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## ALLIES BATTERING GERMAN TRENCHES

**300 Miles of Front Attacked by Defending Armies.**

**TEUTON POSITIONS FILLED WITH DEAD**

French and British Capture 20,000 Prisoners and Many Cannon—Allies in Perfect Unison.

Paris—By a combined, simultaneous onslaught with overwhelming forces on every sector of the battle front, stretching 300 miles from the North Sea to the Vosges mountains, the French and British armies have captured more than 20 miles of German trenches and fortifications for a depth in many instances of two and one-half miles, have seized various villages and vantage points and have taken more than 20,000 prisoners and many guns.

The battle, which began Saturday and which raged with undiminished fury all Saturday night, still continues with the forces in death grip in hand-to-hand fighting, in which bayonets are being used.

In the number of troops engaged, in the terrific havoc wrought by countless batteries of the heaviest artillery and in the magnitude of the new offensive drive begun by General Joffre, commander-in-chief of the French, and Field Marshal Sir John French, commander-in-chief of the British, to expel the Germans, the vast conflict now under way exceeds even the battle of the Marne, which halted the invasion of France in its momentous bearing on the fate of the warring nations.

The terrific assault, begun Saturday and now being pressed with unabated vigor and determination, came after ten months' of patient preparation by the French and British commanders.

The battle was preceded by preparatory thunder of the hundreds of huge new canons built for the supreme conflict and which, for 50 hours, literally rained fire on the German fortifications, both explosive and incendiary shells being hurled into the positions held by the Teutonic soldiers.

The German war office pays tribute to the ruin caused by this bombardment in its reference to the fact that the French "penetrated our battered-down trenches."

**Bulgaria Denies Any Intention of Entering Great World War**

London—Dispatches from Sofia September 23 to Reuter's Telegraph 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 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.

Hill Liner Kills Whale.

San Francisco—To not many travelers on the deep it is given to see a whale killed by a modern steamship, but that was the treat given the 325 passengers on the turbiner Great Northern, which arrived from Flavel Sunday. Just north of Point Arena the Great Northern struck a huge whale fair amidships and cut the levitation in two. The shock jarred the whole vessel. Rushing on deck the passengers beheld only bloody spume in the track of the vessel and two huge pieces of whale.

Canal Closed for Week.

Panama—It will be another week before the canal is reopened. Fifty-five ships have been delayed so far, and some of them have turned back. The recent slide is the worst in the history of the canal. Eighteen months will be required to remove all the earth that slipped into the canal. Surveys have begun on Taboga Island, in Panama bay, in anticipation of appropriations for increasing the defenses of the canal.

Storm Rages in Italy.

Rome, via Paris—A great storm is raging throughout Italy, causing floods and landslides. Trees have been uprooted by the violence of the wind, and the wide overflow of rivers has drowned cattle. Thus far, however, no loss of human life has been reported. The telephone and telegraph services are greatly deranged.

## FLEEING CONVICT SHOOTS TO DEATH SUPERINTENDENT OF PENITENTIARY

Salem, Or.—Harry Minto, superintendent of the Oregon penitentiary, was shot and killed at 11:30 Tuesday night a few miles north of Albany, by Otto Hooker, an escaped convict.

A few hours earlier, Hooker had shot and perhaps fatally wounded J. J. Benson, city marshal of Jefferson.

After Hooker had shot Marshal Benson, Superintendent Minto started directly for Albany to head off the fugitive convict. Returning north from Albany in company with Guard Johnson, Hooker evidently was not hit. He was seen an hour later near Millerville station, some distance south of Jefferson.

The gun with which Hooker killed Minto had been taken from Marshal Benson at Jefferson, the convict having shot the officer while they were scuffling.

Hooker escaped from a gang of 25 convicts grubbing brush a mile south of the penitentiary.

When Hooker slipped into the brush from the field where the gang of prisoners was at work, he was not missed immediately. Later when the alarm was sounded, Superintendent Minto rushed to the scene in an automobile.

## GASOLINE CAUSES DEATH OF 35 AND SETS FIRE TO ENTIRE TOWN

Ardmore, Okla.—A spark from a workman's hammer ignited a tank of gasoline here late Tuesday, and from the ruins of two city blocks raised by the resulting explosion and the fire which followed, 31 bodies had been recovered.

Fifty persons were believed to have been crushed to death under falling walls or burned to death while pinned in the debris. Search among the ruins is proceeding, the workers centering their efforts on the tangled mass of lumber and bricks which had been the department store of Maddin & Co., where it was feared the bodies of many girl and woman shoppers and employees would be found.

The property damage was estimated at \$500,000. A score of fires caused by the flaming gasoline, which was thrown for blocks when the car exploded with a terrific detonation, were got under control after two hours' desperate work by the small local fire department, aided by every able-bodied man in the city not assisting the injured. The city immediately was placed under martial law.

The explosion wrecked an entire block of buildings in the heart of town and precipitated a scene of panic. Along Main street from the station to the Whittington Hotel, every building was demolished, and on the opposite side of the street the plant of Swift & Co., a two-story rooming house and cafe and other business buildings were razed.

## ALLIES STILL PUSH AGAINST GERMANY'S STRONGHOLDS ON WESTERN FRONT

London—The great offensive of the second British forces against both sides of the elbow joint on the German positions on the western front had not slackened Tuesday, but General Joffre's bulletin reported no new outstanding success.

The British official statement told briefly of heavy losses inflicted on the Germans northwest of Hullic, where heavy German counter attacks were carried out during the course of the day.

Berlin maintains that by means of counter attacks the allies' drives have been checked, with heavy losses, but as the Germans make no claim of having recovered the ground taken from them, the indications are the allied gains of Saturday and Sunday generally have been maintained and at some points improved, and that the fighting has reached the state of vicious attacks and counter attacks, which may take.

Berlin reports insist that any stories that the German line has been pierced are untrue, and it is pointed out that those who have seen service in the west know it to be impossible for the allies to break through.

Man, 91, Seeks Office.

Elizabeth, N. J.—Milton C. Loudon, aged 91, of Linden, decided Tuesday morning to seek his first political office at the fall election. He has been nominated for justice of the peace by Linden Democrats, and his candidacy was returned by the Republican organization of the borough.

Although he has never before been a candidate for any political office, Mr. Loudon declares that if his services as justice of the peace prove pleasing he will seek higher honors at the polls.

AIR BOMBS HIT GAS WORKS.

Amsterdam, via London—Airmen of the entente allies have again bombed Bruges, Belgium. The sudden cessation of the flow of gas at St. Louis, on the Belgian frontier, which is supplied from Bruges, led to the suspicion here that bombs from the air craft struck the gas works, and a message received later from Bruges confirmed this belief.

The whole city has been thrown into darkness, the dispatch said.



LAND PRODUCTS EXHIBIT  
PREMIUM LIST IS LARGE

## LARGEST IRRIGATION DAM IN WORLD IS DEDICATED

Portland—All prizes to be awarded in the land products section of the Second Annual Manufacturers' & Land Products Show have been announced by the chairman of this section of the fall exposition at the Armory. Premium lists will be printed at once and mailed broadcast over the Northwest. The show opens October 25 and closes November 13.

One of the features of the awards this year will be \$200 in cash and a gold medal to the best county exhibitor. The exhibit awarded second prize \$100 in cash. The best exhibits from each county will receive from \$50 to \$100 in cash. Here are the features of class

Three farm publications, the Northwest Farmer, Fruit and Produce Market, and the Oregon Farmer, will receive \$100 each for best individual farm exhibit.

Commercial division—Special class featuring with class 10 the \$100 premium list are as follows:

CLASS II.—Artists, applied glass, drift, gold model and \$100.

CLASS III.—Household—Gold—Curtain, \$250 cash and a gold medal offered by the Coast Cabinet & Flume company of \$50 cash or an "Arrow" metal water trough.

CLASS IV.—Artists, applied glass, drift, gold model and \$100.

CLASS V.—Artists, applied glass, drift, gold model and \$100.

CLASS VI.—First, Second.

5 boxes Jonathan Black \$25.00 \$15.00

5 boxes House Beauty 22.00 15.00

5 boxes Baldwin 22.00 15.00

5 boxes Grimes 22.00 15.00

5 boxes Jonathan 22.00 15.00

5 boxes Drift 22.00 15.00

5 boxes Arkansas Newcomer 22.00 15.00

5 boxes Red Check Pippin 22.00 15.00

5 boxes Royal Beauty 22.00 15.00

5 boxes Baldwin 22.00 15.00

5 boxes Starman 22.00 15.00

5 boxes Wagner 22.00 15.00

5 boxes Arkansas Pippin 22.00 15.00

5 boxes Winsap 22.00 15.00

5 boxes Banana 22.00 15.00

CLASS VII.—First, Second.

Collection of names varieties First, Second.

10 pounds each \$10.00 \$2.00

50 lbs. Yellow Globe Danvers 10.00 5.00

CLASS VIII.—First, Second.

50 lbs. Buttercup 2.00 3.00

50 lbs. Early Rose 2.00 3.00

50 lbs. Early White 2.00 3.00

50 lbs. Early Ohio 2.00 3.00

50 lbs. Early Spring 2.00 3.00

50 lbs. Garnet Child 2.00 3.00

50 lbs. Hundred Field 2.00 3.00

50 lbs. Idaho 2.00 3.00

50 lbs. Pride of Multnomah 2.00 3.00

50 lbs. (to be named later) 2.00 3.00