

ALLIES EXTEND SOMME GROUND IN NEW THRUST

British Gain Trenches Near Faucourt L'Abbaye, London Reports

TAKE MANY PRISONERS

French Advance East of Verdun—Germans Fail to Attack

BERLIN, Sept. 27.—The capture of Thierval and the German works forming an official report issued by the War Office today.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

In two days of the great battle on the Somme front, the British alone have captured between 2000 and 4000 prisoners.

General Haig reported this afternoon. The War Office in its regular day report stated that further progress has been made in the direction of Faucourt L'Abbaye, five miles northwest of Comblie, and that nine German aeroplanes have been shot down or damaged in air flights on the British front.

The new positions gained by us during the last two days were consolidated during the night. Patrol detachments pushed forward at many places and are in close touch with the enemy. We made further progress during the night, particularly in the direction of Faucourt L'Abbaye. We carried out successful trench raids opposite Beaumont-Hamel. In the neighborhood of Loos three hostile aeroplanes were destroyed. In air fighting on Monday six enemy machines were downed or damaged.

British and French troops, charging in from opposite sides of Comblie, met near the heart of the town shortly after dawn and exchanged greetings amid the din of battle.

The British had fought their way through a wood on the northwestern outskirts of the town. They beat down stubborn German resistance in this wood, but, once through, entered Comblie itself without strong opposition. The French, approaching from the southeast had to fight their way through several rows of German trenches and fortified redoubts.

The underground caverns in Comblie were filled with German wounded in the last two days' fighting around the village, who had been unable to escape because of the tightening of the Anglo-French pincers.

The most successful blow struck by Anglo-French troops since the battle of the Marne has brought the capture of Peronne and Bapaume appreciably nearer. It is possible, English military critics said today, that both these towns, the immediate objectives of the great Allied offensive, will fall within a fortnight.

The apparent ease with which German resistance collapsed at Thierval yesterday, following the capture of the British, surprised military observers here and led them to predict quick victories for the British and French in the drives on Peronne and Bapaume.

The final dash against Comblie developed into some of the most savage fighting of the whole war. The Germans caught in the southwestern angle of the village stuck to their machine guns bravely and died at their posts. The French, advancing through the cemetery on the southeast, were repeatedly counter-attacked by Teuton detachments that stormed their lines in the face of certain death.

The few Germans who escaped retreated hastily toward Sally, falling back a distance of more than two miles.

Details of the capture of Thierval are still lacking. The Thierval position, fortified before more strongly than any village on the Somme line, had held up the advance of the British left wing since the opening day of the Allied offensive. It tumbled in under one sudden smash that sent the Germans rolling back upon Grandcourt.

GERMANS MAKE NO EFFORT TO RETAKE LOST POSITIONS; FRENCH EXTEND GAINS

PARIS, Sept. 27. Rolled back by the tremendous Allied blow yesterday, the Germans made no attempt to recapture positions taken by the French north of the Somme last night. It was officially announced today.

South of the Somme a brilliant attack enabled the French to carry a strongly defended wood, forming a salient east of Verdun.

A large number of German prisoners have been brought in all along the Somme front as the result of yesterday's successful operations. At Comblie group after group of Germans was cut off and cornered between British and French detachments closing in upon the village. Others fought desperately from underground caverns until they were silenced by bombing parties.

An artillery duel of utmost violence developed in the Barieux sector, the communiqué says.

Verdun remains on that section of the front held exclusively by the French.

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST
 For Philadelphia and vicinity—Increasing cloudiness and warmer tonight, followed by showers and probably thunderstorms Thursday; moderate to fresh southerly winds.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES
 CHESTNUT STREET
 High water, 1:20 a.m. (14th water), 1:45 a.m.
 Low water, 8:20 a.m. (16th water), 8:45 a.m.
 TEMPERATURES AT EACH HOUR

FIGURES IN HOTEL MURDER



Mrs. Harry Belzar, of Brooklyn, whose portrait appears above, last night shot and killed Joseph C. Gravier, of New York (on the left); mortally wounded a woman who was with him at the Hotel Walton and then killed herself.

NUGENT STRIKES BACK AT WILSON; BEATS WESCOTT

Jersey Politician by Nominating Martine for Senator Gets Revenge

COLGATE LEADING EDGE

TRENTON, Sept. 27.—The renomination of United States Senator James E. Martine over Attorney-General John W. Wescott at the Democratic primary yesterday was assured today by late returns. This is a smashing blow to the Wilson forces in New Jersey, the President's home State. Wescott was put up by the Wilson men to defeat Martine for the nomination because the "farmer orator," as Martine is called, has not always responded promptly to the crack of the Wilson whip.

In Wescott's defeat, Wilson, after being helped to the office of Governor of New Jersey last year, secured a smashing victory.

Unofficial returns indicate Frelinghuysen's nomination over Murphy for the Republican nomination for United States Senator by about 4500 majority in the State.

Correction favors Colgate. Through an error of 10,000 votes in the early Essex County returns made in favor of his opponent, Austen Colgate, Republican candidate for Governor, is leading Walter E. Edge in the New Jersey primary by more than 5000 votes this afternoon.

This morning's returns had virtually assured Edge's nomination.

Martine made his campaign wholly on his record, which record was just the reason why the Wilson men opposed him.

It is believed in State political circles that the hand of James R. Nugent, Democratic leader of Essex County, can be seen in Wescott's defeat. Wilson, after being helped to the office of Governor of New Jersey last year, secured a smashing victory.

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GERMANS RELEASE RICH AMERICAN

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Isidor Pokak, the rich American citizen removed by the Germans from the Dutch steamship Prins Hendrik when that vessel was taken into Zebrugge, has been released, according to a telegram from Amsterdam today by Robert P. Skinner, American Consul General here.

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READING PLANS ELECTRIFICATION OF ITS BRANCHES

Change Awaits Better Materials Market and Labor Conditions

RESULT OF DICE POLICY

Opportunity for the humanizing of a great railroad system more adequately to meet the needs of the public is awaiting the outcome of the illness of Agnew T. Dice, president of the Philadelphia and Reading system.

Mr. Dice was stricken with typhoid fever just as he had completed plans for the electrification of important suburban lines of the Philadelphia and Reading. He had made up his mind to begin construction of these lines as soon as the price of labor and equipment descended to something like normal.

Specifications are already on file in his office for the electrification of the Germantown and Chestnut Hill branch, the Glenside and Jenkintown branch and the Norristown line. Originally it was planned to electrify the Frankford branch, but this project was abandoned when the Frankford elevated became a certainty.

MR. DICE SERIOUSLY ILL
 For several weeks Mr. Dice has been seriously ill at his Atlantic City home, and his physicians are disturbed because his condition fails to show improvement.

For the last two or three days his temperature has fluctuated around 102, and a great deal of the time he is delirious. No one is allowed in the room with him except his wife and nurses. Mr. Dice carried his great responsibilities as head of the Reading Railway to his sick bed, where, in spite of illness, his mind dwells upon the great unfinished projects on which he has worked with untiring energy.

Electrification of the Reading's suburban branches has been one of the great ambitions of Mr. Dice. He studied electric systems on other railroads and determined that the Reading should have the best. Accompanying the electrifications, it is said, he planned a lowering of suburban fare rates, as well as the consummation of some arrangement with the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company by which passengers could be transferred from Reading trains to the new high-speed lines, when they are completed.

This in itself constituted a new and radical change in the conduct of railroad affairs, and marks a step forward in the attempt to meet the public's needs in the

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ECKLEY B. COXE, JR., LEFT LARGE LEGACY TO U. OF P. MUSEUM
 Between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000, According to Persons Who Were Close to Philanthropist

BACKED RESEARCH WORK
 A legacy for the University of Pennsylvania Museum—between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000—is reported to have been left by Eckley B. Coxe, Jr., one of its founders and most liberal patrons, who died at the Coxe summer home at Dripton, Pa., September 20.

The reports came today from persons who were very close to Mr. Coxe, who during the last ten years contributed about \$400,000 annually to the museum for research expeditions and running expenses. The probate of the will, it is expected, will reveal the fact that the annual contributions have been capitalized and that the money will be turned over to the museum in a lump sum.

John Cadwalader, Jr., who with his father was Mr. Coxe's legal adviser and is one of the executors of the estate, declined to comment on the anticipated bequest.

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SLAIN AUTO MAN'S COMPANION HIDES HER OWN IDENTITY

Victim of Jealous Brooklyn Woman's Bullet May Die

WHISPERS HER ADDRESS

Gravier's Sister Hears It, but Will Not Give Information to Police

A jealous woman, secreting herself in a hallway of the Hotel Walton, shot and killed Joseph C. Gravier, a New York garage man, seriously wounded a woman registered as his wife and killed herself by sending a bullet through her temple early today, while the last strains of the orchestra in the roof garden above were dying out.

The slayer was identified as Mrs. Harry Belzar, of 315 Euclid avenue, Brooklyn, said to be prominent in church circles. The identification was made at the Morgue by Mrs. Francis Apman, 420 West 165th street, New York, a sister of the dead man, and Howard E. Fancey, Gravier's business partner in the Alhambra garage, New York. Both came to Philadelphia hurriedly on hearing of the shooting.

VISITORS UNNERVED
 Gravier's body also was identified by Fancey, with whom he lived at 65-67 West 118th street. So unnerved was Mrs. Apman that she could not view the body, but identified her brother's clothing.

The identity of Gravier's companion, who the police believe is a wealthy New York society woman, is a mystery.

Mrs. Apman and Fancey, taken to the Jefferson Hospital to identify the wounded woman, both refused to tell her name. Mrs. Apman, indignant with the police, went up close beside the woman's cot.

"I am Joe's sister," she said. "Joe is dead. So is Margaret. Is there anything that I can do for you?"

The wounded woman looked up at Mrs. Apman.

"Lean over me," she whispered. "You can notify my sister."

The woman whispered her sister's New York address to Mrs. Apman, but the police did not hear it. They did hear her whisper, however, an explanation of the shooting.

"Joe and I were in the room when this woman knocked at the door," they heard her say. "We were both dressed. Joe opened the door. It happened so quick we did not know what was going on. Please don't ask me any more. I don't want anybody to know about this but my sister."

SHIELD WOUNDED WOMAN
 Mrs. Apman and Fancey were questioned by Coroner Knight, but both refused to tell the name of the wounded woman.

"I know who she is," said Mrs. Apman, "but I won't tell you. She is married and her husband lives in New York."

Mrs. Apman was vexed with the questioning. When E. L. Hoey, Coroner's undertaker, asked her about what manner of burial she wanted for her brother, he says she said:

"Oh, put him naked in a pine box and ship him back to New York."

Hoey said Mrs. Apman told him of having been robbed of \$10,000 worth of jewelry two months ago and after working a detective work on the case she came to the conclusion that she "never would be able to recover them while my brother is alive."

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QUICK NEWS

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TODAY'S RACING RESULTS

First Woodbine race, Lincoln plate, \$600 added, 2-year-olds, 6 furlongs—Easter Lily, 107, Robinson, \$5.20, \$3.70, \$3.10, won; Hazel Nut, 110, Parrington, \$14.90, \$9.10, second; Hasty Cora, 109, Dishmon, \$11.10, third. Time, 1.15.

First Havre de Grace race, maiden 2-year-olds, 5 furlongs—Friendless, 115, Steward, \$11.20, \$7.10, \$3.70, won; Kilts, 112, Ball, \$6.60, \$3.50, second; Swoon, 115, Byrne, \$3.20, third. Time, 1.01 1/5.

1500 RAILROAD MACHINISTS STRIKE

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Announcement was made today that the International Association of Machinists have declared a strike on the New York, Ontario and Western Railway. About 1500 machinists are involved and 6000 men in other trades affected. The men demand an increase of three cents per hour in wages.

GERARD PERMITTED TO COME HOME

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Secretary of State Lansing today announced that permission had been given Ambassador Gerard in Germany to come to the United States "for a vacation," the time of his leaving Germany to be left to him. He is expected to sail from Copenhagen with Mrs. Gerard tomorrow.

SUBMARINES SINK TWO NEUTRAL SHIPS

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Dispatches to the Exchange Telegraph Company today reported the sinking of two neutral ships by German submarines. They were the Norwegian steamship Dania, 862 tons, destroyed in the North Sea, and the Greek steamship Assinaces, 2357 tons, sunk in the Mediterranean. The crews of both were saved.

PHILADELPHIAN GETS STATE ENGINEER'S POST

Atwood L. Bliss, 724 Oxford street, today was appointed by Governor Brumbaugh to the post of State engineer to assist the Director of Wharves, Docks and Ferries. He takes the place of Richard A. McFadden, who resigned last summer. The position pays \$1000. Mr. Bliss has been engaged in engineering work for a number of years and helped in the construction of the river tunnels in New York.

COMMERCE CHAMBER TO DINE SIR THOMAS LIPTON

Sir Thomas Lipton, yachtsman and merchant, has accepted an invitation to be entertained by the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce on October 19, when a banquet will be tendered to him and other nationally known business men at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, where 600 covers will be laid. Bartley Doyle, president of the Keystone Publishing Company, has been appointed general chairman of the entertainment committee. The yachtsman will make an address upon "Salesmanship."

PRICE OF FLOUR HIGHEST SINCE CIVIL WAR

CHICAGO, Sept. 27.—Flour has advanced 20 cents a barrel, the highest level reached since the Civil War. Standard Minnesota patents sold for \$9.10 a barrel, an increase of \$2 over a year ago. The cheaper grades of flour sold to the bakers' trade also were advanced 10 and 15 cents.

GRAIN DEALERS FIGHT PROPOSED STORAGE INCREASE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Declaring the business of Baltimore commission merchants and grain receivers, representing eighty per cent of the Baltimore Chamber of Commerce, will be destroyed to the advantage of grain exporters, the chamber, in a brief filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, today attacked as prohibitive and illegal proposed increases in grain elevator storage charges at the port of Baltimore. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad is defendant.

U-BOATS SINK ELEVEN TRAWLERS IN NORTH SEA

LONDON, Sept. 27.—German submarines are becoming more active in the North Sea. An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Scarborough today reported the destruction of eleven trawlers. All the crews were saved.

SPAIN PROTESTS AGAINST U-BOAT SINKINGS

MADRID, Sept. 27.—The Spanish Government has sent a note to Berlin protesting energetically against the torpedoing of Spanish steamships by German submarines.

FIFTY HEIRS TO PEERAGE KILLED IN BATTLE

LONDON, Sept. 27.—The death of the son of E. Wyndham Tennant, eldest son of Lord Glenconner, is announced. He is the fiftieth heir to a peerage to lose his life in the war. He fell September 22, at the age of nineteen. He was a grandnephew of Mrs. Asquith, wife of the Premier.

SUBMARINES SINK ITALIAN AND NORSE SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—The American Consul at Barcelona has advised the State Department that the Italian bark Garibaldi, from Baltimore to Leghorn, was sunk by a submarine September 24, 100 miles southeast of Palma de Mallorca. The Norwegian steamship Bufjord, of 1489 tons net, has been sunk, according to a Lloyd's dispatch from Barcelona. The crew was landed.

SIXTY KILLED IN TEUTON RAID ON BUCHAREST

BUCHAREST, Sept. 27.—Sixty persons were killed and a large number wounded in Bucharest Monday afternoon by bombs dropped by a squadron of aeroplanes of the Teutonic allies, and five others, all children, were killed Monday night by bombs dropped on the city from a Zeppelin, according to an official communication issued today.

HUGHES WILL MAKE 20 SPEECHES IN HOME STATE

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Three busy days of speechmaking in this State have been arranged for Charles E. Hughes by the Republican national committee, with twenty indoor and outdoor speeches Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

SUPPLIES RUSHED ABOARD ILLINOIS FOR RUN TO MEXICO
 Provisions for three months and 150 tons of coal are being rushed aboard the battleship Illinois, now at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, which has been ordered to sail for Vera Cruz to relieve the Nebraska. It is believed the Illinois will leave Philadelphia about October 1 in charge of Commander F. A. Trout.

ARGENTINE SHIPS WHEAT HERE FOR FIRST TIME

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 27.—The Argentine steamship Pampa sailed for New York with 4000 tons of wheat and linseed. Two other ships loaded with wheat will follow. Newspapers call attention to the fact that this is the first time Argentine wheat has been exported to the United States.

TWO OF CITY'S REGIMENTS TO LEAVE BORDER

First and Third Ordered Home Soon After October 1

PLANNING FOR WELCOME

Rousing Jubilee Scheme for Soldiers Meets Hearty Indorsement

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Philadelphians will have a chance to give Pennsylvania troops, returning from a tour of duty on the Mexican border, the kind of a reception they had planned.

It was learned at the War Department today that two of the three regiments of Pennsylvania infantry that are to be returned from the Mexican frontier soon after October 1 are the Philadelphia regiments, the First and Third.

The other regiment to be returned is the Tenth. Greensburg is the headquarters of the Tenth Regiment, but the band section comes from Conellsville and the 12 companies from the following places: Company A, Monongahela; B, New Brighton; C, Somerset; D, Conellsville; E, Mount Pleasant; F, Indiana; G, Hollidaysburg; H, Washington; I, Greensburg; K, Waynesburg; L, Blairsville; M, Latrobe.

While the selection of the regiments of Pennsylvania troops has been left to the commander of the Southern Division, it was stated by officers in the division of militia affairs that the First, Third and Tenth were the ones to be sent as soon as the troops ordered to relieve them arrive at the border. The Pennsylvania troops will then go to their mobilization camp and be mustered out of the Federal service.

It is vital to the cause of preparedness for Philadelphia to give a generous welcome to the troops when they return from the Mexican border, according to a statement issued today by George Wentworth Carr, secretary of the Citizens' Soldiers' Committee, of which Mayor Smith is chairman.

Mr. Carr said that if Philadelphia turned a cold shoulder to the home-coming troops it is likely that thousands of young men who have been serving their country on the border would leave the National Guard in disgust.

"One of the greatest blows ever received by the National Guard," said Mr. Carr, "was in 1908. Thousands of young men returned from the various military training camps in high disgust at the treatment they had received. The guard has never fully recovered from the stigma placed upon it at that time."

"Thousands of Philadelphia men broke home and business ties to go to the border. In the aggregate their patriotism cost them millions of dollars. They are going to be a sore lot of men if they return to this city and find that Philadelphia has not appreciated what they have done. I am certain that they will get out of the National Guard as quick as they can and will never go in again."

"These men are now highly trained men. If properly treated they will remain in the National Guard and become the nucleus of the highly-trained army required by the Hay bill. If they are not properly treated we are likely to witness a great slump in the cause of preparedness."

"There is another matter that should be brought to the attention of Philadelphians in connection with the home-coming of the troops. Our committee is now caring for the families of 405 soldiers on the border. The work will have to be carried on probably for a couple of months after home-coming, and fathers return home from the front. Many of these men when they return will be without positions. We have got to take care of their families while they are hunting jobs. It would be brutal to cut off their aid the minute they land in Philadelphia."

"So if we are to have a genuine homecoming, a real welcome without any false ring to it, let our patriotic citizens dig down into our pockets and contribute."

Select Councilman John J. Conroy urged that the Mayor take action at once toward the appointment of a citizens' committee to make arrangements for the proposed homecoming celebration.

Commandant Montgomery, of Frankford Arsenal, said: "I am in favor of giving the boys a whole-hearted welcome. They deserve it, and Philadelphia should be proud of what they have done."

10,000 GUARDSMEN ORDERED TO DUTY ON MEXICAN LINE

Third Pennsylvania Will Be Part of Relief Detachments

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Orders were issued by the War Department today to send to the border immediately the following militia organizations: