



SMASHING VICTORY WON BY ALLIES IN GREAT NEW BATTLE

French and British Troops Open New Offensive in Flanders, Where Kaiser's Hosts Are Rolled Back by Determined Poilus and Tommies; Petain's Men Capture Hundreds of Prisoners and Many Fortified Positions; Guns of All Caliber With War Booty Left by Fleeing Teutons

London, Oct. 26.—The French and British troops are attacking to-day in the Ypres region, the war office announces. The French and British are making satisfactory progress in their attacks. The statement follows: "At 5.45 o'clock this morning attacks were launched by the French and British armies north, northeast and east of Ypres. The allied troops are reported to be making satisfactory progress. "Rain fell heavily during the latter part of the night and is still continuing."

ITALIANS DRAW BACK BEFORE TEUTON ATTACK

Prepare to Evacuate Commanding Plateau Won After Whole Summer's Fighting

Berlin, Oct. 26.—Via London.—The Austro-Germans in their offensive on the Isonzo front have captured more than 30,000 Italians, the German war office announced to-day. More than 300 guns also were taken.

Rome, Oct. 26.—Under the Austro-German pressure on the Isonzo front the Italians have withdrawn their lines to the border in one sector and are preparing for the evacuation of the Bainsizza plateau, the war office announced to-day. "The text of the statement reads: "The hostile offensive against our left wing on the Julian front continued Wednesday night and yesterday, conducted by powerful forces. "From Montemaggiore to the west of Anzusa we have withdrawn on our boundary line in consequence of which we had to provide for the evacuation of the Bainsizza plateau. "East of Gorizia and on the Carso the situation is unchanged. "Ten enemy airplanes were brought down or forced to land by our aviators yesterday."

Lack of Confidence in Government Is Voted by Italian Lower Chamber

Rome, Oct. 26.—The Government has been defeated in the Chamber of Deputies when a vote of confidence failed by 214 to 95.

The Italian parliament reopened its sessions less than two weeks ago. A dispatch from Turin on October 17 said that the position of the Government was endangered because of the serious riots in Turin during the latter part of August and because of the general food shortage in Italy. The food controller, Giuseppe Canepa, resigned owing to the food situation. The dispatch said that the government would be called upon by parliament to justify its activities. The Rome correspondent of the Petit Parisien reported Thursday that political life in Italy were convinced that Minister of the Interior Orlando shortly would be called upon to form a national ministry. "When the Salandra ministry resigned in June, 1915, it was succeeded by the present Boselli cabinet, which was reconstituted June 15, 1917."

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness, probably followed by rain to-night and on Saturday; warmer to-night. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Probably rain late to-night and on Saturday; warmer to-night; increasing south winds. River The upper portion of the main river will begin to fall to-night and the lower portion Saturday. All tributaries will probably fall a stage or about 0.7 feet as indicated for Harrisburg Saturday morning. General Conditions Pressure is high along the Mid-Atlantic coast and over the North Pacific States. A disturbance of moderate energy is centered over Canada. It is 2 to 3 degrees warmer in the South Atlantic and East Gulf States and in the lower Ohio and Middle Mississippi valleys and over most of the Lake Region. Temperature: 8 a. m., 30. Wind: 11 a. m., 5229 n. m.; acts, 5:05 P. M. Moon: Full moon, October 27. River stage: 12 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 51. Lowest temperature, 43. Mean temperature, 47. Normal temperature, 50.

Progress of the War On All Fronts

From the heights of the Aisne the German Crown Prince is being driven back relentlessly toward the fortress of Laon and perhaps to a general retreat along a line from St. Quentin and Thureway under French pressure the Germans were forced back to the Oise-Aisne canal, evacuating valuable positions in their retreat. More than 2,000 additional prisoners and many big guns fell into French hands. Can Smash Laon Laon, the fortress at the southern end of the Hindenburg line, is now but eight miles from the French lines and Petain's big guns can smash it at will. East of Chavignon the center of the French advance stretches the Allette river, on the southern bank of which the Germans have been fighting desperately to hold back the French for several months. From the newly-captured positions the French can sweep the German defenses with torrents of artillery fire. Every foot gained by General Petain on the Chavignon salient weakens the line northward through La Fere to St. Quentin. The French already are on three sides of La Fere and St. Quentin has all but fallen into allied hands. The line might be broken by the capture of the German retreat of last spring. A retirement from St. Quentin and La Fere to a line running north from Laon would endanger the entire German positions on the western front as far north as Ypres.

Hammer Both Ends

Probably the two most important salients on the western front, from the sea to Verdun, are those east of Ypres and the eastern end of the line. Marshal Haig is hammering at the one and General Petain is smashing through the other. A German retreat all along the line might be a surprise. There are reports from Germany that such action is not without the realm of possibilities. Italy's armies are fighting against the massed attacks of the Austro-Germans along the Isonzo north of Gorizia. General Cadorna apparently has proved himself a master of mountain warfare. Behind the Italians are many high mountains and the country here is more sparsely settled than that farther south around Gorizia.

New Drive Opens

Although the Germans on the Aisne are still smarting from the heavy blow General Petain had administered to them, leaving him uninterrupted in organizing the captured ground, they were called upon to face to-day a resumption of the entente offensive in Flanders. Both Field Marshal Haig and the British war office report that the launching of the new attack, which is declared to be developing satisfactorily, although under the most adverse weather conditions. The French were obliged to wade through water up to their necks in crossing the St. Janzebeck and the Pisis war office report that the Germans made important progress on the left flank of the field of attack, capturing Draibank village, Papegoed wood and many farms where the Germans had organized points of support. Hundreds of Germans fell into the hands of the French as prisoners. The front of the thrust apparently is a far more extended one than that of last week, as the London official statement mentions the attack as being launched "northward and east" of Ypres. If the British have carried the field of attack to a point as far south as directly east of Ypres the battle front of the day is on a line approximately ten miles long, extending along nearly the entire curve of the new Ypres salient.

FRENCH FORD TWO RIVERS TO SMASH GERMAN MACHINE

Hundreds of Prisoners Taken by Petain's Poilus in Great Victory

Paris, Oct. 26.—The village of Draibank, Papegoed wood and a number of fortified farms were captured by the French in an attack launched this morning on the Flanders front, the war office reports. Hundreds of prisoners were taken. The French forced a crossing of two rivers, wading through water up to their shoulders. On the Aisne front the ground newly won is being consolidated and no important fighting occurred during the night. The Germans renewed their attacks in the Verdun sector and were again beaten back, suffering large losses.

Laon Is Near

The French have reached the Aisne canal and Laon, eight miles away, is in sight. Following up the victory of Tuesday, the French took the village of Pinon and the forest of the same name, as well as the village of Pargny-Flailin. A certain demoralization in the German command is shown by contradictory orders found on prisoners. The question is asked where another retreat is intended. Crossing the battlefield in the vicinity of Vaurains and St. Quillion farms the correspondent obtained ample evidence of the extent of the "spilled French victory. Hundreds of prisoners in large groups were

German Press Worried by France's Easy Victories and Continued Advances

Amsterdam, Oct. 25.—German newspapers are uneasy over the French advance northeast of Soissons. Those at Cologne say it is impossible to minimize the importance of the French blow. The Volkszeitung says: "We must not exaggerate the meaning of the French advance. It is only an initial success. "We must not forget what resistance our brilliant troops have offered to the numerically superior enemy. "The Frankfurter Zeitung characterizes the battle as "painful" for Germany, but not desperate, and believes France's aim is the capture of Laon.

Russians Repulse Attack; Teuton Lines Withdrawn

Petrograd, Oct. 26.—Russian forces on the Werder coast of Estonia yesterday repulsed a German detachment. The Russian war office announced to-day. Part of the German naval squadron, including some dreadnaughts, the statement adds, is anchored in Kuivast bay, on the eastern side of Moon island, in the Gulf of Riga. The Russian troops on the northern end of the front, following the German withdrawal in that sector, have advanced as far as the Riga-Orel railroad without discovering the enemy, the war office reports.

Munitions Plant Burns With Rainbow-Like Flames

Montreal, Oct. 26.—Tremendous explosions destroyed part of a munitions plant in the Canadian Explosives companies at Vaudreville this morning. A special train carrying fighting apparatus has been sent from Montreal. Early reports indicated there had been no loss of life. The detonations continued for an hour. The sky was lit up as though by rainbows with the multicolored flames of burning acids. The explosions are believed to have started from fire discovered in a shell-filling building. A heavy wind blew the flames straight across the plant. The company employs about 1,500 men. The damage is estimated at \$1,500,000.

GOVERNOR TURNS FIRST SPADE OF EARTH IN ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE



Governor Brumbaugh, who attended the Arbor Day ceremonies this morning participated in the planting of practically every tree. He is shown here assisting in the work and thoroughly enjoying doing his bit toward tree conservation.

CITY AND STATE IN ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Governor Brumbaugh, Mayor Bowman and Dr. Bagnell Make Addresses

TREES FOR GOVERNORS School Children Sing and Technical High School Band Provides Music

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its capital city of Harrisburg officially united to-day to make Arbor Day 1917 notable in the history of the state. With Mayor J. William Bowman presiding, six trees from the city's nurseries were planted on the Walnut street side of the Capitol Park in honor of earlier governors, beginning with William Penn, an observance of Arbor Day and to mark the commencement of the plan of beautification of the Capitol Park and its extension, destined to be the center of a metropolitan park system. Thousands of school children sang and hundreds of citizens gathered to hear Governor Brumbaugh speak and to see the Governor and state officials plant or dedicate trees. The ceremonies were marked by the most cordial expressions of appreciation by state and city officials of the part of the Commonwealth and municipality had taken in the making of plans for the creation of a park which the Governor said would be the pride of the Commonwealth and unrivaled in the land. This extending unrivaled in the land. This extending unrivaled in the land. This extending unrivaled in the land.

MAYOR WANTS "DAY OF PRAYER" OBSERVED BY EVERYONE

A proclamation by the Mayor of Harrisburg urging local recognition of Sunday, as a "Day of Prayer" was issued this morning as follows:

"Our country is now actively engaged in prosecuting its part in the Great World War against the German Empire, in order to preserve the life of this country from those who have planned and plotted our ultimate destruction as a nation, and also in order to make a supreme effort to secure a righteous peace for the world. "Our country's reason for entering this war is a holy and righteous one. We are neither desirous of adding to our possessions; nor planning to extend our commerce through concessions obtained by force and bloodshed. We endure countless outrages against our people, and the cruel murder of many of them without pushing hastily into war. Our great hope is to rid our sister nations in Europe of a monstrous invader who respects neither persons nor right and deliberately violates both human and Divine principles and laws. "In accordance with the lofty and unselfish aims of our country, government and people are leaving nothing undone that will enable the soldiers we are training and sending abroad to fight our battles, to lead clean, healthy lives devoid of conditions that destroy character and ruin the body. No great people have ever devoted themselves so carefully to the spiritual and physical welfare of their soldiers as we are doing. "It is therefore appropriate and important that the people of this nation should seek through prayer the guidance and protection of God in the great enterprise we have undertaken. "I therefore gladly join our President in urging our people to faithfully and solemnly observe Sunday, October 28, as a general Day of Prayer for the protection of our soldiers and sailors and our government and cause and for greater strength and comfort of those of us at home. "J. W. BOWMAN "Mayor of Harrisburg."

ENTHUSIASM RUNS HIGH AT MEETING OF "THOSE BEHIND"

Schumann-Heink Addresses Mothers, Wives and Daughters of Men in Service

One of the most enthusiastic audiences ever gathered in this city, greeted Madame Schumann-Heink at the Orpheum theater this afternoon. The demand for admission tickets at the Y. M. C. A. last night indicated the degree of Harrisburg's appreciation of the honor conferred upon the mothers of this city by the great contralto singer. At an early hour this morning, practically all of the seats on the first floor of the theater had been taken. Thousands of those who desired to attend the meeting were prevented from doing so. The world-war has not yet advanced to the point where every American woman can name a son, a husband, a brother or a father in the service of the country. Perhaps that time will come. Madame Schumann-Heink earnestly hopes not. "No specific plan of procedure was laid for this afternoon's meeting. Months ago, Mayor J. William Bowman expressed the wish that the mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of Americans who are in the United States service might meet together, for those who have given loved ones can appropriately gather in a common cause. Discussing the matter with C. Floyd Hopkins, manager for Wilmer & Vincent, Mr. Hopkins expressed the opinion that Madame Schumann-Heink would very gladly meet the women of Harrisburg. The famous singer gave a prompt and gracious consent, and Wilmer & Vincent contributed the Orpheum theater without charge for the occasion.

Large Force Working on the Slopes From Maclay to Hamilton Streets

Treatment of the river slopes from Maclay street to the south side of Hamilton street has been under way since early in the summer under the supervision of the City Park Department. With the riprapping of this long stretch of the bank and the planting completed the slopes have been well fortified against any serious wash or other damage by high water during the winter and spring months each year. At Maclay street there has been placed hundreds of loads of discarded asphalt from the uptown streets secured from the highway department. This fill was needed at that point because of the terrific force of water and ice when the river is near flood stage. Leading down from the northern line of Maclay street a combination path and roadway seventy-five feet long and eight feet wide was constructed and has been finished with cobblestones. Later it will either be rough grouted or paved with brick. The planting on either side is Japanese barberry and is arranged so that a perspective view from Second and Maclay streets, shows no signs of the roadway. Ramps Placed At Peffer, Munch, Kelker and Hamilton streets ramps have been placed with smooth cemented surfaces to make access comfortable and easy from the upper park level. With the exception of Munch street these ramps are four feet in width and from 108 to 124 feet in length. The planting scheme has been carried out elaborately the park officials considering it advisable to

Balance-Grosjean Men Get 10 Per Cent Increase

The Lalance-Grosjean Mfg. Co., with large plants at Division and Seventh streets, to-day posted notice that all employees are to receive an advance of ten per cent in wages, effective October 22. This is the third increase granted during this year, each for ten per cent. The company is doing a rushing business with immense orders ahead.

SCORE FARMERS WHO DO NOT BUY LIBERTY BONDS

Jennings and McCormick Say Rural Residents Do Not Understand

FEW HAVE SUBSCRIBED Make It Clear They Do Not Criticize Those Who Have Aided the Government

Will the farmers of the Harrisburg district come forward and do their full share in subscribing to Liberty Loan Bonds? That is the question that is agitating the minds of the leaders of the Liberty Loan movement here, who say that the figures show the farmer has not done his part. William Jennings, chairman of the committee which is in charge of the Dauphin county bond drive, says the farmers do not realize the situation. In this he is backed by Donald McCormick, who is in charge of the Harrisburg district. "The farmers are back," said Mr. Jennings this morning, "if you will look at the figures for Dauphin county you will find that of the more (Continued on Page 10)

DISTRICT WILL REACH ITS WAR LOAN QUOTA

City Has Raised \$4,008,650; County Is Coming in Strong

HAS ANOTHER DAY TO GO Subscriptions Will Be Received by Banks; Open in Evenings

At the close of the big drive yesterday, Harrisburg had to her credit sales amounting to \$4,008,650. In the Second Liberty Loan campaign, Harrisburg "went over the top" with flying colors. The campaign is still on. Hundreds of persons in this city did not succeed in getting their subscriptions to the bond salesmen during the three days of the drive. These persons may subscribe through salesmen or through any of the Harrisburg banks to-day and to-morrow. Any desired information will be given by the Liberty Loan Committee, in the Chamber of Commerce rooms of the Dauphin building. It is confidently expected that the grand total for this city will (Continued on Page 10)

Even the Kaiser Owns an American Liberty Bond

Philadelphia, Oct. 26.—Kaiser Wilhelm owns a Liberty Bond, it became known yesterday. Gustavus Remak, Jr., an attorney, has been handling funds of German estates in the vicinity of Philadelphia, and in settling one estate recently, he had a balance of \$50, which belonged to the Imperial German government. Yesterday he applied \$50 of that amount to a Liberty Bond, to help America win the war against its owner.

KAISER HONORS SULTAN

London, Oct. 26.—Emperor William on leaving Constantinople says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam, invited the Sultan of Turkey to visit Berlin. The Sultan may visit Vienna, Sofia and Berlin in November.

SUFFRAGE LAW IS VOID

Indianapolis, Oct. 26.—The Indiana Woman's Suffrage law was held to be unconstitutional by the Indiana Supreme Court to-day. As a result thousands of women who expected to vote at the municipal elections next month will not be permitted to do so.

GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS DAY OF PRAYER

Harrisburg—Governor Brumbaugh late to-day issued a proclamation setting aside Sunday, October 28, as a day of prayer in Pennsylvania for a "righteous and an enduring peace" and for "guidance in all national and personal duty. "This is in accord with the proclamation issued by President Wilson some weeks ago.

TO APPORTION SUGAR

New York, Oct. 26.—The American Sugar Refining Company this afternoon announced an agreement under which it will if approved by an international sugar committee being organized, apportion all raw sugar offered in the market. Under this plan many idle refineries will be enabled to resume operation.

LAST WEEK OF MONTH FATAL

Williamsport, Oct. 26.—Harry Pinelli, 36, committed suicide by hanging himself in his home in Northumberland to-day. Five years ago Pinelli accompanied by his brother, his wife and three children, came here from Australia. One year later his brother died. His wife died the next year and two children in the successive years. All passed away during the last week in October. Pinelli became despondent and melancholy as that week approached this year.

U. S. TO PROSECUTE GOUGERS

Washington, Oct. 26.—Charges have been received by the Department of Justice from persons in various sections to the effect that retail and wholesale coal dealers are violating the law in charging more for coal, than figures set by the fuel administration. Investigation of this has been ordered with a view to instituting criminal prosecutions.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Earl W. Waltz, Harrisburg, and Jennie E. Eisenberger, Emma Austin L. Baker, Lewisberry and Hannah R. Neff, Grantburg; Thomas Y. Hutterworth, New York, and Emma M. Grant, Pittsburg; David R. Murray, Harrisburg, and Alma Knawly, Enola.