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GREAT BATTLE IN WEST HAS BECOME STRUGGLE FOR POSSESSION OF LENS

French Forces Have Taken Important German Defensive Works Near Paris, Reports.

CHAMPAGNE GAIN SECOND LINE TRENCHES

Capture of Lens Might Lead to Retaking of Lille—High Crest Near Lens in Allies' Hands.

London, Sept. 30.—The great struggle on the western front has now resolved itself clearly into a battle for Lens in Pas de Calais, nine miles northeast of Arras. The capture of this town with its radiating railways may be the foreground for the retaking of Lille. Both to the north and to the south of Lille the allies are holding high ground which dominates the region—the British forces on the north, the French on the south. No. 70 and the French on No. 140, the high crest being between Souchez and Vimy. Official reports from Paris last night stated merely that the crest had been reached, so presumably a terrific counter-offensive is raging there, with the final mastery of that important position at stake. Heavy rains, fog and soggy ground are hampering the operations on both sides and limiting the activity of air craft. A few hours of clear, dry weather might have marked bearing on the developments.

The offensive of the allies thus far has been confined to strokes on a front of 30 miles. It is generally believed in England that the attacks are only a prelude of what is coming. At any rate the people would be greatly disappointed if the offensive is not sustained.

Paris, Sept. 30.—In the continued general offensive movement on the western front the French forces have captured important defensive works of the Germans south of Ripont, it was officially announced by the French war department today.

In the Champagne district the French forces have gained footing at various points on the German second line of defenses, the official statement reads.

PROGRAM GIVEN FOR THE CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

The following program will be carried out at the meeting of the Civic League to be at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow afternoon, at which time prizes will be awarded in the garden contest: Kinzie Bates, president will preside; address will be made by Harry Kinzie Bates, president of the city league; children's songs by Miss Adeline Porter; prize offered by E. Brown will be presented to the winner by Commissioner of Public Safety; Miss Hattie Scott will read a poem and then the prizes will be distributed by Mrs. Kinzie Bates.

CHARLOTTE FEDERAL BLDG. CONTRACT IS LET

Washington, Sept. 30.—The contract for the construction of the Charlotte, N. C., postoffice and court house was today by the treasury department awarded to the J. P. McGee & Co., of Minerva, O., at \$1,000,000.

Extensive Operations Launched In Balkans

Austro-Germans Moving Against Serbia With 300,000 Men—French and British Troops to Aid Serbs—Bulgaria to Attack Neighbor by October 15.

Paris, Sept. 30.—The Athens correspondent of the Havas News agency says it is now expected that Bulgaria will begin an attack on Serbia within fifteen days.

London, Sept. 30.—"Three hundred thousand Austrian and German troops have begun an advance on the Serbian frontier in the direction of Orzoba," says the Athens correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company.

Berlin, (By wireless to Sayville), Sept. 30.—British and French troops for service in Serbia have been landed at Port Kathrin, near Saloniki, Greece, according to a dispatch from Budapest received by the Frankfurter Zeitung, the Overseas News agency announces.

Paris, Sept. 30.—Bulgaria and the central powers have concluded a preliminary agreement, according to authoritative information, says the correspondent in Saloniki, Greece, of the Temps.

Union of Presbyterians In the South Advocated

Hot Springs, Ark., Sept. 30.—Organic union of the northern and southern branches of the Presbyterian church as essential to the highest efficiency in the work of the denomination in the south and southwest was advocated by Rev. James E. Clark of Nashville, editor of the Presbyterian Advance in the opening address to the Southern District Efficiency convention here yesterday.

Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas are in attendance. The session today was given over to open conferences on the situation and problems of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A. In the south and southwest was advocated by Rev. James E. Clark of Nashville, editor of the Presbyterian Advance in the opening address to the Southern District Efficiency convention here yesterday.

Johnson Favors Opening Worlds Series October 8

Chicago, Sept. 30.—When the National Baseball commission meets in New York Saturday to arrange the details of the World series, B. B. Johnson, president of the American league, will vote in favor of starting the series on October 8 instead of October 9, the date said to be favored in National league circles.

opening the series on that date it is possible to schedule two games in one city on Friday and Saturday, leaving Sunday for an easy jump either to Boston or Philadelphia for the third and fourth games.

SCOTTISH SOCIETY ORDERS PORTRAIT

Mrs. J. M. Williams to Paint Picture of Flora McDonald of Red Springs.

Raleigh, Sept. 30.—Governor Locke Craig, president of the Scottish society of America, presided over the meeting of the executive committee yesterday that determined to have painted on oil portrait of Flora McDonald; to prepare an address to the people of North Carolina and especially to the Scotchmen and to advance the cause of Flora McDonald's college, known in former years as "Red Springs."

U. S. COURT FORCES REDUCED FRIDAY

Balliffs and Court Criers Dis-pensed With by Department of Justice.

United States Marshal Charles A. Webb returned this morning from Washington where he has been in conference with the officials of the department of justice in regard to abolishing the services of court criers and balliffs in the Federal courts of the western district of North Carolina. This move has been under consideration by the department for some time and the order making the re-organization is effective tomorrow.

WIRELESS TELEPHONE ACROSS CONTINENT

Washington, Sept. 30.—Long distance wireless telephone communication was accomplished for the first time yesterday when experiments extending over several months culminated in successful transmission of the human voice by radio from the great naval plant at Arlington, Va., across the continent to the station at Mare Island, Cal., 2,500 miles away.

BASEBALL GAME HAS BEEN INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

It was announced by members of the baseball teams representing the police and fire departments, that the game scheduled for this afternoon, at Oates park, has been indefinitely postponed. The game was first set for last Tuesday, but owing to the fact that several members of the police-men's team were compelled to be in court, it was set for today and the rain has interfered with today's playing.

WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP SUMMARY.

For the week ending Sept. 23, 1915. For North Carolina: Cooler weather has checked the rapid forcing of cotton but otherwise there has been no material change during the past week; conditions continued favorable for pickin and it is estimated that nearly half of the crop has been gathered. The cutting of tobacco is about completed. The outlook for sweet potatoes is good and peanuts fair to good. The weather was very favorable for harvesting forage crops. Rain is needed for truck and fall plowing.

WHISKEY FOUND GOES A'BEGGIN'

Norfolk and Southern Railway Co. Unable to Dispose of One "Suit Cases" Left on Train.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT TAKE IT

Road Appeals to Mr. Bickett For Aid in Getting Rid of It—New Regulation Regarding 'Still Raids.

(By W. T. Bost).

Raleigh, Sept. 30.—Attorney General T. W. Bickett is now entertaining the appeal of the Norfolk Southern for aid in disposing of two suit cases of liquor found on its train. The general counsel, Col. W. B. Rodman, asks for a legal opinion. The railroad simply discovered the whiskey on its trains, evidently left there by some man trying to get by the "seizure and seizure" law as Judge Ras Jones, Forsyth senator, called it two years ago. When the road found itself in possession of more than a quart it sought comfort from its attorney. The railroad tried to hand it over to the federal government but that institution did not want it. Then it tried to give it to the state and the state was drier than the nation. Then it tried to give it to Mr. Bickett who is drier than state or nation. The attorney general had no opportunity to give the appeal the consideration yesterday that it deserves. He will write an opinion specially and tell what to do with illegitimate booze left on the doorsteps of the railroad company.

The state board of health has received a letter and a telegram from Dr. G. M. Cooper, head of the anti-typhoid fever vaccination campaign, each message indicating the desperate illness of his little son but giving some hope.

Dr. and Mrs. Cooper buried their little daughter Sunday. Their only child, the little son, then fell suddenly sick and has been almost hopelessly ill since.

Must Do Business.

Beginning with October 1 the United States government will put a special premium upon achievement in the wrecking of the blockade stills by providing that no guide or possessor will receive compensation on a raid unless the assault on the still is successful.

This came through the order of Secretary McAdoo and is to be explained to the extra men when they start to slay stills. They are to understand that they get nothing for their society.

TWO GERMAN GENERALS REPORTED DISMISSED

London, Sept. 30.—German newspapers report that two generals, unnamed, have been dismissed from German commands in the western war zone in connection with the recent French and British offensive movement, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Exchange Telegraph company.

G. A. R. MEN IN GRAND PARADE

Washington, Sept. 29.—Historic Pennsylvania avenue up which a union army of 160,000 men marched 50 years ago for a review by President Andrew Johnson, was lined with thousands of people yesterday who saw the remnants of that army marching from the capitol to the white house to be reviewed by President Wilson.

SCENES OF PATRIOTIC ENTHUSIASM ON MARCH

About 30,000 In Line Led by General Miles—Few Are Overcome by Exhaustion.

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The weather was ideal. The grand parade and the presidential review were the crowning events of the annual reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Estimates placed the number of veterans in the line at between 20,000 and 30,000. At the head of the procession was Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, with distinguished army and navy officers as his aides.

Secretaries Daniels and Garrison occupied places to the right and left of the president in the reviewing stand. Other cabinet members were grouped behind the president.

Scenes of patriotic enthusiasm marked the passage of the veterans as they passed the stand. Frequently President Wilson waved his hand at the marchers. As the drum and fife corps of veterans passed playing "Rally Round the Flag, Boys," many present in the reviewing stand joined in the chorus.

The parade began soon after 10 o'clock and was more than two hours passing.

Considering the advanced age of the veterans there have been few exhaustions.

All along the lines of march there were occasional scenes of the reunion of the blue and the gray which brought cheers and "rebel yells" from the crowds.

One Confederate veteran, in uniform, joined the line of march and locking arms with a veteran in blue, the two marched off to an uproar of applause. There were many Confederate veterans in the city and everywhere they were seen mingling with the G. A. R. men.

GULF STORM IS LOSING FORCE

West Indian Hurricane Central Over In Interior Mississippi Is Still of Considerable Intensity, However.

COMMUNICATION WITH NEW ORLEANS CUT OFF

Last Message Said Water in Streets Was Rapidly Receding—General Rains Are Predicted.

Washington, Sept. 30.—The West Indian hurricane was central over the interior of Mississippi this morning but was greatly diminished in force. The storm, however, was not spent as it maintained considerable intensity and was causing general rains throughout the South Atlantic and eastern gulf states and Tennessee.

During the night the storm caused wind of hurricane force in the middle gulf states and the weather bureau ordered a continuance of storm warnings along the gulf coast to Cedar Keys, Fla., and along the Atlantic coast from Jacksonville to Wilmington, N. C.

Indications are that the storm is moving north-northeast and that it will cause rains during the next 36 hours everywhere east of the Mississippi except in the upper lake region.

Mobile, Sept. 30.—All communication with New Orleans by wire, wireless and rail has been cut off since the last wireless message was received from the Associated Press correspondent, which was sent at 2 o'clock this morning. A wireless message was received at Galveston today, having been sent at the same hour and indicated that the storm had passed and that water was receding from the streets in New Orleans.

The death list in New Orleans is not expected to exceed ten, but the property damage is probably heavy.

Galveston, Tex., Sept. 30.—A wireless message from New Orleans early today stated that at 2 o'clock a. m. the water in the streets of that city was receding rapidly and that the stage of the river was also going down.

The wireless dispatch placed the number of dead as the result of last night's storm at five. Indications are, the dispatch said, that the damage to property is considerable.

Limited Train Held. Houston, Tex., Sept. 30.—The Southern Pacific Limited train to the Pacific coast from New Orleans, known as the Sunset Limited, due here last night, did not leave New Orleans, on account of the storm, it was announced today.

New Orleans, Sept. 30.—(Via wireless steamships Excelsior and Creole to Mobile.)—Five persons are known to be dead, many people injured and property loss reaching into the millions has been caused last night by the most severe gulf storm in the history of the city.

A howling gale with a velocity of 86 miles an hour swept the city at 6 o'clock last night, demolishing scores of buildings, stripping the roofs from hundreds of other structures and scattering the streets with broken glass and debris.

FINAL DETAILS OF LOAN PLAN ARE DISCUSSED

Complete Method for Marketing \$500,000,000 Anglo-French Bonds May Be Announced Today.

SEVERAL IMPORTANT QUESTIONS UNSETTLED

Minimum Subscription Necessary to Enter Underwriting Syndicate Has Not Been Decided On.

New York, Sept. 30.—Complete details of the method for marketing the \$500,000,000 joint Anglo-French five year bonds to provide for the proposed credit loan will probably be announced late today, by J. P. Morgan and company.

Representatives of New York banks, trust companies and other financial houses today continued their conferences looking to the adoption of a definite program which will probably be placed before the country within the next fortnight.

Here are some of the questions which the committee in charge of the arrangements sought to solve today: How much must an individual subscribe in order to become eligible for admittance to the syndicate, which gets the bonds at the price of 95?

What terms will be offered the man who wants to buy the so-called "baby bonds"—lower in denomination than \$1,000—by the installment plan? When shall the bonds be placed on the market?

Other minor details concerning the life of the syndicate and the listing of the bonds.

Indications are that the life of the underwriting syndicate will not extend beyond 60 or 90 days, and that the bonds will be listed possibly free of charge on the New York exchange very shortly.

It is also thought that the bonds might be offered for sale within ten days. In advance of official announcement, however, reports as to the minimum amount to be subscribed by individuals who enter the syndicate and installment terms are pure surmises.

One report was that the minimum amount an individual seeking to enter the syndicate must subscribe would be fixed at \$250,000; another report fixed the amount at \$1,000,000. There is no confirmation of either report.

Lord Reading and the other members of the foreign commission were to be dinner guests tonight of the Pilgrim club. Lord Reading will be one of the speakers at the dinner.

San Antonio, Sept. 30.—The Carranza commander at Las Paredas, Mexico, headed the attacking party of Mexicans who crossed the border last Friday night and in a fight with American soldiers captured Trooper Richard J. Johnson, whom they shot and then mutilated by taking his head and ears for souvenirs. It was reported today to the southern department headquarters by Captain Frank R. McCoy.

Guadalupe Cuellar, a Mexican who said he was one of the attacking party gave the details of the fight to Captain McCoy in a sworn statement. Cuellar was arrested several days ago by civil authorities and is held in connection with the investigation of the Progreso fight, during which Johnson disappeared.

Unconfirmed reports said Cuellar had made a complete confession to the sheriff's office, but until Captain McCoy's report, made public at army headquarters here, there was no verification. Johnson's body has not been recovered.

Unconfirmed reports have told of the parading of the head of the American soldier stuck on a pole, through the small villages on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande. Johnson's home was in Mount Morris, N. Y. He was twenty-one years old.

Announcement is made that the supper planned for tonight by the members of the Baraca class of the First Baptist church, has been postponed until next Thursday night. The supper will be held next Thursday night at the church building.

CARRANZA LEADER HEADED RAIDERS

Directed Party of Mexicans That Attacked at Progreso, It Is Reported.

NEW LORD MAYOR OF LONDON ELECTED

London, Sept. 30.—Sir Charles Cheers Wakefield has been elected lord mayor of London by the council, succeeding Sir Charles Johnston, whose term expires in November.