CITY WILL REDUCE FIRST IMPROVEMENT DEBT TO $555,100

Bond Series of $36,400 of 1902 Issue to Be Redeemed Tomorrow

By redeeming another series of $36,400 worth of improvement bonds to-morrow Harrisburg will reduce its bonded indebtedness under the first public improvement loan to $555,100.

The series that is to be cashed to-morrow is the eighth and is due September 1. It is a part of the loan of $1,090,000 which was authorized in 1902 and marked the first radical step the capital city of Pennsylvania really made toward its improvement.

Of that $1,090,000 just $316,000 was expended in the construction of the filter plant, $365,000 was spent for the construction of sewers, including the Paxton creek interceptor, $65,000 was provided for the river dam, $250,000 for parks and $100,000 for street intersectional paving.

In 1907 the first instalment of $180,000 was paid off and thereafter each year the city redeemed $36,400 worth at a time up until last year, when $35,100 was redeemed, and thus far in 1914 $1,400 has been redeemed —$100, $300 and $1,000 having been cashed in January, March and June.

To date $398,500 of the million and ninety thousand dollar debt has been settled and with the series that falls due to-morrow the debt will be further decreased by a total of $434,900. Which leaves a net balance of the debt of $555,100.

All told the city treasury expects to pay out something like $40,000 in public improvement bond redemptions, interest on other improvement bonds, etc. This includes the redemption of the improvement series. In addition to this the treasury will pay off some $35,200 in assessment bonds for street paving and grading.

Post "War Gazetter" Circulated by Former Telegraph Manager

With the strict military censorships permitting but a mere dribble of real news of the all-nation clash of arms in Europe, most any information that has a war touch is still eagerly sought by the people of the United States and of especial value just now are any reliable figures and statistics that may be of assistance in an intelligent reading of the brief war dispatches. And the "War Gazetteer," just received by the Telegraph from the New York Evening Post, fills the bill exceptionally well.

The Post's compendium of war information is of particular interest to Harrisburg folks because of the fact that a well-known newspaperman of this city had a big hand in its distribution —Robert McClean, formerly circulation manager of the Telegraph. He is now filling a similar position on the New York Post.

Two Local People to Become College Teachers

Two Harrisburgers will become members of college faculties at the beginning of the Fall term in September. They are Miss Catherine Hemperly, 1626 Green street, and Martin P. Lisse, son of the Rev. H. F. F. Lisse.

Miss Hemperly will teach sciences at Irving College, Mechanicsburg; Mr. Lisse will be a chemistry instructor at the University of Washington, Seattle.

"BRIDE SHOP" HERE

"The Bride Shop," variety's most elaborate one-act musical comedy, comes to head the vaudeville festivities at the Orpheum this week. Pretty Lola Wentworth, still in the role of the winsome bride, will trill and delight generally, at the head of the same excellent cast that appeared in this production in Harrisburg last season. New musical scores and new costumes will likely add new interest to the feature here this week. When this playlet appeared at the Orpheum last year it was the concensus of opinion that it was the best minature musical comedy Keith vaudeville had sent to Harrisburg. It was reported at the Orpheum box office on Saturday that an unusual advance sale was already recorded, which speaks pretty loud for the reception Harrisburg intends giving "The Bride Shop."—Adv.

AT THE COLONIAL

The feature film entitled "Spartacus," declared by the management to be the longest and most costly moving picture feature ever shown at the Colonial, will be exhibited there to-day, to-morrow and Wednesday. "Spartacus" or "The Revolt of the Gladiators," is a George Kleine feature, and said to be even more wonderful than "Quo Vadis." It is in eight reels, and enacted by a cast of notable Italian players, supported by over 7,500 other people, seen as Roman senators, soldiers, gladiators, slaves and populace.—Adv.

"THE GIRL HE COULDN'T BUY"

"The Girl He Couldn't Buy," a powerful play presented by a company of fine artists will be seen at the Majestic Tuesday afternoon and evening. The owners have spared no expense to produce it properly, both as regards the individual members of the company, and scenery and effects. So far, a series of packed houses has greeted the attraction nightly, it is claimed.—Adv.

BUNNY HIMSELF SURROUNDED BY CHILDREN

The man you all know and have been waiting for is coming to town. He is John Bunny, the comedian in all countries and the funny man with the moon face who has a billion friends. Bunny's face is as familiar as that of the President's. In fact more so as it is looked at by an average of 7,000,000 people daily. You saw him in the movies and now the opportunity presents itself to gaze upon him in person as he is to appear at the Majestic Theater, Saturday matinee and night, September 5, in a musical offering called "Bunny in Funnyland." Comedy, song dance and fun are the principal features of the concoction and the famous Bunny will have the assistance of fully sixty comedians. — Adv.

FLIES SIX-FOOT KITE

More than 300 children enjoyed the annual Salvation Army outing at Reservoir Park. Saturday, and while the rain somewhat interfered with the fun, there was a good time for all concerned in the pavilion. Captain Neilson flew his six-foot box-kite in the morning, much to the delight of the crowd. One thousand two hundred sandwiches and fifteen gallons of ice cream were among the edibles dispensed.

ICE MAN'S NOSE BROKEN

While loading ice at the storage house of the United Ice and Coal Company, Forster and Cowden streets, this morning, J. H. Fillmore, aged 23 years, of 1226 Mulberry street, had his nose broken when a large piece of ice slipped off the wagon and struck him in the face. He was taken to the Harrisburg Hospital, where the fracture was reduced.

TO TEAR DOWN GOULD'S HOME

By Associated Press

Paris, Aug. 31. — Frank Gould's mansion and training establishment at Maison Laffitte lie within the zone of the Paris forts and in conformity with General Galloni's decree they must be torn down within four days.

MAY PURCHASE MORE GROUND AT SYCAMORE

Council Likely to Be Asked to Buy Land From Theodore Calder

Purchase of about three-quarters of an acre of land from Theodore Calder fronting Putnam street and adjoining the McCormick estate plot at Sycamore street, may be suggested to City Council to-morrow in connection with the proposed purchase of the new Sycamore and Thirteenth street lot as a permanent city playground.

The ordinance authorizing the purchase of the McCormick plot provides for the vacation of Putnam street. This highway is the rear way to the Calder ground and the owner, it is understood, doesn't like to relinquish his right of way in the street unless the ground is purchased. He offers this at the same price as was quoted for the McCormick lot and this will mean an additional expenditure of $1,875.

Ahphalt top was placed to-day on the Front street subway and work was also started on the putting down of the matsic pavement of the sidewalk under the tracks. The roadway will be ready for traffic before the end of the week, it is expected, when work will be started on the Second street subway.

The Stucker Brothers Construction Company resumed work on that stretch of the River Front job between "Hardscrabble" and Maclay street this morning. They are also pushing the concrete stringers for the steps in the neighborhood of Forster street. It is understood that a large force will be put at work without delay on the construction of the steps between Walnut street and the pumping station. This particular section has been so long held up that the weeds have almost hidden the concrete stringers erected a year ago. There seems to be no doubt that the entire job will be completed as far as Maclay street before winter.

German Aviator Drops Bombs on Paris; Two Women Are Wounded

London, Aug. 31.—A Paris dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says:

"A German aviator flew over Paris this afternoon at a height of 6,000 feet and dropped five bombs, which fell in the most populous quarter of the city. In one case two women were wounded.

"One bomb fell in front of the shop of a baker and wine merchant at Rue Albouy and Rue des Vinaigriers; two on Quai de Valmy, one of which did not explode, while the other struck the walls of the Night Refuge, behind St. Martin's Hospital. Two others dropped in the Rue de Recollets and Rue Marcin, neither of which exploded.

"The aviator, who signed himself Lieutenant von Heidssen, dropped manifestos, on which were written:

"'The German army is at the gates of Paris; you can do nothing but surrender'."

"It is horrible. It is frightful!" exclaimed United States Ambassador Herrick when seen after the aviator had hurled the bombs on the city.

Basel, Switzerland, Aug. 31.—Two German aeroplanes made an unsuccessful attempt early to-day to destroy with bombs the dirigible balloon hangar at Belfort, France, which is thirty-five miles northwest of here.

England Urged to Send Irish Brigades to Front

Special to The Telegraph

London, Aug. 31.—The British government is urged to equip and send several Irish brigades to France immediately in an article in yesterday's Sunday Observer. The paper says these troops are the best fighters in the world.

"Lord Kitchener has got his second army of 100,000 men," says the Observer. "He is appealing yet for another 100,000. There must be more vigorous efforts than yet seen to get them quickly. Why have not arrangements been effected to bring the maximum numbers of Irish volunteers from both north and south?

"The prime ministers offers to address meetings. So does Lord Curzon. There is one other man we need above all others—Chancellar Lloyd-George. He alone has the kind of influence and genius required to arouse the mass of people and burn into their souls the struggle that is before us."

Italy Reported About to Join Triple Entente

London, Aug. 31.—A message to the Standard from Geneva says, under date of August 25, that the Swiss papers publish telegrams from Rome, Milan and Turin from their correspondents stating that Italy is arming to join the triple entente.

"Troops are passing incessantly, coming from Liguira and Piedmont," one of the papers says, their destination being Undine, on the Austrian frontier. The French frontier has been entirely vacated.

"In Venetia and on the frontier there are 800,000 men.

"Within the next eight days the Italian army will enter the field."

German Samoa Taken by British Forces

By Associated Press

Washington, D. C., Aug. 31.—The British capture of Apia, in German Samoa, was announced in the following official message from London to the British embassy here to-day:

"The secretary of state for the colonies has received a telegram from the governor of New Zealand stating that Apia, in German Samoa, surrendered at 10 A. M. August 29 to an expeditionary force sent by the government of New Zealand."

Turkey Expected to Take Part in Great War Soon

Washington, D. C., Aug. 31.—The most significant of the messages received through the Sayville, L. I., radio station from Berlin was made public by the German embassy in Washington. According to this message, Turkey is expected to participate in the European war as an ally of Germany and Austria against Russia and England. There are hints in the dispatch of fatal consequences to England from her Moslem subjects.

SEAMAN MUST EXPLAIN

By Associated Press

Washington, D. C., Aug. 31.—Louis Livingstone Seaman, a first lieutenant of the United States Army medical reserve corps, on the inactive list, has been called upon by the War Department to explain whether he made adverse criticism of German army operations in Belgium, as attributed to him in news dispatches.

FIRST PHOTOGRAPH FROM FIRING LINE SHOWING FRENCH TROOPS IN ACTION

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The above photograph, snapped just before photographers were excluded from the field, shows French infantry firing at 2,000 yards. The soldier in the foreground is reloading his rifle. This photograph, taken in Alsace-Lorraine ten days ago, has just been received in America.

PETITION FOR NEW BRIDGE AND A ROAD

Judge Seibert, Perry, Conducts Session of Motion Court; to Sit Thursday

Half a dozen or more petitions including several applications for appointments of guardians, for new bridges and for the opening of new roads were considered by Judge W. N. Seibert, Perry county, specially presiding at to-day's session of Dauphin county motion court. Among other matters the court disposed of the following:

Approved bond of $1,600 for Martin H. Gingerich, guardian for Emma C. Baer; named E. Clarke Cowden, Paul G. Smith and H. C. Wright, commission to determine upon advisibility of opening new road in East Hanover township; approved bond of Bergner and Engel Brewing Company which has appealed from State's imposition of $12,500 corporation tax after paying $10,503.87; appointed Michael Clarkin assessor for Second precinct, Fifth Ward, Steelton, vice William P. Funk, removed; named E. Clarke Cowden, Paul G. Smith and Karl Stewart board of viewers to report upon advisability of building bridge over Little Wiconisco creek where Middle Road crosses, high water and ice making it impossible to ford with teams; permission granted James L. Adams receiver for Dominion Trust Company to pay trust fund of $4,500 to Window Glass Rotary Pot Company. Court will be held again on Thursday.

Expect $140,000 in Taxes.—At least $140,000 in county taxes is expected to be paid into the county treasury to-morrow. September 1 the abatement for payment of county taxes expires and from then until January 1 it will be due at the flat rate. After January 1, a penalty of 5 per cent. will be added. The collectors of county taxes in the city will settle to-morrow and it is expected that they will return the bulk of $140,000.

Vacation at Bainbridge. — Miss Maudaline Shoaf, clerk and stenographer to City Clerk Charles A. Miller has gone to Bainbridge to spend a couple of week's vacation.

Appointed Guardian. — Mrs. Anna M. Davis was appointed guardian for M. P., James F., Mary and Anne F. Haehnlen, children of Mrs. Annie F. Haehnlen and heirs to naif interest in the properties Nos. 112 and 114 South Second street. Catina Magnelli wants to buy the properties for $4,500.

To Sell Property According to Will.—No. 155 South Eighteenth street, a property owned by Martha Plum, who died some time ago in Chambersburg, will be sold on the steps of the Courthouse at 2 o'clock, September 16, in accordance with the dead woman's will. The sale will be conducted by her executor, W. O. Nicklas.

"Take Paris or Die" Is Emperor's Order

London, Aug. 31, 6.55 a. m. — The Times correspondent at Ostend records, at second hand, a conversation with a German officer from Brussels, who said that frantic efforts were being made to inflict a crushing blow on the allies, especially on the English forces. Notwithstanding the success achieved by the German army, the dispatch says, there is a feeling among many German soldiers that they are fighting against too great odds.

"Despite all efforts to conceal the news from Prussia, it is stated, information of a disquieting character regarding events there is beginning to circulate among the German forces, and this feeling of anxiety was intensified when two divisions, totaling 80,000 men, passed the Meuse by the bridge of Andenne at Seilles, between Namur and Liege, en route for German Holland.

"The Emperor has made it known to every soldier that his orders are to take Paris or die," the dispatch concludes.

Fresh Troops Reported to Be in East Prussia

London, Aug. 31, 12.53 p. m.—An official telegram received in London declares the fresh forces of Germans have made their appearance on the Prussian frontier and that at some points they are taking the offensive against the Russians.

GOOD WILL FESTIVAL

The Ladies' Auxillary, of the Good Will Fire Company, will hold a block festival and ice cream social at Sixth and Calder streets to-morrow evening. The committee in charge of the arrangements consists of Mrs. Daniel Lehrman, president; Mrs. O. G. Johnson, chairman of the ice cream committee; Mrs. Charles Dunlap, secretary; Mrs. William Filling, treasurer.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Joe Smith and May Sies, city.
J. M. P. Gormley and Anna Margaret Yaple, city.
Charles E. Kehoe and Kate L. Ulrich, Palmyra.

Plucky Member of York Camp of P. O. S. of A. Marched in Parade at 68

AMOS PLYMIRE

Special to The Telegraph

York, Pa., Aug. 31.—Grit and stamina were never more exemplified than in the big parade of the Patriotic Order Sons of America at York on Thursday. A little old man, five feet four inches, 68 years old, marched over the entire route and when it was concluded remarked, "I could do the same trip right now."

This man was Amos Plymire, a member of Camp 655 of York, a former resident of Springfield township, near Loganville, a remarkable man for his age and for twenty-six years a member of the order. Mr. Plymire, when seen by a Telegraph representative, said that he was never sick to his knowledge and he is so active that he can to-day kick two feet higher than his head. He is the father of three boys and one girl, one of the sons, Victor, being a missionary to China in the interest of the United Evangelical Church. Before removing to York Mr. Plymire walked ten miles each day to and from work and earlier as high as sixteen miles. During the Civil War he was at Gettysburg with his grandmother and was there at the time of the battle. He is a carpenter by occupation and still working at his trade. At present Mr. Plymire resides with his wife at 827 South George street, York.

Critic Does Not Believe Paris Is in Great Danger

By Associated Press

Paris, Aug. 31, 4.30 a. m.—Lieutenant-Colonel Leonce Rouset, the military critic writing for his paper, the Petit Parisien, reassures those who may be frightened by the possible investment of Paris.

He declares, first, that in 1870 the capital was held for pearly five months under conditions much different than those of to-day.

Second, the Germans had a free disposition, at least as far as Nantuil-Sur-Marne, the Strassburg - Paris through railroad lines while at present they have not yet been able to touch the Eastern fortified frontier and have been driven back of Mortagne, north of Valenciennes.

Third, their sole line of communication, which passes by Belgium, is at this point so precarious that it can be destroyed in a moment.

The inevtsment of Paris, he declares, if it should occur, would be nothing but "an immense bluff" and would seen be interrupted.

American Flag to Be Raised Over Kaio Chow?

By Associated Press

London, Aug. 31, 5.30 A. M. — A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Telegraph says: "According to reports here by German prisoners, it has been announced in Berlin that American residents are preparing to hoist the American flag at Kiao-Chow in order to keep the city out of the hands of the Japanese.

"The St. Petersburg newspaper publishes the report and asks whether it is possible that Germany has some arrangement with the United States whereby the trick played with the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau may be repeated with the stronghold on land."

Austrian Regiment Said to Have Joined Russians

By Associated Press

London, Aug. 31, 8.50 a. m.—According to the Times' St. Petersburg correspondent, Russia's appeal to the Poles to reuinte against the common enemy, Teutonic foe, has had an extraordinary effect among the Slav soldiers in the German service.

Information received in St. Petersburg, it is stated, that the Polish soldiers belonging to the Sixth Breslau army corps, serving on the Western frontier, mutinied and killed their officers. The Slav regiments in the Austrian service are also declared to be notoriously disaffected. The Novoe Vremya states that one whole Austrian regiment went over to the Russian side.

MONTH'S PERMITS TOTAL $101,275

Sigler Factory Largest Single Corporation; Better Than Last Year

Building permits issued during the month of August run to a total of $101,275, and numbered thirty-one, according to an analytical table completed to-day by Chief Clerk J. C. Thompson of the department of streets and public improvements. The largest single permit was issued for $17,000 for the erection of a piano player factory by S. M. Sigler and others.

A number of alterations and improvements made up the total, but the most of the general sum is represented for the erection of rows, doubles or single brick dwelling houses. Last year for a similar period there were twenty-seven permits issued, totaling $95,565.

Building Permits. — Building permits issued to-day include one for the erection of a two story frame house for George Bright in Herr's lane, rear of 47 North Cameron street, to cost $700 and for the building of a one-story galvanized iron garage to cost $100 at rear of 1627 Derry street.

German Ambassador Wants Adriatic to Leave Port

By Associated Press

New York, Aug. 31. — Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador to the United States, called attention to-day to the presence in this port of the White Star liner Adriatic, which arrived from Liverpool on Saturday with four guns mounted on her decks. The ambassador wondered if the Adriatic would be compelled to sail within twenty-four hours under the law which requires an armored vessel of a belligerent nation to remain in port no longer than that length of time. The Adriatic is not preparing to sail before Thursday and officials of the International Mercantile Marine Company said they had received no word from the authorities relating to the liner leaving port until that day.

Letter List

LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING IN the Post Office, at Harrisburg, Pa., for the week ending August 29, 1914:

Ladies' List — Miss Daisy Bixler, Mrs. Ella Buck, Miss Minerva Buttorff, Mary F. Gintzer, Mrs. W. R. Goodwin, Elizabeth Gross, Miss Bessie Hare, Mrs. Rev. M. Harris, Miss Emma Hershey, Mary Jane (D. L.), Miss Edna Jackel, Martha Jaffe, Mrs. Kurtz, Mrs. A. P. Lomand, Mrs. W. Leighton, Mrs. F. A. Linker, Mrs. J. Long, Mrs. Mary Mapes, Mrs. Frank Masters, Miss McDonough, Miss Rachel Mutzabaugh, Mrs. Fracis Nell, Mrs. O. T. Noble, Dot Palmer, Mrs. Roy Parker, Mrs. Frank Parrish, Miss E. J. Snyder, Stella Strickland, Mrs. H. A. Ward, Marie Welner, Mrs. H. Williamson, Mrs. Mary F. Wood.

Gentlemen's List — Paul Anderson, H. F. Anthony (2), Charles G. Bannon, Erie N. Barbour, Clarence S. Bates, J. M. Bigle, Armor Billet, Charles Brockey, Louis Cassie, Cicolli Tony, J. W. Collins, Henry H. Craig, R. Cresswell, C. B. Davis, Carlo DiPaoli, C. A. Ensminger, Harrison Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Geebrick, A. P. Gorman, William Hermeber, Gabrille Hiester, Raymond Hinkson, George E. Howard, Joseph L. Krager, P. W. LaCosta, S. R. Leach, Gov. Lewis, Lenwood Logan, C. C. Lynch, John E. Major, John McCarthy, W. J. Miller, David Meck, Arthur F. Morrill, H. S. Nesley W. J. O'Brien (D. L.), Joseph C. O'Niel, Howard F. Reed, Dewitt Saltsman, Allmon Scott, George Shield, Samuel Shoop, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shuey, William Jerome Speaks, John C. Stambaugh, W. J. Swartz, Joseph Thomas, John W. Welch, Daniel Wenger, Charles Wheaton, A. H. Williams.

Firms — Harrisburg Portrait Company.

Foreign — L. Back, Miss E. Miller.

Persons should invariably have their mail matter addressed to their street and number, thereby insuring prompt delivery by the carriers.

FRANK C. SITES,
Postmaster.

Russian Reservists Get Six Weeks' Leave

London, Aug. 31, 5.29 a. m.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Post, discussing the military situation in Russia, says:

"The relative situations of Germany and Russia, after a month of war, are shown admirably in contrast by the German action in summoning school boys to the colors and Russia's decision to-day to grant six weeks' leave of absence to the reservists of the 1907 term of service.

"These reservists have recently been withthe colors at different depots, brushing up their military knowledge preparatory to a call to the front. To-day it was found possible to allow them to return home for a nominal term of six weeks. They are to hold themselves in readiness to respond to the next call.

"It is reported that some of the men took the permission to return home most grudgingly, as they had counted on a quick advance to the front."

SAYS STOUGH DOESN'T USE TOO MUCH SLANG

Harrisburg Should Have 30,000 Converts, Declares Sunbury School Dep't Head

Five hundred and twenty-one was the record breaking attendance at the Stough campaign preliminary mass meeting held in the Harris street United Evangelical church yesterday afternoon. Many of the neighboring towns as well as Harrisburg represented the 38 co-operating churches, almost filling the auditorium and Sunday school room of the church.

Prof. J. H. Urauser, superintendent of schools of Northumberland county and a prominent church worker of Sunbury, made a stirring address. He said in part: Sunbury had 16 churches co-operating in the Stough campaign with a result of 3,200 conversions. We can congratulate Harrisburg on having 38 churches: You should have 30,000 converts here.

"It is said that Billy Sunday and Dr. Stough use too much slang, but they only preach in modern ways to appeal to modern peple to be converted. Different now are the conditions from those of twenty or thirty years ago.

Say German Empire Will Fall.—The downfall of the German monarchy, and the end of imperialism, from the ruins of which will arise the great German Republic were predicted by the Rev. C. A. Smucker in a sermon last night in which he said that the Kaiser, whom he called the "War Lord" was responsible for starting the "world's murder mill."

LOCAL CHARTER GRANTED

Robert C. Neal, Jr., Charles E. Covert and Charles C. Stroh were to-day granted a State charter for the Union Sales Company, capital $5,000, to handle automobile tires.

Takes Field at Head of His Army of 8,000,000 Men

Czar Nicholas, of Russia, who has reached the headquarters of his army, invading Germany, and superseded Grand Duke Nicholas as Generalissimo of the Russian troops. The entire army of 8,000,000 men has been set in motion by the Czar, to fall upon and crush the Kaiser's forces.

AT SUNDOWN

I have in mind two men whose work
is done.
Each did his stint and to himself
was true.
Now, rest well-earned, they watch the
setting sun
And let the rays agone pass in review.

U. S. FLAG SPARES SECTION IN LOUVAIN

"World's Work" Correspondent Tells of Conditions in Belgium When He Departed

By Associated Press

London, Aug. 31, 1.58 P. M.—Arno Bosch, a correspondent of the magagine World's Work, who went into Belgium some days ago, arrived in London to-day from Brussels, which city he left last Thursday. He said to-day that John T. McCutcheon, of Chicago; Irving Cobb, of New York, and Mr. Hanson, of the Chicago News, were safe in Brussels when he left. Referring to the military situation in Belgium, Mr. Dosch said:

"The German automobile trucks are a marvel. Equipped with scythes, they mow right through hedges and wire fences if the roads do not suit the drivers. These trucks are heavily armored and they are able to resist anything except artillery fire. They enable the German forces to make forty miles a day. The number of these trucks seems unlimited.

"It is estimated that 300,000 troops have made their way through Brussels and that 400,000 moved south of Brussels. The troops which passed through Brussels were later engaged with the British forces. Only a small detachment of Germans was left in the Belgian capital.

"I have no personal knowledge of the horrible German atrocities reported from Belgium," Mr. Dosch went on, "and I am inclined to discredit most of these stories. The Germans also tell many stories of Belgian atrocities, most of which I believe. In some cases Belgian boys and old men undoubtedly fired on German soldiers from inside of buildings. This was the case in Brussels and elsewhere, and the men in buildings from which shots were fired were in some cases executed. I know of no women or children being killed because of their having been found in buildings from which shots had been fired.

"From what I have heard I believe the Germans have wedged into the allies and that they are not keeping a straight front to the enemy. The line of fighting from Namur south has been a zigzag and nothing like what many strategists have guessed.

"Louvain is a pitiful ruin. I came through that city on my way out from Belgium and saw the smoking ruins. Only the big cathedral was visible above the smoke, and that may have gone later. I was unable to go to that section of Louvain where the American colleges, maintained by American bishops, are located, but I heard that they had displayed the American flag and had been spared.

"I had no opportunity to learn of the events which preceded the destruction of Louvain. The loss of this city is universally mourned in Belgium."

Germans Are Confident That Paris Will Fall on Wednesday, Sept. 2

By Associated Press

London, Aug. 31, 3 A. M.—The Post to-day editorially calls attention to a statement issued by the French embassy as indicating that the allied forces have again been compelled to fall back before the German advance in the neighborhood of La Fere, which is twenty miles nearer to Paris than the Cambrai-Le Cateau line, where the allies reorganized after the Germans crossed the French border. Fighting is also reported in the vicinity of Amiens.

La Fere is only a little more than sixty miles from Paris as the crow flies.

He'd Rather Hit the Pike Than String Beans

Hot dusty roads to travel for a certainty with three square meals a day and a bed at night as mere possibilities are preferable to—stringing beans at the county almshouse to quote one inmate of that institution who appealed to Poor Clerk John P. Guyer with a bitter complaint of what he considered a plain case of man's inhumanity to man.

The appellant had been confined in the hospital and during his convalescense wasn't of course, required to work. Finally Steward S. F. Barber brought him to time and suggested that he do some light housework—preferrably stringing beans. This was met with indignant refusal.

"If you don't string beans you'll have to hit the pike," declared Mr. Barber firmly. (Hitting the pike is the vernacular for leaving the almshouse).

"I'll hit the pike," grimly announced the rebel.

Jr. O. U. A. M. Organizer Found Dying; a Suicide

Special to The Telegraph

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Aug. 31.—General Clyde M. Rishel, 38 years, organizer of the first Junior Order United American Mechanics regiment and founder of the first brigade of that order, was found in a dying condition in the attic of his home here Saturday afternoon. His throat was cut and in his hand was clutched a razor. He died within a short time.

Family and friends are unable to give any cause for his suicide. For the last three weeks he has been slightly indisposed, but he was able to discharge his business duties and did not appear to be alarmed over his condition.

For many years General Rishel was active in the Jr. O. U. A. M. He obtained a military training in the Ninth Regiment of the National Guard, and served during the Spanish-American War. Several years ago he decided to organize a Jr. O. U. A. M. brigade and after organizing a rbgiment here, he went to Scranton and organized one there, and later formed the brigade.

He leaves a widow and two children.

Austrians Claim Victory Over Forces of Russians

By Associated Press

Berlin, Aug. 28, via Copenhagen and London, Aug. 31, 12.48 P. M.—The following account of Austrian operations has been obtained in Berlin from an official Austrian source:

In the Austro-Hungarian theater of war decisive battles have been in progress for several days. Our forces, victorious near Krasnik, pursued the Russians in the direction of Lublin. The Austrians advanced also into the enemy's territory between the rivers Bug and Wieprz and we have taken positions in frotn of Zamoso.

"Other contingents of the Austrian army hold their positions northeast and southwest of Lemberg. After crossing the Dniester they encountered great forces of the enemy.

"Emphasis is placed on the word 'decisive' in this official report.

"The Austro-Russian battle front stretches for a distance of 700 kilometers (420 miles).