

HAIG PIERCES ENEMY'S LINES IN NEW THRUST

BRITISH BATTER WAY FORWARD FOR MILE GAIN EAST OF YPRES; GERMAN PRISONERS POURING IN

Nearly All of Poelcappelle Village Wrested From Teuton Grip—Australians Capture Daisy Wood in Stubborn Fight

All Objectives of New Drive Attained With Complete Success Despite Stormy Weather—French Co-operate. Allied Losses Reported Light—Menace to U-Boat Bases Grows

LONDON, Oct. 9. More than a mile advance into the German lines was achieved by Field Marshal Haig's second smash within a week, starting early today.

This great penetration was reported at several places. The newest British offensive centered about Passchendaele. With characteristic brevity, Haig reported: "At 5:20 this morning we again attacked on the west front northeast and east of Ypres in conjunction with our Allies on the left," Haig reported. "We made satisfactory progress. The weather is stormy."

Dispatches from the front, however, announce that all the British objectives were attained with complete success and in good order. A late report this afternoon said that the British were in possession of all of Poelcappelle except the brewery. Around this structure the Germans were fighting hard.

Daisy Wood, northeast of Broodseinde, where the Germans have long and stubbornly resisted all attacks and stuck to their position because of the natural difficulties of the ground, was quickly overrun by Australians. They took many positions. A great number of prisoners are certain to be taken here unless they prefer annihilation.

Headquarters dispatches report the French and British losses as light. Several hundred prisoners have already been counted and more are pouring in.

Today's blow came more quickly after a great offensive than any similar drive which the British have undertaken in more than a year. Haig heretofore has been content to strike a staggering blow, reach certain specified objects and then hold these until every plan was perfected for a further advance—possibly for weeks.

Haig delivered such a blow last Thursday. He advanced over a front of eight miles. Today—five days later—he has again thrown his line forward.

From this change in tactics London harbored growing belief that the whole comprehensive British campaign plan, to cut off the German submarine bases at Zebruges and Ostend, now seemed likely to be realized, probably at an early date. In addition it was believed the sudden change in Haig's customary tactics was another proof of the complete failure of the newly adopted German "pill box" system of defense.

Poelcappelle is about six miles northeast of Ypres and about a mile and three-quarters east of Langemarck. It is on the northern end of the Passchendaele ridge and is located about three and a half miles north of Broodseinde, indicating at least that much of an attacking front in the latest Allied drive.

RAIN STOPS ACTIVITY ON RUSSIAN FRONT

PETROGRAD, Oct. 9. incessant rain on the northern end of the western front is interfering with military activity, said a dispatch from that zone today.

The Russian army is actively engaged in preparing its winter quarters. The sanitary conditions are satisfactory, no epidemics of disease being existent.

The correspondent of the Petrograd Telegraphic Agency was received by the Rumanian Minister of war, General Janietchesko, "somewhere on the Rumanian front." The Minister told the correspondent that the Rumanian army has been reorganized along democratic lines of discipline.

The Russian army on this part of the front, the Minister went on to say, is in splendid fighting trim and the relations existing between the Russian soldiers and the Rumanian population is most cordial.

Russian airmen attached to the army in Mesopotamia, flying in the direction of Bagdad, have reported to the general staff that the situation of the Turks is becoming more and more desperate as a result of the advance of the British and Russian forces. Russian detachments are advancing toward the Tigris River and the Bagdad railway. The British are moving in the same direction.

ITALIAN AIR FLEET BOMBARDS CATTARO

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9. Official cables from Rome today tell of another important air raid last night by a squadron of Caproni airplanes on the Austro-Hungarian base at Cattaro on the Adriatic. When the Italian command learned the Austrians were concentrating a large force of Caproni bombers at Cattaro, an order was given to a large squadron of planes to bombard that base.

Headed by Gabrielle D'Annunzio, noted Italian poet, the squadron crossed the Adriatic, a distance of 180 miles. They arrived at midnight, flying at an altitude of 12,000 feet. Circling down several thousand feet, the aviators dropped incendiary bombs and machine gun fire against the Italian planes, which, however, remained over Cattaro until 3 o'clock this morning. Several big fires were observed and ships were hit. The squadron returned to its base without loss, although several of the planes were hit by the Austrian fire.

Mexican Rebel Chief Surrenders

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 9.—Guerrillero Melesio, former Governor of Oaxaca and leader of the revolution, who had been considered the Carranzista Government's most dangerous enemy, today announced his surrender to the Carranzista Government.



JOHN H. MAURER Assistant District Attorney, who testified today in the Fifth Ward murder conspiracy hearing. He was a companion of Select Councilman James A. Carey when the latter was beaten by thugs on September 19 last.

HURLEY IN CITY SEEKING AID IN SHIP PROGRAM

Plea of Head of U. S. Board Follows Visit to Philadelphia Yards

CALL ON PATRIOTIC LABOR

An urgent demand on Philadelphia business men and manufacturers to help Uncle Sam in his gigantic plan to increase the strength of the merchant marine was made this afternoon, following a visit of Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at the Hotel Adelphi.

Through Elliott J. Goodwin, secretary of the National Chamber of Commerce, Chairman Hurley sent a message to the business and industrial men of Philadelphia, urging that they release all men possible from other lines of work, that their energies may be concentrated in carrying out the great shipbuilding program mapped out by Uncle Sam.

Through Mr. Goodwin Chairman Hurley sent the following message to Philadelphia: "Every possible means must be taken by the business men of Philadelphia to recruit men from those industries not engaged in manufacturing war materials and necessities and turn them over to the shipyards of Philadelphia and vicinity, so that more and more ships may be pushed to completion.

The progress of the war depends almost completely upon the number of bottoms that can be rushed into commission to transport troops, munitions of war and supplies to our Allies. It is supremely important that every industry outside of those manufacturing war necessities sacrifice their men to this one object.

Philadelphia is the biggest shipping center of this country and can be the biggest in the world. We have more ships to give you to build if you can get the means to build them.

Recruit men from the back countries and other industries. The Government is establishing schools to train clerks and men in other vocations foreign to shipbuilding. Take up the tools of the shipbuilder and put their efforts behind shipbuilding.

SAILINGS RIGIDLY WATCHED

All Ships Going to Sea Must Have Government Permission

Additional precautions will be taken after today to prevent ships putting to sea from this and other points without the Government's knowing all about them. The Navy Department must be informed whenever a ship is about to sail and it will determine whether or not the sailing shall be permitted.

U. S. to Audit Australian Wheat Free

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—The customs division of the Treasury Department announced today that wheat and wheat flour from Australia will be admitted to the United States without duty.

The Continuation of the Story "Germany, the Next Republic?" by Carl W. Ackerman is printed on Page 20

PEACE OFFER AGREED ON BY TEUTON ALLIES

Ready to Evacuate Occupied Territories, Berlin Newspaper Asserts

HELPERICH DOWNS FOES

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 9. Germany and Austria have engaged to make another peace offer on the basis of no territorial aggrandizement, surrender of Belgium and the French territories, and no indemnity on either side, according to the Berlin Tages Zeitung today.

The newspaper asserted it made the announcement on good authority. No details were given as to how the rumored peace offers would be advanced. Speculation here was that Chancellor Michaelis might make some sort of a peace announcement today in his postponed speech, advertised as likely to outline Germany's war aims.

A somewhat earlier session of the Reichstag is expected, according to Berlin reports. One dispatch said Chancellor Michaelis was absent from Berlin, but by contradiction other messages reported him ready to speak.

The Reichstag main committee this afternoon rejected the Socialist's motion for a censure of Vice-Chancellor Helfferich on account of Helfferich's refusal to submit to interrogations at Saturday's Reichstag meeting.

Chancellor Michaelis, in a speech before the Reichstag and in a dispatch, declared that the Government will not assist any political faction with official propaganda, according to word from Berlin. This announcement, the dispatch added, was cordially received by the Reichstag.

The Chancellor's statement evidently was made in view of the peace proposition in Germany over the growing opinion that the Chancellor would support the view of the Von Tirpitz Pan-German party, which wants peace with annexations and indemnities.

Apparently the vote in the Reichstag main committee supporting Helfferich prevents, for the present at least, action in the Reichstag itself on the same motion, which early Amsterdam dispatches today, reporting Berlin messages, said would likely precipitate a "sensational session" of the Reichstag.

GERMAN WEAKNESS SEEN IN NEW PEACE MANEUVER

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9. Berlin's reported peace proposition was regarded by officials here today just as all her previous feelers—designed to save her present holdings before the crash came and to discourage America's war preparations.

At the State Department it was reported that President Wilson's pronouncement on the peace proposition was "a great relief."

SOX AND GIANTS STOPPED BY J. P.

All Heroes Not in French Trenches, for Fans Brave Weather in Open Stands

SHOWER BATHS FOR ALL

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. All of the heroes are not fighting in the trenches in France. In the big city where the moisture is so dense that it is falling in huge globules or something, some 20,000 bleachers remained awake all night to get in on one of the best of the local end of the world's series. They braved the cool night winds in their lengthy vigil, and heavy-eyed shivering, they awoke this morning to find a much-needed rest. A pleasant time was not had by any one.

At 11 o'clock Old J. P. appeared on the scene and proceeded to gum up things in his gunnister manner. First a faint drizzle fell, and after this introduction the rain came down in torrents. The faithful bleachers who missed their morning shower bath received one free of charge and felt grateful for it. They would have taken two shower baths if a baseball game had been put on at the end. But nothing like this happened.

Seated in their comfortable quarters at the Waldorf were the working members of the National Commission. They knew it was raining, because one of the waiters kept them posted on outside conditions. They discussed the probability of holding the game today by Captain von Boskirk, of the Intelligence Bureau at Philadelphia Navy Yard. No vessel of any kind small put to sea, without first calling at the Intelligence Bureau, Building No. 7, it says. If any vessel tries to go without reporting it will be stopped and sent back by a patrol boat.

That is the real dope on the series floating around today. The Loyd Order of Beans' approval of the battle itself. Cicotte will pitch for the Sox tomorrow. Clarence Rowland said positively this afternoon that he will help the Sox. He pointed out the mound on Thursday. Rowland declared that if a game had been played today in spite of the rain he would have pitched himself. On a wet day, he pointed out, the lucky club probably would win and he would have felt safe in saving Cicotte.

Heroes believe Salles will go to the mound for the Giants tomorrow. Walter Johnson was around the hotels this afternoon mingling with players and fans. A number of other relatives were also around the hotels. The Sox and Giants are waiting for the rain to stop.

QUICK NEWS

BASEBALL SCORE—POST-SEASON GAME

CLEVELAND, A. L. . . . 1 0 2 0 0 0 0  
CINCINNATI, N. L. . . . 2 0 0 0 0 0 0  
Morton, Covaleskie and O'Neill; Schneider and Wingo.

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

Fifth Laurel race, 1 1-16 miles—Damrosch, 114, Butwell, \$17.50, \$8.10, \$3.10, won; Daddy's Choice, 118, Keogh, \$8.50, \$2.50, second; Hauberk, 110, Lander, \$2.50, third. Time, 1:43.1-3.

Fourth Louisville race, 6 furlongs—Vogel, 117, Callahan, \$2.50, \$2.50, \$2.50, won; GM Miss, 102, Kelsey, \$8.50, \$2.50, second; Opportunity, 104, Hoeg, \$2.10, third. Time, 1:43.1-3.

Fifth Louisville race, mile and 70 yards—Sards of Tennessee, 102, Heekin, \$1.50, \$8.40, \$4, won; Butterfield II, 103, Gibson, \$3.40, \$3.80, second; Bill Day, 100, Dushman, \$7.80, third. Time, 1:30.1-2.

Sixth Louisville race, 5 1-2 furlongs—Beulface, 115, Stevens, \$3.40, \$8.30, \$4.70, won; Herald, 115, Conroy, \$16.70, \$11.10, second; Tex Forman, 110, Barrett, \$4.20, third. Time, 1:07.

MANAYUNK SERGEANT DEFEATS ROBINSON'S CANDIDATE

Patrol Sergeant Richard Deakin, of Manayunk station, was elected secretary of the Policemen's Beneficial Association today, defeating Walter Gilbert, supervisor of Police Robinson's candidate, 20 to 25. The fight was bitter, as Deakin now a tipstaff, beat Captain Mills for treasurer, being re-elected.

BABY RUN DOWN BY FATHER'S AUTOMOBILE

Knocked down by an automobile driven by his father, two-year-old John W. Krouse, Jr., is in the Mary J. Drexel Home in a critical condition, suffering from a broken leg and cuts and bruises of the body. The father was driving the machine from a garage in the rear of his home, when the child, who was playing nearby, stepped in front of it.

FIRST SNOW OF SEASON? "ABSDURD," SAYS BLISS

The first snow of the season—a trace of crystals mingling with the rain—was reported in West Philadelphia and Darby today, although the Weather Bureau discounted it. A trace of snow fell in Darby about midnight, according to Chief of Police Thomas Clark and others, and the same was reported in West Philadelphia. "Absurd," was the comment of the Weather Bureau, which pointed out that the lowest temperature during the night was 48 degrees, too warm for snow to form. A trace of snow fell at Binghamton, N. Y., this morning, the weather officials said.

BIG LOAN SUBSCRIPTIONS IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Oct. 9.—The large packing houses of Armour & Co. and Wilson & Co. led the Liberty Loan subscription. The first subscribed \$2,000,000, of which \$500,000 is credited to Chicago, and Wilson & Co. subscribed for \$1,000,000. The Board of Trade gave \$200,000, which raises its total subscription to date to \$410,000. Another subscription of \$1,000,000 was announced yesterday by the Studebaker Corporation of America at South Bend.

CHICAGO BANK PRESIDENT GOES TO WAR

CHICAGO, Oct. 9.—President Earle H. Reynolds has been granted a leave of absence by the directors of the People's Trust and Savings Bank for the duration of the war. Mr. Reynolds is leaving for France, having been commissioned as captain in the engineering corps of the army.

LUXBURG REPORTED ABOARD ARGENTINE WARSHIP

Buenos Aires, Oct. 9.—The Argentine destroyer Catamarca sailed from the La Plata under sealed orders today. It was reported that the Catamarca had on board Count von Luxburg, former German charge d'affaires, who was handed his passports because of unneutral messages he sent from this city through the Swedish legation.

\$80,000,000 MORE LOANED TO ALLIES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—Loans of \$40,000,000 each to Great Britain and France were announced by the Treasury Department today. This advances Great Britain's total to \$1,280,000,000 and that of France to \$75,000,000. The aggregate of United States loans to the Allies since the war began is \$2,528,400,000. For the first six months' participation in the war the loans have averaged \$14,000,000 a day.

TRAINS CRASH IN NEW YORK SUBWAY

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—Twenty-five persons were injured, four seriously, here, today, when two north-bound subway trains met in rear-end collision in the Bronx at River avenue and 157th street. Nurses and physicians were rushed to the scene from Lincoln Hospital, returning with the four receiving the most serious injury. An investigation is under way to determine the cause of the collision, which is unknown.

WILL ASK U. S. TO PROBE NEW YORK DOCK STRIKE

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—Convinced that the strike of 1000 longshoremen, which went into effect here yesterday afternoon is due to German activities, steamship officials planned today to ask for Government investigation. Thousands of tons of freight, including several large Government shipments, are tied up. The strike affects the North River piers of the Clyde and Mallory Steamship lines.

GERMANS MASS FLEET AGAINST RUSSIA

LONDON, Oct. 9.—Strong German naval forces off the island of Bornholm (south of Sweden) and off the coast of Sweden have been observed, it is reported. A traveler who has arrived in the Swedish capital says he learned from a trustworthy source that considerable German forces are soon to be assembled in the Baltic, including numerous mine sweepers, seaplanes and transports. The German plan is believed to include an attack on Helsingfors by land and sea.

TWENTY INJURED WHEN TRAIN IS SIDEWIPED

READING, Pa., Oct. 9.—A Pennsylvania railroad passenger train was sidwiped by a coal car near Leepost station and twenty persons were cut or bruised and every window on one side of several cars was smashed. The side of the car bulged out and had been sidetracked when the passenger train came along. Flying glass did most of the injury to the passengers.

JONES AND BELL ON SCHUYLKILL BALLOT

POTTSTOWN, Pa., Oct. 9.—The names of John Robert Jones and James J. Bell will go on the ballots for November as judicial candidates in this county, information to that effect being sent to these candidates from Harrisburg. Claims that Judges Bechtel and Berger polled fifty-one per cent of the vote at the primaries, entitling them to exclusive places on the ballot, were not substantiated.

BENNETT LED CLUB RAIDERS, COURT HEARS

Witnesses in Fifth Ward Hearing Tell of Thug-gery by Cops

WIRTSCHAFTER SHOT SIGNAL TO GUNMEN

Women Describe Assault on Carey Quarters by Police and 'Frog Hollow' Gang

WILL TELL OF \$1000 BILL

Postal Inspectors Confer With District Attorney and Will Be Put on Stand

Hearing of the "Bloody Fifth" Ward murder conspiracy charges against Mayor Smith and eight other city employees today developed seven points. They were:

1. Police Lieutenant Bennett was seen at Finletter Republican Club (Carey headquarters) a few minutes before it was raided primary election eve.
2. Plain-clothes police took part in raid, several of defendants being identified as members of "blackjack squad."
3. Plain-clothes police raiders wore famous "Deutsch" slouch hats used to identify thugs.
4. Two of New York "strong-arm" men under arrest for Eppley's murder were identified as in raiding party.
5. Assistant District Attorney Maurer, "blackjacked" with Mercantile Appraiser Carey when Eppley was slain, testified "strong-arm" men all had pistols.
6. District Attorney's representatives late this afternoon questioned witnesses on stand, indicating closer co-operation with prosecution.
7. Chief Postal Inspector Costello, you, conferring with District Attorney Rotan, will give startling "dime novel" testimony tomorrow about \$1000 bill, alleged "murder money," it was forecast.

TELLS OF THUGGERY

Court was reconvened in the criminal branch of the Municipal Court, Room 676, City Hall, at 10:30 o'clock this morning, by President Judge Charles L. Brown, sitting as committing magistrate, for the sixth day of the hearing. The nine defendants, accused of violating the Sherman law and conspiracy to commit assault on a dabbler and murder, are Mayor Thomas B. Smith, Executive Director William E. Finley, of the Republican City Committee, a Vars Heutenant; Common Councilman Isaac Deutsch, Vars-Smith "boss" in the Fifth Ward; Police Lieutenant David "Bennett" (Steinberg), Special Policeman John Wirtschafter and Michael Murphy and Policeman Emanuel Uram, Lewis Feldman and Clarence Hayden, a negro. They were accused following the killing of Detective George A. Eppley in the primary election of September 19, by "Frog Hollow" gunmen imported from the Bronx, New York, for the election.

The hearing opened with Thomas Battigiese, a South Fifth street commission merchant, on the stand. The courtroom was filled to the doors today. Battigiese testified that he was in the Finletter Club (the Carey faction's club) when the gunmen and policemen of the Third and De Lancy streets station (working for the Vars faction) raided it. He said he was at the meeting of the Carey committee on the second floor of the clubhouse when he heard a commotion in the street. He looked out a front window just in time to see Policeman Wirtschafter shoot into the club from the step. He said Wirtschafter did not wear a collar.

DETECTIVE STRUCK HIM

Later, he said, he went downstairs and was struck by Harry Clark, the City Hall detective who was placed in charge of the ten detectives sent down to the Fifth Ward the night before election; and brother of "Jim" Clark, the "man with eyeglasses," who is alleged to have led the gunmen on election day. He said Feldman, one of the defendant policemen, also entered the club with the gunmen when they assaulted members.

Battigiese said Lieutenant Bennett, Wirtschafter, Murphy, Uram and other policemen canvassed the ward three weeks before election in the interest of Deutsch. His testimony was not changed by the cross-examination.

Jacob Buzstein, who also was in the courtroom, testified that he saw the club with the gunmen when they assaulted members.

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: Cloudy and continued cool tonight and Wednesday; gentle winds, mostly northeast. For eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday; continued cool, gentle northeast winds.

LENGTH OF DAY Sun rises . . . 6:45 a.m. | Sun sets . . . 5:27 p.m. DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET Low water, 1:00 p.m. | High water, 1:30 p.m. TIDE TABLES AT EACH MOUTH