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## Military Circle Tightens Around the City of Paris

### TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

CAME TO A CLOSE ON FRIDAY  
AFTERNOON.

Excellent Work Done—Much Interest Manifested—Helpful Meetings of Trustees—Resolutions.

The Franklin county Teachers Institute close on Saturday and was the best and most helpful one ever held in our county.  
Prof. W. R. Mills conducted the Intermediate Department assisted in the primary work by Mrs. Blalock of Raleigh. The work in the primary department for the past week dealt chiefly with aims and methods of the past three years of school. The course of study was discussed thoroughly and the teachers made familiar with new books and methods, some of the most interesting periods of this week were a Round Table Discussion on Preparation for the first day of school and what to do, on the first day. The county teachers problem and its attack, socializing the country school and making it an institution of community service.

The drawing made of this department was of much value and interest, the sketches and work made from nature being especially interesting. In the Intermediate Department in addition to the regular texts used in the school room O'Shea's book "every-day problems in teaching" was used.

Many valuable hints and suggestions were gathered from this work, some of the most interesting situations brought up in this study were, "Problems of school room government," Physical defects as causing dullness and disorder, "The spoiled child," "The favorite pupil," "fair play in the school room," "Lecturing the co-operation of pupils in discipline," "group loyalty," school economy, "The library, and how to use it," Many features of interest and pleasure were in our Institute and the teachers are highly appreciative of the efforts put forth in their behalf Dr. Malone gave a very helpful lecture on contagious diseases and their prevention. The health of the pupil enters much more largely into the work of the school room and the problem of the teacher than it has done heretofore so one teacher put it, "mercy on us! I teach in this county I have to be a physician, a trained nurse, eye, ear, throat and use specialist L. L. D. and D. D."

On Thursday of the last week of Best presented each teacher with a little pamphlet, "The Desk Book for Franklin county teachers." This little book will solve many a problem for the teacher if she studies it and keeps it near at hand.

On Thursday of the last week of the session, the school committee met with the teachers and one of the most interesting days of the Institute was held. The following topics were discussed by Superintendent, teachers and committeemen:

1. Looking after the physical surroundings of the school, A widow lights and shades, desks and blackboards, water buckets and brooms, stoves, fuel and other repairs the school needs. b. When should this be done and by whom?

2. What kind of book-keeping should the committee do, if any?

3. How many times should the committee meet during the year?

4. The relation that should exist between the committee and the teacher. a. If the committee hears an adverse criticism of the teacher, what should be the committee's attitude, what steps should be taken for the good of the school? b. Should the committee hear good news concerning the teacher's work what would be the duty in this case?

5. In employing teachers what should be the most important things that the committee should consider, and what part should the County Superintendent take in these selections?

6. In what ways have the teachers you have employed in the past failed and to what extent were you as committeemen responsible?

## Germans Press on Paris with Quick

## Firing And it is Not a Far Cry

### Vast Extent on Tuesday Unprecedented Battlefield—Russia Frankly Confirms Disaster—Three Needed Generals out of Commission—A Hard Fight Awaits Germans.

London, 5:03 A. M., Sept. 2.—The Paris correspondent of the Times, says:

"At no point has the enemy succeeded in driving a wedge through the circle, which is drawing closer and closer around the capital, and gaining in strength as it retires."

### MONDAY'S BATTLEFIELD WAS 75 MILES LONG

London, Sept. 2.—"An official review just issued reveals the vast extent of this unprecedented battlefield, 75 miles long. Forty-five miles southward from their main army, the allies blocked the German path."

"Whether the same British force is fighting on the Somme to the southwest or another we don't know. Near Sedan the French had to effect a slow retreat, but it repelled another German attack and inflicted losses. Fresh German reinforcements then appeared from Rocroi, a fortified town in the Department of Ardennes, making toward . . . , and fighting is now going on between . . . and the Meuse."

"The official note on the fighting describes it as a kind of siegewartfare: At every position previously captured by the French voyage in the Vosges region has been strengthened and organized, the French advances there is necessarily slow."

### LA BELLE PARIS' REPLY.

"Parisians, in reply to the message from the German aeroplane to surrender, say:

"What did you bring under your wind that we should surrender to you? You brought death—a bomb. That is all. That is why you will never have Paris. Paris is civilization in its beauty. You are barbarism in its ugliness."

"Many wounded continue to arrive in Paris. The Red Cross ladies here have been officially informed that twelve of their number were killed, and that others are missing."

### DESPERATE BATTLE IN PROGRESS.

### LESS THAN 50 MILES FROM PARIS

London, 10:10 A. M., Sept. 2.—The allies are battling desperately against a German assault on the upper Oise, less than 50 miles from Paris.

On the Eastern war struggle Russia frankly confesses to disaster to two army corps and the loss of three generals. Elsewhere the Russian arms seemed to have triumphed. Galicia has been successfully invaded, and Lemberg, it is reported, will soon be evacuated. If this is true, the Austria menace to Russia Poland will be ended and the Russian forces can begin to converge for the march on Berlin.

On the upper Oise the British are fighting desperately to prevent the Germans from securing one of the most direct routes to Paris. News of this battle, reaching here from two different sources, is the first definite information since the end of the battle of Mons. The battle raged Sunday and Monday and by sheer weight of numbers, the Germans secured a slight advantage.

Military experts point out that from present position on the Oise, the German advance will become increasingly difficult, owing to the natural features of the country as well as artificial defenses.

It is becoming evident that all along the Western line the allies are playing for time, in the hope that the Germans assault will become exhausted.

Germany is making renewed efforts to bring Italy into her camp for proclamation which cites that a victory for England and France will deprive Italy of all chances of dominating the Mediterranean.

Antwerp has asked for an increased garrison. The town has also experienced a shudder because of another Zeppelin visit. The great dirigible was fired on, and it departed without dropping any bombs.

### Germans Again Bombard Malines.

London, 8 A. M., Sept. 2.—A dispatch from Antwerp to Reuter's conveys this official announcement:

"The Germans are again bombarding Malines, aiming at the steeple of the Cathedral, a prominent landmark."

Movements of the German troops in the direction of Assche, six miles northwest of Brussels, gave rise to the belief that the Germans were contemplating a movement toward Termende, 16 miles east of Ghent. However, the Belgian troops have been reinforced on account of necessity of preserving control of Waasland. The enemy advanced from Brussels to Assche yesterday, but could not penetrate further north.

Ninove and Alost, 16 and 15 miles respectively from Ghent in different directions, have been occupied by the Germans.

In the Provinces of Antwerp and Limbourg the situation is unchanged."

### Austrians to Go Out of Lemberg.

Rome, via London, 8:28 A. M., Sept. 2.—The Giornale d'Italia (Continued on page six)

### FRANKLIN SUP. COURT

HON. H. W. WHEBBER JUDGE PRESIDING.

A Term For Civil Cases Only. Therefore Not Much Interest Save From Directly Interested Parties.

The regular August term of Superior court for Franklin county, for the trial of Civil cases was convened in the court house here on Monday morning with Hon. H. W. Whedbee, of Greenville, Judge presiding. This is Judge Whedbee's first visit to Franklin county in this capacity and although he made a lasting impression on our people many years ago when here as Solicitor, as an able jurist, he has fully sustained himself in the opinion of our people on the bench. His ease of applying business methods to the business of the court and courtesy to the witnesses and members of the bar alike has endeared him to our people.

This being a term for the trial of Civil cases only no special interest has been aroused in the proceedings. The cases of most importance that have been tried are as follows:

The case testing the will of Miss Helen Cooke, deceased, in which it was held that the will was valid and good.

In the Timberlake will case, the will was set aside and the property ordered divided among the heirs.

In the case of Sykes admr. vs. J. M. Sykes, a verdict was given against the defendant.

In the Duke will case the jury found a verdict holding the will to be the last will and testament of the deceased.

Saturday is a day set aside for the trial of divorce cases when nineteen will come up for trial.

The term will go on through next week.

### SAYS WAR WON'T HURT TOBACCO.

Traveling Man Produces the Facts to Sustain Him in View of Conference

Mr. Thomas G. Worthington, who travels for a well known Baltimore house, was in Raleigh yesterday and he laughs at the idea that there are dull times ahead. "I don't hear anything but good news about business," he said. "Just look at these telegrams," and he pulled out a sheaf of messages from Rocky Mount and other places telling about the fine openings of tobacco markets all around through the east. "The folks have just got to have the weed," he went on to say, "and the manufacturers are going to be on the market and they are going to pay the price."

A telegram from Rocky Mount was as follows:

"Tobacco opened much higher than last year. Farmers well pleased."

This was signed by Mr. J. D. Watkins. "Mr. Watkins is one of the best warehousemen in the business," and knows what he is talking about."

Another wire was from Wilson. "We had a good break here," was the cheerful news it brought.

"I called up a friend at Smithfield," Mr. Worthington continued, "and was told that the market opened well, prices arranging from three to seventeen cents for low grades. This was said to be not quite as good as the opening day last year but everybody was pleased and the outlook for a big fall's business was good."

"No, I don't believe the tobacco markets of the State are going to be hurt by the war," declared Mr. Worthington. "The prospects look good to me."

### Louisburg Baptist Church.

Public worship Sunday 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. The theme of the morning sermon will be, "The mind of the Master" that of the evening sermon, "How Daniel Succeeded."

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. B. Y. P. U. Monday 8:00 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 8:00 p. m.

Mr. R. W. Hudson left Wednesday for Raleigh and Richmond on business.

### TOBACCO MARKET TO OPEN.

Two Warehouses Opens Thursday Bring a Load.

The Riverside Warehouse and the Farmers Warehouse opens for the sale of leaf tobacco in Louisburg next Thursday and good sales are expected. A visit to the Rocky Mount opening the past week resulted in information showing that there was only about one cent a pound difference in the opening price of the sale average between Rocky Mount this year and Louisburg last year.

It is hoped that the prices will be equal on this market. Any way if you have a load you are going to sell come to Louisburg next Thursday. The whole town extends to you a hearty welcome.

### The Reason Why.

A Bennettsville, S. C. citizen whose town had voted for saloons in a prohibition contest, gave this reason for voting against prohibition.

"If we are going to stand for our women folks wearing shadow skirts and slit skirts and transparent skirts and our younger women learning to dance the boll weevil wiggie, the Texas Tommy tango, the bunny hug, the bear dance, the half center, the buzzard flop and the puppy huddle, and so on down the line, then the men folks might just as well have their saloons and the whole push go to hell together."

### Big Picnic.

We are requested to state that there will be a big picnic of the Corn Club boys and Tomatoe Club girls in Louisburg on next Wednesday. This is expected to be a big day for all who attend.

The Tomatoe Club girls are making quite a record with their work this year. We are informed they have put up above four thousand cans of tomatoes and other vegetables. This is a splendid work and it is hoped that it will be even more successful as the seasons come along.

### Afternoon Reception.

On Thursday afternoon the ladies of the Civic League gave a delightful reception to the teachers attending the Institute. The reception was held at Mrs. J. A. Turner's and the hostess presided in her usual easy and charming manner.

The guests were met on the porch at the hostess Mrs. J. A. Turner, Mrs. R. R. Harris and Mrs. W. R. Mills. From the porch they entered the broad hall and were welcomed by a receiving line consisting of Mr. E. L. Best and wife, Mrs. W. E. White, Mrs. F. B. McKinne, Mrs. W. E. Iszell, Mrs. R. Z. Egerton, Mrs. L. P. Hicks, Mrs. Underhill and Mrs. Asher Johnson.

Delightful punch was served by Mrs. E. S. Ford and the guests entered the parlor where a delightful musical program was given.

Delicious refreshments were served and the guest left declaring Mrs. Turner the most charming hostess.

### Mr. Massenburg Promoted.

It is with much pleasure that the many friends of Mr. J. C. Massenburg in Franklin and adjoining counties will learn that he has been promoted to the position as buyer for the American Tobacco Co. with whom he has held a position in the leaf tobacco department on this market for a number of years past. During his many years experience Mr. Massenburg has made good use of each opportunity to fully acquaint himself with the many grades of the weed in all their varying conditions and has gathered a knowledge of the plant that will do credit to himself in the future.

He has been assigned to the Waddell market and left on Wednesday to take up his new duties.