out four bodies.

The recovered bodies were burned beyond recognition.

Nine persons were said to have been in the offices and trapped by the flames. These included the treasurer of the company, H. C. Cook, and his assistant, Frederick Christman. The other missing are girl stenographers and clerks.

The fire, which spread to the Astoria Veener works, destroyed much valuable lumber and several boat-houses and a dock.

### BROKER LEAPS TO DEATH FROM ELEVENTH FLOOR

St. Louis, Oct. 17.—Noel L. Robyn, aged 58, insurance broker, ended his life today by leaping from the eleventh floor of the Title Trust building to the street. He was a brother of Alfred G. Robyn, American composer and organist, living in New York. Friends could assign no reason.

### SERBIANS REPULSE BULGARS

Paris, Oct. 17.—Serbian troops repulsed several Bulgarian counter-attacks in the Cerna river region, southeast of Monastir, it was announced today.

### BRITISH PATROLS ACTIVE

London, Oct. 17.—British patrols have been active on both fronts in Macedonia. It was officially announced today.

## HOOD RIVER LABOR FAMINE IS SERIOUS

Hood River, Oct. 17.—Facing a staggering financial loss, apple growers of the Hood River district today asked every man and woman to go into the orchards and gather the crop.

Petitions were circulated to close all stores and schools so students and clerks can help. Business men promised to contribute automobiles for the volunteer pickers.

Thousands of boxes of apples are going to waste on account of the labor famine. Wilson Fike, one of the biggest ranchers, alone lost three thousand boxes. Unless the emergency is met immediately many growers will be ruined.