

# CONVENTIONS OF THE PRINCIPAL PARTIES IN STATE

Meetings at Kalamazoo, Bay City and Detroit Are Harmonious

## PROGRESSIVES FAVOR DRY SIDE IN RESOLUTIONS

Tickets Are Named and Platforms Are Adopted—Dobry, Ferris and Houghton Speak at Meetings

The three leading parties of Michigan held their state conventions Wednesday. The following is a brief statement of results:

**Republicans at Kalamazoo.**  
Kalamazoo—The republicans held their state convention here Wednesday. It was perfectly harmonious throughout. The big speaking feature was the address of Chase S. Osborn, the candidate for governor, who was received by the convention with great applause. There was practically no friction on the platform.

The only contest on nominations in the convention was on auditor-general. O. B. Fuller was nominated for a fourth term by a vote of 470 to 576. His opponent was Dr. A. W. Seidmore, of Three Rivers. Coleman C. Vaughan, of St. Johns, was nominated for secretary of state by a vote of 470 to 576. The others were re-nominations.

The following is a brief statement of the resolutions adopted:  
Demand changes in the system to more equally distribute burden of taxation.  
Demand improvements in workmen's compensation law to allow greater compensation.  
Demand laws improving relations between capital and labor.  
Demand reformation in primary system to curtail present apparent defects.  
Urge more aid to state highways.  
Demand a protective tariff and the fixing of schedules by a non-partisan, expert tariff commission.  
Condemn action of Democrats in using war as pretext for levying "extraordinary tax."  
Indorse and commend Republican state ticket.

Following is the newly named Republican state central committee:  
First district—J. P. Terres and John H. Mackay, Detroit.  
Second district—J. P. Dobson, Ann Arbor; Charles H. Kalamazoo.  
Third district—B. R. Gorman, Coldwater; Charles H. Kalamazoo.  
Fourth district—J. P. Starn, Marquette; Charles H. Kalamazoo.  
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**Democrats Meet in Detroit.**  
Detroit—The democrats of the state held their convention here Wednesday. There was very little friction as the expected opposition to Chairman Shields and what is termed "the organization" did not materialize on the floor. There were no contests on nominations nor on planks in the platform. The big feature of the day was the address of Governor Ferguson, who received with great applause by delegates. Other speakers were also greeted with enthusiasm.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously. They "polish with pride" the democratic national and state administrations, praise President Wilson and Governor Ferguson and make a few recommendations for changes in the administration. Among the recommendations are:  
Legislation designed to aid settlers on unoccupied land in the state, provide better market facilities, and the employment of convict labor in the preparation of fertilizing material.  
Submission of a constitutional amendment for the short ballot.  
State civil service.  
The establishment of a public utilities commission.  
Legislation designed to prevent the majority party from controlling election boards.  
The establishment of a mediation board composed of the governor and attorney general at the time of strikes.  
The public utilities recommendation is on the same lines as legislation in other states.

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# NAMED BY CONVENTIONS

## REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET

Nominated at primaries:  
Governor—Chase S. Osborn, Sault Ste. Marie.  
Lieutenant-governor—Loren D. Dickinson, Charlotte.  
Nominated by convention:  
Secretary of state—Coleman C. Vaughan, St. Johns.  
State treasurer—John W. Haazer, Lansing, re-nominated.  
Auditor-general—Oramel B. Fuller, Escanaba, re-nominated.  
Attorney-general—John W. Hays, Houghton, re-nominated.

## DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET

Nominated at the primaries:  
Governor—Woodbridge F. Ferris, Big Rapids.  
Lieutenant-governor—Loren D. Dickinson, Charlotte.  
Nominated by convention:  
Secretary of state—William L. McManus, Potosi.  
State treasurer—John H. Robson, Ovid, re-nominated.  
Auditor-general—John W. Haazer, Lansing, re-nominated.  
Attorney-general—Verrie O. Amerson, Bigsfield, Lenawee county.

## PROGRESSIVE STATE TICKET

Nominated at primaries:  
Governor—Henry R. Patterson, Lansing.  
Lieutenant-governor—James H. McManus, Potosi.  
Nominated by convention:  
Secretary of state—Howard H. Bator, Battle Creek.  
State treasurer—Frank J. Temple, Tecumseh.  
Auditor-general—George M. May, Muskegon.  
Attorney-general—C. P. O'Neill, Detroit.

Introduced in the legislature two years ago. The new state central committee elected at the state convention is as follows:  
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**Progressives at Bay City.**  
Bay City—The state convention of the progressive party in Michigan was held here Wednesday. It was generally quite harmonious. The big feature of the occasion was the presence of ex-President Roosevelt, the national leader. His address was received with great enthusiasm. Quite an argument followed the presentation of a resolution by Ralph Hall Ferris, of Detroit, favoring the abolition of party columns and amendments to both the state and national constitutions prohibiting the liquor traffic. The wording was finally made to the satisfaction of the party and adopted. The convention also went on record as opposing the liquor traffic.

The platform as adopted declares the abolition of party columns on the short ballot, an improved primary law, non-partisan municipal, township, village, county and judicial elections, the abolition of party columns on state election ballots and provision for grouping the names of party candidates under the respective offices of the ballot.

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Fire early Wednesday morning damaged the Russell house, one of the leading hotels at East Jordan, so badly that it will not be in commission for some time. The flames were confined to the upper story and water seriously damaged the balance of the buildings. The guests escaped.

# FRENCH INFANTRY RUNNING TO FRESH POSITIONS

## VANGUARD OF FRENCH FORCE LOSES GROUND

Take the Offensive, But Are Forced by German Right to Retreat.

Regiments of French infantry advancing on the double quick to take up new positions in following the retreating Germans near the River Marne.

Paris, Oct. 5.—The allies advanced in the neighborhood of Albert today, according to an official French war statement issued tonight by a department which went out of Arras was forced back by the Germans, although it kept a position to the east and south of that city.

The activity about Arras shows the extent to which the fighting in the western area of the battle of the Aisne has been pushed northward by the allies in their driving movement on the German right wing. The allies forces now are about thirty miles from the Belgian border.

Germany Are Confident.  
Berlin, Oct. 5.—(By wireless to London.)—The situation throughout the front of war is daily becoming more favorable to Germany. Full confidence is felt in Berlin and a great deal is expected.

On the Battle Front, by Paris, Oct. 5.—The allies, after having repulsed their advances, as they thought to exhaust themselves by continued attacks, took a most vigorous offensive today. The British and French encountered such a strong resistance, however, that their most advanced detachments on the western wing were compelled to fall back.

The allies are continually extending toward the north and bending eastward toward the Belgian frontier, thus compelling the Germans, in order to prevent the crumbling of their main army, to move large forces from the center and to keep pace with the allies, whose position menaces the invaders along the whole line.

The allies' plan, it is thought, may compel the Germans to release the pressure on the Belgians.

London, Oct. 5.—General von Kluck, reinforced with troops from the German center, continuing to make a determined stand against the attempt of the allies to outflank him.

The Germans in their report said the battle is proceeding successfully for them.

In both London and Paris there is the greatest confidence, although some are of opinion that the success of the Germans in preventing the liquor traffic.

Along the rest of the line the French communication says there has been no change.

The Germans, however, by means of their aviators, who are continuing to fit over the lines despite numerous casualties, discovered the movements of the British and French forces and were able to re-organize them to meet them.

As the Germans occupy the inside of the circle, they are able to reach a decided spot with much shorter marches.

It was this that enabled them to force the advanced guards of the allies to cede a small amount of ground until further assistance came.

Allies Cut German Railroads.  
A Point in France, Oct. 6.—Two small forces of the allies has succeeded in temporarily destroying the German railway communications in the rear of their northern army. The result has been noticeable in the sudden cessation of activity of the German army.

Immensely popular now and in danger of becoming spoiled.

ALL QUICK TO PROFFER AID  
Britain's Overseas Possession Send Provisions and Money to Help the Mother Country.

# PEOPLE FILE FROM CITY OF ANTWERP

## GERMANS AND ALLIES BOTH TRY FLANKING MOVEMENTS

Official Dispatch Says Military Governor Notices Burgomaster

London—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Antwerp gives the following official communication issued at 10 o'clock Tuesday night.

The military governor has informed the burgomaster that a bombardment of Antwerp is imminent and that the people who wish to flee from the city are requested to leave immediately.

The bombardment will have no influence on the city's resistance, which will be pushed to the extreme limit.

The Exchange Telegraph company adds that the following message has been passed by the British censor for publication.

Naval Engagement Reported.  
London, Oct. 3.—A dispatch to the Royal Navy from Bordeaux says that the main headquarters of the army reported that the French navy had sunk two German auxiliary ships, the Rhios and Iolo, with their crews.

The Holland-American line steamship Potsdam, which left New York September 22 with first and second class passengers, bound for Rotterdam, was captured by a British warship.

Manila, Oct. 2.—Two German cruisers are reported to be approaching to give battle to the converted cruiser Himalaya and Empress of Russia, and one unknown British warship.

Russia Captures 1,000 Germans.  
Petrograd, Oct. 5.—The following official communication was received tonight from the headquarters of the German army: Russian troops up to October 3 had captured 1,000 German troops.

London, Oct. 6.—A dispatch from Rome to the Morning Post says: "An other Italian steamship has been reported to have been captured by a mine near Trieste. Several more mines have been found in the Adriatic."

Rome, via Paris, Oct. 3.—Private advices received here from Vienna are to the effect that alarm is growing in the city of Vienna because of the spread of cholera. The advices say also that the military authorities are making preparations to defend Vienna against attack.

French Finances Satisfactory.  
Bordeaux, Oct. 3.—Alexandre Ribot, French minister of finance, today informed the press that the financial situation on October 1 was entirely satisfactory. He said there would be no heavy German casualties.

London, Oct. 5.—The Daily Telegraph's Petrograd correspondent says: "According to one account no fewer than 20,000 German corpses were carried off to the rear of the German army attempt to cross it. In the fight at Srednik, on the Niemen, the German casualties also are said to have been 20,000."

London, Oct. 4.—The Car has left Petrograd for the front, and President Poincare is on his way from Bordeaux to the front.

Three marshals, the Russian emperor and the king of Belgium and the president of France, are now taking part in the battles or on their way to the front.

Italians in Albania, Is Rumor.  
London, Oct. 4.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram company from Rome says that the Italian government has issued an official edition saying a rumor is in circulation that Italian sailors were landed at Aviona (a seaport of Albania) on the Adriatic coast.

On the Battle Front, Oct. 5.—Gen. Jean Rousseau, Dead.

A gunroom officer in a battle cruiser engaged with was in a pitiful plight when he had finished with her—her gunners shot away, masts, funnels, and gaps of daylight in her sides, smoke and flame belching from her every where.

The world is a cage in which humanity is tamed.

# MICHIGAN HAPPENINGS

## REPORT ADVANCE FOR ALLIES

The statement added that at several points on the Aisne the French made advances in cooperation with the British forces.

The Berlin statement as to the situation of the battle is that the German and Austrian armies everywhere were most hopeful.

The statement in the Paris report that the German army is extending more and more widely is accepted as meaning that the battle line has been stretched several miles north in the last 24 hours and that fighting is now in progress very near to Belgian frontier.

Recent German reports indicated that their strategy included a stretch of 200,000 yards, that the Germans are so weakening it at some point in the center or right that they could break through and make a new advance.

That both the Germans and allies are now engaged in strategic moves of far greater importance than any that have gone before is evident from that statement.

The report that Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the British admiralty, has been invited to the consultation with the Belgian general staff, is believed to presage the sending of a British fleet into the Scheldt river, and the German positions about the capital.

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