

ONRUSH OF GERMANS PLACES ALLIES ON DEFENSIVE FATE OF FRANCE MAY HANG ON NEXT GREAT BATTLE

MONTANA TESTS PRIMARY LAW VOTE AS WHOLE VERY LIGHT

NO MORE THAN 25 PER CENT HAS BEEN CAST—M'CORMICK AND PARSONS RUN CLOSE—RETURNS GENERALLY DELAYED.

Helena, Aug. 25.—Montana's first test of its statewide primary nomination law was made today, when the democrats, republicans, progressives and socialists each nominated two candidates for congress, one for associate justice of the supreme court and one for railroad commissioner.

The democrats and republicans and in some counties, the progressives, also named complete county and legislative tickets.

The chief contests were for the republican nominations for congressmen and railroad commissioner and the democratic nominations for associate justice and railroad commissioner.

Partial Returns. Partial returns from about half of the precincts in half of the counties in the state at midnight indicate the nomination of Fletcher Maddox of Great Falls, with W. J. McCormick and H. H. Parsons of Missoula running close for second place as republican candidates for congress; Daniel Boyle as the republican candidate for railroad commissioner; Judge J. M. Clements of Helena as the democratic candidate for associate justice of the supreme court, and J. E. McCormick of Boulder as the democratic candidate for railroad commissioner.

In Lewis and Clark. Indication are that Judge J. M. Clements will carry this county, two to one, for associate justice, J. E. McCormick for railroad commissioner and Joseph Kirshwing as the democratic ticket, is also ahead.

On the republican ticket, Fletcher Maddox is an easy leader for congress, with Harry H. Parsons in second place. Dan Boyle leads Godfrey and Tong for commissioner. The progressive vote was light.

The keenest competition was for places on the democratic legislative ticket. It looks tonight like it will be made up of George L. Ramsey, E. C. Day, W. C. Bardon and James L. Bonhart, five places going either to Mattie Prosser or W. F. Wood.

The vote in the city for associate justice on the democratic ticket, except for one ward; Clements, 349, Erickson 118, Poindexter 117.

Railroad commissioner: Johnson 130, Lovelace 136, McCormick 257. Congress, republican ticket—Maddox 269, McCormick 129, Nicholson 80, Parsons 153.

The democratic vote in the city averaged 1,915; the republican vote 359, and the progressive 65.

Cascade County. Great Falls, Aug. 25.—Generally the primary vote was light in northern Montana counties and results are slow in coming in. A bitter fight for the democratic nomination for state senator in Cascade county brought out a good sized democratic vote, Joseph Kirshwing, a former member of the legislature and a candidate for the United States marshalship, over which there has been a bitter fight in the party in the state, being beaten by Joseph Kirwan by a vote of over two to one.

Returns from this section so far indicate that Maddox and McCormick are leading for the republican nominations for congress; Boyle for railroad commissioner; Clements and Erickson are running about even for the democratic nomination for the supreme court and McCormick is leading for railroad commissioner.

In Silver Bow. Butte, Aug. 25.—Count of the votes cast in Montana's first primary nominating election yesterday is progressing slowly and the complete count will not be available until some time today.

Up to 12:45 o'clock this morning but 12 precincts out of 68 in Silver Bow county had been had and these only on the democratic ticket principally with a sprinkling of the republican, socialist and progressive tickets. These returns indicate that Joseph B. Poindexter of Dillon is leading J. M. Clements by a large margin in the contest for the nomination for associate justice of the supreme court on the democratic ticket. J. E. McCormick of Boulder leading Earl J. Johnson for railroad commissioner, also by a large margin. State Senator Harry A. Callaway is renominated.

Contest Among Socialists. There are no contests on the republican ticket or the progressive ticket, but on the socialist there are two candidates for every position, the so-called "yellows" and the "reds" opposing each other. The yellows, led by the forces headed by Maxey Lewis J. Duncan, are winning over the "reds," the insurgent socialists, by a five to one vote.

The democrats polled a total vote of double the entire vote cast by the republicans, progressives and socialists. Republican, socialist and progressive headquarters have closed for the night and nothing further on these tickets will be available before late today. Republican headquarters had reported but one precinct, that a small one, in which Fletcher Maddox and Harry H. Parsons are leading for congress; Nathan Godfrey leading for railroad commissioner and T. A. Grigg for state senator. Justice W. L. Holloway is unopposed for renomination.

In Deer Lodge. Deer Lodge, Aug. 25.—(Special).—It was a quiet primary election today. The results for the men running for nominations on the state tickets follow: Republican—For member of congress: Maddox, 108; McCormick, 91; Nicholson, 44; Parsons, 85. For associate justice of the supreme court: Holloway, 184. For railroad commissioner: Boyle, 98; Godfrey, 64; Tong, 25. For state representative: Moore, 181.

Democratic—For member of congress: Evans, 141; Stout, 104. For associate justice of the supreme court: Clements, 49; Erickson, 17; Poindexter, 72. For railroad commissioner: Johnson, 25; Lovelace, 88; McCormick, 73. For state representative: McTague, 139; Tibbett, 26.

In Yellowstone. Billings, Aug. 25.—Republicans of Yellowstone county cast more votes in the primary today than all other parties combined. About 1,200 votes were cast out of a registration of 4,900; Washington J. McCormick and Fletcher Maddox carry the county for congress; Dan Boyle for railroad commissioner on the republican ticket, while supreme justice and railroad commissioner on the democratic ticket are in doubt, pending more returns.

Muffy Renominated. State Senator Charles H. Muffy, democrat, of Broadwater county, was renominated by 15 votes over Charles N. Burgess, after one of the most bitter contests in the history of the party. Muffy was opposed by United States Senator Walsh and other prominent democrats. With two small precincts, containing less than ten votes missing, the Broadwater county vote stands: Muffy, 314; Burgess, 299. Judge John A. Matthews was renominated over E. H. Goodman of Townsend for the district judgeship for the district embracing Broadwater and Meagher counties.

Hamilton, Aug. 25.—Election returns received late tonight from 11 out of the 13 precincts in Ravalli county show the following men to have been nominated on the various tickets: Progressive—For state senator, Thomas Kane; for state representative, Kracke and Carruthers; for sheriff, F. F. Cluffin; for treasurer, George Kane; assessor, Robert Keyes; county attorney, G. M. Pary; commissioner, Robert Harper; clerk and recorder, Fred Robbins; county superintendent of schools, Bethel Owens; coroner, Dr. R. W. Getty.

Republican—For state senator, W. B. Holland; state representatives, George Harper and Dr. R. L. Owens; sheriff, David Bishop; treasurer, H. L. Hart; assessor, F. E. Painter; county attorney, E. C. Kurtz; commissioner, G. Moore and George Reeves; clerk and recorder, Frank Pooleck.

Democratic—For state senator, A. A. Johnson; representatives, M. O. Johnson and W. E. McMurray; sheriff, H. V. Gilmore; clerk and recorder, John Leibel; assessor, James Skelton; commissioner, Henry Graver; county superintendent of schools, Nora Smithey.

At Drummond. Drummond, Aug. 25.—(Special).—Very little interest was shown in today's primary election, bringing out only 63 of the 124 voters. There were no contests on either the republican or progressive tickets except for county attorney, McDonald, republican, leading. For congress, Evans received 25 against Stout's 11. Deborn for state senator, on the democratic ticket received the highest number of votes for any one office.

GENERAL CLAYTON IS DEAD, AGED 81

Washington, Aug. 25.—General Powell Clayton died here tonight, aged 81. The general was appointed ambassador to Mexico by President McKinley in 1897 and held that post until 1905, when he retired from public life.

Private funeral services will be held here and the body will be buried at Arlington cemetery with military honors.

PRINCE TO GO TO FRONT.

London, Aug. 25, 11 p. m.—Prince Arthur of Connaught is going into active service immediately. His infant son was christened this evening, receiving the name Alistair Arthur.

TURKEY READY TO BACK UP GERMANY

Italy Would Then Swing to England, and So Would Greece.

Washington, Aug. 25.—An acute situation has arisen in the Balkan states over their possible entry into the European war.

Turkey has not yet given Great Britain, France and Russia a satisfactory explanation of the entry into the Dardanelles of the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau.

Many Washington diplomats familiar with the situation consider it practically certain that should Turkey side with Germany and Austria Italy would abandon her position of neutrality and join Great Britain, France, Russia and Serbia, who could count also upon the assistance of Greece.

Greece is under martial law with its army mobilized along the frontier watching Turkey's movements. The troops of the Ottoman empire are quietly mobilizing without public order to that effect.

Italy's order for mobilization on August 27 is believed here to be due to some extent to Turkey's military activity.

Austria and Japan. London, Aug. 25.—The Exchange Telegraph company's Rome correspondent says that as a result of the Austrian government having ordered the cruiser Kaiserin Elizabeth to join the German fleet at Tsing Tau, the Austrian government is momentarily expecting a declaration of war by Japan.

ALLIES PREVENT US FROM BRINGING FOLKS HOME

FRANCE AND ENGLAND REJECT OUR PLAN TO SECURE ENOUGH SHIPS.

Washington, Aug. 25.—The proposal of the United States that nations at war regard as neutral, ships owned by a belligerent and chartered exclusively to bring Americans home, has now been abandoned. The United States asked the powers for a declaration on the subject. Germany agreed but Great Britain objected conditionally, asking that if German ships were chartered American officers should man them.

Rejected By France. France rejected the proposal but has since modified her position to the same view held by Great Britain with reference to American officers. Both the French and English governments now maintain that if the German liners tied up in American ports were chartered by the United States her officers should not be permitted to sail into English or French ports, where information about the fortifications of a harbor might be obtained.

Inasmuch as the ship owners probably would not wish to employ foreign officers to handle their ships, the plan has not met with success. Administration officials, however, said today that since the plan was proposed adequate facilities for transporting Americans have been provided in other ways.

KANSAS BULL MOOSE PLATFORM ADOPTED

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 25.—Kansas progressives wrote their first state platform today. The national progressive platform of 1913 was reaffirmed.

Congressional and senatorial candidates were pledged to vote and work for national prohibition, national woman suffrage; a farm credit law; a presidential preference primary; the prohibition of the use of matts to gamblers in futures; a trade commission; a protective tariff revised by a commission; currency reforms; popular election of federal district judges for limited terms, eight hours a day for women and life insurance by the state.

Without a contest, the republican state party council here today adopted a platform endorsing the Initiative and referendum as supported by the republicans in the 1913 legislation. National prohibition and national woman suffrage also were declared for.

NAMUR HAS FALLEN, MUELHAUSEN HAS BEEN ABANDONED FRENCH AND ENGLISH AWAIT FINAL ONSLAUGHT OF ENEMY

DETAILS OF NAMUR'S FALL LACKING—PROBABLE THAT BATTLE IS STILL RAGING—ENGLISH CONFESS HEAVY LOSSES—UNCLE OF GERMAN EMPEROR KILLED IN FIELD—MALINES BOMBARDED AGAIN—BELGIANS, IN SORTIE FROM ANTWERP, DRIVE GERMANS.

Paris, Aug. 25.—The war office has issued the following official announcement:

The commander-in-chief, requiring all available forces on the Meuse, has ordered the abandonment of occupied territory.

Muehlshege has again been evacuated. A new battle is in progress between Maubeuge (department of the Nord) and Dinon (department of Doubs).

France in Balance. "On it hangs the fate of France. Operations in Alsace along the Rhine would take away troops upon which might depend victory. It is necessary that they withdraw from Alsace temporarily in order to assure its final deliverance. It is a matter of hard necessity.

West of the Meuse, as a result of orders issued on Sunday by the commanding chief, the troops which are to remain on the covering line to take up the defensive, are massed as follows:

The French and British troops occupy a front extending near Givet, which they gained by hard fighting. They are holding their adversaries and sharply checking their attacks.

East of the Meuse. "East of the Meuse, our troops have regained their original positions commanding the roads out of the great forest of Ardennes.

To the right we assumed the offensive, driving back the enemy by a vigorous onslaught, but General Joffre stopped pursuit so as to re-establish his front along the line decided upon on Sunday. In this attack our troops showed admirable dash. The Sixth corps notably inflicted punishment on the enemy close to Vinton.

In Lorraine, the two armies have begun a combined attack, one starting from Grandcouronne de Nancy and the other from south of Lunéville. The engagement which began yesterday (Monday) continues at the time of writing. The sound of cannonading is not heard at Nancy, as it was yesterday. The German emperor's uncle, General Prince Adalbert, was killed, and his body taken to Charleville.

Namur Falls. London, Aug. 25.—It is officially announced that after two days' siege, the Germans have taken Namur, but

AMERICANS LEFT IN EUROPE BY THOUSANDS

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 45,000 ARE STILL UNABLE TO GET AWAY.

London, Aug. 25, 6:25 p. m.—Some 800 American tourists from Switzerland arrived in London this afternoon, having come through France by special trains. Many Americans still are at Boulogne.

Great quantities of baggage, lost by Americans on the continent in the last three weeks, are reaching England.

A dispatch from Amsterdam says the flood of stranded Americans to The Netherlands is still running high and Rotterdam is crowded to its capacity.

The steamer Rotterdam is to leave Rotterdam Saturday with 2,000 Americans. The remaining Americans must wait for other ships.

The international tourist office estimates that there are even now something like 45,000 Americans in Europe.

In Switzerland. Geneva, Switzerland, Aug. 25, via Paris.—Eight hundred Americans who are leaving Switzerland have arrived in Geneva during the last 24 hours aboard special trains on their way to Paris and England.

DRASTIC PROVISION IN ANTI-TRUST BILL

Washington, Aug. 25.—Provisions against exclusive and "tying" contracts, eliminated from the Clayton anti-trust bill by the senate trust committee, were restored by the senate today. Under this section, all contracts by which manufacturers pledge dealers not to handle the output of a competitor would be illegal.

details of the engagement are lacking.

The British official news bureau issued the following announcement: "There has been no further general engagement. The condition of the British troops is in every way satisfactory."

"We have heard this morning from Sir John French, commander of the British forces on the continent," Premier Asquith informed the members of the house of commons this afternoon, "that the withdrawal of his troops to a new position was successfully effected. It was not accomplished without considerable loss. They were hard pressed by the enemy, who, however, were shaken off."

"It is not desirable to say anything more at the present moment, except

that the field marshal reports that, in spite of hard marching and hard fighting, the British forces are in the best of spirits.

"He estimates the casualties at something over 2,000, but we have not yet received any names."

An Antwerp dispatch to Reuter's Telegram company says that early this morning a force of 2,000 Germans bombarded Malines (Mechlin), 14 miles southeast of Antwerp. The Belgians made an energetic counter attack and drove the Germans back as far as Vilverde to the south. The losses on both sides were considerable.

The Germans in the north appear to be resuming the offensive. This movement has been stopped by the French army in conjunction with the British.

The Belgian troops, making a surprise sortie from Antwerp, drove the German advance guard beyond Malines.

The French embassy in London issued the following statement tonight: "The movement which was begun yesterday by order of the commander-in-chief, was continued today without successful opposition by the enemy. It is confirmed that a Prussian corps of guards were roughly handled in the recent fighting. They were attacked by Algerian riflemen and in the hand-to-hand fighting which ensued, the Germans suffered heavily."

"The attacks against Nancy have failed. The Russians are resolutely pushing forward their offensive movement in Galicia and have routed two divisions of Austrian cavalry."

HERE'S AN AUSTRIAN MONITOR NEARING A SERBIAN PORT

The photo shows how river craft differ from the great battleships of the sea. This little Austrian monitor is an Austrian boat and was built to patrol the Danube.

AUSTRIAN MONITOR SZAMOS ON DANUBE NEAR SERBIAN FRONTIER

FATE OF FRANCE MAY DEPEND UPON NEXT BIG ENGAGEMENT

The French commander-in-chief has withdrawn his forces from territory recently occupied and is massing them along with their British allies in a strong line between Maubeuge on the north and Dinon on the south, a distance of about 200 miles.

The allies, having abandoned the offensive, will assume a purely defensive attitude in the hope of checking the advance of the vast masses of German troops endeavoring to break through the line.

Along the Meuse. A combined French and British force is holding the frontier along the River Meuse, about 30 miles below Namur, while French troops command the roads out of the great forest of Ardennes.

Upon the ability of the allies to hold together, the French war office admits, depends the fate of France.

A British official statement announced that the position of the British troops is in every way satisfactory.

British Loss 2,000. Announcement is made, however, that the British casualties in the recent fighting numbered 2,000. Field Marshal Sir John French, commander of the British forces on the continent, reports that the withdrawal of his

troops to their new position was successfully effected.

Earl Kitchener, secretary of state for war, announces that the 100,000 men asked for in the first instance have joined the colors and declares that the reinforcements to the British army will surely and steadily increase

until there will be a British army in the field.

Reports from The Hague say that the Germans who have been massed in large numbers along the Dutch frontier have disappeared and that the mobilization of the Dutch army has ceased.

Muelhausen has again been evacuated by the French.

KAISER CALLS MERE BOYS TO THE COLORS

London, Aug. 25.—The official news bureau says: "The German papers of August 23 and 24 publish orders that boys from 16 to 19 years of age shall be put through a course of musketry and military training."

LABOR CHIEF DENIES CHARGES OF VIOLENCE

San Francisco, Aug. 25.—Affirmation and denial that union labor has been responsible for violence in Stockton recently were made before the federal industrial relations commission today.

The president of the employers' association said property had been destroyed, dynamiting resorted to, teams injured and the lives of nonunion workers threatened.

"I know of no violence being committed by union men, and I would not tell of it if I did," testified Anton Johannsen, who has been directing the union fight in Stockton during the last two weeks.

BRITISH CRUISER OPERATES IN OUR WATERS

AUSTRIAN SHIP STOPPED AT MOUTH OF NEW YORK HARBOR.

New York, Aug. 25.—Almost at the mouth of New York harbor and within sight of observers on shore, the British cruiser Essex halted the Austrian freight steamer Ida, en route to this port from Quebec, today. Officers and sailors from the Essex boarded the steamer, examined her papers and holding her an hour, permitted her to proceed on her journey.

The Ida, a slow steaming vessel, sailed serenely into Halifax 10 days ago with the Austrian ensign flying from her jackstaff. She had aboard a heavy cargo for Quebec and some stores for New York. The captain knew nothing of the declaration of war and first learned that his ship was liable to capture as a prize when Canadian authorities boarded the vessel and seized it. A prize court decided, however, that inasmuch as the Ida had sailed from Lisbon before war was declared she should be permitted to discharge her cargo and continue her journey unmolested.

Accordingly the ship was released, the cargo for Quebec discharged and the trip continued to New York.

BELGRADE RUINED BY SHELLS OF AUSTRIANS

PALACE PARTLY BURNED AND CANNONADE CONTINUES FIERCELY AS EVER.

London, Aug. 26, 1:20 a. m.—A dispatch to the Reuter Telegram company from Nish, Serbia, says: "The latest information received here is that the bombardment of Belgrade still is most severe. Shells of large caliber are doing immense damage. Hardly one building remains undamaged. The palace has been partly burned down. Another large building in the city has been struck by 35 shells."