

FRENCH CLAIM VICTORY ON WEST FRONT OF BATTLE LINE

been moved north, and it is said that the force massed along the Belgian frontier and south to the Marne is fully as strong as the entire remainder of the armies holding the line into Lorraine.

Advices received here to-day say that the city of Arras was almost completely destroyed by the Germans. All of its chief buildings, including the ancient City Hall, are in ruins.

Belgian King Pledges His Army To Fight Germans to a Finish

LONDON, Oct. 17 (United Press).—Another British expedition is ready to move to the front. There is now little doubt that the German advance southward along the French coast is certain and, as on the last occasion, it will be British arms that will be relied upon to check it and drive it northward.

The rushing of this new army is the result of the emphatic declaration by King Albert of Belgium that neither he nor the Queen will accept asylum and that the Belgian army will continue its resistance to the Germans to the very last.

The chief difficulty up to date in getting the troops into the field has been the lack of supplies. Many of the new troops have been unable to secure needed equipment. But Earl Kitchener now has the new department working in clockwork style and equipment is being turned out at a rate heretofore considered impossible.

All reports reaching London say that German imagination has been fired by the taking of Ostend and the cry is not only "On to Calais," but "On to Boulogne."

What progress the Germans have made since they entered Ostend Thursday morning is not known here, but their next objective apparently is Dunkirk.

Germans Attack the Allies' Lines Fifteen Miles From the Coast

PARIS, Oct. 17 (United Press).—Desperate fighting in heavy rain continues in the northwest, according to the reports reaching military headquarters to-day. The Germans reported attempting to break through the allied lines at a point vaguely referred to as "some fifteen miles from the coast."

Ostend is now held by the Germans in force. Another port reported occupied by the Germans with a heavy force is the northerly seaport of Bourbourg.

Reports here say the Germans have found it impossible to push their advance south along the coast because of the presence in their path of a combined Belgian-British-French army.

The French right wing, which has been driving back the army of the German Crown Prince, is combining with the right of the French centre and both are succeeding in advancing toward Verdun.

There is a growing belief that the French forces will be able to relieve Verdun and recapture St. Mihiel. The German lines of communication from Metz are reported in grave danger. Reinforcements have been sent into the line at this point.

OFFICIAL FRENCH REPORT.

Progress at Arras and St. Mihiel, Declares Paris War Office

PARIS, Oct. 17 (Associated Press).—The official statement given out at the French War Office this afternoon is as follows:

"In Belgium the German troops occupying western Belgium have not crossed the line running from Ostend to Thourout to Roulers to Menin. There is relative quiet along the greater part of the front.

"On our left wing there has been no change. In the region of Ypres, on the right bank of the Lys, the allied troops have occupied Fleurbaix, as well as the immediate approaches to Armentieres.

"In the region of Arras, and also in the vicinity of St. Mihiel, we have continued to gain ground.

"In the Russian field of operations there has been no change of importance on the front in East Prussia.

"Along the middle reaches of the Vistula River, the Austro-German armies have been driven to the defensive along the entire front. To the south of Przemysl the fighting continues and the Russians have taken 600 prisoners."

34 COLGATE STUDENTS ARRESTED AS TRAMPS

Trying to Steal Rides on Coal Train to Game at West Point.

(Special to The Evening World.) MIDDLETOWN, Oct. 17.—Thirty-four students of Colgate University who had wagered their last cent on the outcome of to-day's football game between Colgate and West Point eleven, found themselves left without the price of railroad tickets to the military academy and attempted to "ride the beam" on the New York, Ontario and Western line freight train.

Railroad detectives here plucked twelve from the trucks of a coal train in the yards last night, and early to-day twenty-two others were caught on the couplings and under the ends of gondolas on an extra coal train.

The students seemed to take their arrest as a joke. All were garbed in ordinary clothes and dusty hats. After they had been given a stiff rebuke by the superintendent of the railroad yards, they were released. Among them they raised enough money to pay their fares.

Secretary Lane Sick With Grip. WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Secretary Lane of the Interior Department is confined to his home with an attack of grip. While his condition is not regarded as serious, his illness has interrupted him for active work.

DR. PERRY'S NET ESTATE IS WORTH \$176,984

Familiar Head of Perry Pharmacy Left No Will and Sister and Brothers Get All.

The value of the estate left by the late Dr. Charles J. Perry, founder of the drug store in the Pulitzer Building, was estimated at \$176,984, according to figures on "Newspaper Row," was fixed at \$181,827 gross and \$176,984 net to-day by the Transfer Tax Appraiser in the New York office of the State Comptroller.

"Doc" Perry, as he was best known to those who frequented Park Row, left no will, and his entire estate will be divided equally among his next of kin, who are Jeremiah W. Perry, a full brother, of No. 74 Orange street, Brooklyn; William A. Perry, a half brother, at the same address, and Fannie O'Connell, a half sister, living at No. 361 Sixtieth street, Brooklyn.

Among the items that go to make up the net estate are real estate valued at \$70,250; money in bank, \$7,923; 126 shares of stock in the Guaranty Trust Company valued at \$66,150; and \$27,000 of undivided profits in the Perry Pharmacy Association, which owns and operates the drug store in the Pulitzer Building.

Subway Train Catches Fire. "Leakage" in the insulation of the motors below the second car of a north-bound train in the Lenox avenue branch of the subway this afternoon caused a small fire under the car. All power in the branch on both uptown and downtown tracks was cut off, leaving trains and stations in darkness for fifteen minutes. Firemen answering an alarm soon had the blaze extinguished.

REGISTER TO-DAY. To-day is the last day of registration. Enroll when you register or you cannot vote at the primaries next year.

FRENCH ENTERING AMIENS AFTER GERMANS' RETREAT



FRENCH TROOPS ENTERING AMIENS

GERMANS ROUTED AFTER BEING LURED TO WARSAW TRAP

Kaiser's Army Hard Pressed and Still in Retreat, Petrograd Insists.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 17.—That the Germans are still being hard pressed and are in full retreat in Russian Poland, west of Warsaw, was the assertion made by the War Office to-day.

It was stated that the Germans were trying vainly to rally their forces, which have been badly cut up in the fighting that has now been in progress without cessation for eleven days.

The War Office insists the Germans were led into a trap, the Russians retreating for strategic purposes until they had reached a point previously selected and where the heavy Russian artillery was mounted in great strength.

The Germans, flushed with their apparent success, were bombarded from all sides and literally cut to pieces, being compelled to retreat and abandon camp equipment, transport and guns. One entire ammunition train is reported to have been captured.

The fighting at every point has been characterized by a series of night attacks in which the Russians are said to have inflicted enormous losses on the enemy. The War Office, in dealing with the Galician situation, reports the situation at Przemysl unchanged.

The garrison has attempted sorties, only to be repulsed with great loss, and the fall of the fortress is considered merely a question of time. It is reported unofficially that cholera is spreading at a most alarming rate in Hungary and Galicia. One correspondent maintains there are 10,000 cases in a single city in Northern Hungary and the victims are mostly soldiers.

Owing to the activity of German submarines in the Baltic, it is officially announced that Russia will close the Gulf of Finland and Riga to all shipping and will also lay mines for general coast and harbor defense.

According to Russian information the Germans are making a "demonstrative" advance near Miaw, north-east of Warsaw, which is intended to fill the gap between the East Prussian front and the main front, across Russian Poland.

The German army, by continuous maneuvering under heavy artillery fire and with day and night outpost fighting, still is endeavoring to feel out possible chances to cross the Vistula. Refugees say that until three days ago all German attempts to cross the river had been repulsed with heavy losses. The Germans found the river too wide for pontoons, and

QUITE A DEEP MYSTERY IN FORFEITED BAIL OF ONE CHARLES F. MURPHY

Bondsman, a Shadowy Figure Also, Seemed to Be Celebrated 'Gene Wood.'

Charles F. Murphy forfeited his bail bond in West Side Police Court on Oct. 14, thereby founding a mystery which the District-Attorney's office is all worked up about. Eugene D. Wood, described himself as a law student of No. 200 Broadway, is the maker of the bond, which is for \$500, and trailers have been sent out to locate him and ask him to make good.

In the early morning hours of Oct. 15 one Charles F. Murphy, described as a secretary, living at No. 111 Pearl street, Albany, N. Y., was arrested on Broadway and locked up in the West Forty-seventh street police station on a charge of intoxication and disorderly conduct. Some time later the aforesaid Eugene D. Wood appeared at the station house and gave a bond that the prisoner would appear in West Side Police Court on Oct. 16 at 9 o'clock A. M.

The security given in the premises at Nos. 143 and 145 Eagle street, Albany. This house is across the street from the Capitol and is the Albany home of 'Gene Wood,' the noted legislative agent whose work for the insurance companies and other corporations in the Legislature was efficient and remunerative. The value of the property is given in the bond as \$40,000, unincumbered.

'Gene Wood's New York home is at No. 200 West Seventieth street in the crossing of that thoroughfare and Broadway. It is a coincidence that the residence of the signer of the bond is given as No. 111 Pearl street, Albany, N. Y., who jumped his bail bond?

WAR AVIATOR WOUNDED, WIFE SAVES HIM AND FLIES MACHINE BACK.

PARIS, Oct. 9 (by mail to New York). How a French aviator was saved from the Germans by a woman is described by wounded soldiers returning from the Arras district.

The wife of a French officer, who with her husband is keenly interested in aviation, was watching for the latter's return from a scouting expedition, when she spotted a biplane coming from the front. Through her glasses she saw it suddenly sway and descend rapidly. Suspecting that the aviator was in trouble, the officer's wife obtained permission to drive out in an automobile to give out the pilot had been wounded in the left arm and had fainted. She found the pilot had been wounded in the left arm and had fainted. She found the pilot had been wounded in the left arm and had fainted.

Knowing that German patrols were within a few miles, the plucky woman had her chauffeur drive the wounded man back to town. Then she took charge of the aviator, flying it to the aviation camp ten miles distant.

RUSSIAN CHEMIST DIES BY OWN HAND AFTER BROODING OVER WAR

Leaves Letter Apologizing to Owner of Cafe Where He Took Life.

On Oct. 13 William Grote and his wife, Sves, registered at the Hotel McAlpin, giving Jersey City as their address. Grote, a Russian chemist, appeared to be plentifully supplied with money and to have been a man of influence and education.

For the past three days, however, he has haunted "Oscar and Billy's Cafe" at No. 58 West Thirty-sixth street. On two or three occasions it became necessary to put him to bed in one of the rooms over the saloon.

This afternoon Katie Mitchell, a chambermaid of the place, entered a room in which he was supposed to be sleeping and found his dead, a pistol wound in his head.

On a table nearby he had left three letters, one addressed to his wife, another "to the lawyer," and a third to the proprietors of the place. Mrs. Grote identified the body. She said her husband had attempted suicide two weeks ago, but she had managed to take the revolver from him. He had been brooding over the war, she said. Mrs. Grote became so hysterical that the police were unable to question her.

The letter to the proprietor of the cafe apologized for his act. The letter "to the lawyer" was delivered to Coroner Riordan.

STATE'S RESOURCES TOTAL \$231,608,268

Comptroller Reports Cash Surplus in Treasury at End of Fiscal Year Was \$12,303,992.

ALBANY, Oct. 17.—The cash surplus in the State Treasury on Sept. 30, 1914, the end of the fiscal year, was \$12,303,992.70, a decrease of \$3,524,967.62 over the surplus of the previous year, according to the annual balance sheet made public to-day by William Schomer, State Comptroller. During the year 1913-14 the expenditures in the general fund exceeded the receipts by \$2,780,692.26. This excess was met by drawing on the previous year's surplus. For the year ending Sept. 30, 1914, the receipts in this fund exceeded the expenditures by \$5,562,155.74.

BEAUTY IS BETTER ACTRESS IN COURT THAN ON STAGE?

Girl Prisoner Says She Stole Gown to Keep Job at Dress Rehearsal.

Whether Anna Estrehlow, a girl of striking beauty, winsome manner and refinement, is a better actress off the stage than she ever will be behind footlights is a problem which to-day confronted Magistrate Dolan in the Yorkville Court and store detectives from three big establishments.

The girl, caught trying to take away under her coat a valuable dinner gown from a large Sixth avenue department store, told a moving story of how she had taken the gown in order to make a presentable appearance to-day at the dress rehearsal of a play in which she had been given a small part—her first appearance on the stage it was to be.

The youthful actress' pitiful story had nearly melted the heart of the store detective appearing as complainant against her when a detective from another store appeared and identified her as the same shoplifter who had evaded prison last week by her dramatic recital of stage aspirations when apprehended.

When these detectives visited her rooms at No. 64 West Sixty-eighth street they found there a gown valued at \$115 which had been stolen from a third department store.

Miss Estrehlow went into a big Sixth avenue department store to-day and lingered long over the display of dainty and expensive dinner gowns. Miss Mary Johnson, one of the store detectives, saw the dark-haired girl put a handsome gown under her long coat and move to the elevator.

The detective followed her to the street and up Broadway as far as Forty-ninth street, where the thief turned into a modist's shop. There Miss Johnson arrested her.

When the prisoner appeared before Magistrate Nolan she seemed on the verge of a nervous collapse. She looked wildly around the court room for a friendly face, but found none. The store detective made her complaint, charging petty larceny. Then, before she was called before the bar, the girl turned to an Evening World reporter and poured out her heart.

"It is true I stole the dinner gown," she cried. "But I was desperate; I had to do it. I want to be a great actress and I am so near the great chance to appear on the stage—so near and a thief."

MITCHEL IS TO CUT YELLOW TAXICAB'S PIER PRIVILEGES

Hold Conference and Says He'll Find Out Why Taxi Trust Is Favored.

After a conference of several heads of departments in his office to-day Mayor Mitchell announced that he would make an announcement Monday in the matter of taxicab privileges on steamship piers. Those called in to talk the question over with the Mayor were Police Commissioner Woods, License Commissioner Bell, Assistant Corporation Counsel Crowell and Olendorf and Chief Drenna of the Bureau of Taxicab Inspections.

It is understood that in his statement of Monday Mayor Mitchell will serve notice on the Mason-Seaman Yellow Taxicab combine and the steamship companies favoring them, to the exclusion of other licensed taxicabs, that city piers are nothing more or less than continuations of city streets.

Coupled with this announcement will be an order directing the steamship companies to either throw open the piers to all licensed cabs in the city, barring none, or to accede all, including the yellow cabs of the Taxi Trust. This will mean another victorious round for the Evening World in the relentless fight it has been making for the past three years against exorbitant rates and special privileges enjoyed by the Yellow Taxi Trust.

Beaten at every hand and in every court in its attempts to defeat the ends of the ordinance framed through The Evening World to compel a reasonable rate for the Yellow Taxicab Trust still holds fast to its special privilege on steamship piers. It was learned that not only were yellow cabs allowed on the piers, but that they used them as a yellow cab while waiting for hours for incoming vessels.

"I have been gathering evidence concerning taxicabs on piers during the past few days and will be ready with a statement by Monday," said Mayor Mitchell to-day. "The phases of the situation presented to me are whether the yellow cabs have the right to special privileges; whether they make use of the city piers for garage purposes and whether the license of the yellow cabs have the right to favor one company to the exclusion of all companies or individuals who operate in this city under a regular license. If the conditions are as stated, it is true, and I have every reason to believe they are, I will deal with them in a manner in keeping with the best interests of the city."

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"Three weeks ago I went to the manager," she mentioned the director of a pretentious production scheduled to open next week—"and told him he would just have to put me on. He finally agreed to give me a small part and I began rehearsal."

"The dress rehearsal was to take place to-day. I had no proper dinner gown to wear. In fact, I have only \$7, and that is from pieces of jewelry I pawned last night. I know that if I did not appear at dress rehearsal with a nice gown on I would not be given a chance to play my part in the production. So I went and stole the pretty gown."

CHICAGO WHEAT AND CORN MARKET.

WHEAT. The market was quiet and steady. Receipts small. Estimates of only 25,000,000 bushels for Australia's crop against 30,000,000 last year were under expectations. Canada's crop is officially estimated as 62,000,000 bushels less than year ago. Closed 7-8 to 11-8 cents advance.

CORN STEADY. There was better demand and short covering was in fair volume. Closed showing advance of 1-4 to 1 cent a bushel.

Bank Deficit: \$284,100. The statement of the average condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that the cash reserve increased \$5,557,500, leaving a deficit of \$284,100 below legal requirements.

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DANCING ACADEMIES.

DANCE DE L'OPERA, 204 St. and 8th Ave., Grand Opera House. Grand Cabaret To-Night; Souvenirs. Instructions, 25 Cents a Lesson. Admission, 10c. No Liquors Sold.

DIED. DILLON.—On Oct. 15, 1914, THOMAS M. DILLON, aged 84 years. Funeral from 156 7th ave. at 8 P. M. Sunday, Oct. 18, 1914. Interment Calvary.

MOORE.—Saturday, Oct. 17, 1914, at his residence, Plainfield, N. J., HENRY A. MOORE, in the 64th year of his age. Notice of funeral services in tomorrow's papers.

All lost or found articles advertised in The World will be listed at The World's Information Bureau, Pulitzer Building, 204 St. and 8th Ave., Grand Opera House. Free. World's Information Bureau, 204 St. and 8th Ave., Grand Opera House. Free. World's Information Bureau, 204 St. and 8th Ave., Grand Opera House. Free.

MARCONI STATION REOPENS.

Company Regrets Neutrality Violation at Honolulu.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Orders to allow the Marconi wireless station at Honolulu to continue in operation were issued by the Navy Department to-day following receipt of an expression of regret from the company for its sending of a message announcing the arrival of the German gunboat Orestes at Honolulu.

BRITISH TRAWLER BLOWN UP BY MINE IN THE NORTH SEA.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—The steam trawler Ajax out of Grimsby, has been blown up in the North Sea by a German mine. Nine members of the crew lost their lives.