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GREATEST BATTLE SINCE DRIVE ON SOMME BEGAN

Struggle of fiercest raged all day and still goes on—Experts think Haig is executing flank movement—5,000 German prisoners of British—Terrific artillery fire on both sides—Rumanians and Russians take offensive in Dobrudja region

London, Nov. 15.—With no abatement in the fury that attended its initial smash, the British storm of metal and men against Germany's vaunted sub-surface fortifications on both sides of Ancre brook continues.

General Haig officially reported to the war office today that he has completely secured the ground recently won and that he has taken more prisoners. He announced he would send a more comprehensive report later.

The lavish outpouring of high explosives and shrapnel from the British big guns appeared to center on the German lines drawn about Miraumont to the north and Grandcourt to the south. Miraumont is an important railway center and affords an avenue to Achietle Grand which is opposite Hebuterne and slightly more than two miles northeast of Bapaume.

The terrific effort spent on capture of Beaumont, military experts said, coupled with operations described in late press dispatches from the front, led military experts to believe General Haig has begun a flank movement, with its pivot at that village, to encircle Miraumont.

Numbers of prisoners taken continue to mount. More than 5000 are in the British rear, when General Haig filed his last report. And the German losses also are reaching serious numbers. For the first time since the battle of the Somme began, a general whose forces have been on the offensive, said the defenders' losses have exceeded those of the attackers, according to General Haig.

Greatest Battle on Somme. Berlin, via Sayville, L. I., Nov. 14.—Fresh attacks south of the Ancre between Lesnoy and Guedecourt, just south of Bapaume, were only partly successful, although strong masses of infantry were used, the war office announced today.

Terrific Bombardment. Paris, Nov. 15.—French troops have made further progress north of the Somme, the war office announced today, at the northern edge of St. Pierre-Vaast wood, following a most intense bombardment of the German lines. Despite desperate counter attacks, where the Germans employed burning liquid and tear provoking shells, all positions gained by the French November 7 have been maintained and the attacks repulsed, except at Presnoir where small German detachments gained a foothold in a group of ruined houses.

Claim Rumanian Reverses. Petrograd, Nov. 15.—Heavily reinforced German troops have succeeded in further pushing back Rumanian forces which for several days have been on the defensive in the Jiu valley below the Valska Pass district, the war office statement said today.

RATE INCREASES ARE CANCELED Washington, Nov. 14.—The interstate commerce commission ordered canceled big rate increases to Pacific points, which were inaugurated last spring when the Panama canal was closed and water competition on transcontinental goods was removed.

ENGLAND STANDS BY HER BLACKLISTING Says Conditions Compel Her to Use All Legitimate Means to Conquer Washington, Nov. 15.—The subject of bomb plots and similar breaches of neutrality having practically been buried for several months, state department officials today were giving considerable thought to the importance attached to such outrages in the British reply to the American protest against England's blacklist policy.

San Francisco, Nov. 15.—Unless a vital error is discovered in the official returns of one of the large counties of California, President Wilson's plurality, when the official count is completed will be between 3,700 and 3,800 votes. This estimate was indicated this afternoon on the face of complete official returns from 48 of the 58 counties in California as tabulated by the United Press.

Seattle Starts Move to Recall Mayor "Hi" Gill Allowing I. W. W.'s To Arm and Go To Everett, Main Charge MAYOR MADE NO EFFORT TO ENFORCE THE LAWS Resolution Reads: "We Unqualifiedly Condemn Mayor H. C. Gill"

WILSON GAINS 435 IN OFFICIAL COUNT 46 OF 58 COUNTIES In Nearly All Counties Changes So Slight As To Be Negligible SEVEN BIG COUNTIES YET TO BE HEARD FROM No Material Changes Expected—Hughes Lead in Minnesota 223

Germany Declares Destitute All Able Boded Persons Receiving Aid THESE ARE DEPORTED AND PLACED AT WORK America Desires Only To Relieve Suffering Among the Destitute

Lower California Closed to Japanese San Diego, Cal., Nov. 15.—That Japanese fishermen may be denied the right of fishing in Mexican waters, of Lower California, was indicated here today when it became known that Esteban Cantu, governor of Lower California, was presumably back of the seizure at Turtle Bay last Saturday of the Japanese tender Asia, by the Mexican patrol boat Espenada for poaching on Mexican interests.

Attacks Employing OF THUGS AND GUNMEN Director of Public Safety Roasts City of Baltimore For Their Use Baltimore, Md., Nov. 14.—Attacking the use of thugs and gunmen in strike, Frank Hayes, Jersey City, director of public safety, before the American Federation of Labor convention today denounced Baltimore for receiving such men as strike breakers.

Effect on Neutrals Bad The instructions to Grew were set in the form of a protest, it was planned today, but a memorandum expressing the opinion of this government based on two main arguments: The inhumanity of the deportations. The unfortunate effect they would have upon neutral nations, particularly the people of the United States.

Peace Which Ends This War Will Guarantee World Peace Says Hungarian Diplomat By Carl K. Ackerman. (Continued from page one.)

Germany Report Two Defeats for Russians Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, L. I., Nov. 14.—Two reverses for Russian arms were announced in today's war office statement regarding fighting on the eastern front.

Many Aeroplanes Destroyed Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, L. I., Nov. 14.—Seventeen German and 104 allied aeroplanes were destroyed during the October fighting on all fronts, the war office announced today.

Mrs. Boissevain Suffers a Relapse Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 15.—Mrs. Inez Millholland Boissevain, noted woman suffrage leader, suffered a relapse today, following a blood transfusion operation late yesterday. Her condition was said to be exceedingly critical.

German Submarine Off New England Coast Providence, R. I., Nov. 15.—Captain John Ryan of the Merchants and Miners liner Howard, which arrived here today, reported he had received a wireless today, following a blood transfusion operation late yesterday. Her condition was said to be exceedingly critical.

West Wants President To Meet His Friends Washington, Nov. 15.—The far west having returned President Wilson to office, now wants to see him. Scores of telegrams from different points among the Rocky mountain and Pacific coast states came to the White House today urging the president to come out and look over the country that turned its electoral vote in his favor.

Portland Jitneys Are Given An Ultimatum Portland, Ore., Nov. 15.—"Obey our rules or quit." This is the ultimatum issued to jitney bus drivers by the city council today. The council has adopted a report, outlining terms of franchises to be granted jitneys, and barring them from certain streets.

THE WEATHER Oregon: Tonight and Thursday fair, with a few clouds; easterly winds, moderate near the coast.

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