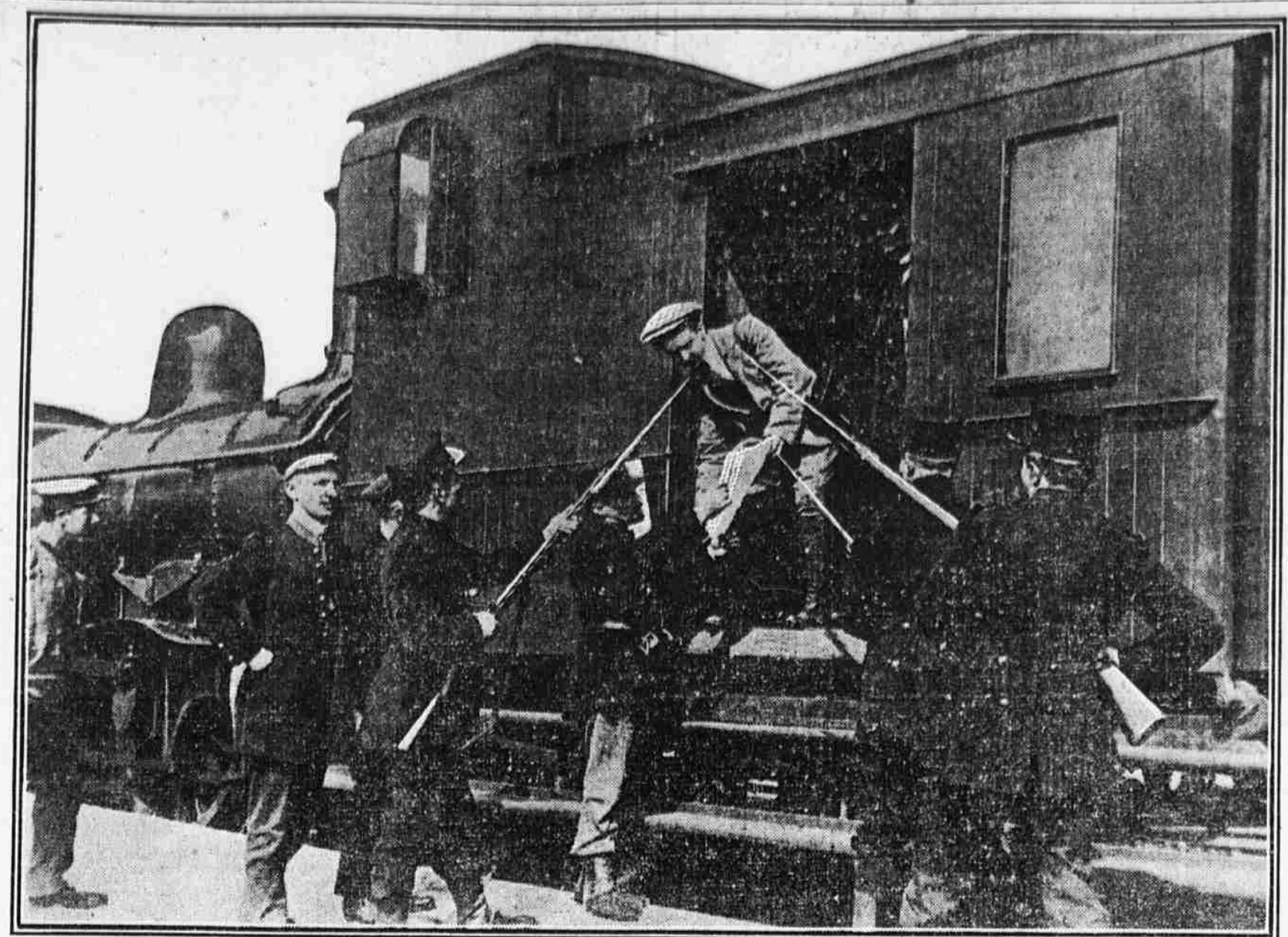


KAISER RUSHES 320,000 TROOPS FROM EAST PRUSSIA TO AID DEFENDERS ON THE AISNE

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 600 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 gashes and rips 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. Photo by International News Service. 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.

"Every carriage window was full of brown, jolly, dirty, shaggy faces—faces with week-old beards to them, but alight with quick, keen cheerful eyes. Hats were waved, songs were sung, and from the first carriage door which was flung open a Highlander hopped out, to the astonishment of the waiting crowd, and did a fling—a fling with a limp to it is true, but a Highland fling for all that, and most entertaining to the crowd. They would say very little of the fighting save that it was fighting and no mistake, a continuous roar of flame and fury, hard, hot, thirsty work. Plenty to eat, though, everything splendidly managed, and not a single man jack of them carrying a lot.

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 22 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 Herinx 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 volplane 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 leaned over the back of the seat and managed to reach the steering apparatus of the machine. 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 remained 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 a bayonet hit my breast and gave myself up for dead, when an officer shouted: "Let him live! He is a brave soldier."

PILOT'S DEATH GRIP GUIDES AEROPLANE SAFELY TO EARTH

Queen Alexandra Hears Story of Fight in France Between English and German Aviators.

LONDON, Sept. 4 (by mail to New York). Calling at the London hospital to visit the wounded soldiers brought from the front, Queen Alexandra listened with the closest attention to the story of a thrilling battle in the air, told to her by a wounded private of the Royal Engineers. The fight was between a German aeroplane and French and English air craft, which sailed away to give battle to the invader, and ended their pursuit only when the German machine fluttered down to earth. The wounded private said he was resting on the ground after a hard fight when a German aeroplane suddenly appeared directly over the British troops. Immediately from the rear French and British aviators took to the air. The troops lay still, watching silently the death struggle above them. First the British and French airmen endeavored to outmaneuver the German and cut off his retreat. But the German began to climb higher in the air and the British aeroplane was seen to be mounting steadily, trying to get above the foe and in a better position to shoot.

KAISER'S NEW PLAN TO RUSH 8 CORPS TO FIGHT IN FRANCE

Withdrawal of 320,000 Men From East Prussia Defense Risks Exposure of Berlin to Russians.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 17. Information was received at the War Office today that eight German army corps, numbering 320,000 men, which had been sent East to repel the Russian attack in East Prussia, and to strengthen the Austrian forces in Galicia, have been withdrawn and are being rushed to the western zone of operations in France. (This report contradicts yesterday's dispatch that the Kaiser had gone to East Prussia to take personal charge of the campaign there, leaving the German armies in France to pursue defensive tactics against the advancing allies.)

YOUNG MAN ENDS LIFE AFTER BEING SCOLDED

Melancholy as Result of Estrangement From His Wife.

Grief after a scolding from a brother in Middletown, and estrangement from his wife, led Howard Riffle, 26 years old, to end his life with poison today in his room at a boarding house, 212 Arch street. Riffle became separated from his wife three years ago and since that time has been working in Philadelphia. His mother is proprietor of the National Hotel, Middletown, and is said to be wealthy. Several months ago Riffle visited his old home, and was sharply taken to task by a brother who sided against him during the domestic troubles which led to his coming to Philadelphia. Deputy Coroner Walden said today that Mrs. Mary Waugh, proprietor of the house at 212 Arch street, told him Riffle returned from Middletown greatly dejected. He was of a melancholy disposition and the brother's attitude increased this tendency. Several times Riffle said he would kill himself. Early this morning Mrs. Waugh detected the odor of carbolic acid. She investigated and found her lodger prostrate in his room. He was pronounced dead at the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital. The police have communicated with Hall's family.

40 VETERANS AT REUNION

Survivors of 132d Pennsylvania Volunteers Meet at Antietam Field. HAGERSTOWN, Md., Sept. 17.—Forty survivors of the 132d Pennsylvania Volunteers, who lost 182 men in the fighting at Bloody Lane, held a reunion here today. The 62d anniversary of the Antietam battle. Exercises were held at the Antietam Church, one of the landmarks of the field.

AFRICAN TROOPERS ACCUSED OF SAVAGE PRACTICES IN WAR

Berlin Is Told That French Officers Are Powerless to Stop Alleged Barbarities of Southern Allies.

BERLIN (by way of Amsterdam), September 15. Wounded German officers who were brought here today accuse the Algerian troops fighting with the allies in France with terrible atrocities. They charge that the French officers are unable to tame the wild natures of these African fighters, who delight in torturing the wounded and mutilating the dead upon the battlefield. One of the wounded German officers, Lieutenant von Lenz, declares that Germany should make formal protest against the use of these savage Africans. "They have been guilty of the most aggravated cruelties, some of which I witnessed," declared the German officer. "In other instances I have learned from the lips of witnesses how barbarously these Algerians act. One wounded German soldier had his eyes gouged out by a Turco, who used his spurs for the cruel operation. "After one fight in which they had participated the Turcos went around with their sabres cutting and slashing the dead and wounded. "There have been numerous instances where headless German soldiers have been found. The Turcos had decapitated them, carrying off the heads as trophies of battle. "Credit must be given to these Africans as fighters, though. They have no regard for human life and have not the slightest conception of fear. But their traits are the traits of savages and their chief delight is to inflict cruelty. God pity the countryside upon which these wild creatures are turned loose without restraint."

BATTLE ALONG AISNE TERRIFIC, REPORTS SOISSONS OBSERVER

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

LONDON, Sept. 17. Describing the battle of Aisne from Soissons, under date of September 15 in 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 set the rancor and compelled the forces to withdraw. Last night, however, the allies brought up heavier guns and these changed the course of the river and the Germans were unable to reach it. The Germans therefore moved to another position from which they compelled the British to retreat 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 setting 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."

ENGLAND NOT TO ASK U. S. FOR "DUM-DUM" INQUIRY

Foreign Office, However, Would Welcome Investigation of Charges.

LONDON, Sept. 17. England has no intention of asking that the United States institute an inquiry into the alleged use of dum-dum bullets by the French and German troops, although it has no objection to one being made. Replying to Dr. Chapple in the House of Commons this afternoon, Francis Dyke Acland, parliamentary Under Secretary for the Foreign Office, said that in view of President Wilson's answer to Emperor Wilhelm, the foreign office sees no use of proposing such an investigation.

SURVIVORS OF PHILADELPHIA BRIGADE MEET IN REUNION

Commemorate Battle of Antietam, Where 545 Comrades Were Killed. In celebration of the battle of Antietam, where 545 of their comrades were killed 52 years ago today, the survivors of the Philadelphia brigade held their annual reunion at Lemon Hill, Fairmount Park, this afternoon. The gray-haired old men who were the pick of fighters in years gone by, while somewhat slow of foot, spruced up for today's reunion and marched as of old. Many of the veterans who answered roll call this day one year ago did not respond when their names were called this afternoon. As they grow fewer in numbers each year their enthusiasm grows stronger. Many were the yarns told of the happenings of this memorable day 52 years ago. The survivors represented the 6th, 7th, 7d and 106th regiments of the brigade.

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U. S. ASKS BRAZIL TO EXPLAIN

Government Wants to Know Why Clearance Papers Were Refused. WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The United States today called upon Brazil for an explanation of her refusal to issue clearance papers to the steamship Robert Dollar at Rio De Janeiro.

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AIR SCOUTS SAVE SERB ARMY FROM TRAP OF AUSTRIANS

Servian Crown Prince Withdraws From Proposed Invasion of Slavonia—March Into Bosnia Continues.

NISH, Servia, Sept. 17. That the Servian army under the Crown Prince has found it impossible successfully to invade Slavonia was admitted here today. It was stated that the army had been recalled for important strategic reasons. It is understood, however, that the real reason is that the Austrians, in overwhelming force, had planned a trap, discovered in time by the Servian air scouts, whose work has been responsible for many of the successes of the present war. The advance of the combined Servian-Montenegrin armies into Bosnia continues. The invading forces have overcome strong opposition and are now moving against Sarajevo and also through the passes of the Lipeta mountains in an attempt to take the valley of the Verbis River and the important town of Jajza. The Austrians have been repulsed in every effort to check the advance.

TWO COTTON TAX PLANS WILL BE RECOMMENDED

Committee Learns Government Has Power to Curtail Production. WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—A special committee of Senators and Representatives from the cotton-growing States, after consulting a number of decisions of the United States Supreme Court relating to the taxing power of the Federal Government, today determined to report to the joint Congressional cotton conference that the Federal Government has the power to curtail the production of cotton by placing a prohibitive tax upon it. Two plans will be recommended. The first would place a tax of 30 cents a pound on all cotton produced in 1915 in excess of 100 per cent of the production in 1914, and the second plan would place a tax of 50 cents on all lands planted to cotton in 1915 in excess of 50 per cent of the land planted in 1914.

RHINE CITIES STRENGTHENED TO GUARD ESSEN DISTRICT

Move to Protect Centre of War Supply Manufacture. THE HAGUE, Sept. 17. The German fortifications about Cologne, Dusseldorf, Wezel and Duisburg are being strengthened, apparently as a defensive measure, according to reliable reports received here today. These four cities occupy strategic positions along the Rhine and constitute the western line of defense. Their capture by the allies would be a serious blow to Germany. They guard Essen and the surrounding district. Essen is the arsenal of the German empire. Not only are the Krupp guns made there, but the mills where are made the tools necessary for battleships and powder and ammunition works also are located in that Prussian city.

GUILTY OF ATTACKING MUTE

Manager of Shoe Store Seized Woman Customer. William Wolf, manager of a shoe store at 155 North Eighth street, was convicted before Judge Carr in the Quarter Sessions Court today of assault and battery with felonious intent on Stella Schmitz, a deaf-mute, of 948 North Franklin street. The attempted assault occurred on December 28 last. The young woman went into the store to purchase a pair of slippers. Being unable to speak, she gave an outcry. Wolf invited her to follow him into a small stock room where he suddenly switched off the electric lights and seized her. The young woman succeeded in breaking away and escaping from the room. After the jury had convicted Wolf, Judge Carr found it so difficult to repress his indignation that he deferred sentence until later in the day.

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PITTSBURGER 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 5 p. m. on August 24 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 25, when firing began in the rear, and we decided to go back. We saw 352 wounded and 32 dead soldiers brought out of the fight in British automobiles. The cars were stripped of their bodies and boards were built out over the chassis so that each car could carry 11 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."

BENEFACITOR ROBBED. Workman Says Man He Befriended Stole His Tools. Elmer Kriger, of 810 East Huntingdon street, has a peculiar method of showing his gratitude, according to the police of the Trenton avenue and Dauphin street station. After being assisted for weeks by Harry Karp, a fellow workman, Kriger, it is said, stole a number of tools from the latter. He was arrested this afternoon and taken to the Trenton avenue and Dauphin streets station. Karp, it is said, frequently helped Kriger, his wife and two children.

Fondness of drink, according to the police, is responsible for Kriger's downfall.

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