

ALL ALLIED OFFENSIVES KEEP UP PROGRESS; HAIG ATTACKS OUTPOSTS OF ST. QUENTIN

Turks Are in Flight on Both Sides of Jordan River in Palestine and Gen. Allenby is Pushing the Pursuit With Much Vigor

GERMANS AND BULGARIANS RETREAT ON 100-MILE FRONT

By Crossing the Vardar River on a Wide Front, the Serbians Threaten the Escape of Bulgarians Who Are Pressed by British and Greeks

(By the Associated Press.)

In Palestine, Macedonia and France, the allied offensives progress successfully.

General Allenby's forces in Palestine have followed up their rout of the Turkish forces with additional gains. In central Macedonia the allies are pressing vigorously the advantages won, and the difficulties of the Germans and Bulgarians are increasing.

Field Marshal Haig has taken a new step in his investment of St. Quentin and is fighting toward the northern outskirts of that German strong point from east of Verdun.

On the Mediterranean coast of Palestine, British cavalry has occupied the ports of Haifa and Acre, marking an advance from just north of Jaffa of more than 60 miles since the present operations began.

our new positions southeast of Gavelle, supporting the assault with a heavy artillery barrage. The attack was completely repulsed, our line remaining intact.

"We improved our positions slightly north of Meuvres and by a successful night operation carried out during the night regained a portion of the old British front line southeast of Voormezele.

"Hostile raiding parties were driven off last night west of Bellinglise (north of St. Quentin) and east of Neuve Chapelle. They raided one of our posts south of the Scarpe river."

London, Sept. 24.—British cavalry, pushing up the Mediterranean coast of Palestine, have occupied Haifa and Acre, it is officially announced today.

East of the Jordan, the Turks are withdrawing towards Amman, on the Hedjaz railway. Australian, New Zealand, Jewish and other troops are pursuing the enemy and have reached Es-Salt, fifteen miles northwest of Amman.

The town of Ma'an, southeast of the Dead sea, on the Hedjaz railway, has been occupied by allied forces. Other Arab forces are attacking parties of Turks retiring towards Amman along this railway.

Fighting on the western front is not on as large a scale as last week. In addition to the thrust against the German defenses east of Verdun, where the British have not yet reached the Hindenburg line, Field Marshal Haig is improving his line at points farther northward and has repulsed a German attack west of Le Catelet.

Northeast of Arras the British have broken up a German attack at Gavelle, while in Flanders the British have regained part of their old positions at Voormezele, south of Ypres. Activity on the French front of St. Quentin to the Aisne is confined to artillery duels.

GERMANS FAILED TO REGAIN GROUND Counter-Attacked the British Near Gavelle, but Were Completely Repulsed—British Advance in Flanders.

SERBIANS CLOSELY PURSUE BULGARIANS

Continue to Cross the Vardar River, and Are on the Gradsko-Prilep Road—Much Material Taken.

London, Sept. 24.—The Serbian troops continue to cross the river Vardar northeast of Monastir and are in contact with the Bulgarians, says the Serbian official statement of Monday.

The Bulgarians are burning villages and stores of material. The Serbians, however, have captured great quantities of material. Around Prilep the Serbians are on the Gradsko-Prilep road, to the northeast, while to the southeast they have reached the steep massif of the Drenka mountain range.

The statement reads: "On the 22d (Sunday) our troops continued to cross the Vardar where they are in contact with the enemy."

"Toward Prilep Serbian troops have reached the very steep massif of the Drenka mountain range and at several points are on the Gradsko-Prilep road."

"The enemy continues to burn villages and his own stores. Despite this, however, great quantities of war material have fallen into our hands. On the Vardar railway line (Uskub to Saloniki) we captured several trains."

MUCH HONOR TO CARD. FARLEY.

Was Paid at Funeral Services in St. Patrick's, in New York.

New York, Sept. 24.—His memory honored by the presence of the three surviving North American cardinals, the pope's representative in the United States, Catholic dignitaries from all sections of the country, officers of the state and city of New York and of the American military and naval forces.

Cardinal John M. Farley, archbishop of New York, was buried to-day beneath the altar of St. Patrick's cathedral.

At a pontifical requiem mass celebrated by the Most Rev. John Bonzano, apostolic delegate to the United States, a final tribute was paid in a sermon by Bishop Thomas J. Hickey of Rochester.

On the altar were Cardinals Gibbons of Baltimore, O'Connell of Boston and Beignin of Quebec, together with forty archbishops and bishops and hundreds of priests. The great cathedral was thronged.

President Wilson sent a message expressing "the nation's loss," while Secretaries Baker and Daniels were represented by delegates. Members of the allied commissions in this country also were in attendance.

In a procession escorting the visiting clergy from the cathedral college to the cathedral preceding the funeral, a detachment of United States marines served as escort.

TREATY RATIFIED Between United States and Great Britain on Arbitration.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 24.—Ratification of the treaty extending for a period of 10 years the treaty of arbitration between the United States and Great Britain were exchanged at the state department to-day between Secretary Lansing and Counselor Colville Barclay, of the British embassy.

GERMAN GUNS EXHIBITED. Were Dragged Through the Streets of Boston To-day.

Boston, Sept. 24.—German cannon, captured by American and allied troops on the western front, were dragged through the business district of this city in a parade to-day by companies of the state guard and naval reservists. The guns will be exhibited in more than 200 communities in New England to boom the fourth Liberty loan.

SIX DEATHS IN QUINCY And Many New Cases of Influenza Were Reported.

Quincy, Mass., Sept. 24.—Six deaths from influenza occurred over night and many cases were reported. Physicians in charge, however, say the epidemic is under control.

TO STABILIZE WORK IN WAR

Great Plan Will Affect Millions of Workers in United States

INCREASE WAGES OF LOW-PAID GROUPS

Manufacturers' Representatives to Confer with War Department Officials

Washington, D. C., Sept. 24.—As a step toward stabilizing wage conditions during the war, a conference of manufacturers' representatives will be held here tomorrow with war department officials to discuss methods of enforcing labor agreements to be made between the government and the workmen, and the government and employers.

Labor representatives will be called on to co-operate in the plan, which will involve an attempt to increase wages of some low-paid groups to the standard community or industry wage scale. Millions of workmen, both in war industries and others, will be affected.

BIG CANAL PLANS.

Are to Be Discussed at Conference in Boston.

Boston, Sept. 24.—Consideration of plans for the construction of a canal running parallel to the Atlantic seaboard is expected to mark the eleventh annual convention of the Atlantic Deep Waterways association, which opened here to-day.

Coincident with the opening of the convention, Chairman E. N. Hurley of the shipping board, accompanied by naval and military experts and officials of the railroad administration, arrived here for an inspection of the harbor, with a view of making this port a shipping center.

Many of the delegates to the convention came to Boston by way of Fall River. Others came through the Cape Cod canal.

WAR FUND CONFERENCE

Was Held at Rutland with About 100 in Attendance.

Rutland, Sept. 24.—About 100 persons from Vermont and elsewhere in New England gathered at the community house here yesterday for a conference preparatory to the drive to be made in November, when funds will be raised for the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., the National Catholic War Council, the Jewish Welfare Association, the American Library Association, and the war camp community and the Salvation Army.

The Vermonters received suggestions from speakers who have had wide experience in their various lines of work and highly gratifying incidents were told of the appreciation by the men in the service of the efforts to aid their comfort.

NEW ENGLAND MEN NAMED.

In To-day's Casualty List—Most Were from Massachusetts.

Ottawa, Sept. 24.—To-day's Canadian casualty list contains the names of the following New England men: Killed in action: T. Hanriot, Lowell, Mass.; H. Jones, Fall River, Mass.; Died of wound: A. Oliver, Springfield, Mass.; Missing: A. J. Lavoie, Sanford, Me.; Ill: A. J. Hollins, Charleston, Me.; Wounded: L. Chagnon, Nashua, N. H.; O. Gendron, Lawrence, Mass.; J. L. Conner, Cherry Valley, Mass.; P. M. Elliot, North Grosvenor, Conn.; Gassed: C. Conley, Lisbon Falls, Me.; L. Paradis, Lowell, Mass.

COLLISION AT MILFORD, CONN.

Trolley Cars Crashed and Two Employes Were Hurt.

Milford, Conn., Sept. 24.—In a rear-end collision of trolley cars at Oyster River station this morning Charles Taylor, motorman of the colliding car, was seriously hurt, and his conductor, Robert Mansfield, had a fractured leg and minor cuts.

The 5:15 a. m. trolley from West Haven bound for Bridgeport, became stalled at Oyster River by disengagement of the trolley pole. While Motorman Knowlton was trying to replace the pole, a car following struck it. Motorman Taylor not seeing the darkened car ahead. Of the several passengers none were hurt.

NASHUA POLICE STRIKE

And Company L of State Guard Regiment Is on Duty.

Nashua, N. H., Sept. 24.—Members of Company L of the New Hampshire State Guard regiment continued on police duty in this city to-day, following the strike last night of members of the police department. It was expected that the police commission to-day would give a definite answer to the request of the men for increased wages.

MILLION AND A HALF. Subscription to Fourth Liberty Loan Is Secured.

Boston, Sept. 24.—The directors of the Pacific mills notified the New England Liberty loan committee to-day that the corporation had voted to take \$1,500,000 in fourth Liberty loan bonds.

HOSPITALS OVERFLOWING. There Are 5,000 Cases of Influenza in Brockton, Mass.

Brockton, Mass., Sept. 24.—Official estimates to-day placed the number of influenza cases in this city and vicinity at 5,000. The schools are closed. Hospitals are filled to overflowing and there is scarcity of physicians and nurses.

CONSUL POOLE QUILTS RUSSIA

Was Ordered by American Government to Leave His Post

WAS TRYING TO SAVE BRITISH AND FRENCH

Latter Were Being Detained by the Bolshevik Government

Washington, D. C., Sept. 24.—United States Consul General Poole has arrived in Helsinki from Moscow, and is due in Stockholm to-morrow.

News that the consul general had crossed the Finnish border in safety reached the state department to-day in a message from Helsinki, dated Sept. 21. Upon its receipt Secretary Lansing disclosed that a week ago he ordered Mr. Poole, the last American official remaining at the bolshevik capital, to leave Russia.

The dispatch brought no information concerning the British and French consular officers, who are detained by the bolsheviks and to whom Poole insisted upon remaining at his post until ordered away.

It developed to-day that an unsubstantiated rumor recently reached the state department that the American consulate general at Moscow was being besieged by the bolsheviks because British and French officials were given refuge there. Secretary Lansing said he did not believe this report was true, but because of the rumor and the known seriousness of the situation at Moscow he had directed Mr. Poole to leave.

NEED ANOTHER YEAR TO WHIP GERMANY

That Is the Consensus of Opinion in Europe, Though Some Believe Allies Can Win This Year.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 24.—Describing his recent visit to the western front, Senator Thompson of Kansas, Democrat, said the Senate to-day that while in some quarters there is a belief that the war can be ended this year, the general opinion abroad is that another year will be required to bring Germany to her knees. America, he declared, had "put up into the war" and "started the ball rolling towards Berlin."

Senator Thompson opposed a "make-shift, compromise or half-way peace" and declared it must be "final and conclusive and destroy forever Kaiserism and militarism throughout the world."

German morale was never lower than at the present time, he said, while the allied armies are convinced they are fighting a winning cause and "that victory is all but within their grasp."

"The United States entrance into this war is primarily responsible for the change, he added."

Not alone in man-power and in artillery do the allies predominate, but they have a complete superiority in the air. Despite the criticisms in this country of the aircraft program, he said, planes now are arriving in France from this country about as rapidly as they can be taken care of.

He branded as false, statements made in the Senate some time ago, that Germany in July only one battle plane equipped with a Liberty motor was in France.

"These planes was not expected earlier than July 1, while as a matter of fact the first Liberty motor plane arrived, was set up complete and christened on May 18 last, and they have been arriving ever since at the rate of five or six per day ever since."

The first five planes equipped with Liberty motors had the misfortune, he said, to land behind the German lines. He pronounced the Liberty motor as the "best motor in existence" and worth whatever loss has been caused by delay in perfecting it.

LARGE VOTE EXPECTED.

In Massachusetts Primaries Because of Sharp Contests.

Boston, Sept. 24.—Contests in the Republican and Democratic parties aroused interest to-day in the Massachusetts primaries and a large vote was expected, notwithstanding the fact that many voters are absent from the state, in the service.

The principal contest was for the Democratic nomination for governor. Three candidates were in the field, Edward Barry, former lieutenant governor; William A. Geton, a banker, and Richard H. Long, a shoe manufacturer. On the Republican side the contest for the lieutenant gubernatorial nomination was expected to be close. The candidates were Channing Cox, speaker of the House of Representatives, and Guy Andrews Ham, former member of the governor's council.

For the first time the Socialist party was officially recognized in the primary, and had a nominee for governor upon the ballot.

PVT. RAY E. DELONG DEAD.

Went from Waterbury to Camp Devens Less Than Month Ago.

Waterbury, Sept. 24.—Ray Earl DeLong, who went from Waterbury on August 29 to Camp Devens to train for military service, died yesterday, according to a telegram received here last night. It was known that he had been ill with influenza and it is supposed that death was caused by some development from that ailment. The telegram was from his sister.

Private DeLong was 25 years of age and had been working for John McGee on Dr. Groat's farm. His parents are dead, but he has two sisters and two brothers residing in New York state. It is likely that the body will be taken to Troy, N. Y.

Private DeLong was engaged to be married to Miss Hazel Howes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Howes. They came from Peru, N. Y., where the young people had known each other for some time.

RECEPTION THIS EVENING

Will Open the State Knights of Pythias Convention in Barre.

Vermont Pythians and their auxiliary organization, the Pythian Sisters, were assembling in Barre to-day for their annual convention, and members of Vincinia lodge, No. 10, of this city, are acting as hosts. The Pythian Sisters, should enough of them brave the inclement weather to make up a quorum, expect to hold a brief session late this afternoon. Their gatherings, which are to terminate to-morrow afternoon, will be held in the K. of P. hall in the Blanchard building, while the business session of the Pythians is to be held in Howland hall to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

To-day those who have in charge the local end of arrangements for the convention, as well as the assistants of delegates and officers, feared that the prolonged wet weather would prevent many delegates from making the trip to Barre. A very large majority planned to motor to this city, and under present circumstances the traveling is not only not of the best but quite the worst that has been experienced since the frost left the highways last spring.

This evening in Howland hall there will be a reception and dance, given by Vincinia lodge in honor of the officers and other members of the grand lodge and the Pythian Sisters. To-morrow there will be business sessions of both branches and to-morrow evening Suadah temple, No. 140, D. O. K. K., is to bring the convention season to a close with ceremonial in Clan Gordon hall. Candidates for the deputy march across the sands of Sahara are expected from a number of Vermont towns, New Hampshire and Canada.

Accredited delegates to both meetings learned upon arriving to-day that headquarters for registration is located at Hotel Barre.

There are 33 lodges of Pythians, representing a membership of 2,508. Seventeen temples make up the woman's auxiliary of the organization.

ABANDONED HOUSE BURNED.

Some Mystery About Cause of Fire Near Cutler Corner.

An abandoned house on the Bert Hutchins place, so called, near Cutler Corner, Orange, was burned to the ground last evening. A bolt of lightning, in the absence of any cause more tangible, is held responsible for the blaze, which was discovered shortly after 8 o'clock, although a rather violent thunder storm which hung over the Corner neighborhood in the late afternoon had disappeared by 6 o'clock. It is thought that the blaze may have originated for a time before it gained sufficient headway to be seen.

The dwelling, a rambling farmhouse of the old type, was reduced to ashes, along with a shed which was attached to it. Four years ago the big barn on the farm was blown down. A number of people in the neighborhood were attending an entertainment in Plainfield, but had there been many at liberty to respond they would have found themselves powerless to stay the progress of the flames, as there were no facilities at hand. The farm, which has been unoccupied for several years, is owned by George Abair of East Montpelier. The dwelling was slightly insured.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION Will Be Held in Burlington Oct. 1 If Burlington Desires It.

The Republican state committee met at Montpelier Monday afternoon, fixing the date of holding the state convention at 10 o'clock, Oct. 1, and the place of meeting in Burlington, with a substitute place, if Burlington did not accept the plans, of holding the meeting in Rutland.

The call of the convention will be officially made but it will include only three articles, the report of the resolution committee, which is really the "platform" committee, the electing of a state committee and such other business as should come before the convention.

Frank C. Archibald of Manchester Center will be chairman of the convention, while the secretaries will be Harry A. Black of Newport and H. R. Kingsley of Rutland.

Sherman E. Moulton of Burlington will be chairman of the committee on resolutions while the members of the committee will be: Addison county, Ira H. LaFleur, Middlebury; Bennington, W. A. Root, Bennington; Caledonia, J. H. Brooks, St. Johnsbury; Essex, H. B. Ames, Island Pond; Franklin, M. H. Alexander, St. Albans; Grand Isle, M. O. Kinney, Grand Isle; Lamoille, M. P. Maurice, Morrisville; Orange, C. A. Adams, Thetford; Orleans, T. F. O'Rourke, Derby; Rutland, J. S. Buttes, Brandon; Washington, J. B. Estee, Montpelier; Windham, W. C. Belknap, Bellows Falls; Windsor, F. W. Fitzgerald, Norwich.

The convention will be composed of the state officers, county candidates for the Senate and representatives nominated from the several towns. The state committee will hold a meeting at 8 o'clock the preceding evening at the Hotel Vermont to receive credentials and they ask that all persons take care of this matter so that the enrollment of the convention may be made early Tuesday morning.

The conference was of short duration, little being said aside from the necessary business.

NATIVE OF MARSHFIELD.

Martin D. Bemis Died at Home of His Son in Barre.

Martin D. Bemis, a former resident and native of Marshfield, who had lived for the past 15 years in the home of his son, G. A. Bemis of Long street, died to-day. Besides his wife and son, he leaves his granddaughter, Mrs. G. A. Mosher of Cambridge, Mass., and a grandson, Earl A. Bemis of Buffalo, N. Y. There are also a number of great-grandchildren surviving. Mr. Bemis was born Feb. 10, 1833, the son of Abijah and Harriet (Pitkin) Bemis. His marriage to Miss Janet Phelps took place in Marshfield in November, 1855. Mr. and Mrs. Bemis observed their 60th wedding anniversary three years ago. The deceased was a member of the Pythian lodge in Marshfield and belonged to the Masonic lodge in the town of Cabot. He was highly esteemed by his friends and during the many years of his residence in Marshfield, where he was engaged as a mechanic, he was widely acquainted.

Funeral services will be held at 56 Long street Thursday forenoon at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. J. B. Eardon, pastor of the Universalist church, officiating. The body will be taken to Marshfield for interment in the family lot in the village cemetery. It is requested that flowers be omitted.

MANY OFFICIALS ATTENDED

Funeral of William F. Murray, Which Was Held in Boston To-day.

Boston, Sept. 24.—The funeral of William F. Murray, postmaster and former congressman, was held to-day, city, state and national officials attending the services in St. Mary's church in the Charles-town district to pay tribute to his memory. Delegates representing the federal courts, the postoffice department, the Postmasters' Association of New England, the Liberty loan committee, and many other organizations attended.

MONTEPELLIER SCHOOLS CLOSED.

Because of the Prevalence of the Epidemic of Grip.

On account of the prevalence of the grip, the public schools of Montpelier were closed this afternoon, but it is not known for how long. There are many cases of grip among the teachers as well as the pupils. The Heaton hospital has many patients.

BODY FLOATED IN THE RIVER

Frank R. Elwell, a Wealthy Northampton, Mass., Farmer, Probably a Suicide

HE DISAPPEARED

Not His Safety Deposit Box Indicated Intention to End His Life

Springfield, Mass., Sept. 24.—The body of Frank R. Elwell, a wealthy Northampton farmer, was discovered Sept. 15, was found floating in the Connecticut river here to-day.

Belief is held that Elwell committed suicide, based on the fact that when his safe deposit box in a Northampton bank was opened a message was found that read:

"When you get this I shall be where you cannot find me."

CONSIDERED NEW BILL.

Barre Granite Cutters Have Taken No Decisive Action.

Granite cutters in numbers gathered in Clan Gordon hall last evening, the occasion being a special meeting called to consider negotiations which cutters' and manufacturers' committees are conducting for the purpose of adjusting the wage schedules to the increasing cost of living. No definite action has grown out of the joint conferences as yet, although at the meeting last evening the cutters' committee reported that the manufacturers' committee had decided to report before the manufacturers' association a proposal to grant a 15 per cent increase, to become operative Jan. 1, 1919.

An officer of the union said to-day that any and all negotiations look only toward a supplementary bill. The last general increase, which became effective last spring, was described as a supplement to the bill signed by the joint committees in 1915, and in the event that present conferences have a satisfactory conclusion, the supplementary agreement will continue in force only for the duration of the war or during the life of the bill, which expires in 1920.

WILL GO TO ST. JOHNSBURY

To Hold Conference on Methodist Sunday School Plans.

Methodist Sunday schools of the country are feeling the effects of the war in a very unexpected quarter. Dr. Edgar Blake of Chicago reports that all the spring conferences this year show a decrease in Sunday school membership. He estimates the losses for the year will be more than a hundred thousand. This is the more striking in view of the remarkable growth registered in Methodist Sunday schools during the past 10 years, which has averaged 160,000 a year, or a total of 1,600,000.

To meet this crisis in Sunday school work the board of Sunday schools has arranged a series of district training conferences to cover most of the eastern part of the United States. One of these training conferences will be held in Vermont at St. Johnsbury next Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 1 and 2.

Plans are already under way for raising a great centenary fund in the Methodist Episcopal church of \$80,000,000, to be used for meeting the crisis growing out of the present world situation. The raising of this centenary fund is a part of the program of the church in celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of missionary work. It is believed by church leaders that the most appropriate way to celebrate a century of soul stirring missionary achievement is to plan and execute a great forward movement.

The centenary surveys and plans for advance will be presented in the training conference program in addition to the consideration of specific Sunday school problems. Eminent church leaders from New York and Chicago and other places will be heard.

It is expected that Barre will have a sizeable delegation in attendance at the training conference.

DENTIST PATRIOTIC WORK.

Total of 3,552 Operations Performed Since War Started.

Figures of one of the patriotic services in the war, of which but little has been said, probably due to the fact that but little is known, have arrived at the adjutant general's office as compiled by the war department. This is the amount of free work that the dentists of the state have done. They have performed a total of 3,552 operations since the war commenced, 368 of which were last month. There are 245 dentists in the state.

In the last month 90 men were examined, 88 of whom were worked for; there were 62 extractions of teeth and 43 prophylaxes, one crown and bridge piece of work. The grand total of the amount of free work done in the country is 549,641. The dentists are supposed to give an hour's free work but in nearly every case do a great deal more than that.