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## ALLIES ARE SMASHING HARD AT GERMAN LINES

### Tide of War Turns On West Front and Germans Are Driven Back All Along Line—French Make Heaviest Gain In Champagne Section But English Advance In Vicinity of Lens—Italy Claims Successes Against Austrians In Alps—Russians Hold German Invaders In Check

By Ed L. Keen.  
(United Press staff correspondent.)  
London, Sept. 27.—The tide of war has turned to the allies on every front. The greatest artillery battle in history is blowing sections of the German trenches along the Franco-Flanders front to bits. The allies' terrific new drive is smashing toward the railways by means of which the Germans hold Belgium and northern France. German losses since Saturday are believed to exceed 100,000.

Italy, likewise, claims fresh successes against the Austrians. Serbian artillery is holding up the Austro-German advances in the Balkans. And, more significant still Bulgaria is hesitating to dash into the war, supposedly on the Teutonic side, according to Athens dispatches, while the allies are gaining these fresh victories.

London newspapers today, however, ask moderation from the enthusiastic British public. They pointed out that the allies probably have suffered very heavily. Further, they hinted that this re-awakened activity is perhaps only a "feeling out" process, preliminary to the real offensive.

The terrific battle from Arras to the sea and in the Champagne raged unintermittently Sunday and last night, and still continues. The allied batteries are deluging the German works with a blasting fire. This is accompanied by unparalleled hand to hand bayonet attacks.

Thousands of dead and wounded are smothered amid the burning ruins of Souchez which is now entirely France's after weeks of ceaseless bitter struggle. Other thousands of unburied dead lie on the slopes of Hill 70, captured by the impetuous British charge. Trenches which the French captured in the Argonne are choked with mangled bodies.

Reinforcements are being rushed by the Germans through Belgium to Lens. A frightful fire was poured upon the British on the heights west of Lens to prevent them from bringing up their guns.

Bitter fighting for Hill 70 is expected, if it has not already begun, because this position dominates Lens, two miles away. Two days hammering at this position marked the struggle before the British stormed the hill. In the face of a withering fire they are digging themselves into the sun, preparing to meet the Teutonic counter attack.

About Loos, where the Germans admitted a reverse, they are now dealing a heavy counter attack.

The fields west of Lille, the brick-yards west of LaBassée, and the rolling plains north of Arras are being swept by the fire of shrapnel, machine guns and rifles.

It is believed here that the fifteen mile advance in the Champagne is preliminary to a violent smash to force the German crown prince out of his positions before Verdun. General Joffre, commander in chief of the French forces is aiming at the Betancourt railway, behind the German lines.

The gigantic renewed offensive, replacing the previous months of "nib-

## ATTENDANCE LIGHT AND RACES SLOW FAIR OPENING DAY

### Adverse Weather Conditions Cut Down Enthusiasm of Fair Goers

The ticket sale this morning was light and only about 600 passed through the "cash fare" gate but the indications were that the afternoon and evening attendance would be heavier. The races as usual proved the largest drawing card and this afternoon the grandstand at the Loan Oak track was inhabited by a fair sprinkling of spectators. The muddy, heavy track made the time in all of the races slow and the light horses were seriously handicapped.

Aside from the regular harness races staged for the week's big racing program, one of the interest absorbing features of the meet will be the Great Western relay race for a total distance of 12 miles, two miles of which will be run every day. The entrants for this race were participants in the wild west shows of the Northwest and the rivalry between them is very keen, hence some rare excitement is sure to develop in this contest in which the skill of the riders in making the change of mount and saddle every half mile form an important asset in winning the money.

The aeroplane did not fly this morning on account of the adverse weather conditions and the impossibility of starting on the muddy race track. The flights will be made twice daily, however, if the weather improves and the race track dries off.

The Boys and the Girls camp of winners in the various industrial contests that have been held during the last week in the various counties is beginning to fill up rapidly. Rossan Chapin, of Salem and Willie Vogt, also of Salem, were the two prize winners from Marion county to the boys camp and Ida Vogt, and Margaret Fishman, both of Salem, were the prize winning girls who will partake of the hospitality of the state fair board. Mrs. N. C. Marris, Mrs. L. P. Harrington and Mrs. Ed Anderson, of Creswell, were the women in charge of the girls camp and Superintendent Wells of Jackson county has charge of the boys camp.

Many of the exhibits in both the old and new pavilions remain yet to be placed in position and today approximately one half of the new pavilion was in shape for the opening day. The exhibitors and attendants kept up a merry clatter of hammers and conversation as they covered up the walls with cloth and products and hung up their signs for the benefit of the public.

STATE FAIR RACES.  
In the races at the fair grounds this afternoon, results were as follows:  
Race No. 1. Two year old trot. First heat. Seawave, first; Honest Boy, second; Edythe M, third; Salem Boy, fourth; Zombromon, fifth. Time 2:36.  
Second heat. Seawave, first; Elythe M, second; Salem Boy, third; Honest Boy, fourth; Zombromon, fifth. Time 2:31 1/2.

In the above, every heat is a race.  
Race No. 2. 2:10 pace. First heat. Delmas, first; Alleward, second; Oro Mo, third; Red Hal, fourth. Time 2:22.  
Race No. 3. 2:24 trot. Called off.

AUSTRIA HAS NOT YET RECALLED AMBASSADOR  
Washington, Sept. 27.—Calling today at the state department concerning Austrian Ambassador Dumba's request for a "safe conduct," British Charge d'Affaires Bursley was informed by Acting Secretary of State Platt that Austria has not recalled Dumba, as the United

States ask, or at least no communication to that effect had reached the department.

## OFFENSIVE HELD IN CHECK BY THE GERMAN FORCES

### Heavy Reinforcements Have Plugged Weak Spots In German Lines

By Ed L. Keen.  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
London, Sept. 27.—Thousands of reinforcements brought up in the past 36 hours have plugged the weak spots in the German line and has slackened the momentum of the gigantic re-awakened allied advance.

Despite the most desperate efforts, the allies have been unable to stem entirely the German resistance, according to the Paris official statement today.

South of Lens and in the Champagne region, Germans have checked the allied charges along a wide front. Midway between Arras and Lens the French, however, made important progress.

Since Arras was re-occupied a year ago, the French have attempted to reach the railway running from that city, Douai and Valenciennes to the German bases.

Paris reported today they were only six miles away from this much coveted goal.

ONE MARINE DEAD AND TEN WOUNDED  
Americans In Haiti Battled With Native Rebels On Sunday

Washington, Sept. 27.—One United States marine was killed and ten were wounded in two fights Sunday in Haiti, Admiral Caperton reported to the navy department today. Fifty two Haitian rebels were killed and a number wounded.

A force of rebels attacked the patrol in the vicinity of Hapt Du Cop Sunday and 150 engaged fifty mounted marines under Captain Underwood in the vicinity of the Petit River.

Private H. P. Youngs of Portland, Oregon, was among those injured. Sergeant John Platt of Detroit, was the marine killed.

## TOWN IS WIPED OUT BY EXPLOSION OF CAR OF GASOLINE

### Durant, Okla., Sept. 27.—Ardmore, Oklahoma a city of 10,000 population, 30 miles west of here, was practically wiped out today by an explosion of a carload of gasoline, according to advices reaching here this afternoon.

At least 20 persons are believed to be dead and it is estimated that 100 are injured. Flames have broken in several wrecked buildings and are reported to be swept unchecked. Aid has been asked from surrounding towns and relief trains with physicians and nurses are rushing to the scene.

The freight depot and several buildings adjoining, including a hotel, were destroyed. Wires follow the Santa Fe railroad and are apparently down. Residents of Marietta, 15 miles from Ardmore, saw smoke and fire. Several buildings are known to have taken fire and will probably be destroyed. The hospital is filled with wounded. Latest estimates are from 15 to 15 dead.

The depot operator was reported to be the only one of a group at the Ardmore station who escaped.

The big Whittington hotel collapsed from the force of the explosion burying all within. Several of the hotel guests are reported to have been killed and fifty injured.

Every place on the south side of Main street for a distance of over a block was reported wrecked.

The force of the explosion wrecked every window in the city and was felt for 15 miles. The cause of the explosion has not been determined.

Ardmore is 98 miles north by east of Fort Worth, Texas. It has cotton compresses and in the vicinity are extensive coal mines and asphalt beds. It is the seat of Hargrave College.

Fifteen or Twenty Dead.  
Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 27.—Telephone reports from Ardmore this afternoon said 15 persons had been killed outright and 50 injured when a car of gasoline near the Santa Fe depot exploded.

Several fires resulting from the spreading of the burning oil have been extinguished. The big Whittington wholesale grocery is a total loss.

## FRENCH ADVANCE IN A DESPERATE STRUGGLE TODAY

### Germans, Heavily Reinforced, Try to Stem Allied Attacks

Paris, Sept. 27.—French forces have occupied several more positions in the furious battle raging in the Champagne, said the official communique today. The French are attacking the whole Champagne front, and have taken prisoner 300 officers.

Despite fierce counter attacks, the French are maintaining their Souchez and Artois gains.

The German armies have been reinforced by thousands of the Champagne since the French advanced on a fifteen mile front. The official statement admitted that at many places the Teutons are successfully resisting the continued French advance. The battle, it indicated, is raging fiercely.

Hundreds of high power explosive shells and shrapnel are bursting along the line between Bricot and the section north of the Waecques farm. The Germans are making a slashing bombardment, evidently in preparation for a counter attack.

At many points, both sides have abandoned their rifles and are relying on a storm of bombs. The spaces between the opposing trenches are full of struggling figures, joined in deadly, desperate hand to hand fighting.

The French have made important progress north of Thelus, and have passed the edge of LaFolle on the Arras-Lille road. The Germans are battling stubbornly and are endeavoring to develop a counter attack.

A violent artillery duel is on south Mous and Maselle is the scene of an intense bomb and artillery struggle.

Wind and rain in a heavy autumnal storm have halted the infantry conflict in the Vosges.

Say Offensive Checked.  
Berlin, Via London, Sept. 27.—With their gigantic drive along the western battle line scarcely more than started, the allies have been halted at practically every point; it was officially stated today. The Germans have taken nearly 7,900 prisoners.

Three enemy aviators reconnoitering above the Teuton lines were shot down. The British onslaught at Lille, Loos and Mons, brought to a standstill by a raking fire, is now continuing fiercely.

British Warship Lost.  
Berlin, via London, Sept. 27.—A British warship was sunk and two others were damaged, by German coast batteries during bombardment of Zebrugg, according to an official statement.

The British ships have been pounding at Zebrugg, accompanying the renewed Franco-Flanders drive by the allies.

The British squadron retreated after these losses.

Concerning the gigantic offensive on the west front, the official statement claimed the Kaiser's forces had taken prisoner in one trench sector 1200 British including a brigade commander and several officers.

In the eastern Champagne region the French losses were said to be over 3,750.

The Balkan Situation.  
Rome, Sept. 27.—The Balkan situation was apparently deadlocked today. Bulgaria, whose entrance seemed assured when she made sudden mobilization moves, was believed to be awaiting the final proposals of the allies. Serbia and Greece were awaiting Rumania's word.

Censored Nish dispatches reiterated that Serbia will fight rather than cede Macedonia to Bulgaria. Sofia messages said mobilization is progressing but denied that Bulgarian forces are concentrating on their neighbors' frontier.

The majority of Greek reservists have reported to the colors and Athens first outbreak of war enthusiasm has given way to the quiet of watchful waiting.

Rumania Wants to Know.  
Rome, Sept. 27.—Rumania has requested Bulgaria to explain her mobilization moves, according to the Idea Nazionale today.

Greece Calls Reserves.  
Washington, Sept. 27.—The Greek legation announced today that all reservists in the United States between the classes of 1892 and 1911 have been called home. A dispatch to this effect

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## GERMANS ASSERT ALLIES' OFFENSIVE IS NOT ALARMING

By Carl W. Ackerman.  
(United Press staff correspondent.)  
Berlin, Sept. 27.—Though the allies' new offensive is marked by the heaviest blows since the great Marne battle, they are leaving no deep impression on the German line, officials declared today. Only two sectors, they said, had been bent.

After weeks of artillery preparation, the enemy has hurled countless numbers of infantry into what is believed to be the beginning of the great, long heralded offensive. But the allies' gains in the past two days' assaults are not as important as the crown prince's recent successes in the Argonne, though he used fewer than 50,000 troops to accomplish his ends.

Germany has no apprehension over the new move. Berlin knows the strength of her positions on the western front, and does not fear that the allies' mightiest efforts will shatter them.

Officials estimated that, despite their gains, the allies had lost enormously in men.

The British objective is Lille. The Germans, it is officially stated, have repulsed the enemy except near Loos, where the exposed German forces had to retire to their second defenses.

Moreover, the Germans are playing such a continuous fire upon the grim battle ground of Souchez and its cemetery that the enemy is unable to occupy positions evacuated by the Teutons.

The most important net result of the offensive thus far for the allies has been the forced retirement of the Germans for a mile and a half in the Perthes region. But the Kaiser's forces are delivering heavy counter attacks and may recapture this ground within a short time.

HALF BILLION LOAN IS NEARLY ARRANGED  
Security Will Be Joint Anglo-French Notes Bearing Five Per Cent

New York, Sept. 27.—The allies' half billion dollar loan is almost an accomplished fact.

Members of the commission arranging to leave here this afternoon for Chicago to confer with western financial leaders. Whether these would be swung into line, in the face of reports of strong opposition from that section was problematical. But, aside from this, the commissioners apparently had assurances that they will get the half billion at an early date.

The loan, according to present plans, will be on joint Anglo-French notes, bearing a five per cent interest rate, but netting the investor slightly more through selling them at less than par.

They will carry a conversion clause, permitting holders to get either cash or another series of bonds at maturity.

The commissioners home governments have approved the tentative terms, it was said in authoritative circles.

The commissioners, believed that through personal contact with the westerners, they could insure a more cordial reception for the loan than thus far been accorded the proposal.

Go to Chicago.  
New York, Sept. 27.—Lord Reading, Sir Edward Holden, Ernest Mellett, and Basil Blackett accompanied by Thomas Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co., left here this afternoon on the Twentieth Century Limited for Chicago to meet western bankers about the allies' \$500,000,000 loan. They refused, however, to discuss details of their visit or to say how long they intend to stay.

Conference Is Planned.  
Chicago, Sept. 27.—Practically very big bank in Chicago represented today at a conference planning a reception to the allied financial commissioners due here tomorrow. A special squad

of detectives have been provided to guard the commissioners during their visit. The conference today formally denied that there would be any discussion of western participation in the \$500,000,000 proposed loan, and insisted their trip would be confined to "social activities."

BASEBALL TODAY

American League.

Cleveland ..... R. H. E.  
Boston ..... 9 13 3  
New York ..... 2 5 3  
Mitchell and O'Neill; Russell and Alexander. Browns replaced Russell.

National League.

First game—  
Cincinnati ..... R. H. E.  
Chicago ..... 6 7 2  
Scott and Schalk; Eccles, Morrisette and McAvoy, Perkins.

Second game—  
St. Louis ..... R. H. E.  
Boston ..... 4 6 1  
Sieler and Agney; Leonard and Archery. Weillman replaced Sieler, Koob replaced Weillman.

Federal League.

Baltimore ..... R. H. E.  
Kansas City ..... 3 6 1  
Black and Russell; Johnson and Brown.

Newark ..... R. H. E.  
Pittsburg ..... 0 6 0  
Senator and Kariden; Rogge and O'Connor.

Brooklyn ..... R. H. E.  
Chicago ..... 0 3 1  
Wilson, Upham and Smith; Bailey and Wilson.

Buffalo ..... R. H. E.  
St. Louis ..... 2 7 0  
Schulz and Allen; Crandall and Hartley.

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**Abe Martin**  
Five Thousand Clothing Makers Strike In Chicago  
Chicago, Sept. 27.—Five thousand clothing makers quit their benches this afternoon and 40,000 additional workers will strike by this evening, according to Sidney Hillman, their leader. Numerous arrests for loitering followed the walkout.

Fearing trouble, Chief Healey ordered all available reserves to the garment making district at the request of manufacturers.

HUNTINGTON IS KILLED.  
Binghamton, N. Y., Sept. 27.—William Huntington, California railroad man, and nephew of Collis P. Huntington was killed today when his automobile was hit by a trolley at Otsego. Four companions were injured, but none fatally.

Huntington's car tipped over an embankment as he turned out to avoid hitting a milk wagon.

Huntington, a brother of Henry E. Huntington, was a resident of San Francisco. He had spent the summer in the East.

Jealously either makes a brute or a goose of a feller. Life Bud says he'd rather not have any money if he didn't look like it.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight, fair, cooler with light frost inter- or west and very heavy frost east portion. Tuesday fair and warmer, except near the coast; and winds mostly southerly.

KEIR HARDIE DEAD.  
London, Sept. 27.—Keir Hardie, British socialist, labor leader, is dead at Glasgow, the victim of a broken heart.

While doctors certified today that pneumonia caused his death, his friends said that worry and disappointment over the socialist attitude toward the war weakened him to that he was unable to overcome his illness.

Hardie had been opposed to the war from the beginning.

PARIS IS EXCITED AT NEWS OF VICTORIES

By William Phillip Sims.  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
Paris, Sept. 27.—Brilliant successes of the allies in their new offensive the past few days will not only relieve Russia, but will have a wholesome effect on Bulgaria, tottering on the edge of a war decision, officials here believed today.

Paris was electrified by the news from the Champagne and Artois districts. Newspapers were torn from the vendors in the crowds' feverish haste to learn the facts. Great throngs gathered everywhere, their faces beaming with joy at the tidings the war office announced. Even in the homes of the men in the trenches, where hearts of women were torn by knowledge of the fighting, there was a feeling of relief.

Everyone appeared glad that the army at last is on its big offensive, instead of "nibbling" slowly, almost negligibly, at the Teuton lines.

Prisoners taken in the new drive will begin to arrive tonight. Exhaustive reports from the front told today of the quick dash of the allies, in the face of deadly machine gun fire, across the open spaces to the ruins of German trenches, wrecked by days of steady artillery shelling.

At some points hundreds of Germans,

stunned or unconscious from the concussion of giant explosions, were easily captured by the onrushing allies.

There was, however, no disposition to overestimate the importance of this re-awakened activity. The populace realizes that the war will probably last a year, no matter how successful the allies may be this autumn.

But France never was more confident that victory will be hers.

I'D LIKE TO SEE THE WORLD'S SERIES

Illustration of a man holding a baseball bat.