

ARMIES HURL DEFIANCE IN TREMENDOUS BATTLE ALONG THE RIVER AISNE

Infantry and Cavalry Rushed Up and Flung Into the Fray Without Appreciable Effect On the Outcome, Following Great Artillery Duel as German Retreat Halts.

ALLIES CROSSED RIVER AMID A GALLING FIRE

But Two More Rivers Remain to be Crossed Before German Invaders Are Driven Out of France—Announcement Made That Battle Continues With Marked Fierceness.

An official statement issued at Berlin says the battle between the rivers Oise and Meuse continues with sure indications that the allies are falling back.

It was announced officially in Paris this afternoon that the allies had progressed somewhat. The western wing is declared to have repulsed a vigorous German offensive movement.

In proroguing Parliament to-day, King George said he was compelled to go to war for the protection of the public law of Europe and the vital interests of the empire, and fighting for a worthy cause, Great Britain will not lay down her arms until that purpose is fully achieved.

Austrian advisers report the Servians have evacuated Semlin. Servian reports say their successes continue. The Germans were successful in driving the Russians from East Prussia and are reported to be pushing their way into Russian Poland.

INFANTRY AND CAVALRY NOW THROWN INTO ENCOUNTER

London, 10:10 a. m., Sept. 18.—As far as the public knows, the great artillery duel along the line of the river Aisne continues to be a draw.

Roughly speaking, the line of advance of the allies is threaded by six rivers. Four have already been crossed. If the allies hold their ground across the Aisne, which they gained despite a heavy artillery fire from concealed German batteries, two more, the river Ailette and the river Oise, remain to be crossed.

The country between the Aisne and Ailette is ideal for defensive purposes, and if the German army holds the Aisne heights a few days, defensive works can be constructed along the other two rivers, which may delay the allies' advance a long time.

Berlin acknowledges that while General Von Hindenberg's brilliant and daring movement across the border of the lake was successful in driving back the Russians, the enemy was not completely outflanked and the previous East Prussian victory against the Russians was not duplicated.

There is a lull in operations at Galicia, where the victorious Russian armies are apparently moving to cut off the retreat of the Austrians toward Cracow.

FRENCH GENERAL DIED ON THE BATTLEFIELD

London, 7:20 a. m., Sept. 18.—A Bordeaux dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company states that the battle continues with great fierceness along the whole front. The announcement was made that General Bataille was killed in action.

"ALLIES EASILY REPULSED," SAYS GERMAN REPORT

Berlin, via London, 1:12 p. m., Sept. 18.—The following is an official announcement made at the headquarters of the general staff last night: "No decision has yet resulted in the battle between the rivers Oise and Meuse, but certain signs indicate that the power of resistance of the enemy is relaxing.

INFORMAL MOVE FOR PEACE BY GERMANS

Suggested That United States Undertake to Elicit from Allies a Statement of Terms Under Which They Would Make Peace.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 18.—Germany has suggested informally that the United States should undertake to elicit from Great Britain, France and Russia a statement of the terms under which the allies would make peace.

The suggestion was made by the imperial chancellor, Von Bethmann-Hollweg, to Ambassador Gerard at Berlin as a result of an inquiry sent by the American government to learn whether Em-

French allies and spoke of what would be done in the future of the war, which he said probably would be a long one.

The troops were in good heart ready to move forward "when the moment arrives."

In addition to the six divisions of troops, he said, there were two divisions of cavalry in France which were being maintained at their full strength, while further regular divisions and additional cavalry were being organized from units drawn from overseas garrisons.

A steady flow of reinforcements were required, said Earl Kitchener.

In his despatches from the front, Sir John French, commander of the British expeditionary forces, had omitted the secretary continued, one aspect of the situation—"the consummate skill and calm courage of the commander himself."

The government appreciated, however, the full value of Sir John's services. Earl Kitchener also paid a tribute to the other generals and the bravery and endurance of the officers and men of the expeditionary force.

On the subject of recruiting, Earl Kitchener said: "A country which prides itself on outdoor sports as does England, should have no difficulty in finding men capable of making officers. The territorials are making great strides in efficiency and before long will be able to take their part in the campaign."

While England has good ground for quiet confidence, it should be borne in mind that the struggle is bound to be a long one, and it behooves us to develop armed forces to carry on and bring off a mighty conflict to a successful conclusion.

GERMANS REPORT PLENTY OF MONEY

War Loan Subscriptions Surpassed All Expectations Is the Statement Officially Given Out.

London, Sept. 18.—The following German official statement was received here last night by the Marconi Wireless Telegraph company.

"It is reported from East Africa that German colonial troops have successfully attacked the Uganda railway at different points."

"Information has been received from Cape Town to the effect that a German division on the Orange river has been surprised and made prisoners by the South African forces."

"All Germans between 19 and 45 years of age resident in states of the South African union are being accommodated in the concentration camp at Roberts Heights."

"Subscriptions to the German war loan, which began at the savings banks, have surpassed all expectations."

"Servian forces which crossed the River Save have been repulsed everywhere. The enemy has now been cleared out of the districts of Syrmia and Banat."

"Rifles in the form of sticks have been taken from Belgian franc-tireurs (irregular troops). These rifles were being made stationary and could be fired by merely pressing a button. Our troops have been warned of the danger of these apparently harmless instruments in the hands of fanatical Belgians."

The report in London that the German moratorium has been extended to the end of September is untrue. A moratorium was neither required nor decreed. All the banks are carrying on business as usual."

WANTED IN LUDLOW.

Albert G. Goddard Was Just Acquitted at Northampton, Mass.

Northampton, Mass., Sept. 18.—Albert G. Goddard, formerly of this city, who was brought from Springfield Wednesday by State Detective Nelligan of Amherst on a charge of the larceny last November of an overcoat from the store of M. J. Keating in this city, was acquitted at a hearing yesterday in district court, but immediately arrested on a charge of being a fugitive from justice from Vermont and committed to jail to await the arrival of an officer from Ludlow.

It is charged that on May 31 Goddard cashed a forged check at a bank. Goddard had just completed a sentence of three months in the Springfield jail for selling a typewriter he had leased when arrested by Officer Nelligan.

CANADIANS MAY SHOOT AT ANY AIR CRAFT

Fear Is Expressed That Some German Sympathizer May Float Over Border and Drop a Bomb.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 18.—Air craft have crossed the American border on several occasions since war began in Europe, and fear that a German or Austrian sympathizer in the United States or Canada may resort to bomb throwing has led the Canadian government to make regulations, announced last night, governing the movements of aeroplanes in Canada.

A few days ago, it is learned, the actions of an aeroplane in the vicinity of the Welland canal excited so much suspicion that canal guards were prepared to fire on it.

The government under the regulations forbids flight within ten miles of the principal centers of populations, and points at which aeroplanes may alight have been designated.

Guards have been ordered to fire on air craft within ten miles of Halifax, St. John, Sydney, Charlottetown, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Edmonton, Kingston, Toronto, London, Vancouver, Regina, Calgary, Victoria and Winnipeg, and of any government wireless station.

FREIGHT TRAIN HIT CROWDED STREET CAR

At Least Nine Persons Were Killed and 15 Injured Near Memphis Last Evening—Wrecked Car Hurled Over Embankment.

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 18.—Nine persons are known to have been killed and more than 15 injured early last night when an Illinois Central freight train crashed into a street car containing 35 passengers near Binghampton, a suburb of Memphis.

The wrecked car, a trailer, was hurled over an embankment and the foremost freight cars toppled over on it. The motor car drawing the trailer had cleared the tracks.

According to a witness the accident occurred when two freight trains were switching over the street railway crossing. The conductor, it is said, gave his motorman the signal to go ahead after the first train had passed and did not see a second train from the opposite direction.

6 WERE KILLED AND 15 INJURED

When Passenger Train on Alabama & Great Southern R. R. Was Derailed Near Livingstone, Ala.

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 18.—Six were killed and fifteen seriously injured early to-day when a passenger train on the Alabama and Great Southern railroad was derailed a mile west of Livingstone. All the dead were passengers. The engineer was probably fatally injured. The baggage car, two coaches and three sleepers were wrecked.

Bloodhounds have been sent to Livingstone because the officials believe the switch was tampered with, causing the wreck.

SHOT OFF TOP OF HEAD IN SUICIDAL MOOD

Homer Palmer of Sheldon Junction Had First Warned Member of Household He Was Going Away.

Sheldon, Sept. 18.—Homer Palmer committed suicide at 6 o'clock this morning by shooting off the top of his head at the home of Y. E. Willard at Sheldon Junction, where he had boarded for the past four years while he was working on the railroad section. Palmer was 54 years of age.

Early this morning Mrs. Hattie Clark, who is employed by Mrs. Willard, heard Palmer call to her. She went to his room and saw him standing in the middle of the floor. Palmer told her he was going away and wouldn't be down for breakfast. Mrs. Clark told him he better get breakfast before he started and then left him and went down stairs. Presently she heard the report of a gun.

The other members of the household were aroused, and on going to the room of Palmer they found his body stretched across the bed with the gun resting between his knees. The top of the head was blown off. Evidently the man had fired the weapon by using a cleaning rod of the gun.

An inquest was held later before S. B. Thomas, notary, with Dr. E. M. Brown of Sheldon as the chief witness. It is said that late Palmer had been drinking considerably. He had no relatives, so far as known.

KING GEORGE SIGNS HOME RULE BILL

Parliament To-day Was Prorogued to October 27, Following the Final Act in Enacting the Law.

London, 12:22 p. m., Sept. 18.—King George's signature was to-day attached to the home rule bill, which thus gains the statute book. Parliament was prorogued until Oct. 27.

WOMAN WAS DESPONDENT.

Mrs. W. S. Turner, Aged 79, Hanged Herself at Bennington.

Bennington, Sept. 17.—Mrs. W. S. Turner, 79 years old, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by hanging in a shed in the rear of her home on Adams street. She had been in ill health some time. Recently her husband, who is a spinner in the mill of Holden Leonard company, has been unable to work because of a mental affliction. Mr. and Mrs. Turner came to Bennington from Cornwall several years ago. She leaves no children.

BOATS CRASHED DURING A FOG

14 Persons on a Canadian Government Steamer Are Lost

Quebec, Sept. 18.—The Black Diamond collier Langan rammed and sunk the Canadian government steamer Montmagny to-day during a fog in the St. Lawrence river six miles from Quebec. Fourteen persons, who were members of the Montmagny's crew and the families of lighthouse keepers aboard the vessel were lost.

MONTMAGNY RAMMED IN ST. LAWRENCE

She Collided with a Coal Steamer Early This Morning

Second Officer Lachance perished with two children in his arms in a heroic attempt to rescue the children. Mrs. Lavalle, wife of the lighthouse keeper at Flower island, with her four children, was lost. Mrs. Richard, wife of the keeper of the Belle Isle light, and seven children were aboard the Montmagny, and how many of them were saved is not known. The survivors of the crash were picked up by the steam collier Potana.

The Montmagny was en route from Quebec to the straits of Belle Isle, Newfoundland, with coal and provisions for the wireless and signal service stations along the coast.

CLOSING DAY OF FAIR AT WHITE RIVER JCT.

Attracted More People Than on First Day, but Considerably Less Than Intervening Days.

White River Junction, Sept. 18.—The attendance on the closing day of the Vermont state fair to-day was not as large as on either Wednesday or Thursday, but was in excess of that of the opening day on Tuesday. This morning the state fair cup awarded to the best harness horse of any kind, mare or gelding, any age, any size, with long or short tail, in any kind of harness or vehicle, was awarded to Bell Mare, shown by H. R. C. Watson of Brandon, and inasmuch as this is the second year in succession that Mr. Watson has won the award, although not with the same horse, he becomes the owner of the cup permanently.

The judging of horses continued all through the forenoon to-day, as did an exhibition of livestock judging by boys under 21 years of age.

The summary of yesterday afternoon's horse races was as follows: Purse—\$300. Alcanthem, by Aldeen 3 4 1 1 1 Binger B., by (Pickle) 2 2 2 3 2 Riley A. chas (Haddock) 1 1 3 2 2 Minnie Directly, bm (Woodrow) 4 3 4 4 2 Time—2:19 1/4, 2:20 1/4, 2:18 1/4, 2:21, 2:25. 2:14 Race. Purse—\$600. Susie M., bkm, by Great Medium (Sunderlin) 2 2 1 1 1 Loretta Patch, bm (Pickle) 1 1 2 3 2 Jack Nuttner, brg (Welch) 3 3 3 2 3 Kellerville Lad, brg (Ladd) 4 4 4 dis Second in fifth heat, but placed third because of heat driving. Time—2:14 1/4, 2:14 1/4, 2:13 1/4, 2:15 1/4, 2:17 1/4. 2:21 Trot. Purse—\$300. Lema C., brn, Nick the Second (Pierce) 2 1 2 1 1 Government Bend, brs (Harding) 1 2 1 2 2 Ben Winter, br (Calkins) 3 dis Time—2:20 1/4, 2:21 1/4, 2:25, 2:21 1/4, 2:18 1/4. Out of twenty girl participants, ranging in age from 11 years to 21, in the milking contest yesterday afternoon, Ruth E. Cadwell of East Thetford, aged 15 years, was the winner, with 2.4 pounds to the minute. Elsie C. Armstrong of Norwich, aged 19, was second with two pounds to the minute. Beatrice Gibbs of Quebec, aged 13, was third, with 1.7 pounds to the minute, and Pearl Cadwell of East Thetford, aged 14, was fourth, with 1.6 pounds to the minute. Each girl not a winner of a prize was given a gold brooch pin, the gift of Smith & Son of White River Junction.

DEFENSE BEING HEARD

In Case Brought Against the Village of Northfield.

The plaintiff rested yesterday afternoon in the case of Daniel McCarthy vs. village of Northfield, which is being tried in Washington county court, and the defense began putting in testimony this morning, the first witness being George H. Almon. It is expected that Mr. Almon will be on the stand during the greater part of the day and that the testimony will not be all in before the first of the week. The case may, however, go to the jury on Monday.

HOPE WORST IS OVER.

In Relation to Outbreak of Infantile Paralysis.

Burlington, Sept. 18.—No new cases of infantile paralysis have been reported in the city since the three of Monday, and no deaths. A young man named Livermore died in Charlotte yesterday morning, but outside of this case, the whole state has been practically free from deaths this week from this cause, and the health officials hope and feel that the worst is over.

TWO ARE UNDER ARREST.

Man on Charge of Passing Fraudulent Check; Woman His Consort.

Rutland, Sept. 18.—Fred Ostiguy of Hudson Falls, N. Y., was arrested here yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff John F. Smith on the charge of passing a fraudulent check and Mrs. E. M. Johnson of the same place is held as an accessory. Both are locked up for hearing and State Attorney B. L. Stafford is communicating with the New York state authorities. The woman says that she has lived with Ostiguy eight years, he having once been a boarder at her house. Her husband is living.

Ostiguy giving the name of Neilson, appeared at the store of Spencer & Gentry here and bought a bookcase tending in payment a check for \$35 on the Clement National bank of Rutland, payable to G. O. Canty. As Mr. Canty of firm knew there was no person of the name having those initials, he became suspicious and under pretense of going to get the check cashed secured Officer Smith. A call at the house where Ostiguy had ordered the bookcase sent resulted in Mrs. Johnson's arrest. She too gave the name of Neilson but the officers discovered her tearing up a money order made out to Mrs. Johnson and she confessed it was for funds sent her by her real husband.

HOUSE AND BARN BURNED.

There Was Not Hose Enough in West Brattleboro to Throw Stream.

Brattleboro, Sept. 18.—Fire which originated, it is believed, from an oil stove completely destroyed yesterday afternoon the house and barn on Green leaf street, West Brattleboro, owned by Silas D. Holbrook. Practically all of the contents of the house were saved as were the tools and about everything in the barn but the hay. The loss will be probably \$1,800.

A telephone message was sent for the new motor driven apparatus in Brattleboro, and this was out of the station for a few minutes and when it returned a good run was made. The crew laid 1,000 feet of hose from the nearest hydrant, but as the West Brattleboro firemen had no hose at hand and at least 1,000 more feet would have been needed, nothing could be done toward saving the building.

HIS SON WOUNDED IN WAR.

John Kane of Barre Gets Forcible Reminder of Its Stern Realities.

The stern realities of the European war were brought forcibly home to a Barre man, John Kane of Maple avenue, when he received a clipping from an Aberdeen paper telling of the wounding of his son, Alexander Kane, in the great battle of Mons in southern Belgium. The young man was not critically injured and hopes to return to the front from Netley hospital.

A letter from the front to the young man's relatives in Woodside, Scotland, telling of Private Kane's injury, says he was in the fighting line for three days and toward the close of the third day was shot in the right hand. The letter goes on to say: "The fighting was terrible. The Germans made terrible onslaughts, but we managed to keep our heads and held them in check."

Private Kane was a member of the King's Own Scottish Borderers. The clipping says of him: "Kane, who is a young fellow of fine physique, is in excellent spirits and hopes he will soon be able to go to the front again. Before enlisting, he was employed at Grandholm Mills. He is a son of John Kane, stonemason, who is now at Barre, Vermont, U. S. A."

AUTO RAN DOWN THREE PEDESTRIANS

One Man Sustained Broken Leg at East Berkshire and a Woman Was Badly Bruised.

East Berkshire, Sept. 18.—Soon after the arrival of the special train from the Vermont state fair at 12:15 this morning, an automobile from Montgomery driven by a man named Mayo ran into some people on foot, knocking them down. Chester Longuey received a broken leg and some severe bruises; Mrs. Charles Roberts of Montgomery was badly bruised and her husband also received contusions. Mr. Longuey was taken to the home of his brother, Charles Longuey, and Mrs. Roberts was carried to the home of F. M. Oviatt.

MRS. JOSEPH MURLEY

Died at Her Home in Montpelier After Several Months' Illness.

Bridget Murley, wife of Joseph Murley of Montpelier, died at her home on Berlin street in that city this morning after an illness since last April. She was born 44 years ago in County Clare, Ireland, and had lived in this country for many years. She was married 18 years ago. Besides her husband she leaves four children, two brothers, Michael Doyle of Montpelier and John Doyle of Ireland, her mother, who resides in Ireland, and four sisters. Mrs. Michael McMahon of Barre, Mrs. Thomas O'Sullivan of Montpelier, Mrs. Albert Patterson of Middlesex and Mrs. Katherine Leighton of Concord, N. H.

ROLLED HIM ON BARREL.

Bristol Visitor in Burlington Had Fallen Into Lake.

Burlington, Sept. 18.—An elderly man said to be from Bristol but whose name could not be ascertained created some excitement last evening about eight o'clock by falling into the lake at the wharf. Transportation company's champion Transporter company's wharf. The splash was heard by people in a bathhouse nearby and a man and boat went to the assistance of the unfortunate. He was finally dragged from the water in an unconscious state and was rolled on a barrel until he showed signs of life. He was not able to tell anything about himself. The police ambulance was summoned, and the man was taken to the Mary Fletcher hospital, where he was assessed in the rescue were of the opinion that the man had been drinking and was wandering about in a daze when he fell off the wharf.

FULL TICKET; NO ALLIANCE

Vermont Progressives Nominated A. J. Cooper of Bennington for Governor

Burlington, Sept. 18.—A complete state ticket was nominated at the Progressive state convention here yesterday afternoon, and, in addition, Charles A. Prouty was nominated for the United States Senate. The sentiment of the convention was against affiliation with any other party. One important feature of the convention was the vote to depose Charles H. Thompson of Montpelier as national committeeman, following Mr. Thompson's defiance on the floor of the convention. There were 266 delegates present out of a possible total of 454. The ticket as nominated is as follows: United States senator, Charles A. Prouty of Newport. Governor, Alexander J. Cooper of Bennington. Lieutenant governor, Edward C. Crosby of Brattleboro. Treasurer, H. S. Howard of Burlington. Secretary of state, Henry A. Phelps of Barre. Auditor, G. O. Mitchell of St. Albans. Attorney general, E. W. Gibson of Brattleboro. Member of the national committee, H. Nelson Jackson of Burlington. In the first district, Prof. Raymond McFarland of Middlebury was nominated for representative in Congress and in the second district Rev. Fraser Metzger of Randolph was nominated for the similar position.

PROUTY NOMINATED BY ACCLAMATION

Charles H. Prouty Voted Out as National Committeeman

Mr. Cooper's nomination for governor was made on the third ballot, not being presented at the outset of the voting. Three candidates were placed before the convention at the call for nominations, C. S. Smith of Morrisville, the present prohibition candidate for governor, being named by Rev. W. T. Best of Morrisville, Ernest P. Jose of Johnson by J. A. Chapin of Middlesex, and E. C. Crosby of Brattleboro, by Dr. Thomas Luce of Brattleboro. On the first ballot Crosby led with 120 votes, Jose being next with 93 and Smith third with 48.

On the second ballot the totals counted more ballots than there were delegates, and the ballot was thrown out, it being explained that the discrepancy was due to the fact that some delegates to the district conventions voted by mistake. Just before the third ballot was about to be taken, B. A. Pope of Brattleboro presented the name of Alexander J. Cooper of Bennington, and at once Mr. Jose rose to his feet and declared that, owing to the fact that opposition to him inside the party would work to the disadvantage of the party if he were nominated and because also he wished to represent his town again in the legislature and had received assurances to the effect that he would be elected, he desired to withdraw his name. The Hampshire county delegation also withdrew the nomination of Charles F. Smith.

On the third ballot Cooper received 162 ballots and Crosby 93. The former was declared the nominee for governor, and in short order Mr. Crosby was nominated for lieutenant governor, and the remainder of the ticket was selected. J. C. Jones of Rutland introduced a resolution to the effect that the state executive committee be empowered to fill all vacancies that might occur on the ticket. This was adopted with an amendment by W. J. Coates of Calais to the effect that the vacancies be filled "from the Progressive party."

SLIGHT FLURRY OVER PROUTY.

The nomination of Charles A. Prouty was made by acclamation, being preceded by a little flurry when Fred B. Thompson of Montpelier said that while he admired Prouty as an intellectual and high-minded gentleman he did not feel in duty bound to vote for him, although he did not say he would not vote for him. This position he took because he considered Mr. Prouty is not a member of the Progressive party. Other delegates demurred to the statement that Mr. Prouty is not a Progressive, declaring that he is a Progressive in principle no matter what coat he wears; and Mr. Chapin of Middlesex vouchsafed the opinion that all the voters of Washington county were for Prouty.

Prouty's name had been presented by Rev. Fraser Metzger of Randolph, and the nomination was made by acclamation without further discussion.

THOMPSON DEPOSED.

When the convention came to the article relative to the election of national committeemen, B. A. Sumner of Montpelier stated that Charles H. Thompson of Montpelier, who was the first man in that office had done good work and that it was evident the national committee should be made up on the occasion of each presidential election which was a step contemplated at the Progressive convention held in Chicago in 1912. Mr. Sumner having been a member of the Vermont delegation, Mr. Sumner moved that the item in the call about electing a committeeman now be dismissed as there was no vacancy at the present time.

This remark caused some discussion and J. C. Jones of Rutland offered a resolution nominating H. Nelson Jackson to the office. The resolution was declared out of order. M. M. Wilson addressed the convention and stated that he had visited the national committee headquarters and ascertained what the rules were in regard to the committeemen's appointment. A copy of the rules was produced and it was found that the state

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