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Struggle for Bapaume and Peronne Made Easier by Capture of Key Position--Germans Caught in Narrow Pocket That is Swept by Fire--Many Killed in Raid.

(By Associated Press.) London, Sept. 26.—The British have entered Combles on the Somme front, the war office announced today, and are overcoming the resistance of the Germans.

Combles, a town of some 2,000 inhabitants, has been rendered of all strategic importance to the allies on account of being encircled by their lines for weeks.

It has been of service to the Germans, however, because as long as they held on to it it has hampered the Franco-British advance towards Bapaume.

British and French troops today reached the town of Combles on the Somme front after virtually having surrounded the place after a struggle of many weeks' duration and now are engaged in occupying it.

Attacking from the north British troops have forced their way into the place, London announces.

On the south the French have reached the town's edge and have penetrated the cemetery. In addition they have further closed the small opening left in the Combles pocket left by the village of Fergicourt.

The Combles salient, doggedly maintained by the Germans, has long been a serious hindrance to the allies, hampering them in their offensive toward Bapaume and Peronne. Its elimination seemed imminent yesterday after the advance of the Franco-British forces carried them beyond both sides of it, leaving only a gap a mile and a half in width swept by the fire of the allies through which the Germans must retreat.

Bombs dropped in last night's Zeppelin raid on London carried out by some half dozen craft caused the death of 29 persons, London today announces.

While the great battle on the Somme front was at its height, the Germans last night attacked the French line at Verdun, driving in between the Thiaumont wood and Fleury, east of the Meuse. Paris announces today that the French artillery shelled the attack.

PICNIC AND SPEAKING 3 COUNTY CORNERS

A big picnic dinner and speaking will feature Saturday at the three-county corners, and besides the edibles and music by a brass band, there will be addresses on the campaign by such notables as Representative Webb, Mr. J. D. Elliott and Mr. W. E. Feimster. The speaking will begin at 10 o'clock and the dinner will be served at noon.

On Saturday night Mr. Feimster will speak on the issues of the campaign to Democrats in Hickory.

Saturday week, Mr. O. Max Gardner of Shelby, Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, will deliver an address here.

IN MEMORIAM

In assisting at the funeral of Malcolm Gordon McKenzie, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McKenzie of West Hickory on Sept. 11, I performed one of the saddest duties that falls to a pastor. The child was bright, sweet, strong, full of promise, and only three years old February 8, and it was heart-breaking to see the parents lay down the earthly hope that had brought such love-filled joy, and resign themselves and their remaining child to the loneliness brought by that small grave. But amid the sorrow, we bade them draw from the inexhaustible fulness of God, whose mercies meet every human need, canceling the grief and purifying the heart and keeping each day our hearts in his love. J. G. GARTH.

Former Circuit Court Clerk Overton Arrested for Murder in Alabama

(By Associated Press.) Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 26.—David T. Overton, former circuit court clerk of Madison county, La., wanted for the murder of W. T. Lawler of Huntsville in Huntsville June 14, last, today was arrested by detectives in Smithville, Tenn., it was announced here. Overton has been missing from his home since June 17 when the body of Judge Lawler was found in the Tennessee river.

Within the same week when Judge Lawler met his death Huntsville was the scene of two suicides, said to have grown out of the murder. Shelville Pleasants, a Huntsville attorney, killed himself by shooting, leaving a note saying he had nothing to do with the murder. His death was followed three days later by the suicide of Sheriff Phillips of Madison county, who killed himself in the Madison jail. Pleasants is thought to have been under a hallucination; and connection with the crime was not charged against either.

SPAIN PROTESTS TO GERMANY AGAIN

(By Associated Press.) Madrid, Spain, via Paris, Sept. 26.—The Spanish government has sent a note to Berlin protesting against the torpedoing of Spanish steamers by submarines.

ENGLISH PROPHECY

Nashville Tennessean.

H. G. Wells, the English writer and publicist, has been traveling extensively in the allied and neutral countries. Of course, he has been taking notes. It is his expressed opinion that the Germans will make a public official bid for peace before the year is out—probably in November—and that the allies will get the peace they want by next June.

The factors in his calculations are interesting, whether we agree with them or not. In substance he says the central powers are being beaten upon the Eastern, Western, Italian and Balkan fronts. On the Somme the Germans are entirely beaten in the air. Their officers, as well as the men, are dispirited, and surrender readily. Their artillery is now over-manned and they are likewise un-munitioned. The calculation of the end of the war is really a calculation of how long it will require before Germany will accept the minimum terms the allies will concede; the calculation of when they will propose peace is more difficult. They are fighting in the hope that something will happen—some peace movement in the United States, some trouble between the allies and neutrals, that will save them from those minimum terms.

Mr. Wells thinks the allies will insist for Belgium, restoration of indemnity and a rectified frontier for France, Alsace-Lorraine and free navigation of the Rhine; for Russia, Constantinople and Armenia, a dismemberment of Austria in the interests of Italy, Roumania, Poland and Jugoslavia and the cessation of Germany's colonial empire. But even this will not be all the collateral questions, such as the security of Britain at sea, and compensation for sunken shipping and the like. Until certain military ends are achieved, Germany will cling to the hope of temporary success or regret that will bring about some intervention to save her from the full measure of the consequences she challenged in August, 1914.

It is believed that the German defenses on the great main fronts, east and west, are crumbling and nearing the approach of rupture, which should not be later than November and that Germany will make the first offer before the rupture, while she can still hope to hold Belgium and a part of industrial France. She will also hope to bring dissensions among the allies.

We have become somewhat used to the war, and are not now so much exercised over its horrible details, but all are yet interested in its conclusion, and any sort of prophecy concerning the end still appeals.

It is hoped that peace can be brought off. We may add that the majority of the races of men will not regret to see condign punishment administered to the people who for decades systematically prepared for their reign of terror, who went joyously forth with burnished steel, army kitchens and ready made despots for

BUILDING CLASS DELAY IN BRIDGE CHIEF OF STAFF INTEREST IS INCREASING ROOM AND LIBRARY NO FAULT HERE GREEK ARMY RESIGNS

Under the direction of Mr. L. L. Moss, contractor, about 20 members of the Baraca class and their friends today began work on the two new class rooms and library for the Baraca and Philakha classes of the Methodist Sunday school. The nature of the work this morning was such that the progress made did not show much, but it was planned this afternoon to enclose the building. Rev. A. L. Stanford, pastor, and Messrs. P. A. Setzer and A. M. West, teachers, aided in the construction.

The day was featured at noon by a picnic dinner served in front of the church, the Philakhas contributing the food—which in quantity and quality was all that could be desired. The Philakhas placed nearly everything one could think of before the men, and it seemed to the reporter, who was among those present, that the Philakhas did the best work of the afternoon.

The spirit of the young men and women at work on their class rooms, as Mr. Stanford observed, was more important than all the boards the men nailed.

The complaints of some Caldwell people as reported in the Lenoir News, are unjustified by the facts in connection with the delay in opening Horseford bridge, three causes over which Mr. G. H. Geitner has no control contributing to the delay. Mr. Geitner was called over the telephone today and told of the reports the Lenoir paper said were being circulated in Caldwell county.

"To the people who know me," Mr. Geitner said, "there is no need to make explanation, but for the benefit of those who do not know me, it should be explained why the delay in opening the bridge has occurred.

"The plans of Engineer Faling were changed, a different kind of rods being specified from the original plans. This took up a week. Then it required a lot of time to find a concern that would make the rods and when a Knoxville factory took the contract, it failed to execute it in prompt time, another delay of two weeks occurring. The rods were shipped 11 days ago and have been on the road ever since.

"Ordinarily a shipment from Knoxville arrives in Hickory in four days, but this carload has not shown up. The railroad has sent tracers from both sides and the rods are expected to turn up any day."

Mr. Geitner said the correspondence is all on file in his office and will speak for itself. He would like to show it to anybody who is interested. It will take about three days to complete the bridge after the steel arrives, Mr. Geitner thinks.

Mr. Geitner being best equipped to mope the weather cleared after the flood and it was through his energy that a way was found to cross the river at all. The delay in the shipment of material, the change in plans and the loss of stuff on the road have vexed him as much as anybody, but those who know him could not believe that he would put the whole community to disadvantage to serve his personal ends. The Lenoir News said it did not believe this either, but reported rumors in Caldwell.

(By Associated Press.) London, Sept. 26.—Gen Constantine Moschopoulos, chief of staff of the Greek army, has resigned, according to a Reuter dispatch from Athens. He was generally reported to be friendly to the cause of the allies.

TOBACCO IN PHILIPPINES

(By the Associated Press.) Manila, P. I., Sept. 26.—In line with the insular government's plan to stimulate the production of better tobacco in the Philippines, a tobacco testing station is soon to be established in the Cagayan valley, the center of the tobacco growing industry of the island. This is only one of many steps following the dispatch of A. B. Powell, chief clerk of the internal revenue bureau, to the United States, to embark on an advertising campaign to boost the sales of Philippine cigars in the homeland.

REGULATION SPIRITS ORDERED IN MEXICO

(By Associated Press.) Mexico City, Sept. 26.—Stringent regulation of the manufacture and sale of pulque, the principal strong drink of Mexico, is ordered by First Chief Carranza in a decree which has just been promulgated. The beverage is made from the juice of the maguay cactus. The new regulations double the tax on the bringing of pulque into towns, and require manufacturers of it to record with proper authorities and details concerning their business.

The decree provides that no factories may be established more than forty kilometers from the town in which the product is to be sold. This is to insure that the pulque arrives quickly and in good condition.

Should the product spoil in process of fermentation, the manufacturer must notify the authorities and establish that it has been thrown out or used to make alcohol.

It is provided that the maguay lands also must be used to raise other agricultural products as well as maguay.

Infractions of these regulations will be punished by a fine of ten times the amount of the taxes or the factory may be closed.

TAR HEEL TROOPS CAN'T VOTE ON BORDER

Raleigh, Sept. 25.—Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the supreme court, in a statement answered numerous inquiries, expressed the view that there is no law under which the North Carolina guardsmen now being transported from this state to the Mexican border can vote in the November election.

A state statute under which the civil war North Carolina troops voted out of the state was limited as to being in force simply to the time peace was decided between the Confederacy and the United States. The chief justice says members of other states of the union have special statutes permitting troops to vote wherever on duty, and some even allowing traveling men to vote by mail from other states.

He advised that the legislature should provide for future voting of North Carolina troops this winter, but this will not cure impending disfranchisement of about 3,200 guardsmen now leaving the state for the Mexican border in the event they are not returned to the state before election day.

VENIZELLOS IS BUSY WORKING ON PEOPLE

(By Associated Press.) Athens, Greece, via London, Sept. 26.—Former Premier Venizelos, who is on his way to the island of Crete, is expected to arrive at Suda Bay on the north coast of that island this evening or early tomorrow, proceeding hence to Kameanea to address a proclamation to the people of Greece stating his reasons for leaving Athens and summoning King Constantine to head a movement for putting Greece into the war.

It is thought this evening's cabinet will decide to drop two members of the present ministry.

HUGHES IS GREETED BY RAIN IN TOLEDO

(By the Associated Press.) Toledo, Sept. 26.—Chas. E. Hughes reached Toledo in a pouring rain today, made short speeches at an automobile factory and in a Valentine theatre, and left after a stay of three and a half hours here.

W. HICKORY SCHOOL TO BEGIN MONDAY

The West Hickory graded school, with Mr. J. B. Pruitt as principal, will convene Monday for the fall term and every pupil is urged to be present on the opening day. Mr. Sherrill was principal last year. Other teachers this year are Mr. Miller and Misses Flowers, Stevenson, Johnson and Hannah.

SECOND REGIMENT OFF FOR EL PASO

(By Associated Press.) Morehead City, Sept. 26.—The second regiment North Carolina national guard, entrained today for border duty at El Paso, Texas.

INTEREST IS INCREASING IN GOOD ROADS IN STATE

Lovelady Township, Burke County, Soon to Get Out of Mud--Other Localities to Follow Example of Icard--Iredell Roads Being Made Fine--Popular for Tourists.

BERLIN ADMITS SUCCESSES OF ALLIES

(By Associated Press.) Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, Sept. 26.—Successes were achieved by the Anglo-French forces on the Somme front last night north of F'eurs, says the German official statement issued today.

The conquest on the villages on the line of Guedecourt and Bouchavesnes, the statement adds, must be recognized.

Rumanian troops have again occupied the heights on both sides of Szerdulka and Vulcan passes in Transylvania. German troops repulsed all Rumanian attacks, but were withdrawn, according to army orders.

Russian troops yesterday made successive attacks in strong force against the Austro-German positions in Galicia, but the attacks failed under the heaviest losses for the Russians.

MR. BARB PURCHASES FINE PIECE OF LAND

In addition to the purchase of the St. Paul's seminary building and a lot 200 x 200 feet, which will be used for church purposes, Rev. J. E. Barb, pastor of the congregation, has negotiated a trade for the parsonage on the seminary grounds in exchange for his residence a block east and another house on Twenty-second street. Mr. Barb's lot in the seminary grounds will have a frontage of 303 feet and a depth of 325 feet, being one of the prettiest pieces of property in the city. Mr. Barb purchased the realty from Messrs. Buchanan and Campbell.

There is no doubt that this section of North Carolina, owing to its splendid climate and colorful mountains, will be a popular resort for tourists from all over the country.

VILLA EN ROUTE TO AMERICAN FORCES

(By Associated Press.) Field Headquarters, Mexico, by radio to Columbus, N. M., Sept. 26.—Villa and his band are moving towards the American expeditionary forces, according to reports received today at field headquarters believed reliable.

Villa is reported to have crossed the Northwestern Railroad, 25 miles southwest of Chihuahua City, after a skirmish between his men and Carranza troops.

TREAT CIVILIAN CASES

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Sept. 26.—British surgeons have treated 16,000 cases and performed 463 operations on civilian patients in the zones of their armies in France since the beginning of the war. They had not only to treat all the current ills of the region but were required to combat the epidemics that follow war. All the inhabitants of the British zone were vaccinated against typhoid and special hospitals were created for children.

A considerable number of civilians wounded by shell fire also required their attention.

Whitman Will Consider Calling Legislature to Handle New York Strike

(By Associated Press.) New York, Sept. 26.—Governor Whitman has promised to meet here this afternoon a committee representing state legislators to hear their request for a special session of the legislature to deal with the situation resulting from a threat of a strike Wednesday morning in sympathy with the street car men.

Chiefs and officers of the American Federation of Labor and one of the directors of the strike movement, claimed today that assurances had been received by the labor leaders that 260,000 workers will quit work tomorrow morning.

A convention of the national and international union, having representatives here, and representatives of local trade unions are to meet to consider the situation.

Order broke out during the early hours today. According to the report a southern elevated train was bombarded with sticks and stones thrown from roof tops by strikers and sympathizers. Three glasses in a street car were broken out by missiles hurled by mobs.

BOSTON NEARER GOAL IN AMERICAN LEAGUE

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Sept. 26.—Boston's lead in the American League appeared more secure today than at any time during the season, as Chicago's closest rival, 2-1-2 games away, has only four more games to play. Detroit has been virtually eliminated from the championship race.

Boston has seven games yet to play—four with New York and three with Philadelphia. The schedule between the east and west has been played out and now games in each section will close up the season in their respective territory. No games were to be played in the American League today.

Brooklyn is being pushed hard by Philadelphia for the leadership in the National League, only one game separating them.

FOOTBALL PRACTICE AT LENOIR COLLEGE

Football practice at Lenoir College, the first in many years, drew about 50 men to the field yesterday afternoon, the young men being next enthusiastic. Suits will arrive next week and routine work will be done. A game probably will be played this fall and it is expected to put out a team next year.

SAYS VILLA WASN'T AT CHIHUAHUA CITY

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 26.—Confidential office advice, it was announced today at the state department, show that Villa was not present at Chihuahua City, that no arms or ammunition were captured by the bandits, and that there were no desertion from the Carranza garrison.

PRESIDENT VOTING IN JERSEY PRIMARY

(By Associated Press.) Long Branch, N. C., Sept. 26.—President Wilson left here today for Princeton to vote in the Democratic primary. He was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson. The president expects to return this afternoon to keep an engagement with Samuel Seabury, Democratic nominee for governor of New York.

OSWEGO, N. Y., SEPT. 26.—Six members of the crew of the steamer Robertel were drowned when the vessel foundered in Lake Ontario yesterday, it was learned when three exhausted from their struggles reached here in a lifeboat.

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Wednesday. Warmer in extreme west portion tonight, gentle variable winds.

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MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Sept. 26.—The cotton market was comparatively quiet during today's early trading. The general list sold six to eight points net higher.

The market closed steady.

	Open	Close
October	15.80	15.83
December	16.12	16.12
January	16.18	16.19
March	16.43	16.35
May	16.51	16.51

HICKORY MARKETS

Wheat	-----	\$1.40
Cotton	-----	15 1/2

CHICAGO WHEAT

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Sept. 26.—Wheat prices developed fresh strength today after an uncertain start. Opening prices, which ranged from 1/2 decline to 2-3 advance with December at 1.54 3/4 to 1.55 1-8 and May at 1.54 3/4 to 1.55 1-8, were followed by slight gains.

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