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HEAVY GUNS ACTIVE ON AMERICAN FRONT; SERBIANS IN ACTION

Yankee Infantry Rests After Shattering German Lines; and Advancing to the German Threshold

METZ FORTRESS TURNS HEAVY ARTILLERY ON PERSHING'S MEN

With the American Army in Lorraine, Sept. 16.—Activity of the German artillery increased somewhat during the forenoon to-day. No infantry attacks, however, were made.

French and American forces to-day were in contact with the Kriemhild defenses, which are of enormous strength. Yet it may be doubted whether the enemy feels safe in these entrenchments after having been driven in a day from some of the strongest natural positions on the whole front.

These positions withstood some of the fiercest assaults of the war.

Long Held by Bulgarian Army Allied troops are on the offensive on the Macedonian front. Reorganized Serbian forces, aided by the French are attacking Bulgarian positions in the mountain on the Serbo-Greek border east of Monastir.

Three important hill positions which had withstood allied efforts through several years, already have fallen to the Serbs and the French. The heights are Sokol, Dolbro Polie and Teak Vetrenik. Sokol is twenty miles east of Monastir. The captured positions are about midway between the Cerna after it makes a wide curve southeast of Monastir. Several hundred prisoners have been taken in the advance, which continues.

French and British Push Forward Meanwhile, the French and British troops on the main battle front in France continue their progress.

Between the Oise and the Aisne the French are pressing on. North of the Aisne they have taken the town of Vailly and nearer the Chemin des Dames have stormed Mont des Singes, an important hill position.

Astride the Scarpe the British have pushed forward new posts, while along the Ypres-Comines canal, southeast of Ypres, they have advanced on a front of two miles. West of Cambrai and around St. Quentin the activity has died down after the British capture of Massigny.

No Infantry Attacks Developed The aerial and artillery arms have been active on the new American front southwest of Metz. The enemy guns have been hammering the American lines but no infantry attacks have developed. Allied aviators have bombarded railroad centers and other military targets in the Metz area while enemy airmen have bombed some places within the American lines, including St. Mihiel.

Yankees Under Fire Along the battle line, American attention is directed chiefly at the front in Lorraine, where the Americans are under fire from the fortress of Metz and apparently are making ready for a drive against the "Kriemhild" line, to which the Germans withdrew their shattered columns from the St. Mihiel salient. Along this front American forces are on the threshold of Germany.

SEPTEMBER IS HALF OVER NOW WAR STAMPS WILL COST 1 CENT MORE OCTOBER 1 Ask Arthur D. Bacon About It

THE WEATHER FOR Harrisburg and vicinity: Cloudy to-night and Tuesday, probably rain; cooler Tuesday. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy to-night and Tuesday, probably rain; cooler to-night in north portion; cooler Tuesday; gently shifting winds, becoming north-west.

Huns Threw Clothing Away to Escape Yanks

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE LORRAINE FRONT, Sept. 16.—Only the shattered and battered remnants of towns stand to-day in the region from which the Germans were expelled. The appearance of the country bears testimony of the confusion with which the Germans fled.

WORLD MARVELS AT EFFICIENCY OF U. S. ARMY, SAYS BAGNELL

Harrisburg Minister Returned From Front Declares War Will Be Won Next Year; Boys Not Angels, but They Are Leading Clean Lives

"It is safe to say that the war will be over by next year. The offensive has definitely passed out of the hands of the Germans and definitely into the hands of the Allies. There never will be a time again when the Germans will be able to resume the offensive. As the movement progresses, the Americans will play a commanding part in the great struggle."

YANKEE FIGHTER FROM HOME TOWN IN REAL BATTLE

Sergeant Edgar Williamson, Reilly Street Youth, Back For Treatment

First Sergeant Edgar Williamson, Company F, 110th Infantry, aged 17 years, 312 Reilly street, arrived home yesterday from the Plattsburg, N. Y. base hospital, after spending a month there, recovering from gassing and wounds received on three sectors of the western front.

Sergeant Williamson, who is one of the youngest soldiers in the army, has received ten wounds, been gassed, bayoneted and shell shocked.

"Hinky Dink" Kenna and "Bath House John" to Be Partners in Ice Cream

Chicago, Sept. 15.—"Hinky Dink" Kenna, for forty years noted as the dispenser of the "largest and coolest" beers in Chicago to the motley of the First ward and widely known, "Bath House John" Coughlin, an political czar of the First ward, will open an ice cream parlor next year when the country goes dry.

HOMELESS SOLDIERS ARE ROYALLY ENTERTAINED AT CITY'S HOSTESS HOUSE

Weekend Enjoyed by Scores of Lads Who Stopped Over in Harrisburg; Real Home-cooked Food Provided For Boys Who Are "Mothered" by Patriotic Women

A band of stalwart soldiers, "chin close to neck," a swagger to their step, bright eyed, resolute, were marching past the Civic Club yesterday, strangers in Harrisburg, but Americans to the bone and sinew, and you could see that they hungered for a peep into a real home. To one who has traveled and mayhap met with adventure, no memory in after years is so sweet as that of hospitality offered unexpectedly in a foreign place. These chaps looked longingly at the Civic Club and at the comfortable home thereabout and at this moment along came Mrs. Edward F. Dunlap, who happens to be chairman of the hostess house of the Civic Club.

"SIMPLE," SAYS M'CREATH OF HIS HEROIC EXPLOIT

Modestly Tells Rotarians How He Won French War Cross at Chateau Thierry

SAVED SELF AND DETAIL Recommended For Second Decoration in Helping Halt "Last German Offensive"

"It was very simple." Thus modestly and after repeated urgings Captain William McCreath, just home after stirring service with the American Expeditionary forces in France, told members of the Harrisburg Rotary Club, whose guest he was at luncheon to-day, how he won the French War Cross and had been recommended for a second decoration by the French government.

Capt. McCreath spoke the Rotarians of what he termed "the last offensive of the Germans ever will make," on the night of July 14, but he modestly refrained from reciting his own part in that heroic defense or how he won his cross at Chateau Thierry until the club had made it plain it would not let him go until he did.

"City Far Behind in Giving Old Rubber to Red Cross; Auction Near

From the size of the old rubber pile at Third and Walnut streets, this morning, Harrisburg is far below the class of Sunbury, Reading, Nazareth and Bath, when it comes to giving rubber to the Red Cross. The pile may sell for a paltry \$500 when the auction is held to-morrow morning. Reading sold \$1,700 worth, Sunbury, small town though it is, collected and sold over \$1,000 worth of rubber.

HOUSING EXPERT TO STUDY CITY'S MANY PROBLEMS

Lawrence Veiller to Report to Chamber of Commerce Friday Noon

Lawrence Veiller, of New York, who will make a study of housing conditions in this city Thursday and Friday and report the result of his observations to the Chamber of Commerce members at a luncheon meeting Friday noon in the Board of Trade building, will make a tour of the congested parts of the city to ascertain actual conditions there.

It is possible that a committee will be appointed from the Chamber of Commerce membership to accompany him on his inspection tour. His visit has been arranged by the Chamber of Commerce in order to find out what can be done to relieve the present inadequate housing accommodations.

VOTERS MUST REGISTER

The second of three registration days so that voters may be listed and can ballot at the November election will be to-morrow.

AUSTRIA ACTS FOR KAISER IN MAKING NEW PEACE OFFER

Allied Capitals Unanimous in Characterizing Effort of the Kaiser to Get Out of War With a Whole Skin

GROWING WEAKNESS OF HUN ARMIES IS SEEN "Peace Offensive" Cannot Be Fruitful With Entente in Full Knowledge of Plans of Central Powers

While Austria was preparing her note to the belligerent nations, proposing that they meet in informal discussion of peace terms in a neutral country, Germany was making ready to make another offer of separate peace to Belgium. It is announced that the Belgian government has been approached with a proposal that if she will remain neutral during the remainder of the war, Germany is ready to withdraw to the frontiers that were violated in August, 1914.

Austria Acts Alone It is affirmed from Berlin that the Austrian government acted on its own initiative in sending out its peace proposals, but the offer of Germany to Belgium points to what may be said to be more than a coincidence, and probably a desperate "peace offensive" now is well under way.

If official sentiment is reflected by newspaper comment at the Entente capitals the effort of the Central Powers to reach a peace by negotiation are doomed to failure. In London and Paris the offer of Austria was very coldly received while at Washington it is pointed out that the United States will not entertain any peace tentatives that can, at best, bring about only a temporary respite from hostilities and will leave Germany and Austria free to break the peace of the world at any future date.

British Foreign Secretary Flays Kaiser's Peace Plot

London, Sept. 16.—A. J. Balfour, the British foreign secretary, giving his personal viewpoints on the Austrian peace note to visiting Journal-

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS HOLD FIRST DRILL; TECHNICAL NEXT

Officers of Harrisburg Reserves Put Senior Students Through Their Paces

Drilling of the students of Harrisburg's high schools was begun to-day under the auspices of the Harrisburg Reserves, the first drill being of the seniors of Central High School. To-morrow morning military instruction of the seniors and juniors of Technical High School will start and on Wednesday afternoon the Central juniors will begin their drills. Each group will have a drill once a week for the present.

Principal Severance, of Central, turned his boys of the senior class over to Major Henry M. Stine, commander of the Reserves, this morning at 9 o'clock and Ross A. Hickok, county fuel administrator and an officer of the Reserves, gave the students a short talk on what the instruction means and the part they will have to play. Major Stine, who was assisted by Captain J. J. Hartman and A. Boyd Hamilton, then began division of the class into squads, six of the students being found to have had military experience. They will probably be made noncommissioned officers. The Reserve instructors were L. V. Harvey, Thomas B. McCune, J. J. Conklin, Paul Kurzenknebe and Claude Stroup.

Captains Hoy and Harvey will select men for to-morrow's Technical high instruction, a meeting of officers of Company B being fixed for to-night at the Y. M. C. A. George N. Barnes will assist Major Stine at the Wednesday drill at Central. Students wishing to learn the bugle calls will be given instruction at the Reserves Friday night drill at the armory by Paul Kurzenknebe. Captain F. H. Hoy detailed the following men from Company A to assist at the drill to-morrow morning: Ketter, W. H. Miller, R. G. Miller, Daeh, Haldean, Lowther, Strouse, Herman, Satchel and McCullough. The Company B detail will be made to-night.

KAISER MAY HAVE PEACE ON OUR TERMS

LONDON, Sept. 16.—Austria's invitation to the belligerents to meet in informal peace discussions is given a warm reception by the London morning newspapers.

The warmth, however, is not that of cordiality, but of indignant repudiation. The note is seen by commentators as a German trick in which Austria is made the catpaw in an endeavor to gain time to enable the German high command to reorganize its shattered troops. The offer of peace to Belgium is regarded as a shameless insult.

"Our peace terms have been made abundantly clear," says the Post. "When Germany and her dependants are ready to accept them they can let us know. There will be no abatement to them. Germany must be beaten, and must recognize that she is beaten."

No Basis For Peace in Latest Kaiser Plan

Washington, Sept. 16.—Receipt of the official text of the Austrian peace proposal was awaited to-day by officials here, but unless the communication is couched in terms radically different from the version contained in press dispatches, it was felt that the entire plea could be characterized.

PORTUGUESE STEAMER U-BOAT VICTIM A Canadian Atlantic Port—The Portuguese steamship Leixoes was torpedoed in the north Atlantic five days ago, according to sixteen members of the crew who arrived here to-day. They had spent the interval in an open boat.

PENNA. MEN IN CANADIAN CASUALTIES Ottawa—Lieut. R. J. Reegar, of Philadelphia, was killed in action and E. O'Neill, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., was wounded.

COAL EXPERT HERE TODAY Harrisburg—T. Ellsworth Davies, Scranton, a coal expert is conferring this afternoon with county commissioners of Dauphin county on plans to fix the valuation of coal lands.

RYAN PLEASED WITH AIRMEN Paris—On his return from a tour near the battle front, John D. Ryan, American assistant secretary of war in charge of air service, declared he was much gratified by the work done by the aerial force of the American army.

HUN PROFESSOR IS PRISONER With the American Army in France—Among the captives taken by the Americans at Thiaucourt was Professor Otto Schmeernkase, the exploiter of chlorine gas as a form of civilized torture.

BAKER ARRIVES IN LONDON London—Newton D. Baker, the American Secretary of War, arrived in London to-day from Paris.

MOONEY APPEAL DENIED San Francisco—The California Supreme Court to-day denied Thomas J. Mooney permission to seek a writ of error in the United States Supreme Court. This was said to be the defense's last move in the state courts. Mooney was sentenced to be hanged following his conviction for murder in connection with a bomb explosion here two years ago.

LLOYD GEORGE IMPROVES London—A medical bulletin issued at midnight said Premier Lloyd George's temperature had fallen and that there was a great improvement in his condition.

MARRIAGE LICENSES William Raymond and Minnie Shannon, Carlisle; George C. Winfield and Ethel L. Tudor, Petersburg, Va.; Thomas L. Devine and Ada M. Kepler, Lewisport.

CHILDREN AND WOMEN SUFFER MOST IN ATTACK

189 Lives Lost in Piratical Sinking of the Galway Castle

LIFEBOATS ARE CRUSHED Heartrending Scenes Mark Landing of Survivors; Babies Cry For Dead Parents

Plymouth, England, Sunday, Sept. 15.—Heartrending scenes were witnessed here when hundreds of survivors of the torpedoed steamer Galway Castle were landed at an early hour Thursday morning. The passengers were mostly women and children, and it is believed whole families have been lost.

Among the survivors were little tots scarcely able to walk, crying in vain for their parents. Parents were searching in all directions for news of their children and women were seeking vainly for their lost husbands. There seems no reason to doubt that the vessel was torpedoed without warning. The explosion occurred between the

No Prohibition Against Purchase of New Shoes

A rumor gaining currency in this city during the last few days to the effect that Harrisburg feet will have to go "shoeless" so far as new footwear is concerned by reason of a government edict suspending the sale of the same, was denied on every hand by local shoe dealers to-day. As a shoe-warmer it's a "shoddy" joke, according to Harrisburg dealers who profess not to know how the rumor started.