

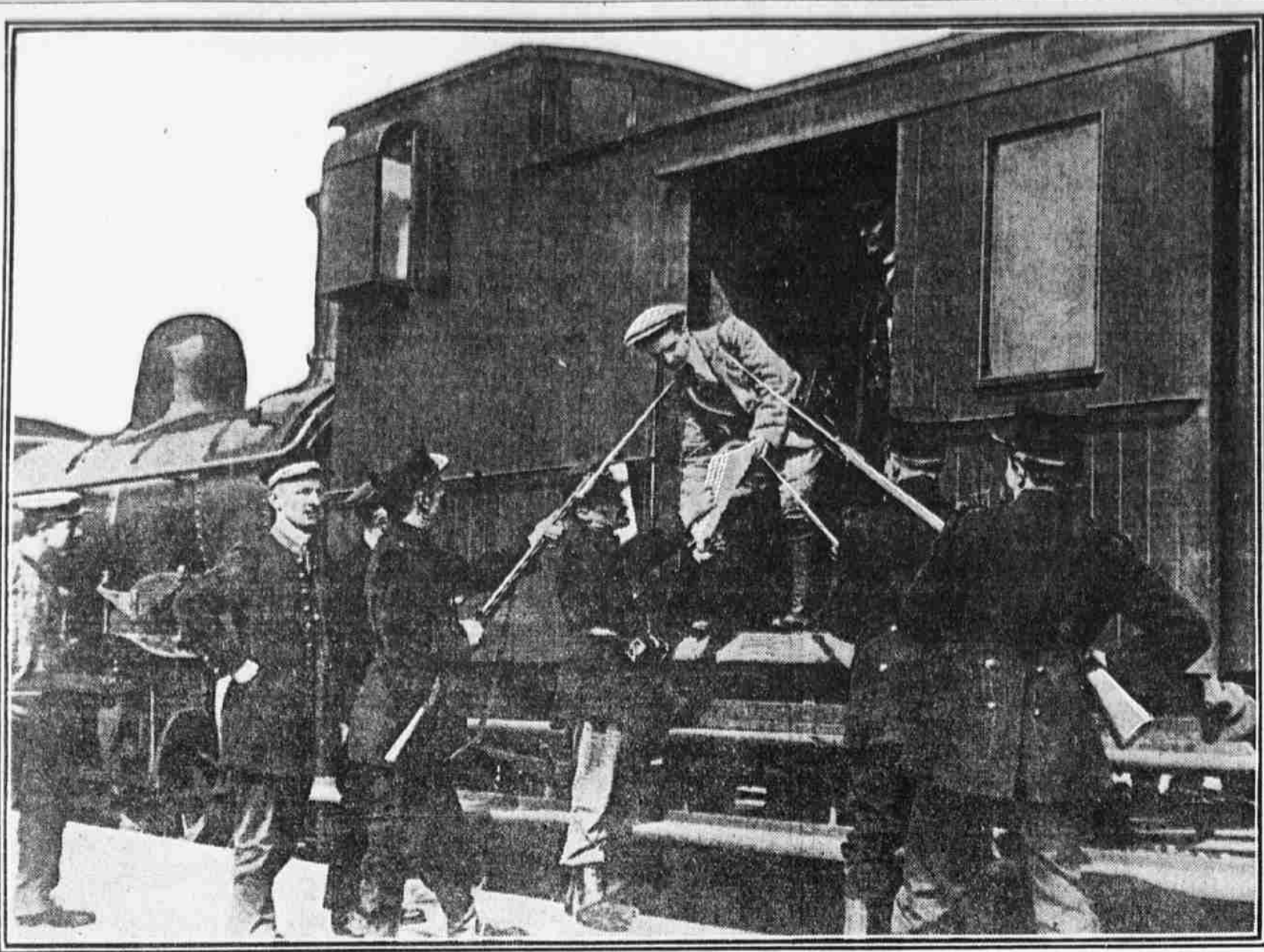
KAISER RUSHES 320,000 TROOPS FROM EAST PRUSSIA TO AID DEFENDERS ON THE AISNE

WOUNDED SOLDIERS LIKE HAPPY BOYS ON FIRST PICNIC

Battle-worn Tommy Atkins Transfers Amiens Railway Station Into Scene of Gaiety.

DUBLIN, Sept. 17. It seems rather a paradox to describe the arrival of a trainload of wounded soldiers at a railway station as a scene of revelry, yet such is the account given by the special correspondent of the Freeman's Journal at Amiens under yesterday's date. He writes:—

"A train of twenty carriages came in loaded with 60 Tommies. Sixty of them were wounded, sent down from the fierce front between Mons and Charleroi. These were not serious cases—sufficient only to put our men out of the battle line for a spell—bullet wounds and cuts on the legs chiefly, swathed hands and splintered fingers, and knees and ribs in arms and shoulders. Not one had a face wound, and every one of these boys was clamorous to get back again in the thick of the business. The station was hushed and quiet—until the fateful train came in. And what happened? Why nothing more or less than a gala performance in khaki. Instead of a dismal cortege this incoming troop train presented a scene of sheer revelry.



THE DIFFICULTY OF OBTAINING NEWS FROM THE FRONT. The road of the newspaper correspondent has been a very rough one. The picture shows Belgian soldiers examining the passports of newspaper correspondents at a railway near Malines.

PILOT KILLED, GERMAN AVIATOR CONTROLS AIRSHIP

French Wound and Capture Scout When Gust of Wind Turns Machine Over.

BERLIN, Sept. 17 (By courier from Rotterdam to New York). How a German aviator gained control of a falling aeroplane after his companion had been killed is described in a thrilling letter received by his father here today. It reads:—

"Dear father: I am lying here in a beautiful Belgian castle slowly recovering from wounds which I thought would kill me. On August 21 I made a flight with Lieutenant J., a splendid aviator, and established the fact that the enemy was advancing toward us. In the region of Bertin we came into heavy rain clouds and had to descend to 3000 feet. As we came through the clouds we were seen and an entire French division began shooting at us. Lieutenant J. was hit in the abdomen. Our motor was put out of commission. We were trying to voloplane across a forest in the neighborhood, when suddenly I felt the machine give a jump. I turned round, as I was sitting in front, and found that a second bullet had hit Lieutenant J. in the head and killed him. I leaped over the back of the seat and managed to reach the steering apparatus and headed down. A hail of shots whistled about me. I felt something hit me in the forehead. Blood ran into my eyes. I was faint. But determination prevailed and I retained consciousness. Just as we were near the ground a gust of wind hit the plane and turned my machine over. I fell in the midst of the enemy, with my dead companion. The red trousers were coming from all directions and I drew my pistol and shot three French soldiers. I felt the bullet hit my breast and gave myself up for dead, when an officer shouted:—

"Let him live! He is a brave soldier!" I was taken to the commanding general of the 17th French Army Corps, who questioned me, but, of course, got no information. He said I would later be sent to Paris, but as I was weak from loss of blood and seriously wounded I was taken into the field hospital and cared for. The officers were very nice to me, and when the French fell back I took advantage of the confusion to crawl under a bush, where I remained until our troops came."

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40 VETERANS AT REUNION Survivors of 132d Pennsylvania Volunteers Meet at Antietam Field.

LAGERS-TOWN, Md., Sept. 11.—Forty survivors of the 132d Pennsylvania Volunteers, which lost 182 men in the fighting at Bloody Lane, held a reunion here today, the 53d anniversary of the Antietam battle. Exercises were held at the old Dunkard Church, one of the landmarks of the field.

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WAR MAY RECONCILE CHURCH AND THE STATE

Heroic Work of French Nuns and Monks Recognized. PARIS, Sept. 17.—War may reconcile church and state in France. Hundreds of nuns have been recalled from Belgium, to which country they were expelled when the religious orders were dissolved, and are working as hospital nurses. Moreover there are 22,000 monks on the battlefields. It is thought impossible that the heroic work of both nuns and monks should be lost on a public which is ever quick to recognize devotion to duty.

Probably the Concordat in France will never be seen again, but under a new Pope it is believed that the war will induce a better understanding between church and Government. Churches still will remain the property of the state. There will at least be an era in which not only national monuments, like Notre Dame, but all churches will be maintained and repaired at public expense.

BATTLE ALONG AISNE TERRIFIC, REPORTS SOISSONS OBSERVER

Conflict Wages Desperately Four Days Before Allies Realize Advantage Over Slowly Yielding Germans.

Describing the battle of Aisne from the afternoon, the correspondent of the Chronicle says:— "The unending, terrific struggle lasted four days and only now may one say that victory is turning in favor of the allies. The town of Soissons cannot yet be entered, for it is still raked by artillery and rifle fire, while rear columns of smoke mark several points where houses are burning in the center of the fighting lines where the allied pontoon corps have been trying to keep the bridges they succeeded in constructing. "Men from the front tell me that the combat has been a veritable slaughter and that the unceasing fire of the last four days puts any previous warfare completely in the shade. "Several crossings were effected Sunday, but the German guns got the range and compelled the forces to withdraw. Last night, however, the allies brought up heavier guns and these changed the prospect. The British got a battery across the river and the Germans were unable to reach it. The Germans therefore moved to another position from which they compelled the British to retire and leave six guns behind. German batteries hitherto not discernible were revealed, but under the protection of a heavy bombardment two British batteries got over and, planted at the bridge head, very soon recovered the six guns and the two German batteries were captured. "On the western side the French succeeded in getting over three batteries and a regiment of infantry. About 1500 prisoners have been taken today. "I can clearly trace the abandonment during the last three hours, of a number of German positions by the smoke of their guns moving further over the hills."

TURKISH ARMY REPORTED WITHIN RUSSIAN BORDER

Petrograd Hears German Cavalry Officer Is in Command. PETROGRAD, Sept. 17. It is reported by a semi-official source that Turkey has concentrated a large army on the Bulgarian frontier. General von Sanders, a Prussian cavalry officer, who has been assigned to serve in the Sultan's army, is expected to command it.

PITTSBURGHER PAYS \$100 TO SEE BATTLE; GETS MONEY'S WORTH

French Captain Said to Have "Personally Conducted" Sight-seeing Party—Spectacle "Worth the Price."

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—James A. Wakefield, of Pittsburgh, who arrived here yesterday from London by the Atlantic Transport steamship Menominee, saw part of the battle of Mons. It cost him \$100; lasted eight hours, and the sight, he said, was worth the money.

Mr. Wakefield was in Valenciennes when the Germans began to throw their heaviest forces against the French and Belgians, and the longer he stayed away from the line of battle the more he longed to see it. On August 21 he met a captain of French artillery and expressed his desire to see a real battle. The captain, whose name was Antord, said he thought it could be arranged, but that it would cost about \$100 if a party of a dozen could be procured. Mr. Wakefield told this to some of his friends, and later informed Captain Antord that a party of eight was ready.

The money was subscribed, and at 8 p. m. on August 21 Mr. Wakefield and seven other Americans were brought to a place within three miles of the battle of Mons. They were carried in two spring wagons, and, having the necessary passes through the lines, were not molested in their journey. "We could not see a great deal," said Mr. Wakefield, "but we could hear plenty of firing. We stayed on the scene until 1 a. m. on August 22, when firing began in the rear, and we decided to go back. We saw 382 wounded and 32 dead soldiers brought out of the fight in British automobiles. The cars were stripped of their bodies and boards were built over the chassis so that each car could carry 14 men. All were taken to Amiens." H. C. Bell, of Brunswick, Me., said he had collected a number of French and German bullets on the way from Baden-Baden to Paris, and asserted that the French missiles were the more humane. "The Germans have accused the French of shooting poisoned bullets," he said, "but this is not so. They contended that blue bands around the bullets were poison bands. The French bullets are copper-jacketed, are well balanced, and when they hit a man they make a clean, small wound. "German bullets are steel-jacketed, and are so balanced that when they hit they turn up perpendicularly and cause a big and bad wound."

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