



FRENCH EXTEND GROUND IN NEW SOMME THRUST

British Also Improve Positions and Beat Off Counter-Attacks

62,000 TEUTONS TAKEN

Ninety-two Square Miles of Territory Reconquered by Allies in Drive

The hard fighting which developed on the Somme front last Monday continues with good results for the Allies despite stormy weather.

Powerful counter-attacks were launched by the Germans northeast of Thiepval, but they were repulsed.

The severity of the fighting in France is attested by casualty lists published here today.

After long-sustained and bloody fighting the Bulgarians have secured an advantage in western Greek Macedonia in the sector of Kaimakalan heights.

The entire flying corps of the Greek army has deserted to the revolutionists, but up to this afternoon no political developments of decisive importance were reported from Athens.

German submarines continue fairly active and the destruction of a number of merchant ships, some of them neutrals, was reported during the day.

On the eastern front there is fighting at a number of points, but there have been no striking developments in the situation during the last twenty-four hours.

FORTY-FIVE VILLAGES TAKEN BY ALLIES SINCE LAUNCHING OF GREAT SOMME DRIVE

British troops improved their positions at Stiff redoubt, north of Thiepval, and beat off German counter-attacks at the Heauman trench last night.

The fighting in the latter place was very severe, despite a heavy downpour of rain that converted the shell-wrecked trenches into great pools of mud and water in which Germans and British fought.

The Germans shelled British positions south of the Ancre, from the Desmout farm to a point southwest of Le Sars village, toward which Haig's men are approaching.

The French, today's official Paris report showed, made further progress north of Hancock last night, but elsewhere were held up by weather conditions.

South of Neuville St. Vaast the British made a successful raid last night.

In the first thirteen weeks of the Somme offensive the French and British have captured more ground than has been taken by the Germans in more than six months of battling at Verdun.

A survey of the results of the great allied drive, halted temporarily yesterday by a terrific downpour of rain, shows that the Allies have reconquered 245 square kilometers of French territory (about ninety-two square miles), exceeding by fifteen kilometers the territory gained by the Germans at Verdun.

Forty-five villages, each one organized into a veritable fortress by the Teutons, have fallen before the eastering of French and British artillery. In every instance the German position was so strong that it had to be broken down by shell-fire before infantry could storm it.

A total of 62,000 prisoners, 285 cannon, half of which are heavy artillery pieces, and more than one thousand machine guns

THE WEATHER OFFICIAL FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair and continued cool tonight and Sunday, with possibly frost on low lands tonight; fresh northwest winds, becoming moderate Sunday.

LENGTH OF DAY Sun rises... 5:25 a.m. Moon rises... 7:18 p.m. Sun sets... 5:45 p.m. Moon sets... 2:30 a.m.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET High water... 2:15 a.m. High water... 8:45 a.m. Low water... 10:45 a.m. Low water... 11:17 p.m.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR 8 9 10 11 12 1 2 3 4 5 49 50 51 54 55 55 55

LOST AND FOUND MERRILL—Lost silver watch on 5:30 train to Queen Lane Friday evening or walking from station to 10th street. If owner's name engraved inside frame of bag which contained watch (tick, coin, etc.) returned to above address or 1009 Locust St.

OPEN GRIDIRON SEASON AT PENN TODAY



CLAY HITE ERRETT RODGERS CAPT. HARRY CURRY FRED. CHENOWETH

RIXEY PITCHES PHILLIES AHEAD OF BROOKLYNS

Moranmen Take Second Game and Now Are in First Place

FINAL SCORE IS 7 TO 2

Alone at Last!

Table with columns for PHILLIES and BROOKLYN, listing players and statistics.

UP-TO-DATE STANDINGS

Table showing standings for Phillies and Brooklyn.

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

EBBETS FIELD, Brooklyn, Sept. 30.—Eppa Rixey pitched the Phillies into first place over the Dodgers in this morning's game.

Captain Fred Luderus was the big noise, with a homer, two doubles and three runs. He also played a wonderful game on the defense.

The box score shows three errors for the Phillies and only one for Brooklyn, nevertheless Pat Moran's champs really played their greatest game when they completely outclassed Brooklyn this morning and went into first place in the National League race by winning, 7 to 2.

It was apparent from the start that Brooklyn was outclassed. Robinson's team went to pieces after the Phillies had taken the lead, and the former team's nerve and fighting spirit vanished.

Grover Cleveland Alexander wanted to pitch both games today, but after he and Eppa Rixey had warmed up, Moran decided that it was Rixey's day.

In selecting Rixey was justified, as the lanky Virginian never looked better. He toyed with the Robins throughout the game and they only got five hits, two of which were scattered and the two runs were scored only because the Phils played the game safe after getting an early lead.

As we prophesied this morning, Ed Pfeffer was a mark for the Phillies. Moran's men hit and ran as they pleased and probably would have doubled the score had it been necessary.

A wonderful drive by Fred Luderus, who played the greatest game of his entire career, easily was the feature of the game. In the sixth inning, just when the Dodgers had counted upon starting a rally, Luderus took all the fight out of Robinson's men by lifting an awful smash over her right-field fence. If the same drive had been hit at Shibe Park it would have landed on the

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WEST VIRGINIA IS CONFIDENT OF DEFEATING PENN

Football Elevens Clash in Opening Fray of Season on Franklin Field

GAME STARTS 3 P. M.

Line-up and Officials of Penn-West Virginia Game

Table listing line-up and officials for the Penn-West Virginia game.

P. R. R. TRAIN DERAILED; TWO KILLED, EIGHT HURT

Side Rod Breaks on Double Engine Special From New York to Cincinnati

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 30.—Two persons were killed and eight were injured today when a Pennsylvania train, en route to Cincinnati from New York, was derailed at King's Mills, O.

According to the report received by the local office of the Pennsylvania Railroad, the persons killed are: J. J. Derry, engineer, Cincinnati.

The injured include: Mrs. J. B. Hoyer, Chambersburg, Pa.; C. C. Mengie, Louisville, Ky.; G. M. Baker, East Orange, N. J.; George F. Cooper and wife of Xenia, O.

The train, which consisted of two engines and ten passenger cars, was on its way to Cincinnati when a side rod on one engine broke. Both engines and five cars were thrown from the track. About 1500 feet of track was torn up.

Three Boys Poisoned; One Dying LANCASTER, O., Sept. 30.—Police today are investigating the mysterious poisoning of three sons of Mrs. Mary Clelland, assistant postmistress here, one of whom is believed to be dying. The other two are in a serious condition.

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MRS. LE DUC WILL GO FREE AT PROBE, CORONER ASSERTS

Knight Also Denies Friction With Police Over Hotel Tragedy

NEPHEW HELPS DEFENSE

Line-up and Officials of Penn-West Virginia Game

Mrs. Joseph C. Le Duc, of Chicago, who was wounded in the Hotel Walton shooting, when Mrs. Margaret Belzer, of New York, shot and killed Joseph C. Graveur, a New York garage owner, and herself, will be set free by Coroner Knight at the inquest unless unexpected developments come to light.

The announcement was made today by Coroner Knight at the same time that he positively denied that any friction existed between his office and the Detective Bureau over the manner in which the police handled the case.

"I shall set Mrs. Le Duc at liberty at the inquest if the testimony given then tallies with the facts now known," said the coroner. "The action will, of course, be contingent upon the testimony presented at the inquest, but unless new testimony is presented which will materially alter the present status of the case, Mrs. Le Duc will be allowed to return to Chicago."

"I am not interested in domestic affairs. It makes no difference if Mrs. Le Duc knew Graveur one year ago or two years ago."

Mrs. Le Duc now is under guard as a material witness at the Jefferson Hospital, a police guard having been detailed by Captain of Detectives Tate, who decided to hold her for the action of the coroner.

The identity of the oft-mentioned nephew of Mrs. Le Duc, with whom she asserted she came to Philadelphia to visit, became known today. He is R. R. Reutlinger, a coal dealer, with offices in the Commercial Trust Building, and a home at 125 South Sixty-third street.

Both he and Joseph C. Le Duc, husband of the wounded woman, today said that it was their belief that Mrs. Le Duc was the victim of a "frame-up" on the part of Graveur, whom they accused of using her as a means to rid himself of the attentions of Mrs. Belzer, spurned by the garage man. Reutlinger corroborated part of Mrs. Le Duc's story, to the effect that she did come to Philadelphia to visit him and did not accompany Graveur to Atlantic City and Philadelphia.

DINED WITH GRAVEUR "My aunt came to Philadelphia Friday to visit me and my wife," said Reutlinger. "She came to the house Friday and remained here until Tuesday afternoon, some ten hours before the shooting. Tuesday afternoon about 3 o'clock she received a telephone message from Graveur, inviting her to take dinner with him. She accepted."

"Before leaving our house Mrs. Le Duc told my wife that she intended taking a 5 o'clock train for New York after dinner. If she missed the train, however, she said, she would return to the house for the night. She took her handbag with her. That was the last we heard of her until the tragedy became known."

"My wife and I have absolute faith in

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QUICK NEWS

PHILLIES (A. M.) 110011030—7 10 3 BROOKLYN..... 001000010—2 5 1 Rixey and Killefer; Pfeffer and Miller. Klem and Emslie.

WASHINGTON... 0 1 0 ATHLETICS, 1st G. 1 1 Thomas and Henry; Seibold and Schang.

BOSTON, 1st g..... 0 0 0 0 NEW YORK..... 0 0 0 0 Rudolph and Gowdy; Benton and McCarty.

CINCINNATI, 1st g. 2 PITTSBURGH..... 0

CHICAGO, 1st g..... 1 1 1 0 0 CLEVELAND..... 0 0 0 0 0 Russell and Lapp; Bagby and Deberry.

WOMEN FAINT AS CAR JUMPS TRACK; MAN HURT

F. A. Huber, 634 Udell street, was knocked down and badly injured and several women ainted when a trolley car jumped the tracks at Eighth and Chestnut streets and crashed against a telephone pole in front of Green's Hotel. The injured man was taken to Jefferson Hospital.

ROOSEVELT AT MICHIGAN TO PUT GINGER IN CAMPAIGN

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Sept. 30.—Colonel Roosevelt came to Battle Creek today to inject "some ginger" into the presidential campaign. He will speak late this afternoon at an old-fashioned barbecue and rally on the circus grounds.

BROKEN-HEARTED INVENTOR ENDS LIFE

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Broken-hearted because the Government had rejected his process for manufacturing wire-wound guns, Morris N. Johnson, friend and college mate of President Wilson at Princeton, committed suicide today. Johnson, who was seventy years old, threw himself from a window of his room at 34 Grammercy Park. He had been ill.

GERMANS ROUT FOES IN TRANSYLVANIA

BERLIN, Sept. 30.—Teutonic forces have inflicted a severe defeat on the Rumanian troops that occupied Hermannstadt, former capital of Transylvania, it was officially announced this afternoon. By an encircling attack the Teutons drove the Rumanians southward. Part of the first Rumanian army was annihilated, the remnants fleeing in disorder.

CAMDEN MAN CRUSHED BY AUTO

John Maderow, seventy-two years old, of Cooper and Garden streets, Camden, was knocked down at Eighth and Market streets this noon by a swiftly moving truck and both legs were broken. He was taken to the Jefferson Hospital. Louis Isaacson, the driver, was held under \$400 bail by Magistrate Pennock.

TWO ACCUSED OF STEALING SPEEDOMETERS FROM AUTOS

Jacob Moore and William Belcher, of Detroit, Mich., were arrested today by Detectives Creedon and Malone on the charges of having stolen speedometers from two automobiles at Broad and Vine streets.

"TIME BALL" ON BOURSE BUILDING COLLAPSES

The "time ball" on the roof of the Bourse Building has collapsed. This device has for many years been dropped to indicate the arrival of noon. The ball is being repaired by the local office of the United States Hydrographic Service and when the defect has been corrected the time service will be restored.

BRITISH WARSHIPS DISPERSE BULGARIANS

BALONICA, Sept. 30.—British warships shelled and dispersed a Bulgarian column east of Nechori, on the Struma front, it was officially announced today.

WAR CRUSHES GERMAN HOPE OF EXPANSION

Wall of Iron, Plan of Allies After Conflict, Says Hanotaux

SOLVES BALKAN PROBLEM

Rumania Destined to Be Power in Peninsula, Statesman's View

By HENRI BAZIN Special Representative in France. (Copyright, 1916.)

PARIS, Sept. 23.—It was my privilege today to obtain an interview with an eminent Frenchman, a diplomat of international renown, a historian and man of letters, who, with voice and pen, has perhaps contributed more than any single individual to the cause of France since the beginning of the war—Gabriel Hanotaux, of the Academie Française, and ex-Foreign Secretary of France.

M. Hanotaux received me in the salon of his apartment in Paris, and, after speaking feelingly of the appreciation of France and Frenchmen at the many evidences of American sympathy with the cause for which his country is fighting, he turned to the question uppermost in his mind, the entry of Rumania into the war upon the side of France and her allies.

"I think," he said, "that the Balkan situation in the entry of Rumania into the conflict has reached its most significant climax, and with it the turning point of all the Balkan future. In my opinion, the taking up of arms against our enemies by Rumania determines, under existing and co-operating circumstances, the destiny of the Balkan Peninsula. This, of course, was clarified in large degree by the traitorous entry of Bulgaria into the war upon the side of the Teutonic allies. But now it is writ large and clear upon the wall.

Previous to Bulgaria's taking up arms, the eternal principle of the Balkan Peninsula for the Balkans was seemingly impossible of satisfactory solution, because of the temperaments of four nations, each of about equal strength and each with difference ideas as to its particular methods of seeking happiness; for the seeking of happiness in some form is, after all, the ultimate aim of all diplomacy, of all political dispute and of all the wars history records, as fully as it is the alpha and omega of the individual, be his face what it may.

DOOM OF BULGARIA

"I say four nations, because we can leave Turkey out and consider only Bulgaria, Serbia, Greece and Rumania. Bulgaria has sealed her own doom, and in the sealing has relieved the general political situation in the Balkans of one of its most vexatious problems—the sentimental associations that, through Slavic blood, existed between Bulgaria and Russia. The Russians are no longer under the illusion of a blood tie with Bulgaria. The most Slavophile of the Russian empire have realized and sensed the evidences before them of Bulgarian ingratitude. With Russia and the Russians the sentiments of blood and race ties with Bulgaria can no longer act as a factor in the consideration of any Balkan diplomatic or political question. For good and all that point is settled, in my opinion.

"Greece, deceived and cajoled by a political intrigue that practically purchased its end, took the line of passive resistance, which might well, even now, make her

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THOMAS AND SEIBOLD PITCH FIRST "A'S" GAME

Washington Closes Season With Mackmen in Twin Bill at Shibe Park

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—Athletics, Leonard, Sh. Foster, 2b. Menckey, cf. Smith, lf. Egan, ss. Shanks, ss. Judge, 1b. Henry, c. Thomas, p. Conner, c. Seibold, p. Sullivan.

SHIBE PARK, Sept. 30.—Thrasher's triple in the first inning, with Witt on third base, sent the Athletics into the lead. The "A's" ran true to form by not holding the lead, for the Senators came back strong in the second, tying the score on Rice's double, Shanks's sacrifice and Judge's single.

FIRST INNING Leonard out, Healy to Molan's. Foster singled to center. Menckey fanned. Smith flied to Strunk. No runs, one hit, no errors. Witt singled to center. Thomas threw wild to first to get Witt napping. Witt taking third. Grover fouled to Henry. Thrasher tripled to right, scoring Witt. Strunk flied to Menckey, who doubled up Thrasher at the plate. Menckey to Henry. One run, two hits, one error.

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GERMAN SHIPS DUE TODAY

Twelve U. S. Navy Vessels Escorting Inland Cruisers From the Norfolk Navy Yard

The sea parade of two German cruisers being escorted from Norfolk Navy Yard by twelve capital ships of the United States Navy is due to reach Philadelphia tomorrow—possibly today. The ships are the Eitel Friedrich and the Kronprinz Wilhelm, which made safe harbor at Hampton Roads after raiding Allied commerce earlier in the war.