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IRVINE APPEALS FOR SUPPORT OF VOTERS IN NINTH

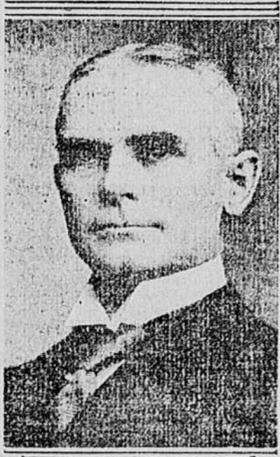
Democratic Nominee Given Enthusiastic Reception at Jonesville.

CANDIDACY ADVOCATED BY GOVERNOR STUART

Republicans and Progressives Also Hold Rallies in Lee County Town.

SLEMP SEEKS RE-ELECTION

Largest Crowd in History of Village Attracted by Opening of Campaign.



R. TATE IRVINE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) JONESVILLE, Va., September 7.—Candidates of the three political parties opened the congressional campaign in the Ninth District at Jonesville this morning, when the largest crowd in the history of the village appeared to give its attention to the chief contestants of three different political creeds.

When Mr. Irvine left the automobile in which he was conveyed, and made his way towards the platform, a great ovation was accorded him, and hundreds surrounded him and grasped his hand in pledge of their support.

Mr. Pennington introduced Governor Stuart, and a great ovation was also accorded to the chief executive of the State. Governor Stuart began his speech by saying that he had been prepared, but that his predecessors had stolen his ammunition, that they had fired the big cannon, and that he would use simply the musketry, and touch only on the high points.

REPUBLICAN MEETING. The Republican meeting was held in front of the courthouse and was opened by I. B. Howard, Republican chairman of Lee County, with a short speech in introduction of C. Bascom Slemph.

IRVINE PRESENTS ISSUES TO VOTERS OF NINTH. Mr. Irvine, who was closely followed by the large crowd during his speech, spoke in part as follows:

"I am glad that the time has arrived in this campaign to present the issues to the intelligent manhood of this great Ninth District. It is rare in the lifetime of a man, or even of a nation, to have all of the issues so strongly for one party and so little for the opposition, as I feel in this case. This makes the task of Democratic speakers an easy one, and

GERMAN FORCES FIGHTING WITH BACKS TO PARIS

Allies Harass Their Rear With Cavalry, Artillery and Infantry.

BATTLE IN PROGRESS ALONG LINE OF 120 MILES

Steady Advance of Kaiser's Army Turned Into Rear-Guard Action.

ABOUT 3,000,000 ON BOTH SIDES

English and French in Strongest Position They Have Occupied Since War Began.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)

PARIS, September 7.—The Germans advancing upon Paris have been forced to face about, and are now fighting with their backs to Paris, while the allies harass their rear with cavalry and artillery, supported by infantry.

This does not mean that the entire German line is retiring. The Kaiser's forces on the battle front number 1,600,000, according to close estimates, and they are distributed along a battle line which extends from Nanteuil-le-Haudouin, twenty-five miles north-east of Paris, through Meaux to Sezanne in a southeasterly direction, and then a little north of easterly to Verdun through Vitry-le-Francois, a front of 120 miles.

It is more probable that the advance body of the invaders which had succeeded in penetrating to Coulommiers and La Ferté-Maclos, and which has been cut off from the main body by the allies south of the Marne River to the immediate east of Paris, and are now firing in an easterly direction, probably with the object of effecting a junction with the Bavarian army under Prince Rupprecht, which is attacking Nancy under the personal direction of the Kaiser.

The general action which was started on the allies' left when the pursuit of the retreating Germans was taken up, was vigorous from the beginning, and soon the full force of the united armies of the allies was thrown into the conflict. These number 1,400,000 men, making the number of those engaged on both sides about 3,000,000.

From time to time as the Germans continued to retire, they were forced to turn and engage the French, who were hard upon them in their rear. French shells were falling continually on the German lines, and it was evident that the field artillery of the allies was being forced well to the front of the line of attack.

As the action along the left of the allies' line was carried eastward, the engagement became general all along the line.

This development marks the definite abandonment of the Kaiser's turning movement against the left flank of the allies, at which they have been hammering for two weeks.

Evidently the failure of this maneuver, the latter would be routed after their retreat on Paris had turned east to join the French center, which movement they accomplished practically without being disturbed by the enemy.

The allies occupy the strongest position they have taken up since the war started. Should the great battle now in progress result in defeat for the Germans, the latter would be routed towards Luxembourg; should they continue to the southwest in their advance toward Paris, where they would be confronted by French troops assigned to the defense of the capital, while the other troops threaten their flanks.

OPTIMISM IS KEYNOTE. Optimism is the keynote everywhere at Paris to-night. Reports that the English have landed another army at Ostend, believed to be the fifth army which has been sent across the Channel, gave rise to the hope here that this British force, in conjunction with the allies' line at Paris, which has landed in the north at a point which is not permitted to disclose, will be able to strike the German army in the rear and thus bend the invaders' line toward the allies' front, effectually trapping the enemy.

Reports from Bordeaux are that the task of perfecting an adequate organization of the government at the temporary capital is proceeding satisfactorily. Vanloade's government documents have been sent to Bordeaux, and the transfer is about complete.

General Gallien, the military governor of Paris, has assured all that there is no need for alarm. The work of throwing up additional defenses is proceeding, nevertheless.

SECOND PRIMARY TO-DAY. Democrats of South Carolina Will Nominate Candidate for Governor.

COLUMBIA, S. C., September 7.—Democratic voters of South Carolina, in a second primary election, will nominate a candidate for Governor, lieutenant-governor, member of the State Railroad Commission and Representative in Congress from the Third District. Richard L. Manning and John G. Richards will make the second race for Governor. Representative Wyatt Aiken, in the Third District, is opposed by Fred H. Donnick. Action by the primary is equivalent to election.

Otis Will Be Witness. LOS ANGELES, CAL., September 7.—Harrison Grey Otis, publisher of the Los Angeles Times, will be the first witness before the Federal Industrial Relations Commission when its hearings open to-morrow.

GERMANS FALL BACK BEFORE OFFENSIVE TACTICS OF ALLIES; IMPERIAL GUARD UNDER CROWN PRINCE IS REPORTED ANNIHILATED BY BRITISH FORCES



BRITISH HIGHLANDERS CROSSING A SQUARE IN BOULOGNE, FRANCE.

PRESIDENT SEEKS TO END COLORADO COAL STRIKE

Appeals Directly to Employers and Employees to Adopt Tentative Bases for Adjustment.

EARNESTLY URGES ACCEPTANCE

Proposed Agreement Drawn Up by Commission of Conciliation Appointed by Secretary of Labor After Months of Investigation.

WASHINGTON, September 7.—President Wilson sought to end the Colorado coal strike to-day by appealing to employers and employees to adopt a tentative basis for the adjustment of the strike.

The appeal was sent to the president of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, the chairman of the Victorian American Fuel Company, the president of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company and to the officers of the United Mine Workers of America. It was forwarded after the President had held several conferences with Secretary Wilson.

The basis of agreement offered by the President includes the establishment of a three-year truce, subject to the enforcement of the mining and labor laws of Colorado; the return to work of miners who have not been convicted of law violations; the prohibition of intimidation of union or non-union men; the publication of the current scale of wages and rules, and the appointment of a grievance committee by the employers.

The agreement provides that in cases where the officers of the company or the grievance committee cannot settle difficulties, a commission of three men named by the President shall step in and act as the final referee of all disputes.

Under the agreement the claim for contractual relations would be waived, no mine guards would be employed, the Federal troops now on duty in the strike district would be withdrawn, picketing, parading, colonizing or mass-campaigning by the miners would be stopped, and the suspension of work would be prohibited pending a decision by the commission.

The expense of the commission would be divided between the employers and employees.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER ON STRIKE SITUATION. The President's letter follows: "I feel justified in addressing you with regard to the present strike situation in Colorado because it has lasted so long, has gone through so many serious stages, and is fraught with so many possibilities that it has become of national importance.

"The establishment of Russian authority in this region is being enormously facilitated by the fact that the native Slav population, after long experience with the tyrannical policy of the Russians, welcomed the advent of the Lemberg victory as a signal triumph for the daring strategy of the Russian commander-in-chief, and indirectly reconciles the public to the severe censorship which enabled him to carry out protracted operations over a vast territory, without the enemy

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RUSSIANS THREATEN LAST STRONGHOLD IN GALICIA

Troops Gradually Surrounding Przemyśl, Which Soon Must Surrender or Be Taken by Assault.

WILL CLEAR WAY FOR ADVANCE

Austrians Continue Flight Southwest of Lemberg, and Pursuing Cossacks Collect Arms and Stores Abandoned by the Enemy.

LONDON, September 7 (10:55 A. M.).—Official reports from Russia say Russian troops are gradually surrounding Przemyśl, which will soon either surrender or be taken by assault.

Przemyśl is a strong fortress fifty miles west of Lemberg, and its fall would mean the loss by the Austrians of the last stronghold in Galicia. It would clear the way to an advance of the Russians westward towards the junction of their forces on the east Prussian frontier.

AUSTRIANS CONTINUE FLIGHT FROM RUSSIANS

ROME (via Paris), September 7, 7:05 A. M.—Unofficial reports say the Austrians continue their flight southwest of Lemberg, and that everywhere the pursuing Russians collect arms and stores abandoned by the enemy, while whole detachments willingly ask to be made prisoners, saying the rigor of their officers, together with the privations, make their life impossible.

Refugees from Dalmatia along the Austrian coast of the Adriatic Sea say that life there is entirely paralyzed. The public service corporations, including the lighting plants, are out of commission, and militarism reigns despotically everywhere.

VICTORY WILL PRACTICALLY OPEN ROAD TO BERLIN

LONDON, September 7 (5 A. M.).—The correspondent of the Times at Petrograd, under date of Sunday, referring to a battle just begun, which, if as successful as the Russian operations against Lemberg, will overthrow the Austrian forces and practically open the road to Berlin, says:

"Reliable information as to the progress of the battle enables me to state that the outlook is no whit less promising, but that several days may elapse before the final overthrow of the Austrian army. The enemy disposes at least thirty divisions, besides several German corps and will fight with the courage of despair.

"On the east Prussian front, there is news of the appearance of part, if not the whole of the third Bavarian army corps. The troops were installed at Allenstein, which is being reconnoitered by Russian cavalry.

NATIVE SLAV POPULATION WELCOMES RUSSIANS

LONDON, September 7 (3:50 A. M.).—The Petrograd correspondent of the Post, discussing the capture of Lemberg and Hallez says:

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CAPTAIN AND 50 OF CREW OF PATHFINDER RESCUED

British Cruiser Destroyed by Mine While Patrolling Off Scotland Coast.

LITERALLY BLOWN TO PIECES

For Mile and Half Water Is Strewn With Wreckage of Every Description, Few Pieces Being Larger Than a Man's Leg.

Four Killed, 13 Wounded and 242 Men Are Missing

LONDON, September 7 (11:10 P. M.).—The casualty list for the cruiser Pathfinder, which was sunk in striking a mine in the North Sea, as officially given out to-night, shows that four men were killed and thirteen wounded, and that 242 men are missing.

LONDON, September 6, 7:20 P. M. (Delayed).—It is learned on reliable authority that the captain and fifty of the crew of the British cruiser Pathfinder, sunk by a mine in the North Sea, have been saved.

The destruction of the Pathfinder occurred about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, at a point ten miles northeast of Saint Abbs Head, Scotland. Patrolling the coast, she struck a mine, which exploded near her magazine. Trawlers ten miles distant felt the shock. From Eynouthe, fourteen miles from the scene of the explosion, a huge cloud of smoke was visible. A torpedo-boat destroyer was the first to the rescue. She was followed by the Saint Abbs motor lifeboat.

The Pathfinder was literally blown to pieces. Coxswain Nisbet, of the Saint Abbs motor lifeboat, said that for a mile and a half the water was strewn with wreckage of every conceivable description. Few of the pieces were larger than a man's leg.

In addition to the motor lifeboat, several steam drifters hurried to the spot where the Pathfinder sank. About ninety of the crew of the Pathfinder, dead and wounded, were picked up by torpedo-boats and taken to the naval base. Captain Peake and several other officers were saved. According to official announcement, the casualties among the officers were one killed, eight missing, one seriously wounded, and one slightly wounded.

SKIPPER OF TRAWLER WITNESS OF DISASTER

The skipper of a trawler, who witnessed the sinking of the Pathfinder from a distance of less than three miles, said:

"I was on deck and the men below getting a meal when our vessel was suddenly shaken. I turned in the direction of the report, and saw the trawler in a perpendicular position amidst a fountain of smoke, water and steam. Her stern was uppermost. She poised thus only for a moment, and then came another explosion, and the Pathfinder was practically blown to atoms. She went down in less than four minutes from the time she struck the mine. The work of rescue began immediately, and within an hour there were on the scene five destroyers, four trawlers and six steam drifters.

"We picked up all the survivors we could find, and then remained a long time searching amid the wreckage. So terrific was the explosion that not a single piece of wreckage was found large

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TRAP TO GET THIS NATION MIXED IN EUROPEAN FRAY

Turkish Ambassador Issues Statement Concerning Intimations of Danger to Christians.

DISPATCH OF U. S. WARSHIPS

Gruesome Picture of Near Future Drawn With Absolute Disregard to Truth—England and France in New Campaign of Provocation.

WASHINGTON, September 7.—Charging that the intimation by Great Britain to the United States that she would welcome the presence of American war vessels in Turkish waters to protect Christians was merely "a vulgar trap" to get the United States "mixed up in the European fray on the allies' side," a Russian Bey, Turkish ambassador here, issued to-night the following statement:

"According to to-day's papers, Great Britain, following in the footsteps of France, has agitated before the eyes of the United States the spectre of a massacre of Christians in Turkey, and has made this gruesome picture of the immediate future, drawn with absolute disregard to truth, a pretext for requesting the United States to dispatch warships to Turkish ports. That there have been massacres in Turkey, I cannot, unfortunately deny, but the Armenians and Maronites, who were the victims, suffered at the hands of Moslems, not as Christians, but as political agitators, engaged in undermining the Ottoman state, the while flaunting in the face of the government and dominant race, the support of Russia, France and England.

"Under the same provocation, what would Russia have done, who has given the world the spectacle of not one, but twenty pogroms against an innocent race, what France, who smoked to death in caverns the Algerians fighting for the independence of their land, who later on rejoiced in that grand production, the Commune; what England, the economic competitor of an Italian, or the sniping of a Filipino, or even the outrage of a negro are as nothing.

"Supposing, for the sake of argument, what in reality never could happen, that the negroes were discovered to be engaged in a conspiracy with the Japanese to facilitate the invasion of the United States by the latter, how many of them would be left alive to tell the tale?

"Great Britain and France have embarked upon a new campaign of provocation against Turkey, secretly hoping that, as a result of it, something untoward may happen in that country to confirm their sinister predictions, so that the United States finally would be prevailed upon to dispatch warships to the Levant, and thus get mixed in the European fray on the allies' side, but I believe the administration too sagacious to fall into such a vulgar trap.

"Besides, why should the United States be mixed up in the European fray? The British official bulletin has received no confirmation of this message.

NEARLY 1,000,000 MEN ENGAGED IN FIGHTING

PARIS, September 7 (4:45 P. M.).—It is estimated unofficially that nearly 1,000,000 troops are engaged in the fighting which is proceeding to the east of Paris to-day.

ACTION IS PROCEEDING TO EAST OF PARIS

PARIS, September 7 (3:30 A. M.).—A general action is proceeding to-day to the east of Paris, from Nanteuil-le-Haudouin to Verdun, according to an official communication given out this afternoon.

The text of the official notice is as follows: "A general action has started on the line through Nanteuil-le-Haudouin, Meaux, Sezanne and Vitry-le-Francois, and extending to Verdun.

BATTLE IS RAGING ON 120-MILE LINE TO EAST OF PARIS

Allies Advance Left Wing Without Vigorous Opposition From Enemy.

PARTIAL SUCCESSES ON RIGHT IN THE VORGES

Several Combats on Ourcq River Favor French-British Forces.

JOFFRE'S PLAN WORKING WELL

General Pau Authority for Claim of Victory at Precy-Sur-Oise.

Latest Developments in War Situation

APART from the announcement that the German forces have fallen back before the offensive tactics of the allies on the line from Nanteuil-le-Haudouin to Verdun, in most interesting report contained in a dispatch from London Evening News from Boulogne, in which the French commander, General Pau, is given as authority for the statement, that the allies have won a victory at Precy-Sur-Oise, in which the Imperial Guard, under the Crown Prince of Germany, is alleged to have been annihilated by a British force.

The British Official Bureau says that the plans of the French commander-in-chief, General Joffre, are being carried out steadily, and that the allies have succeeded in forcing back in a northerly direction the German forces opposed to them.

Paris officially reports that the allies have advanced their left wing without vigorous opposition by the Germans, and that several engagements on the Ourcq River have favored the French-British.

The Russian army operating in Galicia is reported to be driving back the Austrians. The casualty list as a result of the blowing up of the British cruiser Pathfinder by a mine in the North Sea, comprised four men killed, thirteen wounded and 242 missing.

PARIS, September 7 (11:20 P. M.).—The following official communication was issued here to-night: "First, The allies have advanced their left wing without energetic opposition from the enemy.

"Second, The situation is unchanged on our center in the region of Verdun, our forces alternately advancing and retreating. There have been some partial successes on our right in the Vosges.

"Third, The advancing troops and allies defending Paris have had several combats on the Ourcq River, with the results in favor of our right in the Vosges.

"Fourth, The Minister of War has telegraphed to the Governor of Maubeuge, expressing the government's admiration for the hero's defense, and saying: 'You stand at nothing but prolonged resistance until the hour of your approaching deliverance, which, I hope, will be soon.'

"The commander-in-chief has placed the name of the Governor of Maubeuge in the order of the day for his splendid defense."

CROWN PRINCE'S TROOPS REPORTED ANNIHILATED

LONDON, September 7 (10:17 P. M.).—A Boulogne dispatch to the Evening News says a telegram has been received from General Pau, announcing a victory by the allied forces at Precy-Sur-Oise. The Imperial Guard, under Crown Prince Frederick William, is reported to have been annihilated by the British force, which, according to the Evening News dispatch, has been confirmed.

"A telegram has been received from General Pau, announcing a victory by the allied forces at Precy-Sur-Oise, and General D'Amade, at Precy-Sur-Oise, about twenty-five miles north of Paris.

"The allies were drawn across the northern line with the center at Precy. The English troops were on the left, and the French on the right. The former had in front of the Imperial Guard, under Crown Prince Frederick William.

"On both wings, it is reported, the allies were successful. The German left was held by the French, and retired to the north.

"The Imperial Guard, who were ordered to surrender, are annihilated by the British. It is reported that the crown prince was in their midst."

The British official bulletin has received no confirmation of this message.