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ATTACKING ON 15 MILE AREA ENTENTE STRIKE ANOTHER CRUSHING BLOW AT ENEMY ON THE SOMME

BRITISH AND FRENCH STRIKE TOGETHER ON LINE BETWEEN MARTINPUICH AND COMBLE WRESTING IMPORTANT STRATEGIC POSITIONS FROM THE HUNS AND DRIVING WEDGE MORE THAN A MILE INTO GERMAN LINE.

SITUATION IN GREECE IS CRITICAL

30,000 Armed Cretans Hold the Island on Behalf of Venizelos.

FAMOUS GUARDS JOIN REVOLUTIONISTS.

"Must Clean Own House" is Entente Hint to Greek Cabinet—Revolution Continues to Grow.

London, Sept. 25 (6.40 p. m.)—The situation in Greece is most serious, says a Reuter despatch from Athens. Former Premier Venizelos, accompanied by Rear Admiral Condouriotis, commander-in-chief of the Greek navy, a number of superior officers and his supporters, left Athens early today. They are bound probably for Crete, whence they are expected to go to Saloniki.

King's Cretan Guards Desert Him

Athens, Sept. 24, via London, Sept. 25.—Sixty-nine out of the eighty members of King Constantine's famous Cretan Guards, who have disbanded the organization, leaving only eleven loyal members, purpose following Premier Venizelos to Saloniki, should he decide to go there to join the revolutionary movement, according to advices from Crete.

Armed Cretans to the number of 30,000 are now said to control the entire island in behalf of Venizelos, the insurgents now having entered Canea, where they took possession of the government buildings, turning out the Greek authorities.

Must Clean Its Own House.

Athens, Greece, Sept. 25, via London, Sept. 25.—It is reported in political circles here that a renewed effort to learn from the diplomatic representatives of the Entente Powers what Greek ministerial changes would mollify the Entente, and enable negotiations to proceed more regularly met with this unofficial suggestion: "The unacceptable members of the cabinet know they are not acceptable without being told. If the Greek government be sincere it will clean its own house."

VICE-REGAL PARTY ARE VISITING OTTAWA

Montreal, Sept. 25.—The Duke of Connaught, accompanied by the Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia, arrived in Montreal this evening on a special train from Ottawa, and will spend the week in this city, stopping at the Strathcona residence, Dorchester street. It will be their royal highnesses' farewell visit.

FATE OF COMBLES SEALED BY ALLIED BLOWS YESTERDAY

London, Sept. 26.—The British troops have captured the villages of Morval and Lesboeufs, together with several lines of trenches on a six-mile front between Combles and Martinpuich, south of the Ancre river, says the official report from British headquarters issued about midnight. This front was penetrated to a depth of more than a mile. Many prisoners were taken and heavy losses were inflicted on the Germans.

French Take Town of Rancourt.

Paris, Sept. 25, via London Sept. 26.—In a violent attack against German positions extending from Combles to the Somme, the French troops today made noteworthy gains, according to the official communication issued tonight. The town of Rancourt was captured and German positions were taken in the region of Fregicourt, between the Combles road to Bouchavesnes and in the vicinity of the Canal Du Nord.

Russian Victory in Roumania.

London, Sept. 25.—A Russian success in the Roumanian province of Dobrudja is reported in a semi-official news agency despatch from Odessa. The despatch says the Russians took 2,000 prisoners.

War Office Reports of Fighting in the Several War Zones

London, Sept. 25.—The official statement tonight says: "South of the Ancre our troops attacked Monday and have been everywhere successful. Enemy positions were stormed on a front of about six miles between Combles and Martinpuich to a depth of more than a mile. The strongly fortified villages of Morval and Lesboeufs, together with several lines of trenches, have fallen into our hands.

"The village of Morval stands on the heights north of Combles and, with its subterranean quarries, trenches and wire entanglements, constituted a formidable fortress. The possession of these two villages is of considerable military importance, and practically severs the enemy's communication with Combles.

French Report.

Paris, Sept. 25.—The official report says: "North of the Somme, the battle was renewed Monday with violence along the Ancre-Frenche front. The French infantry assuming the offensive about noon simultaneously attacked the German positions at Combles and Rancourt and defences held by the enemy from the latter village as far as the Somme.

"Northeast of Combles we carried our lines to the outskirts of Fregicourt and captured all the strongly organized ground between that hamlet and Hill No. 148. The village of Rancourt also fell into our hands.

"East of the Bethune road we extended our positions to a depth of about 1 kilometre from the Combles road to as far as Bouchavesnes, and by assault a hill northeast of that village and reached to the southeast of Hill 150. Farther south we carried several systems of trenches in the vicinity of the Canal Du Nord, from the Bethune road as far as the Somme.

Story of War Events Yesterday Told in Short Metre

Attacking simultaneously on an area of fifteen miles, running from Martinpuich to the Somme, the British and French forces have delivered another smashing blow on the German lines and pushed forward their positions for notable gains.

From Martinpuich to Combles, a distance of six miles, the British have driven in their wedge to a depth of more than a mile, and captured in the attack the important and strategic town of Lesboeufs and Morval, the latter a scant mile north of Combles.

To the French fell the town of Rancourt, two miles east and the outskirts of Fregicourt, one mile northeast of Combles. In addition, trenches near Fregicourt, in the vicinity of Bouchavesnes, and to the south from the vicinity of the Canal Du Nord to the Somme were taken.

Fate of Combles is Sealed.

The capture of Morval by the British and of part of Fregicourt by the French apparently seals the fate of Combles, which the Germans have stolidly held for weeks, despite the violent attacks thrown against it. The defenders of the virtually surrounded town have left to them for escape only the valley, a mile in width, running north-northeast, and in the traversing of which they must come under the guns of the British and French respectively from Morval and the vicinity of Fregicourt. Another notable step in their approach upon Frenche is marked in the capture by the French of trenches in the Canal Du Nord region.

Except in France there have been no important engagements on any of the various fronts. Berlin reports the repulse of Russian attacks in Volhynia, Galicia and the Carpathian mountains.

ALLIES OPEN NEW DRIVE IN MACEDONIA

Vigorous Offensive Begun Yesterday West and North of Florina.

SERBIAN ARMY FIGHT WAY ACROSS FRONTIER

French Capture Village and Russians Drive the Enemy from One of Most Important Strongholds.

London, Sept. 25.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Saloniki, dated Sunday, says: "The Entente Allies began at seven o'clock this morning a vigorous offensive on the extreme westward and northward of Florina. There was fighting all day long. The Russians, shortly after noon, captured an important hill west of Florina; the French advanced, occupying the village of Petrosk, while the Serbians succeeded in crossing the frontier north of Krusograd, but encountered fierce opposition at Verbit."

Berlin's Version of the Zeppelin Raid.

Berlin, Sept. 25, by wireless to Sayville.—The official statement regarding the air raid on England, issued today reads: "On the night of Sept. 23 and 24 several squadrons of naval airships extensively bombed London and places of military importance on the Humber and the middle counties of England, among which were Nottingham and Sheffield. Success everywhere was visible from the heavy conflagrations which could be seen for a long while.

The airships, when approaching England, before crossing the English coast, were shelled by patrol boats and during the attack by defensive batteries, which used incendiary projectiles. The airships silenced some batteries by well-directed volleys; two airships fell victims to the defensive fire around London. All the others returned undamaged."

Enemy Attacks Checked.

London, Sept. 25.—"South of the Ancre," says the British official statement issued today, "the enemy attacked one of our posts to the east of Courcellette but was repulsed. "We blew mines last night north of Neuville-Chapelle and north of Hulluch. Much damage was done to the enemy's works. "The enemy's trenches were raided at several points on the battle front."

SAMPLE OF POLITICAL ENEMY'S VICIOUSNESS, SAYS HON. MR. ROGERS

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 25.—Hon. Robert Rogers was very much amused today at the report appearing in some of the Liberal papers that he was afraid to remain in Winnipeg. "I have been accused of many things in my life," he said, "but I never thought my worst enemy would ever accuse me of being afraid of anything, and it adds but one more sample of the vicious depths to which some of my political enemies are prepared to descend."

the outskirts of Petrosk. The British to the north of Lake Tabinos, on the eastern end of the battle line, also report an advance, but Berlin says that all their attacks were repulsed. Aside from the capture by the Italians of an important mountain peak on the Trentino front, only bombardments have taken place on the Austro-Italian theatre.

NEW SUCCESS FOR ITALIANS ON TRENTINO

Alpine Troops Take Summit of Garinal, 1886 Feet High.

BRILLIANT WORK OF BY CADORNA'S MEN

Enemy Defended Position Stubbornly but were Driven Out Leaving Many Dead on the field.

Rome, Sept. 25, via London.—The war office announced today that Italian troops had taken by storm another mountain top on the Trentino front, inflicting heavy losses on the Austrians. The statement follows: "On the Trentino front the enemy's artillery was more active. Our batteries replied energetically. A few shells fell on Ala, in the Legarina Valley, without causing any damage. "Our offensive in the region between the Amisio and the Vanoi Cisono valleys has gained for us a new and brilliant success. On Saturday afternoon our Alpine troops took the summit of Garinal, 1886 feet high, on the northeastern part of Monte Cauriol. The enemy resisted stubbornly, and left many dead on the field.

"We took several prisoners. Notwithstanding an immediate bombardment of the captured position by heavy artillery it was consolidated strongly by us. "Our batteries continue to direct retaliatory fire on the military stations of Toblach and Silliam, as the enemy persists in shelling Cortina D'Ampezzo. "Last night one of our airships, having eluded the enemy's searchlights, dropped bombs on the railway station of Dottedeggen and Scappo, on the Carso plateau. The airship returned safely."

INDUSTRIAL TIE-UP IN N.Y. ON WEDNESDAY

Members of State Legislature Urging Governor to Call Special Session to Deal with Strike.

New York, Sept. 25.—With labor leaders continuing their efforts to bring about a general suspension of work as an aid to the striking carmen in this city, members of the state legislature, at a meeting today, decided to urge Governor Whitman to convene the legislature in extraordinary session to deal with the strike situation.

The governor arrived in the city tonight, and it was expected a committee appointed by the legislature would wait upon him tomorrow. The labor leaders have set Wednesday as the time for a general tie-up of the city's industries.

Nearly forty per cent. of the 800,000 union workers in New York and vicinity have avowed their intention of quitting their places, according to Hugh Frayne, organizer of the American Federation of Labor.

NEW RUSSIAN DRIVE TO BALK VON HINDENBURG'S MOVE

Brusiloff's Army Starts New Offensive to Prevent Enemy from Recovering Old Positions Before Winter Sets in—Fight Raging from Pripet Marshes to the Danube.

Petrograd, Sept. 25, via London.—Although the official communications have shed little light on recent developments in the war situation, it is learned from staff officers that after a long lull the battles at all important points on General Brusiloff's front are again assuming the intensity which characterized the first period of his advance. The principal centres of action are the districts near Vladimir-Volynski and west of Lutsk, the Halicz region and the Carpathians, and in each of these territories there has been a general resumption of the fighting, which has spread to adjacent sectors and in the whole southwestern war theatre, from the Pripet marshes to the Danube, may be said to be again in action. The nature of this action, however, has undergone a conspicuous change since the first smashing blows in Brusiloff's campaign.

Berlin Stunned by Loss Of Zeppelin Raiders

No Recent Reverse on Battlefield has had Such a Depressing Effect—Machines were Among Aircraft Just Recently Turned Out.

New York, Sept. 25.—A news agency despatch from Geneva today says: "Loss of the two Zeppelins in Saturday night's air raid on England has stunned the Berlin public, Swiss correspondents in the German capital telegraphed today. "No recent reverse on the battlefield has had such a depressing effect on the German people, the correspondents report. "The two Zeppelins are understood to have been among the new aircraft turned out recently at the Friedrichshafen factory.

AIR RAIDERS AGAIN VISIT GREAT BRITAIN

Several Hostile Machines Appeared Last Night—British Airmen Raid Belgian Town.

Bulletin—London, Sept. 26.—"Several hostile airships crossed the east and northeast coasts of England between 10.30 o'clock and midnight last night," says an official communication issued shortly after midnight. "Bombs are reported to have been dropped at several places in northern and north Midland counties. "An airship is also reported off the south coast. "No reports of casualties or damage have been received."

EUROPEAN LIQUIDATION AM. SECURITIES ENDED?

Special to The Standard. New York, Sept. 25.—In view of existing conditions there appears reasonable basis for the belief that European liquidation of American securities has ended. This is a feature that merits careful consideration in connection with railroad developments.

While the active foreign selling of securities has been in progress there has been an obvious lack of operation for railroad managers to secure the large amount of new capital that is so necessary for improvements and extensions that are needed to place the railroads of the country in a physical position in which they conduct fully their activities as common carriers. The amount of new capital so required must be measured by hundreds of millions. The securities returned by Europe comprise the choicest ones outstanding.

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Berlin, Sept. 25, by wireless to Sayville.—Dr. Beldiman, who was Roumanian minister to Germany until his country entered the war, has gone to Copenhagen, with his staff, to take up his residence in Denmark. The former Roumanian ministers at Vienna, Sofia and Constantinople, with their staffs, have arrived at Malmoe, Sweden, on their way home.

Presque Isle, Me. Woman Loses Life when Car Skidded Few Miles from Woodstock.

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, Sept. 25.—It is reported here this evening that Mrs. Blackie, wife of the proprietor of a prominent Presque Isle hotel, had been killed in an automobile accident at Shogomus, a few miles from this town. It is understood that the car in which Mr. and Mrs. Blackie were riding, skidded over an embankment and Mrs. Blackie in attempting to jump from the machine was almost instantly killed. The other occupants of the car escaped with slight injuries.

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