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THE ALLIES PUSH THEIR LINE WESTWARD

Allied Army, Whose Gaps Have Been Filled with Fresh Troops, Thrust Back the Vigorous German Offensive Movement at Western End of the Battle Front and Carry out a Counter Attack and Gain Ground.

Germans Report That Efforts of French to Encircle Their Right Flank—Przemysl Is Surrounded—Russians Between That Fortress and Cracow—It May Be Some Days Before Another Big Battle Is Fought Over in That Section of the Country.

At the Battlefront Sept. 24—via Paris, 5:16 P. M.—The German offensive was extremely vigorous today at the western end of the long line stretching along the rivers Oise, Aisne and Woivre. The allied troops whose gaps had been filled with freshly arrived reinforcements, not only repeatedly thrust back the German attack but eventually carried out a successful counter attack which resulted in the gaining of considerable ground and the definite capture of Peronne, about which town the fiercest engagement occurred.

At one place victims of the deadly German machine guns were counted in hundreds, especially where the advance was across an open wheat field. Some men of a French regiment, which was making a dash toward the German position when it was struck by the sweeping fire, were found dead in the kneeling postures they had taken behind sheaves of wheat and from where they had emptied their magazines, intending to start a final rush and bayonet charge.

After the fight 900 dead were buried in a single trench six feet deep, Germans being placed at one end and French at the other. On the eastern wing the Germans are throwing enormous masses of men against the French troops protecting the line of defensive forts above Verdun, but up to the present their efforts, although costing immense sacrifice have been vain and the French line remains intact.

The military experts shower praise on General Joffre for the way his plans are carried out.

HEAVY ARTILLERY IS PLAYING LARGE PART.

London, Sept. 24.—9:30 P. M.—Artillery continues to play a leading part in the battle of the Aisne, which has been in progress nearly a fortnight. The opposing forces continue to hammer away at each other from their well entrenched and fortified positions with the greatest stubbornness but without decision.

Almost without a lull great shells are being hurled across the rivers, valleys and plains stretching from the river Oise in the West to the Meuse in the east, and thence southward along the whole Franco-German border, while the lighter guns play on the infantry lying in the trenches awaiting an opportunity to deliver attacks and counter-attacks, with as the French official communication says, "alternate retirement on certain points and advance on others."

The battle line has stretched out farther westward, the French left wing having made some progress in the direction of Vove, northwest of Novon. The latter place a few days ago was the allies' extreme left. A detachment has occupied Peronne, still further north.

A report from German headquarters dated September 23 says, however, that the efforts of the French to encircle the German right have had no result.

The French also claim to have made an advance northwest of Berry-aux-Bac, which is about the point where

the German line crosses the Aisne continuing southeast to Brincent, which has been the center of many vigorous attacks.

Along the rest of the line, although there have been fierce engagements in which both sides claim victory, the situation is unchanged except that, according to German reports, the German troops have recaptured Varennes, department of Meuse.

The Austrian general staff denies reports of Russian victories and the defeat of General Danik's army. The Austrian forces, the report says, have been concentrated in a new position for several days, but have waited in vain for another serious Russian attack.

From other sources, however, it is reported that the Russians have surrounded Przemysl and are between that fortress and Cracow.

It may be some days before another big battle is fought here, as one Austrian army is behind the forts of Przemysl and the other is making its way to the remaining fortress of Cracow, while the Russians are taking the smaller towns in Galicia under their wing.

A report which lacks official confirmation, says General Rennenkampf who withdrew over the East Prussian frontier when German reinforcements arrived, has received more men and again has taken the offensive and compelled the Germans to withdraw.

It is considered probable that the fall of Jaroslau and the isolation of Przemysl has compelled the Germans to look more closely to the protection of their line from Thorn to Kalisz, which guards Posen, as the Russians now are able to release a large number of men for the invasion of that part of Germany.

The Servian and Montenegrin armies are before Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia, flushed with victory and preparing to take this latest acquisition of the dual monarchy, the possession of which by Austria has been such a thorn in the side of the southern Slavs.

In the operations here the invaders look forward to a hearty welcome from the greater part of the population. This war, while in Bosnia and Galicia it is uniting races long separated by artificial boundaries, is also drawing together the races and sects of all the countries engaged.

In Germany the socialists are fighting in line with their greatest enemies the militarists. In Russia revolutionists are fighting or returning home to fight for the emperor. Great Britain is receiving support from all sections of the empire.

THE ALLIES ADVANCE IN DIRECTION OF ROYE.

Paris, Sept. 24.—2:56 P. M.—The following official announcement was made in Paris this afternoon:

"First: On our left wing, between the river Somme and the river Oise, our troops have advanced in the direction of Roye. A detachment occupied Peronne and held this position in spite of a spirited attack on the part of the enemy.

"Between the river Oise and the River Aisne the enemy continues to maintain important bodies of troops well entrenched. We have made a slight advance to the northwest of Berry-aux-Bac.

"Second: On the center between Rheims and the Argonne district the situation shows no change. To the east of the Argonne and on the heights of the Meuse the enemy has continued his attacks, delivering them with especial violence. The fighting continues accompanied by alternate retirements at certain points and advances at others.

"Our right wing there has been no change of importance.

"In the region of Nancy and in the Vosges certain detachments of the enemy have again attempted to enter upon French soil, driving back slight covering bodies of our troops, but their offensive was soon stopped.

"In Galicia and Russians, having taken possession of Jaroslau, are completely investing Przemysl and continuing their offensive movement on Cracow."

RUSSIAN ADVANCE BEFORE THE FORTRESS OF CRACOW.

London, Sept. 24.—5:28 P. M.—A Petrograd dispatch forwarded to London by the Rome correspondent of the Central News Agency says that the Russian advance guards already have arrived before the Austrian fortresses of Cracow.

FRENCH TRY TO ENVELOP GERMAN ARMY.

London, Sept. 24.—2:00 P. M.—The correspondent of the Reuter Telegram Company at Berlin, in a dispatch reaching here by way of Amsterdam, transmits an official report given out at army headquarters. This announcement is dated September 23, evening, and is as follows:

"The right wing of the German west army, beyond the river Oise, has been engaged in battle with the French who tried unsuccessfully to envelop it.

"Eastward, as far as the Argonne forest, there were no important engagements today.

"To the east of the Argonne region, Varennes was captured in the course of the day, and the attack is proceeding.

"German troops attacking the French forts south of Verdun victoriously repulsed a violent counter attack made from Verdun, Toul and across the river Meuse. The heavy artillery used against Troyon-Les-Pavannes, Camp des Romains and Luneville was visibly successful.

"In French Lorraine and on the Alsace frontier French advance guards have at some points been repulsed.

"There has been no decisive action at any point.

"No news has been received from either the Belgian or the eastern theaters of war."

MOST VIVID PICTURE OF BATTLE TO THE DEATH.

London, Sept. 20.—9:45 P. M.—A correspondent of The Times sends the following dispatch from "behind the British lines," dated September 19: "The great battle draws to a close. Exhaustion rather than shot and shell has wrought a terrible peace along the river banks—a peace which my

experience of the last few days leads me to believe may be the herald of victory. That, at least, is how I read the situation.

"I have seen our troops and the French go into battle these last days not as worn and weary men, but as conquerors. I have seen them returned from this valley of death with the conquering spirit fanned to fierce fury.

"The scene of the river at night was magnificent and appalling. The whole valley was swept with a blaze of searchlights from darkness until dawn.

"Here and there a flash revealed the bursting of a shell. Over all rolled the perpetual thunder of the guns, a fierce and thrilling accompaniment.

"An incessant rain, too, flooded the great river, making the work of the engineers a veritable task of Hercules.

"This was a battle to the last ounce of strength, in which man and horse poured out their whole lives in a few frenzied moments. Day and night the combat raged without intermission, ebbing and flowing like the tide, seething like a cauldron and into the hell strong men went down. It was a brave sight to see them go, gaily and light-heartedly, to return perhaps in a few hours broken for like or it may be never to return at all, for the loss was terrible.

Remains of Prestons Carried on to Asheboro.

Greensboro, Sept. 25.—The remains of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard M. Preston, of Cambria, Va., who met tragic deaths, the husband instantly and the wife dying a few hours later after being unconscious since the accident, at the railroad crossing, two miles this side of Mebane Wednesday morning, were yesterday carried to Asheboro where the funeral services will be held this morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston, who were married last January, were on their way to visit Mrs. Preston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rush, who reside in Asheboro, where the auto they were driving was struck by Southern passenger train No. 21. The same train carried their bodies to High Point yesterday afternoon, where they were put on the train for Asheboro.

Accompanying the remains from here were J. W. Mitchell and B. C. Phlegar, both of Cambria, Va., business associates of the deceased. His father, Frank Preston, of Richmond, Va., the only living relative of Mr. Preston also was one of the funeral party. C. H. Rush, the father and three sisters, Mrs. Agnes Barber and Misses Lucille and Mona Rush, who came to the city Wednesday night, also accompanied the remains.

Warehouses to Open.

The three large tobacco warehouses for the sale of leaf tobacco will open and be ready for business October 1. Already the large buyers who were here last season are arriving and all the large tobacco firms who were represented here last year will be represented this season. Bring your tobacco to Burlington and receive the full market price for it.

Our Banks in Good Condition.

Burlington is fortunate in having two good strong banks, both banks are under safe and conservative management. Both have ample capital for all the needs of our community, and are anxious to do all they can for their patrons. Our citizens and the community at large are justly proud of our banking institutions.

Buy-a-Bale, Bought-a-Bale. This is a popular slogan these days.

Buy-A-Bale Movement Started.

The Buy-A-Bale Movement has been started, in fact, it is on in full spring in the progressive City of Burlington. Not to be outdone by other cities of like size and commercial importance, Burlington intends to do what she can to help out the Buy-A-Bale Movement. There are about fifteen hundred bales of cotton raised in Alamance County, and at ten cents per pound this means at least \$75,000 for this county. Every patriotic citizen should buy a bale. If every citizen who can raise fifty dollars would buy a bale, there would be no surplus to bear the market, and our farmer friends would receive a fair return for their labor.

The latest recruits on a big scale to the Buy-A-Bale-of-Cotton Movement are the officers, field men and agents of the Southern Life & Trust Co., of Greensboro, N. C. President A. W. McAlister, of that progressive life insurance company, has sent out a circular letter to the agents stating that the home office men would buy twenty bales at ten cents a pound, these bales to be bought through the company's agents and from its policy holders.

The Southern Life & Trust Co., officials are said to be the first life insurance men to join in this movement, certainly in an organized way.

The Alamance Insurance & Real Estate Company, of this place, are the local agents of the Greensboro concern, and Mr. W. E. Sharpe, the manager, states that he would buy two bales, one for the local company and one for the Greensboro men.

The Piedmont Trust Company are ready and willing to help along the movement and will buy a bale.

Holt & May are authorized to buy two bales—one for the Nissen Wagon Co., and one for the Stockton Co.

The Dispatch believes that any Alamance County farmer who has cotton to sell at ten cents per pound, that he can sell it right here in Burlington, the only condition exacted is that the cotton must grade good middling and raised in Alamance County by the farmer who offers it for sale. Our advice to the farmer is to hold his cotton, but if he must raise some money upon his cotton for immediate use, load up your cotton and drive to the progressive town of BURLINGTON, where the money awaits you by these progressive firms, next week we hope to be able to give a larger list of those who will help boost the buy-a-bale plan.

Picking Up.

Business in all lines is picking up. Our merchants have laid in large and complete lines of the latest and most fashionable dress fabrics, suits and footwear. When you want the latest and best in merchandise, come to BURLINGTON.

The King's Daughters.

Meet first Friday in each month. Anyone wishing to help the poor and needy of Burlington can do so through this organization by sending money, food or clothing to

MRS. SARAH FIX, President.

Waking Up.

The Chamber of Commerce is taking on new life. Mr. R. Fletcher Williams has been elected secretary, and as Mr. Williams is a live wire, something will be didding now pretty soon.

If the county finances, and other county affairs are not managed to suit you, come to the mass convention October 3rd and help nominate a set of men that will administer them in the interest of the men who pay the taxes, your help and influence is needed and will be appreciated.

Iceless Refrigerators, Fireless Cookers.

This is the scientific age—the age of the iceless refrigerator and the fireless cooker.

Housekeeping has not yet reached the stage of merely pressing a button and letting electricity do the rest—but it is nearing it. The market is full of devices for lightening kitchen labor.

They are of keen interest to every American woman because they make life easier.

The advertising in the newspapers from day to day contains news as to these devices.

The storekeepers have them on sale.

The wise housekeeper posts herself by reading the advertising.

Granite Workers at Mount Airy Strike.

Mount Airy, Sept. 24.—On yesterday 100 stonecutters in this city went out on a strike and these represent about a third of the men engaged in that business here. How long they may remain idle is problematic, as they may go to work at any hour or their action may result in a general sympathetic strike and involve all the cutters on the quarry. To locate the cause of a union labor strike is exceedingly difficult for the men interested have little to say, but it is understood that two Italian carvers who had recently come here, were discharged by the Granite City Cutting Company because they failed to make good on their promise to work on the matter of the wage scale paid them in a final settlement. After parleying with Mr. Bailey, the manager, the Italians appealed to the local union, which decided to withdraw the men pending a settlement. This action effected cutters in three different sheds as Mr. Bailey had subcontracted part of his work in order to complete it by a certain time.

It is believed that the present misunderstanding will be quickly adjusted, as the men generally do not appear to be in sympathy with the movement for there is plenty of work and the season is rapidly drawing to a close. Some take the view that the prevalence is of so little importance that it will not be necessary to take the matter to a higher authority where these questions are usually settled. On several occasions, the men have been ordered out here to remain idle a few days and return to work with no results accomplished except the loss of time and the citizens, quarrymen and the stonecutters all hope for a speedy adjustment of a matter that means much to all.

Bring your neighbor with you to the mass convention October 3, and help nominate a good county ticket who will administer the county affairs in the interest of the tax payers.

Special Meetings at Reformed Church.

A series of special meetings will begin at the Reformed Church on the first Sunday in October at 11 o'clock A. M. Rev. J. A. Koons, of Rockwell, N. C., is expected to do the preaching. Services during the week at 7:30 P. M.

We will appreciate having you at these services.

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Don't fail to attend the party conference at Burlington, Saturday, Sept. 26th, from 2 to 10 p. m. Matters of interest and importance will be discussed. Your help and influence are needed.

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