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FIERCE CONFLICT NEAR PARIS BETWEEN GERMANS AND ALLIES

Kaiser's Troops Declared to Be Pursuing Allied Forces. French Claim Success in Advance Guard Action

LIKELY TO SURRENDER PARIS

Teuton Wedge Furiously Forcing Way to Paris Through Creil, Senlis and Crepy-on-Velois. Fighting Continues in Lorraine. Kaiser at Nancy.

London, Eng.—Paris is now menaced from the west as well as from the east. Official French announcements declared that the allies had defeated a sharp advance guard of a German column at a point south-west of Paris. This vague statement, while concealing the exact scene of the fight, indicated that in addition to the great human wedge that the Germans have been driving to the southeast of the capital, as far as Ferte-Bous-Juarez, the allies must be prepared to defend the city on the west as well. The retreating tactics they have been practicing since the beginning of the campaign must give place to the offensive for Paris soon will be surrounded on all sides by the legions of the Germans.

The line of the Ourcq River, southwest of Paris, apparently marks the position of this fresh column of Germans, which evidently advanced southwest from Chantilly, while the other invading forces swept south-east of the capital.

The Kaiser is reported to be leading in person an attack upon Nancy, one of the strong positions of France along the Moselle River guarding the approach from Lorraine. Despite French war office statements that the fighting in this district is desultory, this is taken to mean that hostilities are to be resumed there on a large scale.

A dispatch from Boulogne says that the mayor of that city is reported to have received a telegram stating that Gen. Joffre had succeeded in turning the German lines, and that Sir John French had got around on the left of the German army.

The allies have been pushed back from the Marne valley and are now fighting the German wedge along the banks of the River Grand Morlan, which runs east and west a little south of Paris.

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REV. E. S. HASSLER DEPARTS FOR OHIO.

A farewell reception was tendered Rev. E. S. Hassler and his family by the members of St. Paul Reformed church last Wednesday evening. It was attended by about 60 members and was held at the home of S. J. Ringler near Salisbury. A most delightful evening was spent. The young people played games in the barn which was brilliant with electric lights. The older ones engaged in social conversation and all partook of delicious refreshments. The church people all evince the greatest sorrow in the departure of their pastor. This has been Rev. Hassler's second pastorate in this church. The other was ten years long and ended in 1903. This one was just two and one-half years long, but is marked by great success and most efficient work by pastor and people. A few figures are as follows:

Infant baptism 55
Adult baptism 8
Received into the church 68
Funerals of members 6
Weddings 10
Bicycle light put in church and parsonage \$150 00
New piano for Sunday school 188 00

Rev. Hassler's work has been particularly successful in the Sunday school. Under his supervision the St. Paul school has more than doubled its membership, its attendance, its offerings, and is now perhaps the best organized Sunday school in the county. Other denominational schools have also felt the good work of Rev. Mr. Hassler. In his position as president of the 8th district of the Somerset County Sunday School Association all the schools in the vicinity of Meyersdale, Salisbury and Garrett have been improved.

It is evident that everybody is sorry to see Rev. Hassler go. It seems to us that his people should not have allowed him to go, and that they could have managed to keep him longer. Our best wishes go with him and his in their new work in the Untertown charge, of the Reformed church, near Canton, Ohio.

SCHOOLS STARTED OFF IN GOOD FORM.

Preparedness is a strong quality which leads to success. While the Meyersdale Public Schools under the able leadership of Prof. W. H. Kretzman, ostensibly opened for another year's work on Monday morning last, the teachers began work on the Thursday preceding, and some of them were not more than ready when the bell called to books at 9 the first work day of the present week. As a result, each pupil had a task to perform from the very start and discipline was a nominal thing.

The enrollment consisted of 100 in the high school, with 726 pupils in the grades. There are 24 teachers in all, several of whom are new to the work on this place. The new principal of the High School is Prof. N. L. Reitz, a graduate of Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, with one term at Chicago University. The other new teachers in the High School are, Mr. Weaver, of Bucknell; Miss Frances Livengood, of Leland Stanford, Jr. University. Below the High School the new teachers are Miss Marie Weller, of the Woman's College, Frederick; Miss Carrie England, of Bedford county, professional certificate; Miss Weigle, of Millersville Normal.

Buy your tin cans, and glass jars, from Habel & Phillips.

The annual veterans reunion will be held this Saturday at Rockwood. If you are a veteran it will cost you nothing for dinner. Otherwise you pay for it.

Buy Osakis, Marvel or Golden Leaf flour. Price right. Quality right, at Habel & Phillips.

FAIR THUS FAR AHEAD OF OTHER YEARS.

The Meyersdale Fair and Race Association started off on Tuesday in good form. The exhibits in stock including horses, cows, sheep, hogs, poultry, are in the lead in the history of the organization. The products of the garden and field attest to the rich agricultural resources of this end of the county. The woman's department abounds not only in the ornamental but in the practical as well.

There were several interesting events came off on Tuesday afternoon. In a special road race, purse, \$50. Bell Patchen won with Bessie M. second. Mountain Mack, third, and Julius fourth; time 1:27-1:34. Half a mile wheelbarrow race was participated in by porters of the hotel. Central, coming out first; Colonial second; Slicer, third. Time, 2:50.

The Three Mile Marathon race, purse, \$10, won by H. E. Devos, of Garrett; the other contestant was Eugene Livengood, of Meyersdale, time 22:25 1-2.

One mile foot race, purse \$10. Roger Spence, first; Kenneth Brash, second; Jas. Campbell, third; Geo. Graham, fourth. Time, 5:54.

Half mile running race, age 14 years or under, purse \$5. Glen Blake, first; Herbert Leckemby, second; Mike Hady, third, time 2:33 1-2.

Automobile race, between the local garages, purse \$50. The Meyersdale Auto Co., first, car driven by Oscar Garley; Meyersdale Overland Co., driver, Merl Shop; Keystone Garage, driver, Mr. Benny. Time, 7:3 1-2.

The farmers parade was a very creditable one, held on Wednesday forenoon. The chief marshal was Russell Engle. The Berlin band furnished very excellent music. The products of farm and garden were very nicely displayed on several of the floats and the time to arrange the same is understood only by those who have had to do with such things. Those who did much to make this part of the fair a success are the following: Edson Hay, Herman Baker, Simon Maust, Jacob Peck and several of his daughters, the outfit being especially attractive.

About two thousand people witnessed the parade and it is estimated that there were between four and five thousand at the fair grounds in the afternoon. In the evening on the streets of Meyersdale, conflagration was king and the abandon that went with it made the town a temporary Coney Island.

As we go to press Thursday morning the agent of the W. M. states he has received the bill of lading from New York, of the aeroplane. In all probability, the birdman and his wings will be here early this forenoon.

The following is the report of yesterday's races:

2.30 Trot or Pace. Purse \$250.
King George, G. Longbeam 3. 1. 1. 1.
Mamie, J. C. Clark 2. 3. 2. 3.
Rex Reward, R. A. Stiver, 1. 4. 4. 4.
Fannie G. W. S. Guyer, 4. 2. 3. 2.
Time—2:29 1-4, 2:23 1-2, 2:29 1-4, 2:31 1-4.
2.25 Trot. Purse \$250.
Climber, Thos. Gibbons, 1. 1. 1. 1.
Count Wiggins, W. A. Shank, 4. 4. 4. 4.
Adriel, G. A. May 3. 3. 3. 3.
Mamy, John Arnold, 2. 2. 2. 2.
Time—2:33, 2:26 1-2, 2:26.

DIRECTORS SUSTAINED IN PAYING TUITION.

Judge Ruppel handed down an opinion a few days ago sustaining the school directors of Milford township in their contention with the township auditors of that district concerning tuition paid for school children from Milford township enrolled in the Rockwood borough schools. George Hay, a prominent Milford township farmer, sent his children to school at Rockwood instead of their home district on account it being more convenient for them to go to Rockwood. Hay was reimbursed in the sum of \$34.48 for tuition by the Milford township school directors. When the township auditors discovered this in making the annual settlement of the school board's accounts for the year 1913 they surcharged the tuition. The directors appealed to the court and Judge Ruppel sustains their position.

THE TIME HAS COME TO CLEAN HOUSE



GIFFORD PINCHOT
Washington Party Candidate For U. S. Senator

MANY TURN OUT TO MEET MR. PINCHOT

From the unusual interest manifested at the informal open air meeting held in front of the Colonial Hotel Tuesday a little afternoon on the occasion of the coming of Hon. Gifford Pinchot, candidate for United States Senator, Charles F. Hood, for Congress, Dr. Charles F. Hemminger, for the state senate, Robert Lohr and Jacob Miller, for the assembly, the Washington party nominees, one idea was evident and that is, that the people of this community are wide awake for their own best interests. A very large crowd greeted the visitors.

The party is touring the state by auto, there being four machines in line. As soon as the cars had stopped, Mr. Pinchot was out and made himself known, shaking hands with all, so that at once each person present felt that as he grasped the firm hand of the man who has figured so closely in Col. Roosevelt's battle for square dealing in politics, that he was looking into the eyes of a sincere, honest and capable statesman; one who had placed himself on the same level as with those to whom he talked, and the impression left from this eye to eye and hand to hand contact was that this distinguished citizen of national reputation was really one of them in truth and in deed, a man tall and sun-crowned, who could look the demagogue in the face and call him such; one who would not lie, nor betray the trust imposed in him.

Mrs. Pinchot, a woman of striking personality, accompanied her husband, and assisted in the work by handing out a small booklet containing the gist of Mr. Pinchot's position. County Chairman Sanner in a few remarks introduced Mr. Pinchot. The latter said that he was going around meeting the voters in order that they might have an opportunity of sizing up the man and because of this they might be better able to decide for whom to vote. Senator Penrose was

denounced as his record in congress and his manipulation of our state legislature show that he was in the interests of trusts and monopolies, that for his services to the Standard Oil Company he received the snug little check of \$25,000; that the employees liability bill, whereby the dependents of an injured employe, or those of one killed in the service of a company would receive just compensation without recourse to law, was defeated indirectly through Mr. Penrose, being a setback for all who toil for many years. The extravagant manner in which our state highway department is being conducted was held up for public criticism as it costs the state \$35 per mile, and there are 9,000 miles of road which come under that department, for merely office expenditures in the way of clerks and engineers. In the townships of Somerset county there is but fifty dollars per mile annually expended in actual up-keep. The people of this community have some evidence of how state roads are being built from what is going on not so far from Meyersdale.

The announcement that the nation's first citizen in many respects, Theodore Roosevelt, was to tour the state in the interests of the Washington party, was received with great applause.

The address of Mr. Pinchot was listened to with deep interest, and there were to be seen the leading citizens of the place, about all of the clergymen hereabout being near the speaker. Mr. Hood was called upon for a few remarks and he was heartily cheered. Following dinner the party left for Garrett, Pinchill and Berlin. A rousing meeting was held at Somerset in the evening.

William Draper Lewis, (candidate for governor, who had been expected to be present, was called away on business, but it is hoped he may speak to the people of the county at a later meeting.

\$310 FOR AUTO SPEEDERS' RECKLESSNESS.

Charles Klingensmith, a travelling salesman of Meyersdale, while driving a team of horses on the State road north of Somerset, about 6 p. m. Thursday at a turn in the road heard an automobile approaching at terrific speed and quickly drove to the right side, leaving the whole Macadam to the joy riders, but in vain as the machine plunged into the horses disemboweling one and throwing Mr. Klingensmith fifteen feet. The injured horse was shot. The auto was badly used up but could be run.

The autoists were arrested and a hearing given before Justice A. Kent Miller. Several farmers witnessed the accident and saw the condition of the men.

It is reported that the case was settled for \$310 and costs.

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH CONFERENCE.

The Pittsburgh Conference of the United Evangelical church will hold its annual session in Somerset next week. Seventy-five ministers will be the guests of the local congregation and in addition to these half as many lay delegates will complete the conference body.

The sessions will be presided over by Bishop Fouke, of Nayerville, 11

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Agricultural Displays
Fun Unlimited, Pantomimes