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MOMENTOUS DAY WAS FRIDAY IN BRITISH AREAS

More Guns Played in Action in Drive Over Sector of Six Miles Than on Any Other Given Day Since the Anglo-French Offensive Along the Somme Began.

British Front in France, Sept. 16, 11 a. m., via London.—Army officers universally are speaking of Friday as the best day for the British arms since the offensive began on the Somme front.

With the exception of July 1, the attack begun yesterday morning was the most extensive in the ten weeks of the battle. For the first time the new armored motor cars competed with the infantry as the British swept down from the ridges to the lower ground toward Bapaume.

At this writing the British are beyond the village of Fiers, which they took early in the morning, and are established in Martinpuich and Courcellette.

The slow plodding work of recent weeks had for its object control of all the high ground from the region of Thiepval, on the left, to the British front on the right. The Germans French card for every foot of it.

Never before, probably, have more guns been playing over the same length of front than along the six miles where the British made their advance on July 1, and where they have continued their offensive with dogged persistence.

But before the general attack began there had been a hellish little preliminary side show near Thiepval. The Germans had there a warren of deep dugouts and galleries which they called their "Wunder Werk."

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Lloyd-George Says Rights Are Regarded

(By Associated Press.) London, Sept. 16.—David Lloyd-George, British secretary of war, has given the Associated Press the following statement:

"There appears to be a deliberate campaign, set on foot in the United States by German agents, to sow doubt on the good faith of his majesty's government in regard to the use of information obtained through the censorship."

"These German agents with whose underground methods of working we are quite familiar appear now to have resorted to my statement in the House of Commons on August 8, although that statement was fully explained by Lord Robert Cecil, minister of war trade, on August 9 and most explicit assurances on the same subject were given by him in a later interview on August 25."

"In spite of this these propagandists are trying to dress out my statement as something new, nullifying Lord Robert Cecil's assurances which followed it. Let me now say on behalf of the military authorities what has already been said on behalf of the foreign office—that when information is passed on by the censorship to other departments it is for the sole purpose of guiding the action of the government in the conduct of the war."

MILITARISM IS NOT PRACTICAL

(By Associated Press.) Mexico City, Mexico, Sept. 16.—

Militarism was opposed and universal military training advocated in a Mexican independence celebration speech here today by Felix Palavicini, minister of public instruction. Palavicini spoke as the unofficial representative of General Carranza.

The speaker declared that while it was the intention to establish a strong government in Mexico it was not intended that such a government should be controlled by military power alone.

The 106th anniversary of Mexican independence was being generally celebrated today through the republic.

Mexico to Celebrate Independence Event (By Associated Press.)

Mexico City, Sept. 15.—The hundred and sixteenth anniversary of the proclamation of Mexican independence by Hidalgo at Dolores in 1810 will be observed with elaborate ceremonies throughout the republic tomorrow.

In addition to the formal speeches and meetings, a program of sports modeled closely after the program of the Olympic games has drawn athletes from all over the country although the larger part of the tremendous list of entries come from the schools and colleges in or near the capital.

Baseball has secured a wide hold throughout Mexico and an excellent game is played here. A gala performance at the opera and a special bull fight also are expected to draw large crowds.

CALL FOR BANK STATEMENTS

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 16.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business Tuesday, Sept. 22.

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KING OF GREECE GIVES HIS VIEW ABOUT COUNTRY

Says He Has Been Actuated by No Other Motive Than the Well Being of Greece—Expressed Indignation That He Should be Charged With Any Other Purpose.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Sept. 16.—On September 1 the staff correspondent of the Associated Press obtained an interview with King Constantine of Greece that follows. It is impossible to say which of the censorships through which it passed held the dispatch at the time.

Tatoi, Greece, Sept. 1, via Paris, Sept. 15.—King Constantine received the correspondent of the Associated Press in his summer palace here just previous to a visit from the British minister at Athens. The king spoke of the present situation with the utmost frankness, although refusing to be directly quoted.

The king expressed indignation that it could be thought by any one much less published than he is bound by any pledge to any one not to make war or that he has been moved in his course hitherto by any reasons save those he conceived to be for the greatest good of his country.

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Following a few pleasantries by way of introduction, Mr. Linney attacked his subject without further parley, and waded into the issues where he kept up a continuous bombardment of thorough planks and issues to the democratic satisfaction of the republican voters present.

Mrs. Howe died at an early hour. New London, Conn., Sept. 16.—Mrs. Anne E. Howe, only sister of President Wilson, died in a hospital here today.

Mrs. Howe came from her Philadelphia home in the early summer with her niece, Mrs. Margaret Wilson, daughter of the president, stopping at a summer hotel in the suburbs. Her health had long been impaired.

With her were her two sons, George Howe of North Carolina, and Wilson Howe of Richmond, and a daughter, Mrs. Cothran, of Philadelphia, besides Miss Wilson.

Will be Buried in Columbia Cemetery Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 16.—President Wilson received word this morning that his sister, Mrs. Anne Howe, died early today at New London.

Heavy Tobacco Sales. Winston-Salem, Sept. 16.—The heaviest sales of the season were registered on the leaf tobacco market here yesterday when 136,406 pounds were sold at an average price of \$17.88 a hundred pounds.

Attacks Unsuccessful. Paris, Sept. 16.—German counter attacks were made on the French lines both north and south of the Somme last night. They were unsuccessful, the war office announced today.

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LINNEY HEARD AT COURT HOUSE

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BIG OFFENSIVE BRINGS ALLIES INTO VICTORIES

A Number of Villages Captured by the British Drive Against German Positions in Somme Sector—Latter Have Already Begun Their Counter Attacks With Vigor.

The heavy offensive launched yesterday by the British north of the Somme, was successful in gaining ground along the entire line, except immediately opposite Ginchy, where the Germans clung on desperately.

The most important points gained were the villages of Courcellette, east of Thiepval, Martinpuich, south of the Pozieres-Bapaume road and Fiers, 2 miles north of Ginchy.

The Germans already have begun counter attacking the French at points where they recently advanced, both north and south of the Somme.

In Dobrudja, southern Rumania, the Bulgarians, Turks and Germans have won a decisive success against the Rumanians and Russians.

Petrograd reports the situation in the Russian and Galician war theatres unchanged.

Dispatches from Athens announced that M. Callagyveropoulos, a lawyer and member of the former Theotokis cabinet, has been summoned by King Constantine to his residence at Tatoi and indicate that the former minister has been entrusted with the formation of a new Greek cabinet.

Berlin, Sept. 16, via London.—The Teutonic allies in Dobrudja have gained a decisive victory over the Russian and Rumanian forces.

Bulgarians Falling Back. Salpniki, Sept. 16, via London.—The Bulgarians are falling back in disorder toward Monastir.

"After two days artillery preparation and the occupation of the enemy's advanced posts our troops carried out a decisive attack on the principal Bulgarian positions in the direction of Florida, which was crowned with complete success."

"We made a large number of prisoners and captured 29 guns, including several of heavy calibre, a great quantity of munitions, fifty limbers and a quantity of rifles.

Complain of Rates. Washington, Sept. 16.—Complaint was made to the interstate commerce commission today that class and commodity freight rates of the New Haven and other railroads from New England cities through Boston and Providence to points in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee and central and western Kentucky are discriminatory in that they exceed rates through New York City.

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Mr. Linney discussed the federal reserve act, the farm land loans, and the parcels post, democratic enactments, and contended that these were either to be found in republican platforms and declarations or had been attempted by republican government before the democrats reached the issues.

There was quite a sprinkling of democrats present, among these being several of the party leaders in the city and county. A number of ladies were also in the room, remaining attentive listeners during the speech of Mr. Linney.

Explosion Blew Bodies Everywhere

(By Associated Press.) Pittsburgh, Sept. 16.—Bits of bodies hanging to telegraph wires, pieces of flesh scattered through the ruins of the wrecked building, and six men missing are results of an explosion last night at the plant of the Aetna Chemical Company in Oakdale, a suburb.

John Paul of Sayville, Ills., died in a hospital soon after the blast and a hand picked up on a road near the plant today, still bore a diamond ring, which had belonged to B. R. Dodge, night superintendent.

The plant was said to have been engaged in the manufacture of a high explosive.

NEGRO DIALECT SONGS OPPOSED

(By Associated Press.) New York, Sept. 16.—Negro dialect in songs published in public school text books is disapproved by high school music teachers of this city.

"We want our children to pursue English, not a dialect," said Dr. Frank R. Rix, the musical director.

In "Dixie" it is proposed to change the words "De" and "Nebber" to "The" and "Never." It is also proposed to change "Feroocious Fights" to "Star Spangled Banner" to read "Clouds of The Fight."

If Zulu Parents Do Not Like Their Baby There is a Funeral (By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Sept. 16.—A club is the solution of the eugenics problem among the Zulus of Africa, said J. H. Baltimore, 32 years a resident of that country before the International Lyceum convention here last night.

"When a baby is born to Zulu parents and it appears to be below the Zulu standard, it is given a gentle wallop over the head," he explained.

Present a Historical Snare Drum to Museum (By Associated Press.)

Worcester, Mass., Sept. 16.—The presentation of a snare drum carried by the 13th Virginia regiment in the civil war, to the Confederate museum was the object of a trip to Richmond, started today by the Worcester Continentals, a military organization of this city.

Several years ago the drum was brought by Dr. A. F. Wheeler, from a local dealer who had obtained it from the son of a Union veteran. It had been found among the veteran's effects years after his death.

Frost Last Night in Portion of Tennessee (By Associated Press.)

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 16.—There was frost in middle Tennessee last night, the earliest in 12 years. It was a trace except in the northern part of the state. The official temperature at 6 a. m. was 48 degrees.

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REASONS GIVEN IN INJUNCTION PROCEEDINGS

Details of Contentions of Plaintiffs, Mayor and 9 Aldermen, in Asking for Order to Prevent Paying Out Money, \$12,500 for School Improvements Now.

The announcement in The News yesterday that the mayor and nine aldermen had instituted proceedings to procure an injunction to prevent the city clerk, the vice-mayor and others from paying out any money whatever for the purpose of adding to the city school buildings, has for the time overreached all other local issues and is being discussed universally by citizens today.

As to the procedure, there is a division of views. Not a few citizens have stated that they heartily favor anything that has as its object the tightening of the lid on the city treasury, while a strong contingent takes the view that the school wants are paramount, and that the money should be put at the disposal of the school board to carry out the \$12,500 building improvements that they have in mind to relieve the pressure for more room in several of the schools.

The contention of Mayor Kirkpatrick and the nine aldermen who are taking their positions with the mayor in this fight, are set forth at considerable length in the complaint and other information filed in connection with the application for the injunction. The city clerk, Mr. A. H. Wearn, is now temporarily enjoined from paying out any money for school improvements, pending the settlement before Judge M. H. Justice in October, of the question of making permanent the temporary injunction.

The complaint, together with the several exhibits filed by Messrs. Broadway Nixon and J. W. Keeran in behalf of the mayor and nine aldermen yesterday is given below:

North Carolina, Mecklenburg County, J. H. Ross, D. H. Johnston, Parks Kirkpatrick, D. A. Hargett, W. S. Orr, L. A. Severs, J. Frank Wilkes, L. C. Withers, J. Lester Wolfe, T. L. Kirkpatrick, mayor of Charlotte, vs.

A. H. Wearn, clerk and treasurer of the city of Charlotte; W. H. Wood, president American Trust Company; American Trust Company; J. E. Hunneycutt, vice-mayor, defendants.

The plaintiff complains and alleges: 1. That he, T. L. Kirkpatrick, is mayor of the city of Charlotte; that he is chairman of the board of school commissioners of said city of Charlotte (Sec. 196 Charter); that he is chairman of the executive board of said city of Charlotte (Sec. 42, p. 275 Charter); that no contract of obligation shall be binding upon the city until signed by the mayor of the said city (Sec. 29, p. 274 Charter); that it is his duty from time to time to give the board of aldermen of the said city information about the condition of city affairs and recommend such measures as he deems best for said city; but can not be compelled to exercise authority or power inconsistent with the charter of said city or the statute or constitutional laws of said state; that the said mayor is present in the said city of Charlotte and is able to perform his duties, and that no man, while he is so present in the said city and able to perform the duties of his said office as prescribed by the said charter of the said city of Charlotte and statutes and constitution of the state of North Carolina, can be appointed by the board of aldermen to perform the duties and offices of mayor other than the mayor elected by the people of the said city, he having the honor to hold the said office by the votes of the people of the said city of Charlotte.

2. That all orders drawn on the clerk of the said city to wit, A. H. Wearn shall be signed by the executive officer of the department in which said order originates and countersigned by the mayor, the plaintiff in the action, and shall state the purpose for which the money is to be applied, and the clerk and treasurer shall state and specify said purpose in his accounts, and also the sources whence are derived the moneys received by him. (Sec. 65, p. 290 Charter.)

3. That the said mayor of the said city of Charlotte is informed and believes and so alleges that A. H. Wearn, clerk and treasurer of the said city of Charlotte, is about to pay out money from the treasury of the city without the signature of the said mayor, as provided by law; and that in so doing the said clerk and treasurer would be acting unlawfully and contrary to the statutes in such cases made and provided.

4. That the funds of the said city of Charlotte deposited in the vaults of the American Trust Company, and the said mayor is informed and believes and so alleges that the said American Trust Company is about to pay out certain moneys on the order of the said vice-mayor and contrary to the charter of the said city and laws of said state.

5. That the said mayor of the said city of Charlotte is informed and believes and so alleges that the board of aldermen of the said city of Charlotte have authorized or are about to authorize one James Hunneycutt, the mayor pro tem of the said city, to countersign certain obligations and checks on certain funds belonging to the said city, and to pay out certain moneys belonging to the city contrary to the charter of the said city and in contravention of the tax payers thereof and their rights and without authority of law, the said Hunneycutt

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WEATHER FORECAST. Forecast for North Carolina: Fair tonight and Sunday, somewhat cooler in east and central portions tonight. Fresh north winds.