



ALLIES CONTINUE TO ADVANCE NORTH AND EAST OF YPRES, IS FRENCH REPORT

Their Positions Everywhere Maintained While It Is Said the German Attacks Between Nieuport and Arras Are Less Violent---Reported That Allied Forces Have Captured Thourout After it Had Been Occupied by Large Force of Germans From Bruges---Jap Steamer Sunk by German Cruiser Emden

Paris, Oct. 28, 2:43 P. M.—The French official announcement issued this afternoon says that yesterday the German attacks between Nieuport and Arras were less violent. The French positions everywhere were maintained and French forces continued to advance to the north and to the east of Ypres. The text of the communication follows:

"During the day of yesterday the German attack in all the region between Nieuport and Arras were less violent. Our positions were everywhere maintained and we continued to advance to the north and to the east of Ypres. We also made some progress between Cambrin, to the southwest of La Bassee, and Arras.

"Further information continues to confirm previous reports that the German losses in dead, wounded and prisoners have been considerable in the northern region.

"On the right bank of the Aisne the Germans attempted at night a very violent offensive movement in the region of Craonne. On the heights of the highway Des Dames they have been repulsed.

"In the Woivre district our troops have continued their advance in the forests between Oprimont and St. Mihiel, as well as in the forest of Le Pretre.

"In Russia, to the south of Warsaw, the fighting extends from Rawa to the junction of the river Iza with the Vistula on a front 100 kilometres (62 miles) long. In the region to the north of Rawa the Russians have inflicted heavy losses on the Germans. There has been furious fighting in the forests between Koziennica and Radom.

"In Galicia the Russians are making progress. To the south of Sambor, in the narrow valley of the Podbuj, they surrounded the Thirty-eighth division of the Hungarian honved, together with detachments from the landsturm and destroyed them completely, capturing twenty pieces of artillery and a quantity of war material.

"In East Prussia partial attempts at a counter-offensive movement on the part of the Germans resulted in failure."

ALLIES CAPTURE THOUROUT

London, Oct. 28, 1:50 A. M.—The "Daily Telegraph's" correspondent on the Dutch frontier reports that the allies captured Thourout Monday after it had been occupied by a large force of Germans from Bruges.

The allied forces, according to the correspondent, remained hidden while the Germans entered the town and then fell upon them suddenly and by a swift attack drove them out. The Germans, it is added, left hundreds of dead or wounded behind them.

SMALL JAP STEAMER SUNK

London, Oct. 28, 7:42 A. M.—The German cruiser Emden sunk the small Japanese steamer Kamegasaki-Maru while the latter was proceeding to Singapore, according to a "Central News" dispatch from Berlin by way of Amsterdam.

In the marine records the steamer Kamegasaki-Maru is given as being of only 138 tons burden. She is owned in Nagasaki.

The great battle for possession of the strip of coast running along the North Sea from Ostend to Calais is said by the French to be swinging slowly in favor of the allied forces. The assaults of countless German troops has apparently attained the height of human effort, were matched with equal courage and ferocity, and to-day the offensive efforts of the Germans were said to be relaxing. For the third successive day the French official statement asserted the advantage lay with the allies.

It is noticeable, however, that the French claims in each instance have been vague and bare of detail as to the capture of towns or localities which may be set down on the map as marking a definite advance at any point. "Progress," "advances," or "gains" are reported at various sections of the line not closely indicated. From unofficial report from the front it is inferred that in the

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WILL SEEK SOUTH AMERICAN TRADE

Chamber of Commerce Will Take Lead in Plan to Market Local Products There

BIG CONFERENCE BEING PLANNED

Secretary Redfield and Other Speakers of National Prominence Will Be Invited to Address Meeting Here Some Time Next Month

A South American trade extension conference will be held in Harrisburg next month under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, if plans now being formed by the executive committee of that body are carried to completion. To this conference will be invited members of commercial bodies in Central Pennsylvania, together with manufacturers of products of which sales can be made in South America. All boards of trade and chambers of commerce in this section, as far south as northern Maryland, will receive invitations.

Henderson Gilbert, president of the Harrisburg Chamber, said this morning the movement will be organized on an elaborate scale, principally for the education of local, as well as nearby, firms that desire to establish trade relations with South America.

"There are many firms," said President Gilbert, "that now export to Europe, but that are not acquainted with the South American conditions, and the result of the conference will be to show them how to open up this market, which has become America's own since trade has practically stopped in Europe on account of the war."

Speakers of national reputation in this particular line of work will be obtained for the Harrisburg conference. Chamber of Commerce officials now are after a representative of the North American Bank, which has established a branch in South America, and from the Pan-American Union. Secretary of Commerce and Labor Redfield, a recognized expert on export trade, will be invited.

No definite time or place has been selected for the meetings. Final arrangements have been postponed until it is definitely known when the speakers can come to Harrisburg. It is expected, however, that the conference can take place some time during the second or third week in November. Arrangements are in charge of the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce, which includes, besides President Gilbert, George F. Watt, Edward S. Herman, Donald McCormick and David Kaufman.

FIRE OF BRITISH WARSHIPS REDUCES COAST VILLAGES

London, Oct. 28, 5:35 A. M.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the Reuters Telegram Company says: "The 'Handelsblad' learns from Sluis, Netherlands, that there is no change on the battle front between Nieuport and Dixmude. Heavy fighting continues. Tramway communications with Ostend is still stopped.

A dispatch from Vienna denies rumors that Emperor Francis Joseph is ill. On the contrary it says he is in the best of health and dispatching all state affairs."

The "Times" correspondent in Belgium wires the following: "Observation from a captive balloon has revealed how effective has been the fire of the British warships on Ostend, Middlekerke, Lombaertzyde and other coast villages. Not a single wall remains standing in the villages of West Kerke, Slype and Novje. Several other villages are also in ruins. All this damage was caused by the artillery of the British ships."

GERMAN CASUALTIES SAID TO BE 45,000 AT DIXMUDE

London, Oct. 28, 7:55 A. M.—A dispatch to the "Daily Mail" from Flushing, Holland, says:

"Several mines have been washed ashore along the coast below Ostend. The Germans have fallen back slightly from Westend. They are putting the coast from Ostend to Knocke in a state of defense. At Ostend preparations are being made to place mines at the harbor entrance.

"The German losses on the Nieuport-Dixmude line are estimated at 16,000 killed and 30,000 wounded. During Saturday 400 vehicles loaded with wounded soldiers passed through Ostend.

"The Germans have commandeered a large quantity of lumber at Bruges for use in building a giant airship shed."

FRENCH LOSSES AGGREGATE 40,000 AT TOUL AND VERDUN

Berlin, Oct. 28 (by Wireless to Sayville).—Swiss newspapers report that since the capture by the Germans of Camp Des Romains the French losses in the battle line between Toul and Verdun have been more than 40,000 men.

The French officers, according to statements in these newspapers, complain of the inferior quality of the new French troops.

CREW AND SHIP ARE LOST AS THE LATTER STRIKES A MINE

London, Oct. 28, 3:15 A. M.—A Dutch trawler reports that the Luggervlaardingen struck a mine, 40 miles north of Ymuiden, a seaport of Holland, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Reuters Telegram Company. The crew and ship were lost.

WAGON STOPS RUNAWAY

Bogor Team Crashes Into Ice Wagon at Second and Walnut

A double horse team of the Bogor Lumber Company, became frightened at Second and South streets at 10:30 o'clock this morning and ran down Second street, stopping at Walnut street when the horses ran into a United Ice and Coal Company wagon at that corner. The tongue of the Bogor wagon pierced the side of the ice wagon and one of the Bogor horses fell under the ice wagon. One of the posts on the awning in front of the store of John Rose was snapped off.

Thomas Pancake, driver of the Bogor team, was not on the wagon when the horses started. The driver of the ice wagon was not injured.

CLEANING UP RIVER BANK

Force of Park Department Employees Gets on the Job To-day

Work of cleaning up the river bank, between Iron alley and Market street, was begun to-day by a force of Park Department employees at the direction of Commissioner Taylor. William Paget, formerly an inspector connected with the Board of Public Works, is superintending the work.

The holes and gullies will be filled, some grading will be done, the edges will be rounded and all refuse removed. The work will be carried on until the entire river front has been overhauled. This will likely require several weeks.

COLD WAVE IS BROKEN

Depression From Lakes Will Cause Higher Temperatures

The high pressure area which brought to Harrisburg the first freezing temperature of the season, has been broken up by a depression from the lake region and temperatures will rise as a result. E. R. Demain, local weather forecaster, fixed to-night's minimum mark at 42 degrees.

Lowest last night was 33 degrees, one degree higher than the previous night. No precipitation is likely to result from this newest depression.

9 BOYS NOW ACCUSED OF ROBBERIES

With Arrests of Three More To-day Police Have Whole Gang of House-Breakers

13 BUILDINGS WERE LOOTED

Included Were the Homes of Miss Fannie Eby, D. D. Hammelbaugh and Henderson Gilbert—Much of the \$500 Plunder Recovered

After the arrest this morning of three boys, under sixteen years old, City Detective Ibach said he believes he has cleared up the mysteries of thirteen different robberies. Among the homes looted were those of Miss Fannie Eby, sister of the late Maurice C. Eby, former Mayor of Harrisburg, at Third and Maclay streets; D. D. Hammelbaugh, Second and Kelly streets, secretary of the School Board; Henderson Gilbert, Second and Harris streets, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and the City Boat House, Front and Seneca streets. Nine boys are now under arrest, none of whom was responsible for all of the robberies, but all alleged to be connected with the same crowd, so that the arrest of one led to the seizure of others.

The robberies date from July when the boat house was entered, to a few days ago when the clothing store of A.

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FLAMES TWICE ATTACK HAGERSTOWN CAUSING PROPERTY LOSS OF \$400,000

MISS BUEHLER DESCRIBES BEING MAROONED ABROAD

One of Party of Harrisburg Young Women Who Have Just Returned From War Zone Tells of Difficulty of Getting Passage Home

Miss Martha M. Buehler arrived at her home, 232 North Second street last evening from New York, where with Miss Mary Robinson, Miss Margareta Fleming and Miss Susanna Fleming, she landed Sunday on the steamship "Rotterdam," from Europe, where the party were marooned for many weeks as a result of the war.

In telling of her trip home and her stay in Berlin after war was declared, Miss Buehler said:

"We really had a very uneventful voyage home, notwithstanding the fact that the boat was very much overcrowded. Our sleeping accommodations were very comfortable, the meals fair and the service was not as bad as might be expected under such conditions.

"We were in Norway when war rumors were first circulated and on July 23, went to Berlin where we staid until our party could secure passage home. We made no attempt to leave in the first rush simply because there were so many panic-stricken tourists who wanted to leave on the first boats, and students and school teachers who were eager to get back before their schools opened. So our party waited until a later date.

"Naturally our stay in Berlin was a wonderful experience, because the sit-

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PENROSE SPEAKS TO-NIGHT

Senator Will Address Republican Mass Meeting in the Chestnut Street Hall at 8 O'clock

Elaborate arrangements are being made by the Dauphin County Republicans for what they predict will be a great mass meeting in Chestnut street hall to-night, when Senator Boies Penrose will make his first speech in Harrisburg during the campaign. Senator Penrose is expected to arrive in Harrisburg late this afternoon. The plan was for County Chairman Hoerner, City Chairman Oves and a committee from the Dauphin County Republican League to escort him to the Senate Hotel.

The meeting to-night in Chestnut street hall will be opened at 8 o'clock, and Governor Tener will be the presiding officer, with a large list of vice presidents including prominent Republicans of Dauphin county. The Governor will introduce Senator Penrose. Other speakers of the evening will be W. I. Swope, of Clearfield; Thomas S. Crago, candidate for Congressman-at-large, and Congressman Kreidler.

Previous to the meeting the Harrisburg Republican Club will form in line in front of its headquarters on Second street, above Market Square, and march to the upper end of the city to meet the West End Republican Club and the Harrisburg Colored Republican Club. The procession will march down Third to the hall. The Commonwealth and Colonial bands have been engaged to furnish music.

An effort is being made to have Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh, candidate for Governor, come here on a late train after he has made his address at a meeting in Lancaster, but it was not certain that Dr. Brumbaugh will be here. A special train will be at the Lancaster station to bring him to Harrisburg if arrangements can be made to get him after the Lancaster meeting.

BRUMBAUGH HERE TO-MORROW

Will Speak in Steelton and Other Parts of Dauphin County

Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh, Republican candidate for Governor, will to-morrow make a campaigning tour of the lower end of Dauphin county, speaking at a number of places.

The Brumbaugh party will leave Harrisburg in automobiles shortly after 8 o'clock in the morning and will make the first stop in Steelton where extensive preparations have been made to give the candidates a reception and "good hand" greeting.

Thence they will proceed down through the county, arriving at Hershey at noon for a big meeting. From Hershey the party will go to towns north and west, and wind up at Penbrook at 3 o'clock. From Penbrook the party will come direct to Harrisburg, where Dr. Brumbaugh will take the train for Philadelphia at 3:25 o'clock.

PALMER HERE ON SATURDAY

He and McCormick Will Address Meeting in Chestnut Street Hall

The Democratic State candidates will be in Harrisburg on Saturday night, after a whirlwind trip up the Cumberland Valley, beginning at Chambersburg on Saturday morning and stopping at all of the principal towns.

The Palmer-McCormick party will reach Harrisburg in the evening and will be welcomed at a mass meeting in Chestnut street hall, where speeches will be made by Congressman Palmer, Vance C. McCormick and others.

Mr. McCormick is said to have developed greatly as an orator since he last spoke here.

Big Antietam Garage, With Adjoining Buildings, Is Wiped Out Early This Morning and Seventy-five Costly Autos Are Destroyed---Fire Soon Afterward Discovered in the Baldwin House Which Is Ruined Throughout---One Hundred Guests Flee Peril in the City's Second Largest Hotel

(Special to the Star-Independent.)

Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 28.—This city was visited early to-day by two fires, the most destructive in its history, causing losses estimated at more than \$400,000.

The Sherley building, on South Jonathan street, in which was located the Antietam automobile garage, was totally destroyed, and soon afterward the Baldwin hotel, two blocks away, on West Washington street, the second largest hotel in the city, was completely wrecked. Seventy-five automobiles were burned when the big garage went down.

The loss on the hotel and contents is estimated at \$200,000; to the garage, the buildings nearby and the automobiles, \$175,000, and to the Sherley building proper, \$30,000.

A hundred or more guests quartered in the Baldwin hotel were driven from the hostelry. All escaped injured because they had been awakened earlier by the alarm spread when the garage took fire.

The Baldwin hotel site is two blocks distant from the Antietam garage. The hotel was discovered to be on fire while the firemen were endeavoring to save the Sherley building and garage. The fire in the Sherley building originated in the garage and was due, it is said, to a smoker carelessly throwing a lighted match on the floor at a spot soaked with gasoline.

Fire Companies Burned Out

When the alarm was sounded for the hotel fire it was at first thought that the big hostelry had become ablaze from burning embers carried from the garage by the high winds. The firemen, however, say the blaze started in the kitchen of the hotel. Although the Baldwin House was not burned to the

ground it is completely wrecked and will have to be rebuilt in its entirety.

Insurance carried on the burned buildings and automobiles will offset sixty per cent. of the total losses, so the owners said. The majority of the autos in the garage were stored there by individual owners. Only two machines were gotten out. The strong winds hampered the work of the firemen.

Two of Hagerstown's fire companies had quarters in the Antietam hall, adjoining the garage, and had it not been for that fact, a circumstance which made it possible to begin fighting the flames within a few moments after the alarm was struck shortly after midnight, it is believed that it would have been impossible to confine the flames to the limits to which they were confined.

The upper floors of Antietam hall were the quarters of Company B, of the First Regiment, Maryland National Guards.

Owned by the Hamilton Estate

Adjoining the destroyed hotel is the Academy of Music and although this building escaped the flames, its contents were ruined by water.

Former Senator Harry E. Baker, manager of the destroyed garage, this morning said it is impossible to fix the exact loss on that property and contents. He said it may reach \$200,000.

The hotel was owned by the estate of the late Governor William T. Hamilton. It was managed by Charles W. Boyer, who also is the manager of the Academy of Music. So far as could be learned no firemen were seriously injured.

The Sherley building, the seat of the first blaze, quartered the garage on the first floor, the Cumberland Valley B. & O. Company on the second; Mendell Brothers clothing establishment on the third and a skating rink on the fourth floor.

The wholesale grocery house of J. W. Myers & Company and the post-office building adjoining the hall and garage were slightly damaged both by fire and water.

THREE TESTIFY FOR SEIFERD STAND BY THEIR PASTOR

Alleged Clairvoyant in \$12,000 Will Fight Will Likely Take the Stand To-morrow

Harrison Seiferd, alleged clairvoyant and spiritualist, whose right to share in the \$12,000 estate of the late Mrs. Martha Adams is being questioned by other Adams heirs in proceedings before Roy C. Danner, Register of Wills, to-day opened his side of the case. Three witnesses, long acquaintances of Mrs. Adams, were examined on the question of whether the deceased had "testamentary capacity" at the time the will was drawn—whether she was capable of disposing of her property as she desired.

All the witnesses declared it is their belief that she had that ability. Before John C. Nissley, who was Mrs. Adams' legal adviser, was called to the stand as the first witness, Seiferd's counsel, John Fox Weiss, moved to have stricken from the Register's record all testimony that did not deal directly with the physical and mental condition of Mrs. Adams at the time the will was framed. The motion was overruled.

Mr. Weiss moved also to quash the proceedings and to have the Adams' will admitted to probate. The Register reserved his decision and directed Seiferd to call his witnesses. It was said this morning that Seiferd will probably go on the stand to-morrow as the last witness.

It was learned to-day that in the event of the Register sustaining the motion to quash the proceedings and admit the will to probate, an appeal will be taken to the orphans' court by the contesting heirs.

Caught in Wheel; Fatally Hurt

(Special to the Star-Independent.)
Waynesboro, Oct. 28.—While returning home from a fishing trip along the Conococheague creek, near Greencastle, Thomas Wier was caught in a wagon wheel and was fatally injured. He died soon after being admitted to the Chambersburg hospital.

Congregation Want to Retain the Rev. Mr. MacDannald, Whom Eldership Reprimanded

(Special to the Star-Independent.)
Shippensburg, Pa., Oct. 28.—A congregational meeting was held last night by the Shippensburg Church of God, at which the standing committee of the East Pennsylvania Eldership of the Churches of God, composed of the Rev. Dr. S. G. Yahn, editor of the "Church Advocate," chairman; the Rev. C. H. Grove, pastor of Green Street Church of God, of Harrisburg, and the Rev. C. F. Reitzel, of Auburn, were present by request.

The meeting was called to discuss the desire of certain members of the congregation to retain the present pastor, the Rev. I. A. MacDannald, whom the stationing committee of the Eldership recently assigned to a charge in Chambersburg.

After heated argument the standing committee was requested to arrange matters so as to permit the Rev. Mr. MacDannald to remain as the pastor of the Shippensburg church. In order to make room for the retention of Mr. MacDannald the congregation decided to ask for the resignation of the Rev. H. D. Boughter, who was last year the pastor of the First Altoona Church of God and who was assigned to the Shippensburg church.

The only reason the Shippensburg church had for asking for the resignation of Mr. Boughter was so that it "may have the opportunity to retain Mr. MacDannald and thus show its loyalty to the latter clergyman, who was charged with libel and hypocrisy before the Eldership when it met two years ago and again in the recent meeting of the Eldership in Lancaster, when Mr. MacDannald was reprimanded.

Raises Big Loan in London
Ottawa, Oct. 28.—It was reported here to-day that the Canadian Northern Railway had succeeded in raising in London \$15,000,000 of the amount guaranteed by the government for its line, notwithstanding the European war.