

## GERMANS START HUGE OFFENSIVE MOVEMENT IN BALTIC PROVINCES

Experts Construe Plan as Great Enveloping Operation Aimed at Destruction of the Russian Army.

RIGA, LARGE RUSSIAN SEAPORT, IS OBJECTIVE

Russian Are Fighting to Hold Back Germans From Riga and Warsaw—Austrians Advancing.

London, July 17.—A new German offensive of huge proportions with Riga, the great Russian seaport and seat of the governor-general of the Baltic provinces as the objective, was revealed in late official advices from Petrograd and Berlin.

Military experts here construe the offensive as a vast enveloping movement in which the Germans will make Herculean efforts to destroy the Russian army. German and Russian accounts agree that the German forces have reached the Windau river, near Goldinden, which is only eighty miles from Riga. The latter city is a great strategic commercial metropolis on the Gulf of Riga, in the upper Baltic.

Official Petrograd statements received this morning add to the details of the sanguinary fighting all along the new lines, where the Russians are making efforts to hold back the German advances toward Riga and Warsaw, while the Austro-Hungarians are moving northward from the Dnieper.

Advices reaching London say that the Germans have left a trail of desolation on the Baltic sea from Memel to Libau. Villas, hotels and casinos in Libau are said to have been destroyed, about the only exception, it is said, being the palace of a Polish nobleman, who married an American woman, this palace being the military headquarters where Prince Henry, of Russia, and Von Hindenburg recently conferred concerning the new offensive against Riga.

Simultaneously with the German effort to reach Warsaw, the Austrians have attacked along the Dnieper and have crossed that river at several points. General von Mackensen's army, which doubtless has been waiting for Field Marshal von Hindenburg to move in the north also has come to life again and fighting has been resumed in southern Poland.

In fact, there is fighting of more or less severity all along the Russian front except in central Poland, where the Russians are in such strong positions that in the opinion of military men, it would be impossible to break through.

The Germans claim further progress in their northern operations, but with the Russians retreating it is not likely that the main forces have clashed as yet. The combined operations are the most gigantic yet undertaken, the aim being, according to military experts, to squeeze the Russians out of Warsaw and the great slice of country which they hold to the north, south and east of that city, and at the same time to attempt an invasion of Besarabia.

## Offers Machine to City If Certain Speed Is Made

M. F. Hoffman Told Judge Glenn His Auto Delivery Could Not Make 25 Miles Per Hour—Officers Make 29 Miles in the Machine Shortly Afterwards.

During the session of Police court this morning, Jim Gash, colored, chauffeur for the Star Market was arraigned on a charge of speeding and pleaded guilty. Just before the case was disposed of, M. Frank Hoffman of Star Market appeared and stated to the court that the automobile delivery which Gash was driving when arrested could not make 25 miles, which the police claim that Gash did make.

The police insisted that the machine could and did make 25 miles an hour. Mr. Hoffman then made a proposition to the court that he would give the city the machine if it could make 25 miles an hour. Plain clothes men, Lieutenant Fred Jones and H. F. Dillingham with a chauffeur took the machine to Southside avenue and the first run resulted in a speed of 25 miles an hour and the second run in 29 miles an hour.

## Miners of South Wales Still Refuse to Work

London, July 16.—The South Wales miners today showed an unbroken front in conforming to the resolution passed at a meeting of delegates at Cardiff yesterday which decided to reject the recommendations of the executive committee to return to work. Even the men of one district who last night decided to resume work, reversed their decision today and not a bit in the coal mining district is moving.

Providence, R. I., July 16.—The tie-up of the trolley lines throughout the state as the result of the strike of employees of the Rhode Island company was almost complete today. A few cars were put in operation but the number of non-union men who reported for work was smaller than yesterday.

## Inquiry Court Reports On Lusitania Disaster

London, July 17.—Torpedoes fired by a submarine of German nationality "caused the loss of the steamer Lusitania and her passengers," according to the finding of the court of inquiry appointed to investigate the disaster.

"After careful inquiry into the circumstances of the disaster," says the opinion, "the court finds that the loss of the said ship and lives was due to damage caused the ship by torpedoes fired by a submarine of German nationality.

## RECEIVER IS NAMED FOR BANK OF ORIENT

Raleigh, July 17.—John G. Nichols, assistant state bank examiner, has reported to the corporation commission that the books of J. W. Miller, cashier of the Bank of Orient, who committed suicide Monday, are in good condition. He reported that the capital of the bank had been impaired and the corporation has named W. J. Swann of Orient as receiver.

## Capital Impaired — Books of Cashier, Suicide, in Good Condition.

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## DID NOT RESIGN SAYS AMBASSADORS WIFE

San Francisco, July 17.—The report that George H. Marye American ambassador to Russia, had resigned has been denied by Mrs. Marye, who recently returned from Petrograd to her home here.

## MANY MINERS HONOR DR. HOLMES' MEMORY

Pittsburgh, July 17.—Many mines in western Pennsylvania and West Virginia were closed today during the funeral in Washington of Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, former director of the bureau of mines of the United States. The operations of some of the mines were suspended for a few hours, while others were closed all day.

## FAIL TO SETTLE STRIKE.

London, July 17.—The executive committee of the South Wales Miners' association today failed at a meeting to reach an agreement on a basis to settle the coal mine dispute. The committee left for Cardiff, where another meeting will be held Monday.

## SAVINGS DEPOSITS TO BE LOANED GOVERNMENT

London, July 17.—One of the provincial banks has made the announcement that all deposits heretofore made in its savings department will be loaned to the government for the prosecution of the war. The bank, however, undertakes to repay on demand with 3 per cent interest.

## SWISS TO PROHIBIT EXPORTS OF GOLD

Paris, July 17.—The Swiss federal council has decided to prohibit the exportation of gold in any form, say a Havas dispatch from Bern.

## SENTENCES IN RETAILING CASES

Judge B. L. Long This Morning in Superior Passed Sentences on Alleged Retailers, Convicted This Week

## LONG SENTENCES GIVEN BY COURT

In Only a Few Instances the Defendant Entered Appeals to the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

Judge B. F. Long this morning passed sentences on a large number of defendants who have been convicted during the week on charges of violating the liquor laws of the state. In only a few instances the defendants entered appeals from the decisions of the court to the Supreme court of North Carolina.

George Knox, colored, was given seven months on retailing charges; Monroe Hensley one year in an anti-jug case and he appealed; Berry Hensley five months in an anti-jug and five months in another, with appeals in both; Joe Burnett, six months on larceny charges; Ward Mitchell eight months on retailing charges and judgment suspended in another case; Levi Matthews one year on retailing charges with appeal entered; Jerry Burrell eight months on retailing charges with appeal entered; Zion Clemmons, colored, eight months on retailing charges and judgment suspended in a retailing and assault case; John Earl, colored, five months on retailing charges; Theodore McCorkel, colored, three months, with appeal entered; Leonard McLain one year in the Buncombe County Industrial and Training school on larceny charges; L. M. Alred nine months on retailing charges; Buck Killian one year on retailing charges and judgment suspended in six retailing cases, one case of injury to property and one disorderly conduct case; Waverly Britt five months on retailing charges and judgment suspended in another case and in a perjury case; Lewis English five months on retailing charges; Arthur Yarberry 30 days on trespassing charges.

## DR. WINSTON TO WRITE BIOGRAPHY OF TOMPKINS

Selected by Executors to Prepare Biography of Late Newspaper Man.

Charlotte, July 17.—The people of North Carolina and South Carolina will be interested to know that Dr. George T. Winston of Asheville is to prepare a biography of the late Daniel Augustus Tompkins.

Dr. Winston spent yesterday and last night in the city on this business, being the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Alexander, the latter his niece.

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## HEALTH WORKER NOT VACCINATED

R. L. Patton, Cartoonist for Board of Health, Stricken With Typhoid — Will Probably Recover.

## VALUABLE WORK IN TYPHOID CAMPAIGN

Chatham County Sore Over Court Trying Other Counties' Cases—Miscellaneous State News.

(By W. T. Best). Raleigh, July 17.—R. L. Patton, Jr., "Pat" the health worker, is in a Morganton hospital with typhoid fever and unable to make pictures for the country papers.

The state board of health has received this message from Mrs. Patton. The artist is not yet critically ill but will not be able to help the department in its crusade against the fly, the chief of the causes of typhoid fever according to popular science. "Pat" was not vaccinated and the irony of his illness is that he did his best piece of work in representation of an afflicted pauper dragging himself slowly to the cemetery. A health enthusiast told him to go to the doctor for vaccine. The down and out dared not dream of money for treatment whereupon the enthusiast told him vaccination is free. The last cut showed the sick man in a spectacular sprint to the dispensary.

And claim is made for the vaccine that no case has yet been found in which a perfect treatment had been made. There are very few such cases on record and the department of health believes no lives will be lost among those who have undergone the three hypodermics.

He has many unfinished cuts which will yet be made, so that some of his work will yet do good. In the meanwhile the wholesale vaccinating goes on in the five counties organized by the state department and by Durham which is strong. Today Lee county will come in.

Governor Craig has made requisition upon the governor of South Carolina for one Burth Morgan, a life term, who escaped from the state's prison three years ago.

Morgan has been captured and is being held in South Carolina awaiting the coming of a North Carolina officer.

Chatham is Sore. Chatham county citizens are down-right sore at the end of the third week of civil court tried in that county, two suits having occupied the entire time until Thursday afternoon.

## WILL GO OVER REPLY DRAFTS

## LOCAL TROOPS LEAVE MONDAY

Infantry and Band to Morehead City; Cavalry to Fort Ogelthorpe, Ga.

Members of companies F and K, infantry; First Regiment band and troop B cavalry, North Carolina National guard will leave Monday at 2:30 o'clock for the summer training camps at Morehead city for the infantrymen and band and Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., for the cavalry.

The troops will form on Pack square at 1:30 Monday afternoon and headed by the First Regiment band will march in battalion to the Southern passenger station where they will entrain.

The local troops will be joined at the station by company H of Waynesville, in charge of Lieutenant J. H. Hoyle, in the absence of Captain J. H. Howell. The Waynesville company will be about 55 strong, according to reports received here.

Company K, in charge of Captain C. I. Bard, First Lieutenant D. E. Penland and Second Lieutenant J. H. Koon will take about 50 men for the annual encampment. This company will be excused from participating in the shooting at the camp as the officers have already qualified the men. Out of about 40 men 10 have been qualified as experts, nine as sharpshooters and 19 as marksmen. This is considered a very high record for a company and it is one that the members are very proud of. The members of this company are competing for the trophy offered by the Dupont Powder company to the company in the state having the most men qualified for competition as members of the state team to shoot in the national rifle match at Jacksonville in October.

Company F is in charge of Captain Carl Felmet, First Lieutenant Ed. Jones and Second Lieutenant J. Wood. This company will also carry about 50 men. The First Regiment band in charge of Director John Cole will carry the full strength.

Troop B cavalry in command of Captain Frederick Rutledge, First Lieutenant Ruffo Fitzpatrick and Second Lieutenant Burns will carry about 50 men, although the horses will not be shipped from here, as mounts will be furnished the men after they arrive at Fort Oglethorpe.

## HICKORY NUT GAP ROAD IN GOOD CONDITION

Congressman J. J. Britt Says Good Roads Men Were Pleased With Road.

President Will Return to Washington Monday to Confer With Lansing and Others on Note.

CABINET TO CONSIDER MATTER ON TUESDAY

U. S. Will Not Move to Mediate on Subject of Sea Practices Unless Specifically Requested.

Cornish, N. H., July 17.—President Wilson was in communication with Secretary Lansing today regarding the German situation, including the conference yesterday between Secretary Lansing and Von Bernstorff the German ambassador. No further developments are expected, however, until the president returns to London.

Washington, July 17.—Development of the issues between the United States and Germany today awaited the return to Washington of President Wilson, from Cornish, N. H. President Wilson is to take up with Secretary Lansing and others several drafts of the answer to Germany's recent reply to the American note protesting against German methods of submarine warfare.

The president will confer with Mr. Lansing Monday and the cabinet will meet Tuesday. The new note will reassert the rights of Americans on the high seas. It will probably be brief. Until either Great Britain or Germany requests specifically for mediation on the subjects of submarines and contraband, officials hold that the American government will make no direct move and will not subordinate the Lusitania case and assert American rights at hints from Germany.

Several drafts of a note setting forth the course of the United States intends to follow as a result of the German reply to the American protest against German submarine methods have been prepared and will be discussed by the president with Secretary Lansing Monday and submitted to the cabinet the next day.

President Prepares Draft. Cornish, N. H., July 17.—President Wilson has put into shape views on the German situation which he will present to Secretary Lansing and others of his cabinet next week. The president was in communication yesterday with Secretary Lansing.

The note from Austro-Hungary regarding the shipment of large consignments of munitions of war to the allies, and the situation growing out of the interference by Great Britain with commerce between the United States and neutral nations in Europe came in for a share of the president's attention today, but he let it be known that all information would have to come from the state department. The president worked several hours today in his study on official business and spent the rest of the time golfing and automobiling and resting at Harlowenden house.

Superior Court. Claud Ellis and Cleveland Brown, both colored, were each sentenced to serve two years on the county roads on charges of housebreaking.

Janie Barber and Lizzie Proctor, both colored, were each given four months in the county jail on charges of retailing. John Alexander, colored, was given 18 months on the roads on charges of perjury. On larceny charges James Barnett, colored, was given eight months on the roads. Judgment was suspended in the case of a disorderly nature against Arthur Riddick. Upon motion of Solicitor Swain judgment was suspended in the case of Bulow Wilson, who pleaded guilty to assault.

Fred Brookshire was given 40 days on the roads on charges of violating the anti-jug law. The sentence against Jeter Greenwood, was changed to a \$50 fine.

Grand Jury Report. Recommending that several minor changes be made in several of the county institutions, the grand jury late yesterday afternoon filed its report and Judge H. P. Long dismissed the members, who have served since last Monday morning. Judge Long thanked the jury and commended the members for the amount of work transacted during the week.

The jury reported that the court house, county jail, county home, children's home, Buncombe County Training and Industrial school and the convict camps were well kept and in good sanitary condition. Several minor improvements were recommended for several of the institutions.

PRESIDENT TO LEAVE CORNHIS NEXT WEEK. Cornish, N. H., July 17.—President Wilson, it is announced, has arranged his plans to return to Washington early next week.