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## GERMANS LOSE STRONG POSITION AT COMBLES

### Was One of Two Great Obstacles to Allies Holding Them Back From Peronne—British and French Drive Past Place Getting It Pocketed—British Make Other Advances—Peronne Now In Danger—Germans Literally Blown Out of Fortifications

By Ed L. Keen,  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
London, Sept. 26.—Combles, key-point of the whole German line from Bapaume to Peronne, has been captured by the British after 18 hours of most furious battling north of the Somme.

General Haig this afternoon announced that British troops entered Combles, overcoming German resistance. The enemy's losses, the official report said, were severe. The British victory, achieved after three weeks of desperate driving against the German center, is the most striking single achievement of the whole Somme offensive.

It removes one of the last two obstacles to an Anglo-French thrust to squeeze the Germans out of Peronne, one of the two objectives of the great allied advance.

The capture of Combles followed a day and night of most brilliant allied successes, including the capture of the village of Morval and Les Boueufs by the British, and Rancourt and Fregicourt by the French. In summing up the day's successful operations, General Haig reported 1,500 Germans were captured by the British and that more prisoners are being brought in. The work of listing large supplies of war materials also captured has not been completed.

Combles fell after thrusts by both British and French in yesterday's fighting drove a noose about the German garrison which made their escape almost impossible. For weeks, the Germans had used the town, with its wonderful system of fortifications, as a pivot point from which to swing attacks, north and south at the allies' lines. In the last month of fighting the British and French lines pressed steadily forward on both sides until the town was in a deep pocket. It was no longer available for the Germans as a pivotal point but it still held out, buttressing the German line and blocking a further allied advance.

The British not only gained this important victory but pressed forward in their drive toward Bapaume last night and early today. A strong redoubt between Les Boueufs and Guerdecourt fell before a British attack.

The French also swept forward again last night carrying Fregicourt village and later repulsing German attacks against positions won yesterday.

The official statement from the German war office this afternoon apparently admits the loss of Combles, as well as the villages of Morval and Les Boueufs, and pays tribute to the bravery of the German defenders.

### Allies All Advance

London, Sept. 26.—Trapped by the lightning advance of both French and British wings in yesterday's great storming attack, a German force estimated from 2,000 to 3,000 has been surrounded at Combles. Their surrender is believed certain unless Teutonic counter attacks open a wide gap for their retreat.

General Haig's men made one of the most remarkable advances of the whole Somme fighting in yesterday's attack. They stormed the villages of Les Boueufs and Morval, with their intricate systems of defenses and placed their lines north-east of Combles.

The French attacking at about the same hour, completed the capture of Rancourt and pushed on to the outskirts of Fregicourt east, northeast of Combles.

The German defenders of Combles for weeks the main support of the whole German line from Bapaume to Peronne, are caught in a noose and nearly completely encircled. Allied artillery commands the narrow gap—barely a mile wide—over which a few Germans may escape under cover of darkness, but any attempt to retreat by the whole German force must prove disastrous. It is believed here that the Germans withdrew many of their heavy guns before yesterday's allied attack, realizing the hopelessness of their position.

The great attack yesterday carried the British to within easy gun range of Bapaume, one of the objectives of the Somme offensive, for the first time since the drive began. It carried the French to within striking distance of Mt. St. Quentin, whose fall will signal the immediate evacuation of Peronne by the Germans.

The artillery prelude to this sweeping advance was with perhaps one exception the most powerful since the Somme offensive began, where British gunners concentrated their fire, and one German battery after another silenced.

Whether the new British "tank" figured again in yesterday's allied victory as they did in the capture of Martinpuich, Fiers and Courcellette has not yet been made known in dispatches from press headquarters.

### French Advance Unchecked

Paris, Sept. 26.—French troops captured the village of Fregicourt, a little more than a mile east, northeast of Combles last night, closing still further the Anglo-French noose about the German garrison of Combles.

The war office also announced today that French advance guards penetrated the Combles cemetery while others reached the southern edge of Combles, Southwest of Combles, a German trench

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## WETS WON BY THREE

Dawson, Y. T., Sept. 26.—Counter petitions for recounts in the recent prohibition election in Yukon Territory are on file today and will be heard by Judge Macnulty. The election resulted in a victory for the wets by three majorities. The wets then asked for a recount in the White Horse district, where they claim they will gain enough to convert the election into a "dry" victory. The wets thereupon asked for a recount in South Dawson and Bonanza districts.

## SENTENCE DEFERRED IN BILLINGS CASE

### Judge Dunne Postponed This Until Saturday at Defense's Request

San Francisco, Sept. 26.—Superior Judge Dunne this morning granted the petition of Attorney Maxwell McNutt to defer the sentencing of Warren K. Billings until Saturday.

McNutt asked for the stay of sentence on the ground he has discovered new evidence. He declared he will produce in court the mysterious photograph which he claims was taken by the building at 721 Market street shortly before the explosion of the bomb which killed 10 people on July 23.

This is the man, McNutt claims, who was mistaken by some of the state's witnesses for Billings.

Billings Denies Stories. San Francisco, Sept. 26.—Facing imprisonment for the preparedness parade bomb murders, Warren K. Billings today began his publicity campaign by issuing a signed statement denying emphatically that he has confessed the crime or has offered to confess.

He said: "Any statement to the effect that I have offered any confession or have succumbed to any inducements or threats offered me by the district attorney or any of his assistants in an absolute falsehood, and any man who even intimates that such is the case is a purveyor of falsehood and the truth is not in him."

Billings also completed the document which he proposes to read to Superior Judge Dunne today as a reason which sentence should not be pronounced. Maxwell McNutt, his attorney, has prepared a motion for a new trial on the ground that new evidence has been found.

Scores of intimidating letters threatening prosecution witnesses with death were received during the course of Billings' trial, the police admitted today. The letters were turned over to postal authorities and inspectors are attempting to trace them. Most of the letters were addressed to John McDonald and Miss Estelle Smith, the state's star witnesses and were signed "by the general" Chief of Police White also received a number of threats.

## TEXAS COUNTY STAYS OUT

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 26.—This county, with a population of 100,000 remained in the "wet" column today as a result of yesterday's local election by a majority of about 801. There was little disorder last night, the fighting only about 50 fist fights and a dozen riot encls.

## WEDNESDAY GIVEN TO SHRINERS AND SALEM

### Al Kader Temple of Portland 400 Strong Will Get Royal Reception

Fairgrounds, Salem, Ore., Sept. 26.—Fully 400 strong and upon a specially chartered train, the nobles of Al Kader Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will make their annual pilgrimage from Portland to the Oregon State fair, at Salem, to participate in the full day of festivities arranged for their special benefit by Secretary-Manager A. H. Lea and in compliance to whom this great pilgrimage is to be made. Wednesday, September 27, has been designated at the state fair as Shriners' day, and from the time they arrive, about 11 o'clock in the morning, until their special departure at 10:15 p. m., there will be something doing every minute.

## SALEM WELCOMES HER SOLDIER BOYS HOME FROM BORDER

### Reception Given Them at Armory and "Boys of '61" Were There

With plenty of music and enthusiasm and best of all a wholesome spirit of welcome the members of Company M, of the Third Oregon Infantry, were welcomed back to Salem last night with a reception and banquet at the armory. Mayor H. O. White presented the boys with the keys to the city and Rev. F. T. Porter, in behalf of the Patriotic League, and F. G. Deekobach, of the Cherrians, assured the boys that they would be accepted again as citizens of Salem with an added respect for having shown their willingness to serve their country in time of need.

## BANQUET SURRENDERED TO VIGOROUS ATTACK

### Smiling Faces Told of Happy Hearts—A Memorable Occasion to All

The banquet tables were loaded with good things to eat that are not included in the regular army menu and the feed was doubly appreciated by the soldiers in that they had no mess kits to wash at the desert they were devoted. With "seconds" on everything and a myriad of Salem's most winsome young women to wait on the tables the soldiers all realized that while war may be inconvenient, as Sherman said, it is worth several hard campaigns just to be welcomed home again.

The fire and drum corps of the Portland G. A. R. was on hand and the roll of drums greeted the boys as their train pulled into the station. Another number by the fire and drum corps was given as a part of the regular program. Sedgwick Post, No. 10, was out in force to extend a welcome to the returning warriors and make them feel that although they were obliged to fight no battles that the victory was all the greater because the mere presence of an army on the border was sufficient to end all disturbances in that quarter.

Corporal Perry Reigleman responded to the address of welcome in behalf of the company after Commander Faulkner, of the G. A. R., had paid the young soldiers the flattering compliment of comparing them with the boys of '61.

Frank Holstein, the 11-year-old son of Ernest Holstein, 224 1/2 street, was introduced as "Sergeant" Holstein of the Regular Army and brought the entire crowd to its feet by playing the "Star Spangled Banner" as an encore to his cornet solo.

Captain Max Gehlhar and Major Carl Abrams made short responses to the addresses of welcome and thanked the home folks for their kindly interest in the boys who went to the Mexican border as a result of yesterday's local election by a majority of about 801. There was little disorder last night, the fighting only about 50 fist fights and a dozen riot encls.

The regimental parade of yesterday morning at Clackamas was called off by Colonel McLaughlin on account of the rain and the mustering out took place yesterday forenoon. Pay day followed and after the checking in of ordnance property the Third battalion of Company I, K, L and M entrained for home and mother, arriving in Salem shortly after 6 o'clock.

CHICAGO'S BREAD BILL UP \$6,843,000 A YEAR  
Chicago, Sept. 26.—The cost of bread in Chicago for a year will jump \$6,843,000 as a result of the proposed increase in prices announced by the bakers effective Thursday. This morning the Ward Baking company, one of the largest Chicago bakeries, carried advertisements in local papers announcing a new price of six cents for the present five cent loaf, to take effect Thursday.

A secret meeting is said to have been held here last week by master bakers at which it was thought an agreement to boost prices was made. United States District Attorney Cline said today he would demand that bakers justify the increase or face prosecution under the Sherman act.

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Yesterday's Results.  
No games played, teams traveling.  
Today's Games.  
At Vaughn-street—Vernon vs. Portland.  
At San Francisco—Oakland vs. San Francisco.  
At Los Angeles—Salt Lake vs. Los Angeles.

WILSON TO SPEAK OCT. 19  
Chicago, Sept. 26.—President Wilson will speak in Chicago October 19, it was announced today at democratic western headquarters.

## NET IS TIGHTENED ON BLACKMAILERS BY ONE OF VICTIMS

### Edward R. West Vice President of Tea and Coffee Company Talks

Chicago, Sept. 26.—Edward R. West, vice-president of the C. D. Gregg Tea and Coffee company with offices here and in New York, is the "A. R. Wesley" who was victimized for \$15,000 by the national syndicate of blackmailers, it was definitely learned today.

West's personal attorney, Egbert Robertson, and Hinton G. Clabaugh, federal investigators here, both admitted West was the person.

Robertson said West voluntarily told his story of being lured to New York by Buda Godman, supposedly a member of the gang, that others might be warned and the guilty punished.

West was trapped by Buda Godman, whom he met in a cafe several months ago, he said today. They saw each other frequently for several weeks and she induced him to take her to New York with him on a business trip, he states. On their first night there, three men knocked at the door of their hotel room and said they were government officers and that the couple were under arrest for violating the Mann act. The woman became frantic and said exposures would ruin her social position. Then the fake officers suggested the affair might be hushed up.

West refused to yield to the blackmail and the couple was brought here. Negotiations continued three or four days while the two were held at a hotel here, supposedly as prisoners of the federal government. Finally the woman's pleas that she be not exposed won West and he paid the men \$12,500 and later \$2,500. Both were released on the first payment.

West's Convincing Witness.  
The men who posed as federal agents are supposed to be George Irwin, John T. French and "Doc" Brady, alias James Christian. French was arrested in connection with the Klipper kidnaping several days before West paid the second installment. Irwin and Brady are under arrest.

Buda Godman, who is said to be the former wife of a song writer, is being questioned today by federal agents. West is a wealthy widower, who lives in Highland Park, an exclusive suburb of Chicago. He is vice-president of one of the largest tea and coffee-importing houses.

Miss Godman is said to be an associate of Mrs. Helen Evers, who has figured prominently in the kidnaping and blackmailing case. West says he supposed she was a wealthy woman of independent means.

West told today of how the plotters carefully laid each detail of the fake arrest even to having one of their members pose as United States Commissioner Foote. The "hearing" was held in the private rooms of "Commissioner" Foote.

Miss Godman is a small brunette. She is exceedingly pretty with plenty of snap, and federal officers say she is well known in Chicago cafe life.

"I have concluded to sacrifice my personal humiliation in this case for the sake of others," West said.

Butler Pleaded Guilty.  
New York, Sept. 26.—William Butler, alleged "brains" of the million dollar blackmail plot, pleaded guilty to a charge of impersonating a federal officer when arraigned before Justice Manton here this afternoon and was sentenced to 18 months in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta. He is the first of the conspirators to be arraigned and his sentence marks the first victory of government agents tracking the alleged conspirators who have preyed upon wealthy men and women.

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## BREAD PRICES WILL RAISE

Chicago, Sept. 26.—Bread prices throughout the country will be raised within a month, it was predicted here today following indications that the federal government would not attempt to halt the increase in Chicago.

In view of the high cost of materials, it was said yesterday, prosecution would be difficult. District Attorney Cline is expected to construe the decision reached at a secret meeting of the bakers last week to raise prices as an "understanding" rather than an "agreement."

## COUNTY PROSECUTOR ACCUSED OF MURDER

### State Claims Oscar McDaniels Beat His Wife to Death in Quarrel

St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 25.—When the fall term of the criminal court opened today, Special Prosecutor Bart Lockwood asked the court to tell the grand jury to hear the charge of wife murder against County Prosecutor Oscar McDaniels, arrested at his home here last night. Lockwood will ask an indictment alleging Mrs. Daniels had threatened divorce and was slain after a quarrel.

Lockwood will charge that McDaniels was not at home the night of July 14 as Mrs. McDaniels supposed; that McDaniels returned home about 10 o'clock, was reproached for his deceptions and threatened Mrs. McDaniels to death.

The special prosecutor will also charge that the "fake telephone call" was McDaniels' invention and part of a plan to divert suspicion to those who had threatened him for his official acts.

Lockwood will charge further that McDaniels left the house after the murder and fired all five shots heard by the neighbors. Lockwood declared the case is conclusive and based largely on testimony of witnesses who were not heard at the inquest.

McDaniels took his arrest lightly, laughed, said "all right" and walked two miles to prison.

Mrs. McDaniels was found dying by her husband when he returned from answering a telephone call to come to a saloon and get his brother, who was in trouble. He said the murderer fired at him as he returned home and that the McDaniels children slept undisturbed by the killing of their mother.

The entire series of charges and the story told by McDaniels, read like a page torn from a melodrama. McDaniels declared that upon returning home he saw his wife in the telephone call. He was fired upon as he stepped from his automobile. He crouched behind the car and returned the fire. He was carrying a revolver, he said, because of threats that had been made against his life. Escaping unscathed, he ran into the house where he found his wife dying.

## TODAY'S BALL SCORES

National	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	1	8	2
New York	6	15	2
Watson, Williams and Snyder; Sallee, Koehler and McCarty.			
Chicago	R.	H.	E.
Brocklyn	4	6	2
McCConnell and Wilson; Pfeffer and Meyers.			
First game—	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburg	0	4	2
Boston	3	8	1
Evans and Schmidt; Neft and Gowdy.			
Second game—	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburg	1	4	2
Boston	2	7	2
Jacobs and W. Wagner; Allen and Gowdy.			
Cincinnati	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	2	8	2
Philadelphia	3	7	1
Knetzer and Wingo; Demaree and Killifer.			
No Americans scheduled.			
Win Twenty Two Games			
New York, Sept. 26.—The New York Giants won their twenty second consecutive game this afternoon, again establishing a record, defeating the St. Louis Cardinals six to one. Slim Hatless, former Cardinal, was the winning pitcher.			

EMPEROR ANSWERS NOTE  
Washington, Sept. 26.—Emperor Franz Josef's reply to the president's personal letter urging that a Polish relief agreement be reached between the belligerents, was received at the department today. It was forwarded to Shadow Law with seat unbroken.

Although the department has no knowledge of its contents, it is presumed it follows the lines of the kaiser's reply which refused to accede to the last published proposals of the allies.

## EXHIBITS ARE ALL IN PLACE TODAY AT THE BIG FAIR

### Pavilion Display Surpasses Any Ever Made in the State

The second day of the state fair opened a little cool but with increased crowds as the late exhibits are being put into place and the livestock that were delayed in arriving began filling up the stock barns to capacity. The forenoon was devoted mostly to music and the Fernwood band of Yamhill county, the Cherrubud band, and the G. A. R. Veterans' Life and Drum corps rendered concerts in the grove and in the old pavilion. The grizzled veterans with their martial music brought new strains to the customary brass bands and the pioneers who heard the same music in '61 and the younger ones who were attracted by the novelty thronged about the seven veterans who played the luring tunes of the past generation with the dash of younger days.

## HORSE SHOW 8 O'CLOCK BIG FEATURE TONIGHT

### Shetland Ponies Attract Little Folks—Fast Ones for Tracks

The race program was started on schedule this afternoon but none of the finals were completed at a late hour. The cool weather and fast time in the trial heats this afternoon indicated that this year's race meet would be one of the most successful ever held at the Lone Oak track.

The feature of today's program will be the horse show which is scheduled to start with a horse parade at 8 o'clock this evening. The parade will be held in the big tent stadium which seats 5,000 people and promises to be packed this evening. This new feature of the fair program was instituted this year for the first time and the heavy entry lists show that the extra trouble and expense will be more than justified in the attraction which is added to the state fair.

Three carloads of show horses arrived this morning from the Portland Hunt club and will be in the parade this evening. Two more carloads of livestock from Vancouver also arrived today and will be added to the livestock exhibit.

Pavilion in Full Bloom.  
The rattle and patter of tack hammers resounded through the new pavilion today as the late exhibits were being put into their stalls which crowd every inch of available space. The exhibits of the counties show that the horticulturalists and agriculturists have profited by the keen competition of last year and bigger pumpkins, taller corn and redder apples are shown than ever before at the state fair.

The wonderful results to be obtained from dry farming are shown in the exhibits of the eastern Oregon counties and in addition the Umatilla and Klamath Indian reservations have creditable exhibits as samples of the industry of the Indians.

The difficulty of obtaining ears for the shipments of exhibits to the state fair this year accounted in a large measure for the delay in placing the products of the distant farms and orchards in their places in the new pavilion.

This Exhibit Withdrawn.  
One of the numerous side-shows for enticing the nickles from the unwary was closed last night by the fairgrounds police when the border days of '16" was shut down. It appears that the border days show consisted mainly in collecting 25 cents admission to go inside to see some painted scenery of the California mountains which was borrowed from a cheap theatre. In addition there was a miner's dance in full progress and a number of women who were a part of the show induced the male members of the audience to dance with them. After the dance they invited him to drink soda pop at two bits for two drinks. It is well known that few men became sufficiently enticed on soda pop to pay a quarter for a single drink and one of the men last night made a kick to the bar tender. The disgruntled

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## THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Wednesday generally fair, warmer eastward, westerly winds.

I'll See That Worlds Series



One of the saddest spectacles of the times is the little, slender, painted girl of 14 or 15. Some folks go like 60 and some like 300, f. o. b.

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