

ns Dangerous to Surrounding Property

### ACKS SHOW SATURDAY

quent denials by former administra-that the City Hall tower contains and is a danger to surrounding by as well as to the public have been investigation conduc

incovered that many of the remaining re not bronze. As a result, the bolts were supposed to be bronze have off. g cracks and missing bolts, it has

weeks a squad of workmen under the log of H. F. Atkinson, 27 North Juni-treet, one of the best-known riggers been at work reading the desided ack. en at work repairing the damaged

ots of the tower. Some of the cracks on the famous tower re visible last Saturday to city officials o were up there when a salute was d from a cannon in honor of the selective ited men who participated in the

Mr. Atkinson, who has been selected to ratend the repairing, is working under re of the Department of Public Works, agh he refused to discuss the condition of the tower, which was constructed mors than a decade ago when \$24,000,000 was uppropriated for the City Hall, it was armed today from an authoritative source hat he has pronounced the tower as being

The investigation of the tower confirmevery detail the report submitted to ector Datesman last June by a conmittee of three relating to the condition of

The committee of three which inspectes the tower last June was composed of Joseph A. Roletter, acting city architect; Jona-than Jones, assistant engineer bridge division, and James W. Phillips, assistant engineer of the grade-crossing division. This report, which was submitted to Director Datesman, led to the immediate

nnloying of Mr. Atkinson. Shortly after-ard men were put to work on ins tower projace the broken and missing bolus.

While the iwenty-one shots were being fired from the cannon which was placed in the tower, news of the cracks in the tower spread among many city officials in the Mayor's reception room. This news became generally known after the cracks had been een by certain persons.

The real contents of the report submitted to Director Datesman by Messrs. Roletter, Jones and Phillips has never been made public. This report is now in the archives of the Department of Public Works. But It was learned today that the report was confirmed in every detail by Mr. Atkinson. "I must be excused from discussing the present condition of the tower," said Mr. Atkinson today; "we are at work and work-

ing hard." Touching upon the stone masonry from the ninth-floor level to the clock tower, the report received by Director Datesman reads as follows:

"That part is badly in need of repointing there is no indication of disintegration of the stonework. The condition of the metal the stonework. The condition of the metal work as found in the detailed report of Henry H. Quimby, under date of April 26, 1913, now on file in your office, has not improved, but is daily growing worse, and we therefore suggest that to properly rem-edy the defects it is essential, in order to protect the surrounding property and the public at large against injury from failing pieces of metal and loose ornaments, that the exterior of the tower should receive im-mediate attention, as experience moves mediate attention, as experience proves that deterioration when permitted to pro-ceed increases with rapidity."

Another part of the report, which refers to cracks and missing bolts, reads: "The structure from the clock floor to

the base of the statue is constructed er tirely of wrought iron, cast iron and steel. The outside consists principally of iron The outside consists principally of iron plates about one-quarter inch thick, boited to a self-supporting structural iron frame-work. Before these plates were erected work, Before these plates were erected they were first given a plating of copper and then a plating of aluminum and se-cured in place with bronze bolts. There are many bolts used that are not bronze, and these have rusted off. Some are miss-ing, permitting the metal to corrode at all

Presenti, Coimar, Thionville, Cambray and Meis Cippy. At Sapigneul a French patrol raided an enemy salient and destroyed the garrison. On the Souain-Sottepis road (Cham-pagne socior) the French raided the enemy lines over a front of 800 meters (approxi-mately half a mile) penetrating first line positions, destroying gas machines and tak-ne primers. A German assault on Hurtebise farm

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A German assault on Hurtebise farm (Chemin-des-Dames sector) was broken up.

BELRIN, Sept. 4. Nineteen chemy alrplanes and two cap-tive balloons were downed in aerial fighting on the French front yesterday, the War Office announced today.

#### 600,000 GERMANS FORCED TO QUIT IN TWO MONTHS

#### By HENRY WOOD

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Sept. 4. orty German divisions—approximately 000 men—have been forced out of ac-Forty :00,000 1

tion in the Flanders and Verdun fighting alone since July 1. The figures are from carefully checked up estimates. They show that on the Flanders front the Germans were forced to pull back

for reorganization thirty division (450,000 men) on account of losses these units suf-fered. Twelve divisions (180,000 men) of hose in action there July 1 still remain to fight

Around the Verdun front, ten divisions (150,000 men) have been similarly with-drawn because of lonses, and seven of the original divisions (105,000 men) still are there here.

Twenty more German divisions (200,000 men) are now undergoing the same fire which put these forty out of action, and soon must be withdrawn for reformation.

#### RUSSIANS FAIL BRITISH IN ASIATIC CAMPAIGNS

LONDON. Sept. The long continued inactivity of the Brit-ish forces in Turkey was today attributed in military circles to the conditions prevailing in the Russian army. The original plans for the crushing of Turkey called for joint offensives by the Russians and British, the former driving through Armenia, to effect a junction with the British in Mesopotamia, and the latter attacking in both eastern and western Turkey.

Bagdad was captured by the British of March 11, and on the following day the Russian revolution broke out. For a time the British and Russians continued to atthe British and Russians continued to at-tack the Turks in concert, but then the Russian morale broke down and in eastern Persia the offensives came to an end, a deadlock developing which has lasted ever

In the meantime the British had invaded Palestine, adding their new pressure to the strain that was already beginning to tell upon the Turkish armies. A brilliant camupon the Turkish armies, a brinner can paign during the latter part of April and the first part of May brought such successes to the British that predictions were made that Jerusalem would be taken in June. However, the weakening of the Russian thrust allowed the urks to send re-enforce-ments into the weak with the result that

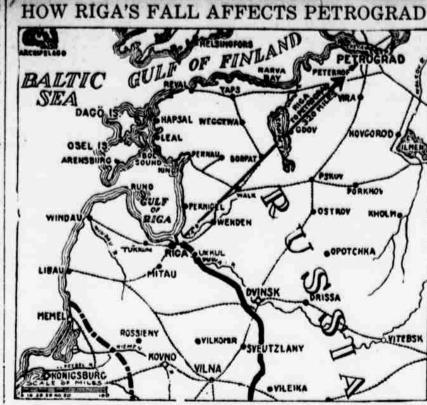
the British forces are still in positions i Palestine they were holding nearly four

## McNichol Will Build

Themas B. Smith Bonding Company, the Mayor's concern. The premiums on the bonds on the four contracts approximate \$100,000. The Thomas B. Smith Bonding 'ompany receives as its commission for getting the business 30 per cent of this, or about \$30,000. The Mayor owns 80 per cent of the stock in the company, and therefore his profit will be about \$24 000.

When asked to comment upon the action of the contractors the Mayor said:

ator McNichol is a source of gratification both to me and Director Twining. "I do not believe that the refusal of the other companies to accept will cause much delay. If the Keystone firm had declined to accept the contract we should have been in a serious way, as their contract calls for a great deal of the steel work. Di-rector Twining will readvertise for the work covered by the contracts turned down,



arrows indicate the geographical relation of Riga to Russia's tal The railroad route is also shown. The present approximate The capital position of the battle line is marked out by the heavy black line running south from Riga.

believe that our transit plans will suffer nuch delay. The Mayor added that he would be in conference all afternoon on transit ques-lions, but would not be at City Hall. He

will return to his office Friday in time fo the transit hearing before the councilmanic committee, he said. Thirty-four invitations have been sent to

persons to attend the first public hearing on the lease on Friday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, n Room 496. City Hall. The invitation: were sent by Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman of Councils' Finance Committee, and Charles Seger, chairman of the Street Raliways Committee, to which the transit lease has been referred jointly.

### Russians Flee as Fall of Riga Menaces Line

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part of the Russian Baltic Sea fleet lying inside of the Gulf of Higa and that the fail of this port would seal its doorn. However, up to the time this dispatch was written no news had been received as to the fleet. The belief is held in some con petent quarters that the greater part, if not all, of the Baltic fleet is a Kronstadt, where there is a land fortress. With Riga in their hands, the Germans may now use it as a base for combined hand and sea operations against Reval and ultimately Petrograd.

#### QUICK AND HARD DRIVE **ON PETROGRAD EXPECTED**

LONDON, Sept. 4. A quick, hard drive from Riga toward Petrograd is London's forecast today of Germany's Russian compaign. Military ezperts believe Germany will do her utm speed. The Germans must go far in the \$20-mile journey toward the Russian capital before freezing weather sets in if they expect to rely on the German Baltic fleet's aid. They may also be expected to hurry with ill speed to cover as much ground as possi hie before General Korniloff can carry out his plans for regeneration of the Russian

If the Russians manifest a proper fighting



Spring by Sowing Now

spirit, military authorities here today agree they will easily block the German drive. The ground from Riga to Petrograd is of a nature lending itself readily to defense. It is marshy and studded with lakes and wat-

erways. Small bodies of Russian troops could play havor with greatly superior attacking forces attempting an advance over such broken terrain In the opinion of observers here much

depends on the Russian fleet in stopping the expected German drive. If mutinous saliors can be quelled and discipline and fighting spirit restored the Russian feet could ef-fectually hamper-perhaps prevent-opera-tions by a German feet in the Baltic.

No attempt was made to minimize the effect of Riga's fall on the German population. Battered badly on the German popula-tion. Battered badly on the west front by British and French drives of the last few months, and with Austria losing ground months, and with Autria losing ground every hour under the Italian assault, the German militarists were badly in need of a German victory to hearten the public. They will make the most of Riga's fail.



## "Thousands" taken prisoners in the Riga



The whole city was ablaze with flags. The whole city was ablaze with flags, motioes and pictures. All schools were closed and the people on the street jubliated in the victory. The scenes were reminiscent of earlier days of the war when Berlin was celebrating Hindenburg's victories against the Bussians. the Russians.

seized and "countless war material" tured, the War Office announced.

BERLIN TAKES HOLIDAY

Merchants of Hamburg and Bremen took occasion to telegraph the Kaiser, assuring him of their loyalty and their determination to hold out, "repuising all foreign interfer-

Berlin took a holiday today to celebrate

BERLIN, Sept. 4.

ence in Germany's internal affairs." "From Riga northeastward dense masses of troops are crowding the roads day and inght in the marches toward the Jaegel." the War Office statement declared today. "The Russian resistance at Riga was broken down. The enemy's evacuation of the city was hurried."

#### Wilson Peace Reply **Considered** by Kaiser

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weg for the profoundly Junker Michaelis. The revolters are those who apparently were content to rest after a few additional and empty promises of reform from the new Chancellor, London has always suspected that Mathias Erzberger, the Clerical leader, and his cohorts were used by the Government to fake a reform move by which the Government might oust von Bethmann-Hollwog. They may be in use now again.

CATHOLICS FAVOR PEACE

On the other hand the Clericals are the Catholic party of Germany, and have been profoundly stirred by Pope Benedict's peace plea. They may also have been equally stirred by President Wilson's reply laying down democratization as the prime requisite

to a discussion of peace with Germany, Erzberger, according to Dutch reports, espects to inaugurate his campaign at the next meeting of the main committee, presumably next week. His plan is to make the Chancellor responsible to the Reichstag, not to the Naizer. He likewise desires that

5.30 to 8.30 Dancing 6 to 8-9 to

sector attest to the German victory there, today's efficial report declared. One hundred and fifty Russian guns were cap

TO CELEBRATE VICTORY

SOCIALISTS DEMAND REFORM

Dr. Eduard David, Socialist leader of the Reichstag, in the Vorwaerts, the Ger-man Socialist organ, maintains the Reichs-tag has constitutional means of enforcing its will, as no Government can continue to

He says that new elections, in which He says that new elections, in which the soldiers at the front would participate, would clearly show how the ship of state must be steered. He sees in prospect a crushing defeat of the Pan-Germans and executivity.

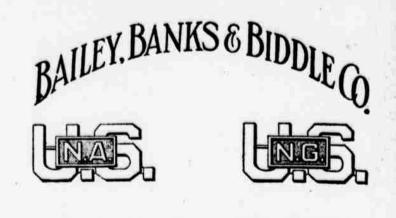
will be devoted to the question of perca The majority, it is said, will challenge the statement of the Government regarding the the Government shall announce its mini-mum demands and clear up the situation as regards the German view of Alsace and minimum peace program and, it is thought, the Government will yield with a view to Lorraine. Through the same news channels comes the prediction that the Reichstag will be dissolved soon after it reassembles and that general elections will follow.

peace negotiations before Christman, It is intimated that the German Govern-

it is intimated that the plenipotentiaries meeting either at The Hague, at Berne or at Copen-hagen, but preferably at The Hague, The answer of the Porte to the Pope's note, it is said, would be that Turkey was

co-operating heart and soul to obtain the most favorable response to the peace in-itiative, although not all the ideas read into the Papal note on the enemy's side met read with approbation.

would clearly show how the ship of state must be stoered. He sees in prospect a crushing defeat of the Pan-Germans and annextionists. Reports from Amsterdam indicate that the next session of the German Reichstag



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# Hudson Prices Too **Must Advance**

Some Cars Already Increased Bring \$1200 and \$1400 Cars Up to Hudson Prices. Money Can Be Saved by Promptness

Fifty-one makers have already increased their prices since January 1st.

No automobile has yet been able to equal in either direction the transcontinental record of a seven-passenger Super-Six Phaeton which traveled from San Francisco to New York and back to San Francisco in 10 days and 21 hours. No conceivable test has revealed the limits of a Hudson Super-Six stock car or stock chassis.

Subway; Others Quit

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"The acceptance of the contract by Ser

ments into the west, with the result that ionths ago.

"The aluminum coating virtually has dis-oppeared," the report states, "and likewise the copper coating, which was intended to be virtually permanent. Cracks have de-veloped at many points, the metal has been saten away, permitting water from rain and meiling snow to enter, and has caused serious corrosion to the metal framework adjacent to the shell of the tower."

A suggestion is made by the committee in its report that \$100.000 should be ap-propriated to make repairs, with the re-quest that further sums be available for the work.

### **Canadians** Gain 200 Yards on Lens Front

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to within eight miles of the Adriatic strong-hold, according to reports received here by the Italian embassy. The Allied vessels are protected from submarine attacks by a large fleet of de-stroyers, motorboats and mine sweepers. It is believed the Austrian General Staff It is believed the Austrian General Staff has had to keep several hundred thousand troops for protection of Pola, because of its investment from the sea. The dual monarchy's main fleet has been bottled up in Pola since the beginning of

the war.

#### GERMAN AIRMEN BOMB CITIES; FRENCH REPLY

PARIS, Sept. 4

Thirteen German airplanes were brought down in oxtraordinary aerial activity on the French front yesterday, today's of-cial report announced. German airmen bombed Dunkirk and

Calais, killing and wounding a number, and let bombs fly over the Nancy and Luneville regions, without striking any victims. In French aviators bombarded enemy n fields and other stations north of ns, at Roulers, Belgium; Liciterveide.



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and this time will advertise for smaller units, possibly eliminating steel. That would allow us to do the excavating work and conditions of the steel, market may be improved by that time.

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STILL HOLDS

MATOR IS PLEASED "I had thought that all would turn down the contracts or all would accept. I am the contracts of all wonth accept. I am certainly pleased that the big contract will go through. I was in touch with Director Twining until nearly midnight last night, and we decided to readvertise for all the work not accepted today. Conditions now make any kind of work a gamble "The accepted roday. Use Model for "The acceptance by the McNichol firm looks like progress to me and I do not

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Former \$1200 and \$1400 cars now cost \$300 to \$400 more than they did one month ago. Some cars advanced January 1st, which again increased in price August 1st.

In the higher priced classes increases since December amount to \$350 to \$700.

Many makers have made two advances within the past eight months. Others give warning of further advances.

The Hudson Super-Sixes sell at the same price that they have sold at since last December.

Increasing cost of materials is responsible for higher prices in automobiles. It is affecting all makers. Soon Hudsons, too, must cost more. Today Hudsons are sold at the same price at which they have sold for several months because they are built from materials contracted for last fall. Then material prices were lower. Increases have been rapid since then.

Steel, the most largely used material in an automobile, is made from iron, and its price is affected by iron prices. Last December iron sold at \$30 a ton. Its average price for 25 years prior to the war was \$16 a ton. Today it is \$54 a ton.

#### Hudson Was the Choice When Others Cost Less

When cars in the lower priced grades sold at \$200 to \$300 less than a Hudson Super-Six, Hudson sales were greater than any other, two makes of that class. Today, with no difference in price, Hudsons must continue to be even more popular.

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No individual use of the car has yet taxed it to its limit.

#### Hudson Sets New Records on the Speedway

The speedway, too, has failed to exhaust Hudson Super-Six endurance. The special racing cars built to meet those conditions, but preserving the same principle that accounts for endurance in the stock cars, did not reach the limit of Hudson endurance. They did establish the American Speedway record for 200 miles at an average speed of 104 miles an hour. The Hudson Super-Six racers made more records in their campaign of racing than any team of cars the industry has produced.

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