

Armies of Europe Getting Ready for Biggest Battle in History

LIKELY THAT JAPAN AND GERMANY WILL FIGHT BUT ONLY IN ORIENT

Allies Have Reported Desultory Losses

MINOR NAVAL BATTLES HAVEN TAKEN PLACE

Austria Loss a Cruiser and French Destroy Four Great Zeppelin Dirigibles and Capture an Aeroplane—English Troops Are Marching Through France to Join French and Belgians—Kaiser Say Allies Will Soon Get a Taste of What the Flower of the Fatherland's Army Can do—Navies in Clash in North Sea Yesterday—French and German Join in Combat in Belgium, But French Say Engagement Not Important.

From the war zone come only brief reports of the activities of the vast German and allied armies opposing each other. The French officially report that the Germans have abandoned Sarrenburg. The Liege forts are said still to be intact and a Brussels dispatch says the German advances toward the Belgium center seems to have been checked.

"The French troops are in contact with the Germans, but there is no important engagement to report," says an official announcement of the French embassy at London.

A British expeditionary force numbering more than one hundred thousand has landed at French and Belgium ports and doubtless is well on its way to form a junction with its allies.

A significant statement is issued by the British official press bureau to the effect that desultory fighting has occurred between the British patrolling squadrons and floatillas and German reconnoitering cruisers.

"A certain liveliness is apparent in the southern area of the North Sea," the statement adds.

There are rumors of naval engagement about 100 miles off Harwich in the North Sea.

In a stirring message to the troops King George says: "Duty is your watch word and I know your duty will be noble done."

French Occupy Lorraine.

The French commander in chief Gen. Joffre personally reports French progress in Upper Alsace and declares French troops have occupied all the region in Lorraine, 32 miles inside the German frontier.

An American corps has been organized in Paris and several American aviators have offered the government their aeroplanes. There is some question as to whether this offer will be accepted of possible international complications.

The former French Minister of finance, Paul Doumer, who has returned from the front in Belgium says three Zeppelins have been destroyed by gun fire and one wrecked by dropping into a forest.

To set at rest reports of casualties in the British army the official bureau declares that there have been no casualties.

A Rome dispatch gives a report from Vienna that the Austrian cruiser Zenta has been sunk.

Court Okuma, the Japanese Premier, declares it is Japan's intention to eliminate from China the root of German influence.

Side of Germans Told.

Berlin, Aug. 18.—(via Copenhagen and London, Aug. 18 9:07 p. m.)—A series of statements on the Liege situation is published from the headquarters of Gen. Stein, according to which French officers and perhaps also French soldiers were sent to Liege before the war to instruct the Belgian troops in the defense of the fortifications.

"It was impossible to protest against this," says Gen. Stein, "but after the war began this conduct had to be regarded as an infraction of Belgian neutrality by France. We had to act with all speed and mobilize. Regiments were sent to the front tier, and marched on Liege. Six weak brigades on a peace footing, with some cavalry and artillery took Liege.

"The brigades were mobilized at Liege and there received as first reinforcements their own reserve. To whether regiments thought that 100,000 Germans were at Liege, and own enemies though that 100,000 Germans were at Liege, and owing to difficulties with the commissariat were unable to advance. This, however, was a mistake. There was another reason for the pause.

"Now, the forward march can begin and our enemies will have an opportunity to convince themselves that the German force is well supplied with food and arms. The Emperor has given the word not to sacrifice another drop of blood to capture the Liege forts.

"The enemy believed themselves secure in the forts, but the fire of our weakest big gun forced the forts to surrender or quickly demolish them, burying the garrisons in the ruins. The Liege fortifications will no longer serve our enemies but will be a support to the German army.

England Stolidly Solemn.

London, Aug. 18.—9:30 p. m.—London displayed little excitement when it became known British troops were in France. There were no crowds around the bulletins and no rush for newspapers. There was a stolid, depressed, earnest crowd in parks where recruits drill and at the barracks where trained soldiers go through evolutions.

The general routine is little disturbed, except for the unceasing

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THE TOBACCO MARKET

AT LOUISBURG WILL OPEN SEPT. 10th.

Conditions seem to have undergone a great change for the better of the farmer.

The Louisburg Tobacco market will be opened for the sale of leaf tobacco on Thursday, September 10th, 1914.

This season there will be three warehouses to run in Louisburg. The Riverside will be run by Mr. E. S. Wood, the Farmers Warehouse, will be run by a stock company with Mr. E. S. Wood as manager and Hart's warehouse will be run by the Farmers Union Tobacco Co.

It will be interesting to our planters to learn that the markets in South Carolina have again been opened and that the buyers for the foreign tobacco companies have been placed back on the market. We learn from a buyer who has recently returned from the South Carolina markets that the prices are about equal with those of last year and that there was no noticeable difference in the price when the foreign buyers came off.

With these facts in view it looks as if this market may open with equal prices of last year and that they may hold up even through the foreign companies might decide to withdraw for a time.

We learn that there will be seven regular buyers in addition to several independent ones on the market this year. The following companies will be represented. The American Tobacco Co. The Export Tobacco Co., The Imperial Tobacco Co., Leggett and Myers, J. P. Taylor, Co., C. B. Cheatham Co. S. J. Parham.

The reason of the lateness of opening is due to two facts. First the crops is late and second time has been given the companies to transfer their buyers from South Carolina.

Dr. Brewer at the Baptist Church.

A special call is made for all the men in Louisburg, and surrounding country to hear Dr. Charles E. Brewer, of Wake Forest College Sunday 10:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. at the Baptist church.

Dr. Brewer is at the head of the Legmen's movement in this State, and has proved himself a master of assemblies and a gifted speaker. He has a message that no Christian man in this community can afford to miss hearing.

Of course the meetings Sunday will not be exclusively for men, but the ladies will find them of equal interest and value to them.

Dr. Brewer is expected to speak at Ransdall's Chapel also Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

Personnel of the New Mexican Government.

Mexico City, Aug. 19.—A decree is to be issued Thursday by the governor of the federal district repudiating government notes of the issue of July 25 last. This issue was made during the regime of provisional President Carranza on authorization of the \$60,000,000 six per cent ten year gold bonds made by the Haerts administration. About \$10,000,000 of this paper is now in circulation.

The repudiation is based upon the decree issued by Venustiano Carranza on April 23 refusing to recognize acts of Huerta.

The New Carranza Cabinet.

The new constitutional cabinet was announced last night as follows: Minister of Foreign Affairs—Ysidro Pichardo. Minister of the Interior—Elise Arredondo. Minister of Public Instruction—Dr. Manuel Silva. Minister of Communications—Ignacio Bonillas. Minister of Finance—Felicito Villarreal. Minister of War—Edmundo Hoy.

Appointment of a minister of justice has been deferred, awaiting reorganization of the courts.

The mustering out of the federal troops is proceeding rapidly. Six thousand were released today, and enlisted men receiving \$10 and \$15 home, while the officers received \$20 and their fare home.

Good order prevails, but the rigors of military government have been in no way slackened.

Two thieves disguised in the uniforms of constitutionalists were summarily executed today and their bodies exposed to the view of the curious crowds. Warning placards were pinned on the breasts of the dead men.

Railways and telegraph lines continue to be operated for military purposes only, although it is announced that passenger traffic between Mexico City and Vera Cruz will be resumed today.

A committee of American women tomorrow will go to the headquarters of General Carranza at Tzactopolzalco to welcome the chief of the constitutionalists on the part of the women of the colony.

An order demanding the surrender of arms by all the inhabitants has been modified so as not to include foreigners.

POPE PIUS, THE TENTH, DEAD

Worry Over the Great European War Brings on Illness That Quickly Kills Aged Pontiff.

Grief over the war in Europe had greatly depressed the Pope since its outbreak, and the result has been a reappearance of the old bronchial affection to which he has now succumbed.

Dr. Amici, the Pope's physician, explained that the Pope's vitality has been greatly diminished recently and that breathing the vitiated atmosphere of heated rooms during almost daily audiences had been greatly against him.

Everything possible was done to save his life. Stimulants were injected and oxygen administered. For a while these relieved the Pope, and enabled him to ask about the execution of his commands.

Cardinal Merry Del Val, the papal secretary, and Monsignor Rosa, have been in faithful attendance on the pontiff during his last illness. All Cardinals have been officially notified by Merry Del Val Monsignor Rosa will be secretary of the conclave now, and it was to him that Pope Pius confided his last wishes.

Death Came From Grief.

Those close to the Pope believe that grief on the final crisis had so overwhelmed him that he was unable in his eightieth year to withstand still another attack of his enemy, gouty catarrh.

Ill health has been the Pontiff's lot for many years, and intermittently the attacks have been so serious that the whole world was prepared several times to hear of his passing. During the summer there had been numerous denials from the Vatican that his indisposition was serious. As late as August 10 last upon an occasion of the 11th anniversary of his coronation, Pope Pius granted numerous audiences.

Breathed Over the War.

Two days later it became known that he had cancelled virtually all engagements. His attendants reported that he was unable to work and that he sat listless and silent for hours, evidently brooding over the great clash of arms in Europe.

List of Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Post office at Louisburg, N. C. uncalled for, August 21, 1914.

G. W. Clayton, Mrs. Mary Coppedge, Kallie May Crawley, F. Farmer, N. R. Harris, W. M. Haskin, J. O. Lancaster, Miss Annie Walls, Mary Norwick, Victoria Williams, Beulah Williams, Youker Bros. Mrs. Minnie Young.

Persons calling for any of the above letters, will please say they saw their advertised. R. H. Davis, P. M.

Typhoid Antitoxine.

When a thing is so cheap, free from pain and harmless, why don't you take the preventive treatment against Typhoid fever and feel safe. The season is near at hand when Typhoid fever is likely to be a "killer" in your home. Don't procrastinate with a matter so important to yourself and family. Let us do for you what we are doing for others. Our antitoxine disease free from pain and danger. C. H. O.

TEACHERS INSTITUTE

FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Opened on Monday For a Two Weeks Session Largely Attended and Much Interest Shown on Part of Teachers.

The Franklin County teachers institute opened on Monday morning for a two weeks session. The White Institute is being held at the graded school under the supervision of Supt. W. R. Mills; of the Louisburg graded schools, assisted by Mrs. Blalock of Raleigh. As an evidence of the strong interest taken in these institutes there are many present who were not required to attend on account of having attended a summer school. There is being two sessions held daily from 9:00 to 12:00 in the morning and from 1:00 to 2:30 in the afternoon. The school work in every phase is receiving especial attention and much good work is being accomplished.

In addition to the regular work there will be two especially interesting features during the coming week. The first will be an address by Dr. J. E. Malone, county Health officer, on health and the sanitary conditions of the school. This will be followed by Supt. Best to carryout the suggestions and make an appeal for the interest of the school in every way.

The second will be held on Thursday of next week when the committeemen and Trustees meet the teachers at the graded school. At this time much is expected to be brought out that will be of the utmost importance to our school system and a benefit to our teachers and officers.

The colored institute is being held in the court house and is in charge of Prof. S. A. Smith, of Winston-Salem. This is also largely attended and is meeting with much enthusiastic work.

Supt. Best expressed himself as being very much gratified over the large attendance and splendid interest that is being taken in the work.

PROGRAM

District Meeting, Nineteenth Masonic District Louisburg, N. C. Wednesday, August 26, 1914.

The meeting begins, and the Lodge opened, at 11:00 o'clock a. m. Hon. J. A. Turner, Mayor will present Hon. T. W. Bickett, Attorney General, who will welcome the visiting Masons in behalf of the town.

Mr. S. P. Boddie, W. M., will present Hon. Benjamin T. Holder for an address of welcome in behalf of Louisburg Lodge No. 413. Response by John T. Alderman, of Henderson, M. W. Grand Master.

10:00 o'clock p. m. call for dinner.

3:00 o'clock labor resumed. The E. A. degree exemplified by Franklin Lodge No. 123.

4:30 p. m.—Recess.

6:30 p. m.—Dutch smoker in Lodge room, tendered visiting Masons by Louisburg Lodge No. 413.

8:00 p. m.—Labor resumed. Presentation of Past Masters' Jewels by W. H. Yarborough, Jr., to J. J. Barrow, J. A. Newell, Ivey Allen and J. R. Jones, past Masters of Louisburg Lodge No. 413, A. F. & A. M.

8:30 p. m.—The Master Mason's degree exemplified by a picked team, J. Bailey Owen, P. D. D. G. M., as King Solomon.

Lecture delivered, and illustrated by stereopticon views, by C. J. Thayer, P. M. of Corinthian Lodge No. 542, of Greensboro, N. C.

Committees of Louisburg, Lodge No. 413.

Committees on arrangements:

J. A. Turner, Chairman.

H. A. Newell.

T. W. Watson.

Reception Committee:

S. P. Boddie, Chairman.

D. F. McKinnis.

J. J. Barrow.

F. E. Griffin.

S. A. Newell.

Committee on Entertainment:

M. McKinnis, Chairman.

J. A. Turner.

Ben T. Holden.

A. H. Fleming.

G. L. Crowell.