

GERMAN PEOPLE LEARN TH'T WITHDR'W'L FROM PERONNE AND COMBLES MAY YET BE NECESSARY; ITALIANS NEARING TRIESTE

Evacuation of Important Positions in West for "Strategic Reasons" Predicted by Berlin Papers—Great Gains By Anglo-French in Somme Offensive—New Armored Car Making Good—Cadorna's Army Only 13 Miles From Important Port City Which Is Chief Objective of Campaign—Serbs Take First and Second Line Trenches From Bulgars—Hard Fighting in West During Night Marked Attempts Germans to Recapture Lost Ground

(By the United Press)

Rome, Sept. 18.—The Italians have broken the Austrian third line in the region of Malfalco after 3 days of fierce fighting. Along the whole front in Gorizia, the new Italian drive on Trieste is progressing. The advanced lines are now only thirteen miles from Trieste. A series of Austrian positions near Oppachiasell and southward through Pietra Rossa, have been carried, and the Austrians driven back to positions in the valleys. Despite heavy rainstorms, Cadorna's troops have captured hills 144 and 208 and several other dominant heights, which had been in advance along Vallone.

Serbs Continue Successful.

Salonika, Sept. 18.—The Serbians have captured Bulgarian first and second line positions at Kamakchalan, northwest of Lake Ostrovo, near the Serbo-Greek frontier, says an official statement. Ten machine guns have been captured.

Great Activity in West; Germans Losing Steadily.

London, Sept. 18.—The British began closing in upon Thiepval last night, after capturing Mouquet farm. The resistance was desperate, all counters failing, however. At Thiepval the Germans' position, which has obstructed the British advance since the beginning of the Somme offensive is made precarious by the loss of the fortified Mouquet farm, north of Martinpuich. General Haig's men improved their positions east of Courcellette last night. A minor trench attack there was successful. The Germans bombarded sections of the British line with violence during the night, in apparent preparation for a counter. Forty thousand Germans have been lost in the Somme offensive. Furious fighting continued last night both north and south of the river. The Germans are clinging desperately to Denicourt, now under a heavy French attack, and are making counters against Berny and Vermandovillers, lost yesterday.

North of the river the British artillery has checked one attack after another with storms of shrapnel. The Germans are bombarding Grandcourt and Lesara, on highways leading to Bapaume.

The Allies' successes are having a profound effect on Berlin. The press is preparing the public for the early evacuation of Peronne and Combles, declaring the retirement may be made necessary for strategic reasons.

The French shifted their attack south of the Somme yesterday. The Germans could not withdraw troops from that sector to reinforce the battered lines north of the river, on that account, and the assault was completely successful. It deepened the wedge in the Peronne-Combles line. The dispatches are full of the exploits of the new armored British cars, which resemble huge land battleships and shed machine gun fire like a duck sheds water.

FUNERAL MRS. HOWE HELD AT COLUMBIA; MANY GREET PARTY

Five Thousand Persons Await Arrival of President With Remains, But No Public Ceremony In Deference to Wishes

By ROBERT J. BENDER, (United Press Staff Correspondent) Columbia, S. C., Sept. 18.—President Wilson today brought to Columbia the body of his sister, Mrs. Annie Howe, to be buried in the churchyard, where the bodies of his father and mother have rested many years. The funeral party reached Columbia shortly before noon. The city refrained from public marks of sympathy, the absence of ceremony being in obedience to the wishes of the family.

The service is to be simple. The Rev. Thornton Whaling, president of Columbia Seminary, will officiate.

Governor Manning sent the following message to his private secretary, Oscar LaRoque:

"Please convey in person to the President upon arrival in Columbia tomorrow, my sympathy and that of the people of the State of South Carolina, in the death of his sister, and express my regret that I cannot be there to pay in person our tribute of respect and loyalty to him."

Five thousand persons formed an aisle for the party at the station.

Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 17.—President and Mrs. Wilson left here at 2 o'clock this afternoon for Columbia, S. C., to attend the funeral of the President's sister, Mrs. Annie E. Howe, who died yesterday at New London. The train bearing the President will make the trip via Washington, Richmond and Raleigh over the Pennsylvania, Washington Southern and Seaboard Air Line railways, and is due at Columbia at 11:35 a. m. tomorrow. The services will be held at the First Presbyterian church at Columbia. Mr. Wilson will leave the South Carolina capital for Long Branch at 6:15 p. m. Monday, arriving here Tuesday.

NEGRO FATALLY CUT IN AFFRAY IN PITT

Elijah Smith, a Pitt county negro, brought here for medical attention Sunday morning, died shortly afterward from a knife wound in the abdomen. Smith engaged in an altercation with another negro near Winterville Saturday night. It is reported that Smith knocked the other down once or twice, whereupon his antagonist drew a knife and severely cut him. The slayer gave himself up. Both are said to have been drinking. The name of the negro who did the cutting could not be obtained this afternoon. Smith had a family.

COTTON

No cotton was sold here today. New York futures quotations were:

Open	2:20
January	15.65 15.95
March	15.84 16.11
May	15.99 16.29
October	15.44 15.72
December	15.57 15.86

HOLD 'THE DEVIL' FOR ALLEGED CHECK THEFT

Sandy Jackson, colored, alias "The Devil," already held on one or two indictments, was bound over to Superior Court by the Recorder Monday morning on the charge of larceny of a check for about \$268 from the Central warehouse. Jackson was held for probable cause, although there was no great amount of evidence. Isabelle Armstrong, serving thirteen months for recent misconduct, who managed to get away from the county jail long enough to get drunk and "kick up" again, had three more months added to her sentence.

BIG MONDAY BREAKS ON LOCAL TOBACCO MKRKET; WEED HIGH

Best Average Yet, Possibly —435,000 Pounds Sold— Good Weather Encourages Planters to Bring Product to Town

Tobacco opened up strong for the week. Monday's sales are estimated at 435,000 pounds, with prices for low grades as good, maybe even better, than before during the season. The day's average is believed to have been higher than Friday's. Fine weather induced the marketing of the big breaks, and with the prospect for continued clear skies tremendous sales are expected during the middle of the week.

Practically all of the territory tributary to the Kinston market was represented in the sales. Quite a lot of the weed sold was of finest quality.

INTERNEED SHIPS TO MOVE NEXT MONTH

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 17.—Navy yard officials tonight declared that no definite time could be fixed for the departure of the interned German cruisers Prinz Eitel Frederick and Kronprinz Wilhelm, from the local yard for interned for the remainder of the European war. It will probably be October 1, before the two vessels, conveyed by American warships, will make the sea trip.

Thousands today flocked to the German village at the navy yard reservation built by the interned German sailors. It will be dismantled at once.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

PREMIER'S SON KILLED. London, Sept. 18.—Raymond Asquith, son of the prime minister, has been killed.

STATEWIDE DEBATE TO BE HELD WAKE FOREST

Wake Forest, Sept. 17.—The Euzelian and Philomathean literary societies in co-operation with the college are preparing for a State-wide high school declaimer's contest to be held at Wake Forest College next April, to which each accredited high school in the State is to send a representative.

ALLEGED TROUBLE-MAKER IS DEPORTED FROM JAPAN

(By the United Press) Tokio, Sept. 16.—Herman Wohlers, a German resident of Yokohama for the last three years, has just been deported from this country for trying to make trouble between the United States, Japan and Great Britain. He was given eight days to get out and he went quick.

Among other charges against Wohlers are these: That he wrote charges against Japan to the American Government. That he induced an intoxicated American marine to pull the British Union Jack from the wall of a ballroom where Americans were celebrating the Fourth of July with Brits as guests, for which the marine was court-martialed. That he entered Yokohama Park and loudly denounced the Russ-Jap. pact.

SEND DOCTOR TO SIAM TO OUST THE HOOKWORM

Tokio, Japan, Sept. 18.—Dr. R. W. Mendelsohn of New York City is on his way from here to Siam today as a representative of the United States War Department, to take the lead out of the Siamese by killing off their vermin of hookworms.

CAMP GLENN TO BE DESERTED PLACE IN A FEW DAYS' TIME

Troops Expected to Come Through Kinston During the Week

LONG TRIP TO THE LINE

El Paso Has a Delightful Time Coming to It, Conceited Tarheel Soldiers Say—No Excitement at the Reservation

(Special to The Free Press)

Camp Glenn, N. C., Sept. 18.—By this time next week this place of between 3,000 and 3,250 population will be without a quorum. The chances are that there will only be about enough men of the garrison left to have an excuse for keeping the flag up, and they will be in hospital.

The brigade is making no feverish preparations for getting away to El Paso. What preparations are necessary have already been made except getting wagons aboard, etc., and that can be done in such quick order that a circus crew would be given something to talk about to witness it.

The troops will move by three routes, it is expected. About one-third will go by New Bern and Wilmington, another third by New Bern and Chocowinity and the other third up through Kinston and Goldsboro. Today or tomorrow more equipment will be dealt out. The guardsmen here are still lacking in some few essentials in the way of wearing apparel. Not all the men have belts, for instance; gloves are lacking, and it may even be the intention to issue overcoats. Travel rations will be given out. Travel rations ordinarily are good. For such a long trip, where lightbread is not usually available, hardtack—biscuit company hardtack better than mother could make, all boxed in fancy-labeled packages—is issued, together with canned wattle (corned beef), hot coffee, with tinned cream (they carry no cows along, of course) and granulated sugar, and some other varieties of canned food to break the monotony from the canned cow.

Kinston may get a glimpse of the troops going South, and it may not. They may get out of here long before day, and pass through the town before the civilians are up. If it is light enough the Second's band, belonging there, may play a tune going through, although such a thing is hardly conceivable. It is almost impossible to get bandmen up ahead of time; nearly impossible to get them up on time.

It is already getting cool here. No one, since the change in the weather, has dreamed to see moving time come. There would very probably be as many cold feet here as at El Paso, and from a different cause. El Paso has been missing something all these months. The town will get a delightful shock, these soldiers say, when they get there.

SETH LOW DIES ON FARM IN NEW YORK

New York, Sept. 17.—Seth Low, former mayor of New York, and one-time president of Columbia University, died today at his country home, Broadbrook Farm, Bedford Hills, N. Y., at the age of 66 years. He had been ill several months of a complication of diseases.

PRETTY MODELS AT CHICAGO.

Chicago, Sep. 18.—New styles in milady's corsets, gowns and dresses were on exhibition here today at the annual autumn convention of the Fashion Art League of America. "Perfect 36" models paraded in their corsets and prettiness before delegates of the convention to show their "36-neer" and how the new styles should be worn.

CARRANZA TROOPS PATROL STREETS OF JUAREZ PREVENT OUTBREAK BY FRIENDS OF VILLA FOLLOWING CHIHUAHUA FIGHT

Bandit Chief's Followers Badly Defeated, Reports Indicate, But Enthusiasm for Cause Aroused in Northern Mexico Nevertheless—Strong Force of De Facto Government Troops Headed for Scene of Battle—Villa Being Pursued Back to Mountain Fastnesses—Border Country Excited—Anti-Carranza Element Has Much Strength in Country Around Juarez—Daring Attack on Stronghold Occurred Saturday

(By the United Press)

El Paso, Sept. 18.—Northern Mexico is excited over reports of a Villa attack on Chihuahua City Saturday. Four thousand Carranzistas are being rushed to the city while two columns are pursuing the flying bandits toward Santa Clara Canyon, say reports from General Gonzales to the commander at Juarez.

Despite reports that Villa was badly defeated, the effect of the attack was to arouse enthusiasm among the Anti-Carranza element, strong in Northern Mexico. Troops are patrolling the streets of Juarez to prevent an outbreak.

MEAT FOUR DOLLARS A POUND, DISORDERS BREAK OUT VIENNA

(By the United Press)

London, Sept. 18.—Food disorders have broken out in Vienna, says a Geneva dispatch. Beef is four dollars a pound and rice is two dollars a pound. There is much distress amongst the lower classes.

OUT LOOKING FOR SUBMARINE BREMEN

(By the United Press)

New London, Conn., Sept. 18.—New London is agog with expectancy of the arrival of the German commerce submarine Bremen at any time. A tug carrying Eastern Forwarding Company agents put out last night on reports that the Bremen was off Block Island. It is now believed, however, that the ship was an American submarine, maneuvering. Employees of the company say they expect the U-boat to appear at any time. No Allied warships are reported off the coast. Earlier Report.

New London, Conn., Sept. 17.—The ocean-going tug T. A. Scott, Jr., with persons on board supposed to be representatives of the Eastern Forwarding Company, put to sea, presumably in search of the German submarine merchantman Bremen, which was reported off the coast heading for this port. The T. A. Scott, Jr., was followed by tugs bearing newspaper correspondents. One of the newspaper tugs returned just before midnight and reported that no submarine had been sighted. The tug T. A. Scott, Jr., was reported to be on its way back also. There is a heavy fog on the sound.

BANK ROBBER'S KILL TWO MEMBERS POSSE

Miami, Fla., Sept. 17.—Two possemen were killed and two injured in an encounter today in the Everglades with four bandits sought for robbery of \$6,000 from the State Bank of Homestead (Florida) last Friday. Reports reaching here said the bandits fired from ambush and then fled. Members of the posse trailing the bank robbers near that section of the Everglades, 43 miles south of here, much of which is undrained, apparently were caught in a trap. Five shots were heard. Two members of the posse fell dead, while a third received five buckshot wounds in his left side and arm and another was shot through the thigh. Reorganizing his force, Sheriff Hardie immediately started after the bandits.

FRENCH AEROPLANES LEAD INFANTRY IN CHARGE ON TRENCH

Officers Directed Attacking Troops and at Clash Swooped Down and Mowed Down Germans With Machine Gun Fire

(By the United Press)

Paris, Sept. 18.—For the first time in history, aeroplanes today led an infantry attack. Twenty fast armored planes, each carrying three machine guns, charged the Germans before a French charge at Bouchavesnes. Flying high above the charging battalions, officers in the planes directed the attack hundreds of feet below. The flyers at the crucial moment swooped low over the German lines, raising the trenches with a murderous fire. So successful was the innovation that it is expected to play an important part in such fighting in the future.

GERMAN COMPOSER OF JAP. ANTHEM IS DEAD

Tokio, Sept. 18.—Frans Eckhart, composer of the music of the Japanese National anthem, is dead. The authorship of the "Kimigayo," Japan's Star Spangled Banner, is disputed, but Japanese authorities admit this Teuton has a claim upon the song's composition.

Eckhart, it is known here today, died recently in Seoul, Korea. He was 64. When foreign music first was introduced into Japan in 1877, he was one of the leaders in establishing its popularity in Tokyo and other leading cities of the Empire.

PROHIBITIONIST BECOMES SHERIFF MONTANA COUNTY

(By the United Press) Missoula, Mont., Sept. 18.—J. W. Jones, a prohibitionist, and the one best rifle shot in the State, became county sheriff today. He was elected without opposition last month. In view of a lack of opponents, county officials tried to get him to put his name on some other ticket, for, being Montana, there were no other prohibition aspirants. That would have saved the county \$30. But Jones wouldn't do it.

THE SWEETEST STORY EVER TOLD, IS THIS

Greenville, Pa., Sept. 18.—Seven tons of honey were shipped from here by Edgar Williams, who received a check for \$2,500 from the Newcastle, Pa., buyers of the sweetness.

PRIZE CATTLE OF THE MIDDLE WEST DISPLAYED

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 18.—With all the champion Holstein and Jersey cattle in the middle west and some from the east on exhibition, the annual Southwest Dairy Show opened at Convention Hall today. More than 500 of the best milk-producing cows in the country are housed in the hall. During the show various dairy appliances will be demonstrated. Government experts also will explain the latest dairy experiment results.

CLAIM BRAZIL'S CENSUS ROLL PADDED BY MILLIONS

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sept. 18.—The Brazilian Government has just issued an official estimate placing the country's population at 36 million, 542 thousand souls. Experts here agree that this is all right up to about 12 million. Beyond that point they say the estimate includes the Indian inhabitants of a vast interior region which no white man has ever seen. Consequently they declare that 14,542,000 of the estimate is a mere wild guess.

ROCKY MOUNT TO HAVE A FINE FIRE STATION

Rocky Mount, Sept. 17.—Fire chiefs from the principal cities of the State—some score or more—will be the guests of the Rocky Mount central department early in October, according to plans that are being made at this time. The occasion which will prompt this gathering will be that of the opening the handsome 12,000 fire station, club rooms and dormitory, and at the same time the delivery of a \$29,900 triple unit auto fire truck.

GERMANY'S JABBERWOK MARKET HITS SKIDS

London, Sept. 1.—(By Mail)—Germany's jabberwok market has hit the skids. "The birds and the beasts were there" when General Smuts grabbed most of German East Africa and the Kaiser's colonials fled. A blood-avenging behemoth doesn't give a darn what flag flies on his hunting ground. Neither does a dik (ak or a whiffenpoof or a man-eating piffik). So Germany is out of her zoological supply.