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Teutons Are Driving Russians Before Them Near Lemburg

Much Hand to Hand Fighting Between the Allies and Germans Along the Western Front--Allies on the Offensive.

Dispatches from press headquarters of the Austro-Hungarian army indicate that the Russians everywhere have been driven back on their last defenses before Lemburg, running north and south about 10 miles west of Lemburg.

Russian troops along this line comprise the third and eighth armies which, after their repulse in May and their retirement from the San front, again were brought up to their normal strength in men and received heavy reinforcements of new artillery.

The dispatches say that the Russians are retiring in disorder. It is added that among the prisoners taken are many territorials who asserted that they were drilled for only a fortnight before they were dispatched to Galicia and received rifles on when they were assigned to the division of the reserves.

Having defeated the Russians on the San line, the dispatches say, Field Marshal Conrad von Hoetzendorf is now pounding against the crossings of the Dniester, where the heaviest fighting is in progress. The Austro-Germans, it is asserted, are pushing the campaign with the utmost energy and without regard to the expenditure of men or munitions.

Telegrams from Bucharest state that the Austro-Germans on the Bukovina front have advanced about 10 miles into Bessarabia, covered by their heavy artillery, and now threaten Chotin, northeast of Cernowitz and just across the Russian border.

It is added that Austro-Hungarian troops have occupied Novolice, Russia, across the northern bound of Rumania, on the river Pruth, and have established a number of heavy guns there.

The dispatches say that the Russians in their retirement are fighting desperately to defend their home soil and are burning villages behind them and urging the inhabitants to retire with the army.

Although disagreeing as to results the German official statement and the French and British communications indicate that the fighting in the Arras sector and at the northern and southern parts of the short British front is as desperate as any the western theater of war has developed.

The area of hostilities is tiny as compared with the sweep of the Galician front where the Austro-Germans are still driving forward, but the last few days have brought much hand-to-hand fighting, the British and French striving to hold the trenches gained and the Germans, with a preponderance of machine guns, as promptly initiating a counter attack.

Each side dwells on the losses of the other, and each emphasizes its gains, all of which have been costly although comparatively small as measured in distance. It is too early to say whether this means a serious Franco-British attempt to break through, but it is patent that they are on the offensive.

In the reports of the colossal human sacrifices which the Austro-German drive through Galicia entailed. It is claimed that the Russians, even if forced to retreat by clever managing have drawn the Austro-German forces perilously far from their rail communications, meantime so seriously sapping their vitality with estimated losses of 10,000 men a day as to contribute materially to the outcome of the western campaign.

1,000 British Shells Made Daily In N. J.

New York, June 18.—Shrapnel shells at the rate of almost 1,000 a day are being made for the British government at the Ingersoll-Rand plant at Phillipsburg, N. J. More than 2,500 men are working in three shifts of eight hours each.

At the West Easton, Pa., plant shells are being turned out. Barbed wire on a high fence keeps intruders out. Men work behind high canvas walls, under the supervision of three British officers.

Germans Announce Submarine Loss

Berlin, June 17.—The Overseas News agency gives out the following: "The admiralty has announced the loss of Submarine No. U-4. The crew was captured."

Fred Parks of Morganton May Lose One of His Feet.

Morganton, June 18.—Fred Parks, an employe at the tannery, had the misfortune of getting his foot crushed between two cars last evening while doing some shifting. It was badly mangled and it is more than probable that it will have to be amputated.

At their meeting last night the town council changed town managers. R. W. Pipkin, who has been manager since the commission form of government was adopted over two years ago is succeeded by C. P. Cain. Mr. Pipkin made a fine reputation as a manager, which has attracted a great deal of outside attention, and many regret that he is not to be retained. At this same meeting W. A. Leslie was reelected fire chief and Robert Wall was reelected chief of police.

Deaths Recorded.

L. Flagler to J. N. and M. A. Flowers, for \$3,200, two lots on Fifteenth Street.

Mrs. J. W. Robinson to J. C. Dellinger, for \$115, a lot on Eighth Street.

W. M. Null to Q. C. Matthews, \$685, 34 acres adjoining Augustus Pope and Jeff Hollar.

Not Sure of Herself.

Even members of the family had to look twice to be sure as to "who was who" of the twins. But they didn't put different colored hair ribbons on them until the day when grandma, coming into the living room, said to the small person looking out of the window, "Is it Josie or Rosie?"

And the twin replied, "I fink its Josie."—Pittsburg Chronicle.

In a Few Words.

Hawker—Buy a flower, sir? Billion—No, thanks.
Hawker—Buy one for your wife, sir.
Billion—Haven't one.
Hawker—For your sweetheart, then.
Billion—Haven't one, either.
Hawker—Well, buy one to celebrate your luck.—Exchange.

Garden Notes.

Just now the important matter in the garden is to keep the land at work, and never to have the space lying idle. Constant succession of crops all the year round should be the aim in all Southern gardens.

I have just finished my crop of early peas, and cantaloupes are already up between the alternate rows and the peavines are in the compost heap.

Between the rows of sugar corn I have rows of the Fordhook Bush lima bean now up. As soon as the ears of corn are used the stalks will be pulled up (not cut off), and the corn rows will be prepared for the later snap beans, and these and the bush limas will grow very well together.

The early Irish potatoes have now had their last working and corn will be planted in the alternate middle for the later roasting ears.

The Yellow Potato onions are now nearly ripe and when they are pulled I have some tomato plants ready to take their place. The succession crops of green peas are now ready for the table and will soon be off, and there the salsify and parsnips will be sown to hold the ground till next spring. At the same time part of the land will be sown to Half-long Danvers carrots, and these too will be left in the rows where they grow all winter, as they keep better in this way than if lifted, and seem to get sweeter for the frosting.

When where the second planting of sweet corn was made I will sow late beets on the corn rows and between the corn rows. The third planting of corn will be followed by spinach in rows in August for fall use, and the fourth planting of corn that is made in July will be followed by spinach in September sown broadcast on heavily fertilized soil to winter over for spring cutting. In late June the onions sown for sets will be ripe and will be replanted in September, and this land will be sown to curled kale for winter use.

As I grow flowers, too, I have 1000 gladioli growing in rows. These will bloom and mature their bulbs in September, and the place they now occupy will be heavily fertilized and onion sets planted in September of the Norfolk Queen for early green onions and of the Yellow Potato onion for ripe onions. Then where the early cucumbers are I will sow cabbage seed in hills the last of July and thin them later to one plant in the hill, and in this way save the transplanting in hot weather.

The last thing in the fall is to cover the whole garden thickly with manure, vacant spaces as well as crops, for the manure mulch is very useful to the onions, spinach, etc. This heavy coat will lie on top of the ground all winter to be dug in the spring for I cannot buy any but fresh manure, and fresh manure applied in spring is not so good for plants, while that which lies on top the land all winter puts the soil into the best possible shape for the plants, and the manure has decomposed enough to feed them. In spring commercial fertilizer of high grade is used at the rate of 1,000 pounds an acre, and while my garden five years ago was a poor piece of an old sandy field, it is now rich and productive, and plants flourish amazingly.

There is really very little vacant ground in my garden in winter, only enough to give me space for the extra early crops of peas, etc., in spring. An all-the-year-round garden is the only kind to have in the South.—W. F. Massey in Progressive Farmer.

Bryan to Asheville.

Ex-Secretary W. J. Bryan has announced his intention of going to Asheville for a long rest. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Bryan.

Hickory People at Blowing Rock

Mr. Geitner and party, of Hickory, while making a tour of the resorts in this section, spent a day or two at Watauga Inn.

Mrs. Emma Taylor, her son David and Mrs. Alice Council, her mother, are at the Blowing Rock Hotel helping the Moore Brothers in their arduous task of getting that well known resort ready for the season. Mrs. Council, however, is quite indisposed, but her many friends hereabout, and in Boone hope that she will soon be feeling better and visit them all.

Mr. Robert Ransom and sister, Miss Esther, and mother, widow of the late General Matt. Ransom, an honored son of the old North State, have opened their charming home near Blowing Rock Hotel. No summer residents are more heartily welcomed than the Ransoms, who for years have not only visited this place as regularly as the seasons come around, but have all these years proved their loyalty by singing the praises of this noted resort of the Blue Ridge.—Blowing Rock Correspondence, Watauga Democrat.

Incident of the Civil War.

Some U. S. soldiers came to my father's house in the spring of 1865. When they came near the house they saw A. A. Shuford sitting on the front porch and a gun was by him. My sister, Alice, was sweeping the porch at that time. She was then thirteen years of age.

A. A. Shuford was fully persuaded that the soldiers would not shoot at him when in the presence of the girl on the porch. He had presence of mind and picked up his gun and walked in the house. He then made his escape. He went through the house and crossed the lane and then jumped over the fence which was near the negro house and the loom house. The houses were then between him and the U. S. soldiers. The writer was behind the loom house at the time.

A. A. Shuford passed by the writer running as fast as a deer. As he passed along he threw away his gun and watch. He soon reached a small plum orchard in the valley below the buildings where the horses were kept and concealed himself behind some brush piles in the plum orchard.

A. A. Shuford was a soldier in the Confederate army. He had been in camp, in prison and in battle.

He said he knew that the soldiers had guns that would shoot a long ways. He did not run far but took the first opportunity to hide. When the soldiers came to the house they asked the white people present where the rebel soldier was that left the house. He was called by them a rebel soldier. The white people seemed to know nothing about him. There were some negroes about the house. The soldiers then asked the negroes where the man was whom they called a rebel soldier. They said they did not see any one leave the house. They did not betray us. They were loyal to the white family when some U. S. soldiers were present.

Wedding Announced.

Mrs. Clara Finger announces the marriage of her daughter Clara May to Mr. Eugene R. Long on Tuesday June fifteenth one thousand nine hundred and fifteen Hickory, North Carolina

At Home after July first Walnut Street and Highland Avenue Bluefield, West Virginia.

Dr. Flowers Returns.

Dr. G. E. Flowers returned home Wednesday from Greensboro, where he had been attending the meeting of the Medical Society of North Carolina. Doctor Flowers said that there was a record-breaking attendance at the sessions and that much good was undoubtedly be accomplished by the meetings. He incidentally said a good word for the semi-weekly Democrat, adding that he liked it much better now than when it was a weekly.

"Satanet" Falls at Columbia.

Harold Gardner, known as "Satanet", the man who climbed the front of the Hub Theatre here some time ago, fell from the capitol building in Columbia, S. C., a few days ago and was severely hurt, though not fatally. He slipped from the dome of the building to the roof, not falling to the ground. He said he would be climbing again in a week but would never again climb a wet building.

Unconstitutional.

"What's the big gathering at the depot for? Some eminent citizen expected?" "Nope. That's the usual crowd. Everybody comes down to see the train arrive."

"Oh, that's it. And supposed the train was wrecked on the way?" "I dunno what they would do. Sue the road, mebby. Anyway, th' railway folks better not try it. Our people are mighty ticklish 'bout their vested rights."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Smart Aleck.

A teacher was examining a class of small boys in arithmetic. Addressing a particularly smart boy, she asked: "Can five go into one?" "Yes," came the answer at once. "You stupid boy!" she said. "How do you make that out?" "Please, ma'am," he said. "I put five toes into one stocking this mornin'!"—Exchange.

Misinformation.

"I understand, Cuddyhump, that your wife is convalescing?" said kindly Mrs. White. "No mom, if yo' please, and t'anky for de 'terrogation," politely replied the colored man; "but 'stidder which she's gittin' better, mom!"—Judge.

First Gold \$50 Struck.

San Francisco, June 15.—The first \$50 gold piece ever authorized by Congress was struck by the San Francisco mint today and purchased by President Charles G. Moore, of the Panama-Pacific exposition, for \$100. The new coin commemorates the exposition. On its obscure side is stamped the head of a laborer and on the reverse two dolphins, emblematic of the meeting of two oceans through the Panama canal.

DOUBLY PROVEN

Hickory Readers Can No Longer Doubt the Evidence. This Hickory citizen testified long ago. Told of quick relief—of undoubted benefit. The facts are now confirmed. Such testimony is complete—the evidence conclusive. It forms convincing proof of merit.

Mrs. J. W. Neil, 423 Tenth Ave., Hickory, says: "My back ached and I had pains in my loins. My kidneys didn't act right and I felt miserable. Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at Lutz's Drug Store, restored my health and made me well." (Statement given March 6th, 1912)

OVER TWO YEARS LATER, Mrs. Neil added: "Whenever I get backache or feel any symptoms of kidney trouble, I use Doan's Kidney Pills and they quickly restore the ailment. I gladly confirm all I have previously said about his medicine."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Neil had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Grace Patrick is visiting friends in Roanoke, Va.

Mrs. Edwina Chadwick expects to leave Thursday for an extended visit to Wayne, Mich.

Miss Mary Abernethy is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. L. Thompson, in Alabama.

Misses Lillian and Fannie Fields have returned home from school.

Dr. E. R. Russell of Asheville, was in the city Friday on business.

Messrs. John Yount and P. O. Carpenter of Newton, were Hickory visitors Monday.

Mr. D. M. Boyd spent Sunday at Lincolnton with Mrs. Boyd, who is in the hospital there.

Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Ramsay are attending the meeting of the Dental Association at Wrightsville Beach this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Ramsay and baby, of Yorkville, S. C., are visiting their mother, Mrs. Belle Ramsay.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Abernethy have returned from their wedding trip and are keeping house on Tenth avenue.

Miss Georgia Herndon of Kinston, arrived in the city Friday to spend some time with her sister, Mrs. E. A. Herman.

R. G. Long, son of county superintendent Geo. E. Long, has been elected superintendent of the Newton Graded Schools.

Miss Isabella Morton left Saturday for Greensboro, Danville and other towns in the north-eastern part of the state to visit relatives and friends.

We are glad to inform the many friends of Mrs. D. M. Boyd that she is getting on as well as could be expected and is expected to be able to sit up soon.

Mrs. J. T. Johnson and family left Monday for Morganton, where they will make their home in the future. We regret very much to see them leave Hickory.

Those who attended the meeting of the Merchants' Association at Asheville were Messrs. W. C. Shell, J. A. Moretz, Rob Martin, N. W. Clark, A. M. West, J. A. Bowles, N. M. Newton, J. B. Gibbs and Miss Annie Downum, their most worthy secretary. They all report a delightful time.

In order to afford better facilities for meals to travelers using trains on which there are no dining cars, the Southern Railway Company is furnishing free to inn-keepers, hotel proprietors and restaurant managers at points where trains stop at meal hours, nice lunch boxes, these boxes to be used in serving lunches on trains. This is a splendid move on the part of the railroad management and one that bids fair to be popular.

Mrs. Florence Hefner, aged 54, died at her home in Cline's Township Wednesday morning and was buried at St. Peter's Church the next day. Mrs. Hefner was the widow of the late David Hefner, who died about 10 years ago. She is survived by three sons and one daughter, Messrs. Preston Hefner, who lives in Idaho; Tolley Hefner and Earl Hefner and Miss Lottie Hefner, all of this county.

The county treasurer's books show that under the salary system for county officers, inaugurated at the beginning of the present fiscal year, in December last, there has been a total collection of fees in the offices of the clerk, register and treasurer of \$1,356 during the last quarter; and as these three officers received a total salary of approximately \$1,100 during the quarter, there is left as "profit" about \$256 which goes into the general fund and which under the fee system would have gone into the officials' pockets.

The total area of Russia is 8,505,000 square miles, and that of South America 6,851,000.

INTERESTING ITEMS OF GENERAL NEWS

Condensed Paragraphs of Important Happenings the World Over.

W. M. Furr shot and killed his brother, Ephraim Furr, at the home of their step-mother in Cabarrus county Friday.

The board of aldermen of Lincolnton have decided to permanently pave about one mile of Lincolnton streets. The pavement will be of asphaltic concrete.

The new battleship Arizona was successfully launched at the Brooklyn navy yard Saturday. The new sea fortress as she took the water cost more than seven million dollars. That was for the hull and machinery alone. The guns and armor will cost as much more and other equipment necessary to fit her out for duty will add another million to the total cost. She is longer and wider than any but the newest trans-Atlantic liners. If it is desired to put her through the Panama Canal the locks and benches in the channel will be taxed almost to the limit to give her passage way. The Arizona is the fourth battleship to be built in a government yard and her place on the ways will be taken at once by the California, a larger and faster but similarly armed ship. The Arizona will carry twelve 14-inch guns.

The strongly fortified town of Grodek in Galicia, where it was predicted the Russians would make such a stubborn stand, has fallen before the Austro-German assault.

Changes in the Federal quarantine law against foot and mouth disease, effective yesterday freed all Henrico county, Va., from restrictions, with the exception of the Richmond stock yards and territory within three miles of one dairy farm, which will become "restricted area."

Beginning July 1, with the new governmental business year, Uncle Sam will launch into biggest enterprise he has ever undertaken for the betterment of American Agriculture and the help of the farmer. Uncle Sam is going to teach the farmer by farming for him.

Although the bulb business for which Holland is world famous would seem to be immune from the effects of the war, it has, like other industries, had a sad blow from which it is even less able to recover as time goes on and the war continues.

With headquarters at Pless, in southeastern Silesia, the German emperor is said to be directing personally Austro-German operations in Galicia against the Russians.

General Felipe Angeles, artillery expert, and General Villa's right hand man, is in the United States on a visit to his family at Boston. His visit may presage the formation of a new party in Mexico.

Cov. Craig Grants Pardon to Three. Governor Locke Craig, who is spending the summer months at Asheville, Saturday announced the granting of pardons conditional upon good behavior to Geo. Ellsworth, of Anson county, convicted in September, 1901, of safe cracking and sentenced to ten years in the State's Prison; Jacob Heavener, of Catawba County, convicted in February, 1914, of manslaughter, and sentenced to eighteen months in the State's Prison; and Robert Phifer, of Union county, convicted of manslaughter in October, 1912, and sentenced to five years on the roads.

Oklahoma seems to be growing remarkably polite. In the town of Newkirk two candidates were tied when the vote for mayor was counted. Did they cry loudly for a recount? Not they. Both stepped politely aside, and the man who was mayor before the election will another term.