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ALLIED FORCES GATHERING IN BELGIUM FOR BIG BATTLE

Germany is Penetrating Heart of Belgium And the Time for Conflict is Near

WAR BULLETINS OF A LATE NATURE.

Germans Have Gained Victory Over French at Muelhausen and Berlin Asserts That Every Frenchman Has Been Driven Out of Germany

The allied forces of Great Britain, France, and Belgium are gathering in Belgium and will attempt to stop the onward advance of the Germans and one of the greatest battles of the war seems imminent when these forces meet.

The French have been defeated by the Germans at Muelhausen, and it is stated from Berlin that every Frenchman has been driven out of German territory.

The struggle at Liege continues, and if either side has gained the advantage it has not been given out.

Russia has mined the harbor at Vladivostok.

Servia invasion of Bosnia has begun.

A German cruiser has put in at San Francisco for coal.

It is reported from London that war between Great Britain and Austria-Hungary will probably be declared tonight.

Great Britain denies that she has issued an order prevailing Americans from landing on her shore.

The great ocean trade routes have been opened and wheat is being dispatched to Europe.

War Between Great Britain and Austria-Hungary.

London, via London, Aug. 12.—12:25 p. m.—War between Great Britain and Austria-Hungary, it is said in London, will be declared tonight.

German Troops Defeated French. Berlin, via London, Aug. 13.—12:25 a. m.—German troops at Muelhausen have captured ten French officers, 500 men, four guns, ten wagons and many rifles.

According to the report, German territory has been cleared of French. It is stated, also, that at Lagarde, German troops took more than 1,000 prisoners, but one-sixth of two defeated French regiments.

Statement British War Office.

London August 12:05 p. m.—The official press bureau of the British war office says today:

"Of the twenty-six German army corps the bulk has been located, and it is evident that the mass of German troops is between Liege and Luxemburg.

"The number of German troops known to be on the western side of that country proves that the eastern theater of war, the Russo-German frontier so far as Germany is concerned, is comparatively lightly guarded unless by reservists.

Hospital Ship Sails.

Vancouver, B. C. Aug. 12.—Under sealed orders the hospital ship Prince George sailed early yesterday from Esquimalt. Neither the reason for the departure nor her destination was divulged. She was sighted by the Shideonoka Maru about 75 miles west of Race Rocks last night, steaming at full speed in the direction of Cape Flattery where the Canadian cruiser Rainbow last was seen.

May Land in Great Britain.

London, Aug. 12.—Edward Bell second secretary of the American embassy here, in charge of the working of the alien act so far as it affects Americans, said today:

"So far as we know, not a single American has been prevented from landing in Great Britain."

Secretary of State Bryan's cablegram to the embassy here was sent on receipt by Mr. Bryan of delayed protest from Christiansburg, from which port steamer sail to close ports.

Mr. Bell already had arranged with the authorities to admit Americans to such ports on their announcing their American citizenship.

U. S. Minister Van Dine at The Hague has instructed the American relief committee here not to send

small parties of Americans by boat every five days.

Wheat Steamer Sails.

Boston, Aug. 12.—The British steamer Sagamore of the Warren line left today for Liverpool with six cabin passengers and 168,000 bushels of grain. Prior to sailing her captain was notified officially that north Atlantic shipping was safe from attack by German warships.

Reports From Paris.

Paris, via London, Aug. 12.—12:41 p. m.—The French minister of war explains that the engagements on the French-Germans' frontier are more than outposts skirmishes.

"The best denial that can be given to the report that the French lost 20,000 men in Alsace," said the minister, "is that the total effective French troops did not reach that number.

If further is explained that the advance of French infantry on Meulhausen was to cut the center of German communication, and it is added that this was successfully carried out.

The communication concludes: "We are placing in upper Alsace a considerable number of troops.

Germans Admit Losses.

London, Aug. 13.—2a. m.—A Berlin dispatch to the Daily Telegraph, says the German staff admits heavy losses on the Russian frontier.

Germans Take New Route.

Brussels, Aug. 12, via London 8:30 p. m.—The Germans appear to be commencing a fresh phase of the war. Their attack through central Belgium having failed, they are entreaching along their Maastrecht Liege front and are employing a number of peasants on the road south, through the providences of Liege and Luxemburg, foreshadowing an attempt to force their way to the south of the river Ourthe and towards the upper Meuse in France.

Daniels For Statewide Primary.

Hon. Joseph Daniels has the following article in Saturday's News and Observer, in regard to the Statewide primary:

"The next Legislature is committed to the Statewide primary. It ought to go further and include the counties. Nothing short of an up-to-date Statewide primary law will do. Anything else will put too much power in the hands of a few men, who make a profession of politics, and dominate their precincts and counties. No boss ever desired a primary. The people of North Carolina by a hard and long fight finally compelled the Democratic State Convention to adopt a plan for a State and district primary. The counties can demand that they be included; they can select primary men for the Legislature. That is what I predict will be done.

"The Progressives—the Bull Moose party—will favor a primary, or go back on everything they have said since they came into existence. If there be any Republican counties in the State this year the men sent to the Legislature should be primary advocates.

"No State that is progressive lacks a primary law. North Carolina is progressive, and should enact the legislation proposed.

"Since timid Democrats are uneasy about the primary, lest it hurt the Democratic party in North Carolina. They have not studied what has been done in Mecklenburg, the pioneer primary county in the State. Before the primary conflicting Democratic factions met that county in an upheaval, charging crimes against the ballot, and the Democratic majority was not large. That majority has steadily grown. Every voter there knows that his vote counts for just as much as any other man's vote. The poorest man in the county has as

much voice at the ballot box as Charles Tillet or Frank Osborn. If his candidate is not named he knows that he lacked votes.

"Look at Haywood and Buncombe. Haywood was the first of the mountain counties to adopt, and put in operation—the primary. The Democratic majority there has grown. Buncombe used to swing to one party or the other; now it is Democratic. Now take Guilford and Forsyth, and compare them. Guilford adopted the primary, and Forsyth was afraid to do it; Guilford strongly Democratic and Forsyth is often doubtful. Had Forsyth discarded the old system and adopted the primary when Guilford did, it would be safely Democratic every election."

Alston-Graham.

Invitations reading as follows have been received by friends in Lousburg: Mr. and Mrs. John Graham invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter Virginia Williams to Mr. Philip G. Alston, Jr.

on Wednesday afternoon, August the nineteenth at three o'clock Presbyterian Church Warrenton, North Carolina. A card enclosed reads At home after September the first Texarkana, Texas.

Collier-Strickland.

We acknowledge receipt of the following invitation: Mrs. Ida Hale invites you to be present at the marriage of Oda Strickland to Mr. James L. Collier

on Sunday morning, August the sixteenth, nineteen hundred and fourteen at 10:45 o'clock at Home Kenmore Avenue, Lousburg, N. C.

The bride to be is one of the popular operators at the local telephone exchange, who by her pleasant manner and amiable disposition has made a number of friends in Lousburg.

Mr. Collier is one of Lousburg's most promising young men. For the past several years he has held a responsible position with the Seaboard Air Line Railway and by his strict attention to business and courteous manner has won many friends.

"Imogene."

The Baraca and Philthea classes of New Bethel Sunday school at Epsom, will present the play "Imogene" at Ingleside Academy Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock Aug. 14th.

Cast of Characters.

- Mrs. Mansfield ... Miss Max Bartholomew. Imogene ... Lula Tharrington. Mathew Mundy (the witch of diamond hollow) ... Mrs. E. J. O'Brian. Susie (Mrs Mansfield maid) Miss Almaria Frazier. Snooks (a news boy) ... Jack Brewer. Charles Mansfield ... Mr. Durward Dickie. Dee Harris ... Mr. Jamie Dickie. Deacon Austin Mrs. Mansfield uncle Mr. Percy Duke. James Reed (an Attorney) ... Mr. Horace Stokes. Demie O'Brian (Mansfield valet) Mr. E. J. O'Brian. Walter ... Mr. Joe Bartholomew Surgeon ... Mr. Percy Aycock

The Masons to Have Big All Star Performance in the Opera House August 21st, 1914.

The Masons are making big preparations to give an All-Star Show in the Opera House Friday Aug. 21st. The programme will be full of good singing, clowns and dancing specialties.

Negro quartets will be very much in evidence and a large crowd is expected. Reserved seats 50cts, General admission 35cts, Children 25cts. Seats on sale at Aycock's Monday Aug. 17th. Buy your seats early so you will be sure to get one.

List of Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Post Office at Lousburg, N. C. uncalled for August 11, 1914.

Lucy Jane Davis, Maggie Garner, C. L. Mevers, (Laurel) Donnie Morrison, Mariah Neal, Lillian Perry, Mary Quinn, Minnie Young.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say they saw them advertised.

R. H. Davis, P. M.

War Summary.

(By Associated Press.)

In and around Liege the situation was unchanged today. The Germans held the town itself but the forts were still fighting strongly. The German main army in the north was reported entrenching itself on the Ourthe, while two large divisions of cavalry had got to Tongres, north of Liege. It was expected a general advance was in preparation and a battle imminent in which the Germans would be confronted by the allied Belgian, and British.

Reports came through of sharp encounters along the Austro-Russian frontier. Austrian troops were said to have taken Miechow, in Russia Poland, and official announcement was made at St. Petersburg that the Russians had dislodged an Austrian force at Naletche, in Austrian Galicia.

The French at Muelhausen, Alsace, met with opposition after their occupation of that city. A superior force of Germans caused them to leave the place and take position outside where an action was fought, details of which have not been made public. French reports are indefinite but give the impression of a French success.

German spies were arrested today in Belgium and a secret wireless apparatus was discovered in a German store in Brussels.

Fighting has evidently occurred on the Russo-German frontier, as six carloads of German prisoners were reported to have passed through Vilna today on their way to the Russian interior.

San Francisco reports that a German man-of-war with three stacks and two military masts was sighted sixteen miles outside the Golden Gate at 10 a. m. today. Taken in connection with the finding of the wreckage her presence was believed to be significant. The description would agree with either the Leipzig or the Nurberg.

Russians have concentrated a considerable army in Finland, thus disposing of German reports of the landing of a German army corps there.

Bulgaria apparently is mobilizing all her forces, as she announces, to prevent violations of her neutrality. United States diplomatic officials in Europe have the further task since Monday of looking after French interests in France.

A state of war has been proclaimed in the southern provinces in Holland.

Russia funds seized in Berlin banks by German amounted to \$25,000,000.

The German cruisers Goeben and Sessian are still at large in the Mediterranean, according to reports. Germans are said in Belgian official reports to have lost 2,000 killed, 20,000 wounded and 9,700 prisoners in the recent fighting in Belgium.

England is said by the London Times to have between 500,000 and 600,000 men under arms without the reserves.

Aviators are at work constantly on the frontiers of France and Germany endeavoring to observe the concentration of the respective armies.

An official statement issued by the war office at Brussels states that the Germans have dispatched some forces in a westerly direction from the north of the river of Meuse. The detachments, it is said, did not appear very strong, and it was expected the allied army would drive them back. Some outpost today in which the Germans were repulsed.

At Shanghai a French cruiser was sighted today accompanied by two German merchant vessels which she had captured. Japanese shipping interests have made complaints of the disturbance of trade caused by operations of the German fleet.

Riots are reported among Chinese residents in Hong Kong owing to the high prices of food and dangers of famine.

The Philadelphia maritime exchange today received this dispatch: "London, August 11.—German tank steamer Led from Rotterdam July 23 for Boston Rouge into Bermuda."

Not a living Austrian soldier is now on Servian soil, according to the Servian legation in London. An official of the legation added that seven attempts by the Austrians at different points to invade Servian territory had failed, and the Austrians had abandoned the offensive and were hurriedly entrenching on their own frontier. It was also officially announced that the Montenegrin forces had joined the Servians, and

that the latter had captured a number of small places on Austrian territory.

England now holds as prisoners of war 800 German sailors taken off captured ships.

The Time is Ripe.

Chattanooga, Tenn., August 12.—Southern manufacturers and merchants lose no time in taking advantage of the opportunity which the war in Europe has given them for extending their trade with South American countries, particularly with Argentina and Uruguay on account of the direct steamship service to these countries through the port of Mobile, declares Mr. Charles Lyon Chandler, South American agent for Southern Railway, Mobile and Ohio Railroad, Queen and Crescent Route, and affiliated lines.

These countries which have been buying largely from Great Britain, Germany, and France, must find a new source of supply and Mr. Chandler says there is no reason why Southern manufacturers should not obtain a large share of this trade, particularly of machinery and metal articles of all kinds as well as cotton goods. The recent establishment of an American bank at Buenos Ayres and Rio Janerio will prove of great advantage.

Mr. Chandler is prepared to furnish information of every character in regard to South American markets, his office in this city having been established for the purpose of aiding Southern business men to establish trade with South America. Inquiries may be addressed to him directly or made of any representative of the freight traffic department of Southern Railway or affiliated lines all of whom will be in touch with Mr. Chandler. This information or any help that Mr. Chandler may be able to give will be without any cost, being part of Southern Railway's work for the development of the South.

Buy Mares Instead of Mules.

Occasionally I see articles in papers advising people to put their money into stallions, as the most economical and speedy way to raise horses of greater value, and to raise colts from the mares we have I do not wish to disagree with or dissent from this recommendation. The pure-bred sire is indispensable. In my own limited experiences I have found that colts are always very good. Like their dams in conformation, action and disposition.

I have had 14 colts from 10 different mares, only one of which is registered; others, grade and non-registered. There are 10 different sires represented; three German coach, three standard, two Percheon, and two unknown. About half of these stallions were registered, others very high grades.

Everyone of these colts without a single exception has been almost exactly like their dams in form, action and disposition. There has been more variation in color than in any other particular. A white dam and bay sire produce a sorrel colt. A pair of black mares bright bay stallion raised dark bay colts. A colt from a blind mare has good eyes at 18 years of age, another from a mare with good eyes is blind at four years. The offspring of the honest, true pullers, when harness is first put on them and they are told to go, move right off without trouble, those from balkers never will press the collar hard.

The general conceded superiority of the mule over the hiny seems to suggest the same thing. It seems to me that the wisest thing to do to get proper farm teams is to buy the best mares you can get instead of mules. I would rather have a pair of Percheon or high-grade Percheon mares weighing 3,000 pounds or over, if sound and all right for a farm team, than any pair of mules that ever wore harness. If you have mares of that type, whether you raise horses or mules, when mated to good stallions you will obtain good results. N. T. Guiley, in The Progressive Farmer.

Melon Worms. I have been trying to raise cantaloupes here for two years and some insect bores into them on the under side of the melons and ruins them. What can be done to prevent them? Mix one pound of lead arsenate in 30 gallons of water and spray the plants with this as soon as the fruit sets and repeat it till the melons are half grown, getting it well under the melons.

Constable R. W. Hudson Breaks up Blind Tiger. Constable R. W. Hudson broke up possible the biggest blind tiger that has been found by any officer in Franklin County on last Monday when he made a raid on the home of John Canady colored, near Bibbitt's store, on the Henderson and Lousburg road. From the vessels and evidence found as well as the reputation of the place it had been enjoying a big business and was no doubt profitable to John. Mr. Hudson brought back with him fourteen kegs ranging in size from four to six gallons, nine pints of booze, some of which indicated that he was dispensing it by his own measure, and a bag of corks. He says he left twenty-three empty jugs on the place, John evidently got hold of information that the officers was coming and skipped as he could not be found.

Resolution of Respects.

The following resolutions of respect have been drawn up by a committee from the Joseph Davis Chapter of U. D. C. Resolve first that in the death of Col. W. H. Yarborough, our town, our county and our State have lost one of their best and oldest citizens. Second That we, the Daughters of the Confederacy, have lost a friend, whose kind, interest and untiring generosity have been to us of unestimable worth. Before our mother State had officially taken her place in the young confederacy he volunteered in defense of his native land, and loyally offered the strength and devotion of his young manhood to its service. Possessing rare military genius and a doubtless bravery, his worth was soon recognized and, from the rank of Lieutenant he arose step by step to the full Colonel of his Regiment, serving through the whole struggle of those bloody years he stood in the ranks of the Gray line, at Appomattox turned to meet a future unashamed and unafraid. Through the dark days of reconstruction he gave a loyal service to his country, and from then, until the end, he has stood unflinchingly for the right. For the example of his brave, true life we are deeply grateful, and we will ever scarcely cherish his memory. Third That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family, and also to the Franklin Times for publication.

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MAKES BIG HAUL.

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Masonic District Meeting.

The following programme has been arranged for the Masonic District Meeting to be held in Lousburg on Wednesday and Thursday August 26th and 27th, 1914.

Wednesday.

Lodge open at 11:00 a. m. Roll call of the Lodges of the District.

Hon. J. A. Turner Mayor will present Hon. T. W. Bickett Atty. Gen. who will welcome the visiting Masons in behalf of the town.

Mr. S. P. Boddie, W. M. will present Hon. Benjamin T. Holden for an address of welcome in behalf of Lousburg Lodge No. 413.

Response by Mr. John T. Alderman Grand Master.

1:00 o'clock p. m. barbecue dinner.

2:00 o'clock p. m. smoker in Masonic Hall.

3:00 o'clock p. m. labor resumed and E. A. degree exemplified by the Franklinton Lodge.

Recess.

8:00 o'clock p. m. labor resumed. Master Mason's degree exemplified by the Johnson-Caswell Lodge of Warrenton.

Thursday 27th.

10:00 o'clock a. m. labor resumed, and the F. C. degree exemplified by the Henderson Lodge.

The afternoon and night of the 27th will be devoted to work in the Chapter degrees, which will be in charge of the Henderson Chapter.

A. S. Heavis Co. Takes Over Texas Oil Co. Account.

On account of not having the time to properly look after the business of the Heavis Oil Co., the business of this company was taken up this week by the A. S. Heavis Co., who will handle the Texas products in the future.