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GERMAN ARMIES ON DEFENSIVE AT VERDUN

Great Battle That Has Been Practically Continuous for 201 Days Enters Third Stage with French Slowly Winning Back Lost Positions—Fighting on Rumanian Frontier Is Going On on 100 Mile Front—Rumanians Advance in Transylvania

By Henry Wood,
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
With the French Army at Verdun, Sept. 9.—The Germans are now entirely on the defensive at Verdun. The great battle begun 201 days ago has now entered its third and final stage. The French are steadily winning back their lost positions. The battle will gradually die out like an extinct volcano.

It has now been learned definitely that the Germans were forced to remove huge quantities of artillery and men from Verdun to the Somme front three weeks ago to meet the new Anglo-French offensive. This had an immediate effect upon the morale of the remaining men. In February they had been told they were to capture Verdun. At the end of July they were told it would be sufficient to simply dominate the situation there. But when they had been reduced in numbers to merely a defensive garrison after nearly seven months of fighting, their morale was so shattered that groups of prisoners have been surrendering some of them going through Verdun singing the Marseillaise, French officers declare.

The seventh and last great German massed attack was made on both banks of the Meuse on July 10. The French checked this blow immediately and took the offensive. Ever since that time they have retained the initiative, capturing in their operations more than 10,000 prisoners, a score of cannon and a hundred machine guns.

Fighting on the west bank of the Meuse has practically ceased. Hill 304 and Dead Man's hill are now numbered among the glories of the past. East of the river the Germans are concentrating for a final desperate struggle to retain the forts of Vaux and Douaumont. Even on this sector their resistance has immeasurably weakened. This fact I was able to ascertain personally Thursday and Friday when the German bombardment let loose as a prelude to an attempt to recapture trenches captured by the French in the Vuax Chapitre and Chenois woods on Wednesday. This cannonading was incomparable to the terrific fire from the German guns that marked the early fighting around Verdun.

By Ed L. Keen
(United Press staff correspondent.)
London, Sept. 9.—Turkish troops have come to the rescue of the hard pressed Germans in Galicia, and have checked the Russian advance on the fortified city of Halitz.

The German war office announced this afternoon that the Turks have driven back the Slavs, taking one thousand prisoners.

The Russian war office reports the Turks and Germans violently counter attacking to save Halitz from capture.

This is the second time since the Russians began closing in about Lemberg that the advance on the Galician capital was stopped by the Turks. Several weeks ago Turkish reinforcements halted a drive on Lemberg from the east.

On the western front, the French carried a German position south of the Somme, and the British captured a wood north of the river in last night's fighting. The official reports, however, supported the German claim that the allies' infantry attacks have grown less violent in the last 24 hours.

The German-Bulgarian offensive in Rumania apparently is slackening under more stubborn Russian-Rumanian resistance. Neither the German nor Bulgarian war office claimed any important gains today.

Prepare to Check Germans
Bucharest, Sept. 9.—The Rumanian general staff has shifted large forces to the southeastern frontier to check the German-Bulgarian invasion.

It was semi-officially announced today that "important forces" are now cooperating with the Russians in the Dobruja. A further retirement may be necessary both because the Dobruja territory is difficult to defend and because the enemy has massed great forces on that front. By military authorities declared their confidence today that the enemy will be unable to throw any large force across the Danube for an advance on Bucharest.

The Rumanians were forced to surrender Tutrakan after four days of heroic resistance. They were outnumbered four to one, said dispatches from Ottenitz, across the river from Tutrakan. The bombardment by German guns was so terrific that the roar of the battle could be heard distinctly in the Rumanian capital less than 35 miles away.

The people of Bucharest received the news of the fall of Tutrakan calmly. The German-Bulgarian victory was regarded as insignificant in comparison with the Rumanian successes on the Hungarian frontier.

The fighting in the Dobruja territory is now taking on the nature of a general engagement along a front of nearly 100 miles. The enemy is pushing eastward from Tutrakan, attempting to outflank the Rumanians and Russians in the southeastern corner of Dobruja and force their retirement behind the Danube.

In Transylvania the Rumanians have resumed their advance in the north after a three days fight in the north in which Austrian resistance was finally beaten down. The Rumanian advance guards have now pushed thirty miles into Transylvanian territory.

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750,000 MAY JOIN STRIKERS

New York, Sept. 9.—The greatest fight for the preservation of unions in the history of New York was forecast today when the Central Federated Union, representing approximately 750,000 men and women, of all trades, appointed a committee with power to call a general sympathetic strike, if such action is necessary to aid the striking employes of the traction companies.

FEARED THE BRITISH AND NOT GERMANS

Statement of Captain Callao Intimates This Is What Caused Mutiny

San Francisco, Sept. 9.—Was it fear of falling into the hands of the British instead of Germany that caused the crew of the bark Callao to mutiny when the vessel was a day out of San Francisco and to bring the vessel back? This is a question along the waterfront today, following a statement by William Tobin, former captain of the vessel.

The Callao is now at sea with a new captain and crew, said to be sailing for Germany. Incoming vessels report the presence of the British cruiser Rainbow in Pacific waters and Tobin predicts that the Callao will be captured before it reaches the Horn. In fact Tobin declares he was so informed by the British consulate here, just before he decided not to take the vessel out.

He also states that his instructions were that the vessel was sold to a New York firm, and its wireless was to be used for receiving, not sending messages, until the Horn was rounded.

SAYS HUGHES DID NOT "STRIKE HIS GAIT"

Vice President Marshall in Kentucky Speech Criticizes Critics

Winchester, Ky., Sept. 9.—"In this blue grass region I need not remind you that the horse that doesn't strike his gait during the first quarter never finishes under the wire a winner," said Vice-President Marshall here today at the opening of the state campaign.

"Republican Candidate Hughes has not struck his gait."

"However, the republican nominee is more to be commiserated than criticized in attempting to please both Roosevelt and Barnes—both Penrose and LaFollette," said Marshall.

"A declaration of 'just what the republican party would do and how it would do it,' was demanded by the vice-president.

"They cannot hope to succeed to power by mere criticism," he said. "They must be specific. They must say what they will renounce; what they will substitute; what they will create. Up to this good moment, the reasons why the democrats should be put out of power are left to the imagination."

Stocks Make Records and Still Advancing
New York, Sept. 9.—The New York Evening Sun financial review today says:

Active buying orders, both for the account of Wall Street and the public were effective in carrying prices to higher levels in today's early operations, while reactions in subsequent dealings were not important or suggestive of anything beyond realizing sales and speculative adjustments incident to the end of the week.

New high records again were reported in various issues, notably United States Steel, Reading, Utah Copper, Atlantic Gulf and West Indies and International Paper common, the latter advancing more than three points in the initial operations. Street gossip reflected no falling off in bullish sentiment.

Predictions were made of materially higher prices next week, but in some quarters there was a disposition to look for moderate reactions on any decided upward movement at the opening on Monday. Outside of Reading business was quiet in rails, while the equipment issues to a great extent were neglected. The specialties were strong, the advance in International Paper for instance, have the backing of buyers who had found that the financial position of the company was better than it had been in years with its floating debt, which two years ago was more than \$5,000,000 practically wiped out.

MAINE IS FLOODED WITH ORATORS OF POLITICAL BRAND

Hughes Makes Final Speech of State Campaign at Richland Tonight

SENATOR OLLIE JAMES SPEAKS AT LEWISTON

Election To Be Held Monday --State Normally 2 to 1 Republican

By Perry Arnold.
(United Press staff correspondent.)
Augusta, Maine, Sept. 9.—The raucous voice of the campaign spell binder is resounding through Maine today. Heretofore the foundations are staggering underneath the weight of words spilled during the last few weeks, for on Monday Maine exercises her ancient prerogative of "pointing the way."

Forty-eight hours before the battle of the ballots it appeared from the tone of voices on both sides that Maine would be registered partly in the republican column. Judging from predictions from both republican and democratic leaders, sifted down the republicans are expecting a victory but not a complete one.

The democrats are still claiming everything and the confident tone of the republican leaders falter just a trifle.

The republican leaders today were unanimous in declaring that the presence on the battle ground of Nominee Charles E. Hughes has worked tremendously in favor of a republican vote.

Two weeks ago, republican leaders here admitted today they were considerably dubious as to the outcome. In the interval, a flood of oratory probably unparalleled in politics has been loosed on Maine voters. The democrats sent five cabinet members to preach the gospel of Wilsonian democracy. Tonight one of the most popular of democracy's orators, Senator Ollie M. James, winds up the administration's fight at Lewiston. For the republicans, Hughes says his final word at Rockland. Theodore Roosevelt has spoken. So has Senator Harding. President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor has been doing effective work for Wilson in assailing Hughes' labor record.

Democratic leaders do not discount the moral effect of Hughes' personal presence on the ground here.

VILLA SAYS HE WILL CAPTURE CHIHUAHUA

Rancher Says He Has 1500 Men Well Armed In His New Army

By Webb Miller.
(United Press staff correspondent.)
El Paso, Texas, Sept. 9.—"I'll shout 'grito' in Chihuahua City on the eve of Mexican independence day, September 16," is the threat Pancho Villa is making to natives along the line of his northward march, according to a Mexican rancher arriving in Juarez last night. The rancher declared that Villa had 1,500 men with him, all fully armed.

Texas rangers yesterday exchanged shots with Mexicans across the Rio Grande near Fabens, 25 miles south of El Paso, where it was reported. The rangers had captured a horse thief, who later escaped and crossed the river. The rangers opened fire, wounding him. Several Mexicans concealed on the other side of the river returned the fire but with no effect.

WAR HITS LATIN AMERICA

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 9.—All Central American republics are in the throes of an unprecedented financial depression as a result of the European war, according to Daniel Fortin, president of the Banco Comercio de Honduras, who arrived here today.

"The present is the time for American capitalists to invest in Honduras securities," Fortin declared. "Very favorable concessions can be obtained."

LARRY DOYLE HURT
Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 9.—Second baseman Larry Doyle of the Cubs, was seriously injured in today's first game here. Sliding into the plate in the eighth inning, Doyle twisted his leg, and it was believed his ankle was broken. He was carried from the field.

Director of Russian Armies Talks of War Peace Still Far Away

By William Phillips Simms.
(United Press staff correspondent.)
Imperial Headquarters, Russian Army, Sept. 9.—Germany must send 400,000 men to the aid of the demoralized Austrians if she hopes to stiffen their resistance, General Michael Alexieff, chief of staff of Emperor Nicholas II's armies, told the United Press today.

Furthermore German troops must provide the driving power if Von Hindenburg attempts the great eastern offensive talked about in Berlin. The Austro-Germans cannot count upon the Turks for substantial aid, said the man who directs the movements of Russia's millions of troops. The Turks can send no more than 40,000 men to support their Teutonic allies.

General Alexieff received me in a small, plainly furnished office adjoining the headquarters of Emperor Nicholas. A flat top desk, a few chairs and maps were the only furnishings. The general sat behind the desk like an American business man. He resembled much the pictures of Rudyard Kipling. His hair is beginning to turn white over the temples. The long ends of his white moustache turn up, slightly above the fighting jaw. His eyes are deeply set, small, grey and piercing. He wears silver rimmed spectacles. In conversation he habitually pencils lines as if drawing rivers and roads, sketching in arrows showing the direction of attacks.

I asked him if he credited the report of an Austro-German-Turkish combined offensive against Russia.

"Despite the encircling ring of the allies and the continual pressure they are exerting on all sides, I would hesitate to say that such an offensive is im-

possible," he replied. The biggest mistake a general can make is to underestimate the enemy. Should such an offensive develop, it will be for us to beat it. This I am most confident the Russian army can do.

"On July 16, the Germans started a counter offensive on the Lina. It failed. Future offensives stand to meet the same fate.

"I will not say that the Austrian armies on our front have been crushed. They are, however, badly demoralized. The Germans have filled in the gaps with 20 divisions, thus affecting a stiffening but the Austrians are still badly disorganized. From the Turks not more than two divisions are available for the Russian front, so if the combined offensive comes, the Germans must carry the principal burden.

"The Russians have shown what they are capable of doing when properly equipped. They are now entering the third winter of the war stronger than ever. Their defeats at the start of hostilities were due to lack of ammunition. We have the munitions now. The drive on the southern front which began in May and is still going on is proof of this. The Austrians are so badly shattered that they will require 400,000 German reinforcements to stiffen their front. General Alexieff praised the work done by the allies on the western front.

"But what about peace?" I asked on leaving.

A look of grimness overspread his face.

"Peace probably is some distance off," he replied. "Neither side has attained the object for which it is fighting. There can be no thought of peace now. War must follow its inevitable, historic course."

MRS. CATT IS ELECTED TO LEAD SUFFRAGISTS

Secretary of War Baker to Address Convention Tomorrow

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 9.—Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt today was elected president of the National Woman's Suffrage association. Other officers elected were:

First vice president, Mrs. Walter McNabb Miller, Missouri.

Second vice president, Mrs. Stanley McCormick, New York.

Third vice president, Miss Esther L. Ogden, Elizabeth, N. J.

Recording secretary, Mrs. Frank A. Chuler, Buffalo, N. Y.

First auditor, Miss Helen Meyer, Lenox, Mass.

Second auditor, Mrs. Pattie Ruffner, Jacobs, Birmingham.

Publicity reports and conferences and a short session winding up unfinished business completed the day's program.

Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, Herbert Parsons of New York and Raymond Robins, Chicago, will address the suffragists tonight. There will be a meeting tomorrow at which Mrs. Davis Simpson of Minnesota and Dr. Effie McCullon Jones of Omaha will speak and Dr. Anna Howard Shaw will make the closing address, "What is Americanism?"

El Paso, Texas, Sept. 9.—Preparations are being made to remove Harry J. Spannelli, secretly from jail here tonight to Alpine, Texas, where he will be placed on trial early next week for the murder of his wife and Major Butler, army officer, while they were riding in an automobile driven by Spannelli.

The grand jury meets at Alpine Monday when indictments will probably be returned for the crime. The court term opens at the same time.

Army officers and other friends of Major Butler are said to have raised a sum of money to defray the expenses of a special prosecuting attorney to prosecute Spannelli. Since he was brought to the jail here Spannelli has maintained a moody silence, refusing to make any statement.

His defense probably will be emotional insanity.

Line of Ships from Portland to Scandinavia
Portland, Or., Sept. 9.—A line of wooden vessels running between Portland and Scandinavian ports is soon to be established, according to P. K. Hitching of New York, assistant manager of the A. O. Anderson company, wealthy shippers of Copenhagen.

Two auxiliary schooners for this line are building at Astoria.

Five other vessels are being constructed there for the company. Hitching is rather reticent, but he said his concern "contemplated certain large investments in Portland."

BAKERS CONCLUDE TO DO AWAY WITH FIVE CENT LOAVES

Sherman Law Permits Them to Only "Recommend" This Course

IF SMALL LOAF IS SOLD PRICE TO BE SIX CENTS

Big Chicago Bakers Will Make Only Ten Cent Size Hereafter

Chicago, Sept. 9.—Another blow has been dealt Mr. Average Consumer.

Bread makers throughout the country today were expected to follow the lead of the National Association of Master Bakers, the executive committee of which yesterday passed a resolution "recommending" that bakeries cease to make a five cent loaf and confine their standard output to the dime loaf. It was also recommended that if a small loaf must be sold, the price be six cents.

Several big Chicago bakers declared they would eliminate the five cent loaf at once and offer the 10 cent loaf in its stead.

Another resolution passed by the bakers called on federal authorities to prohibit at once all exportation of this year's wheat crop in order to force a lowering of prices for home consumption.

Before acting on the resolution recommending the abolition of five cent bread, legal advice was asked. Lawyers told the bakers that in order to avoid the anti-trust laws they would only be able to recommend to each other and to the members of the association any size, shape or quality of loaf.

President F. S. McDonald declared that the public would save \$25,000,000 annually by buying 10 cent bread as they would get more for their money.

The Printer Did It and Newport Gaped

Newport, R. I., Sept. 9.—Newport society looked, gaped and then looked again. It was at the third annual exhibit of water color of the Art Association.

Two charmingly nude women smiled down at them from two canvases and the labels read "Mrs. William Payne Thompson" and "Miss Madeline Liebert."

The latter is the daughter of the French consul general in New York. The printer did it. The nymphs on the wall were "A Sphinx" and "A Profile" by William Cotton, while the portraits of the women named had been painted by G. Howard Hilder and were in another part of the hall.

The picture labels were hastily corrected amid blushing and explanations.

Crop Conditions Lower But Prices Much Higher

Washington, Sept. 9.—The composite condition of all crops in the United States is 5.4 per cent below the ten year average and 11.9 below last year, the United States bureau of crop estimates announced today. The level of prices for the principal crops September 1 was 21.9 per cent higher than a year ago, having increased 9.3 per cent during August.

Prices are 18.6 per cent higher than the average of the past eight years on September 1.

The index figures of prices of meat animals on August 15, was 19.4 per cent higher than a year ago.

Secretary McAdoo Will Not Attend Meeting
San Francisco, Sept. 9.—Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo will not be in San Francisco with the federal farm loan board, it was learned today. His plan to rejoin the board here after he was called east by the illness of his wife has been changed. The board is holding hearings in Sacramento today on the advisability of establishing a farm loan bank in California. A hearing will be held here Monday.

THE WEATHER
Oregon: Tonight fair, cooler with frost; Sunday fair, warmer; westerly winds.

Texas: Freemasons have a school or college of instruction that issues diplomas of proficiency to its ritualistic Masonry.



A smile on th' face is worth two in th' bottle. Auto builders seem t' provide all th' luxury fer th' non producers in th' back seat while they push th' owner's nose agin' th' windshield.

