

GERMANS HURLED BACK EAST OF RIGA

"Battalion of Death" Repulses Enemy—Battle Still in Progress

RAIDS ON WEST FRONT

Berlin, Sept. 11.—Numerous encounters between German advance forces and vanguards of the Russians between the Baltic and the Dvina were reported in today's official statement. A number of prisoners were taken.

On the west front the War Office said fresh fighting had occurred at Villaret early this morning which resulted in favor of the German forces.

Fuel Administrator May Take Over Coal

Continued from Page One have outgrown our railways," said President White of the miners' union. Fuel Administrator Garfield, however, refuses to be stampeded. The "coal panic" has been stimulated, in part, by telegrams arriving here indicating that industries have been circulating to send complaints.

DEALERS WON'T SELL IF CONSUMERS HOLD PAY

Should it be officially announced that the consumers who have received coal from dealers shall have the right to refuse payment until the margin of profit has been fixed by the committee many retailers will not sell under such conditions.

Most of the retailers, who assert that they are making little or nothing, even at the present high prices of coal, say they could not afford to have hundreds of tons out and unpaid for while the committee was deliberating.

A representative of the firm of B. and O. Chalfant, forty-seventh and Pischall avenues, said:

"We do a cash business and take no time on our bills, and it would be necessary therefore to conduct the selling end of our business on the same plan. I believe that if such a plan were enforced many retailers would be obliged to go out of business. The retailer is not responsible for the high price of coal, and heartily wishes that he could sell it at the prices which prevailed in normal times."

"I do not know what we would do in the event of a consumer refusing to pay for coal received. We will have to await developments."

At the office of the George B. Newton Company it was announced that all officials were out.

Prices of coal in Philadelphia have been given another boost by retail dealers. Prevailing prices are said to be among the highest ever known in this city. It is estimated that the new rate will cost consumers approximately \$1,900,000 in the next twelve months.

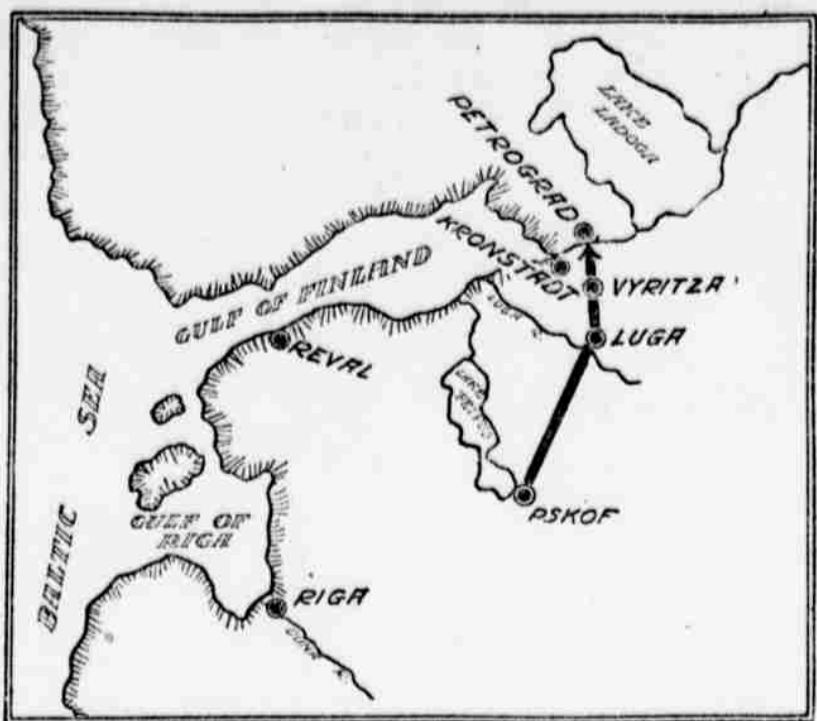
The latest prices announced are: Egg coal, \$8.75; stove coal, \$9. and nut coal, \$9. Pea coal was advanced seventy-five cents a ton, according to announcements made yesterday. The price of pea coal now is \$8 a ton.

The prices have been boosted again despite the assertion of Dr. Henry A. Garfield, national coal controller, that Philadelphia householders would get that product cheaper.

The concerns to raise prices were the George B. Newton Company, controlling about 25 per cent of the local market, and Edwin J. Cummings. The jump amounted to thirty-five cents on egg coal; thirty-five cents on pea; ten cents on nut, and twenty-five cents on pea. This is the second rise this month. On September 1 ten cents was added to egg coal and nut and seventy-five cents on pea. Compared with September, 1916, egg is up \$1.29 a ton; stove, \$1.29; nut, \$1, and pea, \$2.25.

The reason given for the advance was that the dealers were not receiving enough coal from the railroad operating companies and were forced to go into the open market.

SLAV TROOPS ADVANCE ON PETROGRAD



The map shows the route taken by Russian divisions formerly commanded by General Korniloff, who are marching toward the capital city from Pskov. They have reached Vyritzka, only thirty-six miles from Petrograd.

PROMISES TO STOP MINE CAVE-IN MENACE TO CITY

Pledge Forms Important Plank in Platform of Candidates at Scranton

SCRANTON, Pa., Sept. 11.—Solution of the mine cave problem is the most exciting feature of the Mayoralty race, with seven candidates in the field. All of the aspirants are conducting public meetings throughout the city and all are offering their own ideas on how the cave nuisance can be solved.

The most radical views on the mine cave solution are being offered by John Durkin and Steve McDonald, the former being president of the Surface Protective Association, while the latter is head of the Central Labor Union. Durkin would prevent companies from operating mines that endanger properties. McDonald proposes to rely on the mine workers.

Other candidates who are devoting considerable attention to the mine cave problem in their campaign speeches are A. A. Koshing and Alex. Connell. The former claims to have drafted an ordinance six years ago that applies to the cave nuisance.

Edward Robling, Socialist candidate, has posted \$5000 with a local bank that he will settle the cave problem if he is elected. Palling to do so, he agrees to forfeit the money to the West Side Consumptive Hospital. He proposes to stop caves by use of police power.

Fight for Places as Freeholders

MILLVILLE, N. J., Sept. 11.—An earnest campaign is being fought in the southern section of Cumberland County for seats on the Board of Freeholders. Joseph Turner seeks reelection and is being opposed by Willis Reilings. Joseph Chambers is again a candidate for reelection and the office is also sought by Ralph Wilson. George Reeves, who has been a Freeholder for almost a quarter of a century, is having his first opposition, Gustavus A. Kessler having filed a petition.

U. S. Flotilla Fights Battle With U-Boats

Continued from Page One fight was that no lives were lost on the American ships. The battle is the most serious boat incident of recent months. The first evidence of missed submarine attacks was that of the German encounter with the first fleet of American transports sent to France. On that occasion all of the ships came through safely due to the heavy destroyer convoy. It is assumed that the other vessels with the Westways were merchantmen, though the cablegram was not specific as to what vessels they were.

FREIGHTERS BELIEVED TO BE VICTIMS OF BATTLE

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—It was learned here today that the British freighter Westworth, commanded by Captain Cross, and the French freighter Kouang-Si, commanded by Captain Fugat, have been reported sunk by submarines off the French coast on September 6. The Westworth and Kouang-Si are believed to be the ships sunk in the battle with an American convoy, news of which was given out by Secretary of the Navy Daniels in Washington today. The Kouang-Si displaced 6472 tons and hailed from Marseille. She arrived at an American port on her last westward voyage on July 4, and sailed later, presumably for Europe. She was built in 1914. The Westworth was a vessel of 3528 tons, hailing from Newcastle, England. The last record of her movements in the marine register was her arrival at an American port on July 20. The Westworth was built in 1915.

WESTWEGO TRANSFERRED TO U. S. REGISTRY IN 1914

The tanker Westwego, which participated in the big battle of September 6, is owned by the Union Petroleum Steamship Company, with offices in New York. She sailed from this port about three weeks ago with a cargo of oil. She was commanded by Captain Willette. It is believed several Philadelphia residents were among her crew.

The vessel was formerly the Rumanian steamer Steaua Romana, built in Germany, and was purchased by the Union Petroleum Steamship Company in December, 1914. She is 400 feet long, with a fifty-foot beam. Her transfer to American registry was arranged by the Union Petroleum Steamship Company in Berlin. At the time of her transfer she came near causing international complications similar to the famous Dutch case.

The Westwego was stopped by the German submarine U-15 off Fastnet January 31, 1917, and part of her cargo of oil seized. The captain of the U-boat threatened to sink the ship if the oil was not given to him.

Pipet Van Halts Trains an Hour

PITMAN, N. J., Sept. 11.—A large moving van upset here today on the Broadway Railroad, and part of the West Jersey Railroad, blocking the northbound track for an hour. Electric express and local trains were delayed. A company of Atlantic County's new militia enroute to sea girt was delayed.

Record Wage Ends Puddlers' Strike

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 11.—The strike of puddlers at the Reading Iron Company plants here was settled late yesterday. The men will get \$14 a ton, the highest ever paid in the East. They wanted \$13.50 when they first went on strike and later raised this to \$15. Until they struck they were getting \$12.

Gen. T. J. Stewart Passes Away on His Birthday

Continued from Page One also noted as an orator and after-dinner speaker. His fond of stories seemed to be inexhaustible and he told them with a forcefulness and point which held interest. Thomas J. Stewart was born September 11, 1848, near Belfast, Ireland and was brought by his parents to Norristown, Pa., in 1849. He was educated in the public schools and at the Quaker City Business College in Philadelphia. At sixteen years of age he entered as a private in the 128th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was engaged as a manufacturer and dealer in window shades from 1870 to 1882.

He was assistant adjutant general, Department of Pennsylvania G. A. R. from 1882 to 1888; and was elected department commander in 1890. In 1893 he was appointed assistant adjutant general of the Grand Army of the Republic, National Encampment. In September, 1897, he was appointed adjutant general of the G. A. R. by Commander-in-Chief J. P. S. Goblin; reappointed in 1901 by Commander-in-Chief James A. Sexton; reappointed September, 1905, by Commander-in-Chief Albert D. Shaw. He was elected commander-in-chief of the G. A. R. October 8, 1902.

POLITICAL CAREER

General Stewart was a member of the House of Representatives, session 1885-86, and has been connected with the National Guard of Pennsylvania since 1868. He was appointed adjutant of the Sixth Regiment in 1867. On September 20, 1869, he was appointed assistant adjutant general, First Brigade, and reappointed in 1894.

He was appointed, on the part of the House of Representatives, a member of the Commission to Locate and Establish the Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Homes, and afterward named as a member of the board of trustees of the same institution on the part of the State.

He was appointed a member of the commission in charge of the Soldiers' Orphan Schools. He was elected Secretary of Internal Affairs on November 4, 1886, re-elected November 4, 1890. He resigned January 15, 1895. He was appointed Adjutant General by Governor D. H. Hastings on January 15, 1895, reappointed by Governor William A. Stone, January 17, 1908, appointed by all succeeding Governors.

Funeral services will be held at General Stewart's home in Harrisburg Friday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, and the body will be taken to Norristown, his old home, Saturday morning at 10:30, where services will be held in the afternoon.

REQUIRES HEIR TO WED

Priest Bars Nephew Unless He Marries Within Year

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—The will of Father Patrick J. Fahy, rector of the Church of St. Benedict Joseph, at Morris Park, has been filed for probate in Queens County. Father Fahy, who died on July 15, was reputed to be wealthy. The affidavit filed with the will does not estimate the estate, except to say that it is in excess of \$10,000 in personal property.

Father Fahy's will directs that \$2000 be set aside for his funeral and the erection of a monument over his grave in St. John's Cemetery. He leaves \$1000 to his sister, Mrs. Catherine Donohue, of Ashfield, Ireland.

All the residuary estate is left to John Fahy, a nephew, of Buxton, Ireland, provided he was married at the time of the death of the decedent or that he marries within one year thereafter. If he is not married or does not marry before July 15, 1918, the residuary estate is to go to the bishop of the diocese, to be used as part of a fund to erect a seminary.

PHILADELPHIA DOCTOR RESTORED MAN'S SIGHT

Reports Success of Electrical Treatment at Shore Convention

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 11.—Amazing results obtained in the treatment of melanicholia and other cerebral "disorders" through the use of galvanic currents during the past year were reported by brain specialists in the annual convention of the American Electro-Therapeutic Association, at Hotel Traymore today.

Results almost, if not, as encouraging as being procured by Philadelphia in the correction of deafness of vision. Dr. A. H. Hirsch, of Philadelphia, told of restoring the sight of a Philadelphiaian who was almost wholly blind, after eye specialists had referred the case to him as a last resort. Stress was laid upon the fact that the side of this patient were found to be seriously affected.

Very encouraging results are being obtained also, other delegates reported, in the treatment and cure of cataracts through galvanism.

Dr. Alfred T. Livingston, of Jamestown, N. Y., in warning the electro-therapeutic specialists against extreme currents and his best results have been procured through applying the electrode to the base of the nerve centers running into the brain.

"Sending the currents through the head in a method to be approached with extreme care," the New Yorker said, "I prefer to stimulate the nerve centers and blood vessels which are the storage batteries of the brain rather than apply the current directly to the brain cells." Such a technique he believed, points the way to the correction of "disordered ideas" of the brain. He reported the apparent cure of a pronounced case of melancholia in four months.

BRIDEGROOM TARDY, GIRL MARRIES HIS BROTHER

Northumberland Lassie Cries a Little Then Turns Happily to First Love

NORTHUMBERLAND, Pa., Sept. 11.—Miss Alice Pratt, eighteen years old, who has big brown eyes and rosy cheeks, appeared at the office of Squire S. M. F. Tierney, to become the bride of John Borden, a neighbor, she said. With her was Frank Borden, a brother of the prospective bridegroom. When John did not appear for the nuptials tears sprang to her eyes.

Frank spoke words of pity, and she asked the use of the Squire's private office. In a few minutes both returned smiling. "It's all right, Squire," said Frank. "He was my sweetheart first, anyhow, and he consented to become my bride, instead of John's. A hurried trip was made to the courthouse, a new marriage license obtained, and in a few minutes they were made man and wife."

BAKERS URGE STANDARD LOAF

Believe Government Should Follow Out Wheat Plan

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—A uniform price everywhere for a standard loaf was discussed between the food administrators and representatives of the Master Bakers Association here yesterday. Many of the bakers feel that inasmuch as the Government has set the price of wheat, which will determine the price of flour, the time is ripe for standardizing the loaf of bread.

Large advertisement for the novel 'Josselyn's Wife' by Kathleen Norris, featuring a headline 'Would You Let Your Husband Know That You Suspected Him?' and promotional text for a Pictorial Review.