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## ALLIES' OFFENSIVE SWEEPS WEST FRONT

### BRITISH AND FRENCH MAKE GREAT GAINS

GREAT OFFENSIVE MOVEMENT IN WEST SWEEPS GERMAN POSITIONS

ALLIES CLAIM 23,000 PRISONERS

Seventy Big German Guns Also Captured—British Public Told to Expect Heavy Losses.

London, Sept. 27.—The French and British offensive against both sides of the elbow joint German positions in the west have not slackened but Jeffre's afternoon bulletin reported no outstanding successes. The British statement told of big losses inflicted on the Germans northwest of Hulluch, where counter attacks occurred. The Germans do not claim the recovery of ground lost to the allies Saturday and Sunday but say their counter attacks checked the most recent drives. Estimates capture by the allies total twenty-three thousand. The Germans claim nearly seven thousand and French are British prisoners.

The English public is warned to expect heavy losses as the battle reaches the attack and counter attack stage which may persist for weeks and the Germans are relying on second and third lines of defenses.

The French report estimates the number of big guns captured at seventy, twenty-three being captured by the British. In the Pulluch fight the British claim the capture of eighteen big guns, fifty-three officers and twenty-eight hundred men.

The fighting in the east brought no important changes but England regards the position of the Russian army as improving daily. The Germans continue their attacks in the section around Dvinsk but the situation there is quieter and the Germans are said to be regrouping their forces for an extensive flanking operation.

Balkan matters rest with Bulgaria's repeated assurances of armed neutrality.

London, Sept. 27.—The British and French have gained greater results in two days than in the preceding twelve months since the battle of the Marne. With upwards of twenty thousand German prisoners in their hands and something like thirty guns, without including machine guns, and with a formidable breach in the German line, the allies apparently have the long expected offensive well underway. The advances are general, and the effect is emphasized by the fact that on the eastern front substantial Russian gains are recorded. Petrograd states that General Ivanoff's army won a striking victory over the Germans and Austrians in the southeastern theatre, where a thousand prisoners were taken.

The Belgians are taking a prominent part in the new offensive. Their official announcement reports the capture of a German post on the right bank of the Yser with the consequent evacuation of the adjoining German trenches. It is believed here now that the move in the west will again bring the Germans face to face with the necessity of making choice between a retreat and a desperate stand.

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### MARINE KILLED IN FIGHT WITH HAITIEN REBEL

TEN WOUNDED IN SKIRMISH WITH NATIVES NEAR CAPE HAITIEN

FIFTY NATIVES WERE KILLED

Rebels Attacked Marines Who Had Been Sent to Patrol and Clear Lines of Supply to Interior.

Washington, Sept. 27.—One marine, Sergeant John Platt of Detroit, was killed and ten, including Julius Cooley, of Westville, Florida, were wounded in the fighting between American forces and natives near Cape Haitien yesterday, according to details that reached the navy department. Cooley was shot in the left foot and two of the ten are wounded seriously. The marines engaged had been sent out as patrols to clear the lines of supply from the cape to the interior. Fifty natives were killed in the clash.

### G. A. R. VETERANS ARE MEETING IN CAPITAL

Forty-Ninth Annual Reunion Opened Yesterday—Hundreds of Thousand Visitors Expected.

Washington, Sept. 27.—The forty-ninth annual reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic has opened here. Preparations were made for a hundred thousand visitors. A feature will be the parade Wednesday in which thirty thousand veterans are expected to participate.

Today ceremonies will consist of the opening of Camp Emery by Commander-in-Chief Palmer, and the welcoming by the commander and his staff of Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, retired who is to be grand marshal of the parade.

Confederates Invited.

Washington, Sept. 27.—Many Confederate veterans have been especially invited to attend the reunion here. President Wilson issued an order for a holiday in all the executive departments Wednesday.

Greeks Take Vessels.

Piraeus, Greece, Sept. 27.—The Greek government yesterday requisitioned twenty mercantile vessels to transport troops, including the trans-Atlantic liners Thermopylae, King Constantine and Paris.

### U. S. ASSURED AUSTRIA WILL RECALL DUMBA

AMBASSADOR PENFIELD REPORTS HE HAS RECEIVED OFFICIAL ASSURANCE

DEPARTURE IS TO BE HURRIED

State Department Ready to Facilitate Early Departure of Undesirable Envoy.

Washington, Sept. 27.—While the state department will make no announcement until formal word of Dr. Dumba's recall is received from Vienna, it is understood officials are ready to carry negotiations for his safe conduct home the moment the Austrian government communicates the assurances given American Ambassador Penfield today that Dr. Dumba would be removed.

Several days ago Ambassador Penfield informed Austria that "leave of absence" for Dr. Dumba would not be satisfactory to the United States and today's assurances provide for his absolute recall.

Charge Barclay of the British embassy called at the state department today and Acting Secretary Polk stated later that arrangements for Dr. Dumba's unmolested passage would be made by wire as soon as Vienna acquiesced officially.

Dr. Dumba cancelled passage on the steamer Rotterdam sailing September twenty-ninth and engaged new passage on the Amsterdam, sailing October fifth.

### VILLA FORCES WERE DEFEATED BY TORRES

Carranza General Claims Fifty Villistas Fall in Fight Lasting Three Hours.

Laredo, Texas, Sept. 27.—Fifty Villa soldiers were killed in a battle between the Carranza forces and Villa soldiers under General Torres. According to information here the fight lasted three hours. The Villa forces retreated.

Conditions Worse.

Laredo, Texas, Sept. 27.—Conditions are growing worse in Chihuahua according to passengers from Chihuahua City. Many are starving to death. Food prices are high and the city is filled with wounded soldiers. A mob attacked bread wagons going to the hospital, seized the bread and distributed it.

San Diego, Cal., Sept. 27.—Eighty passengers of a Southern Pacific Mexican train were thrown into a car containing hay and the car set on fire by a band of Yaqui Indians Friday near Torres. Sonora, according to Radio advices received here today from Hermosillo, via Guaymas.

Only twenty passengers have been accounted for the others having been burned to death.

### LOAN COMMISSIONERS WILL VISIT CHICAGO

To Get Views of Bankers of Middle West on Proposed Half Billion Dollar Loan.

New York, Sept. 27.—Anglo-French members of the financial commission which negotiates the half-billion dollar credit loan leave today for Chicago to confer with middle western bankers. Financiers from Chicago, St. Louis, St. Paul and other cities will be represented. A virtual agreement was reached with the eastern bankers. The Chicago conference was planned to get an agreement with the westerners, and if their ideas differ from the eastern side, will coincide. Lord leading the chairman, Basil B. Shackelford, secretary, and two other commissioners go.

### Family of American Consul Saved From Athina, Burned at Sea by German Spies.



Miss Frances Cooke, Mrs. A. B. Cooke, and her three children, Mary Louise and Earle.

Mrs. Cooke and her three children, the family of United States Consul Cooke at Patras, Greece, were passengers with their friend, Miss Frances Cooke, on the Greek liner Athina, which caught fire Sunday Sept. 18 when 350 miles southeast of Halifax. The vessel was abandoned after the passengers were rescued by ships that appeared in answer to the wireless call. Since there was fire in two separate holds, the officials of the line

### MUNDAY CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY IN LORIMER BANK CASE

Morris, Illinois, Sept. 27.—Charles B. Munday, charged with conspiracy to wreck the LaSalle Street Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago, was put on trial here.

The charges which led to the indictment of Munday, who is said to have been the financial genius of the La Salle Street Trust and Savings bank, form one of the most sensational chapters in the banking history of Illinois. The bank was organized by Mr. Munday and former United States Senator William Lorimer. When the bank failed in June, 1914, there followed the collapse of nine other banks and trust companies of the so-called Lorimer-Munday string.

Fourteen persons were indicted last winter, the chief of them being Mr. Munday, the second vice president and Mr. Lorimer. The state chose to prosecute Mr. Munday first and, on his declaring that his association with the political fortunes of Mr. Lorimer precluded a fair trial in Chicago, a change in venue to this city was granted.

A grand jury at Chicago which considered the case for more than three months, brought in a report last October in substance as follows: The fourteen persons named in the indictments were alleged to have looted the Lorimer-Munday institutions of almost \$2,500,000, with violation of practically every banking law in the state.

It was charged that assets of the La Salle Street Trust and Savings Bank had been stolen to organize other banks in the Lorimer-Munday chain, that checks had been "kited" in carrying out the program and that the parent bank had been insolvent for some time prior to the collapse. Valuable securities held by financial institutions in which Lorimer, Munday and associates became interested were alleged to have been replaced by securities known to be worthless or doubtful character.

The twelve others indicted were officers of the Lorimer-Munday banks, namely, H. W. Huttig, Charles G. Fox, Thomas McDonald, John R. Seagrave, Edwin J. Potts, Abraham Levin, Paul Hazard, John H. Rife, Frank M. Novak, Charles W. Novak, John B. DeVoney, and William Lorimer, Jr. The trial of Munday is expected to aduce testimony bearing on all of the cases to be tried later.

### FORTY KILLED BY EXPLOSION OF TANK CAR

TWO HUNDRED INJURED AND \$500,000 DAMAGE AT ARDMORE, OKLA.

FIRE THREATENED THE ENTIRE CITY

Scores of Young Women in Department Store Still Missing—City Under Martial Law.

Ardmore, Oklahoma, Sept. 27.—At least forty dead, two hundred injured and property damage approximately five thousand dollars is tonight considered a conservative estimate of the havoc wrought here today by the explosion of a gasoline car in the Santa Fe yards. A dozen buildings were wrecked near the railroad and burning oil scattered over the business section, starting fires which threatened to sweep the city. The city is under martial law and the fires are controlled tonight.

Searching parties in their first explorations found thirty-one bodies, several charred beyond recognition. Workmen on the car repairing the leak when the explosion occurred were torn to fragments. It is thought that sparks from a hammer ignited the escaping gas.

The union station, Whittington hotel, a department store and several wholesale houses were destroyed. Scores of young women in the department store are still missing. No building on Main street escaped damage. Public buildings were made temporary hospitals.

A wounded officer from the scene says the attack was set for dawn. The whole battalion was reinforced by reserves rushed forward so precipitately that the Germans still alive, and unwounded on the battered works were dazed and seemed unable to resist. The Germans were disarmed and pushed back for the reserves to handle while the attacking line went on. There was little or no musketry, but bayonet work mostly. The proportion of dead, wounded and prisoners is large. What was left of the entire companies threw up their hands at the sight of the deadly execution by the Zouaves.

The general impression of the wounded is that the affair of Perthes is only the beginning of the French effort. Parisians received the news soberly, the newspapers issue extra large editions. Official bulletins were read from the theatre stages last night, with the orchestra playing the Marseillaise, but there is no other public demonstration.

Offensive Continues.

Paris, Sept. 27.—The new offensive is continuing along the entire Champagne front the war office announced. Further German positions have been occupied and the gains in the Artois region and in northwestern France are maintained. There is intense cannonading on both sides, between the Meuse and Moselle and in the Lozaine.

AN AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE SANK FRENCH COAL STEAMER

Berlin, Sept. 27.—A dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung from Athens says a French transport steamer of five thousand tons was sunk by an Austrian submarine in the Libyan sea. The ship was carrying coal from Malta to Cyprus.

Turks Expelling Catholics.

London, Sept. 27.—A Sofia dispatch to Reuters says reports come from Constantinople that the Turks are expelling all Catholic priests from that city.

### M. K. & T. RAILWAY IN RECEIVERSHIP

Friendly Agreement Results in Orders for Receivership for Missouri, Kansas and Texas.

St. Louis, Sept. 27.—The "Katy" railway system, comprising the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway and Kansas and Texas corporations respectively, went into the hands of a receiver today. The change, affecting a system with a mileage of more than three thousand eight hundred miles, was brought about by independent orders filed in the federal courts at St. Louis and Dallas as a result of a friendly agreement of certain creditors and the managements of the two companies. Charles Schiff, president of both roads, was appointed sole receiver for each.

Wilson Goes Home to Vote.

Washington, Sept. 27.—President Wilson will go to Princeton, N. J., tomorrow to vote.

### GERMAN RESERVIST WILL APPEAL CASE

Werner Horn, Who Tried to Blow Up International Bridge Over Niagara, Appeals.

Boston, Sept. 27.—Werner Horn, the German army reservist who tried to blow up the international bridge at Vanceboro, Maine, last February, today appealed from the federal court decision denying his release on a writ of habeas corpus. The prisoner, who is waiting trial on the charge of illegal transportation of dynamite, questions the extradition proceedings which removed him from Mainz to Massachusetts. The appeal will be heard in the federal court of appeals.

### TROPICAL STORM STRIKES CUBA

Weather Bureau Warns Say Gale Will Endanger Shipping in East Gulf.

Washington, Sept. 27.—Western Cuba was hit tonight by a tropical storm headed north. Weather bureau warnings sent to the Florida coast say gales will imperil shipping in the east gulf for the next two days.

Zeppelins Over Holland.

### ROUMANIA WON'T CHANGE COURSE

Cabinet Decides Not to Alter Policy Because of Bulgarian and Greek Mobilization.

Bucharest, Sept. 27.—The Rumanian cabinet decided today that the mobilization of Bulgaria and Greece would not change the course Rumania has been following. Rumanian troops are to remain concentrated along the national frontiers. The cabinet did not consider the question of establishing martial law.

### U. S. SUBMARINES MAY USE STEAM

Experiment May Be Tried Out on New "G" Boats Now Under Construction.

Washington, Sept. 27.—Steam turbines may be substituted for gasoline or oil engines for surface cruising in future American submarines. It was learned today that plans are under consideration for steam experiments with boats of the G class now under construction. French submarines now employ steam.

### AUTO RACER IS BADLY BURNED

Car Blazed up While Running 100 Miles an Hour—Grant Can't Race Saturday.

New York, Sept. 27.—Henry Grant, twice winner of the Vanderbilt Cup race was badly burned today when his car caught fire while traveling a hundred miles an hour in the elimination trials for the Astor Cup race at Sheepshead Bay track.

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