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## GERMAN INVADERS ARE SLOWLY ADVANCING ON PARIS

Main Column, Regardless of Fearful Death List, Pushes Allies Further Back on Paris

### FRANCE CALLS LAST RESERVE

French Left Wing Compelled to Give Way Before Irresistible Tidal Wave of Kaiser's Invading Legions. Another Column Advancing on Oise Valley

London, England.—Fighting hard to stem the German advance on Paris the French and British troops who have been retreating for the last week in the North have dropped back to positions along the Somme River, roughly speaking within 75 miles of the French capital. Another column is pressing forward to the valley of the Oise River, which flows into the Seine a short distance from Paris. Along the line of the Meuse the French have been able to check for a time the Germans there.

The allies are in dire need of reinforcements. For a week of practically continuous fighting they have been overborne by sheer weight of numbers and bulldog tenacity. It was admitted that the situation contained little hope that the resistless German advance that has poured on, spending the blood of the Fatherland like water in the face of a death list that is terrible to contemplate, could be checked.

The French official announcement which mentions that the progress of the German right wing has forced the allies to yield further ground, would seem to indicate that the Germans, notwithstanding repulses, are making daily advances toward Paris.

The statement of Field Marshal Sir John French, commander of the British troops, however, spoke of fighting on the French left, but this, according to one report, resulted in the German right being slightly turned.

France has called out her last reserves, the class of 1914, mere boys, 200,000 in number, untrained in war, but the best she has. All her trained fighting men have been sent to the battle line. England is calling with anxious earnestness for more volunteers. She must pour more and ever more men into the gap that face the relentless advance that has driven the flower of her home army back with heavy slaughter.

The French war office made this terse admission of further reverses: "The progress of the German right has obliged us to yield ground on our left."

This tells another story of defeat. The allies' left is the army that is opposing the main German advance from the north and this brief sentence shows that the defenders, given no chance to reform and fight a pitched battle, so swift is the German forward movement, have been compelled to yield more of France to the Kaiser.

The announcement adds that the French are making a strenuous resistance along the River Meuse, the right wing of the allied army.

The Times in a special edition prints a long story from its special correspondent at Amiens regarding the seriousness of the situation in northern France. The correspondent says: "We have to count the losses, take stock of the situation, and set our teeth."

He continues: "Along the Sambre and in the angle of the Sambre and the Meuse, the French, after days of long gallant fighting, broke. Namur fell and General Joffre was forced to order a retreat along the whole line! The Germans, fulfilling the one best of all the precepts of war, never gave the retreating allies a single moment's rest. The pursuit was immediate, relentless, unrelenting. Aeroplanes, Zeppelins, armored motor cars, cavalry, were loosed like arrows from a bow and served immediately to harass the retreating columns and also to keep the German staff fully informed of the movements of the allies."

According to reports from Berlin the Kaiser's troops have reached St. Quentin, where the German cavalry completely routed the British. The losses to the British were heavy.

### BAPTISM.

Evangelists W. J. Armstrong and G. B. Winemiller will have a baptism in the river at the Red Bridge, near Shaw Mines, Sunday, Sept. 6th, at 2:45 P. M.

Glassware and Queensware, mostly at 10c per piece, at the Globe Electric and Novelty Store.

Nice ripe Tomatoes 50c per half-bushel basket at Habel & Phillips. [ad]

Agent for Edison Mazda Lamp. Globe Electric and Novelty Store. [ad]

### DR. DIXON GIVES SCHOOL DAY HINTS.

Hundreds of thousands of children will go trooping back to school within the next few days. Immediately following their return, measles, diphtheria, scarlet fever and certain other communicable diseases, which reach their lowest ebb during the vacation period, will increase by leaps and bounds.

The result will be disease and death for the children and more or less disorganization in the schools.

The responsibility for the spread of much of the contagion rests with the parents. Unfortunately in many homes a cold or sore throat is not considered a sufficient excuse for keeping a child at home yet these are the preliminary symptoms of a number of the diseases of childhood.

When Johnny or Jane has a cold or a sore throat they should remain at home and have it cared for. If, as often proves to be the case, it is the first stage of scarlet fever or diphtheria this may be of vital importance.

Even if it is a more simple malady a day's care may prevent a week's illness. The child with a cold or sore throat who comes in contact with a source of infection is in an ideal condition to contract disease. So primarily for their own protection and welfare and secondarily for the protection of the other children they should be kept at home.

Many mis-guided parents apparently feel that they are doing their children a great wrong in permitting them to stay out of school on account of what they consider minor ailments.

Regularly of attendance may have a certain importance but it is not worthy of consideration when balanced against health. The parents boast that "our children never miss a day at school," means that in many instances they have been forced to go when they would have been better off at home. No one questions the value of that portion of our education acquired through schooling but the good health of the child is the basis upon which rests the future of the man and woman and it should not be jeopardized for a few hours or days of school work.

### VERY INTERESTING LYCEUM MEETING.

The meeting of the Lyceum last Thursday evening in the Forum on North street, proved to be one of the most interesting ones held thus far. The subject was "Eugenics—is it a Practical Question." The speaker of the evening was Dr. Rowe. The paper he presented was well written and covered the subject thoroughly.

He submitted a number of facts that were surprising. When Dr. Rowe had concluded George W. Collins, the presiding officer of the evening, called for remarks. A general discussion followed and various questions were asked. Eugenics is a large and complicated subject. It is being discussed all over the land by professors and humanitarians. The increasing number of imbeciles, criminals, diseased persons and dependents of all kinds and character is demanding the attention of all patriots and lovers of the human family. The meeting last Thursday evening did not arrive at any definite conclusion as the causes which are producing such dire results, much less did it propose any specific remedies for the evil. But it is well that the subject should be investigated and discussed for when the general public once becomes thoroughly aroused in regard to it some remedies will no doubt be evolved which will reduce the evil if not indeed remove it in a large measure.

It will be beneficial if the reading and thinking people of Meyersdale will meet regularly for the discussion of questions that are of general and specific interest. The Lyceum meets the last Thursday in each month at 8:00 o'clock in the evening. The subject for the next meeting is "The Drama" and will be presented by Father Brady. It would be well if others would also read up on the subject in order that they might take part intelligently in the general discussion.

### OCCUPANTS OF AUTO HURLED OUT OF CAR

As Wilson Saylor, Samuel Firl, Jr., Jno. Boyer, Elmer Engle and Adam Grew were riding in the auto of Mr. Saylor on Sunday evening about six o'clock, when they came to Daniel Wingard's place, owing to the car becoming unmanageable, they were plunged into an embankment and hurled out of the car. The only one receiving serious injury was Firl who suffered a concussion of the brain. Dr. Hemminger was summoned.

### MEETING OF CIVIC LEAGUE.

The Civic League will hold its regular meeting in the High School Building on Monday evening, September 7th. All members and others are urged to come.

MRS. B. LICHTY, Sec. Wall Paper 10c and up at the Globe Electric and Novelty Store. [ad]

### MERE JOTTINGS OF DOINGS IN COUNCIL

Meeting held Tuesday evening. Darnley, Saylor, Dia, Bauman, Emigh present. Health Officer Klingaman reported unsanitary the tail race and ditches in front of public school building. \$25 were collected from fines. Trolley Co. notified to do its part of repair on Salisbury street. Street crossing is to be lowered on Cherry street, and pavement to conform to grade. Bids for sidewalk advertised in this issue. Peter and Ada Meyers and Geo. Donges directed to lay sidewalks. Policeman reported some street poles as unsafe. \$1,500 ordered to be made from sinking fund. Jno. Mathews may make steps in sidewalk but will be held responsible for damages which may arise. Bills paid to be published next week.

### BROTHER AND SISTER DIE OF DIPHTHERIA.

On Wednesday night with an interval of about two hours, a little daughter aged 1-2 years and a son aged 4, of Nicola Antoniska, of Keystone Mines, died of a malignant type of diphtheria. Dr. Largo was called on Monday afternoon, and at the time other members of the family were convalescing from the same malady.

### CORNER STONE LAID AT POCAHONTAS.

The placing of the corner stone which marked the completion of an unusually substantial foundation for the Pocahontas Reformed church, occurred on Sunday, there being a forenoon and an afternoon session. The exercises were in charge of the pastor, Rev. A. S. Kresge.

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Albert S. Glessner, from the theme, "Christ the chief corner stone of the church." The discourse was an able one and was much appreciated by the very large audience. In the afternoon, Dr. Truxal, of the Amity Reformed church preached in his characteristic forcible conversational style.

The pastor quickened the giving by stating that the name of every donor to the building fund whose subscription equalled or exceeded \$1.00 would be placed in the corner stone; by this means \$900 were raised during the day.

The corner stone cost the congregation nothing for it was the gift of A. H. Johnson of Meyersdale.

### THOUGHTLESS YOUNG PEOPLE.

Mr. Editor: The adage "forbearance has ceased to be a virtue" is true in my case. Loud and boisterous talk and laughter and unseemly conduct on the part of young people have about reached the limit along Salisbury street, late at night. The rest of tired and aged people is much disturbed by such conduct. Nor is this all!

Flowers that have been cared for in order to beautify the lawns have been ruthlessly destroyed; not content with taking the flower, the stalks are broken and ruined for this season. More than twenty geranium flowers from one stalk on my lawn were taken and the stalk ruined on Saturday night.

Whether these thoughtless or ruthless young people are the same that rob grave lots in the cemetery, I do not know. Respect for themselves should prompt them to act otherwise. I can name some of them but I forbear. H. C. MCKINLEY.

### IN THE SOCIAL CIRCLE.

Miss Martha Deist was hostess at a picnic at Riverside Park Thursday evening of last week in honor of her guest Miss Ida Keifer, of Akron, O. A delicious lunch was served and all had an enjoyable time.

Among those present were: Misses Zura Peck, Bess Hady, Margaret Hady, and Messrs. Charles Griffith, Maurice Clark, Bob Peck, John Weimer and Olin Lichty, of Waterloo, Ia.

Osakis Flour (straight Spring Patent), \$6.00 per barrel, at Habel & Phillips. [ad]

## PINCHOT AND LEWIS COMING NEXT WEEK

To Tour Somerset County Next Tuesday and Wednesday. Will Address the People Here.

### OTHER CANDIDATES TO SPEAK

The campaign tour of Pinchot and Lewis through this section is part of the state wide tour which these candidates are making. They have already visited over thirty counties, meeting the voters face to face, and explaining their stand on all the issues now before the people. This is the first time in the history of any State that candidates for the United States Senate and the Governorship have made such a thorough canvass of the electors. Pinchot and Lewis have visited sections where important candidates have rarely been seen. They make a stop on the average in from twenty to thirty towns a day.

Although the tour is primarily a hand shaking one, so great has been the interest awakened among the voters, and so insistent have they been on hearing the candidates discuss the issues, that in many places Pinchot and Lewis have been forced to make from fifteen to twenty five speeches a day.

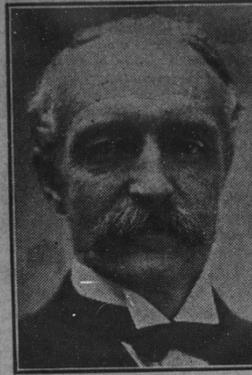
Up to the present time nearly all the agricultural counties in the East have been visited. The hard coal regions have been toured from Carbonate down to Hazleton and the lower part of Northumberland and upper Dauphin counties.

Beginning with Washington county Pinchot and Lewis expect to visit Green, Fayette, Somerset, Blair, Cambria, Bedford, Fulton and Franklin counties. Later on in the campaign the two candidates will spend

This method of campaigning has already brought Pinchot and Lewis into contact with thousands of people. In the smaller counties alone they have met from two thousand to three thousand people, and in larger counties such as Lackawanna and Luzerne, they have met from six to seven thousand people.

The candidates expect to keep up this style of campaigning until late into the Fall. They will tour Somerset county next week, Tuesday and Wednesday. Their schedule for those two days is as follows:

SEPTEMBER 8.  
Leave Uniontown, Fayette county, at 7:30 a. m.  
Reach Somerset, Somerset Co., at Springer Hotel, 9:45 a. m.  
Reach Addison, front of Rush's Hotel, 10:15 a. m.  
Reach Salisbury, front of Loehel's Hotel, 11:45 a. m.  
Reach Boynton, at street car turn, 12:10 p. m.



GIFFORD PINCHOT



WILLIAM DRAPER LEWIS

Reach Meyersdale, front of Colonial Hotel, 12:45 p. m.  
Reach Garrett, front of postoffice, at 2:30 p. m.  
Reach Pinehill, front of Gumbert's store, at 3:15 p. m.  
Reach Berlin, at lower diamond, at 3:45 p. m.  
Evening meeting at Somerset, at Court House, at 8:00 p. m.

SEPTEMBER 9.  
Leave Somerset about 7:00 a. m.  
Reach Jenners, front of Farmsworth Hotel, 8:00 a. m.  
Reach Boswell, front of Wampler's Hotel, 8:20 a. m.  
Reach Stoyestown, front of Hite House, 9:25 a. m.  
Reach Hooversville, front of post office, 10:05 a. m.  
Reach Benson, front of postoffice, 10:45 a. m.  
Reach Windber, front of Wilmore Hotel, 12:30 p. m.

Pinchot and Lewis will be accompanied by Charles F. Hood, Washington Party Candidate for Congress in this District, Captain W. H. Sanner, County Chairman, George Scull, Dr. Chas. Hemminger, candidate for the State Senate, and Messrs. Robert Lohr and Jacob Miller, on the ticket for Assembly.

### Lumber for Sale.

Buy your lumber from H. Phillips and save some money. I have a good supply of frame lumber ready for prompt delivery. Address, aug. 27-ff Sand Patch, Pa.

FOR SALE.—Fine new roller-top desk, used lightly but three months. Call at Commercial. [ad]

Buy your Coffee at Bittner's Grocery and have it ground free of charge. [ad]

Pure cider Vinegar 20c per gallon, at Habel & Phillips. [ad]

We are headquarters for Fruit Jars, Tin Cans, Jelly Glasses, Sealing Wax, Paraffine, Jar Tops and Jar Rubbers. [ad]

## FIVE DAYS OF FESTIVITY

Sept. 15-16-17-18-19  
LIVING MODELS

By combining all stores, Johnstown in five days will offer a two months' showing of the newest things to wear, use or eat. Every line is included.

CONCERTS

SOUVENIRS



## BEING PREPARED FOR YOU

MAGNIFICENT city, store and window decorations will greet you, despite the war every civilized country will be drawn upon to make this Expo a long remembered event.

PANTOMIMES

FLOWERS

Sept. 15-16-17-18-19  
ORCHESTRAS