

ENTENTE ALLIES WIN NOTABLE SUCCESSES ON SOMME AND TRANSYLVANIA

COMBLES CAPTURED BY ALLIES

British From North and French From South Overcome Desperate Resistance of Germans and Enter Position of Great Strategic Importance on Somme Front—Gains Made Along Extended Front in One of Hardest Fought Battles of War.

BERLIN, Sept. 26.—The official statement today admits an entente advance on the Somme front along the line from Guedecourt to Buchy-les-Bois, a distance of six and one-half miles. This line includes the Combles sector.

On the eastern front in Transylvania the statement concedes the success of the Rumanians in forcing their way again into the Szurdok and Vulcan passes.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—The British have entered Combles on the Somme front, the war office announced today and are overcoming the resistance of the Germans.

More than 1500 prisoners taken in the fighting of the last twenty-four hours have already been counted, and a large amount of war material has been captured. The announcement follows:

"Yesterday's operations were entirely successful. The preparation and execution of the attack by the artillery and infantry and the co-operation between them were in all respects admirable. More than 1500 prisoners already have been passed through the collecting stations and more are arriving. Much war material has been captured, but the amount cannot yet be estimated.

"Further progress has been made during the night and this morning.

"A strong redoubt which had held out between Les Boeufs and Guedecourt now has been captured and the garrison made prisoners.

"Our troops entered Combles from the west and are overcoming the enemy's resistance. There the enemy's losses were very severe."

PARIS, Sept. 26.—Continuing their offensive north of the Somme the French last night captured all the village of Freycourt and penetrated the Combles cemetery. A French reconnoitering party reached the southern border of Combles, says today's official announcement. Eight hundred unaccounted prisoners were taken in the fighting of yesterday on the Somme front.

Position of Importance.

Combles, a town of some 2,000 population before the war, had been rendered of small strategic importance to the allies by their long continued encircling movement. It has been of notable value to the Germans, however, because as long as they clung to it the Franco-British freedom of action in pushing their offensive movement toward Bapaume and Peronne on either side of it was hampered.

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BUTLER SENTENCED FOR BLACKMAILING

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—William Butler, chief figure in the country-wide blackmailing conspiracy under investigation in several cities, today pleaded guilty to swindling Mrs. Regina Klipper of Philadelphia. He was at once sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment in the Atlanta penitentiary.

Butler was brought here today from Philadelphia for arraignment. He was accused of blackmailing Mrs. Klipper at an uptown hotel here in April last under the guise of being a special agent of the department of justice.

VIVID STORY OF BRITISH VICTORY ALONG SOMME

Graphic Account of Monday's Battle by Witness—Infantry Dash at Noon Follows Artillery Bombardment—High Ground Around Combles Taken in Charge.

BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE, Sept. 25, via London, Sept. 26.—This has been another great day for the Anglo-French forces on the Somme. As a spectacle for the observer it was the most splendid of all the attacks made by the allied forces since the commencement of the great offensive. What either army was trying to do and how they were doing it, the positions they held and sought to conquer in the team play of the blue French legions and the khaki-clad brigades of Britain, were comprehensible to the eye in the glorious autumn sunlight for a sweep of ten miles. The scene had the intoxication of war's grandeur—if war can be said to have any grandeur.

Tonight the British have taken half of Morval, all of Lesbouff and have advanced their line on a front of 8000 yards for an average depth of 10,000 yards; the French have stormed Rancourt and have pushed their line to the outskirts of the little village of Freycourt, a mile east and a little north of Combles. The German stronghold of Combles is virtually isolated.

Over Conquered Land

The correspondent of the Associated Press went forward yesterday over the ridge in the Devil's wood and Ginchy region, which the British had fought for over two months to gain. He walked for two miles through an area which reverberated to the blasts of the great guns, picking his way between the bursts of flame from the crashing batteries and moving around the rows of cannon as one who seeks a ford in a stream. On the other side of the ridge he saw guns where he had never seen them before—on the promised land of the lower levels which the British had won by persistent siege work. The guns were close up to the British infantry, who listened to their thunderous chorus as they prepared for the charge in today's attack.

"The usual artillery preparation," said an artillery officer.

On his return, the correspondent decided that he would not pass through that wilderness of British guns of all sizes and caliber while he had any hearing left. Every one of them was firing at top speed. He chose a gallery which took him past many batteries which for two miles were pouring out their share of the raging tempest of gunfire. From the ruins of some old German trenches, whence the battle panorama stretched before him, the correspondent had a near view of the French gunners who were feeding shells into the gun breeches as grain is fed into a threshing machine and with the mechanical precision of automatons.

Rush of Infantry

Shortly after noon was the time chosen for the infantry to rush forward under the cover of a final intensive chorus of hell from the artillery. The ridges in front and on either hand were flecked with racing sparks of flame. Within an hour at least 50,000 shells must have been fired within sight of the correspondent.

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WHOLESALE EXECUTIONS OF VILLA ADHERENTS

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 26.—Wholesale executions are taking place in Chihuahua City following the Villa attack, it was announced at military headquarters here today. Five hundred Villa adherents have been executed since the fight, the report to General George Bell, Jr., states, and many other prisoners have been taken.

VILLA ABSENT IN BANDIT RAID ON CHIHUAHUA

Confidential Official Advises Show Villa Not Present During Fighting, No Arms or Ammunition Captured and No Desertions From the Carranza Garrison—Bandits Go North.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Confidential official advises, it was announced today at the state department, show that Villa was not present during the hideous day fighting at Chihuahua City, that no arms or ammunition were captured by the bandits and that there were no desertions from the Carranza garrison. Secretary Lansing said the dispatches bore out assertions by Aliso Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate, regarding the affair. The source of the department's information was not disclosed.

Representations have been made by the state department to the Carranza government in behalf of Burton Wilson, president of the American Club of Mexico City, who was arrested and threatened with deportation.

Villa Moving North.

FIELD HEADQUARTERS SOMEWHERE IN MEXICO, Sept. 26.—Villa and his band is moving north toward the American expedition according to reports received today at headquarters, which are described as being from very reliable sources.

The bandits are reported to have crossed the railroad at San Andres, where they had a slight skirmish with Carranza troops.

The garrison at Namiquipa, presumably is preparing to attempt to prevent Villa's dash northward. General Garza and General Ramos are said to be in pursuit of Villa in the vicinity of San Andres. The Carranza authorities at Madera have ordered the confiscation of all horses suitable for military purposes to engage in the pursuit of Villa.

Information from Carranza sources places the strength of the Villa band at 200.

Says Villa There.

FIELD HEADQUARTERS SOMEWHERE IN MEXICO, Sept. 26, via Columbus, N. M., Sept. 26.—According to cowboys captured by Villa in Santa Clara canyon, who deserted after the Chihuahua battle, Villa, himself entered the city and stayed until daylight.

Fifty Villa adherents, recently arrested at Madera, have been sent north under guard of 50 de facto troops, presumably for execution.

WINGED ZEPPELINS NEWLY BUILT

LONDON, Sept. 26.—It was announced officially today that the identity of the two Zeppelins brought down in the raid on the night of September 24-25 had been determined as the naval Zeppelins L-32 and L-33, both of very recent construction.

The first airship was finally destroyed by an aeroplane after passing through an effective gun fire. The second airship was hit by gun fire from the London defenses and was forced to descend in Essex through lost gas.

Owing to deaths from injuries having occurred and the casualties not having been reported by the police immediately, some amendment must be made to the list of casualties caused during Sunday night's raid. The corrected figures follow: Killed, 25 men, 12 women and 3 children; total 38. Injured, 56 men, 43 women and 26 children; total, 125.

Last night's raid total casualties are reported as: Killed, 36; injured, 27.

Very slight damage was done of military importance.

"BROTHER, HAVE A DRINK!"



Brothers, when man to man; enemies when nation to nation! A British Tommy is shown here giving a wounded German prisoner a drink from his canteen. The soldier at the right may be seen helping the other German prisoner support his wounded comrade.

GREECE OFFERS TO DROP NEUTRALITY FOR WAR LOAN

ATHENS, Sept. 26.—The Greek government today submitted to representatives of the entente a proposal that Greece drop her policy of neutrality on condition only that she be accorded a loan sufficient to pay for the mobilization and equipment of the army.

ATHENS, Sept. 26.—Former Premier Venizelos, who is on his way to the island of Crete, is expected to arrive at Suda Bay, on the north coast of that island, this evening or early tomorrow, proceeding thence to Canea to address a proclamation to the people of Greece, stating the reasons for his departure from Athens and summoning King Constantine to head a movement to put Greece by the side of the entente.

National bank shares dropped 115 francs today.

It is thought this evening's cabinet meeting will decide to drop two members of the present ministry, M. Roufas, minister of the interior, and M. Vokotopoulos, minister of justice.

PARIS, Sept. 26.—The revolutionary movement is spreading in Greek Macedonia, in Crete, the Aegean islands and in Epirus, says a Hayes dispatch from Athens today.

REDDING, Cal., Sept. 26.—The petrified imprint of a human foot, believed to be that of an Indian maiden, made several thousand years ago, was on exhibition here today. The cast was found 20 feet below the surface by workmen digging an irrigation canal.

19 KILLED IN ZEPPELIN RAID OVER ENGLAND

LONDON, Sept. 26.—Twenty-nine persons were killed in last night's Zeppelin raid, it was announced officially today.

The announcement follows:

"Seven airships raided England last night and in the early hours of the morning. The districts attacked were the south coast, the east coast, the northeast coast and the north midlands; the principal attack was aimed against the industrial centers in the last mentioned area.

"Up to the present time no damage to factories or works of military importance has been reported. It is regretted, however, that a number of small houses and cottages were wrecked or damaged at some places and twenty-nine deaths have been reported.

"No attempt was made to approach London. The raiders were engaged by our anti-aircraft defenses and were driven off from several large industrial centers."

Disorders Break Out.

Disorders again broke out during the early hours today. According to the police a dozen elevated trains were bombarded with sticks and stones, thrown from roof tops by strikers and sympathizers. Three persons were injured by flying glass when the windows of a third avenue elevated train were shattered by missiles. Two arrests were made. One of the men in custody is charged with having a revolver in his possession.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 26.—The annual convention of the American Bankers' association here began its active business meetings today and indications were that one session at least would show a bitter contest.

It was over the question of standardizing the nation-wide check clearing system of the federal reserve banks. Today's program called for meetings of all the groups affiliated with the association and an address tonight by John Kellon Williams, controller of the currency.

WHY I AM FOR WILSON

By JOHN REED

(Famous American Author and War Correspondent.)

I am for Wilson because, in the most difficult situation any American president since Lincoln has had to face, he has dared to stand for the rights of weak nations—in refusing to invade Mexico he has unflinchingly advocated the settlement of international disputes by peaceful means—and has acted upon it to the best of his ability in the cases of Germany and England; he has publicly opposed the doctrine of militarism, and, in the case of Mexico, has warned the American people against "sinister influences" at work to plunge them into war; and in this dark day for liberalism in the United States has declared himself a liberal, and proved it by the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis and John H. Clarke to the supreme court, by forcing the enactment of the Clayton bill, the child labor bill and the workmen's compensation act, and by the labor planks in the St. Louis platform.



JOHN REED.

ASK LEGISLATURE TO DEAL WITH STRIKE PROBLEM

Governor Whitman to Meet Legislative Committee to Hear Their Request for Special Session to Avert Threat of General Strike in New York City—Rioting Reported.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—Union workers to the number of 250,000 will be on strike tomorrow, 100,000 more on Thursday, and another 100,000 on Friday, it was asserted late today by Ernest Roebuck, labor leader, after a meeting of the joint labor conference committee of unions at which final reports of strike votes were received.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—Governor Whitman has promised to meet here this afternoon a committee representing members of the state legislature from Manhattan and the Bronx to hear their request for a special session of the legislature "to deal with the situation" resulting from the threat of a general suspension of work Wednesday morning in sympathy with the striking car men.

No method of dealing with the proposed strike was set forth by the committee, but it was pointed out that the power of the public service commission was inadequate.

200,000 to Quit.

Hugo Frayne, an officer of the American Federation of Labor, and one of the directors of the strike movement, claimed today that assurances had been received by the labor leaders that 200,000 organized workers will quit work tomorrow morning.

A convention of the general officers of the national and international unions, having headquarters here and representatives of the central labor unions, trade councils and local unions will be held Wednesday morning to organize and extend the suspension of work. Means of supplying financial support to strikers and plans for holding demonstrations will be considered.

The building trade councils of Manhattan and the Bronx, representing about 82,000 workers, have postponed their response to the call for a suspension of work until Thursday.

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MEDFORD AGENT TO BE TELEGRAPHER

PORTLAND, Sept. 26.—Members of the Oregon section of division 52 of the Order of Railway Telegraphers held an important meeting yesterday with General Superintendent Barkhalter and Assistant Superintendent C. W. Martin of the Southern Pacific, and as a result of several hours of amicable conference cleared up matters, which have been more or less at issue between the men and the company.

The principal point at issue was the matter of the temporary agent at Medford pending the appointment of a permanent agent to succeed A. E. Rosenbaum, recently appointed chief agent for the company, with headquarters at Portland.

The brotherhood held that a member of the order should be given the temporary appointment and this the representatives of the company readily conceded, after an exchange of views.

Among the telegraphers present at the meeting was S. P. Johnson, oldest telegrapher on the Oregon system.

JOINT DEBATE CHALLENGE TO G.O.P. IS ISSUED

E. E. Kelly and P. J. Neff Challenge Republicans to Debate Political Issues at Various Towns of County—Hold Wilson's Achievements Entitle Him to Re-election.

The following challenge to debate political issues throughout the county has been issued by E. E. Kelly and P. J. Neff to the republican county committee:

Hon. Chairman Republican County Central Committee:

Dear Sir: Believing that the great national issues involved in the present campaign should be freely and fairly discussed before the people of Jackson county, and believing that the old fashioned joint debate is the best, fairest and most economical method of presenting these issues, we, the undersigned, respectfully invite any two representatives of your party residing within the county to a joint discussion of the issue: "Resolved, That the Achievements of the Woodrow Wilson Administration Entitle Him to Re-election." Details as to division of time and other incidental matters can be arranged by conference. We suggest that the following be the itinerary:

Rogue River October 7th.
Gold Hill October 9th.
Eagle Point October 12th.
Butte Falls October 14th.
Jacksonville October 17th.
Applegate October 19th.
Rogue Elk Resort, Trail, Oct. 21st.
Phoenix October 24th.
Agate October 28th.
Central Point October 31st.
Talent November 2nd.
Ashland November 4th.
Medford November 6th.

As the time for preparation for such an extensive campaign is very short, we trust that you will find it convenient to accept this invitation at an early date. Thanking you for an early reply, we are,

Yours very respectfully,
E. E. KELLY,
P. J. NEFF.

SPAIN PROTESTS TORPEDOING SHIPS

MADRID, Sept. 26.—The Spanish government has sent a note to Berlin, protesting energetically against the torpedoing of Spanish steamers by German submarines.

Recent dispatches from Spain said that indignation was growing throughout the country, through the loss of Spanish ships through the operation of German submarines. The Spanish Shippers' association recently presented a demand to the government that some steps should be taken to protect Spanish shipping and declaring that the association could not guarantee the supply of goods necessary to Spanish welfare if the destruction of vessels continued.

FAIRBANKS SPEAKS AT OMAHA CARNIVAL

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 26.—Charles W. Fairbanks, republican vice-presidential candidate arrived here today on his campaign tour. His program for the day included an address to the members of the Omaha commercial club at a noonday lunch; a non-partisan speech at the opening of the fall carnival of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben at 2 o'clock and an address at the municipal auditorium at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Fairbanks' party includes his son, Richard Fairbanks, and Joseph B. Neeling of Indianapolis. They leave for Colorado at midnight.