



AMERICAN ARMY JOINS FRENCH IN MIGHTY CHAMPAGNE BLOW

FOCH STRIKES HEAVILY WITH LARGE FORCES

Tremendous Blow Struck With Good Results From Rheims to Verdun

SEEK TO CUT GERMAN ARMIES ASUNDER BY NEW OFFENSIVE

Paris, Sept. 26.—French and American troops attacked this morning on the Champagne front at 5 o'clock, according to a statement issued by the War Office today.

The statement says the French attack was launched in the Champagne in co-operation with the American Army, which is attacking farther to the east.

The statement reads: "Between the Ailette and the Aisne the Germans renewed their attacks last evening in the region of Allemant and Moulin-Laffaux. The enemy succeeded at the latter point in penetrating the French lines, but an energetic counterattack re-established the situation."

"Farther south the French have enlarged their gains east of Sancy and have taken prisoners."

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Renewed German attacks north of the Aisne have been repulsed. At one point, where the Germans gained a foothold upon the French positions, they were ejected by a counterattack.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Sept. 26.—French troops to-day attacked in the Champagne in a thick fog after a period of artillery preparation which terminated in an hour of most intense gunfire.

The early indications were that the attack was progressing most favorably.

The Franco-American attack on the Champagne front is the first Allied thrust made on that sector since Marshal Foch assumed the initiative in July and is the logical result of the Allied success in Picardy in driving the Germans back to the Hindenburg line from Arras to Laon.

A drive northward in Champagne threatens the communication lines in the rear of the Hindenburg defense system, where the Germans are struggling to keep the British and French from breaking through. While the length of the front of attack is not disclosed it is probable it extends a great part of the distance from Rheims to Verdun and probably beyond.

An advance of some distance east of Rheims would outflank Laon and possibly St. Quentin. The communication lines eastward from Laon, the pivot of the German defenses, between Rheims and Ypres would be severed. An Allied break through might separate the German forces in the west into two groups.

Foch Seeking Big Game in His New Drive Against the Enemy Center

French and American troops to-day are storming the German positions in Champagne and farther east in what apparently is another major stroke by Marshal Foch. The new offensive is progressing favorably according to early reports.

The new allied thrust in the west comes on a front which has not been very active since the Germans failed to advance in Champagne in the defeated offensive of July 15 last and west of Rheims. French soldiers are attacking in Champagne, which runs from Rheims eastward to the Argonne west of Verdun. The Americans are moving forward east of the Champagne simultaneously with General Petain's men.

Expect Great Possibilities Great possibilities might result from a successful Allied advance on the front east of Rheims, as the German communications would be severed and the formidable enemy position from Arras to Laon endangered with the important southern end outflanked. The length of the attacking front is not disclosed but it may possibly be from Rheims eastward past Verdun to southwest of Metz.

In Macedonia the Allies are advancing all along the 130 miles, V-shaped front between Monastir and Lake Doiran. The Bulgarian first army on the Allied left has been placed in a dangerous position by the cutting of the Prilep-Veles road at Izvor, while the Serbians are in the outskirts of Ishtib, eighteen miles east of Veles, and one of the bases of the Bulgarian second army. Apparently the Veles-Ishtib line, the most formidable for the enemy south of Uskub, will prove untenable.

BULGARS ASK FOR AID

PARIS, Sept. 26.—Fresh dispositions made by General Franchet d'Esperey, who has passed through Prilep, justified the belief that there will be an energetic exploitation of the great inter-allied victory in Macedonia, says Marcel Hutin, editor of the Echo de Paris.

King Ferdinand of Bulgaria has asked Field Marshal Mackensen, who is now in Bucharest, to take the command of his armies so as to block the advance of the Allies in Old Serbia and preserve Bulgaria from invasion, according to information received here from Switzerland.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—The Fourth Turkish Army on the Palestine front virtually is surrounded in the region east of the Jordan and faces annihilation by General Allenby's forces, to-day's advices show. The total of prisoners already taken was increased to-day to 45,000. The annihilation of the Fourth army, now hoped for, would complete the cleaning up of the Turkish forces in Palestine, accounting for about 80,000 men.

ALLIED ARMIES ARE INVADING BULGARIA

British and Serbian Troops Send Foe Reeling Back Into Territory Long Held by Teutons; Enormous Quantities of War Material Taken

Saloniki, Sept. 26.—Bulgaria has been invaded by Allied troops, according to a British official statement issued here today.

British troops entered Bulgarian territory opposite Kosturino, about six miles south of Strumitsa, the enemy base in this region.

London, Sept. 26.—Reports in official quarters here indicate that the Prilep-Veles road has been cut at Izvor, isolating the First Bulgarian army from its main line of communication and placing it in a precarious position. The first army is on the allied left.

British troops reached the outskirts of Ishtib, an important Bulgarian base, Tuesday, says a Serbian official statement dated Wednesday. Elsewhere east of the Vardar the Serbians have made important gains.

The Serbs also have captured Gradsko station, southeast of Uskub. It was defended by German troops. An enormous quantity of supplies, including nineteen guns, were captured by the Serbians.

North of Prilep the Serbians are pursuing the Bulgarians who are in complete retreat and are approaching Izvor, midway between Prilep and Veles.

Other prosecutors of Bretz are W. H. Windsor and Catherine E. Miller. In all of the cases it is alleged the attorney received money for a certain purpose and did not use it as intended.

Murder Case Under Way In Courtroom No. 2 before Judge A. W. Johnson, specially presiding, William Evans, colored, is on trial on a charge of murdering Rufus Gilliam in Steelton, February 15. This is Evans' second trial and the evidence submitted by the witnesses.

Robert A. Boll Critically Ill With Pneumonia in Marine Corps Hospital Private Robert A. Boll, Company C, 11th Infantry, of the Marine Corps, is seriously ill with pneumonia in the embarkation camp at Quantico, Va., with little chance for recovery, it was learned from his father, Charles S. Boll, 2029 North Second street, who returned from his son's bedside last night.

Private Boll's wife and mother still are with him. They are called to the camp by telegram from the commanding officer Tuesday, as Boll's condition had become so serious. The doctor at the camp said his recovery is unlikely, unless his vitality pulls him through.

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NEW DRAFT CALL TO DEplete THE ELIGIBLE LIST

Dauphin County to Send 263 Men to Camp Lee October 7

FEW LEFT IN 1917 CLASS Local Boards Working Rapidly to Complete Status of New Registrants

Harrisburg and Dauphin county draft boards were notified today to send 236 men to Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., for general military service. The men will entrain during the five-day movement beginning October 7. It is part of the call for 9,000 men from the state.

City and county draft board officials announced this morning that the quotas to be sent to Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., for general military service during the five-day movement, beginning October 7, will deplete the men of all registrations previous to September 12.

The quotas from Harrisburg are: No. 1, 20 men; No. 2, 39; No. 3, 49; Dauphin county, No. 1, 36; No. 2, 42 and No. 3, 40.

18 For Limited Service Eighteen men will be sent from the city and county to Fort Thomas, Ky., Monday, for special limited military service.

Four of the boards announced their quotas today. The quotas are: city board No. 1, four men; No. 2, three men; No. 3, four men; county, three men.

High Cost of Living in Philadelphia Jumps 67 Per Cent. in 4 Years

Washington, Sept. 26.—The cost of living investigators of the Bureau of Statistics now working in the principal cities reported to-day that costs in Philadelphia have increased 67 per cent. since December, 1914. Clothing increased 108.12 per cent.; furniture, 105.76 per cent.; food, 68.09 per cent.; housing, 9.69 per cent.; and fuel, 81.65 per cent. The increase was 13.36 per cent. since December, 1917.

BIG STORES TO BE OPEN ONLY FROM 9 TO 5.30

Shorter Business Hours Decided Upon as Matter of Patriotism

Beginning Monday many of the merchants of Harrisburg will observe a business day beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning and ending at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Saturdays they may remain open until 9 o'clock in the evening.

The agreement was reached by a committee appointed by the merchants which conferred with the Dauphin county fuel administration. The decision of the committee was set forth in a set of resolutions. The limited closing hours were adopted at the suggestion of the fuel administration as a fuel conserving measure.

An effort has been made to see each merchant personally regarding the closing hours, but because of physical limitations it has been impossible to approach all the merchants. A list of merchants who have agreed to observe the shorter hours is being prepared.

FOUR BATTLEPLANES TO ENCIRCLE THE CITY

Great Patriotic Mass Meeting Called For Reservoir Park Sunday Afternoon, When Dr. Bagnell Will Speak

More interesting facts of conditions which he found on European battlefields will be related by Dr. Robert Bagnell, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, at a big Liberty Loan mass meeting at Reservoir Park on Sunday afternoon. Dr. Bagnell will talk together with the presence of the famous "Allen Squad" of the United States Army, promise to draw thousands of people to the park.

Features of the afternoon are to be: Dr. Bagnell, who will speak on the subject, "The Future of Our Nation"; the "Allen Squad," with complete equipment; and a musical program.

Along about 9 o'clock to-morrow morning three Havilland war planes will be ducking and twisting in the sky above Harrisburg, scattering Liberty Loan literature and doing many marvelous aerial evolutions. They will whirl through various sections of the Dauphin-Perry-Juniata district, and farmers in the midst of fall plowing will see loan circulars whirling down from a vast height.

The coming of the airships to-morrow is just one of a number of features arranged by the Liberty Loan committee in charge of the campaign in the Harrisburg district.

CHAIRMAN HAYS PLEDGES PARTY IN LOAN DRIVE

Meeting of Republicans Shall Have Success of War Uppermost National Leader Asserts in Statement to Country; "Everything Else is Chores"

New York, Sept. 27.—Chairman Will H. Hays, of the Republican national committee last night issued a statement directed to state, district and county chairmen and all Republican workers saying that "the success of the Fourth Liberty Loan shall be the Republican party's supreme motif of thought and action until that objective is attained."

"Wherever Republicans are together, by two or two thousand it shall be a win-the-war meeting. Just as the Republican party's every action at all times has been and shall be determined solely by how we can contribute most to the war's success, so now our every thought and action shall be determined entirely by how we can make certain the quick oversubscription of the Fourth Liberty Loan."

"This is a united country's next message to Germany. The entire Republican organization in every voting precinct in this country shall be a fighting force in this Liberty Loan drive."

"This is the Republican organization's business. This is the real business of every man, woman and child in America. Everything else is chores."

"I repeat, let there be no content in this country as to anything that touches the war except the Fourth Liberty Loan is our next objective. There is no geography, political or physical, in the patriotism of this country. Democrats and Republicans alike love their flag and are ready to die for it. We continually insist for all parties that the war be kept out of partisan politics and that partisanship be kept out of the war."

"Just as in Congress the Republicans led the fight that made possible the passage of the great war measures, so now the party membership and organization has an immediate war task in the accomplishment of which it can fully function. I repeat, let there be no content in this country as to anything that touches the war except the Fourth Liberty Loan is our next objective."

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WEST SHORE ASKS COMMISSION TO KEEP FARES DOWN

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RAUNICK WARNS AGAINST SPREAD OF INFLUENZA

City Health Officer Gives Simple Rule For Prevention

DISEASE GAINS GROUND Many Cases of La Grippe Under Care of Local Physicians

"If thou wouldst safeguard thyself against the close relatives, Spanish influenza and its grippe, and the possibility of a subsequent attack of pneumonia, keep thy nose and throat clean."

This is the substance of the advice of Dr. John M. J. Raunick, city health officer, to Harrisburgers that they may not fall victims of this threatening epidemic. He is a firm believer in this little formula as a preventive measure. Frequent applications of antiseptics will act as further safeguards, in his estimation.

If those who fall into the clutches of these afflictions would be careful about their sneezing, would cover their nose and mouth every time they feel a tickling sensation for-telling a sneeze, and would catch the germs with their kerchief, there would be many less victims, the health officer believes.

"Signed," WILL H. HAYS.

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LA FOLLETTE HEARING GOES OVER

Washington—It has been decided to postpone further consideration of the charges involving the loyalty of Senator LaFollette because of his St. Paul speech, until after the election, owing to the absence from the city of many members of the committee.

PRO-GERMAN MOVEMENT FAILS

Paris—Pieter J. Troelstra, the Dutch Socialist leader, has failed in his effort to create an International Socialist Bureau with headquarters at Berne. Pro-German agents in the United States were to have been approached by the bureau, it is said.

TURKISH PRISONERS NUMBER 42,000

Paris—The number of Turkish prisoners taken in Palestine now aggregate 42,000, according to the latest advices reaching Paris. A British official statement Wednesday reported 40,000 Turks and 265 guns had been captured.

STATE MEN IN BRITISH CASUALTIES

Ottawa—To-day's Canadian casualty list contains the names of the following Pennsylvania: Killed in action J. M. McGrath, Swissvale. Wounded—C. H. Duncan, Lock Haven. Gassed—J. R. Cunningham, Wilkes-Barre; W. C. Wilson, Pittsburgh.

"Y" WORKERS SAFE IN RUSSIA

New York—Representatives of the American Y. M. C. A. in Russia, about sixty in number, have not been molested by the Bolsheviks, said Bayard H. Christy of Pittsburgh, a member of the organization, who arrived here today, from Russia by way of a Norwegian port.

PRESIDENT NAMES READING MAN

Washington—Lot W. Reiff, of Reading, Pa., was nominated by President Wilson today to be naval officer in charge of Customs Collections District No. 11, Philadelphia.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harry A. Crist, Camp Upton, and Elizabeth M. Fisher, Harrisburg; John A. Douglas and Esther M. Matcett, Harrisburg; Jacob F. Martin, Locknow, and Mary G. Ewing, Harrisburg; Charles R. Wells, Jr., Washington, D. C., and Ella V. Joyce, Long Branch, N. J.; Daniel C. Ulrich, Harrisburg, and Josephine C. Arwe, Lancaster.

THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy and cooler tonight, with lowest temperature about 40 degrees; Friday fair and cooler.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 58. River gauge: 8 a. m., 4.5 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 70. Lowest temperature, 52. Mean temperature, 61. Normal temperature, 62.