

## ALLIES' ATTACKS IN WEST GAIN GROUND WHILE RUSSIANS HOLD IN EAST

### FURTHER GAINS BY ALLIES ALONG WESTERN FRONT

**New Offensive Beats Off Counter-Attacks and Brings Gains in Artois Region and in the Champagne—Germans Expelled in Night Attacks in the Argonne.**

PARIS, Sept. 28.—The new offensive movement of the allies has resulted in a further gain in the Artois region near Souchez, the French war office announced today.

Additional progress is reported in Champagne.

The Germans' counter-attack in the Argonne is said to have been repulsed. The Germans left the ground before the trenches covered with dead.

The Germans are offering determined resistance in Champagne. The positions to which they have retreated are protected by a system of barbed wire entanglements.

The text of the communication follows:

**Advances in Artois**

"In the Artois district we made advances yesterday evening and last night we gained ground step by step in the direction of the hill tops to the east and to the southeast of Souchez.

"In the Champagne district the Germans are offering resistance from certain of their positions, where they are protected by concealed barbed wire entanglements.

"We have made further progress in the direction of Hill No. 185, which is to the west of Nivernon farm, and in the direction of La Justice, which is to the north of Massiges.

**In the Argonne**

"In the Argonne the obstinate attacks delivered yesterday by the enemy with six or eight battalions against our first line trenches at La Fille Morte and at Notante resulted in a serious check. The counter-attacks made by us in the course of the night made it possible for us to expel the German infantrymen from almost all the positions they had succeeded in penetrating. The ground in front of our trenches is covered with dead bodies of the enemy.

"The night passed with relative calm along the remainder of the front.

"British communication: To the northeast of Hulluch we have repulsed several counter attacks and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. Our captures now reach a total of 55 of, 100,000 men, 18 cannon and 32 rapid-fire guns. The enemy furthermore abandoned a considerable amount of war material, which has not as yet been listed. Signed, Field Marshal French."

### WILD SCENES ON WALL STREET AS STOCKS FLUCTUATE

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—All recent records for activity and violent price changes were broken in today's market, some specialties fluctuating from 15 to 35 points.

The stock exchange again saw wild and excited trading today with further spectacular advances in war shares and a reactionary trend in investment issues. Dealing in the first hour totaled almost 400,000 shares, somewhat under yesterday's high level, but sufficient to tax the machinery of the exchange to its utmost.

Commission houses were again conspicuous in the buying, indicating a continuation of the general inquiry for specialties from out-of-town points.

Among the high records of the first hour were Baldwin Locomotive, which added 12 1/4 to its previous price at 126; General Motors, 13 to 37 1/2; Willys-Overland, 7 at 22 1/2; Industrial Alcohol, 7 at 98; Lackawanna Steel, 2 1/2 at 82 1/2; Bethlehem Steel, 2 at 269; and Crucible Steel, 2 1/4 at 203 1/2.

E. S. Steel was again under selling pressure, yielding a point from its best price in the early trading.

### RIGHT WING OF CROWN PRINCE'S ARMY SMASHED

**French Shatter Center Also When Futile Efforts to Counter Are Made—Loss in This and Previous Assaults 100,000—Drive Against Verdun Is Transformed Into Defense of Metz.**

PARIS, Sept. 28.—Intelligence from the Champagne front beyond Chalons, which reached Paris today shows that it was the right of the German crown prince's army which was shattered in the attacks of Friday and Saturday. The crown prince's center made furious efforts to counter in the Argonne yesterday with the result that all railway lines to the east and north, according to French information, were engaged last night in carrying away German wounded.

**Has Lost 100,000 Men**  
French officers reckon that the crown prince's army lost 100,000 men in this attack and the previous assaults during the summer.

The plan of attack of this army has been the sending in masses of two divisions, or about 40,000 men at a time against the French works. These engagements—each one equal in importance to some of the great battles of history—have been dismissed heretofore with brief references in the French official communications because the results were only negative.

In yesterday's attack the Germans sent two divisions against the French lines after a preparatory bombardment. The artillery fire did not demoralize the French line, which held everywhere when the German infantry charged. The two German divisions broke, leaving the ground dotted with their dead.

**Three Attacks Repulsed**  
Three times the Germans renewed their assault, making the attacks with extreme courage. Each time they retired, leaving more dead. Many of their wounded are still lying between the lines.

Although the attacks of the crown prince have been violent and well organized, French officers say the drive against Verdun is being transformed gradually into a defense of Metz, for the French are creeping slowly and steadily closer to the Lorraine stronghold.

The main object of the operations lies further north, however, military experts believe.

### AUSTRIA REPLIES TO AMERICAN NOTE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Ambassador Penfield notified the state department today that he had received Austria's reply to the American note answering Vienna's first communication protesting against the shipment of war supplies to the allies. The note, described as very long and a legal answer to Secretary Lansing, now is on the cables. The text already has been published in part in Vienna dispatches.

### SQUIRTING LIQUID FIRE ON THE GERMANS



This remarkable photograph portrays vividly the newest French war device throwing devastating flames over the German trenches. Note the tree, almost beside the muzzle of the apparatus, unharmed by the flood of burning death.

### MINTO'S SLAYER MAKES ESCAPE IN HIGH TIMBER

**Otto Hooker, Escaped Convict, Who Killed Warden of the Penitentiary and Marshal Benson of Jefferson, Eludes Pursuers—Steals Clothes From Farmer.**

SALEM, Or., Sept. 28.—With four bullets left in the revolver with which he killed Warden Harry Minto of the Oregon penitentiary, and fatally wounded Marshal J. J. Benson of Jefferson, who died this morning, from whom he wrested the weapon, Otto Hooker, escaped convict, was still at large this afternoon. He has fired only two shots.

Sheriffs and deputies of several counties, assisted by posses of citizens, searched the country between here and Albany since the shooting last night, but so far have failed to pick up the desperado's trail. Over 200 men were engaged in the man hunt.

**Seen at Devers**

A man believed to be Hooker was seen at Devers, near Jefferson, early today, but by the time officers reached the scene he had vanished. During the forenoon a posse thought it had him cornered in a vacant house, where he probably spent the night, but it is now believed he has made good his escape into the high timber, where he may not be cornered for several weeks.

Officers engaged in the pursuit expect a fight to the death if Hooker is overtaken. The coolness with which he disarmed and shot Marshal Benson and then killed Warden Minto, while both Minto and Guard Johnson were firing at him with shotguns, indicates in the opinion of his pursuers, that he will put up a determined battle.

**Changes His Clothing**

Hooker appeared at the house of a farmer named Asche, seven miles north of Albany, at 4 o'clock this morning. He forced the family to remain upstairs while he ransacked the downstairs portion.

He obtained hat and clothing to exchange for his prison garb, and also a supply of food, it was reported. Later one of the Asche boys left the house and, cutting the rural telephone wires, telephoned to Albany. Sheriff Esche and a posse immediately started in pursuit. By the time they arrived, however, Hooker had disappeared into the timber.

**Recently Appointed**

Harry Minto, warden of the state penitentiary here, who was killed last night by Otto Hooker, an escaped convict, last night, had held his office only a few months, having taken charge on May 1, 1915. He was 50 years old and is survived by his widow.

Warden Minto had served several terms as sheriff of Marion county. He also had been chief of police at Salem for about four years. He was recognized as one of the best detectives on the Pacific coast and was appointed prison superintendent upon his record.

Warden Minto was the son of John (Continued on page three)

### BULGARIA AGREES TO NEUTRAL ZONE GRECIAN BORDER

LONDON, Sept. 28.—Bulgaria and Greece have agreed upon the establishment of a neutral zone between the two countries, according to the statement of a Berlin news agency, based on what is said to be reliable information. This is declared to mean that the entente allies have been frustrated in their attempt to mould the course of Greece to their liking.

The Serbian war office at Sofia reports two attempts by Tentonic forces to cross the Drina into Serbian territory, both of which were repulsed.

The Serbian minister at Sofia is reported in Budapest dispatches through Berlin to have given notice of his intention to leave Bulgaria, giving ill health as the reason. Bulgarian consuls in Macedonia are reported on the same authority to have been withdrawn on leave of absence.

Berlin has a report that the efforts of Greece to obtain an agreement with Rumania for a common policy have failed. Greece also informed Serbia, according to Berlin advices, that she would resist the passage of foreign troops through Greek territory. This supposedly has reference to reports that the entente allies would send troops to Greece if Bulgaria should attack Serbia.

Lane county citizens are asking 30 per cent reduction in valuation.

### SAFE CONDUCT FOR DUMBA ASKED BY UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Dr. Constantin Theodor Dumba, the ambassador from Austria, telegraphed the state department today from the summer embassy at Lenox, Mass., that he had been ordered home by his government and asked that a safe conduct be arranged for him.

In the light of advices from American Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, that the Austrian foreign office had given informal assurances that Dr. Dumba would be recalled, the state department will arrange for his safe conduct without waiting for formal notice from the Austrian foreign office.

This action is considered by the American government as closing the incident.

All the papers and documents carried by Archibald reached the department by mail today from Ambassador Page in London. Acting Secretary Polk said practically all of importance have been given to the department of justice to determine if there shall be any action against other individuals involved. State department officials would not say whether there would be any steps taken in the cases of Archibald, Captain Von Papen, the German military attache or Consul General Von Nuber of Austria.

### BRITAIN PROMISES AMPLE AID TO BALKAN FRIENDS

LONDON, Sept. 28.—"If Bulgarian mobilization should result in Bulgaria assuming an aggressive attitude on the side of our enemies we are prepared to give our friends in the Balkans all the support in our power, in a manner that would be most welcome to them, in concert with our allies without reserve and without qualification," was the pregnant announcement made by Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, in the house of commons this afternoon.

Premier Asquith, who also addressed the house, made an urgent appeal to all his hearers to abstain from raising questions concerning recruiting for the national service.

"We are at a critical moment in the history of the war," he said. "We are watching with most intense sympathy and hope the gallant combined effort of the allied forces."

### STRIKING CARTRIDGE MAKERS RETURN TO EMPLOYMENT

LOWELL, Mass., Sept. 28.—Approximately 2000 employees of the United States Cartridge company's plant here returned to work today after being out two weeks on a strike. The working force ordinarily consists of about 5000 men, one-half of whom, it is said, are still out.

### BULGARIA AGREES TO MOBILIZE ONLY AGAINST RUMANIA

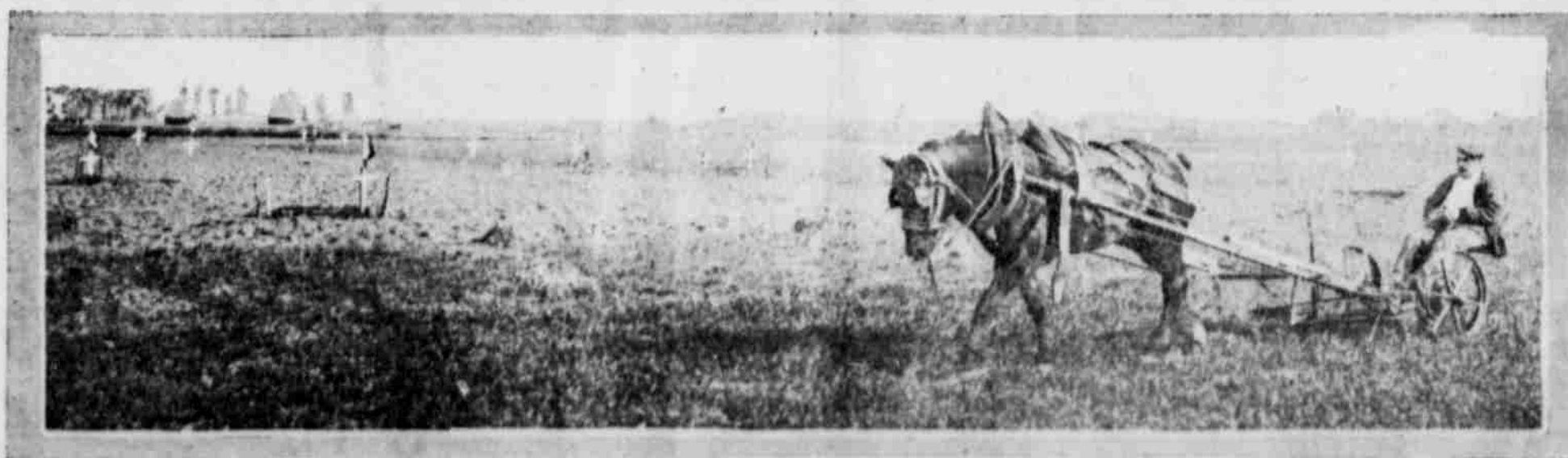
PARIS, Sept. 28.—The Bulgarian cabinet has agreed with Germany, it is learned, that Bulgaria shall mobilize only four divisions to watch Rumania. This will be done, it is said, to avoid action which might justify Greece in feeling she was called upon to intervene under the terms of her treaty of alliance with Serbia. Meanwhile the Petit Parisien's correspondent asserts, Bulgaria proposed to have 25,000 Macedonian irregulars attack Serbia but details of this plan became known in Nish and preparations were made by Serbia for a possible attack.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—According to trustworthy news from Serbian sources, the Austro-German forces concentrated at the Serbian frontier along the Pancsova-Orsova line, do not exceed 300,000 men. They are composed mainly of old men and youths, although they are provided with powerful artillery.

The projected attack against Serbia is believed to have been necessarily postponed.

BERLIN, Sept. 28.—According to the Overseas News agency, Greece has assured Serbia she will resist the passage of foreign troops through Greek territory.

### HIS FARM IS A GRAVEYARD, BUT FRANCE MUST EAT



French farmer cultivating his land, on which many white crosses indicate the graves of soldiers who fell defending Paris.

### ROCKEFELLER FUND MAKES A DISCOVERY

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—The fourth section of the annual report of the Rockefeller foundation made public today states:

"It has been established beyond any doubt that mental defect and mental disease are factors of great social and economic importance. The trustees of the foundation consequently decided to give attention to the subject of mental hygiene in the hope of determining in what ways they could contribute best to the discovery of needed facts and to the diffusion of the most reliable information by which this important field of public health is to be governed."