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## BATTLE RAGES IN NORTH FRANCE ALONG FRONT OF OVER 100 MILES

### SMALL CHANCE FOR AUSTRIANS

Surrender of Forces Led by Dankel and Auffenberg Is Imminent, Says Rome Correspondent.

### INCREASE 40 PER CENT IN JOINING THEIR FORCES

Hope Now Lies in Concentrating Their Armies in the Triangle Dominated by Przemysl.

### INSURANCE IN VARIOUS FORMS

State Commissioners Are Now Hard at Work at Grove Park Inn—Fine Program.

### DEBATE WAS FEATURE OF THE SET PROGRAM

President Young and Other Officers Are all Well Pleased With Meeting Being Held in City.

### GERMANS WAGING A DEFENSIVE FIGHT

So Far Results Have Been Undecisive—Leaders of Germans Are Keeping Their Forces Intact.

### WEST FRONT STILL RETREATS, REPORT

The Continued Disaster to Austrians Compels the Germans to Rely More on Themselves in Both Theaters of War.

London, Sept. 16.—Telegraphing from Rome, the correspondent of the Express, says: The surrender of the Austrian army led by Generals Dankel and Auffenberg is imminent. The heir to the throne, Archduke Charles Francis, with General Dankel's army, which entirely cut off from communication, the third army corps marching to the aid of the Austrians has been attacked at Crodek, by the third Russian army. General Dankel is caught in the bog. The Austrians only hope to concentrate in the triangle dominated by Przemysl. They can accomplish this, if at all, only by tremendous losses.

Continuation of the reading of technical insurance papers and full discussions of the same featured the morning session today of the forty-fifth annual meeting of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners which is meeting this week at Grove Park Inn this morning. James R. Young, insurance commissioner of the state of North Carolina, who is the president of the national association presided over the morning session. The feature of the set program, which commenced at 10 o'clock and continued for two hours, was a debate on the subject: "Should We Abandon the American Restrictions Upon the Classes of Insurance Written?" The affirmative side being taken by Burton Mansfield of Connecticut and the negative by Frank Hasbrouck of New York. C. G. Revelle of Missouri was on the side with Commissioner Mansfield while O. K. Stabellin of South Dakota supported the negative. A full discussion of the subject followed and much interesting matter to insurance officials and agents was brought out. The attendance this morning was the largest yet at the convention which opened yesterday morning and will continue through Friday. President Young and the other officers of the national association express themselves as being well pleased with the Asheville meeting.

Today's set program in full follows: Wednesday Morning. "Should We Abandon the American Restrictions Upon the Classes of Insurance Written?" (a) by a company doing direct writing? (b) by a company doing reinsurance? Affirmative—Burton Mansfield, of Connecticut. Negative—Frank Hasbrouck, of New York. Affirmative—C. G. Revelle, of Missouri. Negative—O. K. Stabellin, of South Dakota. Discussion of papers. Executive session. (An executive session may be moved at any time by a member). Wednesday Evening, 8:30 O'clock. "Acquisition Cost of Fire Insurance." Alvin E. Herbert, of Louisiana. "Cost of Miscellaneous Insurance." S. Epstein of Colorado. "Participating and Non-Participating Insurance." Stock, Fire and Casualty Insurance Companies. R. M. Small of Ohio, and L. Welch of Oklahoma. Discussion of papers. Many Visitors are Here. In addition to the visitors who have been in Asheville for several days past in anticipation of the big convention, a number of others came in last night and this morning and are now at Grove Park Inn and the other hotels of the city. Last night the "big" room and the dining rooms at the Inn presented brilliant scenes. Here and there groups of distinguished visitors, their wives and daughters gathered and several little informal parties were held. Alexander Webb of Raleigh, the president of the chamber of commerce of that city is one of the visitors to the convention. North Carolina has a large representation on hand, practically all of the larger cities having sent insurance men here to the meeting. They will remain throughout the week. Following the addresses of welcome and the responses yesterday the insurance commissioners got down to business in earnest and this will be the order of things throughout the balance of the forty-fifth annual gathering. Last night several important and interesting, to insurance world, addresses were made on the question of offering encouragement to the formation of new companies by the various states and on compulsory local investments. State Commissioner of Insurance T. M. Henry, of Mississippi, who by the (Continued on page 11).

Paris, Sept. 16.—According to official announcement made this morning, the German army is fighting a defensive battle along its front from Noyon to a point north of Verdun. Noyon is 55 miles northeast of Paris, and 14 miles from Compiègne. The battle line, as given in the foregoing dispatch, is in a straight line running almost due east and west. From Noyon to a point north of Verdun is about 110 miles.

London, Sept. 16.—The second great battle in northern France since the northern sweep of the allies is now in progress along the river Aisne. The opposing lines are laid from the Argonne hills to Porcien and near the practice camp of Soissons where the program of the French summer maneuvers contemplated cavalry training on a large scale for this very date. Whether the Germans propose to fight to a finish, or plan merely to cover their retreat on the river Meuse, is not yet clear, but the German commanders are showing the same skill in retreat and the same skill in keeping their forces intact, as the allies showed a fortnight ago. The German rush into France and back thus far has brought no decisive results, and until a pitched battle is fought and won neither side is in a position to claim that it has secured more than the opening advantage in the war game. The allies, for the moment, have retrieved their perilous position and have turned the tables on the invaders, but the next move is with the Germans whose armies are still in great force on a ground more or less selected by themselves. The debate—for it seems nothing less—in the Austrian armies shows that Germany will have more and more to rely mainly upon herself, hence there will be a greater interdependence of events in the eastern and western field of operations. What new forces Germany

can put into the campaign in the western area must henceforth depend in a great measure upon how far she can neglect the Russian movement on Bresslau, 190 miles southeast of Berlin. According to reports today Emperor William himself has gone to east Prussia. Little credit, however, is attached to the assertion that he proposes to take the active command out of the hands of a fighting general of the calibre of von Hindenburg. There is the usual diversity of stories today regarding the Austro-Serbian operations. The Austrians claim to have driven the Serbs out of Banat and from the eastern district of Slavonia. The Serbs, however, heretofore have shown a marked capacity for remaining in the same or better positions after these defeats. They now claim they are bombarding the Hungarian town of Orsova. The war indemnities demanded by German troops in towns traversed in Belgium and France reach a total of \$144,300,000. Only a very small part of this sum, however, has been paid. London, Sept. 16.—The center of interest in the western theater of war has shifted from the right wing of the German army under General von Kluck to the left wing, where the relief of Tyon by the French is regarded as leaving the army under Prince Frederick William in a dangerous position. The retaking of Rheims by the French is regarded as of greater morale to the troops than former achievements, as the town presents an ideal defense. This part of the line, judging from dispatches made public here, appears not only to have withdrawn from the investment of Verdun, but by permitting the relief of Tyon, 12 miles southeast of Verdun, to have left itself only one line of retreat. This is through the Stenay gap. If the allies are able to prevent the army of the crown prince from using Metz as a

### WAR NEWS SUMMARIZED.

An official statement issued in Paris at 3 o'clock this afternoon declared that the German army was fighting a defensive battle along its front from Noyon, fifteen miles from Compiègne, to a point north of Verdun. The line is approximately 110 miles with the center 55 miles east of Paris. Official reports say the west front was still retreating. A Berlin report that the German emperor will go to the scene of operations in east Prussia is published in Paris. An official statement issued in Vienna declares the Serbian invaders of Hungary have been defeated along the whole line. Demonstrators against Italy's attitude on neutrality were suppressed by the militia in Rome last night. According to advices in Rome from Austrian sources, two Austrian armies in Galicia have effected a junction at Rzeszow 32 miles north of Przemysl. It is announced at Tokio that Japanese scouts have occupied the railroad station five miles from the bay of Kiao Chow.

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Mission Building Committee Asks Its Architect to Go Over Plans Again. At a meeting held yesterday afternoon by the men's advisory board and the committee of ladies from the board of directors of the Asheville Mission hospital, the bids that had been received by Architect W. H. Lord, for the erection of the large addition planned for the hospital, were opened, but as all the bids were far in excess of the amount of money the committee now has on hand for building the addition, none of them was accepted. Mr. Lord was asked to reconstruct his plans for the building of the addition and to ask for other bids under the new plans. These bids will be submitted at a meeting to be held at an early date, at which time it is thought that some definite steps will be taken in regard to erecting the addition. Mayor J. E. Rankin acted as chairman of the meeting and among the men on the board who were present were the following: Captain J. P. Sawyer, Harmon A. Miller, W. B. Northrup, S. Lipinsky and C. W. Brown. It seemed to be the sense of the meeting yesterday that as soon as the new plans are submitted by Mr. Lord and bids received that the contract for the actual erection of the addition will be let. The meeting yesterday afternoon was held at the Battery Park bank.

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