

THE UNYIELDING GERMAN LINE IS BROKEN AT LAST

After Six Weeks' Struggle, Germans Are Driven Back Onto German Soil Near the Eastern End of Line Beyond Nancy

OFFENSIVE RESUMED BY ALLIED FORCES

Along the Franco-Belgian Border, the Fighting Continues with Undiminished Ferocity—Recent Battles Most Terrible of War

The unyielding German line, which for six weeks has been stretched across France, it is said on the authority of the French war office, is broken at last. Near the eastern end of the line, in the region beyond Nancy, to-day's French official statement reports that the invaders were driven back onto German soil.

At other points over the long line the offensive was resumed by the allied forces. After a long period of comparative inaction, the French claim the advantage in an engagement at a point where the line sweeps eastward from North Lessen, 60 miles from Paris.

To the northward along the Franco-Belgian border, fighting continues with undiminished ferocity. As reports filter in from the scene of fighting along the North sea, it became evident to-day that the recent battles there have been the most terrible of the war.

From Emperor William himself, it is said, came the order that the German advance down the coast must be continued at any cost and that Calais must be taken. The desperate assaults which followed, particularly along the Yser canal, have few precedents in modern military history. The Germans were cut down by thousands, until the canal was clogged at points with bodies, and the water ran red with blood.

Most of the claims from the eastern arena of war continue to give the upper hand to the Russians, although the Germans are rallying and seeking to stem the Russian onrush. It appears to be officially confirmed that Italy has landed forces in Albania, and the Greeks are also making their way into that territory.

Paris, Oct. 27.—A French official statement this afternoon says that spirited fighting continues between the mouth of the Yser and the Lena; that in this district the allies have not drawn back and that they have continued their advance in the region between Ypres and Roulers, and elsewhere.

London, Oct. 27.—The Greek government has announced to the powers its intention of occupying northern Epirus, owing to the necessity of suppressing anarchy prevailing there as a result of the breakdown of the Albanian government and the flight of Prince William of Wied.

GERMANS HOLD STRONG POSITIONS

Says Official Austrian War Bulletin of the Situation in the East.

Berlin, via wireless, Oct. 27.—An official Austrian war bulletin, given out here yesterday, says the combined Austrian and German forces hold strong positions in a long and almost continuous battle line from Stary and Sember in Galicia to a point east of Przemyel and along the river San to Brest in Russian Poland.

As the Child Saw It. Kathleen Jones, aged four, made mud pies on Mrs. Todd's steps. "Run away, dear," she scolded him, "as you play on your mamma's porch." "But mamma has just scolded her all day and she says she don't want me to dirty it up." "Perhaps I like to keep my porch clean," "But," said Kathleen, "I don't know your porch was ever clean."

ATTEMPT ON VILLA'S LIFE

By Man Said to Have Been Commissioned by Gen. Gonzales

STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF GEN. CARRANZA

Message to This Effect Is Sent Associated Press by Luis Benavides

El Paso, Oct. 27.—An attempt was made to assassinate General Francisco Villa by a man said to have been commissioned and paid by General Pablo Gonzales, a staunch supporter of General Carranza, according to a message sent the Associated Press by Luis Aguirre Benavides, Villa's first secretary.

The would-be assassin, Francisco Magui, was executed, after making a confession before American Consular General Caruthers.

BIRCH ROD ORDERED

Unique Sentence Is Given from the Bay State Superior Bench.

Plymouth, Mass., Oct. 27.—A thrashing at home with a birch rod was the sentence pronounced yesterday by Judge Hugo A. Dubuque in the superior court in the case of three grammar school boys charged with breaking and entering.

In pronouncing sentence Judge Dubuque said: "I am sure those of us who got some good sound thrashings when boys are better men for it to-day."

DOCTORS TESTIFY. Could Not Ascertain How Oxypathor Benefited Human System.

Rutland, Oct. 27.—Dr. B. H. Stone, Dr. Benjamin D. Adams, Dr. Hugh L. Thompson of the state laboratory at Burlington and Prof. Allison W. Slocum of the University of Vermont were called by the prosecution to testify in United States court here to-day in the case of Elvard L. Moses of Buffalo, charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes in connection with the sale of an oxypathor mechanical device, curing all diseases.

W. C. T. U. ANNUAL CONVENTION. The Fortieth Annual Meeting Opened in Brattleboro Yesterday.

Brattleboro, Oct. 27.—The 40th annual convention of the Vermont W. C. T. U. opened in the First Baptist church yesterday afternoon with a meeting of the executive committee. Last evening there was an informal reception in the church parlors at 7 o'clock and at 7:30 o'clock the first general session opened with a song service.

GOES TO NEW JERSEY FARM. Mrs. Florence Carman to Seek Rest—No New Trial.

Mineola, N. Y., Oct. 27.—Mrs. Florence Carman, released on \$25,000 bail, after the supreme court jury failed to agree on the charge that she murdered Mrs. Louise Bailey, planned to leave home in freight to-day for their New Jersey farm, to recuperate.

ONLY NAVAL PRACTICE. And Not Battle Between Vessels of the Warring Nations.

Washington, Oct. 27.—Naval officials explain the heavy firing heard off the Virginia capes last night, and which was believed might be a battle between vessels of warring nations, by the statement that four battleships of the Atlantic fleet and 14 destroyers are at tactical practice at some locations from which the firing was reported by the Ward line Steamer.

Another Earthquake in Italy. Florence, Italy, via Rome, 22:50 p. m., Oct. 27.—A severe earthquake was felt here to-day. The inhabitants were thrown out of bed, but the shock did little damage.

WAS NO SCHOOL

Because There Was No Schoolhouse—Burned Sunday Night.

Rutland, Oct. 26.—The Tower Hill district schoolhouse in Ira was to have been opened yesterday morning for the first time in several years and rededicated to its original mission. The children of the neighborhood and the teacher, Miss Evelyn Morgan, were on hand at the appointed time but there was no school as there wasn't any schoolhouse. The building was burned Sunday night and it is supposed that some boy or boys took this means of avoiding the necessity of attending school.

The fire started in the woodshed and was undoubtedly of incendiary origin. State's Attorney B. L. Stafford of this city was in Ira yesterday, but failed to get any clue to the identity of the incendiaries. The children in this district have for several years been transported to the central district school, but the recent influx of Polish families have made it necessary to repair the building on Tower Hill and this was done at a cost of several hundred dollars. The loss is estimated at \$1,000 and there is no insurance.

BUSINESS TROUBLES

Standard Creamery Co. of St. Johnsbury in Bankruptcy.

Rutland, Oct. 27.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy against Calvin E. Whitehill, proprietor of the Standard Creamery company of St. Johnsbury, has been filed in the office of Clerk F. S. Platt of the United States court by George M. Gray, who has a claim of \$413.91. T. F. Carrick, who claims the creamery owes him \$295.53 and C. B. Weeks, who presents a claim for \$297.11. All the creditors live in St. Johnsbury. Simonds, Seales & Graves are counsel for the petitioners.

It is claimed that Mr. Whitehill committed an act of bankruptcy on October 19 by paying to Mrs. Honora Cook, doing business under the name Llanwhellin Farm Creamery company, \$512.60 while he was insolvent and that on October 20 he tried to conceal \$200 of his assets and admitted in writing that he was unable to meet his liabilities.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' EXPOSITION. Four Days' Meeting Opens To-day in Windsor.

Windsor, Oct. 27.—The Vermont boys' and girls' agricultural and industrial exposition opened this morning at 9 o'clock in Kennedy's arena in this town. The program to-day includes potato paring and dish washing contests, demonstrations in blacksmithing, dairy and carpenter work, cooking and sewing, a talk on domestic economy by Professor Bertha M. Terrill of the University of Vermont and practical addresses by experts in agricultural and industrial lines.

GRANITE WORKERS STRIKE AT KEENE

Nearly One Hundred Out Because of Discharge of One of Their Number by Victoria White Granite Co.

Keene, N. H., Oct. 27.—Nearly 100 employees of the Victoria White Granite company went on strike yesterday owing, it is claimed, to the discharge of one of the workers. The men did not report for work yesterday morning. The union met and discussed the trouble for about five hours.

DILLINGHAM AT POULTNEY.

Senator Declares He Never Owned Share of Stock in Interstate Corporation.

Poultney, Oct. 27.—In spite of the rain there was a large and enthusiastic crowd at the Republican rally in the town hall here last night. All the speakers were enthusiastically greeted and the applause was generous. Music was by the Rutland City band.

PROUTY AT BURLINGTON.

Charger Dillingham With Being a Friend of Monopoly.

Burlington, Oct. 27.—Ex-Interstate Commerce Commissioner Charles A. Prouty, non-partisan candidate for United States senator, addressed a large rally at the Strong theatre last evening. He declared that Senator Dillingham, his opponent, was a friend of the interests and private monopoly.

CHIMNEY FIRE ON FRANK STREET.

The stove fire struck was called out on a still alarm at 14 Frank street at 1:45 this afternoon to put out a chimney fire in the house of W. J. Loughlin.

250 MINERS ENTOMBED

A Few Bodies Were Found, and a Few Rescued Alive

GAS EXPLODED IN THE MINE

Just After the Men Had Gone to Work—Rescue Car Is Sent

Murphyshoro, Ill., Oct. 27.—Two hundred and fifty miners are reported entombed in the Mitchell mine at Royalton, 25 miles north of here, by a gas explosion just after the men had gone to work this morning. A few bodies were found and a few miners were rescued alive from the mine. A rescue car was sent up from Benton.

FOUR KILLED, SEVERAL MISSING.

Building at Sampson, Ala., Collapsed To-day.

Montgomery, Ala., Oct. 27.—Four persons were killed and several are missing as the result of the collapse to-day of a building at Sampson, 125 miles from here.

THREE DEAD, SIX MISSING

When Building Collapsed at Youngstown, O.

Youngstown, O., Oct. 27.—Three men are dead, six are missing and four injured workmen are in hospital following the collapse of a theatre under construction here late yesterday. Gangs of men are working to rescue the imprisoned men.

BOTH LEGS AND ARM CUT OFF

Percy Coombs of West Lebanon May Not Live as Result of Jumping from Train Last Night.

White River Junction, Oct. 27.—Percy Coombs, a resident of West Lebanon, is in the Mary Hitchcock hospital at Hanover suffering from injuries received as a result of jumping from a train last night. It is doubtful if he will recover.

MELINDY HAS BROKEN RIB.

Brattleboro, Oct. 27.—Emory Melendy of South Londonderry, one of the owners of the Melendy Telephone Co., is confined to his home with a fractured rib on his left side and numerous bruises as the result of an automobile accident on Sunday.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Miss Evelyn Hanlon of Northfield, who has been spending a few days in the city as the guest of Miss Bernice Roberts of Jefferson street, returned last evening to Roxbury, where she is engaged as a school teacher.

The ladies' quartet of Swanton arrived from Northfield where she has been visiting her brother, who is a student at the university. To-day she leaves for home and will be accompanied by Gladys Smith, also of Swanton.

A linen shower was given Friday to Miss Louise E. Lamson at Brockton, Mass., a teacher in the public schools of that city, who will become the bride early in November of Fred Fink of Burlington. Mr. Fink is manager of the model farm conducted in connection with the University of Vermont. Both are natives of Brockton.

The ladies' quartet of the Ithaca Conservatory of Music rendered a very delightful program in the Congregational church Monday evening before an appreciative audience. The program consisted of readings, vocal and violin solos, interspersed with selections on the piano.

The divorce case of Eva Gowling against Oscar Gowling is granted and the custody of the minor child given to the petitioner.

The divorce case of William Foreword against Foreword was discontinued and an agreement of alimony and no contest was entered.

A suit for divorce by Mary E. Condon against James F. Condon has been entered.

During the present term of county court \$1,899.22 has been paid in fees and costs in liquor cases and \$140.79 in introduction cases appeared from municipal courts. In the case of Carlo Caraballo \$128 was required to be paid with \$25 bonds and the balance of the \$500 is to be paid within six months.

In the case of Florence Sain, she was placed on probation on payment of \$100 and costs.

GRANITEVILLE RAID DISTURBS VISITORS

Mrs. Eusevia Ordonez and Miguel Laprez Held in \$500 Each for Appearance Thursday.

Officers from this city and Barre Town made a raid in upper Graniteville last night, seized a quantity of alleged contraband goods and bought two respondents to Barre to be arraigned before Judge H. W. Scott. On a warrant issued at the request of the State's Attorney J. Ward Carver, Deputy Sheriff Dennis Donahue, accompanied by Constable James Cummings of Websterville, and Deputy Sheriffs Harry Gamble and George L. Morris surrounded a house said to be occupied by Mrs. Eusevia Ordonez at 8 o'clock. When the long arm of the law turned the knob of Mrs. Ordonez' front door, some 15 men, seated at a table inside, scattered in four directions, only to be turned back by the officers.

Mrs. Ordonez and one Miguel Laprez were arrested on charges of selling liquor illegally, and a large number of names were entered in the official journal of proceedings at the house. Later in the evening the Ordonez woman and Laprez were arraigned before Judge Scott. Neither was asked to make a plea. Bail was fixed at \$500 each and furnished this morning at 9 o'clock. The respondents were not represented by counsel.

Edward Powers, who shipped before the mast for some few years before fate dropped him into Pike Station, N. H., appeared before the magistrate this morning and pleaded guilty to an intoxication charge, accepting a sentence of 10 days in the county jail at Montpelier in lieu of paying the minimum fine and costs. Powers was arrested last evening by Officer John W. Dineen. The man arrived from Pike only a few days ago.

BUILD ORGAN LOFT AT ONCE.

Presbyterians Let Contract to Clarence Foley.

The contract for erecting an organ loft at the south end of the First Presbyterian church has been let to Contractor Clarence Foley and work on the annex will be started at once. The announcement that the contract had been awarded to-day follows a number of contrary circumstances that have combined to delay the installing of the pipe organ purchased by the local church last winter from St. Paul's church in Burlington. Soon after the organ, knocked down, was unloaded here in Barre, a number of men of the church and their pastor dug a foundation and laid the walls for the structure. Afterward the work was held up and nothing was done until the arrival of the new pastor.

With the work under way before the present week expires, Presbyterians hope to have their organ installed in time for an opening recital around the beginning of the new year. The building is to be 20 feet high with the width of 8 feet. The walls are to have lineal dimensions of 21 feet and are to be built of solid brick. In every way the annex will harmonize with the architectural style of the church building proper. Since the pipe organ was transferred from Burlington to Barre it has been stored in the basement of the church.

LAWN OR HIGHWAY?

Paul Kingston Attempts to Reclaim a Piece of Land, City Objects.

Most of the city's executive machinery assembled at the North Seminary street corner of North Main street this forenoon to argue with Paul Kingston over the ownership of a certain plot of land utilized just now as a part of the public highway. The excitement started when Mr. Kingston, who is making improvements to his property at No. 449 North Main street, dumped loads of fresh loam over the highway not far from the watering trough at the junction of the streets. Pretty soon the word went around that Mr. Kingston proposed to block the highway and by late forenoon several members of the aldermanic board, the city attorney and the street superintendent were giving the problem the "once over."

The city engineer is said to have held that the dumping place is public property and most of the city officials were ready to concede that he was right. Mr. Kingston, pointing to the plot as his own private property, remained obdurate, according to the story, and promised that more earth would be heaped on the spot this afternoon. The councilors intimated that the dirt would be removed at the city's expense this afternoon if Mr. Kingston did not see fit to do it himself. At noon both sides retired to see what would develop this afternoon.

IN COUNTY COURT.

Homer W. Heaton Case Up on Appeal from Probate Court.

In county court yesterday afternoon the matter of Homer W. Heaton estate, Montpelier Savings Bank & Trust Co., appellant, an appeal from probate court, was taken up before Judge Mills. The hearing is to decide if possibly whether or not certain bank stock should go to the estate's bank or to the life beneficiaries, a dividend having been declared a year ago of 100 per cent by the savings bank. The Heaton estate owns a large block of stock.

Suit has been entered by the Barre Savings Bank & Trust Co. against K. S. Albertson of New York, representing the New York Granite Co. In an action of assumpsit. The parties trusted are John Peter and Henry Brunson and Andrew Bernasconi, doing business as the Barre Granite Co. and trustees of the Northfield Savings bank, for \$3,000.

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INSTALLED AS PASTOR

Rev. Edgar Crossland Made Head of Presbyterian Church

WITH IMPROVED CEREMONIES

A Generous Sentiment of Welcome to Barre's Newest Pastor

Presbyterians of Barre and other townspeople, clerical and lay representatives of the several denominational societies in the city, and prominent Presbyterians from other towns in Vermont gathered in the First Presbyterian church last evening at 7:30 o'clock for services which marked the installation of Rev. Edgar Crossland, the recently elected pastor of the Barre church. Probably the services of induction were the most pretentious of any in the history of Presbyterians in this city. Some little time before the appointed hour arrived, the church was well filled with parishioners and members of other city churches.

Seated around the pulpit were Rev. Fred McNeill of the Graniteville Presbyterian church, who was later to preach the installation sermon, Rev. V. Ziegler of South Ryegate, Rev. F. H. Laird of West Barre, Rev. Richard R. Lange of Lawrence, Mass., moderator of the Newburyport presbytery, Rev. George H. Holt of the First Baptist church, Rev. J. W. Barnett, pastor of the Congregational church, Rev. E. F. Newell of the Holding Methodist church and Rev. W. J. M. Beattie, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd. The pastor himself remained seated in the auditorium until he received the ministerial charge from Rev. Mr. Ziegler and formally entered the pulpit. The ceremony of installation was marked with the dignity befitting occasions of the kind and a generous sentiment of welcome when Barre has for its most recent clerical acquisition best found its expression in the informal reception tendered Rev. and Mrs. Crossland in the vestry immediately after the service.

The exercises opened with the choir singing "Come Thou Almighty King," the congregation joining in the latter verses. Rev. Mr. Beattie gave the scriptural reading, an excerpt from St. John's gospel, and prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Newell. Then the choir rendered the anthem, "Come Unto Me." It was, indeed, fitting that Rev. Mr. McNeill should be chosen to deliver the installation sermon. During the vacancy of the local pastorate he acted acceptably as the church moderator and proved a warm friend of the congregation while it was seeking an incumbent. Rev. Mr. McNeill spoke forcibly of the duties awaiting the new minister, referred feelingly to the friendly relations existing between the Barre church and his own parish, and bespoke for the new clergyman a hearty welcome and a substantial manifestation on the part of the church members of a desire to co-operate. His remarks were followed by a very pleasing vocal solo, "Fear Not Ye, O Israel" (Buck), by George F. Mackay.

In his charge to the pastor, Rev. Mr. Ziegler commended to him the good will of the people, who, as he said, are ready to work as a unit for the best good of the church and his special stress on the opportunities for service to be found in Barre and earnestly exhorted the minister to keep well the faith. Congregational singing of two verses from "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" was followed by the charge to the people, delivered by Rev. Mr. Laird, who urged upon his hearers the necessity for united action and loyal support to their new shepherd. As moderator of the Newburyport presbytery, Rev. Mr. Lange conducted the examination and followed with the installing prayer. On behalf of the city churches Rev. Mr. Barnett spoke a few words of felicitation, the services closing with a benediction by Rev. Mr. Crossland.

A social hour in the vestry immediately afterward was the occasion of an informal reception for Rev. and Mrs. Crossland. In the receiving line were the new pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Mills, Messrs. Mills and Stewart being the two oldest elders in the church, and Rev. Mr. McNeill. Nearly everyone present at the installation service was escorted down the receiving line and many who were unable to attend the services dropped in to welcome the newcomers. During the evening members of the ladies' auxiliary served refreshments and there were informal messages of greeting from several of these present.

Rev. Crossland's Career. The new pastor of the First Presbyterian church is a man of varied experience. He was born in Yorkshire, England, and at the age of 21 he was in Africa working with a mission company in the Transvaal. He saw service with the British forces in their task of putting down the rebellion of the Boers. During his stay in Africa he was engaged in missionary work and was instrumental in establishing several missions. After the Boer war he decided to visit the homeland and having sent his goods to England he journeyed by bicycle from Pretoria to the capital of the Transvaal, the sequester. In the course of his cycle trip he had an excellent opportunity for studying the life and customs of the native African. All along the continental coast, through German possessions, Zanzibar, British Uganda and other colonies to the coast, he rode his wheel, taking the boat at Aden, in Arabia. Returning to continental Africa, he traveled through Egypt and then took a steamer to Naples.

Still proceeding on pneumatic tires, the bicycle kind, he started an all-Italian

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