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BRITISH OPEN OFFENSIVE EAST OF YPRES IN BELGIUM

The New Offensive Opened this Morning at an Early Hour is Proving a Success and Already Ground has Been Gained and Progress Made--Object May be to Drive the Germans from the Submarine Bases from Neuport to Zeebrugge--Italians Also are Doing Good Fighting.

(By Associated Press.)
London, Sept. 20.—British forces on the Belgium front attacked the German position at 5:40 this morning east of Ypres. Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports that satisfactory progress has been made by the British and that they have taken valuable positions.

Field Marshal Haig's selection of the ground east of Ypres as the scene of his latest offense against the German indicates that his purpose is to drive the Germans from their position on the Belgium coast and cut them off from their air and submarine bases at Zeebrugge and Neuport, including the town of Ostend also.

The British drive is being made in the direction of Courtrai and Roulais, from which towns, according to information, the German military authorities have been evacuating the civilian population.

That the British offensive has been in progress several days is made more certain by the reports which come from the German general staff. The Germans report that the British have maintained a violent fire against their positions, the bombardment at times reaching the proportion of a general attack.

American Troops to Handle Fire and Gas.

Washington, Sept. 20.—American troops in France are to be supplied with trained corps for the delivery of liquid fire and gas attacks, according to an announcement to effect today.

The order shows that each army corps will have under it one special regiment of engineers organized to handle these fighting methods.

Americans Selected for Decoration.

(By Associated Press.)
American Headquarters in France, Sept. 20.—Brigadier General George Duncan and Major Campbell King are the first Americans to be selected to receive the war crosses from the French as a result of their activity around the Verdun offensives. The American officers were engaged in taking observations at the forward posts. Whether or not they will be permitted to accept these decorations or not is not known.

Haig's Offensive Proceeding.

British Headquarters in Belgium and France, Sept. 20.—General Haig's offensive, begun at dawn on the Belgium battle front, is proceeding with marked success, especially in the crucial sector between the Ypres-Roulais railway and Hoellebeke. A bitter fight is in progress in the neighborhood of Iverness Copse wood and Glen-course wood. If the attackers maintain the position to which they have advanced in this sector they have accomplished one of the most remarkable and important achievements in recent months.

The German infantry is making a determined resistance to retain this vital ground and the Teutonic artillery is retaliating heavily against the British big guns.

Today's offensive will be known as the battle of Menin Road.

Early this morning the British infantry "went over the top" on a wide front east of Ypres and the Flanders offensive marched on again. The rush was evidently successful at the outset, for the capture of positions of value are reported by Sir Douglas Haig during the forenoon and the progress made was described as satisfactory.

The renewal of the offensive came after a long pause in which intensive preparatory work had been carried out unceasingly. The fighting during this period was indeed such as to pile up a heavy casualty list on both sides, while the rushing drum fire from the British guns were admitted by the Germans to have had a destructive effect on their positions.

Early reports did not outline the definite extent of the front attack but a clue is furnished by Berlin, which yesterday reported the drum fire pounding the line from Houtholst wood some three miles south of Dixmude to the River Lys, a distance of 15 miles. This would indicate the main force of the drive was directed toward Roulers and Courtrai with probable object of driving a wedge further in the German line in Fland-

ers and eventually compelling the Germans abandonment of the Belgian coast with its valuable submarine and aerial bases.

From the French front today only artillery activity is reported. The statement covered only last night's operations and early reports today do not indicate whether the French in Flanders have joined in the renewed drive there.

"The battle of Menin road," as dispatches describe, is being fought over muddy ground and in the face of wick-machine gun fire from the Germans, although the British heavy guns wiped out countless defenses and the British barrage was of the most effective. The attack, however, made under improved weather conditions instead of during a rainstorm with the weather constantly growing worse as on the previous occasion.

British and Italians Active.
Bombardment by the British artillery of the German lines in the Ypres sector, in Flanders, continues most intense, but there has been no infantry movement in force. An attack on a larger scale than the usual daily raids probably is imminent.

Berlin apparently is much exercised over the ever increasing volume of shells from the British big guns. From the Houtholst wood, northeast of Ypres, to the River Lys, on the Belgio-French border, Berlin reports, the British fire has been destructive. Field Marshal Haig's artillery increased its volume of shots to drug fire several times.

As on the front in Flanders and on the French portion of the western front. At several points from the Aisne valley to Lorraine, the French have made raids into the German defenses. Here, too, the expenditure of ammunition is great, especially on the Aisne front and north-east of Verdun.

Italians More Active.

The Italians have been more active on the Trentino front, harassing the enemy with raids and strong artillery fire. In a forward movement near Carzano in the Sugana valley, east of Trent, the Italians captured 200 prisoners. Austro-Hungarian attacks on the Bainsizza plateau continue, but General Cadorna's men have held them for no gains.

While the infantry has been virtually idle on the northern end of the eastern front, the Rumanians continue their offensive in the mountains region northwest of Fokshani, Moldavia. Attacking the Austro-German defenses south of Grozcuti, near Ocna, the Rumanians captured a heights. Berlin reports that the Rumanians, at first successful, were driven from the positions, suffering casualties and losing prisoners.

English Attack on Broad Front.

Berlin, Sept. 20.—A formidable drum-fire on the Flanders front early this morning, reports the German headquarters staff, was followed by a strong English attack on a broad front.

ADAMSON GETS ANOTHER JOB

Father of the Railroad Eight-Hour Law Appointed Appraiser of the Port of New York.

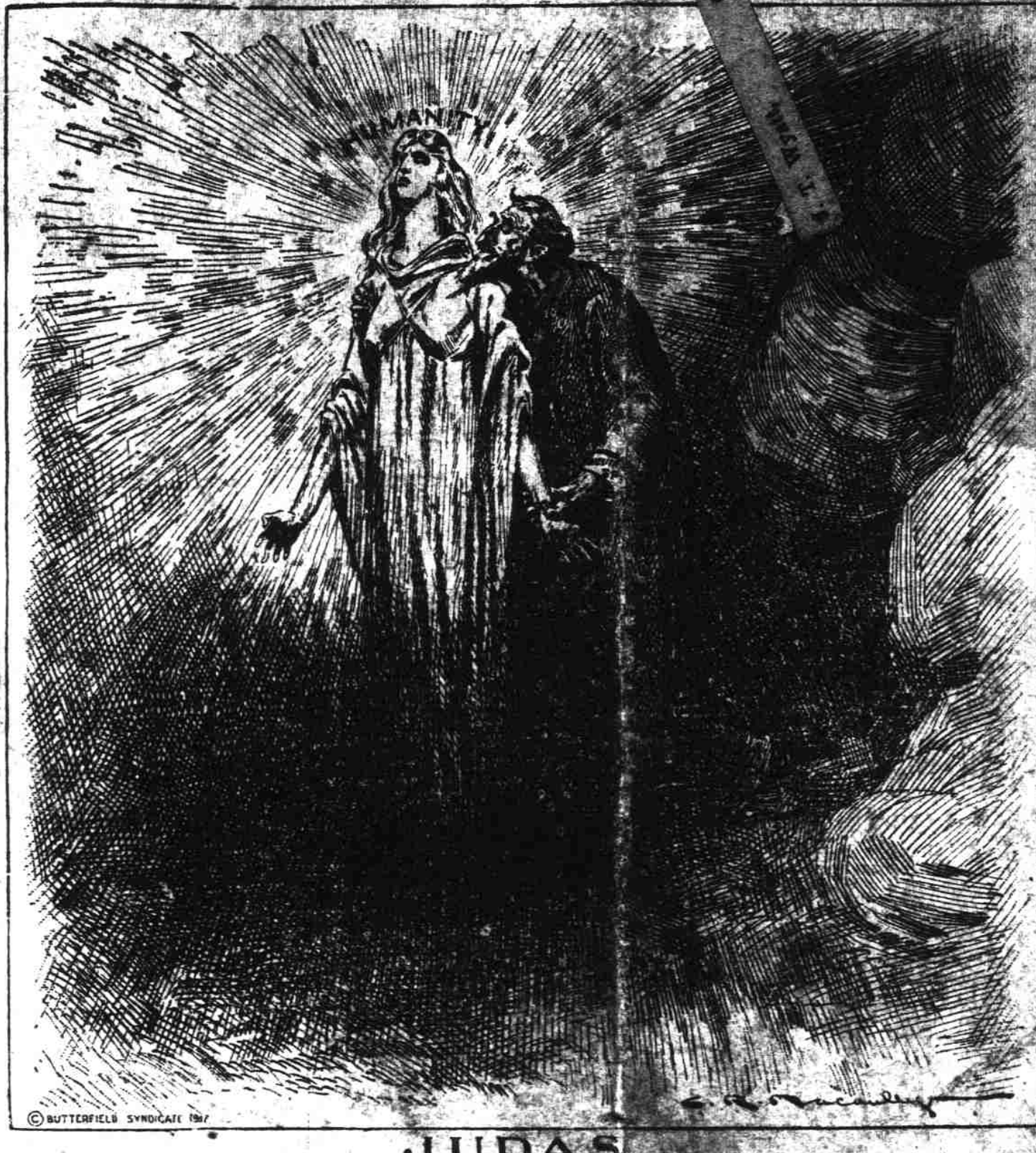
(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 20.—Representative William C. Adamson, of Georgia, chairman of the House Interstate and foreign commerce committee, and father of the Railway eight hour law, was today nominated by President Wilson to be general appraiser of merchandise for the port of New York.

Representative Adamson expects to resign from Congress to take effect January 1st.

BAPTIST MINISTERS FOR THE CAMPS

Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to Arrange for Ministers at Every Cantonment.

(By Associated Press.)
Richmond, Va., Sept. 20.—It was announced here today that the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist convention is planning to place a minister in every army training camp in the Southern States. Details have not yet been arranged, but it is understood it is planned to place these ministers in the camps at the expense of the denomination and that it will be carried through.



JUDAS

SALISBURY PARTIES' SHIPYARDS LAUNCH SUBMARINE CHASER

First of Twenty Such Vessels Contracted for at Alexandria Ship Yards Glides in Water—Named "Marion," in Compliment to Mrs. Charles McCannless.

The following from the Alexandria, (Va.) Gazette, telling of the launching of the first submarine chaser at the shipyards there will be of special interest in Salisbury. Mr. N. B. McCannless and other local parties are owners of the ship yards where submarine chasers are being constructed. The first war vessel to glide into the water there was named in compliment to Mrs. Charles McCannless, wife of the son of the manager of the plant. The Gazette article follows:

Alexandrian witnessed the launching of the first submarine chaser built in the shipyards of the General Shipbuilding Company, in this city this morning about half past eight o'clock. The boat is a handsome one, trim, neat looking, of the cutter type, built for speed, and a credit to its builders.

The launching was made very satisfactorily, the boat gliding gracefully onto the water, on which it floated as easily as though it had never been anywhere else.

The new boat was christened "Marion," in honor of the handsome young wife of Mr. Charles McCannless, son of the manager, Mr. N. B. McCannless, who is in charge at the shipyards. Mrs. McCannless, who came over from Washington to be present at the launching, expressed herself as delighted with the fine appearance of the boat and the fact that she had been honored by having it named after her, Marion being her given name. Mrs. McCannless is a lady of charming personality and has made frequent trips to the shipyards to watch the construction of the submarine chasers, in which she takes much interest.

It is expected that the six other boats now in course of building will be launched in rapid succession, probably about a week or so apart. Contracts for more are said to be already in the hands of the company after the twenty are completed that are now contracted for.

The buildings erected by the company, in which the work of construction is being carried on, as well as the entire yards, present a very creditable, business-like appearance and bespeak the good management in charge of the concern.

A touching and appropriate incident in connection with the leaving of the Rowan boys for the training camp at Columbia, S. C., Wednesday, and overlooked in the report of the same, was a prayer at the station for the boys by Rev. W. A. Lambeth of the First Methodist church and a short talk by Mr. Lambeth.

ARGENTINE SENATE VOICES SEVER WITH GERMANY

Strong Public Feeling in Favor of Final Passage of Resolution Which Now Goes to Chamber of Deputies.

Buenos Aires, Sept. 19.—The Argentine Senate today declared for the breaking off of relations with Germany.

The resolution now goes to the chamber deputies. There is strong public feeling in favor of its final passage.

Washington Surprised But Gratified by News.

Washington, Sept. 19.—News that the Argentine senate had voted overwhelmingly to sever diplomatic relations with Germany was received in Washington tonight, with gratification and no little surprise.

Officials had recognized that recent disclosures concerning cablegrams sent to Berlin by the German minister at Buenos Aires through the Swedish foreign office had aggravated the situation brought about by Germany's sinking of Argentine ships but it had been assumed that, with the German minister having his passports, no further official action would be taken pending receipt of Berlin's explanation of the messages.

Although it is understood the state department's purpose in making public copies of the cablegrams was only to expose the German government's world-wide system of duplicity and intrigue, it is no secret that Argentine's participation in the war would be welcomed.

Even the breaking off of relations it is pointed out, would have a powerful effect on public opinion in all South American countries, where

German influences are known to be strong. That action also would probably result in considerable national benefit to the allies by restricting Argentine grain and meat exports to neutral countries through which they might find their way to Germany. Argentina is now the only

country in the Americas which has not severed relations with Germany.

RAPPARD RECALL WORRIES LANSING

Secretary of State Much Concerned Over Reports That Recall Was Result of Reports by This Government.

Washington, Sept. 20.—Concern is manifested by Secretary Lansing over continued insinuations that the recall of Minister Van Rappard of the Netherlands was due to representations made by this government. Denying that such was the case Secretary Lansing said:

"I regret to see the papers attributing a lack of neutrality to Mr. Van Rappard. He and his government were particularly circumspect in the observance of neutrality and the ministers conduct was altogether proper."

John Purroy Mitchell Nominated by Republicans.

New York, Sept. 20.—Mayor John Purroy Mitchell won the Republican majority nomination yesterday by a plurality of 1100 over William Bennett, with only two districts, 2060 yet to hear from.

A slight change goes into effect for the schedule of northbound passenger train No. 44, now arriving here at 6:15 a. m., by which this train comes in a half hour earlier, arriving at 5:45 a. m.

God Save-Keep-Hold Our Men

TUNE, AMERICA—KEY F

God save our splendid men,
Send them safe home again,
God SAVE our men,
Make them victorious,
Patient and chivalrous,
They are so dear to us,
God SAVE our men.

God KEEP our own dear men,
From every stain of sin,
God-KEEP our men,
When Satan would allure,
When tempted KEEP them pure,
Be their protection sure—
God KEEP our men.

God HOLD our precious men,
And love them to the end,
God HOLD our men,
Held in Thine arms so strong
To Thee they all belong,
Held safe from every wrong,
God HOLD our men.

EVIDENCE THAT MRS. KING INTENDED MARRYING AGAIN

Assistant District Attorney Dooling of New York Says This Evidence is Important to Establish Whether Plot Was on Foot to Obtain Mrs. King's Fortune—Mrs. Gaston Means Made Party to Restraining Order by Judge Boyd—Concord Banks Read Order Regarding Turning Over of Money—Senatorial Investigation Wanted by Gallinger.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Sept. 20.—Information indicating that Mrs. Maude A. King, widow of James C. King, millionaire lumberman, intended this fall to remarry her first husband, Edward B. Hull, has come in possession of Assistant District Attorney Dooling, who is gathering evidence here to aid the authorities of Cabarrus county, North Carolina, in determining whether Mrs. King was a victim of foul play when killed by a pistol near Concord August 29th.

Mr. Dooling announced that he had received information that the couple met by accident last year in Chicago and after several later meetings decided to remarry.

Mr. Dooling has telegraphed State Attorney Hoyne of Chicago asking him to ascertain from Mr. Hull, at present at Lawrence, Ill., whether this information is correct. Mr. Dooling said this point was important to establish in connection with the inquiry as to whether a plot was on foot to obtain Mrs. King's fortune, which might have been interfered by her marriage.

Mr. Dooling expects to go to Concord tomorrow taking with him documents found in the New York apartments of Gaston B. Means. Mrs. King's business manager and adviser, who was present when she was shot.

Senatorial Investigation.

Washington, Sept. 20.—Information that Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, Republican leader, to send a telegram to Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall and read in the Senate, suggesting a senatorial investigation if any one deems it sufficiently important, Senator Gallinger said he had no knowledge of the matter but courted an investigation if one is regarded desirable.

Mrs. Means Party to Order.

Concord, Sept. 20.—Attorney Phil C. McDuffie, of Atlanta, Ga., counsel for Mrs. Anna L. Robinson, mother of Mrs. Maude A. King, spent several hours here today in the interest of his client. He went to the various banks in Concord and read the order signed by Judge James E. Boyd in Federal court at Greensboro Tuesday restraining them from turning over to Gaston B. Means any funds of the King estate.

Mr. McDuffie stated this morning that Judge Boyd at Greensboro had made Mrs. Julia Means, wife of Gaston B. Means, a party to the restraining order.

Mr. McDuffie left this afternoon for Salisbury to confer with Solicitor Hayden Clement, of the 15th judicial district, who is to reopen the hearing in Concord next Monday, and with C. B. Ambrose, special agent of the department of justice.

Solicitor Clement in Concord.

Concord, Sept. 19.—Solicitor Hayden Clement spent several hours in Concord this afternoon making arrangements for the re-opening of the coroner's inquest into the death of Mrs. Maude A. King. He was accompanied by C. B. Ambrose, of the federal department of justice. The inquest will be public, it was announced tonight.

Mr. Clement today held a conference with Mrs. J. Benton Foraker, afterward stating to newspaper men that she knew nothing concerning the death of Mrs. King so far as he could learn. Mrs. Foraker left tonight for New York. She announced her purpose to return for the inquest.

It is understood that in the event the inquest runs through Tuesday, the order for Gaston Means to appear before Federal Judge James E. Boyd at Greensboro in contempt proceeding will be held in abeyance pending the conclusion of the inquest. One Rubber Band Is All Safe Deposit Box Held.

New York, Sept. 19.—A solitary rubber band was the only article found in a national bank safe deposit box opened here today in the expectation that it would disclose some of the missing fortune of Mrs. Maude A. King, the wealthy widow mysteriously shot and killed at Concord, N. C.

The box was opened today in the presence of representatives from the district attorney's office, the police department and others. It was

necessary to force it open by use of drills.

Assistant District Attorney Dooling announced today he would go to Concord Friday, taking with him the documents he had obtained here in the King mystery for use of the North Carolina authorities. He said the case will not be presented to the grand jury here until after the reopened inquest at Concord.

Plot Was Hatched in New York.

District Attorney Swann announced last night, after receiving a report from Capt. Jones, pistol expert of the Police department, he was convinced that Mrs. Maude A. King was the victim of "premeditated" murder when she met her death outside of Concord, N. C., on the evening of Aug. 29 through a pistol wound.

The district attorney stated that evidence in possession of his office as to the result of its investigation was comprehensive and conclusive enough to convince him that a conspiracy to murder the wealthy widow was hatched in this city; that this conspiracy involved several persons who actively participated; that in connection with Mrs. King's case falls the crimes of grand larceny, forgery and conspiracy to perpetuate a fraud had been committed.

CHEMICAL RESOURCES OF THE SOUTH

New York, Sept. 19.—The chemical resources of the South will be prominently shown at the National Exposition of Chemical Industries, to be held in New York during the week commencing September 24 by an exhibit arranged by the Southern Railway System, the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, and the Georgia Southern & Florida Railway.

The collection and preparation of the Southern's exhibit has been made with great care, representing the work of months, and it will be of great educational value in placing the South prominently to the front in the eyes of the leading industrial chemist and manufacturers of the country who will attend the exposition.

The exhibit will occupy 600 square feet of space. More than 350 specimens of minerals and chemicals from the Southern states will be displayed. Practically all the raw material available for use in chemical industries will be shown along with the useful manufactured products made from them.

A striking feature of the exhibit will be five large hand colored maps showing respectively the distribution of building stones, clays and cement materials, mineral resources, developed water power, with transmission lines of all the power companies in the South as well as the location of undeveloped water power and coal areas, the distribution of forest resources and the agricultural resources.

A reference library has been set aside and arranged so that visitors may have an opportunity of studying the natural resources and the opportunities that exist in the South for chemical development.

In addition to the exhibit at the Chemical Exposition, the Southern and its affiliated lines this fall are making agricultural exhibits at 17 other expositions and fairs throughout the North and Middle West to exploit the farming possibilities of the South in the hope of attracting new settlers to the territory served by these lines.

HOW IT WORKS.

WANTED—TO SELL AT A bargain, Sewing Machine in perfect order at a bargain, with all extra attachments. Phone 720. 9-19-17.

The above advertisement was slipped into The Post late Wednesday evening just as the forms were going to press. Before the full edition was distributed the machine was sold and our instructions were to "cut it out." Post Want Ads do the work. In many cases bringing return far beyond the expected.

The best way for the people of Chicago to redeem themselves is to get rid of their sauerkraut executive. Birmingham Ledger.