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GERMANS FORCED BACK TWO MILES AT VERDUN

Unexpected Attack by French Compels Crown Prince to Call for Help—Troops Rushed from Somme Arrive Too Late to Save the Day—Germans Capture Bridge Across Danube—Body of Russian and Rumanian Troops Trapped—Estimate Russian Loss Since June 1 at 1,797,522

Paris, Oct. 25.—Two violent German counter attacks were delivered last night and this morning against the positions on the Haudromont-Damloup line northeast of Verdun, won by the French in yesterday's great assault. Both attacks failed, the French maintaining all their positions, it was officially announced today. The French spent the night cleaning up Fort Douaumont, captured from the Germans yesterday.

Among the three hundred prisoners is the German commander of Fort Douaumont. German reinforcements are being rushed up to the Verdun front to meet the new French offensive, according to advices from the front today.

In response to the crown prince's appeal for help, the Teutons are shifting regiments back from the Somme to the Verdun front. German units from the Somme battlefield arrived before Verdun yesterday while the French were smashing their way northward, but too late to take part in the day's action.

General Nivelle's lightning stroke northwest of Verdun yesterday accomplished a two fold purpose. It definitely removed the German menace to Verdun and it halted the massing of a huge German army on the Bapaume-Peronne line for a great counter attack on the Somme.

The German lines were thrown back two miles at the point where they had made their nearest approach to Verdun. Fort Douaumont, the village of Douaumont and other positions were captured. The battered Fort Vaux, surmounting a hill southeast of Douaumont is the only important work on the northeast front of Verdun remaining in German hands. A terrific artillery duel east of the Meuse gave Paris an inkling that important infantry actions were approaching on the Verdun front. It is believed here that the Germans miscalculated the strength of General Nivelle's forces and stripped their Verdun lines past the danger point to prepare for a counter attack on the Somme. While the troop shifting was in progress, French guns began tuning up and French infantry struck before the German regiments could be recalled from the Somme.

Capture Big Bridge.

Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, L. I., Oct. 25.—Cernavoda, eastern terminus of the great 14 mile railway bridge crossing the Danube into Rumania, was captured by Field Marshal Mackensen's army this morning, it was officially announced today. The victory is regarded as of vast importance because the capture of the important of Constanza three days ago. On account of the rainy weather on the Somme sector, activity diminished yesterday, except that the artillery fire temporarily increased. In the evening hours French attacks from the line of Les Roufs to Bancourt broke down before our barbed wire without success. Cernavoda was captured this morning, said the war office statement. The details are not yet known. By this the Rumanian-Russian army operating in Dobruja is deprived of its last

railroad and an exceedingly important success gained.

"On the east front, in Transylvania, the situation was unchanged by local attacks. North of Campolung (Rumania) our attack progressed. Vulkan Pass was taken by German and Austro-Hungarian troops in a storming attack with hand to hand fighting." Loss of the Cernavoda, admitted by the Russian war office is a more serious blow to the Rumanians from the military standpoint than the fall of Constanza. It not only cuts off the retreat of the Russian Rumanian armies driven from the Constanza-Cernavoda railway, but opens up the way for a drive on Bucharest from the east, while Falkenhayn's Austro-German armies are advancing from the west.

The defeated Russo-Rumanian armies, driven northward from the railway, are in a precarious position, the Russian official statement indicates. There are no other bridges across the Danube north of Cernavoda and it appears probable that unless a large part of the Russo-Rumanian force escaped across the bridge before Cernavoda was evacuated they will be trapped east of the Danube, suffering the fate of the Rumanians at Tutrakan fortress.

Rumanians Retreating. Berlin, Oct. 25.—The Rumanian force that evacuated Constanza has retreated nearly 20 miles and is falling back steadily toward the Danube.

Official dispatches indicate that the Rumanians are forming their lines in a semi-circle, the ends resting on the Danube, for a stubborn defense of the Cernavoda bridgehead. The whole Black sea front north of Constanza is being evacuated by the enemy. Interest is divided here between Mackensen's decisive victory in Dobruja and Falkenhayn's new success in the invasion of Rumania from the west. The Austro-Germans are now attacking violently, following up their success at Przemel and are pushing on toward Sinaia. Full details have not been received here, the war office announced, but it is believed that considerable Russian and Rumanian troops have been trapped east of the Danube, in Dobruja, and are in a very precarious position. On the Transylvanian frontier Falkenhayn's Austro-German armies have won another great victory, capturing

Abe Martin



Constable Plum says some folks eat a roastin' ear like ther wux a valuable prize waitin' fer 'em at th' other end. Why don't some one design a different lookin' trophy cup?

BREAD UP ONE CENT

San Francisco, Oct. 25.—The price of bread will be raised to six cents a loaf or higher this afternoon at a meeting of the California Master Baker association. With the price of wheat touching such a high figure, having risen 90 cents a barrel in a week, the bakers declare it is impossible for them to sell a 12 ounce loaf for five cents and make a profit. The law sets the weight of a five cent loaf at 12 ounces so the bakers propose to meet the situation by selling a slightly larger loaf for a higher figure.

FORD GIVES WOMEN MINIMUM \$5 WAGE

Manufacturer Says It Is Not Charity But a Matter of Business

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 25.—Four hundred women employees in the Ford Motor company factory in Detroit and several hundred others in branch factories and offices, will benefit from the \$5 minimum wage scale, announced yesterday by Henry Ford following his conference with President Wilson at Long Branch. Officials of the Ford company declared today that the new wage plan affects all women employees of the company in the United States who are more than 21 years old. Women under 21 who have dependents will also share in the higher wage schedule, it was stated. The new scale became effective October 10.

Ford officials emphasized today that the decision to pay women on a basis of equality with men must not be regarded as a philanthropic project. They expressed conviction that the principle will be vindicated from an economic standpoint and pointed to the last annual statement of the Ford company as absolute proof of the financial success of the \$5 minimum plan, both to the company and its employees.

Wheat Makes New High Record In Northwest

Chicago, Oct. 25.—After a thrilling session in the grain pits today in which wheat bids rose to \$1.86, the highest point in the history of the famous Leiter corner in 1898, the price fell back to around \$1.82. May reached \$1.85, but also declined. Alarming Argentine crop reports were an important factor in the new advance today, and big grain men were buying heavily. December was up 2 1/4 cents over today's high opening at \$1.82 1/4. May up 2 cents at \$1.82.

Corn was relatively steady, despite the violent fluctuations in wheat. December showed the wheat change being down 1-8 at 88 3/8 and May up 1-8 at 90 5/8. Oats were steady with December unchanged at 55; May down half at 58 3/8. Provisions were steady after heavy gains yesterday.

No Hope From Argentine. Buenos Aires, Oct. 25.—A severe drought that threatens severe damage to the Argentine wheat crop has boosted wheat prices out of sight and has killed all chances that the United States may obtain relief from rising flour prices from Argentine shipments.

Wheat sold at 15 pesos per hundred kilos yesterday, a new record on the Buenos Aires market. Exporters say that a prolongation of the present drought for a fortnight will destroy three-quarters of the crop. Thousands of cattle are dying for lack of fodder. Little wheat was shipped to the United States from Argentine. The Argentine surplus was sold largely in European countries which must make large requisitions upon the United States if the Argentine surplus is wiped out by the drought.

Record in Portland. Portland, Ore., Oct. 25.—Wheat hit

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FOODS JUMP 100 PER CENT

Chicago, Oct. 25.—A jump of 100 per cent in the cost of staple foods in the last two years is shown in a striking table compiled by David Rosebush, a retail grocer here, today.

	Price Present 2 Yrs.	Price Ago
Sugar, per pound	38	34
Flour, barrel	10.00	5.00
Navy beans, per pound	.06 to .12	.03
Butter, per pound	.40	.30
Eggs, dozen	.45	.25
Potatoes, sack	.40	.20
Lard, pound	.18	.12
Cheese, pound	.30	.20

WHEAT SMASHES RECORDS MADE IN LEITER CORNER

Price Jumps to \$1.86 But Drops Back to \$1.82 As Market Closed

BROKERS WENT CRAZY AND PIT WAS IN TURMOIL

Coast Prices Jump in Sympathy and Potatoes Get on Aeroplane

Chicago, Oct. 25.—Wheat continued its climb toward the expected \$2 mark when the Chicago grain market opened today, amid scenes of excitement compared only to grain conditions during some of the historic corners. Brokers were bidding wildly for grain and the pit was in a turmoil. Heavy demand from millers and exporters, which has already caused some selected grades of wheat to sell for \$2, seemed to erase the market. It was almost impossible to buy either December or May except in small quantities and at a startling advance. December opened up 7-8 over the close yesterday. May was up 1 1/8, within half an hour December had jumped 3 1/2 to \$1.83 1/2 and May was up 3 1/4 to \$1.83 1/4 over the high opening. Fortunes are being made in wheat. One dealer holds a million bushels bought at \$1.00.

Grain men reported that the Armour Grain company, and "wheat king" Jim Patten were heavy holders of futures. Recent cables from Argentine indicating that South America will not be able to export anything like the normal amount helped the advance here today. Just before noon, the market had advanced to 184 3/8 for December and \$1.83 3/4 for May; approaching the maximum of \$1.85 during the Leiter corner in 1898.

At one time during trading December went to \$1.86 and May to \$1.85, December exceeding and May equalling the high figure set during the famous Leiter corner in 1898. When shouts of "throw him out" greeted questions of "What would you have done?" Roosevelt, looking toward the gallery where policemen were hustling the interrupters, shouted: "Don't put him out. Let me answer him. I'll tell him what I did. At the first sign of trouble with Germany, and at the first sign of trouble with Japan, when I was president, I put the United States navy in first place among the world's navies in point of efficiency. Then I sent the battleship fleet around the world—and I dug the Panama canal in between times."

IN HECKLING TEDDY DENVER IS GUILTY OF LESE MAJESTY

Questioner Stirs Colonel's Wrath, and He Boasts of What He Did

DUG THE PANAMA CANAL JUST BETWEEN STUNTS

Calls of "We Want Teddy" Forced Mrs. Robins to Cut Her Speech

Denver, Colo., Oct. 25.—Colonel Roosevelt started the last leg of his Hughes' campaign tour today, with one more scheduled speech on his program—an address that he has labeled his "100 per cent Americanism" message. As he went, 10 days ago, into Wilkesbarre—Pennsylvania's greatest labor center—to denounce the Adamson law, so he turned Chicagoward today to denounce in the midwestern metropolis—comprising perhaps America's most polyglot population, "50-50 allegiance" to the stars and stripes.

NO STRIKE IN CANADA

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 25.—Canadian Pacific railroad officials announced this afternoon that there will be no strike of trainmen on Canadian lines at five o'clock this afternoon, as scheduled in the railway brotherhood strike call. The men win a wage increase of two cents per hour. The formal order calling off the strike was sent out this afternoon. Although details of the conference at which the strike was averted were not given out, it was said a strike recall order would be sent by the labor leaders.

NEWPORT NEWS WILL BUILD DREADNAUGHTS

Eastern Bids for Other Vessels Lower Than Those of Pacific Coast

Washington, Oct. 25.—The Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company was the lowest of four bidders in bids opened today by the navy department on four battleships. Its bid on one electric driven battleship was \$10,470,000 and on two electric driven battleships \$10,375,000 each. On steam driven battleships it bid \$10,000,000 for one and \$10,800,000 each on two. The one battleship is to be completed in 39 months and where two are bid for the second is to be completed in 45 months.

Conditional figures of the Fore River company were lower, but they depended on a provision that the bids be increased or decreased according to the price of labor and material as it rose or fell. The company proposed that the federal trade commission adjudicate claims which would arise under this proposal. Under the flat bid, such as the others made, the Fore River company bid \$10,875,000 for electric driven and \$11,475,000 for steam driven battleships.

Explosion Shakes Up New York Traffic

New York, Oct. 25.—An explosion in the subway at Lenox avenue and 111th street early today missed a crowded train by two minutes, injured two men, rattled and broke windows at some distance, and blocked traffic. Two employees were thrown a great distance, but were not badly injured. Stores on the street above were shaken and in two instances robberies were committed after the windows had been blasted.

Cotton Above 20 Cents First Time Since War

New York, Oct. 25.—For the first time since the civil war, cotton crossed twenty cents. May options sold at 20.01 up 22 points before 10:30 a. m. The cotton gaining report was a bull factor in the advance. The twenty cent mark was reached after several days of steady advances, which caused an excited market yesterday when cotton shot forward \$2 a bale and again this morning early gains were more than \$1 on the bale. Covering by shorts who had sold on belief that the crest would be reached before cotton sold at 20 cents contributed to the advance. Government gaining figures were half a million bales below private figures and this brought heavy buying into the market. It is proposed to repair as she rests on the beach and then to skid her into deep water next spring.

VILLA IS TAKING ARMY AWAY FROM CITY OF CHIHUAHUA

Heavy Outposts Left, Deceived Officers As To His Movements

GENERAL TREVINO SAID TO BE SHY OF MUNITIONS

At the Same Time No More Is Sent Him for Fear Villa Gets It

El Paso, Texas, Oct. 25.—The main body of Villistas are voluntarily retiring today in the direction of San Ysidro, west of Chihuahua City, pursued by Mexican de facto troops, according to reports made to United States authorities by refugees arriving here today. The villista withdrawal began yesterday, but heavy outposts were left entrenched about five miles out of the city until today. Shots were exchanged yesterday between Carranzistas and the bandit outposts. Today outposts and the rear guard of the Villistas have withdrawn to Palomas, 29 miles west of the capital, while the main body of bandits are continuing westward. Until the bandit outposts marched away the de facto military authorities believed Villa's entire forces were outside the city and that the city was virtually in a state of siege. Villa's failure to attack Chihuahua City when within striking distance was due to fear that the American expeditionary forces would move against him, according to information given United States agents here by refugees. Eleven trains, many of them carrying quantities of supply and equipment, are now in possession of Villa. These trains were abandoned by General Ozuna, following his defeat at Palomas last Saturday, according to refugees.

In State of Siege.

El Paso, Texas, Oct. 25.—The city of Chihuahua, capital of northern Mexico is virtually in a state of siege today. On the southern and western sides of the city, about five miles from the outskirts, heavy forces of Villistas are entrenched. The residents of the city are almost panic stricken, fearing another attack. United States government authorities learned today. During yesterday numerous skirmishes occurred between small detachments of bandits and Carranza troops. Menhente the Villistas were showing up trenches and digging rifle pits, making no further attempt on the city except to repeat attacks. An evacuation of the city by the Mexican de facto government forces within a short time is expected by United States department officials here. General Trevino, commanding the Carranzista garrison in Chihuahua City, is suffering from a serious shortage of rifle ammunition and is showing signs of being unable to withstand a determined assault, fleeing citizens declare. A large amount of ammunition and rifles sent out with General Ozuna's column last week when Ozuna set out to attack the bandit chief was captured by the Villistas when Ozuna's column was routed. Supplies of ammunition expected from the south are held up through fear they will be taken by the bandit army commanding the railway. Villa's action in throwing up earthworks outside Chihuahua City puzzles military men here. By many it is believed he is equipping his men with newly captured munitions and awaiting either evacuation of the city or an attack by General Trevino. Chihuahua City is the best fortified military stronghold in northern Mexico. The garrison is estimated to number 5,000 men, equipped with several pieces of the famous seventy-fives artillery. Authorities on the border regard General Ozuna's announcement that 12,000 de facto reinforcements are to be sent up from the south as tacit admission that the Carranzista forces of the north have lost control of the situation.

Reinforcements on Way.

Washington, Oct. 25.—Carranza officials report a column of de facto (Continued on page six.)

THE WEATHER

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ABOUT TIME TO SHAKE THE LOW CUTS



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