

ALLIES CAPTURE 20,000 GERMANS SMASHING LINES

Great Drive Under Way on West Front—French and British Gain More in Two Days of Fighting Than in Year Previously—Russia Also Holding Enemy, Winning in Places.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—In two days the French and British have gained greater results than in the preceding twelve months of fighting since the battle of the Marne. With upwards of 20,000 German prisoners in their hands and something like 30 guns, without counting machine guns, and with a formidable breach in the German line, the allies apparently have their long expected offensive movement well under way.

Ivanhoff Also a Winner Petrograd states that the army of General Ivanhoff has won a striking victory over the Germans and Austrians in the southeastern theater, where 1000 prisoners are said to have been taken.

The Belgians also are taking a prominent part in the new offensive movement. Their official announcement reports the capture of a German post on the right bank of the Yser with the consequent evacuation by the Germans of adjoining trenches. It is believed in London that the new move in the west will again bring the Germans face to face with the necessity of making a choice between the two fronts, as was the case earlier in the war.

Bulgaria Goes Slow The feeling of optimism in London is enhanced by the political effect which the successes of the allies appear to have had on the Balkan states. Dispatches from Sofia indicate that Bulgarian diplomats are eager to convince the allies that mobilization of the army was not prompted by hostile motives.

The latest official notes from Petrograd is interpreted here as showing that the Russians are distinctly in a better position, even in the region of Dvinsk, where Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has concentrated his efforts. The German attack now seems to be slackening.

TURKEY HANDS OVER TO BULGARIA LAND RECENTLY CEDED

SOFIA, Sept. 26.—The protocol providing for the handing over of the territory ceded by Turkey to Bulgaria in virtue of the Turco-Bulgarian agreement, was signed by Turkish and Bulgarian delegates at Demotika, twenty miles south of the Turkish fortress of Adrianople yesterday, according to the semi-official Bulgarian newspaper Narodni Prava.

The protocol is understood to transfer to Bulgaria all Turkish territory west of the Maritza river. The Maritza is the principal river in European Turkey and formed the boundary between Turkey and the part of Turkish territory ceded to Bulgaria after the Balkan war.

SEIZE MUNITIONS ON MEXICAN BORDER

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Orders have been issued to all American officials on the Mexican border to seize all shipments of ammunition when the destination is not definitely known. No embargo is being laid on commercial shipments of war munitions to the principal factions but it is the purpose of the government to prevent war supplies from reaching bandit bands and raiders operating independently.

NEW OFFENSIVE CONTINUES ON ENTIRE FRONT

Further German Positions Occupied in Champagne and All Gains in Artois Maintained—Bayonet Used to Decide Day After Heavy Artillery Prepared Way.

PARIS, Sept. 27.—The new offensive movement is continuing along the entire front in Champagne. The war office announced today that further German positions had been occupied. The announcement also says that all gains in the Artois region in northwestern France have been maintained.

There is intense cannonading between the Meuse and Moselle and in Lorraine, on the part of both allies and the Germans.

Only 20 Minutes Needed Reports from the front say that only twenty minutes was required for the French infantry to complete the victory prepared by sixty hours of violent shelling and overrun the first line of the German trenches north of Perthes, in Champagne. While awaiting the moment for the attack the French soldiers rested behind their lines, joking and putting their arms in perfect order.

The bright glow from the slow burning rockets and the glare of exploding projectiles lighted up the entire zone of action during two nights.

"After a few hours of intense fire, our hopes that our batteries were dominating the situation were transformed to certain conviction," says a wounded officer who took part in the battle. "The moment for the attack was set for dawn. When the charge sounded whole battalions, reinforced by reserves, bounded forward. The rush was so impetuous that the Germans still alive and unwounded in the battered rocks seemed dazed and unable to resist. They were disarmed and pushed back for our reserves to pick up while the attacking line went on."

Bayonet Does Work "There was little or no musketry. The bayonet did most of the work. The proportion of dead to wounded and prisoners was large. What was left of entire companies threw up their hands at the sight of the deadly execution by the Zouaves."

The general impression of wounded men brought from the field is that the affair of Perthes is only a beginning of the French effort.

Parisians received news of the victory soberly. The newspapers issued unusually large editions and official bulletins were read from the stages of theaters last night, the orchestras playing the "Marseillaise." There was no other public demonstrations. A report was spread that many trains carrying wounded soldiers were arriving outside Paris, but later it was learned that these trains were filled with German prisoners.

25,000 CLAIMS FILED, LAND GRANT

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—Federal officials announced today that approximately 25,000 claims had been filed with the Southern Pacific company in the alleged "land fraud" cases in which eighteen attorneys and land agents were indicted last week by the United States grand jury. An average fee of \$150 was charged clients, it was said, making a total of approximately \$3,750,000 from persons in all parts of the United States and Canada.

These figures were confirmed by the land department of the Southern Pacific. Elmer E. Paton, arrested today at Eureka, Cal., was the sixth man taken into custody by federal authorities in connection with the case. The others were W. A. S. Nicholson, Franklin Bull and Norman D. Cook, all San Francisco attorneys, D. J. Conners, an automobile dealer and Byron J. Sanford, a land agent, also of San Francisco. All but Sanford were released on bonds of \$2000 each.

BULGARIA REPORTED TO HAVE SENT WARLIKE ULTIMATUM TO SERBIA

BERLIN, Sept. 27, by wireless to Sayville.—A dispatch from Sofia, given out here today says it is rumored that Bulgaria has sent an ultimatum to Serbia, and that diplomatic representatives of the entente powers at Bulgaria are preparing to depart. The dispatch adds that this rumor has not been confirmed.

VON BERNSTORFF DENIES ATROCITIES IN OTTOMAN EMPIRE

BOSTON, Sept. 27.—The German ambassador, Count Von Bernstorff, in a letter made public here today, declared reports concerning alleged atrocities in the Ottoman empire were "pure inventions." The ambassador's letter, written under date of Sept. 23, and addressed to Miran Zvasly of this city, chairman of the executive committee of the National Defense Union of America, who asked for a definite statement, was as follows:

"In reply to your letter I beg to inform you that, according to recent official and authentic reports received by the German government and transmitted by this embassy to the government of the United States, the alleged atrocities committed in the Ottoman empire appear to be pure inventions."

"Without doubting the good faith of the Catholics I beg, however, to call your attention to the fact that His Holiness is writing under pressure of the Russian censor."

"Yours very truly, J. BERNSTORFF."

This reference to the Catholics or primates of the Armenian church was based on a report recently published in which he declared that the extermination of the Armenian race throughout Turkey was being carried on under official direction by an organized system of pillage, deportations, wholesale executions and massacres.

GREECE CALLS TO COLORS 400,000 TO PREPARE FOR WAR

PARIS, Sept. 27.—Mobilization of twenty classes of Greek troops will call to the colors 400,000 men. This is the official figures given by the Greek war ministry yesterday as forwarded by the Athens correspondent of the Havas News agency. The war ministry states there is an abundance of equipment and munitions for these men. If King Constantine does not take active command of his forces his brother, Prince Nicholas, will be placed in command.

PIRAEUS, Greece, Sunday, Sept. 26, via Paris, Sept. 27, 9:27 a. m.—The Greek government today requisitioned twenty merchant vessels for the transportation of troops. Among them are the trans-Atlantic liners Themistocles, King Constantine and Patrie.

GERMAN GENERALS LOSE COMMANDS

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Owing to the failure of the Teutonic forces to surround the Russian army at Vilna, there have been many changes in the German commands, says a dispatch from Petrograd to Reuters Telegram company. Even General Von Eichhorn's name is mentioned as being among those in disfavor, according to statements made by German prisoners.

GERMANS SAY ALLIES ATTACK HALTED AT LAST

Fierce German Counter Attacks Bring New Offensive to Standstill Claims Berlin—British Warship Reported Sunk During Bombardment of Zeebrugge—5000 Prisoners Taken

BERLIN, Sept. 27.—The German war office announced today that the new offensive in the neighborhood of Lille, Northern France, had been brought to a standstill by fierce German counter attacks.

AMERICAN SLAIN IN BATTLE WITH HAITIEN NATIVES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Details of fighting between natives and American forces near Cape Haitien yesterday in which one marine was killed and ten were wounded and more than fifty Haitiens were killed, reached the navy department today in messages from Rear Admiral Caperton. The marine patrols had been sent out to clear the lines of supply from Cape Haitien to the interior.

The first expedition sent out on Saturday afternoon to Haut Vu Cap and Petit Anse, close to the city, and on the main line of supplies, passed native outposts, whose commanders objected to the expeditions but offered no resistance. Next day two patrols went out again and after the expedition reached Haut Vu Cap, firing became general and both patrols were engaged. About fifty natives were killed. The patrols returned to Cape Haitien last night and Admiral Caperton reported the supply routes had been completely cleared of hostile forces.

A later message said Captain Underwood led an expedition of fifty mounted marines to Petit Riviere and Dalarte Bonite Sunday, and encountered 150 armed Haitiens. They were driven into the hills after a vigorous skirmish in which one marine and two natives were killed and three natives were wounded.

The marines are holding the two towns, where quiet has been restored. The marine killed in the fighting near Cape Haitien was Sergeant John Platt of Detroit, Mich., who had served long and honorably in the corps.

BRITISH INTERNE TEUTONS AND TURKS

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Every male German, Turk and Austrian of military age in London who has not been granted exemption, will be required today to surrender to the police. Austrians under 51 years of age and Germans under 55 years will be interned.

LIMA, OHIO, YOUTH FIRST FATALITY OF FOOTBALL SEASON

LIMA, O., Sept. 27.—The first fatality during the present football season was recorded here today when Don Apples, 15, prospective guard on the Lima high school team, died from injuries received in a practice game. His teammates will act as pall bearers at the funeral Wednesday morning.

RUSSIANS CHECK GERMAN RUSH ALONG DVINSK

PETROGRAD, Sept. 27.—The following official statement was issued today at the headquarters of the general staff: "The situation was somewhat quieter along the Dvinsk front. According to the statement of prisoners, the Germans suffered severe losses in the recent encounters and attacks which we repulsed. After a fight yesterday for the possession of the village of Driviaty, on the lake of the same name, the Germans were driven from the village."

"In the Viliya region above Vileika, desperate actions continue. We captured the village of Restoka. In the district northwest of Vileika our troops carried by a bayonet charge the fortified village of Ostroff, and recaptured the village of Ghirty."

"In the region of Lazdouny, east of the village of Ydie, the enemy developed a violent attack with heavy artillery. Our troops evacuated the village. "With the bayonet we crushed the desperate resistance of the Germans near the village of Porgurie, east of Novo Grodek, taking prisoners four officers and 92 men. An extremely hot engagement was fought all day yesterday near the farm of Marisene, also east of Novo Grodek, the trenches constantly changing hands. South of the farm the enemy was driven from his trenches. We took prisoner here about 600 Germans and captured several machine guns, two provision wagons, artillery wagons and ammunition. The village of Podlugie also fell into our hands."

"On the Strumene river we drove back across the stream the Germans who abandoned numerous wounded and a large quantities of ammunition."

ELEVEN MINERS ENTOMED IN COLLERY

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Sept. 27.—Eleven mine workers were entombed today at Coaldale colliery of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company at Coaldale, as the result of a fall of rock. The fall was caused by a heavy blast, and extends fully for 400 feet, blocking the single passage leading to the chamber in which the men were at work. Hope of reaching any of the men alive has been given up.

WOLGAST TO FIGHT BOBBY WAUGH TONIGHT

SHREVEPORT, La., Sept. 27.—Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion, and Bobby Waugh of Fort Worth, Texas, will meet in a fifteen round bout here tonight. Both pugilists will weigh in at 135.

BRITISH HSTEAMER SUNK BY SUBMARINE AT CRETE

MARSEILLES, Sept. 27.—The British steamer Natal Transport was shelled and sunk by a German submarine September 17, south of Crete. Its crew of 34 was picked up and landed at Piraeus, Greece.

The Natal Transport was a steamer of 2655 tons net. She was last reported as having arrived at Port Said on July 15.

GASOLINE CAR FIRES ARDMORE; 40 DEAD 50 HURT

Oklahoma Town Reported All Ablaze as Result of Gigantic Explosion of Car of Gasoline Which Wrecks Many Buildings and Sets Town on Fire Flaming Liquid Hurlled

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 27.—Forty persons were killed and fifty others were injured when a carload of gasoline exploded at Ardmore, Okla., according to the report received here by the local manager of a telephone company. The town is burning. Communication with Ardmore was severed while the report of the damage was being telephoned to Kansas City.

The gigantic explosion wrecked many buildings and the flaming gasoline was hurled in every direction. Scores of fires immediately broke out. "Ten Blocks Blazing" DALLAS, Tex., Sept. 27.—Ten blocks of business buildings are burning at Ardmore, Okla., according to reports received here late today. The fire is said to have started from a gas explosion. All wire communication with Ardmore is reported out of commission from points south of Ardmore.

Last reports from Ardmore said a big natural gas storage tank had exploded, destroying the greater part of the town and completely wrecking the passenger station, where the telephone exchange is located. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe graph lines are located.

The passenger station was destroyed by the explosion, according to a report received here over railroad wires. It is reported every person in the station was killed.

Cause Is Unknown GAINESVILLE, Tex., Sept. 27.—An unknown number of people were killed and several score were injured at 2:35 this afternoon at Ardmore, Okla., when a 3000 gallon tank car filled with gasoline exploded. The cause is unknown. The Santa Fe passenger and freight depot were completely demolished while the flames quickly spread to other sections of the town. Nearly the whole of the business section is on fire.

The force of the explosion was felt at other places. The telegraph wires which are located in the demolished depot, were wrecked beyond immediate repair and the building in which the telephone exchange is located is also reported wrecked and in flames. Every person in the Santa Fe depot at the time was killed, according to a report here.

RECEIVER FOR KATY RAILROAD

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 27.—A receiver was appointed today for the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad. The receiver was appointed by Elmer Adams, United States circuit judge on the filing of two suits by the law firm of Boyle & Priest, Chas. E. Schaff, president of the railroad, was made receiver.

The petitions say that the road is a Kansas corporation under a mortgage of \$120,000,000, not counting equipment indebtedness.

Four of the great railway systems which have their headquarters in St. Louis are now in receivership. These are the Missouri Pacific, Iron Mountain, Wabash, St. Louis and San Francisco, and the Missouri, Kansas and Texas. Another road which has a St. Louis terminus also is in the hands of a receiver, the Rock Island.

TURKS RECAPTURE ANAFARTA TRENCHES

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 27, via Berlin, by wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.—Part of the positions on the Turkish left wing at Anafarta, which had been occupied by the entente allies in the Gallipoli peninsula operations, had been retaken by the Turks, according to an official statement issued at Turkish army headquarters.

VICTORY BRINGS BOOM IN STOCKS MUNITION FIRMS

Sensational Advances on Wall Street of War Shares and Stock of Companies Holding Contracts With Allies—Largest Day's Business Since Beginning of the War Cotton Up

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Further sensational advances were scored by specialties today on the largest volume of business record since the beginning of the war. Railways were a negligible factor throughout. War shares and stocks of other companies participating in contracts with the allies soared to new heights in today's upward rush of prices. The movement was the broadest of any witnessed since the outbreak of war and carried the general list with it. Latest developments in the western theater of war constituted one of the strong factors of the rise.

Cotton Also Advances Baldwin Locomotive advanced in the first hour to 106 1/2, a gain of 11 points over Saturday and a new record. The demand for this stock was attended by rumors that the company is to be absorbed by one of the larger industrial corporations.

Other specialties making high records include Crucible Steel, up 7 1/2 to 103; Republic Iron and Steel 5 1/4 to 52 1/4; General Motors 10 1/4 to 35, and Lackawanna Steel 1 to 8.

There was a further sensational advance in the cotton market today on a continuance of the active general buying movement which has been in progress for the past two or three weeks. January contracts sold up to 12.45 during the middle of the morning, or 35 points above Saturday's closing figures, and nearly \$17 per bale above the low level of last summer. This made an advance of nearly \$3 per bale over the closing figures of last Friday night and naturally attracted heavy realizing.

Bethlehem \$4 1/2 Soars Sales up to 12.30 when the session had run half its course were estimated at 855,000 shares, showing only a slight reduction of the first hour's activity.

Baldwin Locomotive extended its rise to 114 3/4, a gain of 19 1/4 from last Saturday, and other specialties of the war class were rushed to higher prices. Bethlehem Steel made the new record of 366, a gain of ten points. American Locomotive rose 9 1/2 to 71 and Westinghouse almost 3 to 124.

IS IT EXPECTED GREAT OFFENSIVE?

PARIS, Sept. 27.—"Is it the great offensive at last," is being asked all over France. Sunday's official communications aroused the liveliest satisfaction and were the subject of animated discussion. The continued bombardment of the past month in the northern and Champagne sections of the battle line was generally believed to be the prelude to some important move and the public has been quick to infer that the patiently awaited hour for a strong offensive has arrived at last.

The military observers, however, are more cautious than the public. They admit the operations carried out by the British and French were brilliant and assert that if 20,000 prisoners were taken the total German losses must have been at least 50,000 or 60,000 men.