

GERMANS CROSS AISNE RIVER AND DRIVE ALLIED LINE BACK FOR SEVERAL MILES. ALLIES WERE SUCCESSFUL IN FLANDERS

They Have Pressed Allied Line Back on a Front of Nearly 20 Miles and Are Now Heading for Vesle River Which is Five Miles From Aisne

FRENCH BEARING MOST OF BRUNT OF DRIVE; RESERVES SPEEDING UP

French Communications Are Good on This Front—Confidence is Expressed That Force Can be Sent to Threatened Point That Will Stop Drive

The Germans, striking south from the Chemin-des-Dames after carrying that important ridge in the opening of their new offensive yesterday, have pushed on rapidly and effected a crossing of the Aisne river between Vailly and Berry-au-Bac.

This represents a front of nearly 20 miles along which the armies of the crown prince engaged in this great drive have crossed the Aisne. In addition, they have apparently pushed at points some distance south of the river and are striking for the river Vesle, which parallels the Aisne along the greater part of this front at an average distance of about five miles.

The Vesle at its mostly southerly point in this sector is approximately ten miles from the German point of departure, but the German penetration is apparently considerably short of this depth.

The battle is continuing fiercely along the whole Aisne front to-day, the brunt of it being borne by the French, before whose lines there was seemingly the greatest concentration for the enemy effort. The French communications are excellent in this sector, however, and the probability is that reserves are speedily being sent up to place before the Germans a force that can effectively stop them.

The British, when the battle started, apparently were holding a line approximately 12 miles long, between Barmecourt, seven miles northwest of Rheims, and Craonne across the Aisne to the northwest, the line straddling the Aisne at about midway this distance, near Berry-au-Bac.

There is no indication that the British right flank was materially affected by the shock. The left flank, however, felt the effect of the impact on the French front, further west, where a crossing of the Aisne was forced, and the British left was obliged to fall back in conformity.

The British line to the west of Berry-au-Bac is now wholly south of the Aisne, according to the indications in to-day's official statements.

The German attack in Flanders was evidently a subsidiary affair, not even on the scale of some of the previous offensive movements there, although there was an extremely heavy concentration of troops for the front attacked.

The French bore the brunt of this blow and repulsed it with the loss of scarcely any ground, the Germans succeeding only in pushing in something like a half mile south of Diekebusch lake, about four miles southwest of Ypres. This morning the British and French made a counter-attack in this sector, which was progressing well at latest advices and promised to turn the whole German effort on the northern front into a complete failure, which had cost the enemy heavily.

Military opinion seems to be swaying between the view that the southerly attack, now being pressed by the Germans between Soissons and Rheims, is the main enemy effort in the resumption of his offensive, or whether he is planning to deal an even greater blow at the Aisne front, where his first great stroke was delivered this spring.

In view of the persistence with which the Germans are now following up their early success, in storming the Chemin-des-Dames and forcing the Aisne crossings, it seems probable that the former opinion will gain strength and that a determined following up of the enemy effort, in the shape of a drive for Paris, will be looked for. General Foch's strategy is counted upon to employ the vast effective forces at his command so as to counter the Germans effectively when they have fully developed their purpose, whichever way the attack may trend.

FRENCH DEFEAT FORCED BRITISH LEFT TO RETIRE

Letter Were Compelled to Retire After Germans Had Succeeded in Making Passage of Aisne River—Great Pressure Against British.

London, May 28.—The Germans yesterday forced a passage of the Aisne river west of the British sector, compelling the left of the British line to fall back, the war office announces. The enemy maintained pressure all day yesterday against the British on that front. Severe fighting continues to-day. The Germans are developing attacks of

ALLIES START COUNTER BLOW

Attack Made East of Diekebusch Lake on Flanders Front

EARLY REPORTS TELL OF PROGRESS MADE

Success for the Allies There Would Be Severe Blow to the Germans

With the British Army in France, May 28.—(By Associated Press).—British and French troops this morning launched a counter attack in Flanders, east of Diekebusch lake. The attack began well. Success would make the enemy's assault of yesterday a complete and costly failure.

In yesterday's attack in Flanders between Loers and Voormezele, the Germans are believed to have employed four divisions on one part of this front, measuring 6,000 yards. The enemy troops were pushed so severely that the French, on the right flank, did not even get to close quarters with them.

BOHEMIANS JOIN ITALIAN FORCES

Regiment Now Battling Against Austria—Bohemia Is Said to Hope for Independence.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, May 28 (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Bohemian hopes of independence from the domination of Austria-Hungary assumed a more concrete form recently in a large city near the Italian front when a regiment of Bohemian troops received a battle flag on the eve of their departure for the fighting line. Under their own red and white banner and their own officers, the Bohemians are now ranged in the ranks of the entente allied forces, in battling against their oppressors.

The formation of the Bohemian regiment gives a definiteness to the recent congress held in Rome of representatives of the various Slav elements which seek to throw off the Austrian yoke—Serbs, Croats, Slovenes, Czechs, Slovaks and Poles. The Serbs, Croats and Slovenes have an independent national organization known as the Jugo-Slavs, while the Czechs, Slovaks and Poles, the northern Slavs also are working toward independence. All are bound together by the bond of Slav sympathy and are animated by the aspiration to throw off the tyranny of Austria.

In addition to bringing all the Slav elements into accord, the meetings in Rome have also brought the Jugo-Slavs and Bohemians into closer accord with the allies. The close relations established between Italy and the Jugo-Slavs are of special importance to the harmony of the allied cause, for together the Italians and Jugo-Slavs completely encircle the Adriatic. Italy predominates on the west and her aspirations extend to beyond Austria. The extensive Slav frontage on the eastern coast of the Adriatic is now in complete harmony with Italy and the allied cause.

PARIS SUBURBS WERE BOMBARDED

But Defenses Prevented German Raiders From Reaching the City Itself.

Paris, May 28.—German aviators attempted last night to raid Paris. They dropped bombs in the suburbs, but were prevented from flying over the city.

LANDAU, GERMANY, BOMBED.

Garrison Headquarters and Some Private Houses Hit.

TALK OF THE TOWN

O. H. Hale, who has conducted an auction market in the building owned by the Granite Savings bank at the rear of Jack's Lunch in Depot square, is to vacate his present quarters within a few days, and for a time he expects to be located just across the street in the vacant apartment of the A. Tomasi building. It is reported that extensive alterations will be made to the brick structure hitherto used in connection with the open-air auction market.

Leonard Lander, who recently returned to this city from Middletown, N. Y., where he has been employed during the past two years by the Standard Oil company, and who has been spending a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lander of this city, expects to leave this evening for Boston, where he will undergo the physical examinations for the merchant marine. Another young man, Charles Gibbons, will also leave this evening for Boston to sign the enlistment papers for that branch of service.

WANT TO TEND GRAVES OF AMERICAN DEAD

Aged French Women in Rear of Lines in Picardy Give Impressive Tribute of Affection—They Show Great Affection for Americans.

With the American Army in France, Monday, May 27 (By the Associated Press).—Aged French women in the villages in the rear of the American sector in Picardy have asked and received permission to take care of one or more graves of American soldiers. This tribute is all the more impressive because it comes from peasant women, most of whom have been robbed of their husbands and sons by the war and have had a hard time to sustain themselves.

The affection with which the villagers regard the Americans is most pathetic at times. The difficulty of languages is swept aside and the villagers share the American sorrows and joys. In the villages where American troops are billeted and which are in constant danger from enemy shells, the Americans share their gas masks with the peasants and teach them how to use them.

SHELL EXPLODED IN PARIS STREET

Three Women Were Just Getting Into Tramcar and One Was Killed and the Other Two Were Injured—Total Casualties Monday Were 17.

Paris, Monday, May 27.—Three persons were killed and fourteen injured in the bombardment of Paris to-day by the German long range guns. One shell burst in a crowded street in front of a tramway station. Three women were getting into a car. One was killed and the others injured. Several persons within the car, one a child, were injured.

JOHN B. WHITE NAMED ON LABOR POLICY BOARD

Investigation Will Be Started Soon to Find Out Needs of Labor with a View of Formulating Labor Budget.

Washington, D. C., May 28.—John B. White, former president of the United States Mine Workers of America, and at present labor advisor to the fuel administration, has been appointed representative of Fuel Administrator Garfield on the labor policy board, according to announcement to-day. The labor policy board will soon institute an investigation of the needs of labor, with a view of formulating a labor budget.

INTERNED ALIENS MUST GO TO WORK

Crowder's Order Causd 100 to Be Transferred from Fort Oglethorpe to Camp Devens.

Washington, D. C., May 28.—Protest Marshal General Crowder's work or fight order has been applied to interned enemy aliens by the department and many Germans, formerly engaged in business in the large cities of the country, soon will be plying hoes, rakes and other farm implements in gardens at troop camps, raising vegetables for the soldiers.

AMERICANS CARRY MORE CARTRIDGES

Light Web Belt Enables Them to Be Supplied with 200 Rounds, While Germans Have But 120.

Washington, D. C., May 28.—Through the use of light web ammunition belts, American and British infantrymen carry 100 more rounds of rifle ammunition than their German opponents with leather holsters and the Germans. One of the next quotas will go to Camp Dix, N. J. A four-hundred acre farm will be cultivated at Camp Dix. Each one-hundred aliens will be looked after by 25 soldiers.

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NAVY.

Registrants in Class 1-A, According to War Department.

Boston, May 28.—Registrants under the selective service law who have been placed in class 1-A by local boards cannot enlist for naval service under instruction received from the war department by Major Walcott, in charge of the draft in Massachusetts. Eligible draftees other than those in class 1-A, are not barred from enlistment in the navy, however.

AVIATORS KILLED.

One Dropped 1000 Feet at Hempstead, L. I.; Another at San Antonio.

New York, May 28.—Cadet Charles R. Passwater of Nobleville, Ind., was killed at the Hempstead, L. I., army aviation field to-day, when an airplane in which he attempted to negotiate a "tail spin" at an altitude of 2,000 feet, crashed to the ground.

U. S. AIRMEN ARE IN FIGHT

Assisted French Infantry in Region of Point-au-Mousson

SWOOPED DOWN ON THE TRENCHES

And Poured an Avalanche of Bullets into the Enemy

With the American Army in France, Monday, May 27.—A number of American airplanes late this afternoon assisted the French infantry in fighting near Point-Au-Mousson. Swooping down over the German lines the Americans poured an avalanche of bullets into the enemy's trenches.

AMERICAN LINE TWICE PENETRATED

But the Defenders Ousted the Germans Before Daylight on Picardy Front.

Washington, May 28.—Another section of General Pershing's communique of yesterday made public to-day by the war department, said that an enemy bombardment and a gas attack on American advance positions in Picardy before daylight yesterday was repulsed by counter attacks. Two places in the American lines were penetrated. An attempted raid accompanied by artillery in the Woivreux was repulsed. There were gas attacks in Lorraine yesterday.

The text of the communique follows: "Section B. In Picardy before daylight this morning the enemy after a violent bombardment with high explosives and gas, attacked our advance positions in three detachments. In two places he penetrated small portions of our front lines. Shortly afterward our troops counter attacked, expelled the Germans at all points and our artillery, after a violent bombardment of the enemy and some prisoners were taken. Our casualties are light. In one case an American was taken prisoner and all of his captors were killed. Our troops displayed a fine offensive spirit at all times and have achieved a notable success."

TALK OF THE TOWN

Garrett T. Roberts went to Montpelier this morning to apply for enlistment in the navy. Mrs. Katherine Troup underwent an operation for appendicitis at the City hospital Sunday afternoon. Amelio Ferrari of Granite street left the city yesterday for Fort Slocum, N. Y., having enlisted in the army. Children in the graded schools of the city are planning to hold pre-Memorial day exercises to-morrow afternoon. Joseph Kovalek, who conducts a tailor shop at Camp Devens, returned to Aver, Mass., to-day, after passing a few days with his family. S. Conos of the United Fruit store left this morning on a business trip to Springfield and Bellows Falls, expecting to be absent until Saturday. Ralph Wilcox of East Brookfield, who was brought to the City hospital for an operation for appendicitis Saturday night, is improving slowly. A number of Barre marksmen went to Montpelier this morning to participate in the trapshooting tournament instituted by the Montpelier Gun Club. Peter Merlo, who left Barre last week to begin active service in the navy, writes friends here that he has been assigned to duty in the camp at Pelham Bay, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. George Shannon, who were recently married in Forestdale, have returned to Barre. Mr. Shannon will continue as a lineman in the employ of the New England Telephone Co. John A. Cross of Northfield, H. J. M. Jones and S. H. Jackson, representing the Barre granite industry, have returned from a trip to Buffalo, N. Y., where they attended a conference. Amendments to the congressional legislation affecting war risk insurance have been received by the local members of the committee of public safety, any of whom will be glad to explain the change in the laws to those interested. The body of Mrs. Gora H. Brown, who passed away at 404 Perry street early yesterday morning, was removed to-day to Montpelier, where a private funeral is to be held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Steele, 152 Main street, Wednesday forenoon at 10:30 o'clock.

HOW MUCH FOR THE WAR CHEST?

Barre People are Urged to Be Making Up Their Minds.

Barre is going to be lonesome for you unless you are determined to help rip the lid off the victory war chest. The campaign for Barre's municipal war chest is just around the corner, and while the self-enlisted workers are willing to give their time and energy to completing final preparations, they are asking you to be making up your mind as to how much, not how little, your contribution will be. At city hall V. E. Ayers and City Clerk James Maguire are in charge of several people engaged in the rather arduous task of compiling the figures gathered by the school children in their census ten days ago. June 4 is the date tentatively fixed for the big drive.

Everybody will concur in the proposition that it is one's patriotic duty and privilege to subscribe to the war chest as the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A. and the R. of C. and other worthy causes. It is a proposition that leaves no room for argument, and therefore the war chest as a separate and distinct proposal to eliminate the delirium and duplicated expenditure of energy peculiar to successive campaigns by insuring one and for all the maintenance of the war chest. Barre's quotas may be immediately contributed as fast as the demands are made by legitimate war charities. The war chest idea is efficiency in another guise, efficiency matched against the tremendous waste of energy and loss of time involved in organizing and carrying on a campaign every time a quota is assigned to the city.

Every citizen should welcome the war chest. Campaigns have been held during our first year of the war and you hear from time to time that other campaigns are coming. Such sporadic campaigns are a waste of effort when it is considered that the same end might be attained through one drive or campaign for a war chest. In Montpelier, for example, the citizens have a well filled war chest. Last week when Montpelier's quota of \$5,000 was announced, the disbursing board immediately dug into the community war chest and gave the desired contribution. Montpelier went about its business while its sister towns and cities, or those of them that are without the war chest engaged in feverish, hectic plans for campaigns.

Individual pledges guaranteeing a regular income for the chest form the secret of the idea. Every man, woman and child—and they are all listed in the census—is asked to pledge so much per week or month for the maintenance of the chest. Payments may be made as best suits a man's convenience, or a woman's, or a child's convenience. They may be made in a lump sum, or in regular installments throughout the year.

A LOYALTY CALL

Issued by Governor Graham to All Vermont People.

Owing to the fact there have been so many proclamations in the last year for different occasions connected with the war, Gov. H. F. Graham is not issuing any proclamation this Memorial day but has sent the following letter to the appropriate institutions and officials: "I earnestly urge that Vermonters give heed to the proclamation of the president, setting apart Thursday, May 30, Memorial day, as a day of public mourning, prayer and fasting. The thoughts of every true home in the land will be with loved ones in camp and in hospital, on the seas and in the field. We know many will return, many will not. Those who have made the utmost sacrifice will be held in loving remembrance. Let us on this holy day consecrate anew ourselves and our all to the task to which we are committed."

"On Memorial day, let us honor the heroes who founded and preserved this great free nation, which to-day is able and willing to fight for all humanity. Let us thank God for the courage and sacrifices of those who have built this country on a foundation of justice and have made it an example of liberty and a mighty force for right. Let our own citizens reflect upon the vigor of the fathers in establishing Vermont; Freedom and Unity." The state which furnished to the Civil War troops of the highest character and in superior numbers can well show humble reverence to our aged veterans and highly resolve to sustain the best Vermonters of to-day, those who have answered the call to the colors.

"In this great crisis there can be no room for divided loyalty. As the great Lincoln pointed out, 'A house divided against itself cannot stand.' To-day, he would give this wider application. A world divided against itself cannot stand. The world must become all autocratic or all democratic.

"We believe our cause is just. We renew our thanks to Almighty God for His wisdom and mercy, and pray that with His help the allied arms shall establish peace throughout the earth."

HILL TRAIN CUT OFF.

Will Not Be Run Saturdays Till November.

The announcement is made by officials of the Barre & Chelsea railroad that the passenger train that has been operated Saturday afternoons and nights to the hill for many years, has been discontinued and that the order went into effect May 25, and that the train will not be operated again until Saturday, Nov. 2. The reason for taking off the train is understood to be due to lack of patronage. This train has been run for many years and it is understood that a protest is being made by the patrons of the road against its removal from service. Notices of the discontinuance of the train had been sent by the officials of the company to the different offices along the line. The Pullman car which has been run summers between Burlington and Bretton Woods, N. H., is not to be operated this year. It is understood that it is a part of the curtailment of service due to war conditions to cut off this service this summer.

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IS SILENT ON IRISH QUESTION

The British Government Had Nothing to Offer in the House of Commons

ANDREW BONAR LAW REPORTED TO HAVE

He Also Stated at 300 Wounded British Killed by German Airmen

London, May 28.—Andrew Bonar Law, government spokesman in the House of Commons, to-day announced that he had no intention at present of making any statement regarding affairs in Ireland. Mr. Law also told the lower House that 300 casualties to hospital cases had been caused by the bombing of British hospitals in France by German aviators.

WAS WELL KNOWN IN ORANGE.

Emmitte Peasley, Aged 61, Died Last Night.

Emmitte Peasley, a well known resident of Orange, passed away at his home in that town Monday night at 11:20 o'clock, the end following a week's illness of pneumonia. The deceased was sixty-one years old, and had been a resident of Orange for the past thirty-five years. Mrs. Peasley's death occurred in 1893. He is survived by his daughter, who resides in Florida, and two brothers, William Peasley of Boston, and Fred Peasley of Florida. Mr. Peasley was highly respected by his acquaintances and will be much missed by his fellow townsmen.

NAVAL ENLISTMENTS.

Several Accepted and a Few Were Rejected.

Arthur L. Averill of Barre, James L. Guthrie of Barre, Peter Johndro of Barre and Arthur W. Giese of South Woodbury were accepted at the navy recruiting station in Montpelier to-day, while John J. Nally of Lawrence, Mass., John P. Hoffman of Moretown and Gilbert A. Bailey of Barre were rejected. Chief Master at Arms Charles Mitchell received a request this morning that publicity be given to the fact that there is great need for electricians in the navy, both for general service and for the aviation branch.

ONE REPORTS

And Another Is Held to Be a Deserter.

The local board for Washington county announced this afternoon that G. Luchini of Barre, one of the draft quota which left last Saturday, who failed to show up at that time, has reported at Camp Devens from Worcester, Mass. Adjutant General of the Army McCall announces that Emelio Wherynari, a member of the same draft, is a deserter.

TALK OF THE TOWN

J. C. Calderara of Circle street Wednesday, May 22. James Rothnie of Detroit, Mich., a former resident of Barre, is passing a vacation of 15 days with friends in Forsythe place. Harold Faulkner of South Main street commenced his duties at the American Express company's office this forenoon, succeeding Joseph Bainbridge, who was one of the young men in the last draft quota, which left last week for Camp Devens. Members of the senior class at Spaulding high school are completing plans for a class book, which is to take the place of the class picture, which classes in the past have had. The book will contain a photograph of each member of the class, together with a short account of their activities during their school curriculum. Plans for the book have been almost completed, and it is expected that the book will be placed in the hands of the printer within a few days. At a class meeting of the boys last week, it was decided to wear white flannel trousers at the commencement exercises, and the measurements of each member of the class have been taken by a local clothing dealer. Gentlemen's night was observed last night by the Netop class of the Methodist Sunday school. At 6:30 a fish supper was served in the church basement, which was decorated with carnations and evergreen. At the conclusion of the supper, toasts were responded to by Miss Faustina Maker, Glenn Carpenter, Miss Eva Smith, George Maker, C. S. Andrews, Mrs. B. G. Lipsky, and Rev. Mr. Lipsky, the president of the class. Mrs. C. A. Dodge, acting as toastmistress. The gentlemen who were the guests of the evening have had in mind for some time the organization of a men's Bible class, and they took this opportunity to effect that organization, George Maker having consented to teach the class. The Netops are expecting from now on to have to look to their laurels in order that they may not be outdone in members or labors by this new class. An enthusiastic meeting was held last evening in the Boutwell district when 20 of the residents met at the new school building and organized a Welfare Community club. Mr. Mitchell called a meeting to order and briefly outlined the idea of the organization. He then called on Supt. G. J. Seager, who gave a talk regarding the work of such clubs in rural communities. It was voted to hold a meeting the last Monday evening of each month during the summer. The following officers were elected: President, J. E. Mitchell; vice-president, Andrew Johnson; secretary, Mrs. F. R. Northrop; treasurer, Eli Boutwell. A committee was chosen for drafting constitution and by-laws, also committees were appointed for programs, entertainments, registration, etc. Several selections were given on the victrola and all joined in singing "America." Nineteen signed as members of the club last evening, and a cordial invitation is extended to all interested in such work to attend the next meeting, Monday evening, June 24.