

BRITISH DRIVE FORWARD FOR BIG GAINS IN THE SOMME; THIRD OF GERMAN FRONT HAS FALLEN TO ALLIES DURING PAST WEEK

Violent Fighting Friday Night—Haig Takes Three Villages and Clears Woods of Teutons—Germans Cling Only to Fine Fortifications at Thiepval, and Outflanked, May Lose Them at Next Advance of Enemy—Piles of Dead—Illuminated Field Scene of Terrible Conflict—Germans Hurl Fresh Troops Before Storming Parties in Vain—Bulgars' Retreat Before Victorious Serbs Has Become a Rout, Says Report From the Near East

(By the United Press)

London, Sept. 16.—M. Calogropoulos has been entrusted with the formation of the new Greek Cabinet, says an Athens dispatch.

London, Sept. 16.—Fighting desperately to save themselves from a retreat on a mile of the front, the Germans are throwing battalion after battalion against the storming British columns north of the Somme, in an effort to check General Haig's advance. The battle, begun yesterday, grew fiercer toward night. By the glare of illuminating bombs the men fought like demons with bayonets and grenades over the shell-torn country leading to Bapaume. At the receipt of the last press dispatch from British headquarters, Haig's men were rolling steadily down the slopes before Bapaume, but the German resistance was growing stubborn. At that hour the villages of Courcellette, Martinpuich and Fiers were firmly in British hands, the British had swept through the Fouraux woods and were fighting on the eastern fringes of Bouleaux wood, while the fall of Comblis appeared imminent.

The German losses were said to be frightful, especially in Bouleaux wood, where the resistance was the most desperate. Haig's men found heaps of German bodies.

The British gains, linked with the French advances earlier in the week, completed the capture of an entire third of the line of trenches in the Somme. Only to the marvelously constructed defenses at Thiepval, do the Germans cling. Thiepval is outflanked by the British, who captured Courcellette, and its capture at the next advance of the British left appears certain.

Bulgarians in Flight.

Saloniki, Sept. 16.—Victorious Serbians are driving the defeated Bulgars in disorderly retreat towards the Serb-Greek frontier in the direction of Monastir, says a Serbian official statement. The Bulgarian losses have been enormous, including a whole regiment of fifteen hundred men.

Zaimis Won't Take Job Back.

London, Sept. 16.—Premier Zaimis has finally declined to remain at the head of the Greek Cabinet. It is suggested that ex-Premier Venizelos, leader of the pro-war party, be invited to reform the Cabinet, says an Athens dispatch.

Kaiser Reports Victory.

Berlin, Sept. 16.—Emperor Wilhelm telegraphed the Empress last night that the troops had inflicted a severe defeat on the Russ-Roumanians in the Balkans. Bucharest dispatches last night admitted the retreat of the Russian-Roumanians in the Dobruja-region before an enemy advance.

Italians Resume Offensive.

Rome, Sept. 16.—The Italians are now on the offensive on the whole Isonzo front. In Gorizia the Austrian line has been broken at several points. Austrian losses in two days are said to have exceeded 10,000.

German Attacks Repulsed.

Paris, Sept. 16.—German attacks north and south of the Somme were repulsed last night, it is said officially.

British Advancing in Balkans.

Salonika, Sept. 16.—The British have crossed the river Struma and are attacking the Bulgarians at Ozanimah and Komaja and at villages along the Gudell, it is said officially. Artillery duels are occurring on the Dorian front.

London Cheered by Good News.

London, Sept. 16.—News of the British successes in the West, coupled with the Allies' great gains in the Balkans and the resumption of the Italian offensive on the Isonzo, has aroused the public to a high pitch of enthusiasm. How large a part the new British armored cars are playing in the present advance is not known, but military critics believe this new war terror has wrought havoc to the Germans. They are dubbed "Willies" by the British Tommies, and carry a terrifying appearance as they advance in action.

The Russians and French co-operating with the Serbs are reported to have recaptured Florina, Greece, from the Bulgars, says a Central News dispatch from Salonika. Florina was the first Greek city occupied by the Bulgars when they crossed the Greek frontier.

Berlin Admits Losses.

Berlin, Sept. 16.—In hot fighting north of the Somme

ANOTHER CHECK TO AMERICAN COMMERCE WITH NORTH EUROPE

Britain Refuses License to Exporters, Extends Restrictions to Apply to Those of United States as Well

(By the United Press)

Washington, Sept. 16.—The British blockade has again become the matter of first importance at the State Department. The new orders of the British government against trade with North Europe threaten to fan into a live issue the smoldering dissatisfaction felt here over the whole blockade question.

One effect, it is agreed, will be insistent demands for the application of the retaliatory legislation passed by the recent Congress. The action of Britain in placing an importation embargo on more than a hundred articles until October 1 to Scandinavian countries and the Netherlands from all countries, including the U. S., has aroused much resentment. British exporters were first refused license for such business. London's act is destined to shut off German supplies through neutral ports.

MORE LATITUDE FOR ENTRANTS IN BABY CONTEST IN OCTOBER

The dates for examining entrants in the Better Babies contest at the coming fair have been changed from October 25 and 26 to the 24th and 25th, to permit of grading by the judges on the 26th. The awarding of prizes will be made on the 27th, and it is estimated that a whole day in between will be required for careful examination of the score cards.

Another important change announced is that children from the ages of six months to four years will be taken, instead of those between the ages of one and three years, as stated in the initial announcement on Friday. The divisions by age will be as follows: First, From six months up to and including one year; second, 13 months up to and including two years; third, 25 months up to and including three years; 37 months up to and including four years.

NAVAL BATTLE OFF SWEDISH COAST; NO IDEA OF WHO WINS

(By the United Press)

London, Sept. 16.—Russian and German naval forces are engaged in the Gulf of Bothnia, north of the Aland Islands, a Stockholm dispatch says. Heavy firing is heard along the Swedish coast, but a heavy fog obscures the fighting.

ILLINOIS TROOPS IN CAMP CAN'T KEEP WARM

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 15.—A fur-lough of ten days for the entire First and Second regiments of the I. N. G. in camp here is asked by Governor Dunne in a telegram sent to the

yesterday the British forced the Germans from Courcellette, Martinpuich and Fiers, it is officially admitted.

Russians Take Towns.

Paris, Sept. 16.—Russians co-operating with the Serbs and French on the Balkan left wing have driven the Bulgars out of the villages of Kastora, Zagoritsanti, Zoritsanti, Vichi and Biklishte. The Bulgars are retreating northward to fortified positions south of Lake Ventrook. The Roumanians are progressing rapidly in Transylvania, sweeping the section north of Hermannstadt.

Tarheel Soldier Boys to Border

(By the United Press)

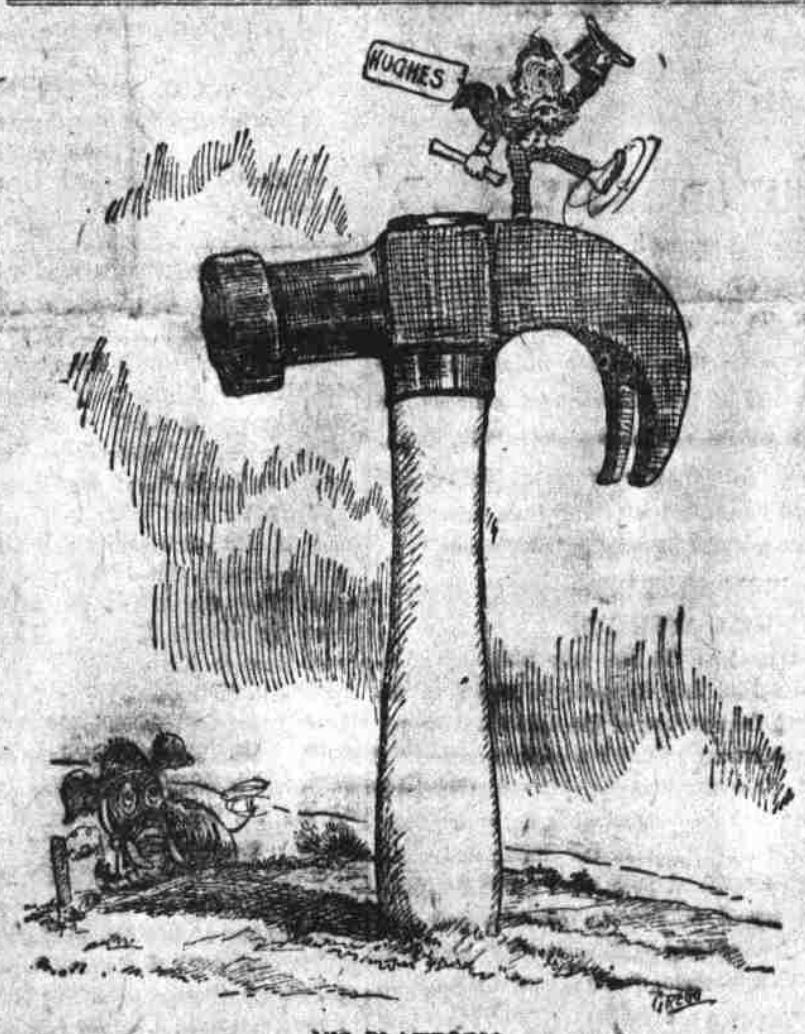
Washington, Sept. 16.—The National Guard brigade at Camp Glenn, N. C., was this afternoon ordered to the border.

The brigade consists of three infantry regiments, a battalion of engineers, a squadron of cavalry and necessary hospital troops.

The North Carolina troops have been through a course of hard training at the State encampment grounds, located on the seacoast. Theirs is a full command for a brigadier-general. The physique and efficiency of the organization is highly spoken of here. Brigadier-General Lawrence Young is in command.

North Carolina furnishes more troops than either Virginia, South Carolina or Tennessee, and leaves more than a battalion of coast artillery at home.

There are three colonels and ten majors in the brigade.



DEED TO A. C. L. FOR SHARE DEPOT PROPERTY

A deed from J. H. Young, trustee, president of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, whereby the Norfolk Southern transfers to the A. C. L. its half interest in the union station property in southeast Kinston, was entered for registration Saturday afternoon. The consideration is \$9,400. The property was acquired some weeks ago by Mr. Young for the companies.

GERMAN PRINCE WAS KILLED IN ACTION

Berlin, Sept. 15.—(Via London)—Prince Frederick William of Hesse has been killed at Cara Orman, it was officially announced by the War Office today in its report on operating affairs on the Balkan front.

GRANDSON OF CHAS. DICKENS IS KILLED

London, Sept. 16.—Major Cedric Charles Dickens, grandson of Charles Dickens, was killed in action in France Monday.

EXPECT BIG DAY NEXT WEDNESDAY

When J. J. Parker, Republican candidate for Attorney-General, comes here Wednesday the Republicans will fire their opening gun in the Lenoir county campaign. Members of the party claim that Parker is of big calibre, and well shot, that there is more than fuse and furs to him, and that he will make a hit. Candidate Parker will speak in the Courthouse at 2 p. m. The public is invited to hear him.

MRS. HOWE, SISTER OF THE PRESIDENT, DIED THIS MORNING

(By the United Press)
New London, Conn., Sept. 16.—Mrs. Abbie Howe, only sister of President Wilson, died at 6:15 o'clock this morning. The body will be sent to South Carolina for burial. The President will accompany the remains from Long Branch.

MERCHANT FELL DEAD ON HERITAGE STREET

Mr. Henry C. Johnson, 54, succumbed to apoplexy on the street in front of a grocery conducted by him on Heritage street this morning just before 8 o'clock. He had been in the boat of spirits and a few moments previously had been whistling and singing. He was smoking a cigar when he fell dead. Leslie Johnson, a mute son employed as a pressman in The Free Press office, took charge of the body and had it carried to the home, a short distance up Heritage street.

Mr. Johnson was a native of Chatham county. He had lived here about nineteen years, was fairly well known. He was a quiet man, of apparently fine physique and healthy, and was liked by his acquaintances. He is survived by his wife and these children: Mrs. Cleveland Moore of Oxford, N. C.; Misses Annie and Sadie Johnson, Leslie and Ed. Johnson of Kinston, and Miss Bessie Johnson of Michigan. A brother resides at Cary.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the home, conducted by Rev. H. A. Hughes, pastor of Queen Street Methodist church. Interment will be in Maplewood cemetery.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN HELPS SELL FARMS ALONG ITS LINES

Agricultural Agent W. T. Kyzer, a hustler of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, has just had published an 18-page pamphlet containing a list of farms and other properties for sale along the Norfolk Southern's lines. Mr. Kyzer has endeavored to get a representative list of available farms for settlers from every section which the road traverses. "This department intends to sell every farm possible," declares Mr. Kyzer in an accompanying letter. Resident Demonstration Agent McCreey was at school with the Norfolk Southern man, and gives him credit for being a very energetic and capable man.

The booklet contains a number of interesting halftones, articles on colonization, farm lands, the excellent weather of the region, manufacturing, stock raising, etc., in addition to the list of farms.

HOLD UP MEN IN BANK AND MAKE BIG HAUL

Homestead, Fla., Sept. 15.—While two confederates waited outside in an automobile, two heavily armed men held up officials of the State Bank of Homestead late today, robbed the counters of \$6,000 and escaped in the direction of the Everglades. The two robbers who entered the bank forced S. R. Pridgen, vice-president, and E. Z. Crowley, cashier, to face the wall with their hands above their heads. As the men left the bank Pridgen fired six shots after them.

Poses assisted by the Miami police gave chase.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

AGAIN LOOKING FOR BREMEN.
New London, Conn., Sept. 16.—Activities at the pier of the Eastern Forwarding Company today renewed belief that the German submarine Bremen is nearing this port. Officials deny that the ship has been heard from.

THOMAS GUILTY OF SIMPLE ASSAULT IN SLEEPING CAR CASE

Sentenced to Year at Hard Labor by Judge Bond Today

WAS ACCUSED BY A GIRL

Alleged Attempted Assault On Pullman Car Near Raleigh—Young Woman of Good Family Complainant in the Case

(Special to The Free Press)
Raleigh, Sept. 16.—Judge Bond today sentenced E. S. Thomas to a year at hard labor for attempted assault upon Miss Eula Nunn of Nashville on a Southern Railway pullman.

A jury in Wake county Superior Court at Raleigh Friday night found E. S. Thomas, a young white man, not guilty of attempted criminal assault, but guilty of assault upon a female in the case of statewide interest in which Miss Eula Nunn, 20, was the other principal. Thomas' defense was that he was under the influence of whisky when he entered Miss Nunn's berth on a sleeper a few weeks ago, being dragged from the berth by men and turned over to the police at Raleigh. Judgment was reserved by Judge Bond. Miss Nunn, well known in this part of the State, and related in Lenoir county, was returning to her home in Nashville, Tenn., from a visit at New Bern when the affair occurred.

GIRLS HAVE A GOOD LEAD OVER BOYS IN CITY HIGH SCHOOL

Number 110 Against 79—The Enrollment Friday Reached 1,432—Athletic Organization to Be Formed in the Coming Week

The enrollment in the city schools Friday reached a total of 1,432, according to Superintendent Curtis. The attendance was very satisfactory during the first three days of the term, which was opened Wednesday.

There are 79 boys and 110 girls in the High School. That the fair sex has a majority in the upper school is nothing to wonder at, but the difference in numbers is so pronounced as to cause surprise.

An athletic organization is to be started during the coming week. Principal E. B. Jones of the High School will have charge of the department. Prof. W. B. Umstead, a new member of the faculty, will supervise the literary clubs. The clubs will go out after debating honors during the term and contact with schools in other places in that line.

There is already congestion in the lower grades. The fourth, for instance, has 168 pupils in its several sections. In some classrooms the children are being doubled up; that is, one class is occupying a room for the forepart of the day and another for the afternoon, etc.

COTTON

Eleven bales of cotton had been sold here today by 2:30 o'clock, prices ranging from 14 to 14.52 1-2.

New York futures quotations were:

	Open	Close
January	15.75	15.62
March	15.80	15.70
May	16.45	15.95
October	18.45	18.30
December	15.65	15.54