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## CAPT. GEO. ALT GOES TO WAR FOR ENGLAND

Former Cape Girardeau Man to Join King George's Army at the Front

### HAD LONG WANTED TO FIGHT FOR COUNTRY

Tried to Aid England During Boer Uprising—Brother Died in Battle

Capt. George Alt, who until two years ago was a resident of Cape Girardeau, sailed from New York Tuesday on the steamer Olympic for England, where he will join the British army and go immediately to the front.

The first news of his plans reached this city yesterday morning in a letter from Capt. Alt to Mrs. George Bell, a close friend of Capt. and Mrs. Alt. In his communication, he was uncertain whether he would sail from New York or go to Canada and report for duty.

A dispatch to The Tribune from New York last night stated that he departed Tuesday morning. Capt. Alt will enter the army probably as a Major, because of Britain's dearth of officers.

Capt. Alt, who is between 45 and 50 years of age, came to the United States from England twenty-five years ago, and located in this city a short time later. He lived here continuously for 23 years, moving to Clopton, Va., two years ago.

Since moving to the Old Dominion, he has been in charge of a large estate, owned by a brother of Amelia Reyves, a noted writer.

The many friends of Capt. Alt will be little surprised by the announcement of his departure for Europe. He has always been a military enthusiast, and often expressed the hope that he would die on the battlefield.

"His desire to fight for his country was almost uncanny," said Sam Sherman, an old time friend of Capt. Alt, yesterday. "He was always willing to talk of military life and showed an extreme fondness for those who were at all interested in the life of a soldier."

"He was always a splendid gentleman. I don't believe there was a man living in Cape Girardeau who was as popular as Capt. Alt during his long residence here. I am not surprised to know that he is on his way to Europe, but I am sorry he has gone. I sincerely hope that when the war is over, Capt. Alt will return safe and sound."

In his letter to Mrs. Bell, Capt. Alt asked to be remembered to M. J. Koeck. Capt. Alt and Mr. Koeck were close friends and the fact that both of them had served in the army tended to bind them closer together.

Mr. Koeck was a lieutenant in the German army, and Capt. Alt served as an officer in the Territorialists, which are in England what the National Guards are in the United States.

"I am not in the least surprised to learn that Capt. Alt has gone to join his army," said Mr. Koeck last night. "He often told me that if his country ever went to war, he would apply for service. During the Boer uprising, he tried to join the British army, but his father, who was quite influential in England, induced the military officials to reject Capt. Alt."

"He had a brother who was in Africa during that war and he was killed in the battle of Spionkop. Capt. Alt often expressed regret that he had been unable to fight for England against the Boers."

"I always considered him one of the best posted men on military affairs that I had ever met. He not only studied the conditions in Great Britain but he was just as familiar with the military workings of every other nation."

"He is truly a splendid man, and I hope no harm will come to him. He is unafraid and so enthusiastic that he is likely to sacrifice himself, but the least his friends here can hope is that he will come back unharmed."

"He will enter the army as a Captain at least. He still retains that commission, even though he has been away from his country for years. It is quite likely that he may start with the rank of major."

Capt. Alt married Miss Virgie Cahoon, daughter of Hon. B. B. Cahoon of Fredericktown about twenty years ago. She was one of the best known matrons in Southeast Missouri, and was especially noted as a hostess.

The Alt home, during their residence in the Cape, was the gathering place of young and old alike, and numberless social functions took place in their home, which was almost a mansion during their residence here.

stocky build, and is rather quiet and reserved in manner. Though apparently in robust health and possessed of a rugged constitution he has an air that conveys the impression of great spirituality.

## GERMAN PRISONERS IN ENGLAND



Two hundred German reservists being marched through the streets of Folkestone by English troops. They were captured as they were about to leave for the continent.

## CHIEF NICHOLS SUFFERS STROKE

Becomes Ill Upon Arising. But Ailment Doesn't Affect His Family.

Chief of Police D. A. Nichols was stricken with paralysis in a light form early Wednesday morning.

He was seized with the attack shortly after arising, while in the act of dressing. He realized his condition when his left arm and hand became helpless, and although his left leg was also slightly affected, he managed to walk to the bed and lie down.

He called his wife and notified her of his ailment and she immediately summoned a physician.

His condition has remained unchanged, but he has at all times been able to sit up and walk around the room at intervals.

His physician states that it will be necessary for him to remain quiet and avoid excitement of any sort for several days, but that he does not believe the chief's condition to be dangerous, and that with a few days of rest he will be completely restored.

At a late hour last night Miss Nichols in an interview by telephone, stated that while she could notice but little change in her husband's condition, he remained cheerful and was resting well.

## FIGHT ON SLAUGHTERHOUSE.

Board of Health Asked to Move Institution.

At the regular monthly meeting of court house yesterday morning a proposition was made for the further operation of a slaughter house located in their vicinity, was presented to the meeting with the request that prompt action be taken.

The petition after being read was received and filed, pending further investigation.

It was understood that would be thoroughly looked into at once and that definite action would be taken at the next meeting.

This was the only matter coming before the board, aside from its regular monthly routine work.

## BRIDEGROOM IS ARRESTED.

Ernest B. Foster was arrested this morning by Deputy Sheriff W. J. Scraggs, upon the complaint of Mrs. Anna Slaughter who charges the defendant with having made a false affidavit when he obtained license to wed her daughter a few weeks ago.

The defendant was married to Miss Marie Hitt during homecoming celebration at Jackson, and the mother of the bride claims that her daughter was but 14 years of age and that Foster made affidavit that she had reached majority.

When taken before Judge Miller yesterday morning the young man was passed under \$200 bond for his appearance on September 12th. The bond was signed by H. W. Foster, A. D. Bollinger and J. H. Simmons.

## VOGELSANG BROS. FIGHT IS UPHELD

Bonding Company Tells School Board It Is Wrong and That Contractors Are Right

Aside from the regular routine of hearing reports of committees, allowing bills, etc., but little was done by the Board of Education at their meeting last evening at the Broad school.

Another matter which would perhaps tend to create a little uneasiness in the minds of some of the members of the board in regard to the stand they have taken which has resulted in a suspension of the work of constructing the new high school building, was the report received from the New Amsterdam Bonding company.

This firm advised the board that after an investigation of the difficulty between Vogelsang Bros., the contractors, and Fels & Co., the architects, over the reinforced steel work to which the architects objected, they are convinced that the contractors are right and that the work should be allowed to proceed.

It was decided to submit the report of the bonding company to the attorney employed by the board, for his consideration and advice. It is now believed that the work will soon be resumed and that the contentions of the builders will finally prevail over those of the architects.

There will be another meeting of the board on Saturday afternoon for the purpose of receiving the new school buildings in time for occupancy at the beginning of the term, September 7.

## GETS 10 DAYS FOR BEATING A WOMAN.

Boarding House Keeper Says Man Chastized Her When Asked to Pay.

Charles Hall, a laborer employed on some of the drainage work in what is known as the "Black Lands," a few miles south of this city, was arrested yesterday morning upon the complaint of Mary Gurley, who claimed that Hall abused her and whipped her when she requested pay for his board.

The prisoner was brought before Judge Miller where he entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to ten days in jail.

The defendant himself was badly disgraced as the result of the difficulty with his irate landlady. His eyes were discolored and his face was scratched and swollen, and judging from appearances it would seem that he had been the victim of an assault.

Mrs. Gurley stated that after Hall had been ejected from the premises he had been ejected from the premises and she had to get up, and that several days later someone set fire to her house, but that she did not know who did it.

The fire was extinguished with difficulty but not until considerable damage had been done.

## AUTO LINE MAY BRING FARMERS' WARES TO TOWN

Judge Ranney Proposes Plan to Link Agriculturists With Merchants

### TOUR THROUGH COUNTY CALLED BIG SUCCESS

Third Day Closes Expedition—Meeting Big and Enthusiasm Pronounced

The tours of the county by business men from Cape Girardeau and Jackson ended yesterday with splendid meetings at Bufordsville, Tilsit and Gordonville.

During the meeting at Tilsit, Judge Ranney of the Cape Girardeau Commercial club made a popular suggestion when he proposed an auto truck line connecting the farming sections with the various cities in the county.

His suggestion followed a complaint made by a Tilsit speaker that the farmers were unable to get much of their products to markets because of the inadequate train service. While no official action was taken upon the judge's proposition, many of those present commented favorably upon it.

A plan to form a Cape Girardeau County Commercial club was proposed by Philip A. Hoch, which met with much favor, especially from the farmers.

"There is a general desire on the part of the business men and farmers in the various sections of the county to get into one organized body. I believe the best way to settle this question would be to organize a County Commercial club."

"This would eliminate the possibility of any city becoming jealous over the belief that one town is being unnecessarily favored. What everybody wants is co-operation. We should all be willing to assist each other, and I believe that is the unanimous sentiment of this meeting."

Serious consideration was given the suggestions made by Mr. Hoch and Judge Ranney. It was suggested by a prominent man last night that a meeting probably would be called at Jackson within a short time at which the two suggestions would be taken up. This meeting at the county seat, he said, would be in the nature of a rally, for the purpose of interesting residents of every section of the county.

The three days spent in the county did much good, was the opinion expressed by every man who participated. It is quite likely that a similar expedition will be arranged for next summer, if not before.

The Cape Girardeau delegates assembled yesterday morning in front of the Commercial club, and then went to Jackson, where they were received by several automobiles filled with progressive citizens.

From Jackson they went to Bufordsville, where they were met by an enthusiastic crowd of merchants and farmers. Better roads, the stock law and the need of co-operation among the farmers and merchants were discussed.

From Bufordsville the visitors went to Tilsit, where another rousing meeting was held. Fred Sanders, president of the Farmers' club, called the meeting to order, and Secretary Allan H. Hinchey of the Cape Commercial club, made a few remarks, outlining the purposes of the meeting, and then introduced the speakers.

Among those who made short talks were: J. P. Mabrey, August Kamp, W. H. Stubblefield, Dr. B. W. Hays, Judge Ranney, Dr. Holt, John G. Putz, Clarence Grant, Louis Hoffmeister, C. J. Deal, Albert Roloff, W. H. Bohnsack, B. F. Davis, James Williams, Rev. J. J. Clopton, Mr. Mozely, Prof. Moore, Harry Naeter, W. W. Hinchey, August Voshage, Theodore Meyer and Louis Ische.

This was one of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings held during the three days' trip, and it was 5 o'clock before the visitors pulled out of the city.

From Tilsit the delegation went to Gordonville, which town they reached at 5:40. There was a large crowd awaiting them and in the gathering were Mr. and Mrs. Chris Stein. He is 89 years old and his wife 79. They were as enthusiastic as any of the younger people. They were married eight years ago.

Secretary Allan Hinchey opened the meeting with an address of welcome and an address following were given: Dr. Schoon, president of the Farmers' club; J. P. Mabrey, Joseph G. Putz, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Hays, Tom J. Hays, Charles Henderson, J. J. Hinchey, W. O. Medley, W. H. Stubblefield, H. H. Rancho, Peter Henderson, J. I. Clopton, Harry Naeter, P. A. Esch, W. W. Hinchey, E. J. Deal and R. G. Davis.

## 7000 NEW YORK GERMANS WANT TO TAKE CANADA

Minister of Defense Leaves Ottawa Hurriedly to Investigate Story That Teutons Will March Into Canada From New York---Better Equipped Than State Militia and Are Shouting "On to Canada."

## GERMANS STILL PROGRESSING IN THEIR CAMPAIGN TO REACH PARIS

Forty-eight Hour Battle Fought Between Germans and the Allies at Mont Diddier, Roye and Noyon. London Withholds Details of Battle, But Paris Siege is Expected Soon.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune)  
Ottawa, Canada, Sept. 3.—Col. Sam Hughes, Minister of Defense, left this city hurriedly tonight for Toronto and Hamilton, to investigate the story telegraphed from Buffalo, N. Y., that 7,000 Germans there, better equipped than the New York State Militia, were threatening to invade Canada. The Germans, who have openly announced their intentions, marched through certain sections of Buffalo, carrying a banner, which read: "On to Canada."

Col. Hughes has asked for an immediate organization of the home guard regiment in every city to repel the possible invasion of the Germans. Petrograd (St. Petersburg), Sept. 3.—An official report of the seven day battle in Eastern Galicia says the Russians have won a complete victory. Five Austrian army corps have been completely routed and are retreating in disorder to the westward, abandoning arms and baggage.

Besides the enormous numbers of killed the Austrians lost 40,000 prisoners, including many generals, the report says. During the seven days of fighting the Russians have taken 200 guns and 70,000 prisoners.

London, September 3.—Every preparation is being made in Paris for a siege, which is expected to take place within a very short time. Heavy fighting is in progress today along the left flank of the allies' forces, and while they are holding well, the Germans are steadily forcing them to give away.

The battle line today extended from a point northwest of Paris to Compiègne, and thence through Noyon, 14 miles northwest of Compiègne, to La Fere.

East of this line and in the North the Allied armies are apparently holding their own. In the neighborhood of Laon and Reims, 24 miles northeast of Rheims, with the right resting on the fortified Franco-German frontier, the most sanguinary fighting is reported.

Along the Oise river the Germans have swept south to the neighborhood of Compiègne and Soissons, where they have been engaged for forty-eight hours by the allies.

At Diddier, Roye and Noyon, the Germans are throwing their greatest strength in a determined effort to break through the line.

They are headed toward Paris and each day they make great strides toward the goal. No details of the fighting have been given out by the London war office, but from a round-about source, it is learned that the allies have lost fearfully.

London, September 3.—A dispatch from Amiens, France, to the Daily Mail, dated Tuesday, September 1, declares that the Germans have taken possession of Amiens after three days' fighting to the north of that place.

The dispatch adds that the success of the Germans at Moreuil made the capture of Amiens certain. The entry was not contested. The Mayor, after receiving a German envoy, announced the surrender of the city, and urged the citizens to make no disturbance.

An undated French dispatch to the Times says: "The valley of the Somme has been abandoned. La Fere has been taken after a bloody combat. We were obliged to retire Saturday evening."

London, September 3.—The battle to decide whether history will repeat itself in a second siege of Paris is still in progress, according to the latest official announcement here.

Future military historians will write volumes about the details of this battle, but all the British public knows officially concerning the Titanic struggle—the most momentous British soldiers have fought since Waterloo—is contained in the official report issued last night by the Press Bureau: "Continuous fighting has been in progress along almost the whole line of battle. The British cavalry engaged with distinction the cavalry of the enemy and brushed them back and captured 10 guns."

"The French army has continued the offensive and gained ground in the Lorraine district."

To this generally the French official communication adds the fact that the allied forces have fallen back toward the southwest to avoid an action which might have been engaged under favorable conditions. How far and to what line the allies have gone is unknown here.

The brief official bulletin of last night is the first word the British people have received from their government concerning the present battle. The last previous bulletin was Field Marshal Kitchener's statement issued Sunday night, throwing a welcome light on the previous four days' battle which ended Saturday and which reflected the greatest credit on the generalship and discipline of the British army.

In spite of the fact that the French capital has been removed to Bordeaux, and that the German army of the west is within 30 miles of the outer fortifications of Paris, a - - - - - seems to be that the German attack is wearing itself out in hammering away at the allies' lines, which are but do not break.

The battle of Lochnagar, one of the greatest ever fought. Evidently it resulted in a decisive and perhaps overwhelming defeat of the Austrians. The battle line extended more than 200 miles and it is estimated that 1,500,000 men were engaged.