

# TERRIFIC GERMAN ATTACKS ON ENTIRE BATTLE LINE REPULSED

Guard has been cut to pieces during the fighting of the last three days. The strength of some companies has been reduced from 200 to 100 men. Virtually all the original officers of the Guard have been killed or wounded, and two battalions have been annihilated.

PARIS, Sept. 28 [Associated Press].—The following official communication was given out in Paris this afternoon: "Between the River Aisne and the Argonne district the enemy has delivered further violent attacks, which have been repulsed."

PARIS, Sept. 28 [United Press].—The 3 o'clock resume of the progress of the fighting was utterly noncommittal. It merely emphasized the fact that there had been no change in the situation. This disposed of the report that, by a sudden raid, the allies had driven the Germans from Mons which, this particular rumor said, was burning.

Military authorities privately admit that the great battle of the Aisne is in its closing stages and that every effort is being made to hold the general lines intact while the allies crumble up the German right wing which now, more than ever, resembles a fishhook.

Great masses of fresh troops are being pushed into action. But they have encountered the German reserves also in great strength. Both sides are sacrificing men to carry their point. The French authorities believe the final result must be the complete outflanking of Gens. von Kluck and von Boehm and the withdrawal of the entire German army from north France.

It is rumored that the Germans have made gains along the Meuse line and that they are now in strong force on the west bank of the river near St. Mihiel. Military headquarters, in contradiction, says that St. Mihiel is still held by the French.

Every effort of the allies to gain a foothold either in St. Quentin or in the territory immediately to the north between the armies of Gens. von Kluck and von Boehm has failed. Additional reinforcements are being sent, and the battle continues without interruption day and night.

The enemy is not only strongly entrenched, it is stated, but he has constructed almost impregnable barricades of barbed wire, saplings and iron bars intertwined with the trees growing in the roads and at the sides of the fields. These are all commanded not only by field artillery, but by rapid fire guns and can only be attacked under cover of darkness.

## GERMAN REPORT OF WAR IN FRANCE.

### Berlin War Office Claims

#### Gains on the German Centre

BERLIN (via The Hague) [United Press].—While still maintaining the position that there have been no really decisive changes at any part of the 150-mile battlefield, the report of the German General Staff to-day is somewhat optimistic.

It stated that there have been distinct gains by the German centre, which has driven the enemy back with heavy losses. The armies operating through Verennes have succeeded in forcing the French back on Clermont en Aisne and on St. Mennehoult and now hold the main highways and the railroad lines in that vicinity.

On the heights of the Meuse the Germans continue to maintain their advantage and are in strength on the west bank of the river. The bombardment of the Meuse forts south of Verdun continues with perceptible success, according to the general staff.

### Belgians Blow Up Bridges

#### on Lines to the German Base

LONDON, Sept. 28.—While the marvelous test of endurance continues for the fifteenth day along the entire battle line in France, news reaches London of a sudden renewal of activity by the Belgian army.

This activity spreads over a wide area in Northern Belgium. Reports show that King Albert's army of 200,000 is especially active in destroying the German line of communications, having blown up many railroad bridges and viaducts on lines leading to Germany's base.

A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Blankenburgh, Belgium, under Sunday's date, says that the Belgians have blown up the viaduct at Bierghes, thus cutting railway communication between Mons and Brussels.

An Ostend despatch says: "The German lines of communication in Belgium are so thinly guarded that Belgian volunteers have succeeded in destroying the railway lines near Mons and Engelen."

ANTWERP, Sept. 28 (United Press).—The Germans are shelling the outer fortifications of Antwerp with heavy guns. Already they are reported to have caused damage to Forts Vaalhem and Wavre and to the chain of fortifications which connect them. The forts are responding vigorously to the fire.

### Gen. French Complains Against

#### Gen. d'Amade, Report in London

LONDON, Sept. 28 [United Press].—Sumors of a disagreement between Gen. French and the French General Staff regarding certain phases of the present conflict are current in military circles.

While they are far from definite, the suggestion is made that the army of Gen. d'Amade failed to take position quickly enough in the flanking operations of last Friday, with the result that the Germans made a considerable gain and it was necessary to send reinforcements to retake the lost ground.

No one in authority will discuss these rumors, but they are repeatedly passed about in circles that have freely commented on the fact that much of the brunt of the fighting to date has had to be borne by the British forces.

### 190 GERMAN VESSELS CAPTURED BY BRITISH SINCE THE WAR BEGAN

LONDON, Sept. 28.—[United Press].—Emphasizing the heavy losses to German commerce resulting from the war since contrasted with the comparatively minor losses to England, the Official War Bureau this afternoon issued a lengthy statement dealing with the subject. It covers the period from the outbreak of the war to the present time. For Great Britain, there had been sunk 190 German vessels, and converted 13 ships; there had been sunk 13 British ships; there had been sunk 13 British ships; there had been sunk 13 British ships.

On the German side there were detained in British ports at the outbreak of the war 181 captured ships, 28 of the German vessels capable of being armed as auxiliary cruisers there are in United States ports. It is of those captured by the allies that could have been used for the same purpose there were 28. The total German tonnage lost to Germany is 1,140,000.

## TURCOS DIVIDING GERMAN EQUIPMENT



TURCOS EXAMINING PILE OF CAPTURED EQUIPMENT NEAR MEAUX.

## SAY GERMAN COMMANDER ENDED HIS LIFE BECAUSE HIS MISSION WAS FAILURE.

LONDON, Sept. 28 (Associated Press).—A Bordeaux despatch to the Central News says a report has reached there that the German commander at Meulhausen, in Alsace, has committed suicide in despair because he was unable to pass the Vosges. He had previously telegraphed the German general staff to come and see for himself the difficulties.

present many difficulties and problems. There are an average of thirty-five candidates to be voted for in each district and the voter must make a cross before each one. No more will a single mark at the head of the column suffice to register a straight ticket.

Neither can the machine picked favorites have favorite places on the ballot. Contesting candidates for the same office are grouped together and draw for the order in which their names are placed.

Thus, in the Democratic ballot, there are three candidates for the office of delegate-at-large to the Constitutional Convention, the names of thirty men are scrambled together, Tammany and anti-Tammany being mixed irregularly.

## ARMY OF POLICE TO WATCH VOTERS AT PRIMARIES.

A stranger in New York would be justified in imagining that preparations for putting down city-wide riots and warfare were under way at Police Headquarters to-day. The entire Police Department was mobilized for special service. The streets about Headquarters were jammed with the automobiles of the Commissioner, the Deputy Commissioners and Inspectors. Chief Inspector Schmittberger hurried hither and yon, shouting out orders like a German sergeant.

## CANADIAN UNIVERSITY RAISING A REGIMENT TO FIGHT GERMANY.

MONTREAL, Sept. 28.—Two hundred graduates and undergraduates of McGill University and a number of professors have joined the regiment that the Militia Department has authorized the university to raise either as a single unit or a part of a Canadian university regiment for home or foreign service.

## TWO KILLED IN TRAIN CRASH.

Six Others Injured When Cars Flung Through Bridge. WAVERLY, Ia., Sept. 28.—Roy Bachman of Waterloo, Ia., and Napoleon Pridder of Dupper, S. Dak., were killed and six other passengers were injured, three seriously, when the Chicago, Great Western passenger train No. 5 crashed through a bridge near here to-day.

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## WAR SUMMARY

Violent attacks are being delivered by the Germans against the lines of the allies between the districts of the Aisne and the Argonne, says the official French statement issued at Paris this afternoon.

Germany is prepared to finance a long war. This assertion is made in a despatch from Berlin, which passed through the hands of the British censor at London.

The war is costing Germany \$5,000,000 a day. The war loan has proven a success and with the various resources from which the government can derive the war revenue, it will be possible for Germany to continue the struggle for a year with the money now in sight.

A despatch from Rome says that 300,000 troops have been assembled at Pola, the great naval port of Austria, and that thorough preparations have been made against an attack from the sea.

The hour for the battle which will determine whether the Russians will make their proposed invasion of Germany with Berlin as the final objective, appears to be drawing near.

German reports say that their forces fell back to their first line of defenses around Telingau.

Amsterdam reports a sharp encounter between the Germans and Belgians four miles east of Antwerp and other clashes sixteen miles east of Ghent.

Belgians are reported to have blown up bridges on railroads running to the German base.

It was officially announced to-day that the total reserve of the Reichst Bank increased \$4,000,000 last week. There was a total of \$65,000,000 paid in and a total of \$61,000,000 withdrawn.

## MILLIONS VANISH AS CLAFLIN STOCK IS ALL WIPED OUT

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common, aggregating \$9,000,000 par value in all. It paid regularly 5 per cent. dividends on first preferred, 6 per cent. on second preferred and from \$ to 9 per cent. on common. The last dividend declaration was in April of this year, two months before the crash.

The Associated Merchants' Company, one of the holding companies in the pyramid built up on this dry-goods combination, owns \$4,500,100 par value of this stock, or just one share more than one-half.

The remainder is distributed among the 1,300 small stockholders, who had put their savings into what was considered a strong, dividend paying concern, and the parent company of the whole structure.

Among the stockholders in the last compiled list are the following: Seaman's Widow and Orphans' Association, Salem, Mass., ten shares; Salem Seaman Orphan and Children's Friend Society, 50 shares; the Salem Hospital, Salem, Mass., 100 shares; Association for the Relief of Aged and Destitute, Salem, Mass., 20 shares; Bertram Home for Aged Men, Salem, Mass., 30 shares; Essex Institute, Salem, Mass., 25 shares; Mack Industrial School, Salem, 50 shares; Second Congregational Church, Cornwall, Conn., 10 shares; Rharon East Side Cemetery, Cornwall, Conn., 8 shares; Yarmouth, Mass., Library Association, 10 shares; Rockefeller Foundation, 451 shares; Mrs. Mary A. Ridd, Cleveland, sister of John D. Rockefeller, 125 shares.

Bankers and financiers, too, were holders of stock. Among them were: J. P. Morgan, 1,300 shares; Kidder, Peabody & Co., Boston, 100 shares, and Woodbury Langdon New York, 508 shares. Shrew lawyers were in the list. Gould & Wilkins, attorneys for the Claflin companies, were listed as holding 300 shares, and the eminent corporation lawyer of New Jersey, R. V. Lindbury, was down for 120 shares.



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## LIGHT PRIMARY VOTE; POLICE ARMY GUARDS POLLS WHEN OPENED

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## CARONIA'S MEN ARREST GERMAN, THEN FREE HIM

The Norwegian-American Line steamship Kristianfjord, in to-day from Bergen, Norway, with 1,117 passengers, was stopped and boarded by officers of the British converted cruiser Caronia off Scotland lightship as she was making port to-day.

The British officers, who were accompanied by two launches full of armed sailors, were about to arrest and take off the ship a German immigrant in the steerage named Retz when, upon learning that he was over forty-six years old and hence not available for military service, they released him.

The boarding party gave no reason for their action in going aboard the neutral Norwegian ship after she had been hailed by wireless, except that they desired to look over the passengers.

Retz was the only German on the ship. Capt. S. O. Hordahl of the Kristianfjord, interceded for Retz. The vessel was held up an hour and a half.

to the result. All three candidates are making claims of success.

In the contest for United States Senator there is another three-cornered contest between James W. Wardsworth Jr., Congressman William M. Calder and David Jayne Hill.

The Republican organization machine is backing District Attorney Whitman for Governor and Mr. Wardsworth for Senator.

Robert Emmett, thirty-five, a stone-cutter, of No. 334 Fifth street, was arrested to-day in front of No. 161 Bowery, the headquarters of Harry Perry, who is contesting the leadership of the Third Assembly District with Patrick H. Sullivan. He is charged with conspiracy and was arrested on a warrant secured from Magistrate Campbell by Percival O. Howarth of the Good Government Society.

Howarth alleges that he heard Emmett boast that he would lead a band of men to polling places in the district, steal and then stuff the ballot boxes.

Counting the ballots to-night will

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