

ALLIES KEEP UP WEST GAINS

Both French and British Troops Advance on Somme Front.

London, Oct. 4.—The French on the Somme front are continuing their thrust northward on the Peronne-Bapaume road and have captured a strong line of German defenses between Morval and the St. Pierre Vaast wood, Paris announces today.

The British have expelled the Germans from Eau Court L'Abbaye, near the Postiers-Bapaume road, where their drive towards Bapaume is now within three and a half miles of its objective.

ROMANIAN DRIVE MYSTERY.

Mystery still surrounds the numbers and movements of the Roumanian forces, which have crossed the Danube into Bulgaria near Rahovo. In an evident effort to outflank the Bulgarian left wing and compel the retreat of Field Marshal Von Mackensen from the line south of the Constanta Tchernavoda river.

RUSS 50 MILES FROM LEMBERG.

Unofficial despatches from Petrograd say the Russians have captured the heights south of Brestany, fifty miles east of Lemberg.

CLAIM ROMANIANS QUIET.

Berlin, Oct. 4.—Via London, 4:20 p. m.—The Roumanian forces which crossed the Danube river between the Danube fortresses of Rustchuck and Turtulia, have withdrawn hastily, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters, as the result of encircling movements put into operation by Field Marshal Von Mackensen, the commander of the forces of the central powers and their allies in Dobruja.

FRENCH CAPTURE 300.

Paris, Oct. 4.—Noon.—A strongly fortified line of German defenses between Morval and the St. Pierre Vaast wood on the Somme front has been captured by the French, the war office announced today. Three hundred prisoners were taken.

SAP GERMAN'S STRENGTH.

Offensive of Allies in West Uses Up Food, Reserves Rapidly.

London, Oct. 4.—(10:10 a. m.)—An official statement given out here today gives details of the fighting on the Somme front after the advance of Sept. 15, describing the capture of villages, including Combles, Gueudecourt and Thiepval and proceeds:

"These victories brought our front line at more than one point within a mile of German fourth position, west of the Bapaume-Transloy road."

The statement continues:

"At the end of September the situation may be summarized as follows: 'Since the opening of the battle on July 1, we have taken 25,135 prisoners and engaged 38 German divisions, of which 28 (about 350,000 men) have been withdrawn exhausted or broken. We hold the half moon upland, south of the Ancre, occupy every height of importance and so have direct observation ground to the east and north-east. The enemy has fallen back upon a fourth line behind a low ridge just west of the Bapaume-Transloy road."

"The importance of the three month's offensive is not to be judged by the distance advanced or the number of enemy trench lines taken. It must be looked for in the effect upon the enemy's strength, in numbers, material and morale. The enemy has used up his reserves causing our allies or ourselves to relax our steady, methodical pressure."

RED CROSS SHIP BLOWN UP.

Paris, Oct. 4.—5 a. m.—A British Red Cross steamer blew up on Sunday morning in the straits of Dover, according to a Boulogne despatch to the Figaro. The despatch says news of the disaster was received by wireless, but that details are lacking.

WAR SUMMARY.

Violent fighting continues between the Teutonic allies and the Roumanian and Russian forces all along the line south of the railroad running from Constanta to the Danube.

On the Eastern front of Lutzk and in Galicia in the region of Ziota Lips river, the fighting is described as severe, but Petrograd, says neither side has gained appreciable advantage. Berlin, however, asserts that the Russians were repulsed west of Lutzk.

The Bulgarians have withdrawn from the region around Kaimaktsalan heights in Macedonia.

The Germans and Austrians have made an advance against the British who recently crossed the Struma Northwest of Lake Thahina, which Paris asserts that the Bulgarians have abandoned several positions in the Brode river, including four towns north of Florina in Greece, which were occupied by the entente allies.

OWEN TO TALK TO INVESTMENT BANKERS

Cincinnati, O., Oct. 4.—The fifth annual convention of the Investment Bankers of America will come to a close here tonight with a banquet at which the principal speaker will be U. S. Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma. Senator Owen's topic will be the federal reserve act and its relations to investment banking.

The program called for two business sessions today. The morning session was to be occupied by the reading of reports

LOWDEN TAKES RAP AT DUNNE

Charges Parceling of Jobs for Political Work.

Champaign, Oct. 4.—Colonel Frank O. Lowden let fly at Governor Dunne Tuesday night. He flashed before an audience here an affidavit tending to show that state jobs are being given in return for political services.

The affidavit was signed by a Dunne appointee, W. A. Panneck, attorney for the Illinois Canal commission. It was filed yesterday in the La Salle county court. In it Mr. Panneck asked that a case in which he was counsel be continued on the ground that he was required to do political work for Governor Dunne up to election day.

CHARGES EXTRAVAGANCE.

Colonel Lowden said if the affidavit is false, Governor Dunne "owes it to himself to prosecute Mr. Panneck for perjury," while, if it is true, then it is a monstrous innovation in government. He followed it with a charge that Democratic extravagance is costing the state \$1,000 an hour.

The shot at the Dunne administration was the climax to the first day of the pilgrimage of the G. O. P. state candidates through Illinois by special train. Those aboard the special say it is only an opening salute, so to speak. By the time the campaigning is on a week or two they look for one of the bitterest "knock down and drag out" fights in recent years.

BEVERIDGE IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Oct. 4.—Former U. S. Senator A. J. Beveridge is to be the chief speaker at the opening rally of the Republican presidential campaign in Chicago tomorrow night, in which Indiana and Illinois Republicans will join

PRESIDENT ON WAY TO OMAHA

On Board President Wilson's Special Train, Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 4.—President Wilson passed through here early today enroute for Omaha for his first midwestern speech of his campaign.

No prolonged stops were planned before his arrival at Chicago tonight. He will speak in Omaha tomorrow night.

NO REAR PLATFORM TALKS.

In spite of persistent requests to have the president deliver a number of rear platform speeches on the way to Omaha, he absolutely refused to make any such plans.

The president took the position that he will not make a stump tour to aid his campaign.

Mr. Wilson is making the trip to Chicago on a special train, but for the remainder of the journey his car will be attached to a regular train.

In his party were Mrs. Wilson, Secretary Tumulty, Dr. Cary T. Grayson, the White House physician, and a corps of secret service men and stenographers.

CHEERED IN OHIO.

Alliance, Ohio, Oct. 4.—President Wilson was enthusiastically greeted by cheering crowds as he passed through the middle west enroute to Omaha today. At Salem and Alliance, Ohio, several thousand persons packed the railroad stations and applauded as Mr. Wilson stepped to the rear platform of his private car.

When the president awoke this morning he found several hundred telegrams from people along his route urging him to at least show himself.

The president has selected three members of the board to investigate the railway eight hour law. Announcement of their names will be made as soon as they have consented to serve.

TO TALK AT STOCK YARDS.

Chicago, Oct. 4.—President Wilson's big speech of the campaign in Chicago will be delivered at the stock yards pavilion on the night of Thursday, Oct. 19. The plans were announced last night by Judge Clarence N. Goodwin, head of the Naturalized Citizens' League, under whose auspices the meeting will be held.

Invitations and tickets will be sent to 10,000 men and their wives who have been naturalized since January, 1915. Tickets will be good only until 7:45 o'clock. After that the general public will be admitted. The seating capacity is nearly 15,000.

WOMEN TALKERS FOR HUGHES TO CHICAGO

Chicago, Oct. 4.—Final arrangements were made today by Republican headquarters of the women speakers who are making a trans-continental tour of the country on the woman's campaign train for Charles E. Hughes, which will arrive in Chicago at 12:15 p. m. tomorrow from South Bend, Ind.

A committee of Chicago women will meet the special train at South Bend, Ind.

While in Chicago the visitors will go to different sections of the city where addresses will be made to working women in front of large industrial plants.

The train will leave Chicago at 3 a. m. Friday for Cedar Rapids, and Waterloo, Iowa, where stops will be made.

\$15,662 BUDGET HELD INVALID

Fergus Wins Suit on Deficiency Appropriation Bills.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 4.—Appropriations of the 49th general assembly totalling \$15,662.61 are held invalid in an opinion handed down today by Judge Creighton of the Sangamon county circuit court in the case of John B. Fergus of Chicago, against State Treasurer Russell and State Auditor Brady. This was a suit for injunction to restrain the payment of certain funds contained in deficiency appropriation bills.

NO TWO-THIRDS VOTE.

Most of the appropriations were in the omnibus bill, which did not receive a two thirds majority vote, and for this reason, the court holds, the deficiency appropriations are void, since the law requires bills providing for deficiency funds to have a two-thirds vote.

PENITENTIARY BUDGET HIT.

One of the most important items attacked by Fergus and upheld by Judge Creighton, was the appropriation of \$3,000 to the Southern Illinois penitentiary. Several smaller appropriations were held valid by the court's decision.

ITEMS HELD INVALID.

Among the items held invalid are the following: \$761.75 to the governor as the balance of court costs in the Economy Light & Power suit instituted by the Deenen administration; \$900 to the attorney general for telephone tolls at his inheritance tax collection office in Chicago; \$1,000 to Amos Sawyer for acting as secretary of the state board of health; \$1,356.50 to the Illinois State board of architects examiners; \$2,400 to the An Madoc legislative insurance committee; \$3,000 to the voting machine investigating committee; \$3,150 to members of the legislature who investigated the election contest cases.

BANKERS URGE PREPAREDNESS

Danville, Oct. 4.—Over six hundred Illinois bankers were present at the opening session of the state association here this morning. George Woodruff of Joliet, president, delivered his annual address it being given over to matters pertaining to the work the association had done in advocating the passage of a preparedness measure by congress.

Eugene Lamb Richards, superintendent of banks of New York, spoke this morning on "the banking millennium: how can we bring it nearer?"

Country bankers are here to fight for what they consider their interests in the contest that is to come over what action the convention will take with reference to a change in the laws governing state banks.

YEGGS FOILED AS BLAST JARS PHONES

Pearl City, Ill., Oct. 4.—The crash of the door of a 900 pound safe against the floor of the telephone exchange above the postoffice here today jarred the switchboard signals violently.

The operator listening in, heard a commanding voice say:

"Boys, we'd better heat it."

Robbers had attempted to dynamite the postoffice safe and the charge of explosives partly wrecked the building. The safe contained \$1 and a few stamps. The robbers escaped.

NO DEMAND FOR TROOPS' WITHDRAWAL

Mexico City, Oct. 4.—Col. Juan Barragan, chief of the staff to General Carranza, will accompany Eliseo Arredondo, ambassador designate to the United States, on the latter's return to Washington. According to governor officials, Colonel Barragan merely intends to take a vacation.

His government officials deny a story sent out from El Paso that General Carranza was contemplating sending an ultimatum to the United States demanding the withdrawal of General Pershing's troops from Mexico.

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TAFT AND TEDDY JUST SHAKE HANDS

And Then Taft Talks on "Ex-Presidents' Club."

New York, Oct. 4.—Theodore Roosevelt and William H. Taft clasped hands for a moment last night at the Union League Club reception to Charles E. Hughes.

"How do you do?" said Mr. Taft.

"How do you do?" Mr. Roosevelt replied.

Each bowed, and Colonel Roosevelt passed on to shake hands with other guests, leaving Mr. Taft to greet those who followed. A few moments later Colonel Roosevelt took his place in the receiving line.

APPEARANCES HAVE CHANGED.

They had changed somewhat in appearance since the time they last exchanged greetings. Both were somewhat grayer than they were then, with the lines of their faces deepening into wrinkles. And Mr. Taft was nearly 100 pounds heavier when he was present than now.

THE COLONEL'S REMARKS.

"No man has a right to claim spiritual kinship with Abraham Lincoln if he is too proud to fight," Colonel Roosevelt said in part of his speech. "Fifty odd years ago there were men in this country who were too proud to fight, but they were not found in this club and they did not vote for Abraham Lincoln."

"Fifty odd years ago there were men in that nation that were too proud to fight the foe of the nation, but they were perfectly willing to fight the police and the draft riots."

ON "EX-PRESIDENTS' CLUB."

Mr. Taft followed Mr. Roosevelt. "I concur," said Mr. Taft "in the view of Mr. Roosevelt that this election is the most important we have had in this country since the war. Our adversaries rely on an appeal to the people that we have not been put into war—when it was not necessary for us to go to war at any rate—and that we have great temporary prosperity."

"We are here to welcome the next president of the United States. And I may say incidentally, also, we are holding one of these exceptional meetings of the ex-presidents' club. It is not a large membership, and the members do not always, or perhaps ever, entertain completely harmonious views."

WILL SOON HAVE ANOTHER MEMBER.

"But there is one subject upon which we are unanimous to a point that I cannot exaggerate, and that is that we are going to elect, in November, another member of that club."

MAJOR GEN. SCOTT IN HOSPITAL

Washington, Oct. 4.—Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army is undergoing treatment at a hospital here for chronic stomach trouble. It was said at the war department today that the general was improving and that an operation was not deemed necessary.

SHERIFF KILLS ESCAPED CONVICT

Danville, Oct. 4.—The man supposed to have been Roy Dickson, of Danville, killed last night by Sheriff Smith of Shelby county, Ky., is Adolph Wilson, aged 37. At the January term of the circuit court in Danville, he was sentenced to 25 years in Chester penitentiary, for criminal assault upon his ten year old stepdaughter. Later he was sent to the asylum at Kankakee, from where he escaped and went to Kentucky where he lived under the name of Dickson. A half sister in Danville confirms this.

GAIN IN FEDERAL RESERVE CLEARINGS

Washington, Oct. 4.—All federal reserve bank districts averaged materially larger daily clearings for the month ending Sept. 18, last, than during the preceding month. The federal reserve board announced today. This increase was from \$59,301,695 to \$78,559,702.

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2 KILLED, 60 HURT IN BRIDGE CRASH

Street Cars Collide and Bridge Collapses.

Cleveland, O., Oct. 4.—The death list in last night's bridge tragedy in which two street cars plunged thirty feet from the west Third street viaduct, remained at two today and of it the sixty injured. It was expected one or two would die.

The dead are, Conductor Otto Borcherdt and Mrs. Clara Dille, a passenger.

Two investigations into the accident were under way today.

CAR DASHES DOWN HILL.

The accident was caused by the brakes on the south-bound car failing to hold on the West Third street hill. The car rammed a wagon in its path, leaped from the rails and collided with the other car on the bridge.

The collision shook the bridge tremendously. The cars were thrown against the east side of the span. There was a tearing, rending sound, and the bridge fell.

AWAIT RULING ON CONTRACT LABOR

Washington, Oct. 4.—Labor organizations, especially on the Pacific coast are awaiting action by the supreme court on an appeal filed, which is designed to test whether the "contract labor" law applies to seamen.

The court has been asked to review a decision of the ninth circuit court of appeals in the negative. Should this ruling be sustained, it is contended that "there will be nothing to prevent any ship from bringing Chinese to this country and manning every vessel in the coasting trade with them."

The question is raised in an appeal of Paul Scharrerberg from dismissal of his suit against the Boller