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British Take Combles After Heavy Fighting

Achievement Regarded As Most Striking Since Inception Of Somme Offensive

HAS BEEN OBJECTIVE THREE WEEKS

Thousands Of Prisoners And Large Stores Of War Supplies Taken Says General Haig's Afternoon Report

By EDWARD L. KEEN (United Press War Correspondent) London, Sept. 26—Combles, the keystone of the whole German battle lines from Bapaume to Peronne has been captured by the British after eighteen hours of the most furious fighting that has yet occurred north of the Somme.

Combles fell only after thrusts by both French and British had drawn a nose about the German garrison which made their escape almost impossible. For weeks the Germans had been using Combles, with its wonderful system of fortifications, as a pivot from which to swing attacks against the allied lines to the north and south.

Wilson Votes At Princeton

(By United Press) Long Branch, Sept. 26—President Wilson left Shadow Lawn this morning for Princeton to vote in the state primaries. He will return today.

ATTEND FUNERAL AT EDENTON

Rev. and Mrs. I. N. Loftin went to Edenton Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Loftin's aunt, Mrs. M. E. Garrett. Mrs. Garrett's death occurred Sunday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. E. Gardner in Edenton. She is the sister of Mrs. M. V. Gilbert of this city. Mrs. Gilbert was unable to attend the funeral, having been suffering for some time with a serious eye trouble.

The funeral occurred this afternoon and Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Gilbert left on the one o'clock train to be present.

New Crisis At Greek Capital

(By United Press) Athens, Sept. 26—The sudden departure of ex-Premier Venizelos for the island of Crete where the government has been seized by revolutionists has created a new crisis here.

Gerard Changes Plans Suddenly?

(By United Press) Berlin, Sept. 26—Ambassador Gerard, who was to leave for Copenhagen today or sail for the United States, may change his plans at the last minute. Several German ministers were called to the embassy last night, and it is hinted that the ambassador may change his plans even after reaching Copenhagen.

Steamer Sinks Off Oswego

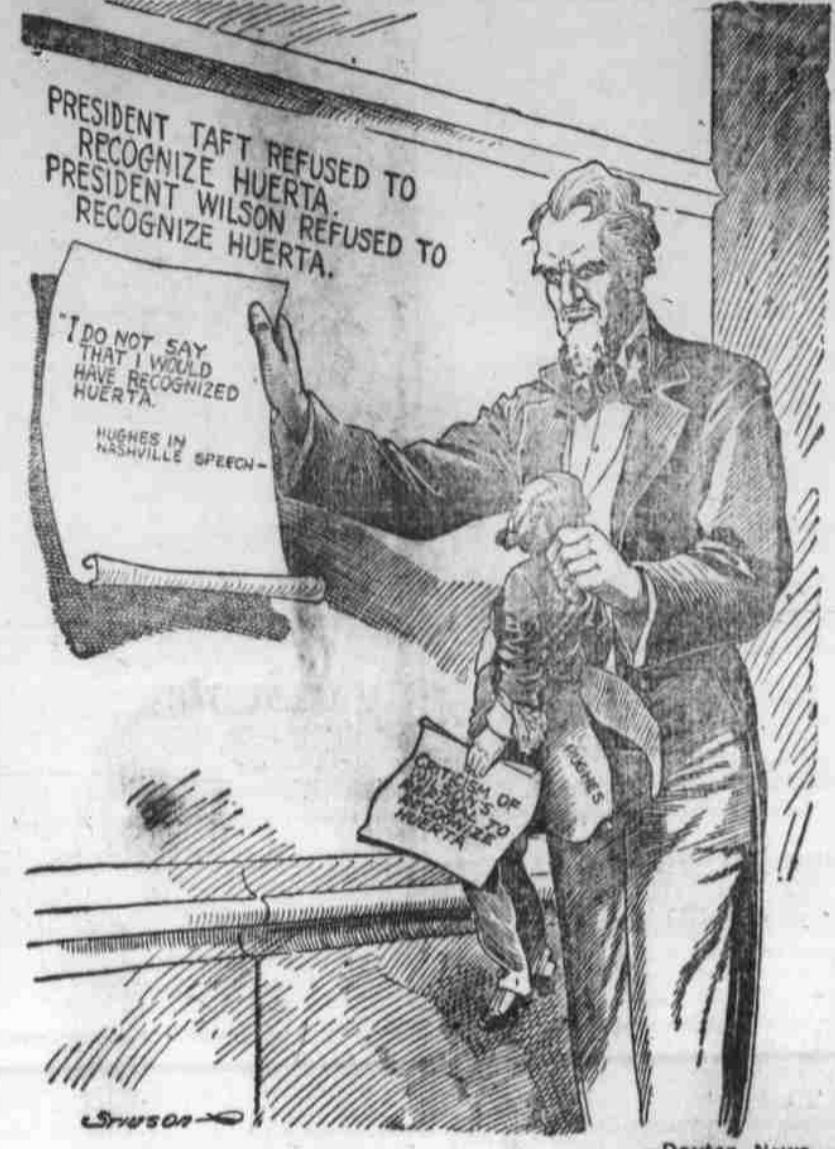
(By United Press) Oswego, N. Y., Sept. 26—The steamer Roberval, bound to Ottawa from Oswego, sank in a storm five miles off the coast it was learned today. Six of the crew were lost while three survivors were rescued.

TO ELECT OFFICERS

Next Sunday morning is the time for the election of officers in The Berean Class No. 1 of Blackwell Memorial church. All members of the class are asked to be present. The new members whose names have just been added to the class roll are especially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kramer and Mrs. H. D. Walker motored to Norfolk Monday.

"What Would You Have Done? The People Have A Right To Know"



SHOULD ATTEND THE STATE FAIR

Big Event at Raleigh This Year Promises to Be of Unusual Excellence and Special Merit

(Special Correspondence) Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 26.—Guilford County is moving in a direction that could well be followed by every county in the State—the organization of a live, active county "First Voters' Club." The purpose is to have as many as possible of the young men who will cast their first ballot this year join the club and to vote the Democratic ticket straight from presidential electors to township constable.

This is a matter that should be taken up without delay in many other counties, for it can be made an active force in contributing much to the voting strength and success of the party at the polls on November 6th.

PROFITABLE TO ATTEND STATE FAIR

The North Carolina State Fair, which begins this year October 16th will be more largely than ever an "educational exhibit" of what our people all over North Carolina are doing while the races and amusement features will be without parallel in this State. Here is one of the latest announcements, and it relates to community activity.

The State Bureau of Community Service, which during the past year has organized and registered twenty-nine rural communities in North Carolina, has secured space

in the Agricultural Building of the State Fair for an exhibit. The exhibit will show the work of the State Bureau under the direction of Secretary W. C. Crosby during the last year, when, in the twenty-nine communities, it has fostered education, farm progress, co-operative marketing, health and sanitation, organization and social life in general.

CURRENT EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE

The State Corporation Commission has filed with the Inter-State Commerce Commission its brief in the appeal of the fertilizer case of the Freight Adjustment Committee of Johnston against A. C. L. Railway et al. The North Carolina Commission is intervening in the interest of the fertilizer consumers of this State and hope to win their contention.

The Wake County Board of Elections has been up in the air as to one of the three Democratic nominees for the House, but hope to get a decision from the State Supreme Court in time to settle it. The case of Pate v. Johnson was therefore advanced on the Supreme Court docket and will be argued this week. The State Board of Elections ordered a second primary to select a third man, but Johnson, the third highest man in the first primary re-nominee, even if he didn't get a "majority", as defined by the State primary law. So Pate appealed.

Bulgarians Are Repulsed

(By United Press) Paris, Sept. 26—Very large Bulgarian forces launched a powerful attack against the French east of Florida during the night but were checked by the French screen of fire. The Bulgars fled in disorder after sustaining tremendous losses. The French and Russians captured 54 machine guns in the fighting.

Ga. Endorses Hugh Dorsey

(By United Press) Atlanta, Sept. 26—Hugh M. Dorsey, who prosecuted Leo Frank, was formally endorsed as gubernatorial nominee by the State Democratic Convention today. Strong resolutions endorsing President Wilson were also adopted.

INCENDIARY AT WORK BY NIGHT

White Man's Residence Set Fire to and Shores' Dogs Trail Negro Tenant from Scene

A telephone call at half past six o'clock this morning summoned J. W. Shores and his dogs to New Hope to discover where the responsibility rested for the burning of the residence of Mr. Geo. Simpson. Mr. Simpson lives about a mile from New Hope and is a Perquimans county farmer. The fire was discovered at midnight last night and the house burned to the ground in spite of all effort to save it. It was discovered that kerosene had been poured on the back porch and the fire started at the corner of the kitchen.

Mr. Shores and the dogs went by auto and got there at seven-thirty. The two dogs got hold of the trail at once, followed it around and thru a corn field to the house of a negro tenant. Going into the house the dogs went up to the bed where the negro had slept. From there they went into the woods where he had gone out squirrel hunting. For three or four miles they followed the trail through the woods, then returned to the house again, where the negro had gone after his hunt.

Leaving the house a second time they went out to the road where a crowd of negroes had gathered to talk and went up to their man and picked him out of the bunch. The darkey is a yellow negro about forty five years old, and weighs about 145 pounds. His track was measured and compared with the tracks leaving Mr. Simpson's and going into the corn field and the footprints were identified as belonging to the same person. He was then turned over to Constable Jones of New Hope who after the preliminary hearing there took him to Hertford jail to await trial at the next term of Superior court.

The negro and his landlord had, it is said, not been agreeing on business matters, and the negro was heard to make threats against Mr. Simpson.

Tonight At 8 O'clock

Honorable Cameron Morrison, Democratic Presidential Elector at Large for North Carolina, will speak at the court house tonight, September 28th, at eight o'clock. Mr. Morrison is on a tour of the State in the interest of Democracy and where he has been heard the press has spoken most highly of his ability as an orator. A big crowd is expected at the Court House tonight.

IN POLICE COURT

Edgar Perry, colored, was given one month on the roads in police court this morning for disorderly conduct on an excursion. John Barnett, colored, was given two months for vagrancy, this being his third offense. John Welsh, colored, was fined \$1 and costs for trespassing on a train. Harney Pace, colored, was given two months for assault with deadly weapon. Page was drunk at time of the act. Dav's Taylor, colored, was fined ten dollars and costs for carrying concealed weapon.

TO CONDUCT PRAYER SERVICE

Rev. D. P. Harris will conduct the Wednesday evening prayer service this week at the First Baptist church in the absence of the pastor, Dr. B. C. Henig.

CITY VS SEWER CO TO BE ADJUSTED

And the Settlement Suggested by the Court Will Mean Much for Progress in Bess City

Elizabeth City seems in a fair way to take a step that will mean the end of the surface closet in all the more densely populated sections of the city.

The town has sought again and again to constrain the sewer company to lay sewers along streets having no access to these outlets. Wearying of long and unavailing effort in this direction the city at last instituted a suit to compel the sewer company to lay sewers along certain streets. This case came up for trial before Judge Whedbee Monday morning and at the court's suggestion was continued until the November term in order to give the city fathers time to frame and pass an ordinance compelling property owners to connect with sewers on streets where such connection is available.

If this ordinance shall have been passed by the November term the court will then issue a decree to the effect that the sewer company shall extend its mains along any street that the city may direct. This settlement is in line with what the sewer company has been asking for from the beginning of the controversy.

There seems no doubt that the aldermen will enact the ordinance as suggested. A called meeting of the board was held yesterday afternoon and a tentative ordinance framed. It is regarded as certain that the measure will pass at the next regular meeting which is to be held Monday.

If passed in its tentative form, the ordinance would give property owners on streets where sewers are already laid six months to make connection therewith and other property owners sixty days from the time of the serving of notice that such connections are available.

May Convene In Extra Session

(By United Press) New York, Sept. 26—Governor Whitman has been requested call an extra session of the State Legislature to consider the traction strike situation.

This movement has the support of the members of the Legislature and also of the strike leaders, but the Governor has not previously favored such a step, and there is some doubt that he will accede to the request.

Zeppelin Raid Kills Many

(By United Press) London, Sept. 26.—The French report twenty nine killed in last night's Zeppelin raid, which is the second within forty eight hours. A number of small houses were wrecked but the raiders were driven away from industrial centers by the anti-air craft guns and no military establishments were damaged.

HOME COMING SOCIAL

A Home Coming Social will be held at City Road Methodist church Friday night. These socials are always enjoyable occasions and every member of the church is invited to go out and enjoy the evening. An interesting program has been prepared.