

BRITISH TAKE THIRD LINE DEFENSES

Offensive Renewed on Grand Scale—
Attacking Front Extends Six Miles
—Villages of Flerr and Martinpuich
Captured—Newly Constructed Ger-
man Third Line Crumbles Before
Onslaught.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The British in their offensive along the Somme have broken the German third line of defense and have taken the village of Flerr, two miles north of Ginchy. British forces are also said to have gained the outskirts of Martinpuich a mile and half east of Pozieres.

The dispatch dated at the British front in France says:

"Today our troops in a great assault have broken through the enemy's third line of defense. It is reported that Flerr is in our hands and that our infantry is advancing further in the direction of Morval (about 2 miles east of Ginchy)."

"On our left we are at the moment in the outskirts of Martinpuich, and to the right we have moved forward along the whole line, encircling High wood and occupying the main part of Holesaux wood."

"Our men are filled with the spirit of victory and in several places of the line the enemy is flying back to the next line of defense."

"Prisoners are coming in fast. About 500 are already in cages and others are being brought down from the battlefield."

"The French are also attacking. The thunder of artillery and the struggle of infantry rages from Thiépval to the Somme."

"North of the Somme the French last night captured a series of German trenches and advanced as far as the village of Ranocourt. On the Verdun front two German attacks were repulsed."

Story of Attack
BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE, Sept. 15.—This morning at dawn the British made the most powerful general attack, supported by the heaviest volume of shell fire since that of July 1 when the grand offensive began. The attacking front extends over six miles, from the region of Thiépval to the junction with the French army on the right, or practically the entire line of the British advance of the last few weeks.

Having gained the whole ridge from the east of Thiépval through Ginchy and all the old German second line fortifications, the British made their next step, a broad stride down the hill against the newly constructed German third line. As the ceaseless British artillery fire had not permitted them to dig elaborate dugouts and other defenses, the Germans became more dependent on their artillery for defense. They are known to have in front of the British from Grand Court to Ginchy 1000 guns or 150 to the mile. Thus today still another record has been made in the volume of projectiles thrown by either side.

New Armored Engine
Aside from their increased artillery fire, the British brought into action for the first time today a new type

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\$119 LEFT IN BANK OF \$50,000 DEPOSITS

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Stephen Michniuk, twenty year old manager of the private bank of Michniuk & Sons, which closed yesterday with nearly \$50,000 in deposits missing, surrendered to State's Attorney Hoyne today.

All that was found in the closed bank when representatives of the state's attorney chopped their way into it was \$119.

The failure makes the forty-third private bank that has failed in Chicago within the last five years.

ENTENTE ALLIES PUT PRESSURE UPON SWEDEN

Friendly But Firm Note Presented of
Protest Over Treatment Accorded
Allied Ships—German submarines
Protected as Merchants Ships, Al-
lies Fired Upon.

PARIS, Sept. 15.—The French government has instructed the minister at Stockholm to join with the other entente ministers in presenting a friendly, but firm note to Sweden in regard to its policy of neutrality. The note takes issue with the position of Sweden in distinguishing between submarines for war and those for commerce, which the French government affirms has "an effect contrary to neutrality," since the Swedish naval forces would hesitate to attack a German submarine in Swedish waters under the pretext that it might be a commercial submarine, whereas there would be no similar situation in dealing with a submarine of the allies because they have no commercial submarines.

Nations at Odds
Great Britain and Sweden have been at odds since the early period of the war and Sweden's unyielding attitude evidently has resulted in a decision to exert the combined pressure of all the entente allies on her. Difficulties arose from the allied blockade of Germany resulting in the holding up of goods en route to Sweden which were suspected to be destined for Germany. Sweden retaliated by holding up large quantities of parcels post matter in transit between England and Russia.

This led to an exchange of notes which accomplished nothing and early this month a deadlock was reached. Great Britain insisted as a condition to submitting the dispute to arbitration that Sweden must promise not to interfere again with English mail matter. Sweden declined and the Swedish minister at London went to the continent, to be gone for several weeks. Negotiations were transferred to Stockholm but the latest advices from London were that no solution of the problem was in sight.

Finn's Coffee Held Up
BERLIN, Sept. 15.—A Stockholm dispatch to the Overseas News agency says that Sweden has held up 10,000 tons of coffee destined for Finland, presumably on account of the fact that Great Britain has detained shipments of coffee for Sweden. As a result there is a great scarcity of coffee in Finland.

"ENCHANTED GOAT" KILLED BY MEXICANS

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 15.—The head of the bandit, Luis Gutierrez, known in Mexico as the "enchanted goat," has been sent by Colonel Benavente, commanding the Carranza garrison at Colima, to the governor of Guadaluajara.

Gutierrez, long the terror of the people of the state of Colima, was attacked and killed by ranchers who had grown tired of exactions. Cutting off the head, the ranchers bore it in triumph to Colima, the town, where it was exhibited to the public.

SUFFRAGE WINS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 15.—British Columbia election returns are sufficiently complete to assure a majority of 5000 or more for prohibition and woman suffrage.

Hamburg Crowds Raid Stores
LONDON, Sept. 15.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company says:

"Serious food riots occurred at Hamburg Saturday evening. According to Berlin reports, a mob of angry women raided shops that had been closed, owing to a shortage of meat and vegetables, while another crowd demonstrated before the town hall, shouting down with the junkers' down with the people's torturers."

TO PUT REFORMS OF REVOLUTION IN CONSTITUTION

Carranza Issues Call for Election of
Delegates to Consider Changes in
Organic Law—Reforms Calculated
to Eliminate Danger of Dictator-
ship—Convention October 15.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 15.—General Carranza's purpose in issuing last night a call for the election of delegates to an assembly to consider changes in the constitution are set forth in the preamble of the decree now made public here. The preamble refers to the platform of the constitutionalists as set forth in the plan of Guadalupe, adopted in 1913 before the downfall of General Huerta and elaborated at Vera Cruz in 1914, and says it shows clearly that the program of the constitutionalists called for an election of congress and ratification of the first chief's actions.

The first chief was then to call a presidential election and turn over the executive power to the legally elected president.

The enemies of the constitutionalists, General Carranza says, have omitted nothing to prevent completion of the program, even going so far as to imperil the dignity of the republic and endanger its sovereignty by provoking conflict with a neighboring republic, seeking to bring about intervention on the pretext that there was no protection for the lives and properties of foreigners. They even pretended to seek intervention for humanitarian considerations.

Carranza Objects
The enemies of the constitutionalists, General Carranza says further, have imputed to him motives which he never entertained. Accordingly he determined to forestall attacks by a frank and sincere declaration that the reforms projected are not intended to lead to the establishment of a dictatorship. On the other hand, the government to be established will be of such form as to demonstrate categorically that sovereignty resides within the people, by whom it should be exercised for the public benefit. Both federal and state rights will be observed and the spirit of the constitution will be carried out. The only purpose is to purge the constitution of defects in the way of obscurity and contradiction, or of clauses inserted for the purpose of nullifying democratic rights.

Then follow the provisions determined upon by General Carranza to carry out his purpose. The election of delegates to the constitutional assembly will be held October 15. Business sessions will begin December 1 and will be limited to two months. As soon as a constitution is adopted a presidential election will be arranged and the assembly dissolved.

Joint Commission Meets
NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 15.—Practical obstacles have arisen in the consideration by the American-Mexican joint commission here of numerous suggestions for the pacification of the border which make it seem im-

INCREASE IN TYPHUS ON MEXICAN COAST

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Apparent increase of typhus and yellow fever in Mexico, particularly at coast ports is reported in today's official dispatches. Should the epidemic become serious, state department officials said today, consideration might be given to imposition of rigid quarantine regulations on persons coming to the United States. The department still is discouraging Americans from returning to Mexico, refusing passports even to missionaries.

PRINCE FREDERICK OF HESSE KILLED ON BALKAN FRONT

BERLIN, Sept. 15.—Prince Frederick William of Hesse has been killed at Carnarman, it was officially announced by the war office today in its report on operations on the Balkan front.

BULLETS TURN WAR AUTO INTO SIEVE



Three French dispatch bearers and a chauffeur rode across the Somme front in this army auto. German bullets pierced the car, ripped the tires to pieces, tore away the hood and broke spokes. The officers escaped injury, but the chauffeur was hit.

GREAT VICTORY WON BY ALLIES OVER BULGARIANS

LONDON, Sept. 15.—According to advices from Swiss sources the Austrians have suffered another sanguinary defeat west of Kapal mountain, in the Carpathians, says a wireless dispatch from Rome today.

PARIS, Sept. 15.—The entente allies have won a series of successes on the Macedonian front, the war office announced today. French, British and Serbian forces operating at different points have broken through the Bulgarian defenses. The French have captured positions half a mile deep over a front of a mile. The Serbians captured twenty-five cannon and a large number of prisoners, as yet unaccounted.

The Bulgarians, after their defeat, says the statement, retired for a distance of nine miles.

A brilliant victory for the Serbians over the Bulgarians was scored after a battle lasting several days west of Lake Ostrovo, near the western end of the fighting front.

The British success was effected west of the Vardar, near the center of the entente front, where they captured important positions. The lines forced by the French were to the east of the Vardar.

SISTER OF PRESIDENT WILSON SERIOUSLY ILL



Mrs. Howe, sister of President Wilson, is reported near death at her home, New London, Conn. The president cancelled all engagements to rush to her bedside.

PLAN TO AVERT SYMPATHETIC STRIKE NEW YORK CITY

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Although union leaders have virtually abandoned hope that Mayor Mitchell and the public service commission may bring about an amicable adjustment of the differences between the striking street railway men and their employers, the belief was strong in official circles today that some action would be taken within the next twenty-four hours to avert the threatened sympathetic strike of 70,000 trade unionists.

The central federated union of Manhattan will hold a special meeting to consider the advisability of joining in a strike that "will astound New York," the Brooklyn central labor union, comprising ninety-five local unions, has already voted in favor of such a strike.

During the night violence broke out anew. From midnight until early today Sixth and Ninth avenue elevated trains were bombarded with bricks, stones and other missiles. One guard was injured.

Service on the subway and elevated lines continues normal, but the surface lines are still crippled.

PEARYS ALLEGED DISCOVERY A FAKE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Eugene Fitzhugh Green, who spent three years with the MacMillan expedition in Arctic regions searching for the "Crockerland" reported found by Rear Admiral Peary, today filed a written report of his explorations with the navy department. The document will not be made public until the head of the expedition has prepared his report, but Green stated verbally on his return home that "Crockerland" did not exist.

IT'S ALL OFF NOW; FORD IS FOR WILSON

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Henry Ford, a Detroit automobile manufacturer now in California, declared today that he and "his neighbors" would support President Wilson for re-election it was announced at democratic headquarters tonight. Bainbridge Colby, who nominated Theodore Roosevelt for president at the progressive national convention in Chicago, but who since has declared himself in favor of the re-election of President Wilson, announced tonight that he would enter the progressive party primary in New York for the nomination to the United States senate.

BAN PLACED ON AMERICAN TRADE WITH NEUTRALS

Plan of Rationizing Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland Extends to Apply to United States by Britain—
No Shipments to Be Permitted—
Trade With Holland Stopped.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The plan of rationizing the neutral countries of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland, under which no further licenses will be granted for the present to British exporters, has been extended to apply to the United States by the expedients of refusing to allow the Netherlands oversea trust to accept further American consignments and by declining to grant letters of assurance for American shipments destined for these countries.

Stops Holland Trade
In consequence American shipments for Holland will be stopped absolutely, while the regular transportation companies trading between the United States and Scandinavia will not take cargoes without assurance of their innocent destination by the British authorities. Furthermore, tramp steamers are hardly likely to risk the inevitable landing in the prize court of any cargo they might accept.

Neutral diplomats here believe two reasons induced the British government to take this action. The first is the simplicity of the plan, which enables the government to control supplies at the source. The second is the growing bill with which Great Britain is being pressed by neutral governments for demurrage and other expenses incurred by taking suspected ships into Kiel and other ports for examination.

Licensing for Goods
Another blockade measure is the recent arrangement under which licenses were set up in England and France for granting licenses for exchange of goods which figure on the list of prohibited imports. The American authorities contend that under the British-American commercial treaty of 1815 such prohibitions must be enforced equally against all countries. Consequently any privileges granted to France and not extended to the United States are held to be in violation of that treaty.

PRESIDENT PLANS DEFENSE OF ACTION AVERTING STRIKE

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Sept. 15.—President Wilson decided today to take advantage of the earliest possible opportunity to challenge the statement made by Charles E. Hughes in recent speeches that the basis on which the recently threatened railroad strike was averted was merely an increase of wages for the employes.

The president, his political advisers said today, considers the principle of the eight hour day vitally affected by the strike settlement, and will seek to show that while the railroad legislation passed by congress to meet the situation will give the employes at least a temporary increase in pay, the more important point is that it establishes the eight hour day as the basis of work for railroad workmen.

The president will make known his views either in a speech at Shadow Lawn or in a letter.

DANISH LINER SUNK BUT CREW IS LANDED

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The Danish steamer Hans Taysen of 1700 tons gross, has been sunk, according to a Lloyd's dispatch from Saint Malo, Normandy. The crew was landed.

NORWEGIAN SHIP ETHEL SUNK BY SUBMARINE

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The Norwegian steamer Ethel, of 1153 tons gross, has been sunk, a Lloyd's announcement states.

ASHLAND DAY BREAKS RECORD IN ATTENDANCE

Stores in Sister Cities Close to Permit Employes to Visit County Fair—
Special Train Brings Crowd From
Springs City—Awarding of Prizes
in Progress.

Saturday Program
Cowgirls' running race.
Bull riding.
Cowboys' running race.
Three-eighths mile running race.
Goat roping.
Five-eighths mile race.
Steer bulldozing.
Bucking contests.
Relay race.
Wild horse race.
Novelty races and stunts.
Good program each night up town, consisting of music, vaudeville, style shows with living models, etc., free to all who attend the afternoon performance at fair grounds, in the room corner of Central avenue and Sixth street, opposite M. F. & H. store.

Stores in both Ashland and Medford were closed at noon today so that proprietors and employes might attend Ashland day at the county fair. At 2 o'clock the special train carrying 2000 Ashland residents arrived and the crowds poured into the grounds. Since early this morning people from surrounding towns and the rural districts have been arriving by team and car, bringing the attendance up to a total which surpassed any previous day's attendance in the history of the fair.

Entertainment Provided
The visitors were entertained with a number of running races, with bull and calf riding, goat roping, cowgirl races, quick-change race, bucking contests and a wild-horse race. Several of the buckaroos attempted to ride Nero, the bull, but all failed.

Both livestock and fruit judging is going on rapidly and the partial list of awards will be checked up by the judges tonight and announced tomorrow.

Entry lists were practically complete last night and the few missing came in this morning.

Uptown Exhibit
The uptown exhibit in the Vawter Davis building, corner Sixth and Central avenue, will again be open this evening with a program and style show beginning at 8:30.

Tonight dances will be given at the Natatorium and at the armory, where Roaring Camp will again be open.

A fine program of races was scheduled for this afternoon and Saturday afternoon.

Medford captured the ball game with the Portland Beaver Cement plant team at the fair grounds yesterday afternoon by the score of 3 to 1. Today the local team will meet the Gold Hill aggregation.

The first heat in the relay race was won by Murphy of Ashland, with Gitten of Medford second and Kuhl of Applegate third. Additional heats will be run today and Saturday and the rider with the best average time will be declared winner.

GOVERNMENT BUILDS SUPER DREADNAUGHT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—The superdreadnaught Arizona, just completed at the New York navy yard, will be commissioned under command of Captain John D. McDonald on October 15. Navy department officials are elated over the success, which has marked the Arizona's construction by government workmen.

Acting Secretary Roosevelt said today the ship not only would be finished on schedule time, but would save the government about \$1,000,000, as compared with lowest estimates of private concerns.