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German Were Fixed For Winter

Had Cement-lined Dugouts and Were Comfortably Hou.ed.

British Headquarters in France, Sunday, Oct. 3, via London Oct. 4.—The scene of the British attacks in the Lens region is a flat mining country—slag heaps, mine pits, ruined buildings, splintered and felled trees and earth works churned by explosions, with slightly rising ground toward Loos and Lens.

Nothing is visible except the soft puffs of shrapnel bursting and volumes of black smoke from British and German high explosive shells, marking positions where the British troops are organizing their gains and the Germans are preparing a new defensive line.

It is with infinite satisfaction to the British, who had long looked at the eye-sore twin towers of the mining works at Loos, that they now have in their possession this German position. The church at Loos, which had been used as an observation post, is a heap of stone as the result of the bombardment preceding the attack.

The normal population at Loos is 10,000 miners and their families. Three hundred of these remained during the battle, taking shelter in the cellars of their wrecked miserable homes.

As the skirmish line approached the town, it saw six women and a child coming toward it in the midst of the battle. Some of the British soldiers tried to rescue them, but before they could get the women to a shelter two or three were wounded.

The elaborateness and permanency of the German trenches indicated the apparent conviction of the Germans in the security of their line. Dugouts, often 30 feet deep, were cemented and contained electric lights and arm chairs. Some of them were impenetrable even to high explosive shells of big caliber.

The British bombardment cut the wire in front of the German trenches to bits and battered the firing trenches and traverses into irregular piles of earth. Under such a flailing of shells it was suicidal for the Germans to attempt to remain outside the dugouts or to try to man their machine guns, or use their rifles.

When the artillery work was perfected the British infantry sprang over the parapets at a given moment. Sprinting toward the German trench they arrived almost without opposition. Then the German trench was theirs with the Germans who were alive huddled in their caves. Some of the dugouts had their openings blown in by shell explosions, and their occupants were either buried or suffocated.

Where a dugout had been unharmed the British soldiers, with bayonets fixed on their rifles, appeared at the entrance to find the Germans still inside or perhaps just starting out. All in the dugout might surrender, or on the other hand, if a British soldier started to enter or even showed himself he was received with a fusillade. In case of refusal to surrender bombs were thrown into the dugouts. The Germans surviving the explosion usually gave in, though not always for some of them died to the last man.

Some incidents had a humorous as well as a tragic side. In these sudden encounters at close quarters where the charging Briton met a German emerging from his dugout the bayonet, bombs and even fists were sometimes brought into play in the ensuing melees.

One difficulty was the gathering and guarding of prisoners in such a confined space as the irregular wrecked trenches. With rifles and

Will Make Virginia Dry

Both Sides Seem To Want To Make The Law Effective.

Washington Dispatch to Baltimore Sun.—Temperance leaders of Virginia have proposed a novel plan to enforce State-wide prohibition in that State when it becomes effective in 1916. The plan embraces the creation by the General Assembly of a superintendent of prohibition, whose duty it shall be to enforce the temperance laws, make investigation of its violation and assist the legal authorities in prosecutions.

The purpose of this plan is to bring about the enforcement of the prohibition law in the Virginia cities and "wet" counties where public sentiment is not strong for the abolition of the saloon. Under such a plan, it is contended, the authorities will not dare to "wink" at violations of the law, as is now done in Southern cities where State-wide prohibition prevails. The police and the State's attorney, it is declared, will know that behind them is an official who intends to enforce the law at all costs.

The Virginia General Assembly next winter will be called upon to pass laws for the enforcement of State-wide prohibition. The prohibitionists will control the Legislature. They favor drastic laws because they wish to repudiate the many assertions that "prohibition does not prohibit." The "wet" forces favor similar legislation because they want the State to have a genuine period of thirte, believing actual prohibition will go a long way toward making many Virginians change their minds on the subject.

One of the issues in the prohibition campaign in Virginia last year was that the anti-liquor laws in Georgia and other Southern "dry" States were not enforced in the big cities. As a result of these charges the prohibition forces promised a drastic enforcement of the law in county and city.

Chronic Constipation.

"About two years ago when I began using Chamberlain's Tablets I had been suffering for some time with stomach trouble and chronic constipation. My condition improved rapidly through the use of these tablets. Since taking four or five bottles of them my health has been fine," writes Mrs. John Newton, Irving, N. Y. Obtainable everywhere.

bombs lying about the Germans even after capitulating were likely to seize them and rush to the cover of a traverse trench or into a shell crater and renew the fight.

The British are keeping to the tactical plan undertaken by them to gain a certain amount of ground with each attack.

The Germans fought desperately and the viciousness of their counter-attacks apparently was due to rage over the loss of their comfortable dugouts, and the unpleasant prospect of a Winter in the mud, building new caves.

The rear of the army during the action presented a wondrous varied scene, which was the more concentrated because of the narrow front of the operations. There were the slightly wounded walking back, the steady tramp of fresh regiments going forward, processions of swift motor ambulances whose burdens would be back in England in 24 hours, long-er and seemingly endless processions of motor-trucks loaded with shells to feed the ever-thundering unseen guns, troops of the reserves in the fields or beside the orged roads waiting their call, while the French population stood in their oorways and asked for the latest news from officers and men who knew nothing except concerning their own parts in the big scheme of things.

Another Boss for the People

State Board of Health Employs Prosecutor and Will See that the People Obey.

The Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health closed a contract today with J. A. McIntyre, of Mount Olive, wherein the latter becomes prosecuting agent for the Vital Statistics Bureau in North Carolina. Mr. McIntyre is ex deputy sheriff of Wayne County, a former local registrar, and a young man fully equipped for this particular work. He starts on his first trip Monday, October 4, to visit those counties where incomplete registration is suspected. His itinerary will be arranged altogether by the Bureau of Vital Statistics in accordance with those counties reporting low death rates, that is to say, those counties that rest under suspicion of incomplete registration. Mr. McIntyre will travel by motor cycle, which will enable him not only to hold down traveling expenses, but to reach the remote districts of the State.

The State Board of Health is determined to enforce the State registration law," declared the secretary of the board today. Mr. McIntyre's continuance in office will be based on his ability to find infringements of this law and to secure convictions. In addition to knowing where people are dying and the relative importance of the various causes of their deaths, the Board proposes to secure good standing with the United States Bureau of the Census and to be admitted as a registration state. To this end the Bureau will employ county and district agents in addition to the State agent, to find and prosecute violators of the vital statistics law. State Health Bulletin.

This gives you an idea of where and how the rule of the people is gradually slipping through their fingers and how the government is being centralized and added to without the least show of a general demand for such legislation. This, at one time called czarism, is now termed Democracy.

Coughs That are Stopped!

Careful people see that they are stopped. Dr. King's New Discovery is a remedy of tried merit. It has held its own on the market for 46 years. Youth and old age testify to its soothing and healing qualities. Pneumonia and lung troubles are often caused by delay of treatment. Dr. King's New Discovery stops those hacking coughs and relieves the gripe tendencies. Money back if it fails. 50c. and \$1.00.

Wireless Telegraphy 4,600 Miles.

The most important scientific discovery of an age was made when the officials of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company telephoned without wires the other day from Washington to Hawaii a distance of 4,600 miles, and from New York to the Mare Island Navy Yard in San Francisco Bay, a distance of nearly 3,000 miles.

Experiments in telephoning across the Atlantic have been made, but have not yet proved successful. The telephone officials said only conditions due to the war have made this use of the wireless phone impossible up to this time, for the difficulties of sending word across the Atlantic are not so great as telephoning without wires across the United States.

Facts For Sufferers.

Pain results from injury or congestion. Be it neuralgia, rheumatism, lumbago, neuritis, toothache, sprain, bruise, sore stiff muscles or whatever pain you have yield to Sloan's Liniment—brings new fresh blood, dissolves the congestion, relieves the injury, the circulation is free and your pain leaves as if by magic. The nature of its qualities penetrate immediately to the sore spot. Don't keep on suffering. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment. Use it. It means instant relief. Price 25c and 50c. \$1.00 bottle holds six times as much as the 25c size.

North Carolina State Fair

Don't Seem to be Afraid to Tell in Advance What They Will Have

A communication from the public relations committee of the State Fair, to be held in Raleigh, says:

October 18-28—Mark the dates down in your memory as four gala days of festivities, the week of the Great State Fair at Raleigh.

Scores upon scores of wonderful events are awaiting you in the Capital City, marvelous attractions that have never been offered at any previous fair. The agricultural and industrial exhibitions are interesting and instructive, the midway, one great line of unusual attractions, and the free attractions the most marvelous ever shown at a South Atlantic fair.

Heading them all is the thrilling aeroplane spectacle copied from the actual destruction of a German fort by a French aviator on the European battle front. Daring Captain Worden, in his monoplane, 2,000 feet in the air, drops bomb after bomb on a solid fort below, the fort returning the fire with sham shrapnel shells, which burst around the aeroplane, high in the air. For many minutes the battle rages until the fort is destroyed in a cloud of dust and smoke by a bomb from the aeroplane.

For those who are interested in the agricultural welfare of the State, there are the county and stock judging contests, the tomato clubs and competitively county exhibits, boys' corn clubs, pig clubs, boys' and girls' poultry clubs, free motion pictures of all diseases of poultry and cattle, perfect types of cattle and many other interesting and instructive things.

This year will be another innovation that bids fair to eclipse any feature of the fair, and one that should interest every town in the State. This new feature is a monster floral and industrial parade of the agricultural and industrial resources of the State. Those interested in a float in this parade should wire or write M. W. Tyree, Raleigh, N. C., chairman of the Arrangement committee. This parade will include floats from business houses, manufacturers, towns, schools, colleges, etc. In the marshals' parade and a grand review of the National Guard by General Young and staff.

Go to Raleigh. Begin to plan your trip now and stay all of the week, October 18-28. All persons interested in securing space, will communicate with Col. Jos. E. Pogue, secretary, Raleigh, N. C.

For Indigestion.

Never take peppin and preparations containing peppin or other digestive ferments for indigestion, as the more you take the more you will have to take. What is needed is a tonic like Chamberlain's Tablets that will enable the stomach to perform its functions naturally. Obtainable everywhere.

Weather Forecast for October.

From 1st to 8th, cool showers and some wind.
From 8th to 15th, changeable to cool, with slight rains.
From 15th to 22nd, fair and cool, if wind is southwest slight showers, and, if wind is northeast, look for heavy frost, inside of these seven days.
From 22nd to 30th, rain and wind, some stormy like and cool. This month will show up some warm, cold and uncertain weather as this is the change month between summer and autumn and lots of wind this month.

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Russian Warships off Port of Varna

Events in Balkans Moving Swiftly With Probably a New Battle Line.

Oct. 4.—Allied troops have landed at Saloniki, Greece, and two powerful Russian squadrons have appeared off the Bulgarian port of Varna, on the Black Sea. Whether Bulgaria has complied with the Russian ultimatum that she openly break with the Central Powers and disown the German and Austrian officers with her army is not known, but her failure to do so is considered certain to result in the creation of yet another zone in the world war.

While unofficial reports in London are that the Greek Government has protested against violation of her territory, dispatches emanating from Athens assert the Greek people received news of the landing calmly, realizing that if the worst should come the Allied troops would aid them in repelling the Central Powers. The Greek Minister in London has declined to either affirm or deny that Greece has formerly protested.

Bulgaria, it is reported, has announced that she will immediately reply to the last note of the Entente Powers concerning Serbia's offer to Bulgaria of compensation for Bulgarian neutrality. An Athens dispatch Sunday said the powers of the Entente had withdrawn their offer of concessions of Macedonian territory to Bulgaria.

Heavy fighting continues in the Artois region of France and bombardments are going on in the Vosges mountains. The fighting in Artois has been trench warfare of a vicious character. The Germans are on the offensive, but according to Paris, they have been everywhere repulsed except south of Givenchy, where they re-took from the French the crossing of five roads, which the earlier French official communication had recorded as being occupied by the French.

A British report from Field Marshal Sir John French says the Germans northwest of Hulluch have recaptured the great portion of the Hohenzollern redoubt which was taken from them last week. Numerous other attacks made over the open against the British trenches between the quarries and Sarmedes-Hulluch road were repulsed with severe losses.

According to the German communication on the progress of the campaign in the east the Russians advanced to the attack in dense masses in central sector to the east of Varna, but were repulsed with unusually heavy losses. Petrograd admits the capture of trenches by the Germans in the region of Drinsk, but declares that in a counter-attack the trenches were recaptured.

The Anglo-French bond issue of \$500,000,000 already has been over subscribed. The amount of the over subscription, it is estimated will reach \$50,000,000.

When Baby Has the Cramp.

When a mother is awakened from sound sleep to find her child who has gone to bed apparently in the best of health struggling for breath, she is naturally alarmed. Yet if she can keep her presence of mind and give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy every ten minutes until vomiting is produced, quick relief will follow and the child will drop to sleep to awaken in the morning as well as ever. This remedy has been in use for many years with uniform success. Obtainable everywhere.

Snow in Northwest.

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 4.—The first snow of the season fell here today, the light flurry continuing only a few minutes.
Deadwood, South Dakota, reports a snowfall of from three to six inches throughout the Black Hills last night, the first general fall of the season.

James Old Sorec, Other Remedies Won't Cure. The worst case, no matter of how long standing, is cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Fernald's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves all kinds of sores, cuts, burns, etc. 25c. and 50c. bottles.

The People's Fair

The Agricultural Exhibits Were Excellent. Fire Works and Free Acts Good.

The People's Fair held here last week, though the weather was contrary and the financial loss considerable, was a success in many respects nevertheless. The attendance was small during the five days, Saturday having been added, and of course the receipts were limited, Friday and Saturday the gate fee being produced to 25 cents. We have not yet heard any one speak of the exhibits, especially those of the farmers, except in terms of praise, and, this is wherein good is done for this entire section; they were edifying, instructive, educational and worth the efforts of the promoters of the fair and the farmers concerned. The rain spoiled the track and stopped the races, which by the way, were not indispensable, merely being a feature for the amusement of some and offering an opportunity for those so inclined to gamble.

It would take considerably more space and time than we have to spare to give a detailed description of the many splendid exhibits in the various departments. They were all good and no doubt the judges were often at a loss to determine which deserved the first premium or the blue ribbon.

The exhibition of stock was not large but what was lacking in quantity was made up in quality. The fireworks and free acts before the grand stand were good and quite entertaining.

We understand the receipts amounted to about 10 per cent. of the expenses, entailing a greater loss than last year, but the management announces their intention to pay every bill in full, thus indicating a very fine spirit, one that will go far toward the success of any future fair that may materialize.

Friday morning the directors decided to call off the races, owing to the bad condition of the track and probably to save as much expense as possible and extended the time to include Saturday, which was a fine day. R. J. Holmes who had entered a horse, like the others, had gone to some expense to prepare for the races; thought the extension should include the race program also, but as this was not to be, he had some circulars printed with the following wording: "No races Saturday. A fair without races is like an egg without salt." Of course this stirred the boys up a little and Saturday morning circulars were issued stating that there would be races, etc. Mr. Holmes then thoughtlessly offered to enter his horse, but was refused.

Canal Blocked for at Least a Month.

Washington, Oct. 8.—The War Department to-night announced that there was little prospect of reopening the Panama Canal before November 1. Since the channel was blocked by a slide from the east bank north of Gold Hill September 20, the movement has continued steadily, pouring earth and rock into the waterway while the dredges worked away in a vain effort to keep it open.

Hundreds of vessels will be held up by the closing of the canal for 40 days or more, causing the first very serious interruption of traffic through the isthmus since it was opened in August 1914.

War Department officials said tonight they could give no definite assurance that the canal could be opened November 1. It was explained, however, that bearing an estimate upon the manner in which the earth was moving and the amount of earth and rock already deposited, it was believed that another month should serve to clear the channel.

The present slide began just 10 days after a slide which blocked it for a week.

Read THE WATCHMAN and RECORD

Russia Forces Bulgaria's Hand

Sofia Gives 24 Hours in Which to Send German Officers Home.

Oct. 8.—The crisis in the Balkan situation has been reached. Russia's ultimatum to Bulgaria has gone forth. King Ferdinand's Government, it says, must openly break off relations with the Central Powers and dismiss the German and Austrian officers with its army, or the Russian Minister and Consuls will be withdrawn from Bulgaria.

The note sent by Russia to Bulgaria sets forth that the presence of German and Austrian officers in Bulgaria, the concentration of troops on the Serbian border and the acceptance of financial support by Bulgaria from the Teutonic Allies, leave no doubt as to the object of Bulgaria's military preparations and declares that Russia therefore cannot sanction the presence of that country's Minister "preparations for a patriotic aggression against a Slav and Allied people."

While the Bulgarian Premier is reported in a semi-official statement as saying that Bulgaria is not threatening any of her neighbors and still hopes for a pacific settlement "which will take her interests into account," an Athens dispatch reports that the Quadruple Entente Powers have withdrawn their proffered concessions of Macedonian territory to Bulgaria and that an Anglo-French expedition is about to be landed at Saloniki with the approval of Greece.

It is reported from Italy that the chief of the Italian general staff has conferred with the Italian Cabinet ministers with reference to a possible Italian expedition to Balkans, sufficient troops for which are concentrated at Beldine.

On the western front from the North Sea to the Vosges Mountains there have been artillery bombardments, infantry attacks, fighting by means of bombs and grenades and aerial raids by both sides.

The only claims of a capture of territory is made by Paris, which asserts that in Artois the French have taken a German blockhouse and entrenchment to the south of the Givenchy wood. Berlin acknowledges the loss of a few yards of trenches to the French near Neuville, but declares that a British attack north of Loos was repulsed with heavy casualties and that the French offensives east of Soissons and in Champagne were beaten back.

Allied aeroplanes have bombarded the station, railroad bridge and military buildings at Luxembourg. Berlin says the French dirigible airship "Alsace" has been forced to make a landing near Retyel and that its crew was captured by the Germans.

Along the Eastern the Germans and Austrians still claim that they are making progress against the Russians but no great engagements have occurred anywhere in this region.

Switzerland has ordered the assembling of several squadrons of cavalry which will be stationed along the German frontier.

Morgan Returns the Will.

J. P. Morgan of New York has sent without cost to Justice James Keith, president of the Virginia Court of Appeals, to be disposed of by him at his own discretion, the will of Mrs. Martha Washington, taken from the records of Fairfax Court House by a Federal soldier during the Civil War, and bought by the late Pierpont Morgan and his library.

Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Railway, was the mediator between Mr. Morgan and Governor Stuart of Virginia, and Justice Keith. Morgan had refused repeated requests to return the will and suits had been brought for its recovery. It is said that the will, by consent, will probably be placed in a fireproof vault at Mt. Vernon.