

COMBLES, MOST IMP'RT'NT POINT ON THE GERMANS' SOMME FRONT, TAKEN BY GEN. HAIG'S TROOPS IN A BRILLIANT ATTACK

Splendid System of Fortifications From Which Teutons Had Conducted Great Counters Is Occupied by the British—Eighteen Hours of Desperate Combat Preceded Capitulation—Drive Lasted Three Weeks—Anglo-French Had Germans Hemmed In So They Could Not Escape—Big Number of Prisoners—Several Villages Captured—Allies Progress In Other Directions On Western Front—British Nearer to Bapaume

(By Edward L. Keen)

London, Sept. 26.—Combles, the keypoint of the whole German battle line from Bapaume to Peronne, has been captured by the British after eighteen hours of furious battling north of the Somme.

General Haig, this afternoon announced that the British had entered Combles, overcoming the enemy's resistance. The enemy's losses are said to have been severe. The British victory was achieved after three weeks of desperate driving against the German center, and is the most striking single achievement of the whole Somme offensive. The capture followed a day and night of most brilliant Allied successes, including the capture of the villages of Norval and Les Boeufs by the British, and Ran-court and Freigourt by the French.

Fifteen hundred prisoners have been counted. General Haig reported that more are coming in. Large supplies of war materials were taken.

Combles fell after thrusts by both the British and French had drawn a noose about the German garrison which made their escape almost impossible. For weeks the Germans had used the town, with its wonderful system of fortifications, as a pivot from which to swing attacks north and south against the Allied lines. The British progressed also in the direction of Bapaume last night, capturing strong redoubts.

Fighting was still in progress in the streets of Combles when Haig's report was filed.

German Report.
Berlin, Sept. 26.—The loss of villages to the Allies under one of the most terrific attacks of the whole Somme offensive is officially admitted.

Situation in Near East.
Paris, Sept. 26.—Very large Bulgarian forces have launched a powerful attack against the French near Armenohr, on the right bank of the Broda river, east of Florina, but were checked by a French screen of fire, it is officially said. The Bulgars fled in disorder after sustaining tremendous losses. West of Florina the French and Russians have captured 54 machine guns in violent fighting.

SPECIAL SESSION MAY DEAL WITH N. Y. STRIKE MATTER

(By the United Press)
New York, Sept. 26.—An extraordinary session of the Legislature to consider the traction strike situation will be requested of Governor Whitman this afternoon. The movement has the support of members of the Legislature and strike leaders also. The Governor, however, has not previously been favorable, and there is no certainty that he will accede to the request.

New York, Sept. 25.—With labor leaders continuing their efforts to bring about a general suspension of work as an aid to the striking carmen in this city, members of the State Legislature from the metropolis, at a meeting late today, decided to urge Governor Whitman to convene the Legislature in extraordinary session to deal with the strike situation. The Governor arrived in the city tonight and it was expected a committee appointed by the Legislature would wait upon him tomorrow.

LOCAL MAN WORKS FOR WAR SUFFERERS

Mr. R. C. Strong, president of the National Bank of Kinston, has undertaken a humanitarian work which is exceptionally worthy of commendation. As local sub-treasurer of the B. F. B. Permanent Blind Relief War Fund, he is raising a substantial sum in this community to train the many blinded British, French and Belgian soldiers in trades not requiring sight, so that they can support themselves and their families in spite

COTTON

About 40 bales of cotton had been sold here by 2:30 o'clock Tuesday. Prices were from 15 to 15 1/2. New York futures quotations were:

Open	2:20
January	16.18 16.15
March	16.33 16.30
May	16.51 16.46
October	15.80
December	16.12 16.08

HORSE RAISERS MAKING BIG MONEY RIGHT NOW

Chicago, Sept. 26.—The European war has caused such a scarcity of horses in the United States that farmers of this country are making big money in the breeding of good work stock.

of their terrible misfortune. The B. F. B. Permanent Blind Relief War Fund, which is already organized in practically every State and in several hundred cities, has been founded by leading American bankers, philanthropists and business men. Among its American organizers are the Hon. Elihu Root, Vincent Astor, August Belmont, the Hon. J. Lyman J. Gage, U. S. Senator Thomas P. Gore, the Hon. Myron T. Herrick, the Hon. Robert Bacon, Otto H. Kahn, Whitney Warren, Joseph Widener, and George Alexander Kessler.

Mr. Strong deserves general and generous support in his public-spirited local leadership of this pressing, long needed charity. Every humane and large hearted person desiring to assist this good work should address their contributions to Mr. Strong at the National Bank of Kinston, and he, in turn, will forward them to Mr. Frank A. Vanderlip at the Fund's American headquarters, 590 Fifth avenue, New York.

AIR FLIGHTS WILL BE BIG FEATURE AMONG FAIR ATTRACTIONS

Big Free Acts Secured—Premium List Comprehensive and Interesting—Time for Workers to Get Move On

Secretary J. H. Canady of the Kinston Fair Association Tuesday announced that a big feature in the way of an aeroplane and skilled aviator had been secured for next month's big event. At least two other big free acts have been booked. The midway attractions will be as good as any coming to the State this Fall.

The premium list for the Fair is being delivered. The book, printed in The Free Press office, contains about 72 pages. The list is very complete, prizes are very satisfactory, and there is a lot of interesting information between the covers. Secretary Canady announces that copies may be secured by writing or calling upon him.

The Secretary again calls attention to the narrowing space of time between now and the Fair. He urges all department directors to get busy at once.

WARDEN OSBORNE IS SEEKING INDICTMENTS

Salem, N. Y., Sept. 28.—The attempt of his enemies to blacken his moral character and oust him as reform warden of Sing Sing penitentiary having failed, Thomas Mott Osborne is planning to bring them to book with some conspiracy indictments, which are being considered by the Washington county grand jury, which reconvened here today.

It is whispered that eight men, one of them a former State official, will be indicted, charged with political conspiracy against Osborne. Convicts and ex-convicts, some of whom testified against Osborne when he was indicted for alleged prison mismanagement, in Westchester county, will testify in his favor here today, it is said, telling how they were threatened with punishment if they didn't testify against him before the other jury.

The fight against Osborne originated, it is said, because his efficient administration of Sing Sing affairs cut out a lot of graft.

NOT ENOUGH ROOM AT CASWELL SCHOOL

Enlargement of the facilities of the Caswell Training School is an imperative necessity, it is said. The institution now has more than 160 inmates, and no less than 300 applications are on hand, according to Dr. C. R. McNairy, the superintendent. The General Assembly will be confronted with the problem, probably, and urged to do something to remedy matters.

According to Dr. McNairy, at times persons visit the school in the interest of weak-minded children and almost attempt to force the unfortunate upon him. The lack of accommodations is causing Dr. McNairy much worry.

SMOKE INSPECTORS HOLDING CONVENTION

Chicago, Sept. 26.—Smoke would be abolished down to the last curl if the smoke inspectors of the nation had their way; and they met here today to see if they can't beat themselves all out of a job by finding some way of doing just that.

Practically every bit of smoke made is unnecessary and can be consumed if the right firing methods are employed, the smoke men say. J. W. Henderson of Pittsburgh asked for the next convention. He thinks his stogie, stogie city needs it.

CO-OPERATION WILL TROOPS GO THROUGH BE MEANS GREATER ON THEIR WAY FORT PROSPERITY OF U. S. BLISS FOR SERVICE

Says President In Address to Big Audience At Baltimore

NEW ERA FOR COUNTRY

Closer Intercourse With Other Americas—Legislation to Define Rights and Restrictions of Trade—Masterful Address

Baltimore, Sept. 26.—In his address before the National Grain Dealers' convention here yesterday President Wilson told nearly 4,000 hearers that measures suggested by the Democratic administration will result in co-operative efforts of American business on a grand scale, and that "in a word" in the industrial life of the nation will be opened up. Future laws, to be passed, he declared, will define the privileges of trade in the country and the restrictions as well. Co-operation is essential to the prosperity of America, he said. There was very little of a partisan nature in the address.

The President pointed out the merits of the Federal Trade Commission, the Webb measure, the Tariff Commission, Shipping and other laws and contemplated legislation.

In conclusion the President said: "It is absolutely necessary now to make good our new connections. Our new connections are with the great and free republics to the south of us. For the first time in my recollection they are beginning to trust and believe in us, and want us and one of my chief concerns has been to see that nothing was done that did not show friendship and good faith on our part."

"I spoke a moment ago of the Federal Trade Commission. In conference with various business associations, members of that commission have made this astonishing discovery, that in some fields of manufacture, at any rate, not 10 per cent. of the producers of America keep accurate cost accounts. They do not know how much each part of their operations cost them. They have not analyzed their business in such way as to know where economy can be substituted for waste, or where efficiency can take the place of inefficiency, and one of the things that is going to happen, now that we are going to be up against the most cost-conscious of the world, is that we are going to become first class economists and that American labor, already distinguished for its efficiency, is going to double and triple its efficiency. And when that takes place and this great stimulating air of the world's competitive brains has wrought its effect upon us, we are going to be, I hope, what the world has never seen yet, a body of men who do not want to prevail by the backing of their government, but by the backing of their skill and knowledge."

STEAMER SINKS IN STORM; SIX DROWNED

(By the United Press)
Oswego, N. Y., Sept. 26.—The

WILL GERMANY ASK AMERICA PROPOSE PEACE?—GERARD ABOUT TO LEAVE FOR U. S. MAY CHANGE PLANS AT LAST MINUTE

(By Carl W. Ackerman)
Berlin, Sept. 26.—Ambassador Gerard, who was to leave for Copenhagen today to sail for the United States, may change his plans at the last minute. Several German ministers called at the Embassy last night. The ambassador refused to discuss the visit, but it is learned at the Embassy that he may change his plans even after reaching Copenhagen.

Second Infantry Began Passing Kinston at 11 A. M. Tuesday

KINSTON BOYS AT HEAD

Company B and Band in First Section—Headquarters, Soldiers, Ammunition Wagons, Joy, Dirt, Racket

Running over with men, the first of three line trains leaving the Second North Carolina Infantry from Camp Glenn to the border passed through the city Tuesday shortly after 11 o'clock. The second and third trains were to follow at intervals of two hours.

The entire Kinston contingent was on the first train. Company B was near the front, behind cars containing Company I, from Edenton. The headquarters company, including the band, was about midway the train. There was no music from the band; the members were too busy seeking toilet facilities in the small crowd at the Norfolk Southern station.

On board was Col. W. C. Rodman and Staff, including with Major Spinkley, commanding the First Battalion, and his staff.

The train pulled slowly through. That was the best that happened. It is a long five-day trip to Fort Bliss, and no time is to be wasted en route.

On flat wars at the head of the train were the combat wagons of the first battalion, knackered down and seemingly lashed on.

The crowd at the station was not nearly as large as it should have been. But it was an interesting party of these were families and friends of soldiers headed homeward. There was a little more sentiment than there was on board the train. On the train there was happiness over "going somewhere," dirt and unwashed faces. The soldiers had been working from an early hour. The day was warm and dry and dust flew freely, and the first battalion of the Second Infantry, hair-cropped and freckled, never looked worse in its life than it did when it passed through Kinston. There was the usual lot of moaning from the men who do not live here. But that is a little heartiness that seems essential to soldiering—militia soldiers; regulars never do it—and some army officers always look on kindly at this little pleasantry of their innocent charges; it must be all right. The civilian thinks a lot of soldiers shouting at the people who pay the taxes to buy their uniforms out of the windows are a lot of fools. And the average American citizen is better at a guess than he is usually credited to be.

The soldiers will be required to wash some time in the next five days. If by any chance they do not get built they will be a sweet-looking lot by the time El Paso is reached.

Steamer Roserval, bound for Ottawa and Oswego, sank in a storm five miles off Oswego today. Six persons were lost. Three survivors were rescued.

VENIZELOS MAY BE CONNECTED WITH THE CRETAN REVOLUTION; PLANS INSURRECTION TO OVERTHROW ATHENS GOV'T, INTIMATED

Former Premier Goes to Island—King Hurries to Capital—Chief of Staff Resigns—Pro-Ally Leader Will Visit Salonika and Maybe London Before He Calls for Uprising—Will Try to Mobilize Greek Soldiers in Crete Unfaithful to Throne—New Crisis Seems to Be Gravest Greece Has Faced—Prominent War Party Chief May Take Reins of Government Into Own Hands and Enter Strife on Side of Allies, Appears Probable Now

Athens, Sept. 26.—Ex-Premier Venizelos' sudden departure for the island of Crete, and held by revolutionists, has created a new crisis in the Greek capital.

King Constantine motored to Athens to consult with the prime minister as soon as he had learned the news. A few hours later it was announced that General Moschoulis, chief of the general staff, had resigned.

Venizelos will issue a proclamation calling for the mobilization of all Greek soldiers upon his arrival in Crete today, according to his advisors here. He will take no further step before visiting Salonika, and possibly London, although it is rumored he may head a revolution immediately in some sources. He plans to visit all Greek islands where revolutions are occurring.

PRESIDENT GOES TO PRINCETON TO CAST BALLOT IN PRIMARY

(By the United Press)
Long Branch, Sept. 26.—President Wilson left Shadow Lawn this morning for Princeton to vote in the State primaries. Mrs. Wilson accompanied him. They will return this afternoon for a conference between Judge Seabury, Democratic nominee for Governor of New York, and Chairman Vance McCormick of the Democratic National Committee.

FARMERS FAVORING MEDICAL INSPECTION

The farmers and farm women of North Carolina at their recent meeting in Raleigh went on record as recommending and urging the medical inspection of all school children. They included in their list of resolutions and recommendations a motion urging adequate health instruction and medical inspection for all school children as a further aid to the development of a practical system of education. This resolution meets the high approval of the State Board of Health, whose standing has been that every school should have some time during the year for a physical examination of its pupils.

The women were pleased to see the part of the farmers, and the part of the board, in connection with the fact that wherever their health and educational work has been done in the State, which has been done mainly by whole-time county health officers or by co-operation of the county with the State Board of Health, the results have been convincing testimony to the value of the work.

As a result of educational health work people have become convinced that health is paramount. This school is no place for a sick child. To try to educate a sick child, or one with grave defects, is to put a hardship upon the body, break down its resistance, and hasten on the disease. It is life wasted. People have realized, furthermore, that by a system of medical school inspection any school can save nearly all of its children threatened with breakdown or disease.

CALIFORNIA PICTURED IN BIG FILM FEATURE

California has been celebrated in much poetry, prose and many paintings, but it has remained for W. H. Clune of Los Angeles to give a distinctive motion picture production to

NOTHING AIR RAID; EARLY SCORE AND HALF PERSONS DEAD

(By the United Press)
London, Sept. 26.—Twenty-nine persons were killed last night in an aerial raid, the second within forty-eight hours. It is reported that a number of small houses were wrecked. The raiders were driven away from industrial centers and no damage was done to military establishments.

TORE WEED ON THE TOBACCO MARKET; A SLIGHT RISE PRICES

It is estimated that 208,000 pounds of tobacco was sold on the local market Tuesday. Every warehouseman voluntarily accented that prices were a little better than on Monday. The results were nearer normal for this stage of the marketing season. The greater market is expected to be paid off by the middle of the week.

Harvest sales next week are anticipated. Planters are busy just now with a number of things on the farms which cannot be delayed, and this fact in part accounts for the falling market during the past few days.

the romance and beauty of the California of the early days—days made luminous in the pages of Helen Hunt Jackson's immortal novel, "Ramona." The book has been elaborately visualized and set to music and the result will be seen here when the big cinema spectacle is presented at the Grand Theater Wednesday and Thursday, twice daily, at 2:30 and 8 p. m.

In presenting an atmospheric production of the epic romance as told by the novelist and reproducing the scenes on the screen, the makers of the film spectacle have gone to great expense in order that the verities be observed. In costumery, in settings, in properties, as well as in music, the early days will be faithfully pictured. An army of principals and supernumeraries was employed.

The exact places where the novelist located the various episodes of her moving story were visited and the episodes "taken" on the very ground. Every assistance was rendered to producers by the clergy of Southern California, so that the scenes of the missions, the life of the padres and their faithful Indian converts are pictured with fine fidelity.