

ALLIES MADE SMALL ADVANCES ON BOTH MAIN BATTLEFRONTS; GERMANS CONTINUE ON DEFENSIVE

Kaiser's Infantry Held in Leash But His Big Guns Continue to Bombard Heavily the Allies' Lines in Flanders and Picardy

HEAVY ARTILLERY FIGHTING CONTINUES ON AMIENS FRONT

BRITISH RAIDS WERE EXECUTED WITH SUCCESS

West of Merrville They Went Out Last Night and Brought Back a Few Prisoners and Machine Guns—They Also Stopped German Raid.

London, May 11.—French troops advanced their line slightly yesterday evening east of Loere, on the Flanders front, the war office announces.

PRIVATE L. F. FOY OF RUTLAND IS AMONG INJURED

To-day's Casualty List Gives Him as One of Those Slightly Wounded—There Are 69 Names on the List.

Washington, D. C., May 11.—The casualty list to-day contained 69 names, divided as follows:

BALTIC TERMINAL BURNED:

First Report of Incendiarism Is Not Substantiated.

New York, May 11.—Fire to-day destroyed the New York Dock company's one-story brick building, known as the Baltic terminal, on the Brooklyn water front, with a loss of war supplies estimated worth \$50,000.

HIS FATHER IN "REVOLUTION"

William C. Wheeler of So. Woodbury Is a Real Son of the American Revolution.

By his appearance and firm step on the streets of Barre yesterday William Constant Wheeler, a well known South Woodbury man, palpably traversed the statement, which is going the rounds of the press, that Nelson Moore, who died recently in Omaha, Neb., at the age of 81, was the last real son of the American revolution.

Mr. Wheeler's activities belie his years, and it is probable that for some years to come he will be able to claim recognition as one of a few, if not only surviving son of a side who offered his life blood for the cause of American independence.

The newspaper item crediting the late Mr. Moore of Omaha with the honor of being the last surviving "son," says that his father, at the age of 15, was with Washington's command at Valley Forge. Comfort Wheeler, father of the South Woodbury man who visited Barre yesterday, was born in Rehoboth, Mass., March 13, 1766. He enlisted under Capt. Duell in Shongum, N. Y., in April, 1780, and was discharged in the following December only to re-enlist under Capt. Keith in May, 1781. He re-enlisted again for one year in December, 1781, and was detailed as orderly to Gen. Greene.

FRENCH ADVANCE ON SOUTH SIDE OF PICARDY

Near Orrillers Sorel, Southeast of Montdidier, They Continued to Press Into Side of the German Lines Before Amiens.

Paris, May 11.—Heavy artillery fighting on the front below Amiens, in the region of Grivesnes and Mailly-Raineval is reported in to-day's official communication.

RATIFICATION COUNCIL FORMED

To Carry Vermont for the Federal Prohibition Amendment.

Two meetings of the Voters' Ratification Council of Vermont took place at Montpelier Friday, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening. F. H. Brooks of St. Johnsbury presiding. Some time ago a committee composed of Mr. Brooks, N. Cady of Middlebury, L. P. Smith of Burlington, Elmer Johnson of St. Albans, M. M. Tapin of Orleans and James A. Stacey of Hartford, was named to draft the name, objects and government of the organization. This they did and reported at the afternoon meeting and the above name was adopted as the name of the organization.

Any citizen of the state of Vermont who is interested in securing permanent nationwide prohibition in America may become a member of the council. Persons and societies within the state working toward a common goal with the council may be associated in membership with the council, and their efforts coordinated so as to produce harmony and prevent duplication of effort and expense.

Government: The council shall be administered and governed by a board of managers of 14 persons to be chosen, one from each county of Vermont.

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GLAD HE IS "OVER THERE"

Russell Allen Has Been Near Front Line Trenches.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Allen and daughter, Florence, have received lately two letters from their son and brother, Russell B. Allen, as follows:

France, April 3, 1918. My Dear Dad and Mother: I received the package to-night, with the cigars, cake, raisins, cookies and wool sweater, socks and helmet, everything in good condition. You folks do not realize how welcome or how happy a letter with a package once in a while makes us feel. "Over here." You could not have sent me anything that I would have enjoyed more. The cigars, cake, raisins and cookies are sure a great treat and I thank you very much.

The war is raging over here along the front at full blast, and in the last few days we have worked pretty hard. We have been under bombardment a good deal lately by cannon and airplanes. The first two or three days it makes you feel a little uneasy when the big shells come sailing over, but have got used to it now and can sleep all night unless we have an air raid. During the air raids the shrapnel which the anti-aircraft guns shoot up is much more dangerous than the bombs. The shrapnel bursts in the air and comes down like rain, so we beat it for the dugouts.

Do not think that I am in or near the front line trenches, because I could get up in an airplane and fly for half an hour or more before I could see the German trenches. The other day we were quite near the trenches in an auto truck and I had a chance to see the barbed wire entanglements, also the old trenches which were used back in 1914.

A friend of mine has a small camera, which we used to advantage and took several pictures. If they come out good, I will bring them home and you can see war as it is over here.

April 7.—This is a fine spring day here in France and we are going to have a half day off, so I will say goodbye for this time as I have a washing to do.

U. S. Naval Air Station, Dunkerque, France, April 17, 1918.

My Dear Sister: I was very pleased to have received your letter and happy to say it found me in good health, except for a little cold, which does not amount to much.

To-night I am writing you in the Y. M. C. A. tent, which has just been put up near our station. This will be a nice place for us fellows to spend our evenings pleasantly. The Y. M. C. A. man seems to be a fine fellow and last Sunday night a Y. M. C. A. man by the name of Mr. Urbaine gave us a very interesting talk on the war and his experience at the front for three years.

We have a piano, also a victrola, here in the tent. Both are going at full blast right now, also about 30 fellows all trying to see who can talk the loudest, so if I make a few mistakes in this letter you will know what is the trouble.

The greatest battle of the world's history is raging over here and no one knows just how things will come out in this drive. In the last two or three weeks, there has been a continued roar of the big guns at the front, and to-night they sound very plain.

We have air raids, have had one sea raid and quite often the Germans shoot over 16-inch shells to entertain us. I like it all, though, and am very glad that I was able to come over here. If all the boys that come over could have as good a place as this I would be glad and I guess no one would kick much. We have plenty to eat, although you tell mother that it would be one of the happiest days of my life to sit down to one of her good old dinners.

You asked me if I ever heard from Neal and the next day after I received your letter I received one from him. Have not answered as yet, but will soon. He is lucky in a way to be stationed here in the states.

It, of course, is a very interesting experience to be over here in a strange country, but after about six months a fellow begins to think there is no place like the good old U. S. A. It is nature always to want something you cannot get. More truth than poetry.

Now Sis I guess this is about the limit for to-night. I hope this will find you all well and happy at home. Do not worry about me because when the Germans get too close we are going to fly away across the channel and maybe we won't stop until we reach the states.

Tell Bart, Hutch, Goodfellow, Emery and all the folks that I am well and think of them all back home.

I am putting a new address at the end of the letter. Please give it to anyone who may write to me: M. M. 21 Co., Aviation U. S. N. U. S. Naval Air Station, Dunkerque, France. (On the map, Dunkerque is spelled in English as Dunkirk.)

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CHANNEL NOT WHOLLY CLOSED

Ostend Is Still Open to Submarines and Partly to Destroyers

SUNKEN CRUISER LIES AT AN ANGLE

German Shipping Will Be Greatly Hampered by the Obstacle

London, May 11.—It is declared on unquestionable authority that the sunken cruiser Vendictive lies in the neck of the channel at the entrance to Ostend harbor at an angle of about 40 degrees. It is obvious that a vessel 300 feet long at this angle does not effectively block a channel some 320 feet wide, but a very useful purpose has been served.

A partial and very serious blockade has been achieved and under the conditions of the tide rapidly prevailing on the Belgian coast the obstruction will certainly tend to increase. It is not claimed that the sunken cruiser will prevent the egress of submarines or even entirely stop that of destroyers. However, it will materially hamper both, and this is important. German light craft will not be able, when pursued by British forces, to rush full speed into the harbor, as they have done heretofore.

STORM WAS DAMAGING

Wind in Uarticular Was Destructive About Barre.

Wind and rain lashed this section of central Vermont in a damaging storm which came late yesterday afternoon and continued with varying degrees of violence for upward of 24 hours. It was wind that overmastered obstacles which stood in the path of a torrential rain, and while there were thunder and lightning, the damage may be largely charged to the gale. While the pyrotechnics were at their height it seemed as though the storm had centered its fury on Barre alone, but after the wind subsided the rain ceased it developed that pretty much the entire countryside herabouts was in the path of the wind. It had been brewing all day, but when it broke was not prepared for its harsh antics.

MARKED FLORAL TRIBUTE

Paid to Glenn W. Merrill, Popular Barre Man.

A marked tribute to the memory of a well-known Barre young man was the funeral of Glenn W. Merrill, whose death Tuesday evening followed an operation to which he submitted in order that he might qualify for service with the colors. Services were held at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Smith, 84 Washington street, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. There was a large gathering of Barre friends, as well as acquaintances from other towns. The officiating clergyman was Rev. B. G. Lipsky, pastor of the Hedding Methodist church. His sermon appropriately took account of the estimable qualities and attractive personality of the young man, and was feelingly delivered.

Those who acted as bearers were Charles Ford of Boston, Russell Davis of Reading, Mass., Emery Newhall, Marl Perry, Arthur Blackmore and Raymond Martin, all intimate friends of Mr. Merrill. There was a profuse floral tribute. Interment was made in Hope cemetery.

Those present from out of the city included the following: Miss Dorothy Curran of Reading, Mass., Russell Davis, a first-class yeoman, Commonwealth pier, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ford of Jamaica Plain, Mass., Mrs. M. J. Martin, Mrs. C. F. Kenyon of Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Andross of Lyndonville, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Small, A. B. Small of Morrisville, and Bradley P. Smith of Boston.

Floral tributes came from the following people: Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Smith, Mrs. Elmer D. Taft, Mr. and Mrs. Archie W. Taft, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Glysson, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Arkley and Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Miles and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Allen and Sheldon, Mrs. Ducharme, Leon Ducharme, Alfarretta Ducharme, Walter H. Geddes, Mrs. E. F. LaGor, Sidney Newcombe, Mrs. Carrie Wales, L. F. Sanborn, Mrs. E. Keith, Miss Kelle Keith, Miss Alice Keith, Arthur Blackmore, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Noyes, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Embley, Mrs. A. Adams, Mrs. D. McLeod, Mrs. Melvin Greene, Mrs. Arthur Young, Mrs. L. Bottiggi, Mrs. C. A. Bennett, Mrs. Riley Burgess, Mrs. A. W. Parsons, Mrs. B. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gilbert, troop 1, boy scouts of Reading, Mass., local council and boy scouts official officers, Reading, Barre class, Reading, Faculty club, Reading, Elmer W. Barrett, Esther Davis, Samuel Davis, Ruth Thorburn, Reading, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ford, Jamaica Plain, Mass., Russell Davis, Reading, John G. Morrison and Mrs. George Close of Cambridge, Mass., Miss Anna T. Cook of Albany, N. Y.

COUNTY MEN CALLED

Names of the 161 Will Be Announced on Monday.

M. H. Kelley of Barre has signed up as a brakeman under the call received this week for 10 trainmen from Vermont.

Henry Chambo, who was called from Montpelier in the last contingent that left Washington county, has returned home, having been rejected at the camp. The local board has completed the calling of the 161 men from Washington county who will go to Camp Devens May 25. Their notices were mailed to them to-day and it is expected that the publication will take place Monday.

This board wants to have the young man get his call before public announcement is made. There were but few claims for agricultural pursuits and under the regulations now can be made after the call is sent the registrant.

U. S. SOLDIERS PARADE LONDON

Were Cheered by Premier Lloyd George and Other Officials

FIVE TRAINLOADS WERE UNLOADED

King George Will Review the Contingent Later in the Day

London, May 11.—Five trains loaded with American troops arrived in London this morning. They were marshaled at the Wellington barracks for their march through the streets of London. The troops will be reviewed by Ambassador Page at the American embassy and later by King George at Buckingham palace.

The American troops came through the gateway of the Home Guards parade into Whitehall to begin the march through the west-end streets and thence to the embassy and Buckingham palace. Members of the war cabinet, including Premier Lloyd George, Chancellor Bonar Law, Viscount Milner, and J. Austen Chamberlain, came out on the balcony at the war office and watched the scene with interest.

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WILLIAMSTOWN

A short time ago a quilt was made and donated to the Red Cross by Mrs. V. D. Miller and from its sale \$10 resulted, which has been paid to the treasurer of the Red Cross.

Jason E. Martin, who has been employed in New Haven, Conn., for some time, has been at home for the past few days.

Among those attending the Orange county convention of Congregationalists at East Brookfield on May 8 were Rev. John Irons, Mrs. Edwin C. Smith, Mrs. Mary J. Staples, Mrs. Warren Gearson, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Goodrich and daughter, Edith, W. H. Simons, George L. Simons and Dr. Carl E. Robinson.

John B. Goodrich and son, George, of South Royalton, were in town on business with George T. Colby May 9.

Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Gifford of Randolph passed through here on their way to Montpelier yesterday, leaving Madam Celia Gifford for a few hours for a visit to her sister, Mrs. Fanny N. Wilber.

It is reported that John Keake, Jr., who recently sold out his interest in the Wilson farm in Barre, has purchased his father's farm in town, formerly known as the Calvin Flint farm.

Among the business visitors in Barre May 9 were George F. Martin and wife, William B. Jones, Mrs. C. U. Sivright and Mrs. Frank A. Brockway.

ODD FELLOWS COME MONDAY.

State Convention of That Order and of the Rebekahs Meet in Barre.

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of the state grand lodge and assembly will gather in numbers in Barre next week for the annual convention of the I. O. O. F. and associate organizations. Arrangements for the entertainment of grand officers and delegates are in charge of committees elected by Blawie, the Odd Fellows and the Rebekah auxiliary. Odd Fellows' week has its official beginning Monday evening, when Canton Vinton, No. 9, P. M., keeps open house at the canton headquarters in the Gordon building. The Canton rooms, otherwise known as Odd Fellows hall, will be a rallying place for those of the grand lodge officers and delegates who arrive early in anticipation of the business days that are to follow.

GREAT CROWD DEEPLY STIRRED

By Addresses Made at Closing Session of Vermont War Conference

VERMONTERS TOLD THEY MUST SACRIFICE

If the Prussian System and Its Menace to Be Put Down

The Vermont War Conference in Montpelier came to a close shortly after 10 o'clock last night, and if there was any uneasiness in the minds of the people during the afternoon because the committee did not fill the hall, there certainly was no occasion to find fault in the evening, for nearly every one of the 1,763 seats in the house were taken, and there were some 50 standing during the latter part of the addresses at the back of the hall.

The Barre Pipe and Drum band were a little late in arriving at the hall, owing to the trolley service, but they made a hit. They marched to the front part of the hall, to seats reserved for them, and then a thing which was not a part of the program occurred. Rev. Laughlin McLean Watt recognized one of them as an acquaintance and immediately several went forward to shake hands with him. The band played several selections during the evening, each time getting a round of applause.

Chairman L. P. Shack, after calling the meeting to order, introduced Gov. Graham, who presided over the meeting. In his introductory of the first speaker, he stated that he was not going to make an address, but that he wanted to say one thing, which was: "When this contest is settled for all time, it will be that right makes might and not that might makes right," which brought applause. When he was introduced, the audience stood in honor of the executive of the state. At another time in his introductory remarks he said: "The line may bend, but it will not break," which brought applause. Preceding the addresses, the Montpelier Military band gave a concert.

Scotland's Story Told.

Rev. Laughlin McLean Watt, who has seen service in the trenches and who has preached for some 21 years, was the last speaker of the evening, but he probably was the most forcible of the trio. He had his audience almost on its feet at times and would then carry them almost to tears with pathos. He told of the wars Scotland has been in. This he followed with a story of the Somme and the hospital, where he saw the terrible condition in which the men came to the hospital. He said that the patriotism of his country did not necessitate drafting, telling how in three months they had 1,250,000 soldiers in Scotland. His closest friend during his war service was a priest. The Scotch even went without clothing enough to furnish them and food enough at first, but they were able to get it shortly. He said America has little realization of what the war is. He described in detail the effects of the gas upon the soldiers, how rapidly it killed them. He described the trenches and the dugouts, telling how every comfort that can be secured is given the men. The feeling among the wounded is that the next fellow is worse than he. He praised the work of the Red Cross as the cheering thing of the war. He told the history of the Scotch flag, which has crossed the sea to show for the world. For three and one-half years England has been dying, but now America has come to them; but they must come fast, so that the Hun may be driven back. The war will not end until might has been defeated by Might, with the righteousness of the cross to help. He showed to his audience that the taxes of the United States have been light thus far.

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The session was opened with prayer by Rev. S. F. Blomfield, followed by singing. A welcome was given by Mrs. O. H. Richardson, and Mrs. Richmond responded. The reports of the secretaries showed good work in the last year as well as those of the different departments. Mrs. Minnie L. Pearson of Orleans, state president, spoke in the evening, giving an interesting address upon the work of the society.

Thomas Tongway and James Drummond yesterday enlisted in the merchant marine, registering at the Red Cross Pharmacy station.

PRUSSIAN SYSTEM MUST BE STOPPED

Frederick C. Wolcott of New York City first conveyed a message from Mr. Hoover, expressing the heartiest appreciation of what Vermont has done in food conservation. Mr. Hoover then passed on to tell of his experiences and observations in Europe during the early years of the war, and dwell especially on the conditions in Poland. He gave an interesting account of his attempts to relieve the starving people and the action along this line by the several governments, which all came to naught finally by the action of the German government, who embarked on a policy of starvation to get the industrial people of Poland out of their own country and into Germany for economic reasons.

The speaker declared that the German people do not look on war horrors as we do. He invited the attention of a German general to the sad plight of the Polish people, only to be informed that this policy of starvation had been agreed upon, because of its effectiveness in driving industrial workers out of the country. The Prussian idea is that might is right.

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