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GERMAN TROOPS GO FROM VERDUN TO SOMME

British and French Draw Net Tight About Combles and Have Stronghold Two-Thirds Surrounded—Germans Bring 20,000 From Verdun and Fight Desperately to Save Peronne—Serbians Take Bulgar Trenches and Capture Heights—Deadlock On Russian Front

By Ed L. Keen,
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
London, Sept. 14.—The British have joined with the French in the new eastward drive to squeeze the Germans out of Combles and Peronne and made progress last night north of Ginchy.

The British gain, officially reported by General Haig, draws a noose tighter around Combles whose outskirts are now held by the French. On the eastern side of Combles, the French have pushed forward in this week's fighting until the town is about two-thirds surrounded.

The Germans are counter attacking desperately to save Peronne. The French war office today announced that more German troops have been transferred from the Verdun front and that twenty thousand Germans from Verdun led the German attack on the Combles-Peronne line yesterday. The German war office announced this afternoon that the Teuton counter attacks have met with some success and that all Anglo-French attacks last night were repulsed.

As if in answer to the German claim that the allied offensive in northern Greece has been stopped the French war office this afternoon announced further gains by the Serbs on the allies' right wing. The Serbians captured a row of Bulgarian trenches and pushed the Bulgars from a dominating height. On the remainder of the Macedonia front only artillery duels and minor patrol activities were reported by the French and British war offices.

The deadlock on the Russian front and in southeastern Rumania continues. The Russian war office announced the repulse of German-Bulgarian attacks east of the fort of Silistra.

The German war office officially confirmed reports that the Bulgarians have occupied the Greek port of Kavala and announced that the German-Bulgarian campaign in southeastern Rumania is progressing. The repulse of allied attacks at several points on the Macedonia frontier was announced at Berlin.

The fact that Berlin saw fit to announce the occupation of Kavala is interpreted here as meaning that the Germans no longer hope to keep Greece out of the war. The German minister at Athens is reported to have assured King Constantine several weeks ago that Kavala would not be occupied by the Bulgars so long as Greece continued neutral.

French Gains Comand Roads.

Paris, Sept. 14.—Continuing their advance west of the Varier and the Serbians carried Bulgarian trenches between Kovil and Vetrenik, making progress also in the direction of Kaitmatshlan, it was officially announced today.

Northwest of Ostrovo lake, the Serbs carried a fighting west of hill 1,500 after violent fighting, the advance guard reaching Solkes Malkandji. The Bulgarians suffered heavily.

On the allies' right wing, from the Vandard to the Strum, intermittent can-nyarding continued yesterday, but there were no infantry actions except patrol engagements.

French artillery has drawn a ring of fire three quarters of the way around Peronne, which is almost entirely cut off from communication with the rest of the German front.

Abe Martin



Scot leggers have rented so many skulls at our county fair that their home room for the stock. Lafa Bud's uncle was killed in a auto yesterday by a train refusal to change its course.

RECORDS SMASHED IN STOCK MARKET

Steel and Bethlehem Climb—General Motors Up \$160 In Three Days

New York, Sept. 14.—Records were smashed again today as a wave of public buying on the New York stock exchange, United States Steel climbed sharply into market leadership again and swung before noon established another new, high record price of 106 5/8. The previous high was 105 3/4.

The bull crowd behind General Motors bowled the new leader of the "war brides" along \$160 points farther to \$750 a share, up \$130 in three days.

Utah Copper touched a new high at \$9.34, Studebaker jumped 5 1/2 to 114 1/2 and New York Air Brake advanced 3 3/4 to 146.

Bethlehem Steel continued the advance which started yesterday by selling at 579, up 24 1/2 and 21 but under its record.

Motors, in which there has been a heavy short interest, were boomed along with steel and equipment stocks and there was a wild rush to cover by traders who had sold expecting declines.

At noon 800,000 shares had been traded in.

Steel later sold at 106 5/8.

The skyrocketing performances of General Motors which two years ago sold at 25 a share, has been accompanied by various reports regarding a proposed plan and by rumors of a giant automobile merger. Earlier advances in General Motors were based on war order business.

Bethlehem steel started its advance yesterday on rumors that it was seeking control of the Crucible Steel company. Official denial of this report sent Crucible back temporarily, but "Beth" continued its climb and Crucible today sold at 94 3/4 at one time.

Steel pushed its record up to 107 this afternoon, up 1 7/8 for the day and reading set its record price at 114 3/4.

At 1 o'clock prices were generally at the highest of the day. Industrial Ad-hol sold at 128 1/2; Crucible at 94 7/8; Baldwin 91 3/4; and Union Pacific 143 3/4.

Bethlehem Steel sold at 580 shortly after 1 o'clock.

Sales mounted toward a record this afternoon when at 2 o'clock 1,751,000 shares had changed hands on the floor of the exchange. Previous record sales days include March 14, 1907, 2,490,000 shares; September 28, 1915, 1,788,000 shares; September 27, 1911, 1,741,000 shares; October 1, 1915, 1,498,000 shares.

Profit taking caused some irregularity but the close was steady.

Wheat Climbs Again Corn Follows Suit

Chicago, Sept. 14.—Good commission buying strengthened the wheat market today, a strong demand being in evidence on the firmness of yesterday's outside markets. Light offering helped to accentuate the upward movement. September closed up above a high opening 1 1/4 at \$1.51 3/4; December up 3/4 at \$1.52 1/2; and May down 1/8 at \$1.52 3/8.

Forecast for the entire corn belt caused a rush to buy at advanced opening prices. Prices declined later and buying orders were absorbed. September was up above the opening 3/8 at 86 1/2; December down 1/4 at 72 1/2; and May down 1/8 at 75 3/8.

Oats continued slightly higher on the strength of wheat. September was up 3/8 at 44 3/4, December unchanged at 47 1/2 and May up 1/8 at 50 1/2.

Provisions were slightly lower, despite a strong market.

Plan Great Offensive.

Rome, Sept. 14.—A great Balkan offensive by the Teutonic powers is being planned at the conference now going on at the Kaiser's headquarters, according to reports reaching here.

The tentative plans call for Germany sending 200,000 and Austria 100,000 men.

The British official press representative at Salonika cabled early today that British forces which crossed the Struma in an advance early this week have been withdrawn after inflicting heavy casualties on the Bulgars. The reason for the British retirement was not given.

FLOUR UP TWO CENTS

Portland, Or., Sept. 14.—Patent flour advanced 20 cents a barrel in the Portland market today, making the rate \$6.60 for standard brands. A further increase is expected.

HOP HARVEST IN FULL SWING

Portland, Or., Sept. 14.—Hop picking is in full swing, with weather conditions ideal for the speeding of the harvest and the checking of blight. No new business came to light yesterday. The market was firm for foggies, with 12 cents again quoted, while clusters are worth about 8 cents. The greater premium on foggies this year is due to the stoppage of all imports from Germany, as brewers find they can substitute Oregon foggies very well for the foreign hop. It is this same condition that has caused New York state hops to advance so rapidly in price. Last year's states not long ago were selling at 12 to 15 cents, but brewers are today paying as high as 37 cents for the new crop.

ILLINOIS NAMES HER CANDIDATES FOR ALL PARTIES

Dunne Democrat Renominated—Lowden Selected by Republicans

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"I admit defeat. It is the fortunes of the game," said Lorimer. "I have nothing to say, nothing to charge. I only wish that I had won."

James R. Mann, republican leader in the national house, swamped his preacher opponent, Rev. M. P. Boynton, in the second congressional district fight by a plurality of about 15,000. In the gubernatorial race, Governor Dunne, democrat, and Colonel Frank O. Lowden, republican, were winners.

Late returns early today indicate that Dunne's plurality throughout the state will be around 90,000. He defeated William Britton, of Dixon, the Roger Sullivan entry. Dunne's landslide vote to sweep the entire state house ticket in victory with the possible exception of Lieutenant Governor O'Hara, who is running behind Henry W. Huttman, the Sullivan candidate.

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The vote for the light vote was because women were allowed to vote mostly for local offices only.

Last returns indicate that Dunne's state vote will be about 153,000 and Lowden's 230,000.

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The vote, according to the latest returns stands: McCormick, 107,419; Mason, 87,794; and Chipperfield, 57,343.

GHERRIANS ORDERED TO ASSEMBLE FRIDAY

May Attend Polk County Fair In Body—Other Proposed Events

King Bing Deekbeuch has issued a command to his vassal Gherrians to appear at the summer club Friday evening and discuss with him affairs of great import to the nation and for the welfare of the Gherrian organization.

He Patterson, president of the Polk county fair, will attend the meeting and give the boys a personal invitation to attend the Polk county fair to be held at Dallas Sept. 19-20 and 21. A special program of entertainment will be put on for Wednesday the 20th and this is the day the Gherrians will be invited to attend.

BENNETT THOMPSON GUILTY OF MURDER

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Hillsboro, Ore., Sept. 14.—Bennett Thompson faced a sentence of life imprisonment today, having been convicted of murdering Mrs. Helen Jennings at the Gore ranch last May. The verdict of guilty was returned in 33 minutes.

Thompson was pale when the verdict came in and rose wearily from his chair to hear it. His attorneys are discussing an appeal, but there is no money for a further court fight. Thompson is to be sentenced Friday or Saturday.

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Traffic Officials Stolidly Refuse to Consent to Arbitration

SEVERAL THOUSAND STRIKERS IN PARADE

Not a Surface Car Operated Along the Line of Parade—Gompers Speaks

New York, Sept. 14.—While reports were coming in of five street cars operated by strikebreakers being piled up at the bottom of a grade, injuring nine persons and traction officials stolidly reiterated their refusal to arbitrate their differences with the union, several thousand strikers paraded through the streets here today seeking support in their right for the existence of their organization.

Headed by a band furnished by the musicians' union, the strikers marched from 80th street and Park avenue to Union Square where a mass meeting was held this afternoon. About 3,000 of the strikers were in uniforms. Police estimates placed the number in line at 7,000 but union officials declared there were many more.

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He stated that with this prize in store, the Russians, now their munitions problems have been successfully solved, are more than ever determined to carry the war to an overwhelming entente victory.

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By Henry Wood

(United Press staff correspondent.)
Paris, Sept. 14.—The French chamber of deputies this evening registered the nation's confidence in the success of allied arms in an unprecedented manner.

The intervention of Rumania and Italy's declaration of war against Germany have completed the solidarity of action of the allies," said the French prime minister. "It has completely reduced the central empires to the defensive and has deprived them of all initiative in military operations."

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POINDEXTER WINS IN WASHINGTON RACE

Lead Is 10,430 with 397 Precincts to Hear From—McBride Also Winner

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 14.—Miles Poindexter's predicted lead of 10,000 over Will E. Humphrey in the contest for United States senator more than materialized today when returns from 2,046 precincts out of 2,413 in the state showed Poindexter 85,206; Humphrey 74,829.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Friday fair, westerly winds.

