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FLEET AIDS LAND FORCE

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ADVANCE HALTED, BERLIN SAYS

French Communique Contradicts State-
ment—Enemy Positions in Cham-
pagne Taken, Is Report.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Sept. 25.—The long ex-
pected "drive" by the allies on the
western front has begun on land
and sea. After a week of intense
preparation, the details of which
have been kept secret, the full
strength of the English, French,
and Belgians was directed in a
tremendous, concentrated attack on
the German front today.

The attack has developed into a
general battle by land and sea from
the Belgian coast to the southern
limit of the German army.

Such complete censorship has
been established concerning this
great offensive that the first actual
news of its inauguration has come
from Berlin in an official communi-
cation from the German war office
which says that "after an artillery
preparation of great intensity, which
at some points lasted fifty
hours, the expected Anglo-French
offensive has begun on the west-
ern front."

May Change War's Aspect.

The communication claims that
the Northern British wing has al-
ready been repulsed and that the
French also have been repulsed near
Souchez, Neuville, and at most
points between Champagne and the
Argonne, their retreating columns
losing very heavily from the Ger-
man artillery fire.

Since Monday last, there has
been more or less bombardment by
the British fleet of the German po-
sitions on the Belgian coast. In
this bombardment the heavy land
batteries of the French have partici-
pated.

In this concerted effort, it is said,
"an enterprise is being attempted
which may change the whole aspect
of the war on the western front."

Late dispatches from Holland speak
of heavy firing "on the north of Ame-
land." It is gathered from this that
part, at least, of the German fleet has
been engaged in action off the Belgian
coast.

The French midnight official is a
flat contradiction of the German claim
that the allies met with repulses.
While the naval bombardments of
the Belgian coast were in progress
British troops attacked the Germans
at the Flemish towns of Loos and Hu-
luch.

Heavy Losses in Assault.

North of Arras the British army and
French troops, the communique says,
drove the Germans back at several
points. The culmination of the day's
fighting was a terrific bombardment
of the German defenses—trenches,
blockhouses and batteries—in Cham-
pagne from the Sulpice River to the
Aisne. As this pulverizing storm of
shells ceased, the French infantry, in
tremendous force, rushed to the as-
sault.

The losses on both sides were ap-
parently, but the assault ended with
the French occupying the German first
line positions on nearly the entire front
of the attack.

Westende, Middlekerke, and Zee-
brugge were the targets in today's
bombardment by the British warships,
some of the shells falling as far in-
land as Bruges. Early in the day
three British battleships directed a
heavy fire with their long-range guns
against the German submarine base
and military supply station at Zee-
brugge. It is reported heavy damage
was done.

Later, in co-operation with the
French land batteries, tons of shells
were thrown into Westende and Mid-
dlerkerke, the fire sweeping the entire
coast defenses of the Germans.

\$12.00 Niagara Falls and Return, \$12.00.
Baltimore and Ohio from Washing-
ton 7:45 a. m. October 1. Tickets valid
returning within 15 days. Modern
coaches and parlor cars. Route via
Philadelphia. Liberal stopovers return-
ing. Last excursion October 15.—Adv.

"Great White Way" Falls Into N. Y. Subway; Woman Killed

Many Gothamites Imprisoned When Block of Street and
Sidewalk Tumble with Deafening Roar Into Hole.
Third Serious Accident in Four Days.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, Sept. 25.—With a roar that
brought terror to the thousands in the
theatrical district, the west side of
Broadway between Thirty-eighth and
Thirty-ninth streets, collapsed this evening
at 7:20 o'clock. For more than 100
feet the thoroughfare dropped to the bot-
tom of the new subway excavation, forty
feet below, killed one woman, seriously
injuring at least three others, and im-
prisoning a score more.

This is the third serious subway ex-
cavation accident in four days.
The dead woman so far is unidentified.
She was removed from the debris in a
dying condition and rushed to Bellevue
Hospital, where she died.

Charles Nelson, John Foler, and How-
ard Cross were the seriously injured.
Cross was pinioned between timbers for
almost two hours before being rescued.

Street Car Saved.

Two automobiles and a taxicab took
the plunge into the yawning abyss. A
thousand persons, many of them in even-
ing dress, bound for the theaters and
restaurants, were on the sidewalks in
the block at the time. A wild panic fol-
lowed their desperate efforts to escape.
That more were not seriously injured
is considered miraculous.

A southbound street car reached
Thirty-ninth street just as the street
collapsed. The front truck started to
ward the bottom. With rare presence
of mind, the motorman, Malachi Mur-
phy, threw on the reverse current.
The twenty passengers were bowled
about like tennis balls. But the wheels
clung fast, and their lives were saved,
the car hanging suspended on the
precipice.

All of the west side of the street,
from crossing to crossing, from
Thirty-eighth to Thirty-ninth, and
from the curb line to the southbound
car track, dropped to the bottom of
the pit. The sidewalk, which for
several days has been showing indi-
cations of insecure foundation, sagged
and sank to a varying distance of
from four inches to two feet, causing
a wild stampede among those who
were on it.

Gas Stifles Rescuers.

To add to the terror of the situa-
tion, the falling street tore loose from
their moorings the three gas pipes that
join in the main at this joint. In an
instant immense volumes of stifling
gas spread through the neighborhood
and filled the excavation, interfering
with the work of rescue and investi-
gation for more than two hours be-
fore the pressure was turned off.

Police Commissioner Woods, Fire Com-
missioner Adamson and their aides and
Col. William Hayward, public service
commissioner, were early on the scene.

HOMESPUN SANTA IS PROPOSED BY WOMEN

American Women Organize to Re-
move Peril of Toyless
Christmas.

A home-made Christmas with a home-
spun Santa Claus is the proposal of the
Women's National Made-in-U. S. A.
League. This band of women have or-
ganized to relieve the anxiety of millions
of American toys who learned some time
ago that more than \$100,000,000 worth of
toys made abroad and designed for the
Christmas trade in the United States
would be held up by the way that condi-
tions affect foreign trade and would
never reach this country.

Visions of a toyless and cheerless Christ-
mas followed the making public of this
information. To prevent a shortage of
toys and also to stimulate a domestic
industry, the executive committee of the
Women's National Made-in-U. S. A.
League has adopted a resolution calling
on the league members and the Ameri-
can manufacturers to co-operate in
making the approaching Christmas a
great object lesson in the patriotic sup-
port of American industries and in the
ability of American industry to rise to
any emergency.

The chairman of the executive com-
mittee of the league is Mrs. Genevieve
Champ Clark Thompson, daughter of
Speaker Clark, who was recently mar-
ried to James M. Thompson, publisher
of the New Orleans Item.

STEEL MERGER CONFIRMED.

Eastern Magnates Representing
Many Interests to Make Trip.

Cleveland, Sept. 25.—Confirmation of
the gigantic independent steel merger, first
news of which was reported several
weeks ago, was received here today
when it was announced that Samuel
Mather will accompany a party of Phila-
delphia and other Eastern steel magnates
on a trip through the mining properties
of the Pickands-Mather Company at the
head of the Great Lakes. The Cambria,
Pennsylvania and Lackawanna Steel
companies and the Youngstown Sheet
and Tube Company will be represented.

Movies Are Used as Sleuths.
New York, Sept. 25.—Police circulars
and motion picture screens all over the
country were utilized today in an effort
to find Henry S. Bradley, the missing
mail teller of the Merchants' National
Bank, 3 Wall street. Bonding company
officials say that Bradley's books are
about \$120,000 short.

They agreed that the accident differed
from the disastrous one on Seventh ave-
nue last Wednesday in that it was not
attended by an explosion, but caused
rather by a rock slide, the giving away
of a vast section of rock.

Because of the great danger from es-
caping gases, all electric lights in the
neighborhood were ordered turned off
and that portion of brilliantly lighted
Broadway was in darkness. Commis-
sioner Woods even went so far as to or-
der the police to compel all men in the
vicinity to stop smoking.

Human Chain Saves Him.

A gigantic searchlight was summoned
from one of the engine houses, and un-
der its rays the work of rescue began.
When the accident happened a man
who was identified only as George Salto
had started to cross the street toward
the Casino Theater. His foot had just
touched the wooden covering of the
street when it began to sink under him.
He fell with it. Grasping a piece of pro-
jecting timber as he descended, he clung
there. After the panic had somewhat
subsided, David McFadden, of the Hotel
Marlborough, got down on his stomach
and reached Salto. Then a human
chain was formed and the man was
hauled to safety.

The audience at the Casino and Knick-
erbocker theaters were assembling, and
despite the danger both houses were soon
filled. Believing that the lives of those
within were endangered, Commissioner
Adamson issued an order that both
houses be emptied. The audiences fled
out of the side doors in an orderly man-
ner.

Order All from Streets.

At 11 o'clock tonight the appearance of
the sidewalk on the west side of Broad-
way and Thirty-eighth street gave every
indication of falling. Engineers of the
public service commission made an ex-
amination and were so alarmed over con-
ditions that all persons were ordered
from the immediate vicinity. An order
was then issued by Police Commissioner
Woods that all traffic should be sus-
pended for the present from Thirty-second
street to Thirty-eighth street.

Scarcely had the first injured been
taken out when an investigation was put
under way. District Attorney Perkins
had arrived on the scene and joined
members of the public service commis-
sion. As in the disaster on Seventh ave-
nue, tonight's accident was on that part
of the subway contract awarded to the
United States Realty and Improvement
Company. Commissioner Hayward and
his chief engineer agreed that the acci-
dent had been caused by rock slide be-
tween fifty and sixty feet in extent and
ten feet wide, which had torn away the
underpinning.

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The postoffice branch in the building
was opened. Veterans will be able to
receive their mail direct at G. A. R.
headquarters. Facilities are furnished for
the writing of letters and postal cards.
The souvenir stand was opened and the
two luncheon rooms were started. The news-
paper stands, photograph gallery and re-
freshment booths outside the building
likewise were put in operation. The
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Italian Minister Designs.

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G. A. R. Activities Today and Tomorrow

8 a. m. to 5 p. m.—Registration at Camp Emery, First and B streets
northwest.

11 a. m.—G. A. R. services in most churches.
4 p. m.—Memorial services at Mount St. Alban.

8 p. m.—Special G. A. R. services in most churches.
8:15 p. m.—Organ recital, First Congregational Church, Tenth and
C streets northwest.

TOMORROW.

9 a. m.—Dedication of Camp Emery.
12 noon—Twelve navy vessels anchor in Potomac Channel, near
Highway Bridge.

10 a. m. and 2 p. m.—National Association of Patriotic Instructors,
Church of Our Father, Thirteenth and L streets northwest.

9 p. m.—Reception by National Association of Patriotic Instructors,
Hotel Raleigh.

GERMAN RUSH MEETS CHECK

Russians Victorious at Three
Points—Hindenburg
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BULGARIA DENIES HOSTILE INTENT IN MOBILIZATION

Will Only Protect Neutrality, State-
ment Promises—Greece and Rou-
mania Continue Preparations.

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London, Sept. 25.—With the great allied
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against Serbia requiring the withdrawal
of large forces from the eastern front,
the lightening of the German pressure
has resulted in severe counter-attacks by
the Russians, who, at three widely sepa-
rated points have achieved successes of
considerable importance.

Having recaptured the Volhynian for-
tress of Lutsk, the Russians are direct-
ing their efforts to the reconquest of
Dubno, the other fortress taken by the
Austro-Germans.

North of Pinsk Von Mackensen, men-
aced by an encircling movement, may be
forced to give up that city, while east of
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Famous Old Fighters Who Will Be Seen in Grand Army Review



Thousands of old soldiers, many in faded uniforms, bent and crippled from
wounds and age, many still erect and bright, despite their many years, are in
Washington today for the forty-ninth reunion of the Grand Army of the Re-
public.

Fifty years ago these same men marched down Pennsylvania avenue in
the grand review which celebrated the fall of Richmond and the close of the
great civil war. Next Wednesday the grand review will be enacted again. The
men will march at a slower pace, but they will feel none the less proud. At
their head will be Col. David J. Palmer, of Des Moines, Iowa, who led the
Grand Review fifty years ago, and who will again lead the procession as com-
mander-in-chief of the G. A. R.

In the line of march will be Gen. J. Warren Keifer, of Ohio, and Gen. D.
McMurtrie Gregg, two of the surviving corps commanders of the civil war.
Gen. Nelson A. Miles, a veteran of the civil war and commander-in-chief at
the opening of the Spanish-American war, will also be in the procession. Gen.
Miles will be grand marshal of the review, which will start from the Capitol
Building and end at the White House. It is estimated that the review will
last about three or three and one-half hours. Fifty years ago it lasted for
two days, showing how time has thinned the ranks of the veterans.

Camp Emery Will Be Dedicated With Impressive Rites Monday

G. A. R. Headquarters Will Be Scene of Many Activities
Every Day and Night of the Encampment—Formal
Program of Events Issued.

Camp Matthew G. Emery, headquar-
ters of the G. A. R., will be astir with
activities every day and night of the
encampment, according to the formal
program of events, which was made pub-
lic last night.

The camp is to be dedicated with im-
pressive ceremonies tomorrow morning
at 9 o'clock, relatives of Capt. Matthew
G. Emery attending and participating.
Addresses will be delivered by William
Van Zandt Cox, William F. Gude, Direc-
tor General Harry Standiford, Theodore
W. Noyes, John McElroy, Mrs. William
E. Andrews and Simon Wolf. Miss Ruth
Emery Laird and Miss Hazel Van Zandt
Cox will raise the flag on the building.

On Tuesday there will be a meeting
of the Ex-Prisoners of War in room 21-2
at 9:30 a. m. The reunion of the Army
of the Cumberland will be held at
1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. At 7:30
o'clock will be held the grand welcom-
ing campfire, William F. Gude presiding.
The invocation will be by Right Rev. Al-
fred Harding, Bishop of Washington. An
address of welcome will be delivered by
Mr. Gude, after which "The Star Spangled
Banner" will be sung by Paul
Blyden, accompanied by the Marije
Band.

Wilson to Welcome Veterans.

President Wilson will welcome the
veterans in an address, the response to
be made by David J. Palmer, comman-
der-in-chief of the G. A. R. Addresses
also will be delivered by John McElroy,
acting commander of the Department
of the Potomac; Mrs. W. E. Andrews,
and Rebecca M. Price, national president of
the National Association of Volunteer

Justice Staffed to Read Poem.

A big camp fire will be held in East
Hall at 7:30 o'clock, C. C. Royce, past
junior vice commander-in-chief, presid-
ing. Justice Wendell Phillips Stafford
will read a poem and addresses will be
delivered by Past Commander-in-Chief
James Tanner, Rev. Samuel Fallows,
past chaplain-in-chief, and John E. Gil-
man, past commander-in-chief. Special
musical numbers will be interpolated.

At the same time a dog watch will
be held in West Hall, Shipmate A. G.
Fortier presiding. This will be the

Runaway Bride, 15, Sought by Police

General Alarm for Relative of Former
New York Governor Sent Out.
Admirer Missing.

New York, Sept. 25.—The police have
sent out a general alarm for Marion
Odell, 15 years old, daughter of the late
William E. Odell, who was a second cou-
sin of former Gov. Benjamin B. Odell, Jr.
The mother of the girl told the po-
lice in her home at 113 East 121st street
she believed the girl might have eloped
with a man who had been paying her
a great deal of attention.

Mrs. Odell based this belief on the
fact that a neighbor, Mrs. Estelle Dan-
iels, said Marion had telephoned her
yesterday she was married and had only
a minute to catch a train.

James Benich, 27, of 194 Lexington
avenue, who had been attentive to the
girl, did not return home last night.
Mrs. Odell said she had been forced to
ask him to stop his attentions, and that
the girl protested against this, so such
a degree she was forced to confine her
to the house.

The girl was an especial favorite of
the former governor, who held her on
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