

AMERICANS AND BRITISH, ATTACKING BETWEEN ST. QUENTIN AND CAMBRAI, HAVE MADE SATISFACTORY PROGRESS

French Forces Continue Northward Drive Along the Suipe River Toward the German Line of Communication, Having Made Important Gains

GERMANS IN LAON AREA ARE PUT IN DANGER

Large Fires Are Reported on the American Front, Town of Briuelles, An Important Place, Being Among Them

(By the Associated Press.)

Renewing major operations on the center of the line, from the Meuse to the North sea, British and American troops to-day are smashing into the rear defenses of the Hindenburg line between St. Quentin and Cambrai.

While Field Marshal Haig is attacking on the 20-mile front north of St. Quentin, the French along the Suipe continue their progress northward toward the German communication line. The French have reached the juncture of the Suipe and Aisne rivers and have forced their way into two large towns on the middle Suipe.

The Anglo-American thrust against the vital sector between Cambrai and St. Quentin follows successful local operations Monday in the regions of Beauveroy and Montrebbain in which 230 German prisoners were taken. On the front of attack the British and Americans are pushing eastward from the hills west of the canal between the two towns toward the railway junction of Bohain and the railway lines running north and south which are so important to the German supply system in this region.

Successful continuation of the French advance north and northeast of Rheims is menacing the security of the Leon massif. Having captured Berry-au-Bac, the French are fighting into Conde-sur-Suipe, at the junction of the Aisne and Suipe. Progress northward from these towns would outflank both the Champagne and Laon positions now occupied by the Germans and make untenable the lines of both the Aisne and the Retourne. In the center by entering Isle-sur-Suipe and capturing Bazancourt, the French apparently have broken the German hold on the Suipe and made necessary a retirement to the Retourne or Aisne, farther north.

On the north the Belgian and British pressure is maintained and the Germans continue to withdraw from the Belgian coastal region. It is reported the enemy is removing all telephone lines and burning his stores at Knokke, five miles from the Holland frontier east of Zebrugge.

From the Suipe to the Meuse, on the southern end of the line the French and Americans continue to press the enemy hard. Large fires are reported behind the German lines on the American sector east of the Argonne and the important town of Briuelles, on the western bank of the Meuse, is burning.

ATTACK WAS BEGUN DURING HEAVY RAIN

And It Was Launched Just Before Daybreak, Between St. Quentin and Cambrai.

London, Oct. 8.—English and American troops attacked this morning on the front between St. Quentin and Cambrai, Field Marshal Haig announced to-day. Satisfactory progress is being made, the report states.

To-day's attack was launched just before daybreak, during a heavy rain which began last night.

In successful local operations near Montrebbain and Beauveroy on this front yesterday, more than 230 Germans were taken prisoner by American and English troops.

The statement reads: "Successful local operations were carried out yesterday in the neighborhood of Montrebbain and north of Beauveroy, in which American and English troops captured over 230 prisoners.

"Shortly before dawn this morning, British and American troops attacked between St. Quentin and Cambrai. In spite of a heavy rain which commenced last night and still is continuing, the first reports indicate satisfactory progress is being made."

GERMANS FORCED BELGIANS TO WORK

They Are Also Systematically Destroying Whatever They Are Forced to Leave Behind.

Have, Oct. 8.—The Belgian government has issued a statement that from the coast to beyond the city of Bruges, the male population between the ages of 15 and 45 have been brutally torn from their homes and forced to labor on German military works.

AMERICAN STEAMER WESTGATE WAS SUNK

Six Members of Her Crew Were Lost in Collision with Another Vessel— Latter Picked Up the Survivors.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 8.—The American steamer Westgate, of the naval overseas transportation service, has been sunk at sea, with the loss of six members of her crew, in collision with the steamer American.

The American picked up the survivors and is proceeding to port.

A dispatch to the navy department to-day, reporting the sinking, said it occurred about 500 miles off the Atlantic coast, but did not give the time. The Westgate was a cargo carrier of 5,000 gross tons.

PELL IN AERIAL BATTLE.

Lieut. Roland G. Garros Thought to Have Been Lost Saturday.

Paris, Oct. 8.—Lieut. Roland G. Garros, who was reported missing yesterday in advice from the front, is believed to have fallen during an aerial battle on Saturday. He went out with a patrol on Saturday morning and became lost in a fight with a German squadron.

Exactly what happened is unknown, but two of his comrades saw a machine fall to the earth out of control and believe it was Garros. On Friday Garros brought down a German plane in a masterly manner.

PREDICTED CATASTROPHE.

Letter Written Friday and Addressed to Sonora, Mexico.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 8.—Evidence tending to show that the explosion in the T. A. Gillespie shell-loading plant at Morgan, N. J., last week was caused by enemy agents has been discovered by government operatives in a letter predicting the explosion on Friday night, signed "Heine," and addressed to a man in Sonora, Mexico.

Agents of the department are investigating, but they are inclined to question the genuineness of the letter, which was picked up in the railroad station of a New Jersey town.

REDUCED TAX ON SPIRITS

Fixed by Senate Finance Committee on War Revenue Bill.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 8.—Resuming revision of the war revenue bill to-day, the Senate finance committee considered the beverage sections and reduced the tax of 88 a gallon on distilled spirits used for beverage purposes, as provided in the House bill, to 86.40 a gallon. The doubled rates on beer and wines were approved.

STEEL SUIT REMAINS.

All Other Anti-Trust Cases Go Over to Next Term.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 8.—Upon the government's motion, the supreme court to-day postponed until next term consideration of all government anti-trust suits now pending, with the exception of that of the United States Steel corporation, which, it is understood, probably will contest the motion.

TWO GAMES EACH WEEK

To Constitute Baseball Schedules Next Summer.

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 8.—The government has approved the plan of the national baseball federation to form a semi-professional league to play in major league parks on Saturdays and Sundays during the coming season. It was announced here last night by Clayton Townes, Cleveland member of the executive committee of the federation, upon his return from Washington.

ALL PLEADED NOT GUILTY.

New Haven Railroad Dining Car Employees.

Boston, Oct. 8.—Thirty-one stewards, chefs and waiters employed on New Haven railroad dining cars, arrested recently for conspiracy to defraud the government by means of bogus meat checks, pleaded not guilty in federal court to-day. Most of them furnished bail for a further hearing.

BIG SHELL FACTORIES.

Are to Be Erected by War Department at St. Louis.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 8.—The war department announced to-day that two shell factories to cost \$3,830,000 will be erected in connection with the Laclede Gaslight plants at St. Louis. The department also announced that bungalows, barracks and other accommodations for munition workers to cost \$450,000 will be built at once at the picnic acid plant of Semet-Solvay at Grand Rapids, Mich.

MUCH HEMP BURNED.

It Was to Have Been Made into Ropes for the Government.

Boston, Oct. 8.—Officials of the first naval district began an investigation to-day to determine the cause of a fire which last night destroyed a large quantity of hemp stored at the Boston navy yard. The hemp was used to make ropes for American naval vessels.

EVACUATION PLANS RUSHED

Germans Not Leaving Anything of Use to the Allies

TELEPHONE LINES ARE REMOVED

Materials Being Fired and the Factories Prepared for Quick Destruction

Amsterdam, Oct. 8.—The evacuation by the Germans of the Belgian coast region is continuing, the frontier correspondent of the Telegraaf reports. The telephone lines between the frontier and the coast were being taken down yesterday and to-day.

The stores of material at Knokke, near the coast five miles from the Dutch border have been set on fire, the reports state, and many factories have been undetermined in preparation for their quick destruction.

As part of the occupying troops would have to choose between capture and flight when the evacuation occurs, the correspondent points out, instructions have been given them, he says, to escape to Holland in civilian clothes with the object of evading imprisonment and subsequently returning to Germany.

COL. C. B. HAGADORN WAS FOUND DEAD IN HIS QUARTERS

He Was Acting Commander of Camp Grant in Illinois—Cause of Death Due to Worry Over Epidemic in Camp.

Camp Grant, Ill., Oct. 8.—Colonel C. B. Hagadorn, acting commander of Camp Grant, was found dead in his quarters at the camp this morning.

The cause of his death was due no doubt to nervous collapse brought on by work and worry over the epidemic in camp," said Colonel Charles W. Castle, who becomes the acting commander.

DEATH OF LEE PARKER.

Son of Publisher H. E. Parker of Bradford Opinion.

Lee Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Parker of Bradford, who enlisted in the navy department some months ago and was assigned to the printing department, died at a naval hospital in Norfolk, Va., during the night, according to information received by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles Parker of Montpelier.

He was 27 years of age and was born in Bradford. After finishing his schooling he entered the printing office of the Bradford Opinion, of which his father is publisher, and for some years had been engaged in that business. Besides his parents, he leaves his wife and one son; a sister, Miss Sara Parker of Bradford; a sister, Mrs. Huntington, in Concord, N. H.; and a brother, Charles, in Montpelier.

Mr. Parker married Miss Bernice Dodge at the home of the latter's cousin, Mrs. M. T. Page, in Barre, four years ago.

ABSOLUTE VICTORY.

Is the Answer by Italian Newspapers to the Peace Proposal.

Rome, Monday, Oct. 7.—"We must have absolute victory. Any kind of negotiation now is more than ever inadmissible," the words of President Wilson immediately after the rejection of the Austrian peace proposal, are reprinted by the Epoca in large type as summarizing the attitude of Italians toward the new peace movement.

The whole press says the request for an armistice is an acknowledgment of defeat by the central empires. The Journal Italia says:

"Australia seeks to cheat Italian national aspirations by simply returning to the status quo, which means a permanent irreconcilable conflict between Italy and Austria as long as the latter keeps under her rule territories inhabited by Italians."

EPIDEMIC IN SOUTH.

Has Spread with Remarkable Rapidity.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 8.—Spanish influenza, which started in the east a month ago, now has spread throughout the south, despite drastic action of health officials. Unofficial reports from a score of the larger cities in the south show more than 50,000 cases reported among the civilian population, while hardly a single army camp has escaped. The death rate, however, is comparatively small.

In an effort to check the disease, churches, saloons, theatres and other places where public gathering have been closed in most every large city.

MAILED BEFORE NOV. 20.

Or Christmas Packages Will Not Reach Soldiers in Time.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 8.—Army regulations governing the sending of Christmas packages to American soldiers overseas will apply also to members of the marine corps, whose address is "American Expeditionary Force." For all other regulations governing the transmission of gift parcels will govern the transmission of gift parcels. Packages for shipment abroad must be in the mail by Nov. 20, bearing the address tags to be obtained from local Red Cross chapters.

WILSON'S REPLY MAY BE ON WAY

Or at Least It Will Be Dispatched Before Night

IS THE BELIEF IN WASHINGTON

Momentous Decision on the Peace Proffer Was Reached Today

Washington, D. C., Oct. 8.—President Wilson's reply to the German and Austrian request for an armistice and peace negotiations probably will be dispatched before night, if it is not already on the cables.

After being called into conference with the president with Colonel House and Secretary Lansing, Secretary Tumulty announced to-day that Mr. Lansing would see the newspaper correspondents at 4 o'clock and "probably would have something for them."

The president had spent the entire morning in his study and was believed to be putting in final shape a document upon which he worked nearly all day yesterday.

The president, it was believed, has preceded actual sending of the reply by asking Premiers Lloyd George, Clemenceau and Orlando to advise him of their answers or by submitting to the premiers a draft of his reply for approval.

At any rate it was assumed the American reply will have the approval of Great Britain, France and Italy and of all the other co-belligerents.

None of those in the president's confidence would give an intimation of his decision, but when the conference was over there was no change in the confident belief throughout official circles that an armistice would be flatly refused and the central powers informed that unequivocal acceptance of conditions laid down by the United States and the allies must precede any meeting of peace plenipotentiaries.

WILL NOT ACCEPT AN UNJUST PEACE

Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, Former Minister of German Colonies, Is Reported as Saying

Amsterdam, Oct. 8.—Germany's new ministry is one of national defense as well as of peace and is prepared for a stand to the end against a humiliating peace. Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, former minister of the colonies, declares in a statement, according to Berlin advices.

"President Wilson's fourteen old and five new points can be accepted by us if there is no change in the humiliating peace for Germany," Dr. Dernburg said. "We shall not accept an unjust, humiliating peace. The new ministry is not only a ministry of peace, but, if necessary, a ministry of national defense and if it must be, to the bitter end."

THREATS AND CAJOLERY.

Are Used by Enemy to Influence President Wilson in His Decision.

Amsterdam, Oct. 7.—Commenting upon the address by Prince Maximilian, the new German imperial chancellor, the Tageblatt of Berlin says:

All Germany, or at any rate, that great, honest and good Germany, which is imperishable, feels that Prince Maximilian has done what is right and necessary. Why haven't we learned earlier to know ourselves?"

The Lokal Anzeiger defiantly says the German people will to the last drop of blood fight those whose aim is to dictate a humiliating peace.

"Unbroken stands our front on enemy land," the newspaper continues. "We shall be able to defend ourselves more easily against an entente attack through Bulgaria than against Russia, whose millions vainly threatened us for three years. Many a flourishing countryside must be laid waste and hundreds of thousands of lives must be sacrificed by the enemy if this maximum of our concessions does not suffice them."

The newspaper admonishes President Wilson to realize the "superhuman responsibilities placed upon his shoulders," and hopes "he will prove himself worthy of this terribly responsible hour."

The Vienna Reichspost says: "President Wilson is now given an opportunity to prove his fitness to be a world arbiter. Restoration of peace depends upon the sincerity of his will to do justice and establish a new order that excludes oppression and establishes a real and lasting peace. The fate of humanity has been placed in his hands. May the president of the great North American republic, conscious of his terrible responsibility, show himself worthy of the historic task that may cover his name with imperishable glory."

FOR SAFETY OF RAILROADS.

Sec. McAdoo Announced Plans for Strict Enforcement of Federal Safety Laws and Regulations on Railroads were Announced to-day by Director General McAdoo. Frank McManamy, assistant director of operations for the railroad administration, has been placed in charge of a movement to round up violators, either employees or railroad managers, for prosecution or disciplining.

ANTONIO F. BROGGI

Well-Known Young Man Passed Away To-day.

Antonio F. Broggi died at his home, 38 Pearl street, this morning at 12:25 o'clock. He had been ill eight days, but his condition did not take a serious turn until the latter part of last week. Mr. Broggi was a well-known Barre young man, and his untimely death has brought sorrow to many acquaintances. He leaves his wife and two sons, Harry and Wayne Broggi. Surviving also are his mother and a brother, living in Italy, and his sister, Mrs. B. Gall of this city.

The deceased was formerly employed in the granite industry, but lately had been engaged as a salesman. He was a member of the localerie of Eagles and belonged to several clubs. He was interested in outdoor sports and for several years was actively identified with the baseball team of the Italian Athletic club. The deceased was 29 years old and a native of Italy, although he had lived in Barre since infancy.

It is requested that flowers be omitted.

MRS. ORRIN COACHE.

Death Is the Third in Family Within a Week.

Mrs. Orrin Coache died at her home on the east hill Monday evening, the result of an illness of a fortnight. Her death is the third to occur in a family within a week, the demise of a 10-year-old daughter, who died early last week. The deceased was around 35 years old and a native of Vermont three years ago. Three children survive. The body will be brought to Barre for funeral services in St. Monica's church, and interment is to be made in the Catholic cemetery on Beckley street, beside the bodies of the husband and daughter.

ANGELO BERNADINA.

Died at His Home on Vine Street Last Evening.

Angelo Bernadina of 20 Vine street died at 11:15 o'clock Monday night, the result of an illness of a week. He leaves his wife, a son and a daughter. Mr. Bernadina was an active fighter in the Barre Italian colony, having been a director of the Union Co-operative store in Granite street for several years. He was born in Italy 42 years ago, and had resided in Barre since 1903. Granite-cutting was his trade and he was employed by the Harrison Granite Co. Mr. Bernadina leaves, in addition to the relatives already named, a brother and three sisters in Italy, and a fourth sister in Barre.

ELMER GRAFTON.

Had Been Resident of Barre for Five Years.

The death of Elmer Grafton occurred at the City hospital last evening, following an illness of the past week with pneumonia. Mr. Grafton was born in Milford, N. H., 40 years ago, and had made his residence in this city during the past five years. Besides his wife, he leaves the following relatives: A daughter, Mrs. Walter Wiquist of Graniteville; a son, Guy Grafton of this city; a step-daughter, Miss Florence Culbertson of this city; his father, John Grafton, and a brother, Frank Grafton, of Milford, N. H.

JOHN TOMAT.

His Wife and Four Children in Italy— Brother in Barre Very Ill.

The death of John Tomat occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aurelio Villa, 26 Berlin street, Monday night. The deceased was employed as a lumber in the granite industry. He was a native of Italy and recently observed his 36th birthday. He was employed by Giudice Bros. at the time of his illness. His wife and four children are in Italy. A brother, who lives in Barre, is gravely ill.

GIOVANNI ZAMPIERI.

Employed for Seven Years in Barre as Granitecutter.

Giovanni Zamperi, who lived at 16 First street, passed away early to-day, after an illness of a week. He was 24 years old and a native of San Remigio, Italy. Mr. Zamperi had been a resident of Barre for the past seven years, having been employed here as a granitecutter. He leaves a brother, who enlisted in the American army from Pittsburg, Pa., and a second brother in the Italian army.

MRS. J. W. GREENLEAF

Moved to Barre Last April from Royalton, Her Native Town.

Mrs. Lizzie G. Greenleaf, wife of J. W. Greenleaf, died at her home, 17 Addison place, last night at 6 o'clock. She was 61 years old and a native of Royalton, having moved to Barre from that town last April. Besides her husband, she leaves an adopted daughter, aged 7, a daughter, Mrs. Edward Royce of Barre, and two sons, Charles Greenleaf of Brookfield and Private John Greenleaf, who is stationed at Camp Upton.

ANTONIO CROCI.

Most of His Relatives Are Residents of Italy.

Antonio Croci passed away at the City hospital early to-day. He lived at 2 Columbia place and had been employed as a granitecutter by Tod Bros. The deceased was 44 years old and a native of Arcisate, Italy. He came to Barre 17 years ago. The only near relative surviving in America is his sister, Cleo Croci of Montpelier. Five brothers and a sister reside in Italy.

ROIVO PURO.

Native of Finland Leaves a Wife and a Daughter in Barre.

The death of Roivo Puro, a native of Finland, occurred early yesterday at the City hospital. The deceased lived at 95 Beckley street, and he is survived by his wife and a daughter. He came here from Finland four years ago and had lately been employed as a granitecutter in the plant of Canton Bros. A sister lives in Quincy, Mass.

FAMOUS KENTUCKIAN.

James D. McCready Died To-day, Aged 80 Years.

NEW CASES ARE DECREASING

But the Death List from the Epidemic Remained High To-day

EVERY NEW PATIENT VISITED REGULARLY

Local Relief Organization Is Continuing Its Splendid Work

Over new cases than at any time since epidemic started were noted in Barre to-day, and the number of those who are recovering is increasing steadily. The malady is by no means eradicated, and the physicians are fearful of the worst in conspicuous cases, but those who have followed the situation carefully are convinced that the plague is on the wane. There were 18 deaths reported to-day, but in nearly every case the deceased is someone who had been fighting the disease for a week or more. Doctors who were aboard the special train which left Burlington for Washington county yesterday are adding their efforts to those of local doctors, although no trained nurses came with them. The practice of visiting every new case is approved by members of the state board of health, who are keeping an eye on the local situation.

It is the purpose of the relief committee to have every new case systematically treated and regularly visited by a physician. In this way, it is realized, the work of checking the progress of the disease will be materially facilitated. There is a prospect that the sunny weather, cool nights and bracing atmosphere which marked the change in outdoor conditions yesterday will continue for several days. Thus the weather man has finally allied himself with the forces that are fighting the epidemic, and as the medical men are at one in the opinion that clear air and sunshine are the best tonics available, a pronounced change for the better may be looked for in the near future.

The relief committee, aided by dozens of men and women who have volunteered their services in caring for the sick, continues to do its work well. Almost everywhere a spirit of co-operation is to be noted. The knowledge that people can recover and are recovering from both the grip and pneumonia has served to strengthen the campaign which the committee and the doctors are waging against fear. Optimism is the note that must be strongly emphasized, say the doctors, and they are urging their charges everywhere to preserve a calm exterior wherever the sick are concerned.

To-day three more patients were added to yesterday's list of those who have been discharged from the hospital as cured. Over and above the hospital record, there are many persons who had their sickness at home who are out of doors, and yet others are back at their accustomed places in the business and industrial life of the city.

To-day's additions to the death list including the following: Elmer Grafton of 22 Hall street; Burton H. Berry, corner Washington and Spaulding streets; Roivo Puro of 95 Beckley street; Mrs. J. W. Greenleaf of 17 Addison place; Manuel D'Igo of the A. Tomasi block; four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Agati, 8 Shurtleff place; Antonio F. Broggi of 38 Pearl street; Giuseppe Casoli of 104 Smith street; John Tomato of 26 Berlin street; Antonio Croci of 29 Columbia place; Angelo Bernadina of 20 Vine street; Mrs. E. N. Normandeau of 90 Merchant street; Domenico Alberici, street address unknown; Louis Berini of 2 Columbia place; Allen Abbott of 101 South Main street; Giovanni Zamperi of 16 First street; Mrs. Orrin Coache of east hill; John Mochetti, Ayers street.

ALLEN ABBOTT.

Native of Montpelier, But Long a Resident of Barre.

Allen Abbott, 101 South Main street, passed away at the City hospital last evening at 11:10 o'clock, after an illness of a week with pneumonia. Mr. Abbott was born in Montpelier, although he had made his home in this city practically all his life. He leaves a wife, who is quite ill with the malady, and a son, Edwin, who resides in this city, while his parents, two sisters and a brother, the latter of whom is a member of the Burlington fire department, also survive. Previous to being stricken with the malady, Mr. Abbott was employed as a polisher at the Presbury-Coykendall plant.

MRS. E. N. NORMANDEAU.

Wife of Well Known Contractor, Died Last Evening.

Mrs. Cora B. Normandeau, wife of Contractor E. N. Normandeau, died at her home, 90 Merchant street, Monday evening after a brief illness. Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Edmund and Elmer; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Boyes of Malone, N. Y., a sister and two brothers in Malone, two brothers, O. W. Boyes and Arthur Boyes of Barre, and two brothers who are in France. The deceased was born in Malone 32 years ago, and had been a resident of Barre for the past 14 years. She was a member of St. Monica's church and also belonged to the Macabee order.

JOHN MOCHETTI.

Born in Italy 36 Years Ago, Resident of Barre 18 Years.

John Mochetti of Ayers street died Monday afternoon after an illness of a week. He was a well-known Barre granitecutter, having learned his trade at Barclay Bros' plant. Mr. Mochetti was born in Italy 36 years ago, and had lived in Barre 18 years. He is survived by his wife and two children. He was a member of the Odd Fellows.

MANUEL D'IGO.

Native of Spain and Resident of Barre Short Time.

Manuel D'Igo died at his home in the A. Tomasi block last night at 8 o'clock. The deceased was 23 years old and a native of Spain. He had lived here for several years and was employed as a granitecutter by Parmigioni Bros. Mr. D'Igo leaves a brother in Barre, who is seriously ill, and a second brother resides in California.