

DROCOURT-SUEAN "SWITCH LINE" BROKEN; BRITISH MOVE ON CAMBRAI

Allies, Advancing With Irresistible Force, Are Sweeping Famous German Defense System Away, Many Towns, Including Queant Itself, Captured

BRITISH CAPTURED 10,000; FRENCH PIERCING SOUTH LINE

Far North the Germans Evacuated City of Lens—On the Somme Battlefield British Are Moving Rapidly Toward Canal Du Nord

With the British Army in France, Sept. 2, 12:31 p. m. (by the Associated Press).—In heavy fighting last night beyond the Drocourt-Queant line, the British are reported to have made further progress on a front of 13,000 yards.

The villages of Soudemont and Recourt, more than a mile and a half beyond Dury, the capture of which was announced last night, are reported to have been taken to-day.

The village of Etain, two miles north of Dury, fell late yesterday at about the same time British further south were capturing Villers-lez-Cagnicourt. These captures were effected after most bitter fighting. The town of Queant also has been taken.

The enemy was in force, at the last reports, to the southwest and to the north of Queant. From the ridges he was pouring a heavy machine gun fire at the British, who were returning the fire and gaining ground at the same time.

On the Somme battlefield, the British are driving at a pace generally fast in the direction of the Canal du Nord, where the Germans have erected wire. Their trenches here, however, only have been half dug, it is rumored.

The Germans, it seems to be expected, will offer determined resistance along this line, as they now are doing in front of it, and then retire back of the canal, if necessary. With their lines at the canal in such an embryo state, however, little protection will be afforded the enemy should he be forced to take refuge behind them.

On the northern half of the Drocourt-Queant battle front, there were some 5,000 prisoners in the cages last night. Thousands more had been taken to the hospitals wounded, while probably more than 2,000 additional captures had been made on the southern half of the front.

In one place along the line of battle, eight German divisions—or rather four comparatively fresh divisions and the remnants of four other divisions—were fighting against three British divisions. An officer from one of these enemy divisions, which was the Second Guards reserve, said, however, that his division had been in the fighting for more than a week and that its effectiveness would number less than a thousand men. In his battalion, only himself and 24 of his men had survived, he declared. He added that the German losses had been heavier than any that he had suffered previously.

In their push northeastward along the Bapaume-Cambrai road, the British have reached Henegry. (An official address from London this morning reported the British in to-day's advance to have pushed some three and one-half miles beyond this point.) The town of Villers-aux-Étoles, southeast of Bapaume, was in British hands early last evening after severe fighting. After taking Sully-Salles, the British pushed on across the Bapaume-Peronne road, and in the fighting just so strong and is too near Douai and Cambrai to be comfortable to the enemy.

The determined German resistance at the crossroads north of Villers-lez-Cagnicourt was overcome by the British this morning, and Haig's men are now shoving forward in the direction of Cambrai. A strong British force is driving forward on the northern reaches of the Hindenburg line. The British are well inside the Drocourt-Queant line.

So far as learned, no organized counter-attacks have been developed by the Germans, but on the extreme British left determined opposition is developing. British troops to-day advanced well to the east of Peronne and are making steady progress.

LENS HAS FALLEN TO THE BRITISH. Latter Captured 10,000 Germans Monday and More Were Taken To-day—British Are Far in the Drocourt-Queant Line.

London, Sept. 3, 1 p. m.—The British have captured the city of Lens. In the push beyond the Drocourt-Queant line the British have advanced to a point just to the west of Bulsey, two

23 U. S. CLERKS Will Be Sent to Camp Devens Saturday; 35 Soldiers Go Wednesday.

The local boards in the state to-day received a call for 23 men who have volunteered as clerks. These will leave the state Saturday morning, going to Camp Devens, where they will receive their assignment to service in different parts of the state. These men are to be assigned to local, district and medical and legal advisory boards until the first of the year, when they will be transferred elsewhere, which may mean across the Atlantic. It is a chance for those who have been employed in clerical capacities to get into the line of work they want.

To-morrow morning 35 men will leave the county for Camp Devens. They are reporting at the local board office this afternoon. Thursday morning 40 men will leave for Camp Upton.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Miss Christine Ewen of New York is visiting at her former home on Orange street.

Capt. James M. Langley and Mrs. Langley returned yesterday to Camp Devens, after passing a few days in the city.

Private George Fowle of the mechanics returned yesterday to Springfield, Mass., after passing a furlough with relatives.

O. W. Boyce of North Seminary street returned yesterday from an extended visit with relatives in Malone, N. Y., his former home.

Robert Gamble, who has been visiting in the city during the past few days, returned this forenoon to Bellows Falls, where he is employed.

George N. Elden of South Main street was a recent visitor in Branton, where he attended a meeting of the retail shoe dealers of Vermont.

Miss Stella Nelson, a recent graduate of Spaulding high school, has gone to Worcester, where she has been engaged to teach in the Wheelock district.

Charles Cleravalli of Granite street, an upholsterer in the store of B. W. Hooker & Co., who is taking a vacation of two weeks, left to-day for Springfield, Mass., to visit relatives.

Miss Nell Stoughton, who has been passing the summer with her mother, Mrs. Ellen L. Stoughton of French street, returned to-day to Englewood, N. J., where she is engaged as a teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. John O'Leary and children of Eastern avenue returned yesterday from a motor trip to Massachusetts, in the course of which they passed a fortnight with relatives in Winchendon and vicinity.

Miss Isabelle Mackie, who has been spending the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mackie of Beacon street, returned yesterday to St. Johnsbury, where she is a teacher in the public schools.

Mrs. Charles H. Wilkie and two sons of Central street, who have been visiting in Barton for the past two weeks, returned to the city yesterday, accompanied by Mr. Wilkie, who visited in Orleans county during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewart, Mrs. Henry Nardin and son, Henry, and Mrs. F. H. Drake, who have been passing a few days in the city as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collins of South Main street, left to-day for their home in Somerville, Mass.

William Mitchell of North Main street, a barber employed at Miers' downtown shop, is able to resume his duties, after having been detained at home by illness due to ptomaine poisoning. The poisoning was traced to ice cream which the young man purchased a week ago. For several days he was gravely ill.

Despite the fact that one of the largest crowds in years participated in the Labor day program at Caledonia park, the police report a minimum of disturbance on the holiday. It was an orderly crowd and it required little handling. Here in the city especially during the afternoon, the streets were more or less deserted. Not an arrest was made. After the afternoon work on the crowd began drifting back to the city in the evening a large number heard the concert given in City park by the Cristoforo Colombo band. The young musicians gave a very creditable program of patriotic numbers and were heartily applauded.

To-day the Divers Fruit Co. terminated its occupancy of the south store in the Arcade building, and the manager is moving his stock and fixtures to the south store in the Miles building, which the Lamorey Clothing company vacated. Several changes are entailed in the moving of the two concerns. Alterations to the Arcade building are going on apace and a large store is expected to locate in the building when they are completed. The Lamorey company is to occupy the store in the old town house formerly used by E. M. Laws as a fruit store. To the end that the establishment may have a modern business front, a plate glass window is to supplant the present window and a double entrance will be created. While the change is under way, the Lamorey clothing store will be closed. Several improvements suited to the interior of an up-to-date fruit store are to be made in the north apartment of the Miles building.

Holiday arrivals at Hotel Barre yesterday included the following people: Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Robinson of Newport, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Dean of Summit, N. J., Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Ingralle of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Munroe of Montreal, Miss H. Webster of Lawrence, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Ford R. Brigham, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Lewis of Hardwick, M. J. Reed of Rutland, Mrs. Helen Booth and Mrs. J. E. Jennings of Brooklyn, N. Y., E. P. Hamilton of St. Johnsbury, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lane, Miss Laura Lane of Mount Vernon, N. Y., Mrs. C. W. Goodyear, Mrs. Esther Davern, Mrs. Chester, Miss Smith, Miss Treadway and chauffeur of Buffalo, N. Y., W. C. Pattee and party of Bristol, Conn., Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Walker of Boston, Alden F. Dillenbach, H. E. Dillenbach of Springfield, Mass., C. A. Bailey of Essex Junction, Fred Smith of St. Johnsbury, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Woodruff of Manchester, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hodgman of Boston.

Paris, Sept. 3.—(Havas).—Constant movements toward the rear of the German lines on the Somme front in the regions of Ham and Guiscard are reported by the correspondent of Le Journal at British headquarters. Hospitals and dressing stations are being hastily removed, while convoys are moving northward, harassed by entente airplanes.

ALLIES WIN IN RUSSIA. Have Advanced 75 Miles South of Archangel.

London, Sept. 3.—Entente allied troops in northern European Russia, aided by Russian forces, on Aug. 31, captured the enemy's positions north of Oboserskaya, 75 miles south of Archangel, according to an official report issued to-day by the British war office.

GOES INTO WAR WORK. Rev. James B. Sargent of Northfield Given Leave of Absence.

Northfield, Sept. 3.—Rev. James B. Sargent, for 13 years pastor of the Congregational church, has been granted a year's leave of absence in order to engage in war work overseas. He left Saturday for Columbia university, where he will receive preliminary instruction for a week or ten days. Mrs. Sargent and three daughters have been granted the use of the parsonage for the year.

RECOGNIZED AS ALLY OF U. S.

Czecho-Slovak People Welcomed as a Co-Belligerent Nation

SECRETARY LANSING GAVE FORMAL NOTICE

Headquarters of the New Nation at Present in Paris

Washington, D. C., Sept. 3.—The United States has recognized the Czecho-Slovak peoples as a co-belligerent nation in the war against Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Prof. T. G. Masaryk, president of the Czecho-Slovak national council and commander-in-chief of the Czecho-Slovak armies fighting in Russia, France and Italy, met Secretary Lansing at the state department at noon to-day and was formally notified of President Wilson's action.

Great Britain, France and Italy already recognized the Czecho-Slovaks, and Japan has given implied recognition by participation in the international Siberian expedition, which is aiding the Czecho-Slovaks and loyal Russians in re-establishing the eastern front.

The headquarters of the nation are at present in Paris, but its territorial boundaries include Bohemia, Moravia and a portion of Galicia, all now under Austrian domination.

SURVIVORS LANDED.

Were Crew of Many Boats Sunk By German Submarine.

A Canadian Atlantic port, Sept. 3.—One hundred and fifty-nine men, comprising the crews of a Norwegian steamer and five Lusenburg, New Foundland and French fishing schooners, recent victims of a German submarine, have arrived here on a trawler, it was announced to-day. The men, in thirty-one dories, had been nearly a week in making land. They were picked up off the Grand Banks.

The men reported that after they were ordered from their craft, they were not allowed to go back for food, clothing or money.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. James Johnston of Highland avenue were among the Barre people who attended the Labor day celebration in Northfield.

Because of the holiday, the regular meeting of the city council, which proposes many happy returns of the day, will be held this evening, as it is the rule of long standing that in the event of a holiday conflicting the council meeting shall be held on the following evening. Aldermen Loranger and McMillan, being unaware of the rule, were present at the council chamber last evening. As no one else appeared they concluded not to tarry.

A pleasant surprise party was given Mrs. W. F. Bradford at her home, 30 Park street, on Saturday from 3 to 5 p. m., the occasion being in honor of her birthday, when her friends took possession, showing by gifts, flowers, etc., the high esteem in which she is held. A social time followed, each guest presenting a souvenir. Refreshments of cake and ice cream were served, after which the guests wished the hostess many happy returns of the day.

Once at Dodge's crossing and again near Jones Bros' granite plant Car No. 23, returning from Caledonia park late yesterday afternoon with a heavy load of picnickers, left the rails, only to be restored by the conductor and motorman through a combination of persistence and good luck. No one was injured, although the first derailment, occurring near a bank which skirts the river, caused a number of running board passengers to step lively in avoiding a fall.

Labor leaders in Barre who had charge of yesterday's picnic said to-day that the attendance was most gratifying. The crowd, they agreed, was the largest in years and some of the old timers ascertained that Caledonia park never was the mecca for a larger picnic party.

These films show in an interesting and educational manner some of the activities of the department and of the important lessons which the department is trying to teach. Films that have already been released show work of the pig clubs, road building, forest-fire prevention, poultry management, cattle and sheep grazing on the national forests, types of horses, co-operative berry-growing in the Pacific Northwest, the government's method of tree planting on the national forests, how the department regulates logging on the national forests, and the work of the forest ranger.

Uncle Sam Supplies Films. One motion-picture film is now being supplied every two weeks by the United States department of agriculture for release in the Universal Screen Magazine. These films show in an interesting and educational manner some of the activities of the department and of the important lessons which the department is trying to teach. Films that have already been released show work of the pig clubs, road building, forest-fire prevention, poultry management, cattle and sheep grazing on the national forests, types of horses, co-operative berry-growing in the Pacific Northwest, the government's method of tree planting on the national forests, how the department regulates logging on the national forests, and the work of the forest ranger.

AUTO RAN WILD AMONG CROWD

Two Unconscious Women on Front Seat, They Having Been Struck by Rope

THAT WAS STRETCHED TO HOLD CROWD BACK

Accident at Northfield Miracle That No One Was Killed

Northfield, Sept. 3.—Miss Jarilla Hedges was quite severely injured and her brother, Lewis, and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Smith were badly bruised yesterday when an automobile in which they were riding struck a rope which had been stretched taut to keep back the Labor day crowd, the two women being hit in the face by the rope and made unconscious, Mr. Smith being snapped out when the rope caught under his chin and the automobile running wild with its three remaining occupants until it collided with and broke off a granite post, halting its speed so that men in the crowd could jump aboard and shut off the power. That no one in the large crowd was injured is considered remarkable.

The machine was driven around the corner at a fairly fast rate, the driver apparently not seeing the rope stretched across a narrow gap near the Sanborn drug store. The rope struck the windshield and then snapped back with great force against the faces of the two women, who were riding on the front seat. So great was the force of the blow that the heads of both women were forced violently against the back of the seat, both women being rendered unconscious. Then the car moved on, the rope struck Mr. Smith under the chin and lifted him bodily out of the back of the machine, turning him over once or twice and then hurling him on his head to the road. The Hedges boy, aged about 14, avoided the greater part of the blow.

With no hand at the wheel, the automobile dashed across the edge of the common, up onto the sidewalk, was deflected back toward the common and against a heavy stone post. Even such an obstruction as the post could not stop the progress of the car entirely but enough so that men in the crowd clambered on the running board and shut off the power. Mrs. Smith, Miss Hedges and the latter's brother were still in the machine. The two women, unconscious, were lifted out and carried to C. F. Hatch's store, where medical aid was summoned. Mrs. Smith soon recovered consciousness and with her husband was able to be taken home. Miss Hedges was carried to the Whitney sanatorium.

Miss Hedges' face was badly cut, there being a three-cornered cut on the nose and the bridge of the nose being broken. One cheek was also badly lacerated and one wrist was injured, although not broken. Later she recovered consciousness and is doing as well as could be expected to-day.

The accident happened at about 1:30 o'clock, just before the afternoon's Labor day program was about to start, and there was a large crowd on the common and in the immediate vicinity. The crowd ran hither and thither to avoid the runaway automobile and all got out of the way safely.

BIG DAY AT NORTHFIELD.

John W. Gordon the Speaker—"Kiltie" Band Proved Popular.

Northfield, Sept. 3.—A large crowd attended the Labor day celebration in this village yesterday. A parade was held in the morning, beginning at 9:30, with Col. Frank L. Howe as marshal. Other participants in the parade were the band, the master of ceremonies, Rev. C. E. Bingham, the speaker of the day, John W. Gordon of Barre, the G. A. R. in automobile, the Barre Pipe and Drum band, the Northfield branch of the G. C. I. A., other labor union men and the Northfield fire department.

The address by Mr. Gordon was an excellent one and was listened to with close attention. The "Kiltie" band of Barre was one of the star attractions, eliciting great applause all through the day. There were exhibition contests of the Highland Fling and the sword dance, Fordyce Ritchie winning first in the former and second in the latter, while Francis Ritchie took second in the former and first in the sword dance. Many sports were run off during the afternoon.

NETTED \$700 FOR RED CROSS.

East Randolph Celebration Was a Grand Success.

East Randolph, Sept. 3.—The Labor day Red Cross benefit here yesterday was one grand success from start to finish, and netted in round figures the sum of \$700 for the Red Cross.

The exercises of the day began early in the forenoon with a ball game and other sports on the grounds back of the schoolhouse. The ladies served a boiled dinner in Woodmen's hall at noon, which was generously patronized. At 1:30 there were interesting addresses by Judge Stanley C. Wilson and Rev. Harry F. Fuller, and music by the band. The latter part of the afternoon was given over to an auction of contributed articles, which included livestock, household furniture and fruits and vegetables. The day wound up with an old and young folks' dance, with everybody happy at the successful outcome of the venture.

GOT ONLY WAGES.

Former Liquor Licensee Says Others Got the Rest.

Labyrinthine courses through which liquor licenses sometimes pass, once they are granted, were described in municipal court this morning when the Plattsburg, N. Y., firm of Payette & Mendelssohn pressed its claim for recovery against Emilio Portualupi before a jury of 12. The defendant, titular holder of a first-class license in 1916, with an establishment at 431 North Main street, testified that he received \$25 per week during the 11 months of his connection with the business and that J. D. Osola and Wilson & Gaul got the rest of the money.

Portualupi was still testifying in cross examination when court took a recess at noon. Payette & Mendelssohn deal in cigars and liquors and they allege that the defendant owes them \$90 for cigars purchased while he was a first-class licensee. Mr. Portualupi, in his story on the witness stand, countered with the claim that he was released from all liability by creditors of the establishment when it became apparent that sometime he might be held for bills contracted that others might profit. Defendant further testified that Payette & Mendelssohn, before the license became operative, loaned him money on a note that the license fee might be paid. The name of Joseph D. Osola appeared frequently in the testimony of Portualupi and it was Osola, the witness said, who advised him to sign the note and who figured in the agreement whereby the defendant was to receive \$25 weekly for his share of the proceeds. The defendant was proceeded on the stand by Julius Mendelssohn, who testified that nothing in the way of communications coming from the defendant during his tenure as a licensee tended to inform the firm that he was not liable for bills contracted in his name.

Atty. William Wishart appeared for the plaintiff and the defendant was represented by Gleason & Wilcox of Montpelier, with Atty. F. E. Gleason as the court appearance.

The following jurors heard the evidence: A. M. Stafford, Fred E. Perrin, W. A. Lane, E. R. Tarbox, Justus Ketchum, Robert Gordon, W. S. Whelan, A. W. Eastman, Alex J. Young, V. E. Ayers, G. M. Burroughs, B. H. Tenney.

FOUR SONS AND SON-IN-LAW IN SERVICE

Mrs. Martha W. Arnold of Bethel Has Made Large Offering to the Cause of the Allies.

Bethel, Sept. 3.—Mrs. Martha W. Arnold of the village, for many years post-mistress of Bethel, has a service flag bearing five stars displayed on the lawn at her home on North Main street. This flag represents four sons and a son-in-law, as follows: Private Alfred Arnold, Co. A, 14th railway engineers, who has been at the front a year or more and when last heard from was recovering at hospital after being gassed; Sergt. Wallace Arnold of Co. D, 331st infantry, who arrived in France this summer; Private Edwin Arnold of Co. D, 63d infantry, who at present is at Camp Meade, Md.; Donald Arnold, who joins the Windsor county contingent at White River Junction to-day; and Captain Norman S. Case, who is in the service of supply in the provost marshal-general's office at Tours, France. Not long ago, Capt. Case and Sergt. Arnold were much surprised when the latter entered the office of the former on an errand.

What Vermont mother exalts Mrs. Arnold's record as a war mother?

THERE WERE SOME SLACKERS

Who Drove Motor Cars Sunday Without Good and Sufficient Reason.

Through the week-end a very large percentage of Barre people who own cars went through the figurative motion of bowing gracefully to the request of the fuel administration that pleasure riding be abandoned until the war is over. The fuel administrator merely requested and did not demand that motorists refrain from pleasure rides, that was no fear of penalization among those who obeyed the request. It was patriotism, nothing less, and the fact that so many let their motor engines remain dormant for the day shows how wholeheartedly people are backing the administration.

Not much can be said for those who ignored the request. Of those who palpably disobeyed the spirit of the request, it is probable that a majority were out-of-the-state motorists. Perhaps the ties of duty were not strong in comparison with the lure of the Green mountains. But for them and for a certain number of local people and others living not far distant, who made themselves peculiarly conspicuous Sunday, it cannot be said that patriotic business as a very lambent flame. For most of the people remaining at home who drive motor cars there are few enough things that can be done to help win the war, and compliance with the gasolineless Sunday request is one of the least of these.

FORMER BARRE MAN KILLED.

Angus N. Murray Worked in Stores in This City.

Word has been received by relatives that Angus N. Murray, a former resident of Barre, was killed in action on Aug. 9. He was a member of Co. B, 29th battalion, Canadian overseas forces, and enlisted in British Columbia. Mr. Murray was a former employe of the late M. D. McGowan and also worked at the F. D. Ladd Co. store. It was during his employment at these places that he made the acquaintance of a large number of friends who will learn with regret of his demise.

For 11 years previous to enlistment he was employed in Portland, Ore. He leaves his wife and child; also a sister, Mrs. J. F. McKenzie of Williamstown, and a sister, Mrs. Donald Murray of Graniteville. Other relatives live in Scotland. The deceased was a member while here was an attendant at the Pres. of Granite lodge, No. 35, of this city, and a byerian church.

LABOR'S BIG DAY WAS HONORED

Military Tone Was Lent by Presence of the United States Troops

MAYOR C. J. FRENCH OF CONCORD SPOKE

Large Crowd Went to Caledonia Park Yesterday

Everything made for success in Barre's Labor day observance yesterday. Made to order weather could not have improved on the brand which the clerk served to the thousands who contributed numbers to the local celebration, and once the crowd ascertained that outdoor conditions were to its liking the success of the observance planned by the Central Labor union was assured. The weather clerk at Northfield was bound by local pride to provide a fit setting for the big celebration in that town and while he was busy at the task he made enough good weather for the celebrators here. It was an old-time Labor day picnic which the central body staged at Caledonia park and the attendance exceeded expectations.

The speaker of the day was Mayor Charles J. French of Concord, N. H., himself a granite cutter, and a wheel horse in the labor movement of New Hampshire. His subject "Labor, Its Mission in the World War and Reconstruction Thereafter," made a strong appeal to an audience that listened attentively during the hour and more that he occupied in his address. The other big feature of the day was the drill given by 100 men from the mechanics' contingent now in training at the state university in Burlington. Arriving in the city shortly before noon, the soldiers were entertained at dinner at Hotel Barre, after which they were escorted to waiting trolley cars by the Barre City band. The presence of the boys in khaki lent a distinct military cast to the program and with Mayor French's strong appeal to labor for a united front the thoughts of those who participated in the celebration were not allowed to stray far from the subject of war.

Over against the more serious side of the day's observance were ranged a variety of amusements and athletic contests. Right here in the city there was little activity, but at the park there centered a multiplicity of diversions and from mid-forenoon until the shades of evening began to lengthen, folks who enjoy a holiday picnic found that most of the pleasure was to be found on the park grounds. A very large factor in keeping the enthusiasm of the crowd at a holiday pitch was the Barre City band, which played at intervals during the earlier part of the afternoon and then furnished music for a part of the field drill. A shooting gallery, quoiting matches and various other contests were open early and they did a thriving business. There were many entrants for the program of sports, which included sack races, a dash, place kicks and various races for women, children and grown-ups. William McDonald and John McDonald served competently as judges, and their work compared favorably with that of Joseph D. Will, who acted as referee.

Conservative estimates placed the attendance at 5,000. Surely that number were present during the military drill and at one time and another during the day many others were present. Motor owners, after a gasolineless Sunday, awoke at dawn of Labor day to find the sun smiling across a cerulean sky and doubtless their pent-up enthusiasm for the country roads slightly affected the attendance at the park. At any rate auto-lets flocked the main highways leading out of Barre and nearby lakes and other resorts were largely patronized by Barre parties. Yet the majority of home folks, along with many visitors from outlying towns, preferred to celebrate the day with picnicking, and so it came about that the level ground near Intercity park was heavily taxed with cars. M. & W. R. trains were not running and the task of moving the big crowd from the city to the park and back again devolved upon the traction company and people who own motor cars.

The bridge at Benjamin's was a milestone on the way, for it was near there that autoists were required to park their cars and down the lane a ways the trolley crowds detained for the picnic grounds. Officials of the traction company had a pretty large contract, but they handled the crowd with commendable alacrity, and an augmented force of operatives did very well with the facilities at their disposal. Scarcely an incident occurred to mar the trolley ride for those who didn't motor to the park. Car 23—ominous number—hopped the iron tracks in making for the city at 5 o'clock. The jumping caused similar palpitations for some dozens of passengers, but no one was injured and the operatives were able to return the car to the rails without calling for carban help. All in all, the transportation arrangements, handicapped as they were by the deletion of steam trains, were a very creditable part of the day's doings.

Mayor French's Address. Seldom have Labor day crowds in Barre listened to more inspiring addresses than the speech of Mayor French. As the common people's mayor of Concord, as an active figure in the granite cutters' union, and as a state union organizer for New Hampshire, his reputation as a 100 per cent trade unionist had preceded him. Not a lot was known about his ability as a speechmaker, but

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