



GERMAN ARMY TAKES NAMUR; 40,000 BELGIAN SOLDIERS SLAIN

BRIDGE ABUTMENT ERECTED SO AS TO OBSTRUCT THE VIEW

Cumberland Valley Proceeds With Construction in Face of Citizens' Protest

KENNEDY WAS PETITIONED

South Front Street Folks Wanted Great Pier at House or Eastern Curb Line

In spite of vigorous protests of property owners living south of Mulberry street in front of the great concrete abutments for the proposed new Cumberland Valley Railroad bridge across the Susquehanna have been practically completed in accordance with the original plans.

These plans called for the construction of the first pier or abutment at the present western curb line of the street; the citizens who object to this style of construction wanted the big base pier erected on the house line.

The fact that the present scheme would materially interfere with the upriver view of the residents below Mulberry street was the chief objection. The petitioners believed the railroad company could have as readily set back the construction work to the house or at least the east curb line of the street and then started the open steel superstructure work at that point at which the abutments have been erected. This would have allowed a more or less open view to the park and river above Mulberry street.

Petition President Kennedy in order to get the matter formally and comprehensively before President M. C. Kennedy, of the Cumberland Valley Railroad, a petition voicing the complaint of the South Front street citizens was prepared and unanimously signed and sent to Mr. Kennedy.

The head of the railroad company

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THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy and continued cool weather to-night and Wednesday. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Generally cloudy and unsettled to-night and Wednesday, continued cool; gentle to moderate northeast winds.

River: The main river will fall to-night and Wednesday. A stage of about 2.9 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Wednesday morning.

General Conditions: The disturbance that was central over Northern New England, Monday morning, has passed off northeastward. It caused light local showers in the last twenty-four hours in the Atlantic States from Maine to North Carolina. A general fall of 4 to 18 degrees in temperature has occurred, from the Lake region and Ohio Valley eastward to the Atlantic coast.

Temperatures: 8 a. m., 60. Sun: Rises, 5:25 a. m.; sets, 6:48 m. Moon: First quarter, August 27, 11:52 p. m. River Stage: 3.5 feet above low water mark.

Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 84. Lowest temperature, 72. Mean temperature, 78. Normal temperature, 71.

MARRIAGE LICENSES: Frank P. Hetrick and Anne E. Fortney, city. Charles C. Webster and Mildred E. Myers, city. Wasilj Blak and Gulria Mraovic, Steelton.

Late News Bulletins

Allentown, Pa., Aug. 25.—Fire that did \$35,000 damage, started this morning at 9:30 in Senator James A. Miller's hotel stable at New Tripoli, destroying the hotel, store, post office, Eureka shirt factory, two stables and double dwelling of John Windt and Polly Krum. Insurance \$10,000. Other buildings were also damaged.

Latrobe, Pa., Aug. 25.—The triennial congress of the American Cassinese Congregations of the Benedictines opened here to-day in St. Vincent Archabbey and will continue until Thursday night with daily sessions. New rules and regulations made imperative by the growth of the order will be discussed and adopted.

Hazleton, Pa., Aug. 25.—The eighth annual State reunion of the Elks began in the new City Hall this morning with addresses of welcome by Mayor James Harvey on behalf of the town and Charles L. Wilde for the Hazleton lodge, and the response by Dr. E. L. Davis. Services, state president. Ninety delegates were in attendance and 250 are expected by to-night.

Washington, Aug. 25.—On motion of Democratic Leader Underwood, the House voted to-day to deduct from the pay of members for all time they are absent except in case of illness. All leaves were cancelled. The Republicans opposed it as a discrimination against Northern members away on primary campaigns. For days the House has been forced to suspend business at times for lack of a quorum.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Word was received here to-day of the death of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Pinchot at Saugatuck, Conn., yesterday. She was the mother of Gifford Pinchot of Washington, Amos Pinchot of New York, and Lady Alan Johnston, was 77 years old and had been ill some time. Burial will be at Milford, Pa., to-morrow.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 25.—Maurice E. McLoughlin, of San Francisco, and Thomas C. Bundy, of Los Angeles, successfully defended their title of lawn tennis doubles champions of the country to-day by defeating Dean Mathey, of Cranford, N. J., and G. M. Church, of New York, in straight sets. The scores were 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.

Washington, Aug. 25.—No opposition to the proposed government purchase of foreign built merchant steamers has come from the belligerent nations of Europe it was announced to-day at the White House and none is expected by Administration officials. The President believes that plan entirely in conformity with international law, since no contraband freight will be carried aboard the ships.

FALL OF BELGIAN CITY AND FIVE FORTS COMES AS SURPRISE

London Times Says Capture Is One of the Events Which Makes War a Gamble

ENGLISH PAPERS COMMENT

Military Experts Say Allies in Belgium Are Feeling Full Shock of German Army

By Associated Press Berlin, Aug. 25, by wireless to the Associated Press by way Nauen, Germany and Sayville, L. I.—An official announcement made public here to-day says that the city of Namur and five of its forts have been captured by the Germans. The bombardment of the other forts continues and their fall seems imminent.

London, Aug. 24, 3:52 P. M.—The official war information bureau says: It is announced that Namur has fallen.

The above dispatch as indicated was filed in London at 3:52 o'clock Monday afternoon and received in New York at 6:10 o'clock this (Tuesday) morning. Its transmission was probably delayed by the censor.

The fortifications of Namur and Liege formed the finest examples of the work of the famous Belgian military engineer, General Henry Alexis Brialmont, whose reputation was worldwide.

The defensive works of Namur were not so strong as those of Liege, but the position of the city was much better for military purposes.

The forts are nine in number, the four most important being St. Herimont, St. Lambert, St. Pierre and St. Simeon.

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British Scouting Parties Meet Germans

By Associated Press London, Aug. 25, 4:03 A. M.—The French correspondent of the Express says that British troops came into action for the first time on Friday and Saturday. It was only an affair of outposts and scouting but interesting because of the light it threw on the exhausted condition of the German advance guard.

The correspondent continues: "Detachments were scouting in the country to the westward of Brussels and south as far as Charleroi. Exhausted though the German cavalry were known to be as a whole, their success lay in continued rapid advance and it was obvious that they would push on at the first possible moment."

"So while the Belgians were suddenly falling back towards the north, the English were busily employed feeling for German advance while the French horse, foot and artillery came up from the south and west."

Austrian Troops Are Mobilizing on Border

Rome, via Paris, Aug. 25, 6:24 a. m.—"The 'Secolo' says that notwithstanding the denials of the Austrian government certain Austrian troops are massing on the Italian frontier. The movements were discreet at first but orders from Vienna in the last 48 hours compelled precipitate action, the effects of which were visible at Trent, where there is an incessant movement of troops. The paper adds that there are also 80,000 Austrian troops at Innsbruck."

GERMAN ADVANCE IN BELGIUM



HOME FROM SEAT OF WAR JUST IN TIME TO SERVE AS JURORS

Peter Vanderloo and H. Brooke Spahr Drawn as Talesmen For Fall Term

That story about the parrot, and that one about what Smith's wife's sister said, and that other one about Brown's cow, ways, ever and anon side-splitting stories that ring in the juryroom while the obstinate eleventh man from the country district

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SKULL OF HUMAN BEING UNearthED BY GREEK LABORER

Believed to Be Evidence of Long Ago Murder; Other Bones Are Dug Up

While digging away on the Paxton creek improvement excavations, just above Hemlock street, yesterday afternoon, one of the laborers in Foreman Ed. Montour's gang struck something with his pick that sent cool chills shivering down his spine and made him heave earth from around the object and exposed it entirely to view, he weakly dropped his pick and sat down on a rock and meditated a perplexing brow. He had unearthed a human skull.

For half an hour or so there wasn't much doing in that vicinity and Mr. Montour and some of the others investigated a little more fully. And when some human bones, or what were believed to be human bones, were discovered a few feet away, the story spread pretty rapidly and that whole section of the First Ward had much to ponder about most all day.

The skull was minus the crown, and had apparently been buried for many years, although the teeth in both jaws were still in fairly good condition. A queer dent in the nose frame, evidently caused by a fracture, gave color to a report that the evidences of a long-ago murder had been unearthed.

Cousin of Ex-Gov. Stuart Killed by Fleeing Man

Pittsburgh, Aug. 25.—Edward Vecarci shot and killed Daniel Stuart, a cousin of ex-Governor Edwin S. Stuart, of Philadelphia, and Paul Rieger, a carpenter, here yesterday afternoon. Rieger and Vecarci collided with one another, and when the former attempted to strike the latter, Vecarci pulled his revolver and killed Rieger.

Stuart, who was in no way interested in the quarrel, gave chase after Vecarci when he saw Rieger fall to the ground and the Italian running down the street with a smoking revolver in his hand.

Stuart was gaining rapidly on the fleeing man when the latter is said to have turned suddenly and fired at Stuart, who dropped with a bullet in his chest. The wounded man later died on the operating table at the Pittsburgh Hospital.

Mrs. L. V. Hockwell, of Philadelphia, is a daughter of Stuart.

FALLS FROM MERRY-GO-ROUND

Lewistown, Pa., Aug. 25.—While riding on a merry-go-round at Burnham Park, Mrs. William Pickett, was flung from the seat and rendered unconscious for a time. At the time of the accident the woman held a small child in her arms which escaped injury.

REPUBLICANS IN CONFERENCE OVER PARTY PLATFORM

Dr. Brumbaugh's Platform Will Be Considered in Framing the Document Tomorrow

Special to The Telegraph Pittsburgh, Aug. 25.—Discussion of the platform to be submitted to the Republican State committee to-morrow is taking place this afternoon and the arrival of the Philadelphia contingent is awaited before the subcommittee takes final action. According to rumors it had been decided not to touch the liquor question at all, but now it is said a plank will be inserted to meet the platform of Dr. Brumbaugh.

Three planks already framed by the subcommittee were lifted out of the platform altogether to-day, it was learned. These are the planks on the tariff, the Mexican situation and the third party forces. The tariff plank is to be written entirely by Senator Penrose.

Lobbies of the Fort Pitt Hotel, where headquarters have been established, rapidly filled this morning with Republicans from all over the State. The Philadelphians were not expected until late in the day. Joseph R. Grundy, president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association, one of the early arrivals, was closeted with Senator Penrose for over an hour this morning, discussing the tariff plank.

State Chairman W. E. Crow on arriving here at noon went into conference at once with Senator Penrose and Secretary of the Commonwealth McAfee, and later announced, smilingly, that it was expected the subcommittee will report a platform "upon which all Republicans can agree."

"Will it be conservatively progressive or progressively conservative?" someone asked.

"It will be Republican doctrine," the State chairman answered, rather emphatically.

BLAKSLEE IN TOWN

James I. Blakslee, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, the official headman of the Post Office Department, is here to-day. He was at Democratic headquarters and it is about time for State Chairman Roland S. Morris to say that patronage is not under discussion at the headquarters.

Democratic leaders, from troubled counties are here to see Morris and, of course, will not talk to Blakslee.

SITUATION NOT AS BAD AS PAINTED IN EUROPE, SAYS WATT

General Manager of Elliott-Fisher Plant Views Domestic Trade Conditions Optimistically

That Americans were fairly well treated in Europe, and that the situation was not as bad as it has been painted, are some of the observations on the conditions in Europe drawn at first hand by G. F. Watt, general manager of the Elliott-Fisher typewriter works.

Mr. Watt reached America Saturday on the American Line boat St. Louis. Among other observations in the following account which Mr. Watt has prepared for the Telegraph

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Woman Who Said She Shot Mrs. Bailey Ends Her Life With Poison

Special to The Telegraph Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Adeline Drake, who declared that she was the woman who shot and killed Mrs. Louise Bailey in Dr. Edwin Carman's office, Freeport, L. I., and who was taken to the Buffalo State Hospital for the Insane, committed suicide by taking poison early to-day at the institution. When first taken to the hospital she gave the name of Mrs. Helen Cohen.

On August 12 Dr. Carman, accompanied by his attorney, George M. Levy, visited the woman at the hospital and although she appeared to recognize the physician at once, he was unable to identify her and said to the best of his knowledge she had never been to his office.

CHILD DIES

Special to The Telegraph Penbrook, Pa., Aug. 25.—Delma Oleva Peefe, 4-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peefe, 15 South Chestnut street, died this morning. The funeral, which will be private, will take place Thursday at 10 o'clock. The Rev. H. M. Miller, of Penbrook United Brethren Church, will officiate. Burial will be made at Shoop's Church. The body can be viewed between 7 and 9 Wednesday evening.

PHYSICIAN INJURED BY FALL

Special to The Telegraph Columbia, Pa., Aug. 25.—Dr. Smith Armor, aged 90 years, Columbia's oldest physician, was injured by a fall at his home last evening.

Russians Advance In Great Numbers On Forts in East

Belgian Border Town and Five Forts Fall Under Terrific Fire of Germans; Attack Lasted Two Days; Kaiser's Forces Are Now Concentrating at Various Points to Begin March on Capital; Losses on Both Sides Are Enormous; Russian Successes Offset by Defeat of Allied Forces in West

London, Aug. 25, 2:59 A. M.—The Ostend correspondent of the Chronicle says Belgium's losses so far are estimated at 40,000 killed. No estimate of the appalling property loss has been hazarded by the officials.

Industry everywhere is at a standstill, says the correspondent. Not a single factory or coal pit in the country has been operated in three weeks and not a single penny in wages has been received by the men engaged in the staple activities of the nation since August 1.

There is nothing but dire poverty, distress and stagnation even in the areas untouched by the fighting.

London, Aug. 25, 3:18 A. M.—A dispatch to the Morning Post from St. Petersburg reviewing the operations of the Russians, says:

"Russia's two great armies are now advancing over a front extending seventy miles, to a great pitched battle, success in which even the austere commander-in-chief, Grand Duke Nicholas, probably will deign to call a victory—a word hitherto scrupulously avoided.

"In the opinion of military experts this battle will develop within three or four days and will so nearly coincide with the conflict on the French front as to make it impossible for Germany to detach assistance from anywhere."

Rome, Aug. 25, via London, 3:15 P. M.—A dispatch to the Corriere D'Italia from Antivari, Montenegro, says the fortifications of Cattaro, the Austrian seaport in Dalmatia, on the Adriatic, have been completely destroyed, and that the Austrian commander is now parleying for terms of surrender. The bombardment of Cattaro was conducted by a fleet of the allies.

Namur, the Belgian fortress, has fallen into German hands, according to an announcement made by the official press bureau in London. Details of the fighting around the fortress were not given, but the English newspapers regard the fall as inexplicable.

Berlin dispatches say five of the forts of Namur and the city itself have fallen and the capture of the remaining four forts is imminent.

A reverse of the forces of the allies is generally admitted by the English and French newspapers, which say to-day's news is "decidedly bad." While plainly expressing disappointment at the failure of their forces, they declare the retrograde movement toward the line of strong defensive works near the frontier has been carried out in good order.

It is assumed that the allies are falling back on their first line of defensive work running from Maubeuge, in a southeasterly direction by way of Hirson, Mezieres, Montmedy, Verdun, St. Mihiel, Toul and Epinal, all of which are strong fortresses and are interspersed with smaller works such as Ayvelle, Genicourt, Troyon, Les Paroches, Lianville, Girouville and Jouy-Sous-Lea-Cotes. Behind these lies another strong line of fortifications from St. Quentin in the north through Laon and Reims to the great entrenched camp at Chalons.

POSESSION VITAL TO GERMANY

The English newspapers declare that both the English and Russians are determined to "fight to a finish" whatever the outlook may be at present. They say the possession of Namur was vital for Germany and that it "was a fine stroke for the Germans to have rushed the place under the eyes of the allied armies."

In other parts of Belgium fighting is still in progress, and a report from Ostend says 30,000 Germans have attacked Malines, thirteen miles from Antwerp.

Charleroi has also been the scene of hot fighting, this time between the French and German troops, and a fresh encounter is believed to have begun there to-day.

Twenty-five thousand Germans have been surrounded between Courtrai and Anseghem, according to an Ostend dispatch to the London Daily Express.

Brussels has been left by the main body of German troops who have proceeded on their way to the frontier.

Russian reports relate the advance of the Russian armies in Eastern Prussia and the surprisingly rapid movement of the troops. Russian officials, however, caution against feeling too great elation over the preliminary success, pointing out that the German territory about the Vistula is strongly fortified along the line of the Russian forward march.

Newspaper dispatches assert that the Austrian fortified port of Cattaro, Dalmatia has been destroyed by the allied fleets. Dispatches from the Servian provisional capital, Nish, record

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