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Allies Break Through German Defences and Carry All Before Them

Comblès Was Filled With German Dead—British Troops Have Captured Important Strategic Town of Thiépval and the Fortified Town of Guedecourt—German Casualties Are Said to Have Been Heavy and in Addition Some 1000 Prisoners Are Taken by French While 1500 Fall Into Hands of the British—Little News of Importance from Other War Fronts

LONDON, Sept. 27.—French and British troops swept from three sides after their capture of Morval and Fregicourt and broke through the German defences, overran the town of Comblès and carried all before them. This place, with submarine passages and powerful fortifications, had been caught in the grip of the Allies, who coming from the north and south had advanced far beyond it, and cut off all communication with the rear except a narrow strip which was covered by the Allied guns.

The town was filled with the German dead who had fallen. A French official statement says: "Prior to the victory of Comblès the effect of the victorious French and British armies who had captured important strategic points on the previous day, was reflected in an official communication by the German War Office, which after describing the great artillery bombardment of the Entente Allies, lasting four days, alike on the Ancre and the Somme admits, that the conquest of the village line of Guedecourt must be recognized," adding, "but before all we must thank our heroic troops who faced the united Anglo-French principal forces and the massed employment of material of the whole world's war industry, prepared during many months both Thiépval on the north-western end of the British line and the fortified town of Guedecourt, north-west of Leboeufs have fallen into the hands of the British. Around the former place many hard battles have been fought since the inception of the great Entente offensive on July 1st. General Sir Douglas Haig's men, after capturing Thiépval, drove eastward and took the Zollern redoubt, strongly fortified position which lies between Thiépval and head of the British line at Courcellette. The French advanced beyond Fregicourt and captured the wood between that village and Morval and the greater part of the German fortified positions lying between this wood eastward across the Bethune road to the western portion of the German line of communication south from Bapaume. German casualties in

the fighting are declared by Paris to have been heavy and in addition to the two days' fighting more than 1,000 Germans were made prisoners by the French, while the British took 1,500. Large quantities of booty including machine guns, were taken by the Entente Allies.

While Petrograd continues silent with regard to operations on the Eastern front, both Berlin and Vienna tell of the repulse of strong Russian attacks in Volhynia, Galicia, and the Carpathian mountains.

On the Roumanian front, the Austrians and Germans have been compelled to evacuate the Vulcan and Zurdok Passes in the Transylvanian Alps in order to avoid an extensive encircling movement started by the Roumanians.

Sofia reports the capture of the Amzerch-Pervels line in Dobruja from the Russians and Roumanians, who retired northward.

Raid by the aircraft of the Teutonic Allies since Saturday night have resulted in the deaths of 139 persons, 74 in England and 65 in Bucharest, the capital of Roumania.

To be Continued

BERLIN, Sept. 26.—Members of the German and Austro-Hungarian Parliaments began at Salzburg, in Austria, their recently announced meeting for the purpose of discussing military, economic and political questions of common interests, to the two countries. The discussion was participated in by German and Austro-Hungarian deputies in alternating addresses. The conference will be continued during the winter.

Bad Policy

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—Disorders again broke out during the early hours of today in connection with the car strike. According to police advices, the elevated trains were bombarded with sticks and stones, thrown from roof tops by strikers and sympathizers were badly damaged.

The Dobruja Front

BUCHAREST, Sept. 26.—A lull has set in on the Dobruja front, along the line between the Danube and Black Sea, in which the reinforced Russian and Roumanian armies have checked the German and Bulgarian invasion. In Transylvania also comparative calm prevails.

Comblès Filled With Hun Dead

PARIS, Sept. 26.—The town of Comblès is entirely in the hands of the Anglo-French forces. This was announced in an official communication by the War Office to-night, which adds: "The battle north of the Somme is going on in favor of the Allies. The French have advanced further north of Fregicourt, along the Bethune road, and have gained additional ground. Vast stocks of munitions and provisions were captured at Comblès. The statement says the town was filled with German dead. Elsewhere along the front in France there has been intermittent cannonading."

Bulgarian Attacks Repulsed by French

PARIS, Sept. 26.—On the western end of the Macedonian front to the east of Florina, the Bulgars last night made violent attacks. To-day's official says that these assaults were checked by the French. West of Florina the Russians and French made a combined attack and took 50 prisoners. Between the Struma and Vardar there was artillery fighting together with some skirmishing, especially on the British front. No infantry actions developed in the sector held by the Serbs.

GREEK KING TO DECLARE WAR IS NOW RUMOURED

Report Comes From Sources Close to King Constantine That Greek King is About to Declare War—Greece Bargain With Entente For Financial Aid

ATHENS, Sept. 26.—In circles close to the King the belief is expressed that he will declare war immediately, possibly even this evening.

ATHENS, Sept. 26.—The Greek Government to-day submitted to representatives of the Entente, a proposal that Greece drops the policy of neutrality, on condition that she be accorded a loan to pay for the mobilization and equipment of her army.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—General Constantine Moschopoulos, Chief of the Staff of the Greek Army, has resigned, according to Reuters' despatch from Athens. General Moschopoulos commanded the Greek forces at Saloniki at the time of the landing of the Anglo-French expeditionary forces. He ordered troops under his command to salute the French and British officers and was generally reported to be friendly to the cause of the Allies.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—General Moschopoulos, Chief of the Staff of the Greek Army, and five hundred officers, have signed a memorial addressed to the King, demanding that Greece abandon neutrality. Earlier reports that Gen. Moschopoulos had resigned, according to Reuters' despatch from Athens conveying the above information, were premature.

Roumanian Success In Transylvania

BERLIN, Sept. 26.—Roumanian troops have again occupied the heights on both sides of Szurdok and Vulcan Passes in Transylvania, says a German official to-day. German troops repulsed all the Roumanian attacks against the passes, the announcement adds, but were withdrawn according to army orders.

Sixty Are Killed by Air Raid on Bucharest

BUCHAREST, Sept. 26.—Sixty persons were killed and a large number wounded at Bucharest on Monday afternoon by bombs dropped from a squadron of aeroplanes of the Teutonic Allies. Five others, according to an official, were killed to-day. Two-thirds of the victims are declared to be women and children.

Norge Steamer Sunk

LONDON, Sept. 26.—The Norwegian steamer Bufjord is sunk, according to a Lloyd's despatch from Barcelona.

CORRESPONDENT TELLS OF RECENT ALLIED ATTACKS

British Wounded Said That Their Great Gratification Was That It Was Becoming an Even Fight—Germans Have no Longer Any Trenches Except Those Which Are Built Under Fire

BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE, Sept. 26.—This has been another great day for the Anglo-French forces on the Somme, and as a spectacle for the observer, it was the most splendid of all attacks made by any attacking forces since the commencement of the great offensive. What either army was trying to do and how they were doing it, the positions they held and sought to conquer in the team play of blue French legions and khaki-clad brigades of Britain, were comprehensible to the eye in the glorious autumn sunlight. For a sweep of ten miles the scene had the intoxication of war and the grandeur, if war can be said to have any grandeur.

The British have taken half of Morval, all of LesBoeufs and have advanced their line on a front of 8,000 yards for a depth of a thousand yards. The French have stormed Rancourt and have pushed their line to the outskirts of the little village of Fregicourt, a mile east and part of Comblès. The German stronghold of Comblès is virtually isolated.

The correspondent went forward yesterday over the ridge in Delville wood and Ginchy region, which they had fought for over two months to gain. He walked for two miles through an area which reverberated with the blasts of big guns, picking his way between the bursts of flame from crashing batteries, amid the roar of cannon, as one would seek a ford in a stream. On the other side of the ridge he saw guns where he had never seen them before, on the promised land of the lower levels which the British had won by persistent siege work. The guns were closely up to the British infantry, who listened to their thunderous chorus as they prepared for the charge in the day's attacks, after the usual artillery preparations, said an officer. On his return the correspondent decided he would not pass through that wilderness of British guns, of all sizes and calibre, while he had any hearing left. Every one of them was firing at top speed. He chose a gallery which took him past many batteries which for two miles were pouring out their shares of raging tempest of gunfire from the ruins of some old German trenches, whence the little panorama stretched before him. The correspondent had a new view of the French gunners feeding shells into the breeches, as grain is fed into their machines, and with mechanical precision of automatic.

The British wounded said that their great gratification was that it was becoming an even fight, since the Germans had no more prepared line, but both armies were fighting in the open. "According to British officers the Germans on the fighting front have no longer any trenches except those which are built under fire."

LONDON, Sept. 26.—Continuing their offensive north of the Somme the French last night captured all the village of Fregicourt and penetrated the Comblès cemetery. A French reconnoitering party has reached the southern border of Comblès, says to-day's officials. Eight hundred unwounded prisoners were taken in the fighting of yesterday on the Somme front. Counter-attacks were made by the Germans last night on the site between Thiaumont work and Fleury. These assaults were checked by French artillery and rifle fire.

PARIS, Sept. 27.—Fighting continued all night north of the Somme. The Germans made desperate efforts to stem the tide which is engulfing Comblès. According to latest advices reaching Paris the Allies have so far succeeded in clinging to their gains and have even improved their positions slightly.

British Occupy Triepval Town

LONDON, Sept. 27.—In addition to the capture of Comblès, an official communications issued by the War Office last night report the occupation by the British of the important town of Thiépval, on the north-western end of the Somme front, on a high ridge east of a strongly fortified redoubt.

Kaiser Thanks German Shipyards

BERLIN, Sept. 26.—The Emperor has issued a circular letter of thanks to the German shipyards, which have already completed the repairs of the ships damaged in the Jutland battle. In his letter the Emperor says: "In a surprisingly short time, the armor has been repaired, new guns mounted and apparatus and instruments supplemented, so that the fleet was able and ready weeks ago to again undertake battle."

Aerial Engagements

PARIS, Sept. 26.—On the Somme front yesterday there were 47 aerial engagements. Five German aeroplanes were brought down and others

74 ARE KILLED AND 152 INJURED IN LATE RAIDS

Second Raid by Zeppelins Resulted in Death of 36 and 27 Injured—Correct Figures Show Saturday Night's Raid Killed 48 and Injured 125 Persons—Little Military Damage Done

LONDON, Sept. 26.—The Zeppelin raid of last night, the second within the last week, was made by several ships between 10.30 o'clock and midnight. They crossed over the east and north-east coasts and dropped bombs in the northern counties. An official account of the raid issued last night, said that probably six Zeppelins took part in the attack. It has been officially announced that 29 persons were killed in last night's Zeppelin raid.

LONDON, Sept. 26 (Official).—It is established that the two airships brought down on Sunday were naval Zeppelins, L-32 and L-33, both of very recent construction. The first airship was finally destroyed by an aeroplane after passing through effective gun fire. The second was hit by gun fire from London defences, and forced to descend in Essex through loss of gas.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—Owing to deaths from injuries having occurred, and all casualties not having been reported by the police immediately, some amendment must be made to the list of casualties made during Saturday's raid. The corrected figures are: Killed, 23 men, 12 women, and 3 children; injured 56 men, 43 women, and 26 children. In last night's raid the total casualties, so far, are: Killed, 96; injured 27. Very slight damage of military importance was done.

POLICE COURT NEWS

Mr. F. J. Morris, K.C., presided to-day. Adam King summoned Mabel Pike for throwing refuse water over him as he passed along New Gower Street. Mabel, who is a domestic in a residence there, testified that it was an accident purely and simply, and the Judge dismissed the case.

Louisa Piccot summoned Anastachia Wakeham for slapping her in the face a few days ago as the result of a quarrel over the merits and demerits of their respective children. Anastachia was informed in diplomatic language that she was too free in the use of her hands and was fined \$1 or 3 days in jail.

MORE NFLD. CASUALTIES

In recent lists of casualties among the Canadian troops at the front Mark Cooper, of Twillingate, is reported killed, and Lance Corporal Strong, Notre Dame Bay, wounded. There are many Newfoundlanders in the Canadian military organizations, doing her share both on land and sea to uphold the honour of the flag and conserve the integrity of the Empire.

Zaimis Refused To Come Back

ATHENS, Greece, Tuesday, Sept. 14.—via London, Sept. 15.—(Delayed) —Every effort to persuade Alexander Zaimis, the aged premier, to remain in office was fruitless. His pride was wounded by the appearance of the allied fleet off Piræus at the very moment, when negotiations had been begun for the entry of Greece into the war. The arrest of Austrians and Germans in Athens by French and British agents and the invasion of the French legation by ruffians who fired shots there, taken in conjunction with the continual internal discord in the face of a great national crisis, completely discouraged the entire cabinet. The result was not only to precipitate the retirement of the Zaimis ministry, but to bring to a standstill and possibly even to end all discussion of a departure from neutrality by Greece.

"I hope the Entente now sees where its policy of trying to force matters, leads," a prominent Greek official with sympathies for the Entente said to the Associated Press to-day. "The moral effect of Greece's entrance into the war with the allies unquestionably would have been a shortening of the war by many months. Without a figure like Zaimis detached from politics to conduct the negotiations there is scarcely a ghost of a chance that this can be arranged. God knows nobody in Greece has opposed entry into the war for the last fortnight and if this country does not go in, the responsibility must fall on those who are too impatient to await the end of the legitimate discussion of details."

King Constantine, however, much as he may be annoyed by the delay in settling the relations of Greece, with the Entente, is seeking a premier who will hasten arrangements to depart from neutrality. Nicholas Dimitrakopoulos, who is minister of justice, under Premier Venizelos, but is no longer a supporter of Venizelos, was approached this afternoon with a proposal to form a ministry along the lines of the desire of the king.

REIDS' STEAMER REPORT

S.S. Argyle arrived at Placentia at 6.15 a.m. yesterday. S.S. Clyde left Change Islands at 2.45 p.m. yesterday, inward. S.S. Dundee left Salvage at 11.40 a.m. yesterday, outward. S.S. Ethie is due at Flower's Cove from North. S.S. Glencoe. No report since leaving Pushthrough Monday morning. S.S. Home. No report leaving Port aux Basques. S.S. Wren left Trinity at 9.45 a.m. yesterday, outward. S.S. Kyle is due at Port aux Basques this a.m.

S.S. Neptune is north of Grady. S.S. Meigle is leaving Port aux Basques after arrival of Monday's No. 1.

S.S. Sagona left Twillingate at 11 a.m. yesterday, coming south.

DREDGE'S GOOD WORK

The dredge "Priestman" after operating in Fortune Hr. for over a month has been at work at Grand Bank for over two months past and in that time has taken out 20,000 tons of silt and sand and deepened the harbour from 80 feet outside. Vessels can now enter at low water, and where there was only 7 feet of water at low tide there is now from 15 to 17 feet. She will shortly go back to Fortune to finish her work there.

THE "PONHOOK" GOES ASHORE

Barr's new schooner, the "Ponhook", Capt. Doyle, which left here last week for Indian Hr., Labrador, according to a wireless message received this morning, went ashore, it is presumed Monday at that place, by dragging her anchors. We learn from Mr. Geo. M. Barr to-day that the vessel is not damaged and he expects that by now she is off the rocks and again securely at anchor.

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Mr. George O'Rielly Dead

This morning at 9.30 the relatives here of Mr. George O'Rielly, were apprised by telegram of his death last night at Placentia where he had been staying with his wife and niece, Mrs. McKenzie and children all the past summer. Mr. O'Rielly had been ill for some months past, yet his death came as a sad surprise to his relatives and friends in the City where he had resided for the past 40 years or more. Mr. O'Rielly conducted a prosperous grocery and wine and spirit business here and was a man esteemed socially and commercially for his integrity, honesty and kindness of disposition. He leaves to mourn him besides his wife a niece, two brothers residing in this City, Messrs Albert and Patrick O'Rielly to whom we extend the sincere sympathy of the Mail and Advocate. The remains will be brought here for burial.

VESSEL IN STORM

The Gloucester schooner "Annie Parker," seven days from Gloucester, got in here last night and will load fish for Europe. She was off Cape St. Mary's in the big storm of Sunday night and lay-to for 12 hours. The captain and crew never witnessed such weather and such a tremendous sea. She will load for Greece and come through the storm without the slightest damage.

DAMAGE AT ST. MARY'S

Mr. LeMesurier, C.M.G., had a message last evening, saying that all the schooners and boats at St. Mary's, with one exception, at Riverhead and Little Bay were damaged in the storm of Sunday night. It is believed the S.S. White Sea, which went ashore some time ago at Shag Rock, was broken up by the sea.

ENTERTAINING RETURNED SOLDIERS

The Ladies' Reception Committee this afternoon are giving the soldiers who returned from the front Saturday a drive in the country in 6 autos this afternoon. They meet at the Cross Roads and will later in the evening be regaled with a sumptuous tea in one of the suburban hostels.

NO STORM NORTH

The S.S. Prospero, which left Conche going North at 6 p.m. yesterday, reports that the storm of Sunday night did not reach far North. It was not evident in Notre Dame Bay and the Prospero was running all Sunday afternoon and night. As far as we can learn the storm did not prevail further north than Trinity Bay.

THE "MAGGIE" ARRIVED

Monroe & Coy. had a telegram to-day saying that the sch. "Maggie" had arrived safely at Little Bay Islands. She left here Friday last and reports having experienced none of the storm of Sunday night last, which prevailed with such severity south and west.

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