

WEATHER FORECAST

North Carolina—Probably light rains tonight and Wednesday. South Carolina—Cloudy tonight and Wednesday; probably light rains; cooler tonight.

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BRITISH AND FRENCH IN A BIG PUSH

ALLIED ARMY DRIVING THE ENEMY BACK

Attack Launched on a Wide Front East of Ypres Today.

PROGRESS IS BEING MADE EVERYWHERE

The New Attack Was Unexpected Because of Stormy Weather and Muddy Ground—Men "Went Over Top" at 5:30.

Without regard to the highly unfavorable weather conditions prevailing and in a surprisingly short time after the successful British thrust of last week, the British and French forces in Belgium have launched another heavy attack on the German lines.

The blow fell early today in the region east and northeast of Ypres, where Crown Prince Rupprecht's lines had already been dangerously bent back by the previous British thrusts.

The British commander early reported satisfactory progress on all parts of the front of the attack, which he announced was made in conjunction with our allies on the left.

Shortly afterward the Paris official statement indicated clearly that the French forces in Flanders were those allied to the British commander-in-chief. The launching of an attack in concert with the British was announced, and the favorable development of the attack reported.

A considerable force of French troops took part in the beginning of the Flanders drive on July 31 and in the subsequent fighting that consolidated the ground won by them from a point northeast of Langemarck as far north as Dixmude.

This section of the front remained comparatively quiet, while the British to the south were renewing their drive last month. Apparently the time is now considered opportune for bringing the line to the north more nearly on the level with the advanced British front. The French attack today extended as far to the north as Houthulst forest, about five miles to the east of Ypres.

GEN. LEJEUNE MAY COMMAND FIRST MARINE DIVISION IN FRANCE.



Brigadier General John Archer Lejeune, of the Marine Corps, whose assignment to command the first division of marines to be mobilized in France.

TRYING TO FORCE GERMANS TO MAKE ANOTHER RETREAT

French Evidently Want to Force Decision Before Cold Weather.

FRENCH TROOPS ARE IN THIS NEW DRIVE

General Assault Made in Belgium Before Germans Could Recover From Week's Heavy Blow.

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Oct. 9.—The British attack on a wide front northeast and east of Ypres this morning, the war office announced.

Satisfactory progress is being made everywhere. The attack, the statement says, was made "in conjunction with our allies."

"At 5:20 o'clock this morning, we again attacked on a wide front east and northeast of Ypres, in conjunction with our allies on our left. Reports indicate that satisfactory progress is being made on all parts of the battle front. The weather continues stormy."

The new British drive is being made in the same region as the attack of last Thursday, one of the most successful British efforts of the war. On that day the Germans were expelled from high ground along the ridge east of Ypres, giving the British dominating positions of great strategic importance. The wedge in the German line has been driven so deep that with the high ground lost their positions have been made most unfavorable, and another "strategic retreat" has been predicted.

Recent dispatches from the British front, however, told of heavy rains and deep mud, conditions under which ordinarily a renewed offensive would not be expected. The decision would be expected to return to the attack so quickly may indicate a purpose to force a decision before the cold weather sets in, or before the Germans have recovered from the last blow, which appeared to have partly demoralized them.

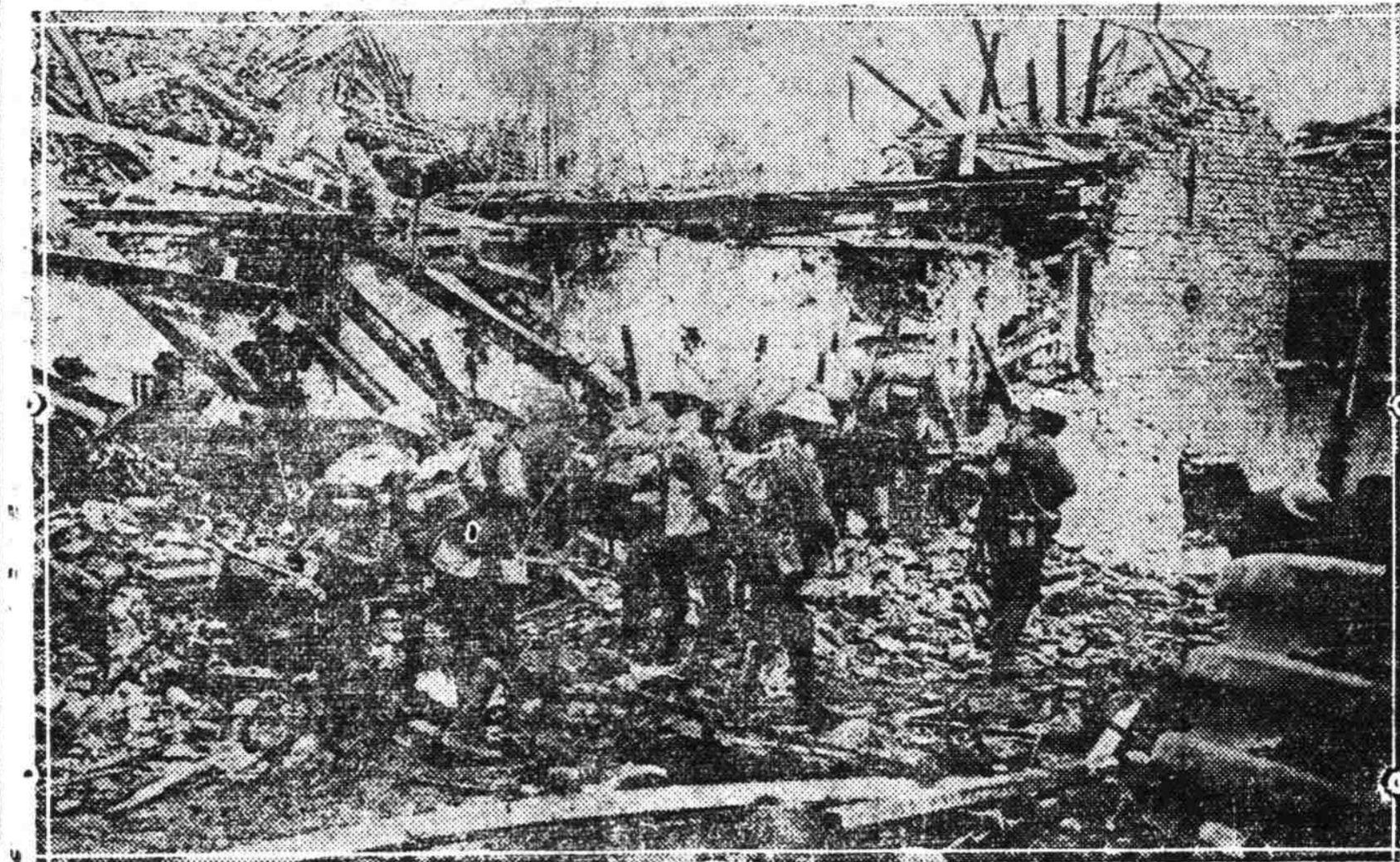
French Troops in It Paris, Oct. 9.—French troops on the Belgian front at half past five o'clock this morning, attacked in conjunction with the British army, the German positions south of the forest of Houthulst between Draibank and Weindendrecht. The French official statement issued this afternoon says that the struggle is continuing and is developing favorably for the French arms.

The French war office statement follows: "In Belgium this morning at 5:30 o'clock we attacked, in conjunction with the British army, positions of the Germans south of Houthulst forest between Draibank and Weindendrecht. The battle continues to develop favorably for us. "On the Aisne front there was marked artillery activity, notably in the region of the Pantheon. "In the Champagne, we were successful in penetrating the German lines near the Butte de Tahure. After destroying the dug outs, our forces returned with prisoners. "On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun), the artillery duel continues in the sector north of Chamme wood. "There is nothing to report from the rest of the front."

FURTHER LOANS TO BRITAIN AND FRANCE

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 9.—Additional loans of \$40,000,000 each to Great Britain and France were made today by the government. With this transaction, the total thus far loaned to the Allies is \$2,218,400,000.

RUINS MARK SCENES OF BRITISH BOMBARDMENT IN FLANDERS.



A body of British troops passing through the ruins that mark the great battle of Flanders. These ruins are graphic evidence of the destructive force of the big British howitzers that have been hammering the German lines.

DRAFT OPPONENTS PLACED ON TRIAL

Socialist Leaders and Two Clergymen Defendants in Federal Court.

(By Associated Press.) Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 9.—Adolph Gorman, of Chicago, national secretary of the Socialist party, and 12 other persons, among them two clergymen and a number of prominent local Socialists, were to be placed on trial in United States District Court here today, on charges of conspiracy to defeat the purposes of the selective draft law.

Among the defendants besides Gorman are: Rev. Daniel Roy Freeman, pastor of a Unitarian church here.

Rev. Elias Gostichuis, former pastor of a Unitarian church at Holland, Mich.

Miss Viva L. Flaherty, writer and social worker, of this city.

Charles G. Taylor, former member of the local board of education, and a member of the Socialist party.

While the respondents are to be tried together, the jury has power to return individual verdicts in their cases.

Most of those to be placed on trial are charged with distribution of anti-draft literature.

ANOTHER PEACE OFFER.

(By Associated Press.) Amsterdam, Oct. 9.—Germany and Austria-Hungary have agreed to make another peace offer to the Allies, the Deutsche Tageszeitung, of Berlin, says it learns on good authority.

The offer will have as its basis no territorial aggrandizement, the surrender of Belgium and French territory, the denunciation of positive territorial acquisitions and payments in money of no indemnity of either side.

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SUPREME COURT TO REVIEW CASE

Ask Decision in Case of Associated Press Against International News Service.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 9.—The Supreme Court agreed yesterday to review Federal decrees which restrained the International News Service of Hearst service from "pirating" news matter from the Associated Press.

Want It Finally Settled. New York, Oct. 9.—The case of the Associated Press against the International News Service was decided by the Circuit Court of Appeals of this district. There was no right of appeal to the Supreme Court, but both sides petitioned the Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari to review it, the Associated Press being anxious to secure a decision of the highest tribunal in the United States upon the subject.

The petition of the Associated Press for a writ of certiorari recited that it would be content to rest its rights upon the decisions below without requesting the Supreme Court to assume the burden, except that nothing but a decision of the Supreme Court can assure this great service a sound and indisputable foundation and forestall a great quantity of costly and harassing litigation all over the country in both Federal and State courts.

STOP COTTON SEED OIL SPECULATION

Food Administration Puts An End to Soaring Prices of Oil.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Oct. 9.—Speculation in cotton seed oil, both by trade and outside interests on the New York Produce Exchange, was forbidden today by the board of managers of the exchange, at the instance of the food administration at Washington.

This action by the food administration followed up sharply advancing prices for cotton oil, culminating yesterday in a jump of 175 points to 18 1/2 cents a pound, a record never before reached. So-called hedge selling, under certain conditions, is to be permitted.

"Speculative trading in cotton seed oil for any delivery, either by trade or outside interests is prohibited," reads the ruling of the managers.

"Hedge selling for protection against seed purchases or sales of refined oil by consumers or exporters, or purchases by consumers or exporters, are permissible, but such operations shall be confined to legitimate trade interests only and shall be of the smallest possible proportions consistent with the purpose of this rule."

Future trading of this kind will be confined to current months and two months ahead and to the closing of old contracts for any month. Daily fluctuations in price beyond one cent a pound are forbidden.

Increased Rate Suspended. Washington, Oct. 9.—A proposed increase of 6 1/4 cents per hundred pounds on grain and grain products from Louisville and East St. Louis to Florida points was suspended today by the Interstate Commerce Commission until February 8, next.

COL. HOUSE TO PREPARE FOR PEACE COUNCIL

A new photo of Col. E. House, who has been selected for the task of organizing a force of distinguished American scientists, economists and historians to gather information that will be a necessary basis for work at the peace council which will be held at the end of the war.

AN INITIAL DIVIDEND

New York, Oct. 9.—The executive committee of the Tobacco Products Corporation today recommended an initial dividend of \$1.50 a share on the common stock, payable November 15.

COLD RAIN THIS MORNING CHILLED NEW YORK FANS

STATE ATTORNEY O'DAY EXPECTS TO CONVICT PIERSAL

Piersol Was Seen Around Keet's Home Night Baby Was Kidnaped—Others Will be Accused

Claims to Have Evidence to Show That Defendant Stole Baby.

THERE WAS NOTHING TO GERMAN PLOT

Piersol Was Seen Around Keet's Home Night Baby Was Kidnaped—Others Will be Accused

(By Associated Press.) Marshfield, Mo., Oct. 9.—Paul N. O'Day, prosecutor at the trial of Claude J. Piersol, charged with kidnaping Baby Keet, of Springfield, in his opening statement today declared that Piersol had admitted to Samuel Allender, chief of detectives, at St. Louis, and to Mr. O'Day that the elaborate story he had told, when first arrested, of being an agent of the German government was pure invention.

Mr. O'Day, after reviewing the history of the disappearance and subsequent finding of the infant's body in a cistern near Springfield, asserted that Piersol for two or three years had been "giving serious thought to all the particulars which must be considered in bringing a successful consummation of a crime of kidnapping."

The prosecutor stated that witnesses would show that a short time before the kidnaping of the Keet baby, Piersol and his alleged band had frequently been seen in the neighborhood of the residence; that all of them were armed and carried masks and often stationed an automobile at a convenient point nearby.

O'Day declared the testimony would indicate that Taylor B. Adams, who also is charged with the Keet kidnaping, had approached persons in Greene and Christian counties offering them sums of money to engage in kidnaping projects. These persons would be used as witnesses, the State's attorney declared.

The testimony would indicate, Mr. O'Day continued, that about the 18th or 19th of March, Piersol and his companions were stationed in automobiles across the street from the Keet home and on being asked what their purposes were, that Piersol replied "By—we are going to get the Keet baby." The prosecutor declared that on the day the baby was stolen, Piersol and Cletus Adams went to the Keet home to deliver a package addressed to W. R. Wolfe, "well knowing that this was the Keet home inasmuch as Cletus had delivered a package to the same place the day before."

The statement related that two cars were driven to the Country Club where the parents of the Keet baby were attending a ball and that the driver of one of the cars inquired of the ground keeper as to the presence of Keet. On being ordered off the premises, the two cars drove to within a block of the residence, which was near by, and stopped. The ground-keeper would testify, O'Day declared, that the man who drove one of the cars was Piersol.

The opening statement then dealt with a letter which was seized by the authorities when Taylor B. Adams was arrested in Kansas City.

"This remarkable letter," the prosecutor continued, "was written by Piersol to Adams on the first day of June, two days after Lloyd Keet was kidnaped. The letter begins with this statement: 'I made my deal that I was taking to you about before you left.'"

"The contention of the State is that the initial sentence in this letter, referred to the abduction of Baby Lloyd Keet."

"At the outset of the case, it appears that when this defendant sought to approach some one to go into his unlawful schemes, he first put the proposition that they would kidnap a man who was the representative of the British government and that he, Piersol, was a representative of the German government, and that the German government would pay them a good sum for holding this Englishman so that he would not be able to bid on a 'lumber deal,' which might interfere with German representatives' bids."

"Piersol wrote all letters received by Keet, the father of the kidnaped baby, as will be proved by experts in handwriting."

The first man to appear arrived at 6 o'clock last night. He was a little old man, more than 60 years of age, and took his place at the two-dollar ticket window in order to hold the place and sell it to the highest bidder when the sale of seats to the lower stand began. The line grew slowly and at midnight there were perhaps a hundred boys and men stretched along the fence. Some slept peacefully and others discussed the chances of the Giants to even up the series. In this line stood a soldier with his service overcoat buttoned up around his neck.

The first in the dollar bleachers line was a young boy who put in an appearance at 6:30 last night. He did not have a dollar to see the game, but hoped to sell his position for the price of admission, and a little extra to buy some lunch. There were a few more.

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GIANT SUPPORTERS STILL HAVE HOPE

The Crowd Before Polo Ground Gates Last Night Was Small

Benton or Sallee likely to be McGraw's Choice of Pitchers While Cicotte, Russell or Faber May Oppose.

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GAME POSTPONED.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Oct. 9.—Postponement of the third world's series game was announced by the National Commission at 12:36 p. m. and tomorrow will be played at the Polo Ground tomorrow and Thursday.

Friday's game at Chicago will be moved to Saturday, and in case a sixth game will be necessary it will be played at the Polo grounds, as originally arranged, on Monday, October 15.

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A light, cold rain that fall intermittently in the early hours made weather condition uncertain today for the third game between the New York Giants and the Chicago White Sox for the world championship. The weather bureau forecast for the day was fair and colder, but fans became anxious as the rain continued to fall.

The atmosphere was decidedly colder, which was testified to unanimously by the shivering fans who stood outside the gates of the Polo grounds all night. Rain fell early last night and then ceased but before 4 o'clock it started again and for a time fell heavily, making the well groomed playing field heavy for the game.

Police officials and Polo grounds guards on duty at Brush stadium said the all-night crowd was the smallest that has waited up for a world's series game here in years.

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