

3,200,000 SOLDIERS ON GERMAN FRONTS.

Killed and Missing Among Kaiser's Armies Total 1,672,444 on June 30.

London, Aug. 24.—Germany on July 31 had 1,800,000 men on the western battle front and 1,400,000 in the east—a total of 3,200,000 on the actual fighting line—according to a statement tonight from an authoritative British source.

The 3,200,000 men counted do not include a large number in garrisons, fortifications and on lines of communication. It is asserted there are also 1,120,000 Austrians in actual service against Russia.

Reserve is Strong. "The Germans from a date shortly after the outbreak of the war supplied the losses in the first line and reserve troops from the second and even the third line, so that it is safe to regard all the German troops in the fighting line as of much the same quality as in the first few months of the war.

"It is calculated that the first line troops lost about fifty per cent in casualties and the reserves about twenty five per cent, their places being taken by recruits from the 1914 class and from other categories and reformed units, including the 1915 class of recruits.

"Since then they have again lost about fifty per cent in casualties, so probably there remains only about 25 per cent of the original first line troops, to which must be added the men slightly wounded who have returned to the fighting line.

"The German casualties in killed, wounded and missing reported to June 30 totaled 1,672,444 men, of whom 306,123 were killed, 15,808 died of disease and 540,723 either are missing or prisoners or are so seriously wounded as to put them out of action for the remainder of the war.

"Assuming that half a million men were only slightly wounded and recovered, the effective loss is assured to amount to 1,000,000 in addition to which probably half a million men are wounded who are absent from the front or leave in hospitals, makes the total net loss for the year 1,500,000 of whom 400,000 to 450,000 men were killed.

Have Fewer Now. "The Germans, it is calculated, at the beginning of the war had 8,000,000 men available for military service, and that number might be increased by a million or a million and a half if every man of military age gave his service. The only reasonable suggestion therefore for the fact that the Germans have only 3,200,000 men in the fighting line is that they are unable to supply more than that number with equipment. From the total

of from 8,000,000 to 9,000,000 men, must be deducted the 1,500,000 net loss for the year and the same number of men required for making arms and ammunitions."

LIFE'S CROSSES.

There are crosses in our pathways That we cannot understand, Things that in our meager judgment Should concur to our demand. Trials that we find too heavy For our weary minds to bear, And we think that we are burdened, By an extra load of care.

Of we meet with disappointments, As we climb the hill of life, Many times we faint and falter As we battle in the strife, We forget that daily sowing Daily reaping we must do, That just as we set to others, Life is given to us too.

We forget that in our hurry, God is always waiting there, Glad to lighten all our burdens Told in humble words of prayer, Though we know it not, our blessings Oft are hid 'neath masks of grief, Wondrous ways God takes to show us We must conquer unbelief.

If only we could remember God loves us and understands, That He judges hearts and motives Rather than deeds and commands, He wants us to love and trust him, Each day that follows the night, And learn from the Bible he gave us That with God, whatever is, is right.

And even while in the asking For our blessings from above, We forget that we are begging God of Heav'n for help and love, When we plead for aid and succor Through our lives, with one accord We should say, with hearts astrung, "Thine own will be done, dear Lord."

—LUELLA COCHRAN.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

Three Men Accused of Mistreating Sixteen Year Old Asheville Girl.

Asheville, Aug. 24.—Charged with assault on Marie Powers, a sixteen-year-old girl of this city, Glenn Ewell West, of Weaverville, and Cub Sprinkles, of Mars Hills, yesterday were arraigned in the court of Magistrate B. L. Lyda who continued their case until tomorrow morning and released them under bond of \$500. The warrant for the arrest of the three men were sworn out by Miss Powers who charges that they took her and Mrs. Bertie Rice for an automobile ride last Friday night. Several miles out of Asheville, she alleges, following certain statements made by the men she was threatened as she attempted to leave the car with the remark that she intended to walk home. She sprang from the automobile, she claims, and was running from the motorists when they overtook her and were attempting to force her to re-enter the machine when Dr. W. M. Fresh and Carl Weaver, of Weaverville, passed in another automobile. They took the young woman to a station on the interurban line between Asheville and Weaverville and she was brought back to this city on one of the cars. Arriving here she took out

a warrant for the arrest of the three men, although it was not served until yesterday. Each of the defendants furnished bail and neither gave out any statement in connection with the case.

SUCH IS LIFE.

Don't you think it extremely vulgar to dress as Miss Stylish does to attract attention on the street? "Yes, indeed! I wonder who her dressmaker is." "I asked her, but she wouldn't tell me."—Lehigh Burr.

GEORGIA EDITOR URGES SLATON TO COME BACK.

Thinks Temper of Georgia Should be Tested Once and for All.—The State Challenged.

Atlanta, Aug. 23.—"Come home, Governor Slaton," says Editor Ben Neal, of the Washington Reporter, in an editorial which arrived in Atlanta yesterday, and which is generally regarded here as the strongest utterance yet voiced in Georgia in connection with the Frank lynching.

"You have been advised to stay out of Georgia," says the editor addressing the former governor, "but let's test the temper of Georgians. Let's see, and sooner we find out the better, whether the Empire State of the south is ruled by law or is at the mercy of thugs, poltroons and cowards. Let's see if the inciters of mob violence will lead their hosts out into the open and give battle to those who know something of honor, who cherish the fair name of their state, and who stand for something higher than a characterless plausibility.

"If there is no authority in this state higher and more sacred than that which may be defiantly desecrated by a lot of cowardly, irresponsible and impassioned anarchists, what security is there here for law-abiding citizens?"

"The decent citizenship of the state has been challenged by red-handed anarchists, and speaking only for ourselves we are ready to accept the challenge. The time has come to either redeem Georgia from the domination of thugs and cutthroats, else abandon her to the bestial passions of perverses and degenerates."

In this connection, the eyes of the whole country are on Governor Slaton, since he has stated that he will positively return to this state early in September. That there have been threats, and definite ones, directed at the governor and advising him not to return to his native state, is a fact which all Atlantians know. Whether or not any effort would be made to carry out these threats by actions, is a question on which there is a difference of opinion. There are some conservative people who believe that the former governor's life would actually be in danger if he returns here this Fall.

HYPOCRITICAL APPEALS TO PATRIOTISM.

Endeavoring to evade an accounting to the American people for bad legislation and worse administration, Democratic leaders are putting up a pitiful plea, of "Stand by the President." So far as foreign complications are concerned, the plea is entirely unnecessary. American citizens regardless of nativity, color, sex or political affiliation, will support the President in every effort to maintain the honor and dignity of the United States.

But that has absolutely nothing whatever to do with discussion of domestic affairs. Because of a split in the Republican party, the Democrats were lifted into power by a majority vote representing principles in which the majority do not believe. This is a government of, by and for the people, and the people propose to have their laws made and administered according to their own desire. They propose to discuss and expose the results of Democratic rule. They propose to make war upon the Democratic policies and they don't intend to wage battle with stuffed clubs. This is a fight against incompetent, inefficient, pledge-breaking political aggregation known as the Democratic

THE DEMOCRATS TOOK CHARGE OF THIS GOVERNMENT.

The Democrats took charge of this Government when the country was prosperous, when high standards of efficiency ruled in government service, when public money was being spent economically, when there was a surplus in the treasury, and when men every where had employment at wages that enabled them to pay their bills.

By the enactment of a Democratic tariff law, American industry was paralyzed. By the overflow of the merit system, the diplomatic service and the administrative departments were seriously impaired. A large surplus in the treasury was turned into a deficit. The cost of living increased at the same time that the buying power of the people was reduced. Such is the manner in which public business has been conducted. If these facts are not to be known to the American people—if it is "less majesty" to tell the truth about the people's business—if we must close our eyes to government at home and reelect an administration because governments are at war in Europe,—then we may as well cease to claim that we have popular government in this country.

The higher the office the greater the power, the wider the influence and the greater the responsibility—the more important it is that there be full and free discussion and honest criticism of official action. No man can oppose such discussion and such criticism without doing violence to the principles of liberty upon which this government was founded. No man who owns allegiance to the Democratic party can protest against the closest scrutiny of the record of that party without tacitly admitting a feeling of guilt and shame. Along with his appeal to patriotism he should point with pride to the achievements of his party, and if he cannot do that he should change his party affiliations or confess himself an intellectual crook.—The Bulletin.

BANDITS GET AWAY WITH \$1,500.

Vinita, Okla., August 23.—Three masked bandits, entered the First State Bank of Bernice, a small town sixteen miles east of here late today and after covering R. D. Mead, the cashier, with revolvers, took \$1,500 in currency and escaped.

NOVO GEORGIEVSK A MASS OF RUINS.

Germans Entered Heart of Great Russian Stronghold After Terrific Assault—Constant Rain of Shells.

Searchlights Moved From Point to Point; Magazines Exploded at Intervals; Thunder of Cannon Continuous, Bombardment Continued With Undiminished Violence.

Warsaw, (undated, via London, Aug. 23).—The fortress of Novo Georgievsk lies in ruins.

The Germans entered the heart of the great Russian stronghold from the right, after a terrific night assault. There was a constant rain of exploding shells, searchlights moved from point to point, magazines exploded at brief intervals, rockets whizzed into the air, and the thunder of cannon was continuous.

Shortly before 11 o'clock sheets of flames sprang into the air from the northern front, indicating that one of the forts had been blown up. Soon afterwards a second fort exploded. The bombardment continued, however, with undiminished violence as the Russians expended their last efforts to save the citadel upon the strength of which they had pinned their hopes. The final opposition was from the southerly forts.

On the road to success you don't meet many limousines; it's after you get there that you begin to notice them.

If Bryan would put the tariff on his peace talks up to \$1,000, the people would try to get along with "something just as good."

Can our old friend, St. Petersburg, come back? She can if the Germans can go forward.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR EXHIBITS.

Rules For Exhibits and Prizes Offered.

It has been decided that each county organized in Canning Club work will make an exhibit at the State Fair in October 18 to 23. These exhibits are of great educational value, not only to the Club girl who has an opportunity of comparing her products with those of other girls, but to the State at large; and we are not willing that even one county shall be unrepresented.

That all counties may be on an equal footing, the same number of products shall be required of each for exhibit purposes; namely: 30 quart glass jars; square Queen jars 5 uniform jelly glasses, and 5 uniform bottles. Quart jars may be filled with:

- Canned tomatoes
string beans
Butter beans
Small beets
Sweet potatoes
Corn
Okra
Pimentos
Mixed vegetables
Peaches
Cherries
Blackberries
Huckleberries
Apples
Figs

- Chili Sauce
Strawberry Jam
Blackberry Jam
Cherry Jam
Dorson Jam
Fig Jam
Peach preserves
Pear preserves
Cherry preserves
Fig preserves
Pickles Cucumber
Chow Chow
Artichoke
Sliced Tomato
Stuffed Sweet Pepper
Sweet Chutney
Sweet Pickled Peaches

- Glasses may be filled with:
Scuppernon jelly
Apple jelly
Blackberry jelly
Crab Apple jelly
Quince jelly
Currant jelly
Bottles may be filled with:
Tomato catsup
Cucumber catsup
Wine
Grape juice
Vinegar

It is not necessary or perhaps possible that each county exhibit all of these products. We simply furnish you a list from which you may select. Many of you will wish to have several duplicates, and where your vegetables or fruits have been short you will perhaps find it necessary to have many of the same kind. This will be permissible. For jelly, exhibit any of the varieties mentioned but in the same kind of glasses—all tall or all squat glass. This will make 40 containers from each county. The freight or express on this number of articles will be paid from this office; but if you break the rule and send more it will be at your own expense. No tin goods are desired as all of these can be obtained around Wake County and the expense of shipping avoided.

All jars, bottles and glasses must be labeled under the bottom. Each label must contain the girl's name, name of county, name of product, and the number 1, 2 or 3, indicating how many years the girl has been in the work. Have labels typewritten if possible; if not, write neatly in ink. All glass exhibits appear better when no label hides the contents; therefore the request to paste label under jar.

For shipping, pack the jars in a barrel after wrapping and tying around each one separately a good covering of excelsior, place these in the barrel, packing hay or excelsior all around. This should guard against breakage. Nail securely. Write sender's name in upper left hand corner of barrel top and "Mrs. Jane McKimmon, Dept. of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C.," about the middle. Send by freight not later than September 15th, by express not later than October 1st. Send express receipt or bill of lading to me. Your shipment will not be returned

until after the Fair is over. It would be best to collect duplicate exhibit for your County Fair instead of depending upon the State Fair exhibit. I found last year some of the agents sent me more than the required number of jars, many of them in bad condition. Do not let this happen again. Go carefully over your exhibit and send the best you have, carefully noting spoils.

The State Fair Association offers the following prizes:

For the largest and most profitable yield on one-tenth acre, best written report of method of production, and exhibit:

- First premium.....\$15.00
Second premium..... 10.00
Next five, each..... 5.00

Conditions—Each exhibitor will be required to grow at least one-tenth acre and exhibit six cans of her products. Prizes will be awarded upon exhibits, written reports, and records concerning the growing of the crop. The following will be the points and credits for each: Quantity of products, 20 percent; quality of product, 20 percent; variety of product, 20 percent; profit on investment, 20 percent; history or written report, 20 percent. Prizes will not be awarded unless there are at least twelve entries in the contest.

Where a girl makes the exhibit of six articles in competing for this prize, these can be included in the general county exhibit. They can be judged separately also. It is suggested if several girls in a county wish to compete for this prize that local judges determine upon the 2 best and they be sent as a part of the 4 dozen products in glass sent by the county.

The Department of Agriculture offer as prizes for best single glass jar, any fruit, girl 1 year's experience..

-\$2.50
Best single glass jar, any fruit, girl 2 or more years' experience...\$2.50
Best single glass jar, any vegetable, girl 1 year's experience.....\$2.50
Best single glass jar, any vegetable, girl 2 or more years' experience..\$2.50
Best single glass jar, mixed vegetable, girl 1 year's experience...\$2.50
Best single glass jar, mixed vegetable, girl 2 or more years' experience.....\$2.50
Best glass of jelly—apple or scuppernon.....\$2.50
Best bottle of tomato catsup...\$2.50
To county making best exhibit in quality, variety or salable products, packing and neat labeling.....\$5.00.

LOCKS BANK CASHIER IN VAULT AND GET \$1,200.

Amity, Ark., Aug. 24.—Two unmasked men locked E. W. Fincher, cashier of the Bank of Amity in the vault today and escaped with \$1,200.

GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT SOUTH AGAINST CONTRABAND ORDER.

McAdoo Announces Thirty Millions in Gold Available if Necessary—No Interest Charge.

Idea is to Put Funds in Reserve Banks For Rediscount Loans but if Mere Feasible Deposits of Government Funds Could be Made Directly With National Banks.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo announced tonight that in view of the action of the Allies in putting cotton on the contraband list, he would, if it became necessary, deposit \$30,000,000 or more in gold in the Federal Reserve banks at Atlanta, Dallas and Richmond for the purpose of enabling the reserve banks to rediscount loans on cotton secured by warehouse receipts made by national banks and state banks belonging to the Federal Reserve system.

The gold would be deposited temporarily, at least, without interest charge. It was explained that if it appeared that the object could be accomplished with greater efficiency thereby, the deposits would be made directly with national banks agreeing to lend the money on cotton at a rate not to exceed 6 per cent.

England, they say, is stirred, but nobody sees that she is stirring.

CAKES and CANDIES
Reduced In Price. All Twenty-Cent Cakes and Candy now 10c - - - Ten Cents - - - 10c
Fresh Roasted Peanuts, full line of Fancy Groceries. When you trade at this store you do not have to pay other people's debts. Nothing delivered, Nothing charged. Your patronage solicited.
Ralph's Place
"THE LADIES' STORE."

POOR