

LINE BENT BADLY AT THE RIGHT But Kaiser Holds Grip on French Soil. ALLIES FORCE FIGHTING Lose Thousands as They Take a Trench at a Time. FRENCH RETIRING, SAYS BERLIN

Their Offense is Weakening, Declares an Official Report, and Their Center is Falling Back—War Office in Paris Gives Reason For Slow Progress Made by Allies—Twelfth Day of the Battle of the Aisne.

Paris, Sept. 24.—The twelfth day of the battle of the Aisne disclosed the Germans maintaining their desperate grip on French soil, but with a line so bent at their right that Von Kluck's army must retreat unless Von Buelow can crush the allies' center.

The fate of the German right depends upon the operations at the center within the next day or two, since the allies, by methods old in Napoleon's time, are hammering back the right wing, losing thousands as they take a trench at a time, advancing no more than five-eighths of a mile daily.

The main battle line now, from Lassigny to the ridge of the Arconne, 100 miles, is a double row of fortresses, from which allies and Germans rally in attack and counter attack, while great guns devastate by day and night. The government compares this extended siege to the slow operations in Manchuria between Russians and Japanese.

Government reports and military critics avoid premature gratulation, but insist that the allies are consistently succeeding in the all important endeavor to hold fast at the center while beating back and encircling the German right wing.

Simultaneously, the allies are protecting their operations by repulsing German attacks at the east center and east of the long battle line. The grand duke of Wurtemberg and the German crown prince have struck back after blow, but are incessantly hurled back. East of the Arconne and in the Vosges and Lorraine the French armies are a little more than holding their ground.

The communiques issued by the government inform the people as to the causes for slow progress—a vast siege operation, marked by costly charges and a continual duel of great guns.

Cautious as the reports of the government are, it becomes more certain that the effort of the British and French to envelop the German right wing is succeeding. At the extreme west of the battle line French cavalry, with infantry supports and light artillery, is swinging in a wide semicircle east of Amiens and toward St. Quentin, for the purpose of severing the communications of General Von Kluck's army and hastening his retreat.

Meantime a great army of French and English have forced Von Kluck's army to defend itself on two sides, the west and south, and are persisting at great cost in the attempt to compel retreat or utterly envelop the German right wing.

In spite of terrible weather conditions, persistent rains and increasing cold, the operations in the Woivreux district and southeastward toward the barrier forts are increasing in violence. It is so necessary for the Germans to relieve the peril of their right wing and center that they are redoubling efforts to drive the French from the heights of the Meuse and the plains of Woivreux.

RAISES OVER A BILLION Germany Negotiates Enormous War Loan by Subscription. Berlin, Sept. 22.—(By Wireless via Sayville, L. I.)—Brilliant success has been met in the raising of a war loan by subscriptions to imperial bonds and treasury certificates. Up to the present time 4,250,000,000 marks (\$1,660,000,000) has been raised.

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PRINCE AUGUST Kaiser's Fourth Son Reported Wounded in Battle in France.



CARRIES \$20,000,000 Senate Promptly Passes New River and Harbor Bill.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Acting upon the instructions of the senate, which voted to recommit the rivers and harbors bill with instructions to the commerce committee to report a bill carrying but \$20,000,000, the commerce committee reported to the senate a brief measure appropriating a lump sum of \$20,000,000 for maintenance, for work on existing projects and to take care of the levees along the Mississippi and Ohio rivers.

Three More English Vessels Sunk. Havana, Sept. 23.—News has been received here from Calcutta that German warships have sunk three more English merchantmen carrying sugar sacks, making nine vessels carrying such cargoes which have been sunk by German warships since the beginning of the war.

Athens Sells Light Plant. Athens, O., Sept. 23.—The Hocking Power company, which is now erecting a large power station at Floodwood, Athens county, and which has numerous franchises for electric power in southeastern Ohio, purchased the electric lighting equipment of the city of Athens for \$15,000 and has been granted a twenty-five year franchise.

Hunter Shoots Companion. Gallon, O., Sept. 24.—George Miller, while hunting south of this city, was shot in the face and hands by his hunting companion, George Zimmerman. They were going through a wood from opposite directions, when Zimmerman shot at a squirrel and hit Miller.

WILL NOT TIE UP TO ANY PARTY Anti-Saloon League Will Remain Non-Partisan—Obligated to the Churches. Officials Make Statement Explaining the Attitude of the Organization in This Year's Campaign—Will Aid Candidates of All Parties Who Are Against the Liquor Traffic.

Columbus, Ohio.—There has been considerable discussion in Ohio newspapers as to whether the Anti-Saloon league would or would not endorse this or that political party in this year's campaign. That the league will remain strictly non-partisan is the gist of a statement which is made public by league officials, who give these reasons:

"When the league was organized we asked the churches for their co-operation and were told that the church could not be responsible for any organization which was partisan. The league's mission is to encourage good men in every party to take an active part in politics and to become candidates for office. The league appealed to the churches to elect the trustees who outline the policies of the league and annually select its officers. Practically all the denominations of Ohio elect annually their members to the board of trustees and these trustees outline the plans of the league and elect its officers.

"An executive committee elected by the board of trustees has an active control of the league during the interim between the meetings of the trustees. The church is not organized along partisan lines. Men of all parties belong to every church. To try to tie up the temperance forces to any one party by a church endorsement would be fatal. The church fights for principles. The league in Ohio this year will be fighting for Progressives in some counties, Democrats in others and Republicans in others. The league will make its appeal to every voter in Ohio regardless of his party affiliation to vote for state prohibition and against the brewers' home rule amendment."

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CITY OF CRACOW THEIR OBJECTIVE Russian Legions Continue Their Westward Advance. COSSACKS CLEARING THE WAY

Capture of Jaroslaw and Isolation of Przemysl Permit the Czar's Soldiers to Move Forward—Russian and Austro-German Armies to Meet Fifty Miles East of Cracow Within a Week—The Eastern Campaign.

London, Sept. 24.—Large bodies of Cossacks are ranging the country south of the railroad between Rzeszow and Tarnow, and within seventy-five miles of Cracow. The presence of a strong force of Russian cavalry in this district signifies that the movement to surround the Austrian field armies is being carried out energetically, and that the Russians, behind a cavalry screen, are moving steadily toward the ancient Polish capital.

The capture of the Jaroslaw forts, it is officially announced, has permitted the Russians to continue their westward advance. Przemysl, where the Russians are bombarding the forts, has been isolated and is no longer regarded as a formidable obstacle to the advance against Silesia.

St. Petersburg asserts that Russia has now so many troops operating in Galicia that it will be a simple military operation to leave a large army to besiege Przemysl and accomplish at leisure the taking of the forts and the capture of the garrison and the field forces that sought refuge there, while, simultaneously, other Russian armies push on to Cracow. It is expected that the Russians and the Austro-German armies will meet at some point within fifty miles east of Cracow within a week.

The taking of Jaroslaw, a railroad center, twenty-two miles northwest of Przemysl, is regarded as one of the big Russian successes of the Galician campaign. It is reported from St. Petersburg also that the Russian offensive in East Prussia is again developing strongly in the face of weak German opposition, and that Russian forces are once more preparing to invade Koelnigberg.

RAID ON CANADA FEARED Activity of German-Americans Alarms British Embassy. Washington, Sept. 23.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, has called to the attention of the state department the activity of German organizations in the United States and has asked an investigation into the report that certain of them are preparing for a warlike action against Canada in the event of a decisive defeat of the allied powers on the European battlefields.

The ambassador informed the secretary of state that he believed the headquarters of the societies contemplating such operations are in Cincinnati. The state department will look into the complaint.

POPE INTERESTED Asks For Details of Destruction of Cathedral at Rheims. Rome, Sept. 22.—When informed of the destruction of the cathedral of Rheims, Pope Benedict XV. said he "could not believe it possible in such a civilized epoch as the twentieth century to be plunged back to the time of Atilia." The pontiff requested Cardinal Ferrata to request Cardinal Amette, archbishop of Paris, for full particulars, as telegrams for Rheims are not accepted.

COURT MATTERS Josephine Hennessy, through her attorney F. V. Short last Monday, filed suit in divorce against her husband, Walter Hennessy. Mary J. Worley, through her attorney L. L. Taylor, last Tuesday filed suit in divorce against her husband, H. C. Worley. Philip Linn, through his attorney, H. A. Miller filed suit Wednesday against George Holtzbecher et al., praying that title be quieted to 80 acres of land in Section 9, Liberty township.

Sam Younger received the medal at regular shoot of the Celina Gun Club at Mercetina Field last Tuesday afternoon, breaking 20 out of a possible 25. Ed Brune was second with 19; O. Rauda and Chris Kistler each secured 18. Edwin Kistler 17, Dr. L. T. Arthur 16, and J. F. McGee 15.

Miss Tillie Saecher has resigned her position as stenographer at the furniture factory and accepted a place as cashier and bookkeeper in the Romer stores. The ladies aid society of the Presbyterian church will meet this afternoon with Mrs. S. H. Crockett, East Market street. Council met in regular session last Tuesday, but lacking a quorum the meeting was adjourned until to-night.

The ladies aid society of the Evangelical church will meet this afternoon with Mrs. R. E. Bourelle, TonVelle street. S. R. Bartlett, of Iola, Kansas, and J. W. Bartlett, of Yates Center, Kansas, are guests of Orlando Stump. THE DEMOCRAT and Cincinnati Daily Post, both one full year for \$3.00.

REV. ROEBUCK'S "HAT NOW IN THE RING"

Rev. R. E. Woodruff, former pastor of the Celina Circuit M. E. Church, left this week for Bowling Green, where he will locate. Rev. Woodruff recently resigned from the ministry because of illness. He has been offered a position with an insurance company. Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff were very popular with our people and the best wishes of many warm friends go with them to their new home.

HEADS OF CHURCHES CALL FOR OBSERVANCE OF PRAYER DAY FOR PEACE In pursuance of the proclamation issued by President Wilson setting aside Sunday, October 4, as a day of prayer for the restoration of peace among the warring nations of Europe, Archbishop Moeller, of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, and Bishop Boyd Vincent and Co-adjutor Bishop Reece, of Southern Ohio, of the American Episcopal Church, on Wednesday extended a call requesting the observance of the day. Among the other denominations the day will be set aside by the individual churches without further action.

FATE Will Likely Be in the Hands of the Jury To-Day The trial of LeVan Baker, the young man charged with the murder of Wilbur Phillips, will possibly come to a close to-day. The defense rested Wednesday morning about 10 o'clock, and the prosecution then called several witnesses in rebuttal. The evidence was all finished about 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and court was adjourned until yesterday morning, when the arguments were begun. Assistant Prosecutor O. J. Myers made the opening argument. He was followed by Attorney S. A. Whittle, of Portland, Ind., who is assisting the defense. Judge Mattingly, the defendant's chief counsel, closed the argument in behalf of the young man. Prosecuting Attorney B. A. Myers then closed the argument for the State, and court adjourned for supper. Judge Mathers had prepared to charge the jury last night, but some points of law brought up by the State necessitated putting off the final charge of the court until this morning.

Judge Mathers will in all probability finish his charge before noon and the fate of young Baker will then be in the hands of the twelve men who have listened for the past two weeks to the evidence introduced in the case.

DATE FOR CAMPAIGN OPENING TO BE CONSIDERED The Democratic County Central and Executive Committees will meet in joint session at the court room at one o'clock next Thursday afternoon, October 1, when plans will be formulated for the opening of the campaign in this county.

BASE BALL Celina easily defeated New Bremen in the latter town last Sunday 15 to 2. The game was slow and uninteresting. New Bremen was unable to hit Williams, while the Celina lads knocked two New Bremen twirlers out of the box.

Celina will play the last St. Marys club in that city next Sunday afternoon. On Wednesday, October 7, the St. Marys club will play the Cincinnati Reds on the St. Marys diamond.

The Celina High School base ball team will play their second game this fall at Mercetina Park this afternoon when they cross bats with the Ft. Recovery team. The Ft. Recovery lads are coming to take some of the pride out of the Celina bunch and Rube Malick, whom they think will be an easy mark. The Rube, however, has a different opinion of the way the game is coming out, and he intends to add another victory to his list. As the game has only been scheduled since yesterday morning it could not be properly advertised, and as the boys are under obligations to pay the expenses of good attendance, they would appreciate a few dollars. The price of admission will be 15c, grandstand 10c. The line-up will be as follows:

Bert Winters, ss; Rich Karch, 2b; Joe Weaver, lf; Bob Saege, 3b; Bryan Baker cf; Howard, lb; Peck, c; Benjie Scherer, c; Rube Malick, p; "Nine" Baker, pitcher.

Last Friday the boys journeyed to St. Marys, where they easily put the cleaner on that bunch by a score of 17 to 0. The Rube was feeling better than usual and struck out 20 men during the course of the game. He held the St. Marys lads hitless until the sixth, when Hunter, their first-sacker, accidentally dropped one over Karch's head for what proved to be their only hit of the game. Score:

Innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Celina 0 4 0 1 0 4 0 4-17 St. Marys 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0 Batteries—Celina, Malick and Scherer; St. Marys, Williams, Skinner and Martin. Struck out—By Malick 20; by Williams 4; by Skinner 4. Walked—By Malick 1; by Williams 1; by Skinner 1. Hit by Pitcher—By Malick 1; by Williams 1; by Skinner 1.

DRYS SCORE IN OLD VIRGINIA

Statewide Prohibition Proposal Has a Majority of More Than 30,000.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 23.—Returns from Virginia's election on a statewide prohibition show that the Prohibitionists have carried the state by a majority of more than 30,000. Richmond gave 4,282 for prohibition and 6,011 against. Returns from all the counties show heavy dry majorities.

The election result will cause a drop in revenue of more than \$700,000 annually to the state. The state becomes dry on and after Nov. 1, 1916. The general assembly has yet to pass the law to govern the state under prohibition.

German Steamer Captured. London, Sept. 23.—The German steamship Wernemann, with 300 German reservists on board, has been taken captive and taken into Sierra Leone, on the west coast of Africa, according to information which has reached London.

DENNIS BAKER MURDER CASE REASSIGNED The trial of Dennis Baker for complicity in the murder of Wilbur Phillips, assigned for last Tuesday, has been reassigned for next Monday.

THE ZENDERS LEAVE FOR ARIZONA Miss Marguerite Zender, who for the past couple of years has been one of the most popular of the "hello" girls in the local telephone exchange, resigned her position last Saturday, and with her mother, brothers and sisters, left yesterday for Phoenix, Ariz., to join her father, Tony Zender. Mr. Zender went there some time since in the hope of recuperating his health, and we are glad to learn, very popular, and will be much missed among the young social sets. We hope they may find health, pleasure and prosperity at Phoenix.

Prohibition Opposed. Young men of Celina, Sept. 24. Charges of attempt to coerce David Todd during his campaign for the Republican nomination for governor were investigated by the grand jury. Fred M. Sayre, attorney of Franklin county, was the object of the investigation.

Million for Reserve. Cleveland, O., Sept. 23.—A gift of approximately \$1,000,000 from the late Liberty E. Holden to Western Reserve university for the benefit of the medical school was announced by President Charles F. Thwing of the university.

The ladies aid society of the M. E. church will meet at the church parlors this afternoon, with Mesdames T. J. Blake, J. O. Schuyler and L. D. Brumm as hostesses.

REVIEW OF THE EUROPEAN CONFLICT Monday, Sept. 21, was the ninth day of the great battle of the Aisne, probably the most sanguinary conflict in all history. Not taking into account the losses in killed, wounded and prisoners, at least 2,600,000 men have contended with the utmost ferocity. The Germans are opposing with 1,100,000 an allied force of 1,500,000. This estimate of the forces engaged may be retained because it can be assumed that Germans and allies have obtained reinforcements to fill the gaps made by bullets, shell and bayonet. These troops, after a series of engagements, each vital to the general combat, are stretched from north of Noyon to north of Montfaucon, on a line which forms an obtuse angle, dominating southeast from Noyon to Craonne, Berry-au-Bao and Rheims, and thenceforth east and northeast to Montfaucon and the forest of the Arzonne.

This is the main battle line, where human endurance is being put to unimaginable strain to determine whether or not the Germans can again assume the offensive against Paris, or if they are to be broken and hurled back over the frontiers of Belgium, Luxembourg and Lorraine.

Up to the present it is a drawn battle. The Germans, evading attempts to envelop their right and left wings, and themselves developing a strong offensive in the center of the battle line, which is east and north of Rheims, have the advantage of entrenched and fortified positions, defenses calmly and skillfully prepared by the German engineers at least three weeks ago. The terrible slaughter of the past eight days has been due largely to the attempts of the allies to capture by frontal attacks of infantry and light artillery, the key points of this strong line of defense.

France is denuding the fortresses now safe from attack and is drawing heavily from young and old reservists. The cathedral of Notre Dame and other historic structures in Rheims were destroyed by German shells. The French government has fled protests with neutral powers, calling attention to the fact that Rheims is an unfortified city.

Russian reports that heavy Russian siege guns transported over a railroad taken from the Austrians are bombarding the two San river fortresses of Przemysl and Jaroslaw in Galicia, Austria. Russian soldiers are reported also to have moved northwest and captured Doblesko.

IN THEIR NEW QUARTERS

EXAMINERS FIND FUNDS ALL ACCOUNTED FOR

John H. Wiley, Democrat, of Rockford, and W. H. Roetiger, Republican, of Liberty township, were last Tuesday appointed by Probate Judge Randalough to examine the county treasurer's records. They made the examination Wednesday and found things O. K.

THE GRIM REAPER W. J. McComb, aged 75 years, the venerable and eccentric father of Mrs. O. O. Gaskill, formerly of this city, died last Sunday morning at the Gaskill home at Portland, Ind. The deceased stayed with his son-in-law while he had charge of the Ashley Hotel here and will be remembered by many Celina people.

Reinhard Stelzer, aged 82 years, the venerable father of County Recorder Henry J. Stelzer, and one of the pioneer residents of Marion township, died last Friday morning at his home near Carthagena, following an illness of pneumonia.

Deceased was born in Germany, December 27, 1832. He came to America in 1858, locating in Marion township. He is survived by three sons and two daughters—H. J. Stelzer, of this city; John and August of Cassella; Mrs. John Stein, of Victoria, and Mrs. Peter Miller, of Cranberry Prairie.

Funeral services were held at the Cassella Catholic church last Monday morning. Lawrence Wilker, aged 16 years, died last Friday afternoon at the home of his brother Lewis, at Gaudalope, Franklin township, following a two-weeks' illness of typhoid fever.

Deceased was born at Sebastian, September 12, 1898, and is survived by his father, John Wilker, of Franklin township, five brothers and six sisters. The remains were taken to the home of his father Friday evening. Funeral services were held at the Gaudalope Catholic Church Tuesday morning. Interment in the cemetery nearby.

Miss Lizzie Knox, aged 60 years, a former resident of Washington township, died last Tuesday evening at the Toledo Insane Hospital, where she was an inmate, following a lingering illness of tuberculosis. Miss Knox was committed to the hospital in 1898. She was later released, but recommitted in December 1905.

Deceased is survived by four brothers and two sisters—D. C. of Dayton; John, of Skeels, X Roads; Perry, of Wabash, J. A. of San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. J. A. Swarts, and Mrs. W. H. Bastian, of Washington township. The remains were shipped to this city Wednesday evening and taken to the Swarts home in the McDaniel & Meister ambulance. Funeral services were held yesterday.

F. M. McNare, of Tipton, Ind., has accepted a position at the Mrs. H. I. Schunck jewelry store. J. E. Zimmerman, who has been employed by Mrs. Schunck for the past couple of years, has gone into the jewelry business at Bainbridge.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED Mrs. Lulu Depweg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bell, of this city, and Steele J. Greer, of Letow, North Carolina, were married at Atlanta, Ga., on the 13th. The bride is well known in this city. The groom is auditor on the Southern railroad, with headquarters at Atlanta.

SEPTEMBER MORN WITH BIG CAST To Appear at Grand Opera-House at St. Marys Next Monday Night, the 28th. "September Morn," the big successful fun show with fifty people in the cast, many of the latest songs "hits" and a bunch of lingo dancers, is an attraction that the management of the Grand Opera house at St. Marys has secured for its amusement-loving patrons next Monday evening.

It is without doubt the one big musical event of the season. The newspaper critics are unanimous in proclaiming this the most satisfying compound of beauty, music and fun ever seen in any one musical organization.

As the seats will be in great demand, many of our theater-goers here are now making reservations by telephone. The saloon may be the poor man's club, but the annual dues are rather large for most of the club members to say nothing of other drawbacks too numerous to mention.

The striking miners in Belmont county, one thousand strong, greeted Governor Cox at St. Clairsville last week, carrying a banner: "United we stand, divided we fall; vote for Cox or not at all."

The junior girls of Bethany Evangelical church will serve cake and ice-cream to their friends and your friends to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon and evening at the court-house park.

GOVERNOR COX IS COMMENDED

In No Uncertain Manner by the Representatives of His Party in Old Mercer.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted at the meeting in this city last Saturday of the Democratic County Central and Executive Committees. The action commending the Governor and his co-workers was passed unanimously and with a spirit that betokened a pride in their achievements, showing that Gov. Cox has lost little of his grip on the wheelchairs of the party or the rank and file on account of the venomous attack made upon him by the private liability companies of the state and many eminent law-doggers who have been kicking up the dust to cover their tracks and prejudice the people against the most progressive and humane legislation ever enacted by any administration in any state in this great union.

"We, the Democratic Central and Executive Committees of Mercer County, Ohio, in joint session at Celina, being in full sympathy with the platform adopted at Toledo in 1912, and fully realizing that platforms are often made solely with the view of securing votes, with the pledges in them only to be broken after the election.

"In our platform we pledged to the people of Ohio the enactment of certain laws. They trusted us and elected the entire Democratic ticket. It became our plain duty to make every promise good—if we were wrong, it was only an error in judgment; if we had failed to fulfill the promises made, it would have been securing office by false pretenses.

"We nominated and elected an able, fearless Democrat for Governor, who believed a platform pledge was a sacred promise to the people, and with the aid of a Democratic legislature and State officials of the same party faith put every promise into law. Be it therefore resolved, every official action of Governor Cox and his co-laborers in their endeavor to give the people what was faithfully promised.

"We especially indorse the Warnes tax law, which brought from its hiding places thousands and thousands of dollars and placed them on the tax duplicate of the State, which resulted in the reduction of the State levy from 961 mills to 450 mills; also the workman's compensation act, which has already been the means of relief to hundreds of laboring men and their families, without many weary months of waiting.

"We further appeal to the voters of Mercer County to help maintain the laws enacted until they are given a fair trial. This is all that is asked. Should they fail after a fair trial, then it is no time to talk of repeal.

"Be it further resolved, That we endorse the masterly, able and honest administration of our fearless President, Woodrow Wilson."

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