

GERMANS ADMIT REVERSE IN FRANCE

Berlin War Office Says Three Towns on Somme Front Are Taken by British Troops.

COMBLES IS HOLDING OUT

Berlin, Sept. 15.—(Via London—Berlin official.)—After severe fighting on the Somme front yesterday, says today's German official statement, the German troops were forced back through the villages of Courcellette, Martinpuch and Flers. The town of Combles, the statement adds, was held by the Germans in the face of strong British attacks.

British Gains Substantial.

London, Sept. 16.—As a result of their offensive north of the Somme, begun yesterday morning, along the six-mile front from north of Combles to beyond the Pozieres-Bapanne road, the British are holding the villages of Courcellette, Martinpuch and Flers, the war office announced this afternoon.

King George sent the following message today to General Sir Douglas Haig, the British commander in France:

"I congratulate you and my brave troops on the brilliant success just achieved. I have never doubted that complete victory will ultimately crown our efforts, and the splendid results of the fighting yesterday confirmed this view.

Counter Attacks Repulsed.

Paris, Sept. 16.—German counter attacks were made on the French lines both north and south of the Somme last night. They were unsuccessful, the war office announced today. The assaults were delivered to the east of Clercy on the north bank of the river and east of Berny, to the south of the stream, below Peronne.

During yesterday's fighting, today's bulletin states, the French took 400 prisoners. In a single trench the bodies of eighty-six dead Germans were picked up.

Devoe and McMullen Speak at Pawnee City

Pawnee City, Sept. 16.—(Special.)—One of the most successful political rallies in the history of this county was held last night, when several of the state and local candidates were present. The principal speakers of the evening were Robert W. Devoe, republican candidate for attorney general and A. McMullen, candidate for state senator from Gage and Pawnee counties. Senators Shumway and Reynolds, state candidates, also made shore addresses. C. A. Schappel, county chairman, presided at the meeting. The talk of Mr. McMullen was especially interesting and took well with the audience. The party left for Tecumseh this morning where they spoke their evening.

Fifteen Want to Carry Mail Out of Beemer

West Point, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Fifteen candidates have just taken the postoffice civil service examination at West Point for the position of rural mail carrier at Beemer. This is the largest class of applicants that has yet appeared at any previous examination of this character at West Point. The route vacant at Beemer is considered to be one of the most desirable in the county, hence the large number of candidates. William Smith was the former carrier.

Twenty-Four Fines Paid in the Police Court by Dealers

Dairy and Milk Inspector Bossie's evidence in police court resulted in the following convictions of milk dealers:

Name and Dairy	Fines Paid
E. Cornner, Melrose Hill	\$17.50
V. Johnson, Helena	27.50
N. J. Nelson, Consumers	27.50
C. Spangard, Spangard	27.50
W. Anderson, Excelsior	27.50
Card Norgard, Union Sanitary No. 2	27.50
R. Norgard, Union Dairy company	27.50
Knud Knudsen, Walnut Hill	27.50
A. M. Christensen, Inter-state	27.50
Chr. M. Peterson, Underwood	27.50
Peter Peterson, Twin City	27.50
P. J. Jensen, Fortia Dairy	27.50
M. C. Sorenson, Twin City	27.50
A. Neiderberg, North Omaha Farm	27.50
J. P. Jensen, Fortia Dairy	27.50
John Christensen, Eagle No. 3	27.50
Totals	\$660.00

Ten cases still pending. In addition to the above fines, \$330 in fines were suspended.

Harman Seizes Grapes Because Under Weight

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Inspectors of the state pure food department have seized 400 baskets of grapes in possession of Omaha fruit men, so notice was received by Commissioner Harman this morning. The confiscation was made because the baskets did not correspond to the law as regards the number of pounds in each one.

It is generally understood that each basket should weigh eight pounds, but in this case the number of pounds did not show on the basket. The national law requires branding of baskets.

Commissioner Harman has notified wholesalers to obey the law. It is said that the law is being evaded by fruit men in Council Bluffs who are shipping grapes to Nebraska points.

Commissioner Harman has filed charges in district court at Nebraska City against Robert Nix, agent of the S. L. Collins Oil company, for refusal to allow inspection of coal oil in tanks of the company.

Women Readers Are Waiting For The Bee's New Department

Miss Irma Gross Will Write on Domestic Science and Economics of Housekeeping for The Bee.

Housewives who read The Bee are all agog with interest in the announcement of the new home economics department of the Woman's section, to be in charge of Miss Irma H. Gross of the Central high school domestic science faculty. Wherever progressive housekeepers congregate, they are discussing this latest feature of the up-to-date woman's page of The Bee, and the initial appearance of the new department is eagerly awaited.

The special training and fitness of Miss Gross to conduct such a department is a fact commented on by all who knew this efficient young woman. Miss Gross is an Omaha product, an honor graduate of Central high school, after which she took the domestic science course at the University of Chicago. Much of her training here was received under Sophonisba Breckenridge, a woman of national fame, and Marion Talbot, whose textbooks are recognized as among the best written on home economics subjects. Miss Gross supplemented her own study by teaching domestic science at the University Settlement, headed by Miss Mary McDowell. She has been connected with the local high school classes since her return to Omaha.

Miss Gross is not the type of domestic science instructor who believes that the modern woman is woefully ignorant of housekeeping methods, and that her mother, before her, was equally unacquainted with sanitation, food chemistry, food values and the like.

"Easier methods are what women need—a systematizing of all their labor," says Miss Gross. "Women to-



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day are doing their housework in the most difficult manner, whereas their household duties could be made infinitely lighter." But the statement that modern women know nothing of how to cook and manage their homes is one that Miss Gross will not countenance.

Household administration, the study of expenditures, dietetics and nutrition are only a few of the subjects which Miss Gross will discuss in connection with her cookery topics.

DEMOS ARE MAKING DEMAND ON CLERKS

Five Per Cent Assessment in Sight on All the State House Employees.

GREAT ROAR IS GOING UP

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Sept. 16.—(Special.)—State house employees, or at least some of them, are facing a 5 per cent assessment for democratic campaign purposes, according to reliable rumors emanating from those who are objecting to so high an appreciation of their services by the powers that be.

Officials of the departments do not care to talk very much about the high-handed methods being used to make them loosen up. Some of them do not object to paying a 10 per cent assessment on their own salaries, but they say that they will not stand for a 5 per cent assessment on the clerks working under them.

Republican state officials, which include the state superintendent, land commissioner and the railway commission, emphatically stated to The Bee that there had been no assessment in their offices and there would be none.

Some of the state officers, who have understood that the 5 per cent assessment will have to come, declare that if the order comes they will advise their employes not to pay it. It is probable, however, that they will stand for half that and not grumble very much.

On a 5 per cent basis deputies will have to pay \$90; bookkeepers, \$75; clerks from \$50 to \$60, and stenographers, \$42. There are half a dozen democratic deputies in the state house with assistants who draw a like salary, which will make a total sum, if all pay the 5 per cent, of \$450. There are the same number of bookkeepers who will donate \$450; about twenty clerks who will cough up about \$1,000

to \$1,200; an army of stenographers who at least should be able to donate \$1,000 more; while there are several \$1,200 clerks who should be able to help out about \$800 more. This should enable the democrats to hold up the employes for about \$4,000 in an effort to keep the democratic machine well oiled.

State Fair Receipts Over Hundred Thousand

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Sept. 16.—(Special.)—According to the monthly bulletin being sent out by the State Board of Agriculture the state fair receipts for the 1916 exposition were \$101,679.58, derived from the following sources:

Admission	\$58,444.25
Auto hall	2,965.00
Commissions	17,014.28
Grand stand and bioscope	14,148.10
Miscellaneous	3,222.94
Spewd.	1,817.00
State and pens	1,871.00
State appropriation	2,088.00

That Nebraska is one of the leading swine-producing states was exemplified. The showing numbered about 1,700 head, even in the face of the threatened railroad strike. Some exhibitors failed to come because railroad agents at home stations could not predict the certainty of a return of the stock. Those who came reported a land office business in sales made.

Murder Suspect Is Arrested at Beatrice

(Special)

Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special) Fred Aldergoot, suspected of being the man wanted at Stockton, Kan., for the murder of Louis Banks on August 23, last, was arrested here last night by Chief Hayden. He answers the description of the murderer and the sheriff of Brooks county will arrive in the city Sunday to see if he can identify the fellow.

Beemer to Vote on School Bonds

West Point, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—An election will be held at the town of Beemer, in this county, on October 7 on the question of voting bonds to the amount of \$24,000 for the erection of a new high school building. Much local interest is being aroused over the question.

R. W. Craig Tells Of Recent Visit to Chalmers Factory

R. W. Craig, the Chalmers distributor, recently spent a week at the Chalmers factory in Detroit and returned home with a lot of new ideas and a lot of added enthusiasm. In speaking of his visit Mr. Craig said: "I was very deeply impressed with the appropriateness of Mr. Chalmers' slogan, 'Quality first.' In every department of the factory, quality is the watch-word and every mechanic with whom I came in contact displayed a great pride in doing his job well. They all love Mr. Chalmers for his fairness and his democratic personality. Mr. Chalmers is constantly striving to make better men of his employes, so that they will be worth more to themselves and to the organization. Various schools are conducted at the factory in which every employe is urged to participate, without cost to him. To some of the classes Mr. Chalmers gives his personal supervision. It is small wonder that the Chalmers organization is one of the strongest in the automobile industry. The one great feature at the Chalmers factory that impressed me most was the thorough system of inspection.

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Custer County Fair Has Large Exhibits

Broken Bow, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—The Custer county fair was brought to a close Friday night after four days of good attendance. The agricultural displays this year were particularly good, while the live stock exhibit was up to the average. Aviator Fred Hoover of Chicago was able to make only two flights during the week. On the second day he started up in the face of a strong wind and the machine dropped to the ground and broke a propeller. The aviator, who was not injured, was unable to get another propeller here before the close of the fair. Among the state notables who attended the fair here this week were Justice Fawcett of the supreme court, ex-State Treasurer Walter George, Associate Justice Barnes of the supreme court and State Treasurer Hall.

Veterinarian Says Anthrax Condition Very Serious

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Sept. 16.—(Special.)—A telephone message to his office this morning sent by State Veterinarian Dr. Anderson, conveyed the information that he had found several very severe cases of anthrax in cattle near Madison and that steps were being taken to quarantine and otherwise try to stamp out the disease.

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