

ALLEES WERE DRIVEN OUT OF HANGARD BUT HOLD GROUND ON THE OUTSKIRTS; GERMAN DRIVE IN FLANDERS FAILED

Capture of Hangard and Villers-Brettonneux Weakens the Defenses of Amiens, the Important Strategic Point and Railroad Center

THE BATTLE CONTINUED VERY VIOLENT THROUGHOUT NIGHT

British Counter-Attacked in the Vicinity of Villers and They Regained Some Ground Besides Taking Prisoners, the British Reported

Paris, April 25.—The Germans have captured the village of Hangard on the front southeast of Amiens at a cost of heavy losses, the war office announced to-day. The French are holding the ground immediately around the town. The battle continued with violence throughout the night.

London, April 25.—Three attacks by the Germans on British positions east of Amiens have been repulsed, it was announced officially to-day.

On the Flanders front late yesterday the Germans attacked French positions northeast of Bailleul and were repulsed. Early this morning, after an intense bombardment, they renewed their attacks in this sector and against the British positions farther east.

The British regained ground around Villers-Brettonneux by counter-attacks and took prisoners. Severe fighting was in progress all night in this vicinity and continues. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy there. On the Bailleul sector the battle is continuing over a wide front.

Heavy fighting continues on the sector east of Amiens, Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters reports. The Germans appear to have obtained a footing in D'Aquenne wood, east of Villers-Brettonneux, but the British counter-attacked and drove them back to the fringe of the wood. At several places the British have retaken ground and their general position has improved considerably. Early this morning the Germans put down an intense gas barrage on the Anglo-French front in Flanders. Two hours later deep waves of infantry delivered an assault. The fighting is still in progress.

THE LOSS OF VILLERS.

Second Attack on Village Gave Germans the Possession.

London, April 25.—Field Marshal Haig reported last night that the Germans have taken Villers-Brettonneux. The text of the statement reads:

"About 6:30 this morning, after a violent bombardment, the enemy attacked our whole front south of the Somme and the French on our right and was repulsed.

"Later in the morning an attack on our positions in this sector was renewed in strength and, although our northern positions of the front, made progress at Villers-Brettonneux, where the fighting has been severe throughout the day. By evening the enemy had gained possession of the village, and the fighting was continuing.

"Other attacks by the enemy this morning on the north bank of the Somme and north of Albert were repulsed; we secured a few prisoners.

"By a successful local operation carried out this morning northeast of Fesult a post captured by the enemy in this locality on the 22d was regained. The hostile garrison offered strong resistance and lost heavily. We captured a few prisoners and four machine guns.

"Early in the morning the enemy delivered a strong local attack, without success, against our new positions east of Robecq. Our line was maintained intact and 84 prisoners were left in our hands. Additional prisoners were secured in successful minor enterprises in the forest of Nieppe and in the neighborhood of Metereu.

GERMANS USED TANKS.

For the First Time Since the War Was Started.

With the British Army in France, April 25.—(By Associated Press).—The first German attack along the whole British front south of the Somme river yesterday was thrown back, but the Germans returned and pushed on toward Villers-Brettonneux, which nestles on a ridge overlooking the long stretch of the Somme valley and is a dominating position.

With three tanks leading the Germans got a footing in the eastern fringe of the town, where the battle still is raging. From the French sector some tanks were used tanks since the war began.

It is the first time the Germans have used tanks since the war began. Trouble has been brewing in the Somme sector for days, the enemy maintaining a bombardment of more or less intensity over a wide area. Throughout today Villers-Brettonneux and sur-

GERMANY QUIBBLES

Will Not Give Switzerland a Positive Guarantee of Grain Ships' Safety

BECAUSE ORDERS CANNOT BE SPREAD

But Kaiser's Government Will Grant Partial Promise

Amsterdam, April 25.—Germany has given no positive guarantee that ships from America, sailing within the next three months with grain for Switzerland, should not be sunk. A semi-official telegram from Berlin to-day says that the German government has ordered the submarines to spare vessels carrying grain for the Swiss population, but it is impossible to guarantee their safety before the three months have elapsed, as only after that time can it be ascertained that all German warships will have received the order.

LIEUT. L. S. AYER KILLED IN ACTION—49 CASUALTIES

Only Two Men Were Killed in Battle—Lieut. James C. Marquardt Died of Accident.

Washington, D. C., April 25.—The casualty list to-day contained 49 names: Killed in action, 2; died of wounds, 6; of accident, 4; of disease, 7; from other causes, 1; wounded severely, 5; slightly, 24. Lieutenant Lawrence S. Ayer was killed in action, and Lieutenant James Calder Marquardt died of accident.

LIEUT. AYER BORN IN PUTNEY.

Went from Vermont to Massachusetts Some Years Ago.

Boston, April 25.—Lieut. Lawrence S. Ayer of Fitchburg was killed in action on April 20.

He was one of the first Fitchburg men commissioned as an officer in the reserve corps at the first Plattsburgh camp in the summer of 1917. After receiving his commission he was at once ordered into active service, and about the middle of September left for France.

In France he attended the French school of artillery, and later the American school of artillery near the front. He was then assigned to battery C of the 103d artillery.

Lieutenant Ayer was born in Putney, Vt., 24 years ago. He went to Fitchburg in 1909 and all flags were placed at half-staff there yesterday in honor of his memory. The news of his death was contained in a brief telegram to his uncle.

HOLLAND REPORTED AT OPEN BREAK

Her Minister to Berlin Is Reported on Way to The Hague, While German Minister Is on the Way Home.

Amsterdam, April 25.—Het Volk announces that the German minister to the Netherlands has left The Hague for Berlin and that the Dutch minister to Germany is on his way from Berlin to The Hague.

The Berlin correspondent of the Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant is informed by a person in authority that differences have arisen in the negotiations between Germany and Holland and the negotiations are not making headway.

The Hague correspondent of the Handelsblad says that the question of the transport of sand and gravel and the use of the railway line through Limburg depends entirely on the intentions of Germany. The correspondent adds that the Dutch government will firmly observe neutrality whatever happens.

STEAMER ST. PAUL OVERTURNED IN PORT

It Is Supposed Her Seacocks Were Left Open—So Far as Known, No One Was Hurt.

An Atlantic Port, April 25.—The American line steamship St. Paul was overturned at her pier here to-day. The steamer earlier in the day had come from drydock. It is supposed that the seacocks were left open. So far as known no one was injured.

A Practical Suggestion.

It was Bessie's first visit to the dentist. After he had placed her in the chair he said: "Now, Bessie, which tooth is it that hurts?"

Bessie looked puzzled for a moment, then she said with a beam: "I've forgot, but if you'll give me a piece of candy, I can tell you."—Boston Transcript

BORN IN RUTLAND.

William B. Denison, Boston Bank Man, Died on Wednesday.

Boston, April 25.—William B. Denison, a former president of the Atlantic National bank and at one time treasurer of the Franklin Square house, died yesterday at his home at 89 Lowell avenue, Newtonville, after several years of failing health. He had just completed his 85th year.

Born on April 29, 1833, at Burke, Vt., he was educated in the common schools of that town and at St. Johnsbury academy. In 1851, at the age of 18 years, he came to Boston and spent ten years in the wholesale grocery and drygoods trades. In 1861 he returned to Vermont and for ten years was cashier of the Bank of Orleans, at Irasburg, Vt., and its successor, the Irasburg National bank.

In 1871 Mr. Denison moved to Littleton, N. H., to serve the Littleton National bank and the Littleton Savings bank as cashier and treasurer, respectively, but in 1873 he again came to Boston to become a bookkeeper in the Atlantic National bank. Later he became successively assistant cashier, cashier and president, filling the last-named position for five years. In all, his term of service with the Atlantic National bank extended over more than forty years. He resigned in 1904 and the position of vice president was then created for him, but in 1913 failing health compelled him to give up all business.

Since the early seventies Mr. Denison had made his home in Newtonville and during that time had been active in the affairs of the Newtonville Universalist church, of which for many years he was treasurer. He also served as superintendent of the Sunday school.

In 1862 he married Miss Elvira Parker Kendall of Woodstock, Vt., who survives him. He also leaves a son, William Kendall Denison of Winchester, a member of the faculty of Tufts college, and a daughter, Mrs. Robert W. Sheppard of Newton Center.

UKRAINE PEASANTS ANNIHILATED PARTY OF POLISH UHLANS

Armed with Machine Guns and Mitr-Throwers, They Resisted Demands of the Soldiers for Food Supplies.

Amsterdam, April 25.—Three squadrons of a Polish regiment of Uhlans have been annihilated in Podolia by Ukrainian peasants, who refused the soldiers' demands for food supplies, according to the Dutch press by way of Vienna. The peasants were armed with machine guns and mine throwers.

BIGGER SHIPBUILDING PROGRAM

Is Planned to Be Undertaken by U. S. Government.

Washington, April 25.—The shipping board has decided on a substantial increase in its building program for 1918 over the tonnage planned for this year and indications are that the increase will be continued in 1920.

Plans for next year were discussed yesterday at a luncheon attended by Chairman Hurley and other members of the shipping board, Vice-President Piez and Director General Schwab of the emergency fleet corporation, P. A. S. Franklin, of the international ship control committee, Major General Goethals and other officials. Especial attention was paid to the question of passenger ships and refrigerator ships, for which the war department will make increasingly large demands as the war progresses.

For military reasons, the exact size of the future building program was not made public. From previous statements of Chairman Hurley, however, it has been estimated that the construction in 1918 will be in excess of 10,000,000 tons, the largest amount ever built in any one year by any nation. Before Jan. 1 all the shipyards will be in full operation and many old yards which have demonstrated their ability to build efficiently will be expanded.

Of the total tonnage next year approximately 8,000,000 tons will be steel. There were 37 yards building steel ships when the United States entered the war. They had 162 ways which were increased 195 by the shipping board. Thirty new yards have been established with a total of 293 ways. Thirty-five of the yards building steel ships and 258 of the ways are on the Atlantic and gulf coasts and 19 yards and 66 ways are on the Pacific and the 13 yards and 74 ways on the Great Lakes.

It is expected that 2,200,000 tons of wooden ships will be turned out next year, virtually all on the gulf and Pacific coasts. There now are 432 ways for wooden ships.

Continuation of the navy building program may be expected, but on completion of emergency work ways for another 650,000 tons of merchant shipping will be released.

It was said that the conference was the largest ever held in its bearings on the shipping situation which had been held since the shipping board was organized.

Sir Cunliffe Guthrie, British member of the ship control committee, was present.

BROKE NECK IN FALL.

Charles Joslyn Fell Over Log While Lumbering.

Brattleboro, April 25.—Charles Joslyn, a West Chesterfield, N. H., lumberman, was killed yesterday while at work in the woods. He was attempting to move a log in a position to load and while lifting hard on the log suddenly started and Mr. Joslyn fell over it, striking on his head and breaking his neck.

He was working on a lumber job for Arthur Chickering, who has a portable mill in the woods. Mr. Joslyn was 47 years old. He leaves his wife and three children.

GERMANS FREE PROF. EMERY

American Seized on Aland Islands Will Be Permitted to Leave

ALL AMERICANS TO BE RELEASED

And Helsingfors Is Again in Communication with the World

Stockholm, April 25.—Professor Henry Crosby Emery has been released from imprisonment at Dantzig and will shortly be permitted to leave Germany. American Minister Morris has been informed that the Finnish minister in Berlin reports that negotiations for the release of all American and British citizens made prisoners on the Aland islands with Emery some weeks ago are proceeding satisfactorily.

With the re-establishment of telegraphic communication between Helsingfors and Stockholm after a fortnight's suspension, American Consul Haynes at Helsingfors has sent the following message to the American legation here: "The past has been terrible, the present is bearable; the future is uncertain."

REFUSED BANK CHARTER

Because Applicants Had Shown So Little Patriotism.

Washington, D. C., April 25.—The comptroller of the currency recently approved an application for a charter for a new national bank in a certain western state, as there was, apparently, an opening for a bank in the community in which it was to be established, and the applicants seemed to be men of responsibility and means and some prominence.

Subsequently, doubt arose as to the loyalty and patriotism of the applicants, and it was ascertained that although the six applicants for the charter were reported to be men of considerable means—several of them claiming to be worth a quarter of a million dollars or more—the aggregate amount of Liberty bonds of the first and second issues to which the six applicants had subscribed was only \$200, several of the applicants for the charter having taken no Liberty bonds at all, and their aggregate subscriptions to the Red Cross had been only \$149.

The comptroller has revoked the authority given for the organization of this proposed national bank, on the ground that men of means in these times who show so little patriotism and so little public spirit in the matter of making subscriptions to Liberty bonds and to the Red Cross are unfit to be placed in charge of any national bank.

RAILROAD SHOPS AT LIMA, O., BURNED

Federal Agents Are Investigating Three Fires Which Started Simultaneously and Caused Loss of \$500,000.

Lima, O., April 25.—Federal agents today investigated three fires which started simultaneously in the Lake Erie & Western railroad shops last night, practically destroying the plant, with a loss of \$500,000. Will Pastuski, an employe, is under arrest. The charge is not stated.

At 11 o'clock the Solar refinery siren whistle called out all Standard Oil employes to guard the big oil tank field of the refinery, directly west of the railroad shops. The wind was blowing directly toward the refinery. Clouds of sparks blew 300 feet in the air, being carried toward the oil tank field.

Explosion of two acetylene tanks in the ruins of the boiler shop threw a piece of sheet iron among the firemen. Two firemen were slightly injured.

WAS NATIVE OF VERMONT.

Dr. Timothy R. Grow Died Tuesday at His Home in Lynn.

Lynn, Mass., April 25.—Dr. Timothy R. Grow died at his home Tuesday. He had been a physician in this city for 25 years. He was born in Holland, Vt., Sept. 5, 1840, was graduated from Hahnemann medical school in Chicago and practiced at Akron, O., St. Johnsbury and Rockport before going to Lynn. He was a member of the choir of St. John's Episcopal church of Lynn and was prominent in musical and fraternal circles. He is survived by his widow, a daughter, Mrs. E. M. Doolittle, and a son, Leonard T. Grow.

VERMONT BUSINESS TROUBLES.

Vergennes Grocer and St. Johnsbury Machinist File in Bankruptcy.

Rutland, April 25.—E. C. Scott of Vergennes, a grocer, has filed a petition in bankruptcy with Clerk F. S. Platt of the United States court. He had liabilities of \$17,176 and assets of \$1,998.25, of which \$160 is claimed exempt.

A petition has also been filed by Delmar A. Beckwith of St. Johnsbury, a machinist, who claims to owe \$764.50 and gives his assets as \$210, with \$150 claimed exempt.

OFFERED SENATOR'S SEAT.

Speaker Champ Clark May Succeed Stone of Missouri.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 25.—Governor Gardner just tonight tendered to Champ Clark, speaker of the House, the appointment as senator to succeed the late William B. Stone.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

At Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary Meeting Last Evening.

The Sons of Veterans' auxiliary, No. 5, held its regular meeting last evening with a good attendance, there being several visitors from auxiliary No. 7 of Montpelier. Mrs. Mabel G. Carr was installed as division secretary and Mrs. Flora M. Clark as press correspondent of auxiliary No. 5, the installing officer being Bertha Hill, past president of auxiliary No. 7.

After the meeting was closed, a reception was given the division president, Mrs. Clara E. Perry, and in behalf of the members of auxiliary No. 5, in a few well chosen words from Edith B. Dodge, the president presented a silver cream ladle. The division secretary, Mrs. Mabel G. Carr, and Mrs. Lulu Blanchard, division secretary, were presented carnations, to which all responded. There should be mentioned also the duet played by Mrs. Mabel Carr and Miss Leola George, which was very enjoyed by all, also the cake and ice cream which were served. The ladies of the auxiliary met this afternoon at Mrs. Gauthier's on Highland avenue to sew for the Red Cross.

CALL FOR TRAINED MEN.

Government Wants Vermonters Draft Age Who Have Been Studying.

The first call for Vermont men within the draft who have been studying in evening schools in the different trades has been made, which goes to show that Vermont is ahead of several of the states in the work. The results of these night trade schools apparently will be of great help to the men. The educational department to-day received a request from the war department to certify the men who have qualified in the night school course, so it is expected that these men will be called in the different branches of the mechanical service they have been preparing. It is probable that they will be given more special training and then assigned, which will mean warrant of office or commissions to them.

There are 10 men in gas welding at Proctor; 21 in auto repairing and truck driving at Burlington; 10 in sheet metal work in Burlington; 10 in auto repairing and truck driving at Rutland; 15 in auto repairing and truck driving at St. Johnsbury.

DIED AT BROOKFIELD.

John G. McMinn Had Lived in Barre for 20 Years.

John G. McMinn, a former resident of Barre, died at his home in Brookfield yesterday afternoon, the end following an illness of two weeks. Death was due to cerebral hemorrhage, and the patient had been confined to his bed but a few days. He is survived by his wife, who is Miss Belle Robertson of this city, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McMinn of Kalamazoo, Mich., Mrs. Allan Morris of Barre, and Miss Esther McMinn, also of this city. There are also three brothers, James McMinn of St. Paul, Minn., Herbert McMinn of Battle Creek, Mich., and William McMinn, who resides in Brookfield.

The deceased was born in Beesbrook, Ireland, Oct. 21, 1875. He resided in Barre for 20 years and at one time was associated in the granite manufacturing partnership of McMinn & Sons. Mr. McMinn was a granite cutter by trade, although during the later years of his residence here he was an insurance underwriter. Three years ago he moved to Brookfield.

Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed, although it is expected that the body will be brought here for funeral and interment Saturday.

DEATH OF A. A. STETSON.

Native of Sutton, P. Q., He Had Resided in Barre Several Years.

Arthur A. Stetson of 14 Charles street passed away at the City hospital yesterday. He had been ill for two weeks, and some 10 days ago was removed to the hospital. He died at 10:30 a. m. due to a cerebral hemorrhage. The deceased leaves his wife, who was Miss Eva Darby, and three children. He was born in Sutton, P. Q., 32 years ago, the son of Horace Stetson and Martha A. Stetson. He had been a resident of Barre for several years, being variously employed as a teamster and latterly as a railroad man.

The body was taken to the undertaking establishment of A. W. Badger & Co., where it is expected that prayer services will be held to-morrow afternoon. Later the body will be taken to Sutton, P. Q., where the funeral and interment are to take place Sunday.

THREE MEN ACCEPTED.

But More Were Rejected for U. S. Naval Service.

Several applications for navy enlistment have been made in the last few days, several of whom have been rejected because of physical disability. These include Roy R. and Rollie R. Farnsworth of Middlesex, Willis Henderson of Marshfield, John Egan and Leslie St. Cyr of Windsor, W. J. Noonan of Barre and Irving Ferris of Montpelier. Those accepted have been James McIntosh of Barre as a stone mason. If John Paul of Barre applying for navy service he might do something rash, but times have changed and there is a service to-day the stone masons can perform even in the navy. Others accepted are Paul Clogston of Montpelier and Fred Anderson of Barre.

NORTHFIELD DEMONSTRATION

Will Be Held for the Liberty Loan on Friday.

Northfield, April 25.—Northfield is planning a big Liberty day parade to-morrow, the arrangements being under the direction of C. P. Hatch, Col. George B. Bredon, Mrs. L. Tiltonson, Alex. Eddy and H. H. Slack.

The parade will start at Cross Brook, stonished at 1:30 p. m., march to Vine street, to Pearl street, to Main, to South, to Central and then to the common. It will be made up as follows: Northfield Cornet band, Norwich university cadets and cavalry, Norwich faculty, Northfield branch of the Red Cross, mothers who have sons in the service, G. A. R., Northfield branch of the S. C. I. A., fire department, school children, business men, clerks, union, Emma Lynde Mayo chapter and others. There also will be floats, the following being expected to introduce them: Union club, merchants' association, Nisatin club, granite manufacturers and the three banks. After the parade there will be speaking by Colonel Byrond and Rev. J. A. Lynch.

Business will be at a standstill during the afternoon, except at the banks, where subscriptions to the Liberty loan will be received.

SCORES OF CITIES PASS THEIR QUOTAS

And the Total Liberty Loan Subscriptions To-day Were \$1,837,558.350.

Washington, D. C., April 25.—Scores of cities passed their Liberty loan quotas to-day, as shown in the reports reaching national headquarters. The total subscriptions were \$1,837,558.350.

DRIVE ON BONDS NETTED \$80,000

Barre's Subscription to the Third Liberty Loan Took a Big Boost

CANVASSERS MET WITH MUCH SUCCESS

The Returns A Not Tabulated an Fine Sale

Eighty thousand dollars or more was the estimate placed by the community committee of the Liberty bond drive in Barre yesterday, when canvassers assigned to the several wards in the city waged an active and successful campaign for the sale of bonds. At city hall last evening the entire first floor was converted into a clearing house and for the better part of three hours solicitors and their captains were working on the aggregates for each ward. For the reason that the returns, even as they were represented to-day, are incomplete, no attempt to reckon the exact amount succeeded. To the sizeable sum represented by the work of the canvassers was added the counter sales reported by the four banks.

It may be Saturday and it may be later before the committee is able to tabulate definitely the results of the drive. Before the campaigners were summoned to their task by a serenade of whistles and bells yesterday the sum of \$80,000 had been subscribed through the four banks. To this total may be added the estimated total of \$80,000 brought in yesterday, making an aggregate of \$140,000. However, the effects of yesterday's drive may not be measured in offhand fashion, and to-day bankers were saying the subscriptions entered this forenoon could be traced to the organized effort of yesterday.

Too much credit cannot be given the granite manufacturing plants, where the results were altogether surprising and gratifying. There are several 100 per cent plants in the city, and the net subscriptions in some of the larger plants exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the committee. Women responded as earnestly as the men in making an effective canvass. Down in ward 3, long before the final returns were tabulated, the women solicitors had more than \$7,000 to their credit. One woman, in another ward, turned in over \$2,000 worth of bonds. It was evidently a popular subscription, for bonds of the smaller denominations predominated. The opportunity to subscribe is still held out to people who like to exemplify their loyalty in this substantial way, and while a steady inflow of subscriptions must continue if Barre is to raise the honor flag, there is confidence in every camp that eventually this city will repeat its previous achievements by going over the top.

BARRE TOWN CANVASS.

Intensive Drive for Liberty Loan to Be Started Friday, April 26.

Barre Town is to start an intensive Liberty loan drive to-morrow, and the plan is to give everybody a chance to subscribe and help along the good cause. There already has been a fairly good response from the town, between \$8,000 and \$9,000 having been subscribed at the banks in this city up to yesterday. The town's quota is \$33,300.

Frank C. Bancroft is chairman of the committee and associated with him are F. L. Sargent, Dr. E. H. Bailey and W. H. Miles. They are anxious that Barre Town shall not be delinquent and they believe that the people of the town feel the same way about it, only they haven't got stirred up to make their subscriptions. Therefore, the house-to-house canvass is to be started, so that no one shall miss an invitation to participate in the government loan, the best security in the market to-day.

All the villages in the town will be covered and a special effort will be made to enlist the farmers in the loan, as the farmers throughout the country are responding well to the call of the government. Vermont farmers, too, are buying the third Liberty loan bonds much faster than on either of the previous drives. It is believed that the farmers of Barre Town will also respond if the matter is presented to them personally.