

BIGGEST BATTLE OF WAR RAGES ON 435-MILE LINE

GERMANS COUNTER-ATTACK IN VAIN TO STOP TREMENDOUS OFFENSIVE OF ALLIED ARMIES

Teutons Make Desperate Efforts to Regain Ground Lost at Verdun as Powerful Entente Drive Against Foe's Positions Opens

French Rain Heavy Blows on Enemy on Meuse—Haig Repulses Counter-Attacks in Flanders and Increases Pressure—Italians Take 10,000 Prisoners in Triple Drive

England, France, Italy and Belgium joined today in the most powerful concerted offensive yet directed against Germany.

The west front, from the Belgian seacoast to Switzerland, more than 435 miles, was one gigantic battle, with French, British, Belgian and Portuguese troops attacking.

Southward, Italy's most formidable offensive threw millions into a grapple over a front of almost 100 miles. The Italians have already taken 10,000 prisoners and have captured more enemy positions south of Tolmino.

On the French front, along the Chemin-des-Dames and north of Verdun, Germany massed forces for tremendously powerful counter blows.

Russia alone of the great Allied Powers was not participating in the concerted assault, but the Russian lines are stiffening.

Even little Rumania, through her reorganized and revived army, was making stubborn opposition to a great Teutonic attempt at encroachment on the fragment of Rumania left in Allied hands.

Every one of the assaulting moves was strategically timed and co-ordinated. The French offensive at Verdun came at a time when the Germans were massing effective to oppose further British successes in the Lens and Ypres sectors.

Italy's offensive came when Austria, flushed with the success of Teutonic machinations by which Russia's troops melted away, was diverting men from the Carso, Julian and Isonzo fronts to sweep forward beyond Galicia.

The Macedonian front was the only one today in Europe, aside from Russia, from which there was no report of an Allied offensive.

CANADIANS WIN AGAIN AT LENS; HAIG BEATS BACK FOE'S ATTACKS

LONDON, Aug. 21. Canadian troops around Lens launched another attack on the western environment of the French mining city at 4:30 o'clock this morning.

The attack developed into one of the most desperate hand-to-hand battles of the war. When the Canadians went over the top they saw masses of gray figures advancing toward them in the thick haze.

Fifteen minutes after the clash came the Germans were making their last stand on the parapet of their trench. They then retreated rapidly.

The third and most powerful of all German counter-attacks to regain ground captured by the British southeast of Epehy was thrown back by British fire, early today, Field Marshal Haig reported.

The assault was made after violent artillery preparation and behind a vast sheet of flame thrown by German projectors. The fighting was of the most violent character.

"We hold all positions," was Field Marshal Haig's succinct comment in detailing repulses of the enemy attempt.

The British commander-in-chief reported an "improvement" in British positions north of the Ypres-Menin road and told of a successful British raid over a wide

EPPA RIXEY OPPOSES NICK CARTER IN SECOND

Moran Selects Big Southerner to Make Clean Sweep of Double-Header

Table with 2 columns: Player, Position, Runs, Hits, Errors. Includes names like Packer, Mann, Stock, Merkle, Williams, Deal, Kilduff, Wilson, Carter.

PHILLIES' PARK, Aug. 21.—Eight thousand fans were in the stands when Colonel Eppa Rixey opened the second game of the double-header with the Chicago Cubs here this afternoon.

Rixey has been twirling great ball, but his pals fail to hit when a safe blow means a run.

Nick Carter was sent to the mound by Manager Mitchell. Neither teams scored in the first inning.

Chief Bender turned back the Cubs in the first game, the veteran twirling sensational ball, allowing only one scratch hit and registering his fourth straight victory by 6 to 0. Only twenty-eight men faced him.

FIRST INNING Packer fouled to Stock. Mann beat out an infield grounder. Doyle forced Mann, Block to Niehoff. Merkle fanned. No runs, one hit, no errors.

SECOND INNING Williams fanned. Deal flied to Packer. Deal threw out Kilduff. No runs, no hits, no errors.

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INDIANS BUMP MYERS FOR 6 RUNS IN THIRD

Walk, Four Singles and Two Doubles Give Cleveland Big Lead Over Mackmen

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LEAGUE PARK, Cleveland, O., Aug. 21. The Indians jumped on Elmer Myers, the big twirler of the Athletics, in the third inning for six hits, which together with a walk netted them six runs in the second game of the series this afternoon.

Myers held the Indians in the first two innings, but he lost his stuff in the third and singles by Bagby, Smith, Harris and Turner, doubles by Roth and Wamby, soon gave the home bunch a commanding lead. Bagby twirled against Connie Mack's youngsters.

FIRST INNING Bagby threw out Jamieson. Grover walked. Bodie hit into a double play. Wamby to Chapman to Harris. No runs, one hit, no errors.

SECOND INNING Graney singled through McInnis. Graney out stealing. Schang to Witt. Chapman flied to Bodie. Roth lined to Grover. No runs, one hit, no errors.

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TILDEN STAR IN TENNIS TILT



Philadelphia will meet R. Lindley Murray in feature match in patriotic tournament today.

WASHBURN BEATEN BY THROCKMORTON

Tennis Star Goes Down to Defeat in National Singles Tournament

JUNIOR IS TOO CLEVER FOREST HILLS, L. I., Aug. 21.

W. M. Washburn, who ranks as the seventh best tennis player in the country, went down to defeat today at the hands of Harold Throckmorton, the national indoor junior champion, in the national singles tennis tournament.

He showed his old-time skill in the first match and won it easily in 6-2. The youngster, who ranks well below him in the national standing, then got busy and won the next three sets and the match. It was another of the upsets that have marked the tournament up to date.

Washburn is still in the opinion that the loss which the P. R. T. Company tendered the city last December as a result of Mr. Taylor's negotiations constituted, as stated by him and Mr. E. T. Stotesbury, a just and equitable arrangement between the city and the company.

The business organizations throughout the city are preparing to join in a general protest before the first public hearing.

BEN ALI PACES HEAT IN FAST TIME

Wins First Heat of Adelphia Hotel Stakes in Grand Circuit Meet

HIS TIME WAS 2:04 1/2 NARBERTH, Pa., Aug. 21. Earl Pitman's pacer, Ben Ali, tripped over the fastest mile of this week's grand circuit meet at the Belmont track here today, stepping the first heat of the Adelphia Hotel stakes for 210 pacers in 2:04 1/2.

It was the feature event of the second day's racing. Judge Moore went off to the lead and made the pace to the quarter in 30 1/2 seconds. Oregon Hal forged ahead at the half and as the field neared the three-quarter pole Ben Ali came like a shot and passed Oregon Hal.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—A price already has been set for the country's supply of wheat were set at rest today, when it was announced the food administration will set a figure on September 1. Reports that the price had been set at \$1.45 and various other marks were today characterized as last final efforts to sway the markets for speculative purposes.

GEORGE W. BOYD STILL IMPROVING The condition of George W. Boyd, passenger traffic manager of the Pennsylvania Railroad, who is ill at Cape May, continues to show improvement, according to physicians' reports today.

LATEST SPORTS

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PEACE PROFFER TO BE WEIGHED, BRITISH PLEDGE

Reply Promises Consideration "in Benevolent and Serious Spirit"

FIRST TO RESPOND TO VATICAN'S NOTE

Gasparri Says Five Nations Have Assented to Four Fundamental Principles

MICHAELIS IN FAVOR German Chancellor Expected to Voice Sympathy With Papal Aims at Reichstag Meeting

ROME, Aug. 21. "The present Allied offensive should remove all illusions due to the Pope's peace note that war can end this year," declared the Giornale d'Italia today.

ZURICH, Aug. 21. German Chancellor Michaelis will announce Germany's decision to grant autonomy to Alsace-Lorraine at this afternoon's session of the main Reichstag committee, according to a special agency dispatch received here.

A reply to the peace proposals made by Pope Benedict to the warring nations has already been submitted by Great Britain, which in a formal note to the Vatican promises to examine the terms "in a benevolent and serious spirit."

President Wilson has postponed cabinet consideration of the Pope's note which, it was expected, would be taken up at today's meeting.

From Amsterdam comes a report that Doctor Michaelis, the German Chancellor, will support the Pope's proposals and that the Reichstag majority is strongly in favor of acceptance.

ENGLAND TO EXAMINE NOTE IN SERIOUS SPIRIT

England, first of the belligerent Powers to answer the Pope's peace suggestions, presented a formal note to the Vatican today through British Minister Desails, declaring the holy father's plan would be examined "in a benevolent and serious spirit."

Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State, expressed his gratification at the response. He added that he hoped all belligerents would admit of agreement on four fundamental principles which he said had already been approved by England, France, Russia, Germany and Austria.

It is not clear what four fundamental principles the belligerents mentioned in the foregoing dispatch have agreed upon. So far as cable dispatches have indicated no common ground has yet been reached by any of the belligerents officially.

PRESIDENT POSTPONES DISCUSSION BY CABINET

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21. President Wilson today postponed discussion with his Cabinet of the Pope's peace proposal in order to give undivided attention to war work.

Russia, through the embassy here, has said the Pope's proposal will not do in its present form. This, of course, has been the attitude of all the Allies since receiving it.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight; Wednesday unsettled, moderate temperatures; light variable winds, becoming northerly.

LENGTH OF DAY Sun rises 5:17 a.m.; sets 7:50 p.m. DELAWARE RIVER THE CHESAPEAKE ESTUARY High water, 7:30 a.m.; low water, 1:30 p.m.