



DASH OF BAYONET CHARGE FOILED AS ALLIES CHECK FOE

Craonne, Near Centre of Long Battle Line, Is Point of Most Desperate Assault; London Reports Von Kluk's Retreat On German Right.

French Occupy Heights of Lassigny, West of Noyon, and Capture Three Towns Near Centre of Battle Line in Champagne.

PARIS, Sept. 21.

German forces, in a series of desperate assaults in the region of Craonne, today resorted to the bayonet, but were repulsed by the Allies with considerable loss.

The invaders' assaults were especially violent east of the Oise and north of the Aisne.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the War Office issued this official statement:

On our left wing, on the right bank of the Oise, we have advanced to the heights of Lassigny (west of Noyon). East of the Oise and to the north of the Aisne the Germans have shown an increase in activity.

Violent attacks turning into bayonet charges have been delivered in the region of Craonne. The enemy has been repulsed at all points with considerable losses.

Around Rheims the enemy has made no infantry attack, but has confined his efforts to bombarding our front with his heavy pieces.

At the centre in Champagne and on the west side of the Argonne, beyond Souain, we have taken Meuil, Les Hurles and Maasieze.

In the Woivre region the enemy holds the region of Thiancourt and has bombarded Hannon-Chateau.

On the right wing (Lorraine and the Vosges) there is no change. The Germans are fortifying themselves on Delmeil Hill, south of Chateau-Salins.

The British troops had taken up positions in the Craonne region, and it is supposed that the forces of Sir John French are bearing the brunt of the attacks made by the German infantry.

Sixteen words constituted an additional official statement issued at Bordeaux this afternoon. It follows:

"We are confident that the Allies hold a favorable position in the great battle now progressing."

Today's announcement is the first since the battle of the Aisne began stating that either side had resorted to the bayonet. This indicates that on this, the ninth day of the battle, the artillery duel which has been raging for many days, resulted in a drawn battle and that the other forces have now been brought into action.

The Allies have thrown forward heavy bodies of men to engage the attacking forces.

Activity of the French and British around Soissons shows that the Allies are continuing their flanking movement against the troops of General von Kluk, who appears in imminent danger of being surrounded. Heavy reinforcements have been rushed to von Kluk's aid.

The French have been able to move their heaviest artillery to the firing line east of the Oise, near its junction with the Aisne, and a continuous night and day bombardment against the German positions is in progress. According to the official announcement, the hardest fighting is in progress near Soissons, on the extreme western end of the battle line, and near Rheims, in the centre.

The bombardment of Rheims continued today with unabated fury. The heavy German guns, mounted on the heights three miles from the city, are

knocking down the walls of the principal buildings of the town and many noncombatants have been killed. The Hotel de Ville, the museum, the sub-prefecture and all neighboring buildings have been destroyed almost completely, it was announced today.

Only a few walls of the famous cathedral, erected in the Middle Ages, remain standing.

Both Soissons and Rheims are reported to be in flames. Soissons has been under fire since fighting in the present battle began. Rheims has been bombarded for 84 hours.

Farther to the east, near the Argonne district, in the Meuse Valley and the Vosges, fighting is less severe, but is still going on.

The destruction along the valley of the Aisne is appalling. Wounded soldiers, returned officers and prisoners from the front describe the loss of life as colossal. The stretch of lowland between the hills flanking the Aisne is described as a valley of death and desolation.

Day and night the bombardment goes on until one wonders in amazement how the Germans are able to bring from their distant base of supplies sufficient ammunition necessary to keep their batteries in action all the time.

It is confidently believed by the French military authorities in Paris that the German positions can be so thoroughly weakened by the cannonade that the French and British will be able to sweep the Germans from their entrenchments at the point of the bayonet, despite the reinforcements.

Already, it is said, the French have been able to silence several of the German batteries at that point, compelling them to take up new positions.

The effect of the German artillery fire upon the French and British troops has been terrible, it is admitted. Some of the heaviest German guns have been shelling the allied positions from a distance of seven miles. All are cleverly masked. It is admitted that one of the largest guns, which has done great damage, is so successfully concealed that the Allies have been unable to locate it.

So far the fighting has been a fierce artillery duel, partaking of the qualities of a siege. Now, however, with both sides beginning to use more and more infantry, the fighting should be near its end. The present week should see the tide of victory and defeat flowing in clearly marked channels. Whether it will result in the Germans taking the offensive movement in an effort to pierce the French and British lines, or whether the Allies will be able to roll back the German legions to the frontier, remains to be seen.

No matter how the present battle goes, all of northeastern France, from Paris to the Belgian and German frontiers, will have been ravaged, devastated and scorched. It is as though the hands of God, sweeping in divine wrath, had withered and wasted the land for the sins of its people.

The French and English have been successful in taking big bodies of prisoners, but it seems that the gaps in the German ranks are filled as soon as they are made. More than 10,000 prisoners of war now are interned in this city, all having been brought in within the last week.

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ONSLAUGHTS OF GERMANS UNCHECKED, BERLIN REPORTS

BERLIN, Sept. 21 (by way of Amsterdam).

The following official statement covering the general situation in France was issued today:

"Success is meeting our offensive against the allied British and French forces. We are making progress at several points. Heavy rains for a few days compelled the German troops to withhold their attack, but we are now moving forward with the enemy making an energetic defense.

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The War Today

Bayonet charges by the Germans in another determined effort to pierce the Allies' centre at Craonne have been repulsed. The invading Germans had renewed the assault along the entire 120-mile front of the Aisne battle line. The French and British continue their attempt to outflank General von Kluk's forces on the extreme German right wing.

Belgium forces, harassing the German right flank, have interfered so with operations against the Allies that heavy artillery has been rushed toward Antwerp to crush the army led by King Albert. The Germans are fortifying their line of retreat through Belgium.

Two million men are engaged in the third important Gallician battle of the war. The Russians, reinforced by fresh troops and encouraged by the evacuation of Jaroslaw, the investment of Przemysl on three sides, the capture of Dubiecko and other smaller fortified positions, are engaging General Dankl's army and have continued successful in various engagements with his rearguard. Indications point to Russian numerical superiority on the field, as the Southern Poland and Galician armies are co-operating as a unit, and the Austrians have again been placed on the defensive in order to protect the line of communication to Cracow.

In East Prussia three German army corps (120,000 men), under General Hindenburg, have started an aggressive movement against Russian Poland. Grodno, on the main line between Warsaw and Petrograd, is the immediate objective. The defeated Russian armies of Grodno and Vilna have joined to resist the advance.

Montenegrin troops seized the town of Rogbitza, 20 miles from Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia, and continued their march to within ten miles of the stronghold. The capture of Sarajevo is confidently expected.

Berlin War Office reports successful attacks at several points along the line and announces arrival of heavy reinforcements. The French have been repulsed with heavy losses wherever they assumed the offensive, it was added. Further proof of superiority of German artillery is said to have been given in the engagement along the Aisne.

London War Office reports the arrival of 100,000 men to save the wavering army of von Kluk, with the Allies continuing their flanking movement. It is admitted that the casualties of the allied forces are heavy, largely because of the difficulty in locating masked German batteries.

Vienna admits the evacuation of Jaroslaw, which was burned before the army left. The Russians have won several engagements with the rearguard of General Dankl's reinforced army, which has again been put on the defensive. The evacuation of Jaroslaw is ascribed to strategic reasons, involving aid to Przemysl and protection of the line of communication to Cracow. Reverses to Dankl's army have caused high in Vienna, where hope ran high that its junction with that of Von Auffenberg would result in stopping the Russian advance in Galicia.

Petrograd War Office reports continued success in the Gallician campaign. Grodek, Sambor and Dubiecko already are taken, the capture of the last named clearing the way to an advance westward. Przemysl, capture of which is prerequisite to moving west on Cracow and carrying the aggressive into Silesia against Breslau and Posen, has been invested. Some of the Russian troops are proceeding westward. Investment of Przemysl and evacuation of Jaroslaw have left the Russians free to move nearer Cracow, where the fiercest Austrian resistance is expected.

British Admiralty reports both successes and reverses. The Carmania sank an armed German merchantman off South America. The Koenigsberg disabled the English cruiser Pegasus near Zanzibar, and the German cruiser Emden captured six English vessels in Bay of Bengal, the Admiralty admits. The German Baltic fleet, flying the flag of Prince Henry of Prussia, is reported to have seriously damaged the Russian fleet near the Gulf of Finland. The Allies claim control of the Atlantic, Mediterranean and North Sea.

Rumania's entrance into the war on the side of the Allies is expected, it being admitted by German authorities that efforts of the Kaiser to gain aid of the Balkan State have been futile. Further Balkan complications are expected if Rumania takes up arms.

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SOCIETY MAKES BOW TO KING HORSE AT BRYN MAWR SHOW



Left to Right—MISS POLLY PAGE MISS CHARLOTTE WILLIAMS

BLUE RIBBONS GO TO PEDIGREED HORSES ON BRYN MAWR OVAL

Brilliant Spectacle Marks the Judging and Award of Prizes to Roadsters and Jumping Classes.

Where is the speedy racing car? It's parked outside the ring. The blooded relatives are proudly capering. And where is the man who loudly shouts, 'The poor old horse must go?'

He's leaning point of horsefeet at the Bryn Mawr horse show.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.] BRYN MAWR, Pa., Sept. 21.—Great crowds of enthusiasts, who always wait until the afternoon session of an opening day, appeared about the oval of the Bryn Mawr Polo Grounds shortly after 3 o'clock today for the judging of roadsters, which opened part two of the first day of the Twentieth Annual Bryn Mawr Horse Show.

A band which appeared shortly before enlivened their entrance into the grounds. Every one was in a holiday humor. Straw hats were everywhere in evidence, their owners defying the old September 15 bugaboo.

During the morning hours, aside from the customary enthusiasm displayed by spectators, nothing more exciting happened than a slight spill by a groom riding Bella, Emien Wood's hunter. The horse had taken two jumps, but balked on the third. The groom urged her on and Bella's feet caught the top rail. The boy slid from her back and the horse fell to its knees. Both rose quickly and left the oval.

Considerable disappointment is felt by devotees of the horse show due to the fact that Alfred G. Vanderbilt has withdrawn his exhibit in the heavy harness horse class. Although no reason is given by officials regarding Mr. Vanderbilt's action, the prevailing opinion is that he withdrew because his brother, Reginald, is a judge in that class.

RIBBON WINNERS APPLAUDED. A burst of applause came from New Yorkers this morning when Robert L. Gerry's Great Hill and Swift Test captured first and second prizes in the hunters and jumpers class. Of the saddle horses Flotsam, owned by F. A. Bonnell, of Monkton, Md., clearly earned a blue over the other entries. In this class one of the entrants was Miss Kitty.

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HARD HITTING IS BIG FEATURE IN ATHLETICS' GAME

Bob Shawkey, Mack's Pitcher, Is Driven From Mound in Fourth Inning. Bowman, of Naps, Also Taken Out.

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 21.—Connie Mack's Athletics suffered defeat today 3 to 4 at the hands of the Naps. Bob Shawkey was taken out of the box in the third inning after four runs had been made against the "A's."

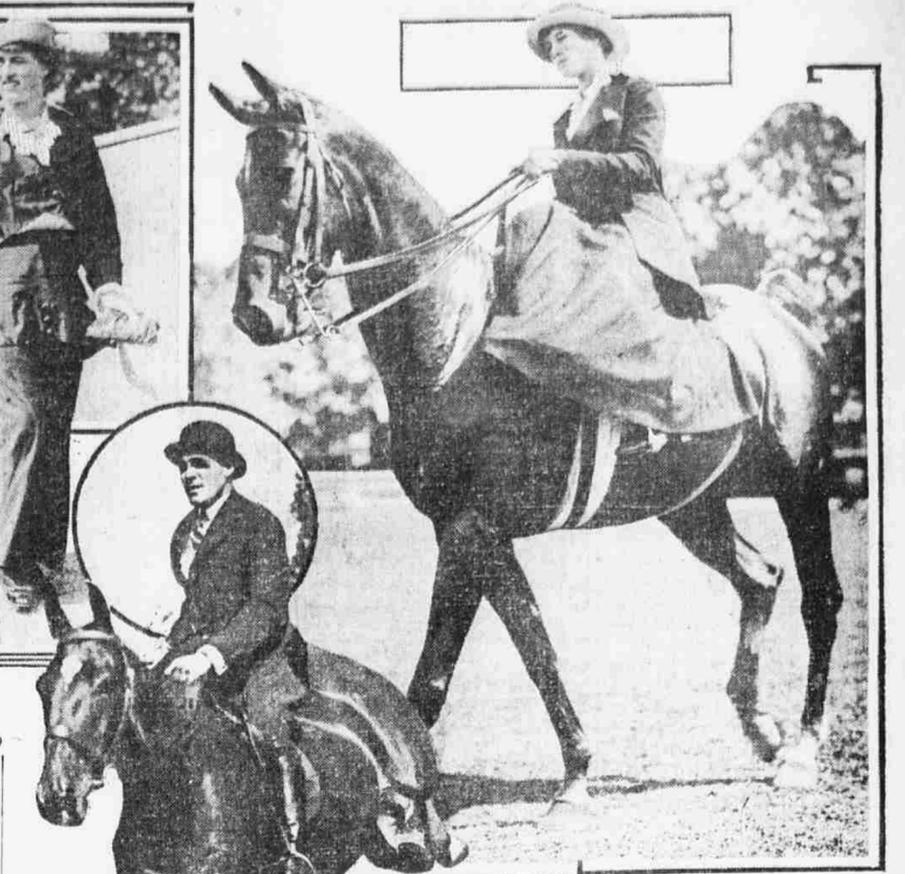
FIRST INNING. Murphy singled to centre. Barry sacrificed. Johnston to Lajoie. Collins beat out a punt to Barbara and Murphy scored from second. Collins stole second. Baker walked. McInnis singled to left. Collins scored. Baker taking third and McInnis second on the throw in. Bowman was replaced by Coombs. Walsh batted for Strunk and walked, hitting the bases. Oldring hit into a double play by lining to Barbara, who stepped on third, doubling Baker. Two runs, three hits, no errors.

Schang went behind the bat for the Athletics. Smith singled to Baker. Chapman fled to Murphy. Johnston also fled to Murphy. Jackson fled to Oldring. No runs, one hit, no errors.

SECOND INNING. Schang singled to left. Schang scored on Shawkey's double to right centre.

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MISS ANN AUSTIN Riding Dixie Arnold.

HOWARD M. HENRY Riding Goldie.

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Score. Includes St. Louis, Phillies, Chicago, New York, Pittsburgh, Boston, Cincinnati, Brooklyn.

BASEBALL RESULTS AT A GLANCE

NATIONAL LEAGUE R. H. E. St. Louis.....0 1 0 0 2 0 0 0 3—6 15 1

Phillies.....1 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0—3 12 2 Batteries—Tincup and Burns; Doak and Wingo. Umpires—Byron and O'Connor.

Chicago.....0 1 3 1 0 0 1 0 0—6 9 1 Batteries—Vaughn and Archer; Marquard and Meyers. Umpires—Quigley and Eason.

New York.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 7 4 Batteries—Vaughn and Archer; Marquard and Meyers. Umpires—Quigley and Eason.

Pittsburgh.....1 0 0 1 0 2 1 0 0—5 9 1 Batteries—Harmon and Coleman; Rudolph and Whaling. Umpires—Klem and Emslie.

Boston.....1 1 0 4 0 0 0 0 0—6 9 1 Batteries—Harmon and Coleman; Rudolph and Whaling. Umpires—Klem and Emslie.

Cincinnati.....1 0 2 0 0 2 0 0 1—6 9 1 Brooklyn.....1 0 0 0 0 7 0 1—9 11 2 Batteries—Littery and Clarke; Reulbach, Ames and McCarty. Umpires—Rigler and Hart.

SECOND GAME Cincinnati.....0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0—2 11 1 Brooklyn.....3 0 2 0 0 1 1 1—8 10 1 Batteries—Benton and Gonzales; Allen and Miller. Umpires—Rigler and Johnson.

AMERICAN LEAGUE R. H. E. Athletics.....2 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—4 11 0 Cleveland.....0 4 0 0 0 0 1 0—5 12 0 Batteries—Bowman and O'Neill; Shawkey and Schang. Umpires—Connolly and Chill.

Washington.....1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Chicago.....0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 Batteries—Johnson and Ainsmith; Faber and Schalk. Umpires—O'Loughlin and Hildebrand.

Boston.....1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 Detroit.....0 0 0 0 6 0 Batteries—Foster and Thomas; Daus and McKee. Umpires—Egan and Dineen.

New York.....0 2 2 St. Louis.....0 0 1 Batteries—Brown and Sweeney; Hamilton and Agnew. Umpires—Evans and Sheridan.

ST. LOUIS VICTOR IN EXTRA INNING TILT WITH PHILS

With Score Standing 3-3 in Tenth, Cards Send Over 3 Runs, Clinching the Contest.

ST. LOUIS AB. R. BH. PO. A. E. Dolan, R.....2 1 2 3 0 0 Higgins, 2B.....2 1 2 3 0 0

Doak, 1B.....1 0 1 3 0 0 Miller, 3B.....2 2 2 14 0 0 Wilson, RF.....5 1 3 2 0 0

Wingo, C.....5 0 1 2 5 0 Cruise, CF.....2 0 2 5 0 0 Beck, SS.....3 0 2 3 0 0

Perritt, P.....0 0 0 0 0 0 Donk, P.....4 0 0 0 1 1 Shupert.....1 0 0 0 0 0

Totals.....40 6 15 59 15 1 PHILLIES AB. R. BH. PO. A. E. Lovett, 3B.....2 2 5 4 1 0

Becker, CF.....1 0 1 4 0 0 Magee, RF.....1 1 2 0 0 0

Christy, 1B.....2 0 1 3 0 0 Byrnes, 2B.....4 0 1 4 4 1

Ludwig, 3B.....1 0 2 8 2 0 Martin, SS.....4 0 0 2 5 0

Thompson, P.....0 0 1 0 0 0 Paskett.....1 0 0 0 0 0

Totals.....35 3 12 59 15 3

PHILADELPHIA BALL PARK, Sept. 21.—Major's error of judgment on Wingo's tip in the tenth permitted Miller to score the deciding run and pave the way for two more in today's game, which the Phillies dropped to the Cardinals, 6 to 3.

This defeat broke the hearts of the locals. They thought and took were equipped last throughout. The former yielding a dozen hits and the latter 15, important base running prevented the Phillies from scoring on numerous occasions.

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FERRYBOAT IN PERIL

Excitement Among Passengers of the Ocean City.

The auxiliary hull and her passengers were in the water and excitement, the Ocean City, being beyond control about this city, and Captain Young, Captain Smith, and other officers, were in the water along with the boat, and the boat was in the water.

The excitement of the women passengers on the Ocean City, however, is not to be compared with the excitement of the men, who made a movement as if to turn turtle. The size of the women and the distance from the boat brought many cries from the women.

WEATHER FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair tonight and Tuesday; not much change in temperature; gentle variable winds. For details, see last page.