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FAIR GROUNDS ARE THRONGED

The Great Western North Carolina Fair Has Most Auspicious Opening in Its History.

SCHOOL CHILDREN OF BUNCOMBE IN PARADE

Thousands of Visitors at Riverside Park Today Delighted With Exhibits and Midway.

First Day's Program.
(Educational Day.)
School children's demonstration.
Gates open at 9 a. m.
Noon—Speaking in bandstand by Prof. A. C. Reynolds, principal of Cullowhee Normal and Industrial school, Jackson county.
3:00 p. m.—Free acts on the midway.
7:45 p. m.—Fireworks display.
9:00 p. m.—Free acts on midway.
Exhibit halls open all day long; fun on the midway.

Second Day's Program.
(Wednesday, Labor Day.)
9:00 a. m.—Gates open.
2 p. m.—Workingmen assemble Pack square.
2:30 p. m.—Address at fair grounds by Judge Thomas A. Jones.
3:00 p. m.—Free acts on the midway.
7:45 p. m.—Fireworks display.
9:30 p. m.—Free acts on the midway.
Judging of exhibits; fun on the midway.

The fair is the thing.

In a blaze of glory the fourth annual Western North Carolina fair opened its gates at Riverside park this morning at 9 o'clock and from indications the big four-days' show this year promises to easily eclipse in every respect the previous efforts of the Fair association.

There are twice as many exhibits on display at the fair already than was ever the case. The midway is ready, the toy balloon and the popcorn man is happy and everybody have their eyes turned towards the big show at the beautiful park on the banks of the French Broad river only a pleasant distance to ride, from the heart of Asheville.

This is Educational Day. Tomorrow has been set aside as Labor Day. There are special programs for every hou rof the big sho wuntil the gates close upon the 1914 exhibition.

Secretary D. Harris, the executive officer of the Western North Carolina Fair association, who has worked so hard for months and months to make the big show a success was on the grounds bright and early this morning—a long time before the hour set for the opening of the gates for the first day—9 a. m.

He was delighted and too busy to talk much but he gave out this morning to The Gazette-News, the following brief statement:

"The Western North Carolina Fair association officers are indeed well pleased with prospects on opening day. We have twice as many exhibits as ever before, and the very best midway on the road today. I anticipate record-breaking crowds during the entire four days of the show, which opened this morning. We are presenting many features never yet attempted, and which are sure to please. The street railway company promises to put in service every piece of available rolling stock and the crowds to and from the fair grounds should be handled, as usual, with dispatch. We are entirely satisfied, and The Gazette-News cannot make that too strong."

Educational Day Features.

There were many features on the program for the opening day of the 1914 fair designated as stated above?

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THINKS ROUMANIA WILL NOW AID ALLIES

Petrograd, Oct. 13.—(Via London)—An official statement given out today expresses the belief that the death Saturday of King Charles of Roumania removes an obstacle to the turning of Roumania to the cause of the allies, to which end recent Russian diplomatic efforts were unavailing. It is said further that the sympathies of the Roumanian people, who in the past have shown that they were opposed to the championing of Prussia by its late king, will now assert themselves.

Consequently, according to Russian authorities, Roumania will now cease to menace Russia by furnishing provisions and transporting troops for Germany.

SCHOOL CHILDREN OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY IN MAMMOTH PARADE THIS MORNING TO THE FAIR

Practically Every School in Buncombe Participated in Line of Review.

BOYS' CORN CLUB AT HEAD OF BIG PAGEANT

Thousands of Young American Hopefuls Brought Gladness to Hearts of Elders Here Today.

The parade and demonstration of the Buncombe county school children this morning through the city and at the Western North Carolina fair was the biggest thing of its kind ever held in Asheville.

Thousands of students of the various institutions throughout this city, noted for its educational advantages, participated. Some of the little boys and girls who took part in the big pageant seemed hardly strong enough to make the long tramp, but they were just as enthusiastic as were their seniors. Many grown young men and women, all students, were in line. In many instances community pride compelled the mothers and fathers of the students to participate also.

All carried banners designating the schools to which they belong. The students wore badges and many of them carried pennants. Drum corps lead several of the divisions of the school parade, while all of the institutions of learning had yells of their own pa rticular composition. And i is a "lusty-lunged" set of boys and girls making up the enrollment of the public schools of Buncombe county! This fact was clearly demonstrated this morning.

Many of the schools had their several classes in the parade linked together with streamers of bunting of the national colors. Several schools had large American flags. One or two classes carried garlands of fall leaves and flowers. The Cedar Hill school carried a large banner decorated with sprigs of cedar. The entire scheme of the parade showed much thought upon the part of the principals and teachers, as well as the patrons of the many schools participating.

Early this morning school children from all sections of Buncombe county commenced to gather on the court house lawn. By 10:30 o'clock all was ready for the parade to move. The Buncombe County Boys' Corn club lead off with a large banner that required the combined strength of several to manage in the fall winds. The boys made a fine showing. Many were overalls andcarried corn-stalks upon which were attached suitable banners and pennants.

Col. T. Gilbert Wood, land and industrial agent for the Southern railway in Asheville; N. Buckner, secretary of the local board of trade; John A. Nichols of the Agriculture committee of the board of trade; E. D. Weaver, county farm demonstrator, and several others, all clad in overalls and carrying appropriate pennants, were in the first part of the parade. Then came the brass band of 18 pieces from the Great Argyle Shows at the fair.

The West Asheville public schools came next. These schools composed an entire division of the big parade and the boys and girls, and the young men and women participating in this section, were roundly applauded along the line of march.

"Oh, you John Nichols, you Weaverville farmer"! exclaimed a voice from Masonic headquarters in the Drhumer building as the parade rounded the postoffice corner. This called for laughter and applause. Everybody was in a good humor and entered into the spirit of the day with enthusiasm.

The banners carried by the Boys' Corn club were unique, to say the least of it. The following were some of the inscriptions:

"Don't hide your light under a bushel."

"The Corn Stalk is Mightier than the Gun."

"Oh Shucks, boys, if you are beat don't get on your ear."

Corn was certainly king so far as the school cvhildren's parade was concerned this morning.

Prof. W. H. Hipps, county superintendent of schools, was about the happiest man to be found. He was delighted over the record-breaking showing made. Members of the county board of education and other friends of the schools warmly congratulated Professor Hipps upon the showing made. A corps of assistants aided the county superintendent in forming the big parade and everything went off without a hitch.

The following is a partial list of the schools of the county participating in the parade:

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GIGANTIC CONFLICT IN EAST IS AT HAND

Combat Between Slav and Teuton Promises to Be Of Decisive Nature

VIOLENT FIGHTING IN NORTH FRANCE

Paris Reports Perceptable Progress For Allies at Various Places---Austrian Morale Improved.

London, Oct. 13.—All eyes today are turned to the eastward, where the Teutonic allies and the Russians are preparing to engage in what may prove one of the most decisive combats of the war. Evidence is accumulating to show that this gigantic conflict will be determined in Russian Poland and the only question disturbing British experts is as to which side has chosen the battle ground.

Berlin admits having withdrawn from the Niemen river, and at the same time discounts the whole movement in that region as being of no strategical importance.

It is now clear that Russia has abandoned the narrow point in Galicia between Przemysl and Cracow, Russian forces having virtually occupied all of Galicia with the exception of these two places. Petrograd claims this operation is due to strategic reasons, while Vienna maintains that rejuvenated Austrian armies have relieved the Przemysl fortresses and driven the invaders out. It is unquestioned that the more or less demoralized Austrian forces, stiffened by German reinforcements, have resumed the offensive, but there is no information here to indicate that the Russian retirement is anything in the nature of a rout resulting from vigorous fighting.

Whatever may be the intention of the armies operating on the ends of the great Russian battle front it is clear that these movements have paled into insignificance beside the tremendous advance in the center.

Position of Armies.

Broadly speaking, this now is the position of the antagonists awaiting the word to open the engagement:

The main German armies in Russian Poland are moving toward the Vistula river on a north and south front extending through Piotrkow, 90 miles southwest of Warsaw, Kielce and Busk, on the Bug river, 30 miles east of Lemberg.

To the left of this army, between Lodz and Kalisz, is another German force, and on the right of the main German army is an Austrian force.

The bulk of the Russian troops are on the east bank of the Vistula, but a portion of their forces still are on the west side of the river. The nature of the country makes it probable that the center of the battle line will be between Sandomir and Ivangorod, both on the Vistula river and about sixty miles apart. In order to take up these positions the Germans have been compelled to abandon strong positions along the River Warthe and avail themselves of the transportation facilities of Russian railroads, which are incomparably poorer than those they have been accustomed to. The Russians are described as keen to engage the enemy in a country of their own choosing and near the base of their supplies.

The Germans are said to be still retiring in the direction of east Prussia and in Petrograd there is a re-

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Paris, Oct. 13.—The desperate efforts of the Germans to effect a turning movement to the north of the long battle line in France continue to hold the interest of French observers of the war. According to an official announcement, German cavalry some days ago had advanced in the west to as far as Cassel (27 miles northwest of Lille. That section of the war zone continues the scene of particularly violent actions, the opposing squadrons fighting desperately to gain slightest advantages, on which so much may depend.

The Germans at the same time are not lessening their attempts to find at other points on the battle line weak spots in the allies' front. All their efforts, it is said, are being met successfully by the French and English opponents.

The latest German flag captured by the French belonged to a nactive regiment, which was part of the corps stationed at Stettin. This fact, according to the French, indicates that the Germans have concentrated on the French frontier forces which ordinarily would be assigned to guard the Russian border.

The withdrawal of the Germans from the vicinity of Verdun is officially indicated and is taken to show the further disengagement of the enemy's forces operating around the great French fort on the Meuse and what is regraded in Paris as the retiring of the enemy toward the frontier.

Germans Take Lille.

Paris, Oct. 13.—The following official announcement was given out in Paris this afternoon:

"On our left wing our forces have resumed the offensive in the regions of Hazebrouck and of Bethune against detachments of the enemy composed in large part of cavalry coming from the front along Ballieul, Estaires and La Bassee.

"The twon of Lille, held by a territorial detachment, has been attacked and occupied by a German army corps.

"Between Arras and Albert we have made notable progress.

"On the center, also, we have made progress in the region of Berry-au-Bac, and we have advanced toward Souain in the west of the Argonne and north of Malencourt.

"Between the Argonne and the Meuse on the right bank of the Meuse our troops who hold the heights of the Meuse to the east of Verdun have advanced.

"To the south of the road from Verdun to Metz, in the region of Apremont, we have gained a little territory on our right and repulsed a German attack on our left.

"To sum up, yesterday was marked by perceptible progress on the part of our forces at various points on the field of battle."

England Buys Grain.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 13.—England alone of the belligerent European powers is buying grain up to the normal, according to the annual convention of the Grain Dealers' association which met here today.

BRITISH COMMAND REVOLTS.

Cape Town, Union of South Africa, Oct. 13.—(Via London)—It has been officially announced here that a command under Col. Maritz has rebelled in the northwestern portion of the province. Martial law has been proclaimed throughout the union.

The proclamation declares "the government of the protectorate of German southwest Africa has through widespread secret propaganda persistently endeavored to seduce citizens of the union and officers and members of the defense forces of the union from their allegiance, and to cause rebellion and civil war within the union and these efforts have so far succeeded that Lieut. Col. Soloman Gerhardus Maritz, together with a number of his officers and a portion of the forces under his command, has shamefully and traitorously gone over to the enemy and is now in open rebellion against the government and the people of the union, and is in conjunction with forces of the enemy invading the northern portion of the Cape province."

ASSERTS BELGIUM WAS NOT NEUTRAL

And England Was Planning to Land Forces There, Is German Contention.

Washington, Oct. 13.—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, has issued a statement elaborating on the claim of a telegram from Berlin that documents found in the archives of the Belgian general staff at Brussels show details for landing an English force in Belium had been worked out long before the war. The statement follows:

"The German ambassador drew special attention today to the telegram which came from German headquarters. This telegram proves the German contention that the allies did not intend to respect Belgian neutrality. It even proves more, namely, that Belgian neutrality practically did not exist and that the Belgian government was conspiring with the allies against Germany. Notwithstanding the denials coming from French sources, it is a fact that French prisoners were taken at Liege and at Namur who acknowledged that they had been in those fortresses before the German troops entered Belgium.

"On the French side, it has been asserted that the German chancellor in parliament had acknowledged that Germany was doing wrong in violating Belgian neutrality. It must, however, not be overlooked that the chancellor said: 'We know that the allies do not intend to respect Belgian neutrality and Germany in the position she is in, attacked from three sides, cannot wait whilst the allies can wait.' At that time the Belgian archives were not at the disposal of the German government.

"If the chancellor had known at the time he made his speech that Belgium was not neutral he would certainly have spoken of the alleged Bilgian neutrality in a different way.

"Germany has violated the frontiers of no really neutral country, whilst the allies are on record for disregarding all obligations toward China.

SOUTHERN BUSINESS MEN IN TRADE CONFERENCE

Meet to Consider Improvements of Latin-American Commerce.

Atlanta, Oct. 13.—Southern manufacturers, wholesalers, bankers and others interested met here today at the call of the Atlanta chamber of commerce to attend a foreign trade conference which was expected to last two days. The conference has for its purpost the consideration of measures calculated to broaden the scope of trade between the United States and South and Central America, particularly as to exports from southern ports.

A number of men formerly connected with the United States consular service in South and Central America were present and explained in detail the business conditions with which they became familiar while serving in those countries. Several New York financiers were expected to attend and to discuss methods of handling foreign exchange. Several hundred persons were present at today's meeting.

ATHLETICS WITH BACKS TO WALL

Three Times Defeated Mackmen Are Facing the Necessity of Winning Four Straight Games.

WILL WIN GAME TODAY SAYS GEO. STALLINGS

"Would Be Fatal to Future of Team to Lose Today," Declares Harry Davis, Mack's Coach.

Fenway Park, Boston, Oct. 13.—The Athletics, three times baseball champions of the world, today fought with their backs to the wall to stave off the Boston Braves. Defeated in three successive games, the American league contenders, in the fourth game, today faced the necessity of winnig the next four contests in order to retain their title. Opposing them with menacing bats and seemingly impervious defense, the Braves, still bent on the compelling dash which carried them from last place to the front of the National league, required only one more game to complete their success with world's stries honors. The capturing of four straight games by Boston would create a new world's series record.

A northerly breeze brought slightly cooler air for today's struggle. The sky was partly overcast but there was no prospect of rain.

"The Athletics," said Harry Davis, formerly their captain and now their coach, "will play today as they never did before. It would be fatal to the future of the team to lose four straight."

"The fourth game will go the way of the other three," predicted George Stallings, manager of the Boston team. "The Braves will be world's champions tonight. I truly believe the Braves cannot be stopped."

While the bleacher crowds thronged the gates of Fenway park this forenoon many of them after all night waiting the two teams that were to enter the great struggle of the afternoon consulted with their mentors.

Manager Mack held a long session with his men at their hotel, at which their plan of campaign was discussed from all angles. The Braves had their session at the club house where Manager Stallings characteristically laid down his orders for the day.

Players on both sides predicted that Rudolph and Bender would oppose each other again in this crucial test. Both managers maintained their policy of masking their batteries until just before the game, but the names of these two men constituted an open secret. Rudolph pitched Boston to victory at Philadelphia last Friday in the first game of the series in which Bender was forced from the box by the bombarding Boston batsmen. But the Indian, of noted craft and stout heart, has not lost his cunning and three days of rest were believed to have restored the strength that he expended in his vain efforts of Friday.

Strunk is Out.

Philadelphia, in its hour of need, has suffered an unexpected handicap. Amos Strunk, the centerfielder, who, alone of the once great batting team, had lived up to form, was forced out of the remainder of the series by a boil on his right hand. Walsh played in his place yesterday and will continue in the line-up.

Boston's formidable array was unchanged. Principal in this, the Athletics have found is tow-headed Hank Gowdy who in this series has supplanted Frank Baker as a long distance hitter. No player who has ever taken part in a world's series has equalled the record of Gowdy.

Although the Athletics yesterday recovered some measure of their batting strength, they were still far from their true form. The slump was a matter of deepest concern to the Philadelphians. They pointed out that in fielding they excelled the Boston team by .909 to .908 in the three games thus far and to their falling off in hitting alone do they attribute their three failures. The team batted only .155 in the three games.

Batting Order.

The probable batting order for today's game, to start at 2 o'clock was:

Boston: Moran, rf.; Evers, 2b.; Connolly, lf.; Whitted, cf.; Schmidt, 1b.; Deal, 3b.; Maranville, ss.; Gowdy, c.; Rudolph, p.

Philadelphia: Murphy, rf.; Oldring lf.; Collins, 2b.; Baker, 3b.; McInnis 1b.; Walsh, cf.; Barry, ss.; Schang c.; Bender, p.

BATTERY PARK TO CHANGE HANDS ON THURSDAY OCT. 15

C. E. Railing of New York Has Arrived to Take Over Famous Hostelry of Asheville.

C. E. Railing, a prominent and widely known hotel man of New York, accompanied by Mrs. Railing, has arrived in Asheville and will take over the management of the Battery Park hotel for a term of years, it is stated, and will take complete charge. He will spend a large amount of money in remodeling and refurnishing the hotel and proposes to make of it one of the finest resort hotels in the entire country.

One of Mr. Railing's plans is to cater particularly to the winter tourist business. He was manager of the Plaza hotel in New York for a number of years, and later of the Hotel Denis in Atlantic City. He has a wide acquaintance among winter tourists, therefore, and he expects to conduct the Battery Park in such a manner that he will be able to bring these tourists here year after year.

As soon as Mr. Railing takes over the hostelry this week he will begin the work of remodeling and refurnishing, which will be carried to completion under his supervision. In addition to working over completely the present building, the new proprietor will build a new kitchen that will be one of the most modern and sanitary to be found anywhere. The improvements will make of the hostelry a high class tourist hotel in every respect that will cater to the very best business.

Mr. Railing's plan to cater to the winter tourist business will be received with enthusiasm in Asheville. It was as a winter resort hotel that the Battery Park first became famous all over the country, and informer years it was always crowded to capacity during the winter season.

Asheville people have come to realize the enormous busi ess that n be brought here during the winter season by a systematic advertisement of the advantages of the city and section as a winter resort. This advertising began last year on a big scale and resulted in bringing many hundreds here. It will be a still bigger campaign this year and with fuller preparations made to take care of this travel there is little doubt but that the number of winter visitors will be increased many fold.

James L. Alexander, who has been proprietor of the Battery Park for a number of years, made a trip a few weeks ago to the east and points in Canada to consider several hotel propositions that had been proffered him, and it was understood on his return that he would take a hotel in Canada. It is understood now that Mr. Alexander will rest here for a year before taking over another hostelry. No definite information can be had as to his plans then, although it is known that one of the hotels he, with others, has had under consideration is the New Willard in Washington. He was most successful in the management of the Battery Park and his hosts of friends here will regret very much to see him leave Asheville permanently.

RUSSIAN CRUISER SUNK WITH CREW

Torpedoed by German Submarine — Complement of 568 Men Drowned.

Petrograd, Oct. 13.—An official communication issued yesterday announces that on October 11 the Russian armored cruiser Pallada torpedoed in the Baltic sea by a German submarine and sank with all her crew.

The text of the communication, made public by the marine department follows:

"October the Tenth. German submarines were sighted in the Baltic Sea. The same day, early in the morning the submarines attacked the cruiser Admiral Makarov which had stopped to search a suspected bark flying the commercial flag of The Netherlands.

"A submarine of the enemy launched several torpedoes which luckily missed the mark and caused no damage whatsoever to the cruiser.

"On October 11 at 2 p. m., the submarines of the enemy again attacked our cruisers Bayan and Pallada, which were patrolling the Baltic.

"Although the cruisers opened in time a very strong fire, one of the submarines succeeded in launching torpedoes against the Pallada, whereupon an explosion resulted and the cruiser sank with all her crew."

The armored cruiser Pallada carried a completement of 568 men.

Destructive Fire.

Spencer, W. Va., Oct. 13.—The entire business district of Spencer was destroyed by fire early today with a loss of approximately $185,000.