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**War News.**

**Messages Received  
Previous to 9 A.M.**

**COMBLES CAPTURED.**

PARIS, Sept. 26. The town of Combles is entirely in the hands of the Anglo-French forces. This was announced in an official from the War Office to-night, which adds: The battle north of the Somme is going 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 Combles. The statement says the town was filled with German dead. Elsewhere along the front in France there has been intermittent cannonading.

**WILL HE DECLARE WAR?**

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

**A GREAT DAY ON THE SOMME.**

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 the 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 Les Beuf and have advanced their line on a front of 5,000 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 Combles. The German stronghold of Combles 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 battle panorama stretched before him. The correspondent had a near view of the French gunners feeding shells 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 these which are built under fire.

**THE SOMME FIGHTING.**

PARIS, Sept. 26. Continuing their offensive north of the Somme the French last night captured all the village of Fregicourt and penetrated the Combles cemetery. A French reconnoitering party has reached the southern border of Combles, 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.

**ON CONDITIONS.**

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.

**BULGARS MAKE VIOLENT ATTACKS.**

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 officials say 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.

**GERMAN OFFICIAL.**

BERLIN, Sept. 26. Roumanian troops have again occupied the heights on both sides of Sviriduk 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 orders.

**GREEK CHIEF OF STAFF RESIGNS.**

LONDON, Sept. 26. General Constantine Moschopoulos, Chief of the Staff of the Greek Army, has resigned, according to a Reuters' despatch from Athens. The General commanded the Greek forces at Salonika 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.

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 General Moschopoulos

had resigned, according to Reuters' despatch from Athens, conveying the above information, were premature.

**FIGHTING IN THE AIR.**

PARIS, Sept. 26. On the Somme front yesterday there were forty-seven aerial engagements. Five German aeroplanes were brought down and others were badly damaged.

**QUIET PREVAILS.**

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 quiet prevails. 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.

**GETTING COMMON.**

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 northeast 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 twenty-nine persons were killed in last night's raid.

**WERE NAVAL ZEPPELINS.**

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.

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, 36; injured, 27. Very slight damage of military importance was done.

**DAMAGED GERMAN SHIPS REPAIRED.**

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."

**CONFERENCE 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.

**NORWEGIAN STEAMER SUNK.**

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

**THE STRIKE REVIVED.**

NEW YORK, Sept. 26. Disorder again broke out during the early hours of to-day 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.

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**Cruelty by Germans.**

Sworn to in Report of a Russian Commissioner.

London, Sept. 22.—The Daily Mail says this morning: Sworn evidences of cruelties practiced by German officers, soldiers and prison guards upon Russian prisoners is contained in the latest report of a Russian commission of inquiry now issued in English with photographs.

Tortured by drawing of nails, cutting off of tongues and tearing off of ears has been inflicted upon the Russians unwilling to betray their comrades. Men have been buried alive in revenge or for sheer amusement of their captors.

In the camp at Duna-Szerdahely, Austro-Hungary Russians were punished by being screwed up in a coffin, has been sworn to by many prisoners and by a Russian Sister of Mercy. Some were shot because too weak to work. Tied to a post with their toes barely touching the ground and beaten with thongs, many found death more merciful than their captors.

For two weeks Private Paul Kroschenko, relates a Georgian prisoner was compelled to live in a dog kennel in which he could neither sit nor lie down. Each time the guard was changed he was dragged out by the chain, struck and driven back again. His crime was that he attempted to escape.

The Commission states that Austrian officers appeared before it and swore to some of the cruelties inflicted by their Allies not far from Yaroslavl.

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