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FALL OF COMBLES A BLOW AT HINDENBURG

Too Obstinate to Get His Forces and Guns Out in Time

ALLIES SECURED MUCH

When Bombardment Eased and Attack Started, Effort Was Made to Evacuate Town But it Was Too Late

New York, Sept. 27.—A cable to the Tribune from Paris says—The effect of the fall of Combles will be to affect the prestige of Hindenburg, for the failure to withdraw the troops and the guns concentrated there are due chiefly to the obstinacy of the new chief of staff.

NOT SO MANY IN NEW YORK STRIKE AS FIRST EXPECTED

New York, Sept. 27.—This is the day at 100,000 labor chiefs for a general assemblage of work in all trades in New York City and Westchester county to join the striking car employees.

At one time it was predicted that upwards of 600,000 trade unionists would stop work, but today the leaders estimated that about 200,000 men and women would respond to their call.

At the last moment it became known that T. V. O'Connor, national president of the Longshoremen's Union, had decided not to call out the 45,000 members of that organization today. It was said there was serious doubt whether he would ask them to take part in the strike at any time.

BRITISH OFFICERS HELD AT ELLIS ISLAND ARE GIVEN THEIR LIBERTY

Washington, Sept. 27.—Release of Major Arthur S. Humphreys and Lieut. Hugh Lewis, Jr., British army officers detained at Ellis Island on their arrival from England, was ordered today by Commissioner General Cannetti of the investigation bureau.

Declines Cabinet Post

eking, Sept. 26.—Former Premier Wang Shao-Yi, recently appointed Chinese foreign minister, has refused to accept the portfolio because he thinks the opposition of the military party to his appointment would make harmony impossible in the cabinet.

Canadian Women Prove Great Help in The Munitions Work

Making From \$2 to \$4.50 a Day and in Some Branches Are Better Than Men

Montreal, Sept. 27.—An inspection of some of the big munition plants here by several Ontario manufacturers under the guidance of the Imperial Munitions Board, proved a revelation, especially in reference to the great work being done by women. That Canadian manufacturers are able to do as much as they are doing is due in no small measure to the manner in which the women have taken up work which ordinarily would be considered unsuitable for female labor.

It is believed that the output of many of the big plants would be materially increased if it was only realized to what an extent it is possible to utilize female labor. The work is not nearly so laborious as might be supposed owing to the introduction of the most modern labor-saving machinery, and the remuneration is particularly good. The lowest wages paid any of the women is \$2 a day and many of them make as much as \$4.50 a day. After a certain figure is reached the manufacturers pay a bonus which

Believe Canadians Helped Win Thiepval

Ottawa, Sept. 27.—The fact that the Canadians were at the taking of Courcellette, located just northeast of Thiepval and where the British line has been straightened causes little doubt that the troops are again in this week's fighting in the Somme.

FRENCH DRIVE ON; GAIN A BRITAIN A TACK ON GERMANS

Paris, Sept. 27.—A brilliant French attack east of Verdun... succeeded in capturing a strongly fortified wood, according to an official statement issued by the war office today.

British Capture 3000 to 4000 Prisoners in Two Days; Bulgarians are Given a Severe Check

London, Sept. 27.—Between 3,000 and 4,000 prisoners were taken by the British in Monday's and Tuesday's fighting on the Somme front according to a delayed portion of General Haig's reports of Tuesday night, which was given out today.

The report says—"The battle continued violently during the day over the whole front between the Somme and the Ancre. Our troops were successful everywhere, carrying out their attacks most brilliantly. During the last forty-eight hours between 3,000 and 4,000 prisoners were taken."

IN THE BALKANS. Paris, Sept. 27.—The Serbians have repulsed three violent Bulgarian attacks on Kalkanska Heights, according to an official statement issued by the war office today.

Berlin, Sept. 27.—The British naval base of Portsmouth and military establishments near the mouth of the River Hamble were attacked by Zeppelins which raided England on Monday night, the admiralty announced today.

SEPTEMBER WEDDINGS

In the Cathedral at six o'clock this morning Miss Gladys Marie Callaghan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Callaghan, was united in marriage with Rev. A. G. Skinner, E. A. Schinfeld, John Keefe, E. L. Rising, Captain Mulohery, T. H. Estabrook, Captain Mulohery, F. L. Potts and L. R. Ross. The men of the party were taken to the Soldiers' Club, where refreshments were served, and the officers to the Union Club.

It is expected that the balance of the advance party can get the army in readiness. They will start to work this afternoon making the necessary arrangements.

IN WALL STREET TODAY (J. M. Robinson & Sons Private Wire Telegram.)

New York, Sept. 27.—Hughes hooked by the market, while the U. S. had the choice of "Under Marching Orders" or "The Story of Our Missions."

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Phelps and Pherrand WEATHER REPORT

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Synopsis—Pressure is quite low over the great lakes and the Missouri valley, and now higher over British Columbia.

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PRESBYTERIAN W.M.S. IN SESSION

Fortieth Meeting of Maritime Province Organization HAVE RAISED \$487,435

Work Affected by War While Trained Leaders Give Attention to Patriotic Causes But Reports Show Excellent Results During Last Year

The fortieth annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of Presbyterian church, eastern division, including the three maritime provinces, opened this morning in St. David's church with a large attendance of delegates.

The first business was the appointment of committees, and these were selected as follows: Resolutions and Comptrols—Mrs. Morrison, P.E.I.; Mrs. Campbell, Inverness; Mrs. Melrose, St. John; Mrs. Fraser, Sydney.

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Credentialed—Miss McKay, Halifax; Mrs. Gass, Schubenacadie.

Resolutions and Comptrols—Mrs. Miller, Wolfville; Mrs. Hill, Yarmouth. Reports of a general character were submitted from the presbyteries, the recording secretary, Miss Bessie Wallis, of Halifax, and the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Eliza-eth H. Stewart, Halifax.

The report from the Women's Missionary Society of Canada, western division, breathed energy and efficiency both in home and foreign fields.

The report of the Board of Management, submitted by the recording secretary, Miss Bessie Wallis, of Halifax, showed a large deficit, but steps were being taken to reduce it.

The report of the secretary-treasurer of "The Message," Mrs. S. M. Fraser, of Halifax, showed a balance of \$1,211.40 on hand at the end of the year.

For the educational committee, Mrs. R. C. Cruikshank reported that the text book for study during the year was Dr. Mackenzie's "Twenty-five Years in China," was chosen for the mission work while the U. S. had the choice of "Under Marching Orders" or "The Story of Our Missions."

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FIRST OF BIG GAMES LIKELY ON OCTOBER 7

Ban Johnson Speaks of The Situation

THE CLOSE FINISH

Ready to Begin Preparations For Series—Both Boston Teams Are Playing This Afternoon at the Hub

Chicago, Sept. 27.—The world's series will open on Saturday, October 7, according to President B. B. Johnson, of the American League, who, as a member of the national commission, is today ready to begin preparations for the series.

Mr. Johnson said—"I am certain that the world's series will start on October 7. The contestants might be willing to begin on October 6, but I hardly think so. The American League race closes one day earlier than the National, so I do not think that would be fair to the National League winners. It looks as if the opening game will be played a week from next Saturday."

Both major league baseball clubs staged games in this city because of the inability of the Boston and Pittsburgh Nationals to finish their year's schedule, even by repeated double headers. It was decided to play the final game on Wednesday, September 27. In the afternoon the regular schedule brought a game at Fenway Park between the Boston and New York Yankees.

American League—Washington at Philadelphia, clear, 3 p.m.; New York at Boston, clear, 3 p.m.; No other games scheduled.

National League—St. Louis at New York, clear, 3 p.m.; Chicago at Boston, clear, 3 p.m.; Pittsburgh at Boston, 10 a.m. No other games scheduled.

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The Allies So Found It At Combes And Morval

MEET IN HEART OF TOWN

British and French in Jubilation in Combes—Enemy Withdrawing Guns Now Just So Soon as Danger Threatens

British Front in France, Sept. 26.—(Via London, Sept. 27.)—The capture of Combes was one of the most picturesque incidents in the whole course of the great Somme offensive. It marked the opening of today's forward surge of the British and French forces which reached its climax in the capture of Guedecourt and Thiepval.

All night long bitter fighting had been in progress at various points on the front and with dawn the battle broadened to include the whole British front. In the early hours of the morning Combes fell as the sun rose on a perfect summer day. Sitting in the midst of a heap of hills, the town was isolated yesterday by the seizing of the high ground on either side by the French and British. In the early hours of the morning the British took an orchard in the northern outskirts and then, after a heavy preliminary shelling, they charged the trenches on the edge of the village. The trenches were empty when they reached Combes.

At the same time the French, dashing forward on the other side of the village, pushed victoriously upward into the heart of the village. In the main street the soldiers of the two nations met and joyously shook hands, calling out to each other "parlez vous" and "vous parlez?"

Defense Collapsed Combes had a labyrinth of dugouts and well fortified cellars but at last practically no defense was made. Those Germans who had not managed to escape when the town was hopelessly surrounded were taken prisoners. One lot of Germans who were endeavoring to find a way out through the encircling allied infantry walls into the British skirmishing line. The cellars and dugouts of the village were full of wounded, although it was known that the furious fighting on the slopes of the ridges.

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HALF OF WINNIPEG'S LAWYERS ENGAGED IN NEWSPAPER CASE

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 27.—Half of the legal talent in Winnipeg will be engaged directly or otherwise in the fight of the four newspaper men imprisoned by Mr. Justice Galt, when the habeas corpus case comes up for trial on Saturday. It is unlikely that a decision will be reached in several days.

A. J. Andrews was chief counsel for the editors, and C. P. Wilson for the court. There is no appeal from a habeas corpus in Manitoba, but it is likely that the question will broaden so much in argument that no matter which way the decision goes some method will be found for appealing to a higher court.

Both sides predict some further sensational developments, especially when Hon. Robert Rogers returns to the city street. Owing to the circumstances the case was allowed to stand.

Frank Hanshaw was reported for not having a foot-strap on his horse. He said that special permission had been given to his firm and the case was set aside until inquiries can be made.