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## ARMIES ARE FIGHTING IN RAIN AND HAIL

### Sometimes Regiments Wade Through Water Waist Deep to Engage Their Foes; A Little Rest In Pelting Storm and Then Again Into the Midst of Fighting.

### FRENCH AVIATOR VEDRINES SLAYS ADVERSARY IN AIR

German Airmen Sails Over Allies' Lines and Intrepid Frenchman Goes Up With Gun and Destroys Him and His Machine—Such Terrible Fighting and Great Artillery Duels Have Never Been Known to Man as Now in Progress Across Northern France.

Paris, Sept. 20.—11:00 P. M.—The official statement issued tonight says that in violent fighting north of Soissons, the Germans gained ground, which afterwards was recouped by the Allies.

The statement reads: "On the left wing north of the river Aisne below Soissons, our troops were furiously counter-attacked by superior forces and yielded some ground, which however, they regained almost immediately.

"On the other hand, we have continued our progress on the right bank of the River Oise.

"Likewise, north of Rheims, we have repulsed all the enemy's attacks although they were vigorously conducted.

"On the center, east of Rheims, we have made new progress through our attacks.

"In the Argonne situation remains unchanged.

"In the Woëvre district the last rains have soaked the ground to such an extent that all army movements have become very difficult.

"General Le De Maud Huy (80th Infantry Brigade of the Sixth army corps) has received on the battlefield the cross of commander of the Legion of Honor."

#### BRITISH CRUISER DISABLED.

London, Sept. 20.—11:10 P. M.—The British admiralty reports that the German protected cruiser Koenigsberg caught the British light cruiser Pegasus overhauling her machinery in Zanzibar harbor this morning and attacked and completely disabled her. The British lost heavily.

#### GERMAN MERCHANT CRUISER SUNK.

London, Sept. 20.—9:57 P. M.—The official press bureau made the following announcement tonight: "The Carmania, armed as an auxiliary cruiser, attacked and sank a German armed merchant cruiser, either the Captrafalgär, or the Berlin, off the east coast of South America. "The survivors of the German ship were rescued by a collier. The Carmania had nine men killed and 26 wounded.

#### FIGHT IN WATER WAIST DEEP.

London, Sept. 20.—10:10 P. M.—Reports from the front says the Exchange Telegraph's Paris correspondent, show that the French and British troops are fighting waist deep in water, the rains having flooded their trenches.

#### PRZEMYSL IS BOMBARDED.

Petrograd, Sept. 20.—The official statement from the chief of the general staff issued tonight, says that the Russians are bombarding the fortress of Przemyśl, whose artillery has opened fire.

The statement follows: "Austrian troops which attempted to check our advance in front of Bar-

anow and Ranichow (in Galicia) were repulsed with heavy losses. "Siege artillery is bombarding the fortifications at Jaroslau.

"Fighting is going on against the garrison at Przemyśl, who have repelled with artillery fire.

"Russia troops crossing the forest are finding batteries abandoned by the Austrians."

#### THE BATTLE UNDECIDED.

London, Sept. 20.—9:45 P. M.—One of the fiercest battle of all times, which has been raging across Northern France for a week past, with first a slight advantage on one side and then on the other, remains undecided.

The two great armies which have been fighting for a month with a few if any intermissions, have dug themselves into entrenchments on rivers and mountain ranges on a front reaching from the Oise to the Meuse, and thence southeastward along the Franco-German frontier.

Artillery duels such as never before have been seen are being carried on with the hope of compelling the evacuation of the strongly held positions, with occasional successes to the opposing sides, while the infantry in the face of a galling fire, have charged right up to the guns, only to make their opponents give way slightly, or be repulsed with great losses.

#### FIERCEST ON THE LEFT.

Fighting has been fiercest on the Allies' left, which lies on the right bank of the river Oise, in the vicinity of Rheims, the famous cathedral of which has been set afire by German shells, and between that town and the Argonne ridge, it has been give and take all the time.

French official reports again claim slight progress on the French left and that the allies again have repulsed strong frontal attacks between Crouonne and Rheims.

#### TIDE EBBS AND FLOWS.

Around Rheims itself matters have been about equalized, as the Germans have recaptured the heights of Brimont, while the French have taken the defenses of La Pompelle.

The French also have scored a success between Rheims and Argonne, where they have taken the village of Sausin, and have captured numerous prisoners. In addition the French report progress on the western slopes of the Argonne, where the Crown Prince's army opposes them, while the Germans have retired beyond the frontier at Lorraine, evacuating Avricourt.

In all cases these are separate attacks by the armies lying in the trenches waiting for their artillery to compel the other side to slacken its fire. The losses in these attacks must be enormous for the men cannot move a foot without being made targets of the heavy guns posted on the hills above them.

#### BRITISH Imitate Japs.

The British apparently have learned something from the Japanese attacks on Port Arthur. They make a rush forward and when the fire becomes too heavy for them to make a further advance they again dig trenches for themselves and remain there until another opportunity offers them to gain a few more yards.

The Germans have had most of their artillery at work, but the French are bringing up more and bigger guns. This kind of fighting with both sides in strong positions may go on for days yet, but sooner or later one side must find the continued fall of shells and the disconcerting infantry attacks too much for them, and leaving a strong rear guard, will draw back for abreathing spell.

#### BATTLE LIKE SHA-HO.

The battle resembles in many particulars that of the Sha-Ho in 1904, where the Japanese and Russians with much more time to do it, established positions which each thought to be impregnable.

Shells and infantry attacks, however, finally compelled the Russians to withdraw with losses that at that time were without precedent. With all the hard long fighting behind them the Germans again are making attacks toward Verdun, while the allies are making frontal attacks on the German right and once more are attempting to outflank it.

The German cavalry have been showing considerable daring and have been trying to cut the communications of the allies between the Oise and the coast. French reports confirm rumors that the Saxon army under Gen. Von Hausen, has been reorganized. The report used the phrase "broken up" but this is taken to mean that it has been reorganized and the parts distributed among the other armies. Its cavalry has been sent east.

#### HARD FIGHTING IN GALICIA.

While accounts of the operations in Galicia differ and one goes so far as to say that General Dank's army is surrounded by Russians and only remnants of the German corps there remain, it is considered certain the armies have not come to grips again as yet. The Russians will have to capture Przemyśl, where it is reported three German army corps have been sent to hold the Austrians, before they can make further progress westward. The other Russian army, however, will be free to proceed against Gacow if General Dank is disposed of. The German army in Silesia has become more active and the Russians are claiming to have taken a part of artillery on the Breslau-Ivangorod lines.

The Servians announce another victory by their army over the Austrians near Novipazar, the town which has been so often mentioned in Austro-Servian controversies.

From the Battle Front, Sept. 20.—via Paris, 5:36 P. M.—The bulk of the allied armies remained today in trenches, waiting while their artillery exchanged a furious cannonade with the strongly placed German batteries. Some brilliant feats at arms were performed at various points on the lines extending along the Oise, the Aisne and Woëvre. The seasoned Algerian Troops made a galant capture

of another German flag.

#### FRENCHMAN WINS IN AIR.

Jules Vedrines, the noted French aviator, was credited with a courageous fight in mid-air with a German aviator who he brought to earth. The German was daringly reconquering the position of the allies when Vedrines ascended.

Moving swiftly upward until he was above the German, Vedrines gave chase.

The German machine was riddled and the aviator killed, both collapsing to the ground fifteen minutes after Vedrines took the air. Vedrines has accomplished a similar feat once before. These incidents, however, are important only for their influence in encouraging the allied troops, and do not affect the result of the great battle which already has lasted a week and promises to continue for many days longer.

Military experts believe the longer the battle endures the better it will be for the allied armies.

#### CONTINUE FIRE ON RHEIMS.

A western end of the battle line Rheims has been the object of the greatest attention from the Germans, who time after time have unsuccessfully attempted to break the allies lines after subjecting the town to an intense bombardment. It is the Germans' intention, it is understood, to capture Rheims, which is an important railroad junction, the possession of which would give them the command of another road to the north. They have made an especial mark of the magnificent cathedral, which has been in flames since yesterday.

#### ALLIES OCCUPY HEIGHTS.

The allies, meantime, have made for themselves a strong position on the right bank of the Aisne, where they occupy all the heights. The Germans have taken advantage of the sites of the forts intended for the defense of Rheims, but which were abandoned by the allies when the invaders made a rapid dash southward from Belgium.

A heavy hailstorm, with a cold wind, added today to the hardships of the entrenched troops who are entirely without tents, but it did not affect their spirits.

#### CATHEDRAL OF RHEIMS DESTROYED BY GERMANS.

Bordeaux, Sep. 20.—10:25 P. M.—The Minister of the Interior Louis J. Malvy, announced today that the famous Cathedral of Rheims had been destroyed and other historic and public buildings either laid in ruins or seriously damaged by German artillery. Coupled with this announcement was a statement that the Government had decided to address to all he powers a note of indignant protest against "this act of odious vandalism."

Structures, the Minister said, which had been destroyed or ruined included in addition to the Cathedral, the 12th century church of St. Jacques, the 15th century archbishop's palace, and the city hall, dating from the 17th century.

M. Malvy said official reports revealed that the Cathedral was in flames today, the burning having begun yesterday as a result of the ceaseless bombardment. It was officially stated that the destruction of these historic buildings indicated the Germans considered their situation desperate.

The government in other words will soak the soaks, and put the heft of the war tax on old J. Barleycorn.

#### HAW RIVER MAN SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Mr. Daniel Davis Found Unconscious Beside Railroad Early Sunday Morning.

Lying with his leg crushed and a deep gash in his head, Mr. Daniel Davis, a young white man, of Haw River, was found on the Southern tracks near that town Sunday morning. The crew of Southern passenger train No. 108, that is due to arrive here at 9:28 a. m., found the young man lying in an unconscious condition on the track and brought him to Durham. He was carried to the Mercy Hospital and throughout yesterday afternoon and until late last night the physicians and hospital authorities thought that the injuries must necessarily prove fatal. However, this morning the treatment of the physicians began to have favorable results and his condition is reported slightly improved. He now has a fighting chance for recovery.

When the Southern passenger train passed Haw River early yesterday morning, the engineer saw the body covered in blood lying on the tracks. He stopped the train and the crew placed the injured man on board. The train was brought into the city limits on time and a telegraph message to Southern Agent J. W. Roach, in Durham, asking him to have an ambulance and a physician at the train, was carried out. The ambulance rushed the wounded man to the hospital, where he was operated on in great haste.

Just how the accident occurred is not known. The young man's father, who is a prominent citizen of Haw River, was in Durham yesterday and arranged for every possible attention to be given his son. He could not tell how the accident occurred. The general idea of those familiar with railroad accidents, is that he attempted to board a freight train and was thrown under the wheels. The injuries consisted of a mangled left leg, cuts about the face and body, and a deep gash in the skull, that may result in concussion of the brain. He was also badly bruised. Loss of blood caused his condition to be unusually weak. Should he survive the accident, it will be by sheer pluck and grit to hold on to his chance for recovery.

The father of the young man stated that he was 22 years of age, and that during the summer he has been playing ball with the Roanoke baseball club of Virginia. He stated that young Davis had only been home a few days and that the accident was a total surprise to his family.

#### Handsome Store Fronts.

B. A. Sellars & Son are keeping pace with the spirit of progress of our town by putting in handsome new fronts in their dry goods and clothing stores on Main street. These fronts were constructed by a leading manufacturer of store fronts from designs drawn by an architect and come all ready to put in place. The original fronts including the supporting posts are being taken out to be replaced with all glass and metal materials equal in appearance to any in the city as well as those of the larger towns.

"So your work is monotonous, is it? Why don't you get a job in a shoe store?"

"Why there especially?"

"Something new going on all the time."—Boston Transcript.

Mr. Webb is in favor of an honest primary law, but—

#### Greensboro Boy Was Drowned at Norfolk.

Palmer T. Phillips, an employee of the Southern Railway Company, fell overboard at Norfolk, Va., Thursday night and was drowned, his many friends will be grieved to learn. The body was not recovered until late Friday afternoon, when his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Phillips, of 803 Ashboro street, this city were notified of the death of their son.

The deceased was a young man, only 34 years of age. He had been in the employment of the Southern Railway Company during the past five years, with headquarters in Greensboro, and at the time of his death was in Norfolk on business for the company.

Mr. Phillips leaves a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Phillips, six sisters, Mrs. J. W. Stedman, Mrs. W. P. Herndon, Misses Lena, Flea, and Joyce Phillips, of this city, and Mrs. J. M. McAdams, of High Point. He also leaves two small children.

The burial services will be conducted at Mt. Hermon Methodist Protestant Church, six miles south of Graham, by Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, an ex-pastor of the family, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The pall bearers will be employees of the Southern Railway Company. A large number of friends will accompany the bereaved family today to Graham on the 9:40 a. m. train.—Greensboro News, Sunday.

#### Surprise Marriage of Miss Ada Bell Isley to Mr. Paul Morgan.

Miss Ada Bell Isley and Mr. Paul Morgan took their many friends by surprise and were married in Graham yesterday evening by Rev. Mr. Green.

The affair was altogether a surprise as none of the members of the family on either side knew of the plans of the young people. The bride was visiting in Durham, where she was met by Mr. Morgan and driven immediately through the country to Graham where they were married.

Mr. Morgan is connected with his father in the tobacco business at Kingstree, S. C., and is a young man of promise. He wins as his bride one of our most beautiful and charming young women with a sweet Christian character and has many accomplishments.

Both bride and groom are members of the best known and most respected families of our town.

#### Gospel Tent Meeting.

The Gospel Tent Meeting, Webb Avenue, East Burlington, conducted by Rev. H. M. North and the M. E. pastors of the city is being largely attended and much good is being accomplished at each service. Not less than a thousand people were present at the Sunday meetings. The meetings will continue there this week at 3:30 P. M. and at 7:30 P. M. Rev. North preaches at the night services and every sermon counts for righteousness and is truly practical. Earnest and eloquent. The singing is of the very best, being led by Mr. Milan, of Atlanta, who had charge of the music at the famous Kilgo Meetings in Charlotte, last spring. Hear him. The tent is full of excellent Chautauqua seats with good backs and you can be perfectly comfortable while hearing the Word. Come!

"How did they get into the scrap?" "Trying to preserve their neutrality."—Detroit Free Press.

"Stay on the job," says the President; and "Amen," shouts the average man, worn out with the toils and hardships of a summer vacation.

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