



## GERMAN FORCES, NOW ACROSS YSER, HELD IN CHECK, SAYS FRENCH REPORT

### Allies' Position Along General Line Between Nieuport and Dixmude Maintained, According to Official Statement. Their Front Held Also in Region Between Ypres and Roulers, to the West of La Bassee, and to the East of Arras--Kaiser's Troops Forced Back on Lowicz and Roma, Which Towns Have Been Captured at the Bayonet Point by the Russians

Paris, Oct. 26, 2.54 P. M.—The French official communication given out this afternoon says that yesterday the French line between Nieuport and Dixmude was maintained. The text of the communication follows:

"During the day of yesterday our position along the general line between Nieuport and Dixmude was maintained. The German forces which crossed the Yser between those two towns have not been able to progress.

"Our front was held also in the region between Ypres and Roulers, between Armentieres and Lille, to the west of La Bassee and of Lens, and to the east of Arras. This line is continued to the south by line which already has been indicated by these dispatches. During the fighting of recent days the enemy seems to have sustained considerable losses.

"In Russia, to the west of the Vistula and to the north of the Pitca river, the Germans have been forced back on Lowicz and Rawa, which have been captured at the bayonet point by the Russians.

"To the south of Pitca, in the direction of Radon, there has been a lively engagement between the Russians and the Austro-Germans who lost prisoners and cannon.

"To the south of Solre the Russian troops crossed the Vistula by main force, driving the Austrians back. On the river San and to the south of Przemysl there have occurred stubborn combats resulting favorably to the Russians. An Austrian column debouching from the Carpathians on Dolina in Galicia, 22 miles to the south of Strypy, was routed."

The supreme efforts of the fighting men of five nations have failed to turn the tide of battle along the Franco-Belgian border. Latest reports to-day were that a struggle of unparalleled fury was still in progress along the North Sea, where the Germans with reckless bravery are flinging their troops against the allied forces. The French official statement indicates that an attempt to cut off the German right wing had made some progress. It is also said the allies have established a front from Ypres to Roulers, the German line has been thrust back in a sharp angle, the point of which is considerably to the northward of their forces on the shore of the North Sea. The German movement across the Yser, which presented a menacing aspect to the allies, has been checked, the French War Office says.

All accounts agree that the toll of human life exacted in this crucial struggle is enormous. Three meadows near Ostend, a British correspondent reports, are heaped with German dead.

From the remainder of the long line of battle, stretching to the south and east across France to the edge of Switzerland, there is no word. Apparently both sides are waiting the outcome of the conflict to the north, upon which depends future plans of campaigning although it is probable that heavy fighting is still in progress to the north of Verdun where the army of the German crown prince is making a desperate effort to pierce the French line.

Reports from the eastern front indicate that the greatest battle of the war in that area is impending. Austria, in its latest official statement, makes the claim to having thrust strong forces across the Carpathians in the face of determined resistance. The Austrians claim successes in engagements to the northeast of Przemysl and on the lower San.

No word has come up to early afternoon of the fighting at Tsing-Tau where a small German garrison is attempting to stand off attacks by land and sea from the combined Japanese and British forces.

Recent reports that relations between China and Japan were being strained were strengthened by word from Pekin that the Chinese Foreign Minister had demanded the surrender of a Japanese torpedo boat which entered Chinese waters and attempted to tow away the wreck of the torpedo boat beached by the Germans to escape destruction by the Japanese.

## ANTWERP BEING PREPARED FOR DEFENSE BY GERMANS

London, Oct. 26, 6.40 A. M.—The correspondent of the "Times" at Rotterdam sends the following:

"It is clear that the Germans are putting Antwerp in a state of defense. In most of the important forts the Belgian guns have been replaced with German fortress artillery of the latest type.

"The bridge between Antwerp and Pais De Waes, which the retreating Belgians damaged, has been repaired. Evidently the Germans are preparing a line of retreat from the Ostend-Dixmude line.

"The authorities have ordered the railroads to cease the free conveyance of refugees from Holland to Antwerp. Only a small garrison is at present in Antwerp, probably not more than 3,000 men."

## SAYS CROWN PRINCE IS CUT OFF FROM REST OF FORCES

London, Oct. 26, 6.35 A. M.—The Bordeaux correspondent of the "Daily News" sends the following regarding the fighting in the Argonne region:

"A useful success has been scored by the allies in the forest of Argonne. After the fighting in the Marne the Duke of Wurtemberg's army retreated to the western side of the Argonne while the Crown Prince's army followed along the eastern side of the forest, halting finally around Varennes. Ever since the two armies have been trying to join hands.

"The French have now gained possession of the village of Melzicourt in the middle of Argonne and commanding the route to the valley of the Aisne. As long as they hold this key the Crown Prince is out in the cold, separated by a difficult country from the rest of the German lines."

## 298,869 PRISONERS HELD BY GERMANS, SAY BERLIN PAPERS

London, Oct. 26, 5.40 A. M.—A Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam says that according to Berlin newspapers received there the number of war prisoners up to October 21 aggregated 298,869, including 5,401 officers.

Of these it is said that there are 2,472 French officers and 146,897 men; 2,164 Russian officers and 104,524 men; 547 Belgian officers and 31,378 men and 218 British officers and 8,669 men.

## DEAD AND DYING BY WAGON LOAD PASS BY MIDDELKERKE

London, Oct. 26, 3.13 A. M.—The position of the coast is stationary this morning, says a "Daily Mail" dispatch from Flushing, Netherlands, under date of Sunday. "There is less firing and it is more to the southward. No alteration of the situation is reported from Ostend."

"The German losses are frightful. Three meadows near Ostend are heaped with mud. The wounded are now installed in private houses in Bruges, where large wooden sheds are being built to care for the injured. Thirty-seven farm wagons, containing a convulsive mass of wounded, dying and dead, passed in one hour near Middelkerke.

"The Germans have been working at new entrenchments between Coq Sur Mur and Wanduine, to protect the road to Bruges."

## CHINA DEMANDS SURRENDER OF JAPANESE TORPEDO BOAT

Pekin, China, Oct. 27, 4.05 A. M.—The Chinese Foreign Minister has demanded the surrender of a Japanese torpedo boat with its crew which entered Chinese waters and substituted the Japanese flag for the Chinese dragon and attempted to tow away the wrecked German torpedo boat S 90.

## Germany Will Not Attack Canada

Washington, Oct. 26.—Although Germany contends that Canada, by sending troops against Germany, has violated the spirit of the Monroe Doctrine, Germany has no intention of attacking Canada nor attempting to colonize that dominion, according to a statement issued here to-day by the German embassy.

## Von Tripp and Staff Buried

London, Oct. 26, 3.34 A. M.—A dispatch to the "Daily Mail" from Flushing, Netherlands, dated Saturday, says that General Von Tripp and nearly all his staff who were killed in a church tower at Leffluhe by the fire from the British warships have been buried in Ostend.

## BIG RALLY OF REPUBLICANS

Senator Penrose and Other Notables to Address Meeting at Chestnut Street Hall Wednesday Night

The Wednesday night meeting to be held in Chestnut street hall under the auspices of the Dauphin County Republican League, will be the big rally of the campaign in Harrisburg. The speakers will be Senator Penrose, Thomas S. Crago, candidate for Congressman-at-large; Charlemagne Tower, late Minister to Germany, and others. It is possible that Dr. Brumbaugh, the candidate for Governor, will arrive in time to take part in the meeting.

On Thursday morning Dr. Brumbaugh will make a tour of the lower end of Dauphin county. He will leave Harrisburg early in the morning, his first stopping place being Steelton, and will then go to Enhaut, Oberlin, Highspire, Middletown, Hummelstown and Hershey, stopping at noon at Hershey. Then the party will go to Union Deposit, Shellsville, Linglestown, Progress and Penbrook, arriving in Harrisburg in time to permit Dr. Brumbaugh to take the 3.25 train for Philadelphia.

This evening Republican meetings will be held at Union Deposit and Shellsville, when Congressman Kreider, John G. Nisley and Mr. Hull will speak. A meeting will also be held at Shellsville to be addressed by Morris Metzger, Earl Renn and F. B. Wickersham.

To-morrow night Republican meetings will be held in Killinger, Enhaut and Royaltown.

To-morrow night a big Democratic rally will be held at Keller street hall to be addressed by ex-State Treasurer William H. Berry, James L. Blaklee, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General; James A. Stranahan and Henry Niles.

On Saturday night the big Democratic rally of the campaign will take place at Chestnut street hall, when Congressman Palmer, Vance C. McCormick and William T. Creasy will be the talkers. The party will tour the Cumberland Valley before coming to Harrisburg in the evening.

## DECIDES AGAINST FUSION

Court Rules Democratic State Committee Had No Right to Make Philadelphia Substitutions

Nominations of candidates made in the interest of fusion by the Democratic State Committee after two regularly nominated Democratic candidates in the Seventeenth legislative district, Philadelphia county, had withdrawn from the race, do not conform with the primary law and are invalid. Judge S. J. M. McCarroll so decided in an opinion filed with the Prothonotary here late this afternoon.

The clerk of the Dauphin county courts is directed to certify the decision to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, this for the purpose of preventing, if possible, the names of the substituted candidates from appearing on the Democratic ballot.

The Court holds that the State Committee of any political party is without authority to make substitute nominations except in cases where the nominee shall be a State-wide candidate. The power, the Court holds, is vested in the county or city committee representing the electors who are entitled to vote for the candidate.

The executive committee of the Democratic State Committee undertook to nominate as legislative candidates, T. Henry Walnut and Wesley T. Robinson, after James J. Campbell and John J. Finerty, regularly nominated candidates, had withdrawn. Walnut and Robinson are Washington party men and the substitutions and withdrawals were made in the interest of fusion.

## MRS. CARMAN IS RELEASED

Accused Slayer of Mrs. Bailey Freed on \$25,000 Bail Bond

New York, Oct. 26.—Mrs. Florence Conklin Carman, who was on trial in Mineola all last week for the murder of Mrs. Louise Bailey, was released on \$25,000 bail by Justice Kelly in the Kings county Supreme Court in Brooklyn this afternoon.

Accompanied by her attorneys she started immediately for her home in Freeport.

## COMMERCE COMMITTEE NAMED

Men to Compose the Executive Body Announced This Afternoon

The members of the executive committee of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce were announced this afternoon following a mail vote taken by the directors.

Henderson Gilbert, the new president of the Chamber, will act as chairman of the committee. Others on the committee are: George F. Watt, Ed. S. Herman, David Kaufman and Donald McCormick.

## TWO MEN ENTOMBED IN MINE

Rescue Crews Endeavoring to Reach Men at Elizabeth, Pa.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 26.—Fire in Patterson mine of the United Coal and Coke Company at Elizabeth, Pa., near here, to-day entombed two men, a large number escaping when the alarm was given.

A rescue crew from the Pittsburgh station of the Bureau of Mines, aided by rescue crews from other mines in the district, are endeavoring to reach the men.

## HEADLESS TRUNK THAT OF DURHAM

Learned Now That Man Murdered in Mississippi Had His Home in Lucknow

## WAS SLAIN WITH BIG BOWIE KNIFE

Body of Victim of Quarrel on Carnival Grounds Is Sent to Father Here and the Burial Will Take Place in Progress

A letter in his pocket addressed to his father, Jacob S. Durham, of Canal Road, Lucknow, was the means of identifying the headless trunk of a man murdered on the Mississippi-Alabama fair grounds, Meridian, Miss., as J. Edward Durham, 23 years old, of Lucknow.

The name was given in dispatches received here Saturday as "Edward May," of this city, a name that he evidently had assumed, when he joined a carnival company which was showing a fair grounds last week. His father said that he believed his son had assumed that name, as letters addressed to the son as Durham were returned unopened. Durham had a chum by the name of Edward May, according to the father.

Durham, it is alleged, was attacked on the show grounds by Dave and Joe Smith, brothers, of Meridian, Miss., after Durham had received an insult to a woman performer with the show. Durham's head was severed from his body by a bowie knife in the fight which occurred on the fair grounds.

Yesterday morning Durham's father received word from the Meridian police, who used the address found on the letter in the murdered man's pocket. The father wired back that the description fitted his son, whom he knew to be traveling with a carnival company through the South. Arrangements were then made to ship the body to Harrisburg.

C. H. Mauk, undertaker, received the body here last night and to-day it was taken to the father's home. Funeral services will be held at that place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The body will then be taken to Sloop's church, Progress, where further services will be held at 10 a. m.

After the first dispatch regarding the murder was received here the local police department began searching for friends of a man by the name of Edward Durham yesterday notified Chief of Police Hutchinson of the identification of the body.

## TENER'S CAR AS AMBULANCE

Governor's Chauffeur Uses It to Rush to Hospital With Newsboy Injured by Runabout

The chauffeur for Governor Tener this morning hauled an injured boy to the Governor's big touring car to the Harrisburg Hospital, after the youth had been run down by a small runabout outside the garage at the rear of the Executive Mansion. The Governor's footman held the boy in his arms on the way to the hospital.

The boy, Abraham Micholovitz, 13 years old, 1324 Williams street, had delivered newspapers at the Executive Mansion at Front and Barbara streets. He was on a bicycle and rode out Barbara street. Just as he was turning into River street the runabout hit him. The boy was knocked heavily to the street and lay there stunned. The driver of the runabout became frightened and did not seem to know what to do. Governor Tener's chauffeur then took the boy to the hospital in the Governor's car.

At the hospital the boy recovered from the shock and was able to talk after a while. He complained about pain in his back and hospital attaches admitted him for treatment. His injuries are not dangerous.

## TENER PICKS FUTURE HOME

Confirms Report That His Headquarters Will Be in Philadelphia

Recent reports that Governor Tener will make his headquarters in Philadelphia after the present administration were confirmed to-day when the Governor signed a lease for an apartment on Spruce street in that city.

Governor Tener said that while he expects to spend much of his time in Philadelphia he will still consider Charleroi his legal residence. His old acquaintances in that Washington county town he described as "my best friends."

Governor Tener said that the report that the headquarters of the National Baseball League, of which he is president, will be removed from New York to Philadelphia is without foundation. He would not discuss the subject of politics, except to remark:

"I shall take an interest in Pennsylvania politics, just how active I cannot say, except that I always hope to be in a position to help my friends, and advocate such principles as I know are right."

Dr. Freed's Condition Critical

Dr. Isaac Freed, 1337 North Front street, who has been seriously ill for the past several days, had another relapse this afternoon and his relatives do not look for his recovery. Dr. Freed is a commercial salesman and was taken ill several days ago in Pittsburgh, when he was brought to his home in this city.

## SAYS WIFE LEFT HIM FOR POLITICS

Husband, Seeking Separation, Alleges She Was Ambitious to Make Her Own Way

## SHE WANTED TO ENJOY LUXURY

Mrs. Jane B. Hunter, According to Testimony in Court To-day, Is a College Graduate and Has Her Own Ideas About Things

Her desire to be a politician and to have luxuries like those enjoyed by the wives of her brothers, were the chief reasons Jane B. Hunter deserted her husband, Robert Hunter, now of 1528 North Sixth street, this city, so Hunter testified in his suit for legal separation at the October term of divorce court this morning. Judge Kunkel heard the case and took the papers, following the legal practice, and withheld his decision.

At the time of the alleged desertion, March 7, 1912, the Hunters lived in Baltimore, Md. They have one child, which is now in the custody of the mother at her home in Lakewater, Conn., and which Mrs. Hunter, by proceedings recently instituted in the Connecticut courts, seeks to adopt. If successful in the adoption plan the husband's right to regain the custody of the child would be made more difficult.

The father in court to-day declared that he would not agree to the wife's adoption plan. Hunter is a traveling man, connected with a Baltimore firm, and only recently returned from London where he was sent to open a European branch for the firm. His return was delayed by illness.

## FOR PINCHOT AND M'CORMICK

Colonel Roosevelt Opens Four Days' Tour in This State by Advocating Their Election

Mauch Chunk, Pa., Oct. 26.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt began to-day a four days' campaign tour in Pennsylvania in the interest of the candidacy of Gifford Pinchot for United States Senator and of the Washington party, State, Congressional and Legislative tickets. He delivered addresses at Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown and this place. Speaking at Allentown, Colonel Roosevelt said:

"Every man who voted for me two years ago and is not ashamed of it owes it to himself to vote for Pinchot this year. Pinchot was my right hand man while I was President and there is not one of my principles that he does not stand for. We are fighting for the same principles against the same foes. The prime issue is to beat Penrose and the only man to beat him is Pinchot."

"I am asking you to think of the next generation. On our way up here we passed your school children. I ask you to make this country the right kind of a country to live in. Our opponents have said that if Penrose were sent back to the Senate it would put Pennsylvania back on the map. I say to you it would put Pennsylvania back on the map."

"And I am also advocating the election of Vance McCormick. We must root Penrose out of the State."

## BIG RUSH FOR T. R. TICKETS

600 Applications Received Hours Before Time Set to Distribute Them for Address on Thursday

The Washington party county and city chairmen to-day began the distribution of tickets of admittance to Chestnut street hall to hear Colonel Roosevelt make his address on Thursday morning. The tickets call for admittance at 9.30, and it is expected that by the time Colonel Roosevelt arrives, at 10 o'clock, all who have been provided with the necessary pasteboards will be in their seats. While awaiting the arrival of the Colonel local Bull Moose talkers will expound Progressive ideas in a series of addresses.

While the hour for the beginning of the issuing of tickets was set for 2 o'clock this afternoon, the demand for them began early this morning and by noon between 500 and 600 had been applied for and handed out. Requests for tickets came from all directions, many of them by telephone from a distance, and almost every town in the vicinity purposes being represented at the meeting.

It was stated to-day that nobody will be admitted without a ticket, the intention being to prevent accident from overcrowding. The hall will accommodate about 1,500, including standing room, and every inch of space will likely be taken.

## Mule's Kick Probably Fatal

aged 12 years, son of Paul Dietz, of aged 12 years, son of Paul Dietz, of near "Highmount," was perhaps fatally injured this morning when he was kicked by a mule. He was hitching the animal to a vehicle when it raised its hind legs and struck him on the head. The lad was rendered unconscious and it is feared that his skull is fractured. He bled considerably.

## 'FORCE BAG' USELESS TO HALT FLOOD

Witness Says Husband Tried in Vain to Make It Drive Water Out of Cellar

## DUG 3 NIGHTS TO FIND GOLD

Rummler, His Widow Testifies, Sought Precious Metal on Advice of Seiferd, Alleged Clairvoyant, Who Figures in Will Fight

Harrison Seiferd, alleged clairvoyant and spiritualist, whose right to receive the bulk of the \$12,000 estate left by the late Mrs. Martha Adams is being contested by other Adams heirs in proceedings before Roy C. Danner, Register of Wills, to-day was said by witnesses to have represented that he is possessed of the power of interpreting and foretelling the effect of his clients' dreams.

Mrs. Martha Cromleigh said her sister, Mrs. Adams, frequently told of having called on Seiferd for advice and information tending to show what would be the outcome of certain dreams she had had.

"My sister once said," began Mrs. Cromleigh, "that she dreamed she had been in fairyland, a beautiful place, which she said she thought would be a good place in which to remain."

Immediately after that the scene of the dream shifted, so Mrs. Cromleigh said her sister told her, and all appeared to be dark and the country was surrounded by muddy water.

"My sister told me at that time that she would consult Seiferd and learn what that dream meant."

The witness also declared that Mrs. Adams called on Seiferd to tell her the meaning of strange sounds in a new home the Cromleighs built. These sounds were accompanied by the walls cracking and small particles of plaster falling. Mrs. Cromleigh said they occurred at times while she was entertaining Mrs. Adams as her house guest.

Mrs. J. M. Rummler, who declared that her dead husband during his lifetime gave Seiferd several thousand dollars for "force bags," said Rummler accepted "advice" from Seiferd from 1896 until Rummler died in 1905.

The Rummlers were troubled with water getting in the cellar of their home and Mr. Rummler, the witness said, obtained a "force bag" from Seiferd to remedy this condition.

"Seiferd threw one of the force bags into the water—it was about four feet deep," said Mrs. Rummler, "but the water did not recede and we did not get relief until the house was connected with a city sewer."

Mrs. Rummler added that her husband paid \$100 to Seiferd for a "force bag" to guard the house against storm and that Seiferd tacked a small card bearing the "mysterious language and powers" on the house. The storm did no damage.

Under Seiferd's advice Rummler went into a field adjacent to their home, in this city, years ago, to dig for gold, the witness testified. He did that on three consecutive nights and each time came back with an empty bag, so the widow said.

## 4 SEIZED IN CENTRAL HIGH

Boys Suspected of Looking for Examination Papers Are Taken by Police—Committee to Investigate

Four Central High school boys, according to School Board officials, last night entered the school building at Capital and Forster streets. It is supposed by the school authorities they wanted to get a look at examination papers. Their presence was discovered and city policemen summoned. A squad of bluecoats surrounded the building and the boys were apprehended.

City Superintendent Downes, Principal Steele, of the school, and Harry A. Boyer, president of the School Board, held a conference this morning and decided the incident should be brought before the Teachers' committee of the School Board, which will meet in special session Thursday night.

The boys subsequently were released by the police and, according to Chief of Police Hutchison, his department is awaiting the action of School Board officials. Superintendent Downes said: "We have been trying for many years to break up that thing. It will be brought up at a meeting of the Teachers' committee, and it is likely that the police will be asked to follow it up. I cannot see why the boys were released. Two of the boys do not reside in Harrisburg, and I will suggest that those boys who do not show a disposition to get through on their own merits be kept from attending the school."

Neither School Board officials nor the police made public the names of the boys found in the building.

Severe Earthquake Felt at Turin

Rome, Oct. 26, 12.50 P. M.—A very severe earthquake was felt at Turin to-day. No casualties have been reported.