

BRITISH AND GERMANS HAVE NAVAL BATTLE

EACH SIDE GIVE DIFFERENT STATEMENT.

It is Generally Conceded Here That Germany Got The Best of It—Progress in Other Fields.

The German armies of the west have suddenly taken the offensive delivering violent attacks simultaneously at several points. The German war office reports today claim an important victory over British troops along La-Basse canal, in France, just south of the Belgian border. Positions of the British extending over about two-thirds of a mile, including two strong points of support, are said to have been taken by storm, and held in the face of counter-attacks. The French official statement, however, does not concede this victory to the Germans. It admits that they made progress temporarily but asserts that subsequently they were repulsed.

Both communications report for the Germans near Craonne where trenches of the allies were taken and retained in part. Elsewhere, according to the French version of the fighting the Germans were repulsed with the possible exception of Alsaco. It is said that the Germans bombarded Senheim. This town lies six miles southwest of Thann, which may indicate that the German have advanced in this region.

It is said in Berlin that Russian attacks in East Prussia were repulsed and that no important events occurred in Central Poland. The latter statement is in contrast with Petrograd reports of seven battles of Warsaw.

The Russian Foreign Minister Sergius Sazanoff announced that Russia would continue the war so long as a single soldier of her enemies remained on Russian soil.

Three British warships were sunk in the naval engagement in the North Sea Sunday, Berlin now asserts. A statement issued there today says that "according to well informed German sources," a British battle cruiser was sent to the bottom by a German torpedo boat and that a German aviator witnessed the destruction of the vessel. In addition to the loss of the cruiser, as previously reported in Berlin, it is stated that two British torpedo boats were sunk and that other warships were damaged has added nothing to its original announcement that no British vessels were lost or seriously injured.

The German government's order for the confiscation of all supplies of wheat, corn and flour is regarded in England as a significant indication of the economic effects of the war upon Germany. It is said officially in Berlin however, that the action of the government assuring conservation of food-stuffs will make certain a plentiful supply until the next harvest.

Russia is pouring reinforcements into Bukovina, where she apparently has met with a reverse at the hands of the Austrian forces. Vienna assumes that Rumania will now hesitate to join Russia in the war and that danger of the invasion of Transylvania is over, at least for the immediate future. In Poland heavy fighting is under way once more, and a degree of success for the Germans is admitted in Petrograd. Berlin says that the Teutonic allies have occupied Kielce. In the war with Turkey also Russia is encountering severe opposition. Although Petrograd announced that the resistance of the Turks in the Trans-Caucasus had been virtually broken, an official statement today says that the Turks are offering stubborn resistance, although the Russian offensive is making progress.

Berlin, Jan. 26.—(By Wireless to London, 3:26 p. m.)—The German war office in its statement given out this afternoon says that two strong points of support in the possession of the English were captured by German troops yesterday in a general assault on the English positions near La Bassee.

The text of the official German communication reads: "In the western theatre the enemy, following his custom, placed Middelkerke and Westende (in Belgium) under fire yesterday. A large number of the inhabitants were killed or injured by this fire, including the Burgomaster of Middelkerke.

"Our losses yesterday were small. Our troops attacked the positions of the English on both sides of La Bassee canal. While the attack to the north of the canal between Givenchy and the canal did not lead to the capture of any English positions on account of a strong flanking movement, an attack of the troops from Baden, to the south of the canal met with complete success. In this region English positions extending for over a width of 3,300 metres (3,300 yards) were taken by storm and two strong points of support were captured. Three officers and 110 men were taken prisoners and one canon and three machine guns were captured.

"The English attempted in vain to recapture the positions which had been immediately employed for our own purposes, but they were beaten back with heavy losses. Our losses were comparatively small.

"Battles successful for our troops took place on the heights of Craonne, to the southeast of Laon. All the attacks of the French in the southern

part of the Argonne were repelled. More than fifty prisoners fell into our hands.

"In the eastern theatre: The Russians attacked positions of our cavalry to the northeast of Gumbinnen (in East Prussia) without success. Fierce artillery duels took place on the remainder of the front in East Prussia.

"Less important engagements to the northeast of Wloclawek, on the lower Vistula, forty miles southeast of Thron, were successful for us.

"Nothing of importance has happened in Poland to the west of the Vistula river or to the east of the Pilica river.

London, Jan. 26.—(6:04 p. m.)—The official information bureau this evening issued a statement as follows:

"The foreign office, replying officially to the interviews with Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor (published in America January 24 and 25), admits the existence of the documents the Germans have said they found in Brussels, but insist these were purely informal in case the British needed to defend Belgian neutrality. The Belgian marginal note upon the record explains that the entry of the English into Belgium would only take place after the violation of our neutrality by Germany."

Paris, Jan. 26.—2:50 p. m.—Greatly increased activity along the western battle front was reported in the official French communication of today. The initiative rested with the Germans who in some sections delivered as many as five successive attacks of great violence. It is said all these assaults were met successfully, except in the region of Craonne, where the Germans succeeded in penetrating the trenches of the allies and holding some of the ground gained. Bombardment by the Germans of the Alsatian town of Senheim, six miles southwest of Thann, indicates they may have made some progress in this region also.

On The Campus. The "fortunate ones" whose daily average was not under ninety-five, found easy sailing last week. Examination week had no terrors for them, because there were no exams for them. But they, while their companions wept, were gaily loitering through the hours.

Mr. Ivey Allen and sister, Miss Edna Allen, spent the week-end with their parents in Ridgeway recently.

The Senior class will soon have on exhibition a most attractive display of College pennants, class pennants, pillow covers, banners, etc. They have taken the agency for these novelties. Misses Elizabeth Allen and Virginia Blanton, two of the "fortunates" visited friends in Warrenton during examination week.

Miss Mary Stewart Egerton was the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. M. S. Davis at the College last week. The president of the Sea Gilt Society has announced that Rev. H. C. Moore, Editor of the Biblical Recorder, will be the Anniversary speaker for Feb. 22nd. Mr. Moore is not only a very forceful writer, he is an orator of equal merit, and is an appreciative student of North Carolina prose and poetry.

The monument serves a double purpose for those on the campus. As a weather bureau it is never failing and oft consulted. Just before sun-set, when the weather is fair, it exercises most wonderful magnetic powers, drawing into its-self boys of all sizes and ages. Just before it rains it affects them most peculiarly. They become very playful, but it repels them during falling weather. Some of the girls, have such implicit faith in its signals that they would not think of making a date without, first consulting the "Bureau."

The "Old Oaken Bucket," once supposed to be a relic of days gone by, becomes a friend indeed during the water famine. Those were the days that tried men's souls.

Living on hill tops sounds very grand and inviting, but there are some drawbacks, we discovered recently. When the city water supply is low those on the hill are the first to suffer thereby. When the supply is limited, others receive it without difficulty, but for those on the hill, there is never a drop until the full tide comes in.

There has been quite an epidemic of nostalgia, among our girls since Christmas and certain Seniors have been the victims, but their friends will be glad to know that they are rapidly recovering and even consented to see some callers last week. They will recover perhaps, though they may never entirely regain their former good looks.

Among the out of town visitors at the College recently were: Mr. Malcolm Sanders of Smithfield, who visited his sister, Miss Gertrude L. Sanders, Mr. A. Hobgood of Henderson, Mr. Maurice Beavers of Durham and Mr. Fred Harrison of Morehead City. Rev. W. M. Gilmore of the First Baptist Church of Louisville, conducted the Chapel service at the College on Friday morning, Jan. 23rd. "What-so-ever a man soweth, that shall he also reap," was his theme.

The Methodist Church. There will be services at the Methodist Church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. The subject of the morning sermon will be "The Man without a Soul." The evening

sermon will be the fifth in the series on the Ten Commandments, entitled "The Family Honor," an interpretation of the fifth Commandment. Special music at both services.

The Sunday School meets at 9:30 a. m. F. B. McKinnis, Superintendent. The lesson for the Business Men's Bible Class is the fifth Chapter of Romans. This is a continuation of the study of the great doctrines of Christianity recently taken up by this class. Men who would like to engage in this study are invited to enter this class.

Rev. M. T. Pyle, the new presiding elder of the Raleigh district will preach both night and morning on February 7th, the first Sunday in the month. On February 8th, he will hold the first Quarterly Conference, and in connection with that event the ladies of the Missionary Society will give a banquet to the men of the Church and congregation. This will be the first social function held in the new Sunday School annex, and it will be a brilliant and important event in the Church life for the year 1915.

Women's Missionary Society. The Study Circle of the Women's Missionary Society met on Monday afternoon with Mrs. S. P. Burt. The meeting was opened with scripture lesson and prayer, by Mrs. D. T. Smithwick. "Mother" McKinnis then took charge of the study class and a delightful hour ensued.

A new book "Missionary Women and the social question," was begun and proved very entertaining.

Social service work as related to the Church was discussed and many things brought up in which the Church ought and should take a part.

Mrs. R. Z. Egerton read a paper on "The Present Social Crisis" Mrs. Ivey Allen made a talk on "Socialism and Character." Miss Louisa Jarman read a paper on "Industrialism and the present Social Crisis, Mrs. W. E. White read a selection on "The Churches and the wage-earners and Mrs. J. A. Turner one on "New Racial Alignments."

At the close of the study period a special prayer for the recovery of our much missed and beloved member, Mrs. P. G. Alston was offered.

Refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned. Those present were: Mrs. E. F. Earley, Mrs. D. E. McKinnis, Mrs. D. T. Smithwick, Mrs. R. Z. Egerton, Mrs. New Ford, Miss Louisa Jarman, Mrs. J. A. Turner, Mrs. W. E. White, Mrs. F. B. McKinnis, Mrs. Ivey Allen and Mrs. R. R. Harris.

Mr. O. M. Hicks Dead. Mr. O. M. Hicks, who resided on Kenmore Avenue, succumbed to a fatal attack of acute indigestion on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. He was 31 one years of age and had only been here about a month from High Point, where he moved in August after the death of his wife. He leaves three little girls, a mother and two sisters, Mrs. F. L. Herman, of Louisburg, and Mrs. A. E. Vuncannon, of High Point, and four brothers, Messrs. Lawrence Hicks, of Mapleville, T. J. G. C. and Frank Hicks, of High Point. He was a member of the Louisburg Baptist Church, and was a young man of splendid habits and ability. The funeral services were conducted from his home on Kenmore Avenue Saturday morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. W. M. Gilmore, his pastor, and the interment was made at the Moore family grave yard, near town in the presence of a large number of friends.

Warning to Fiddlers. At the meeting of the Mapleville Betterment Association last Friday afternoon, it was decided to have another Fiddlers' Convention on March the 28th. This gives every fiddler in the County plenty of time to get down his old fiddle and limber up for the great contest: Those who were present last year remembered that it was a battle royal, and that the honor of winning a prize over such competitors was worth far more than the prize itself. The contest will be even more lively this year; so fiddlers, practice up, and don't forget the date March 28th.

Wednesday Afternoon Bridge Club. On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Glenn Crowell very charmingly entertained the Wednesday afternoon bridge club. A delightful three table game of Auction Bridge was greatly enjoyed and the evening's pleasure reached a pleasant climax in the delightful courses of delicious refreshments served.

Those enjoying were: Miss Eleanor Cooke, Mrs. Geo. Cralls, Mrs. Rob Beck, Miss Mildred Brown of New York, Mrs. Maurice Clifton, Mrs. Jim Allen, Miss Alva Allen, Mrs. J. L. Palmer, Miss Virginia Foster, Mrs. S. J. Parham and Mrs. Edward L. Best.

Honor Roll. The following is the honor roll for the seventh grade of the Louisburg Graded school for the period ending Saturday, January 23, 1915. Miss Ruby Spencer, Miss Mildred Spencer, Miss Kathleen Fulghum, Miss Sarah Young, Mr. Naper Williams on Mr. Willie Floyd Gattis.

Military Inspection. Company D, Louisburg Rifles, 3rd, Infantry, N. C. N. G., will hold their annual inspection on Saturday, February 6th, 1915. All members are expected to be present on that occasion.

SAYS PEOPLE ARE TALKING CHATHAM FOR U. S. CONGRESS

Mr. Holloway Thinks Forsyth Co. Man Will be Fifth District's Choice—Bickett Far in Lead For Governorship.

To the Editor of The Journal: Two things happened recently that pleased the Democrats of both the State and Nation immensely—Governor Craig's message to the Legislature and President Wilson's "Jackson Day" speech.

The Governor's message was one of the greatest State papers ever submitted to a North Carolina Legislature. Your correspondent is yet to hear the first unfavorable comment on the Governor's message.

President Wilson's Jackson Day speech has no parallel in the history of American politics. He lifted the hide off the Republicans and rubbed the salt of reason on the raw spot and all they can do is squirm around and groan. Just as the Republicans imagined they were getting themselves out of "the slough of despond" (into which they fell two years ago) and were getting their feet on solid ground again, along comes the President and by a few pertinent remarks shoves them in worse than ever. The Republicans simply cannot answer that speech, although some of their ablest leaders have attempted to do so. The President's declaration that the original idea had not brought out an original idea in thirty years took their breath away. Four million Republicans said the same thing two years ago when they broke away from their life-long party allegiance and voted the Progressive ticket.

We have in the White House today the greatest President since Thomas Jefferson, and he was put there by the Democratic voters. The Republicans would give millions of dollars tomorrow for as valuable an asset as Woodrow Wilson. Not only does he stand out pre-eminently as the greatest figure in American political politics at this time, but is so regarded by all the Nations of the earth.

The gubernatorial candidates are jockeying for positions in the race next year, but every time they start out with an old or new entry, Attorney General Bickett takes the lead and always reaches the three-quarter mile post before the other aspirants get to the first quarter. You can't beat a thorough-bred with a draft horse and the sooner the other aspirants for the governorship learn this, the better it will be for their peace of mind and pocketbook. Bickett's election as Governor of North Carolina is as sure as anything politically can be. No amount of manipulation, chicanery or deception by his enemies and opponents can defeat him. The people want Bickett and they should find a way to get what they want, regardless of political influence to the contrary.

The new primary law, which the present Legislature will doubtless pass, will kill the last hope of any man who has so far been mentioned as an opponent of Mr. Bickett. He is the only aspirant of any prominence at the present time who numbers his following in every town and county from the mountains to the seashore. Men are supporting Bickett, not only because he is a good Democrat, but also because of his wonderful personality and splendid ability. Whenever he has spoke in the State he has made votes for himself by the score. The writer has had men to declare themselves for the Attorney General in every town which he has visited in the past four years. This following is not confined to any class or walk in life but the masses and the classes alike show by their attitude that they are behind Bickett.

Chatham For Congress. There is considerable talk among the Democrats of the Fifth District of nominating Senator Chatham of Winston-Salem for Congress two years hence. Association of the Senate Finance Committee, Senator Chatham will doubtless make a great record and add largely to his popularity in the State. While it is certain that he has never given the matter one moment's consideration, or could be induced to do so, nevertheless there are powerful influences at work to bring about this much to be desired consummation. Senator Chatham's modesty may prove to be a stumbling block in bringing about his nomination, and it may be that the only recourse the voters of the Fifth District will have to be to, figuratively speaking, yank him up by the nape of his neck and seat of his pants and force him into the position.

As a last resort, the writer thinks

Little Folks Entertained. On Thursday afternoon, Mrs. L. E. Scoggia gave a delightful afternoon entertainment to her Sunday school class.

The little folks entered into their games and amusements with characteristic childish order and Mrs. Scoggia played with them, with real zest and enthusiasm.

The little folks had a merry time and hated for the time to depart to come.

Candy and fruit were served to them and much enjoyed after their afternoon of fun and frolic.

Those present were: Lucy Clifton Boddie, Katy Boddy, Louisa Joyner, Willie Clifton Ferry, Robert Beck, Virginia Beck, Mary Maxwell Allen, Will Yarborough, Edward Yarborough and Louis Scoggia.

the people will be justified in adopting that plan, provided they cannot secure his services any other way. Of course, it would entail quite a sacrifice, from a business standpoint, on the part of Senator Chatham, to make this race, but the writer believes his patriotism and interest in the welfare of the State and District will cause him to give serious consideration to his duty in this matter. His nomination for the Senate was brought about largely by duress, but after the die was cast, as we all know, he did not loaf for one minute on the job, and Forsyth county was carried by the Democrats by the largest majority ever known in its history. A prominent Republican made the remark the other day, that henceforth, Forsyth county would always be safely Democratic, and the Republicans would never be able to again muster strength enough to elect their ticket.

JAMES H. HOLLOWAY, Louisburg, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Entertained. On the evening of January twenty-second the hospitable doors of Mr. and Mrs. Johnie Neal of Centerville were thrown open to a number of friends, only those who have shared this fortune know what it means.

On this occasion the teachers in Gold Mine Township were entertained in honor of the teachers from the White Level school, who were spending the week end with Mrs. Neal.

The guests were received in the hall by Mr. and Mrs. Neal, then presented in the parlor by Miss Wilder. Here quite an enjoyable social hour was passed. Mr. Neal fearing best the evening should not fill its mission soon appeared on the scene with a list of humorous and enjoyable games, into which all heartily joined and played well.

Quite a number of instrumental selections were rendered during the evening by Mrs. A. A. Shearin, which made the program complete.

At a signal from the fairy garden all present began to search for their favorite vegetable, these being found were taken to the spacious dining room, where a bounteous repast of wholesome and delicious refreshments and fruits awaited.

The snowy-white linen with the elegant crocheted doilies, beneath the unique decoration and the shaded glimmer of the light made a scene of beauty. The color scheme of pink and green was tastefully carried out in every detail.

As the hour of departure arrived all declared the evening to have been one of great pleasure, and it will long be remembered as such.

Those present were the guests of honor: Misses Wilder, Stallings, an Leonard of White Level; Those from Gold Mine were: Misses Anderson and Conyers, Centerville, Misses Dickens and Duke, Wood, Misses Woodfill and Logg, Sandy Creek; Miss Rowe, Pearce. The gentlemen were: Messrs Parrish, Gupton, Griffin, Leonard, Upchurch and Johnie Neal Jr., Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Shearin.

Shall We Progress. Mr. Editor.

In view of what is going on around us in adjoining Counties it seems to some of us that it is time for Franklin County to wake up and get busy with the same spirit and sentiment.

Our neighboring Counties are forging ahead on all public health lines, and their slogan is "Forward, onward and upward" clean in, clean out clean up morally, physically and politically.

Our humble servant was recently re-elected County Health Officer and we promise, "Deo volens," that we will do some thoroughly hard work for the betterment and uplift of our people from a hygienic, sanitary, and preventative standpoint if our good people will hold up our hands.

We want to organize Auxiliary Health Societies all over the County—to attend these societies in person—to talk with the members and instruct them on all health questions. The colored people of the County are manifesting great interest in public health, and we do not believe that the white people will allow themselves to be passed on this road of good work.

Prevention is the work for us to perform, and do the most of it before the warm weather sets in. Let us head off germ life before it gets a hold on us. We want every home in the County to have a sanitary privy—these can be made at a very small cost. It is very easy to prevent an accident, disease or calamity but it is very difficult to smooth over or redress the same—better take time by the forelock and call a halt. There is no reason why disease should not be prevented, sickness controlled, and death postponed for a long time. Just act in the living present and the future is not to be dreaded. People of Louisburg and Franklin County hold up the hands of your health officer.

J. E. Malone.

He Didn't Take the Paper. A farmer in this community once had a horse he wanted to sell. It was a valuable horse and should have brought a good price. For months he tried to sell the animal, but could not find a buyer at his figure. He finally sold it for about \$25 less than its value, rather than carry it through the winter.

Now it happened that just across the line in another county there was another farmer who was looking for

just such a horse, but was unable to find it. Then he inserted a little ad in the home paper, which brought him a number of offers, one of which he reluctantly accepted.

The first farmer did not take the home paper, and of course did not see the little ad of the man who wanted a horse, and who would have purchased his animal at a good price.

By not taking the paper he saved the subscription price of \$1, and likewise lost \$24 by not seeing the other fellow's ad.

Such occurrences are happening every week here in this community, in which people actually lose good money because they do not take their home paper, and hence do not know of many of the opportunities that are placed before them.

The man who takes the paper and reads it carefully each week not only knows what is going on, but is in fact money ahead at the end of the year by knowing what, when and where to buy.

"Penny wise and pound foolish" is exemplified in many ways.

Thoughts of An Idle Hour. (By Major F. W. Barber.)

What's the matter with Uncle Sam? In the days of our forefathers Uncle was the embodiment of honor and integrity, of valor and fidelity.

To day he is a sick man. Years ago he was a terror to evil doers.

To-day he has the palsy. There was a time when a thief was a thief, and was punished in accordance with the laws of the land and without regard to his social, financial or political status.

To-day it depends upon his bank roll, upon his social connections, upon his ability to line up "influence" in his behalf.

Once we sent our brainest men to the legislatures, and to Congress. To-day, with an occasional exception, we send politicians—just politicians.

Once there was a time when to hold public office was considered an honor. To-day the badge of office is more often a reproach.

Away back in the dim past the office sought the man.

But today—Oh, Lord! When our fathers were children men paid their taxes according to their possessions.

To-day the poor man pays and the rich man often forgets.

Time was when the law was for all peoples alike.

To-day it is as elastic as rubber, as variable as the wind, and as unreliable as an army male.

But why enumerate? Everybody knows that we prate of our national and civic honor, and yet our system is rotten to the core.

Everybody knows that as a people we hold God greater than God, and vice above virtue.

Of course there is an occasional exception, but they are as the teeth of the hen compared with the myriad sands of the desert.

Just what is the matter of Uncle Sam, anyway?

Can you tell us? Some people use their brains in getting ahead in the world. Others merely use their mouths, and that is the reason death finds them still whittling chunks from the same old box.

A few use their brains for the advancement of their own material interest and the elevation of their fellow men—and themselves.

Many use them in an overpowering effort to strangle competition, to hog everything in sight; to make of the world a plaything for them and theirs.

But if all brains and mouths could unite in an effort to safeguard honor, to protect virtue, and civilize our vaulted civilization, what a world it would be!

But 'tis only a dream—and dreams seldom come true.

Friday Afternoon Bridge Club.

The beautiful home of Mrs. Jim Allen was the scene of a delightful little party on Friday afternoon, when she entertained the Friday afternoon bridge club.

A very pleasant game was enjoyed by all and a tempting luncheon served.

Those present were: Mrs. Maurie Clifton, Mrs. S. J. Parham, Mrs. Glenn Crowell, Mrs. Arthur Person, Miss E. H. Yarborough, Miss Alva Allen, Mrs. Brantley Hicks and Mrs. L. E. Scoggia.

Visits School.

Supt. E. L. Best told us he visited the schools at Justice, Wilder, Cedar Rock, White Level, Pearce, Red Bank, Hickory, Rock Springs and Prospect the past week. He reports the schools in good condition and doing a fine work. The most unpleasant part of his journey was the trip over the roads at this time.

Louisburg Baptist Church.

"The King of Demons" will be the theme discussed by the pastor Sunday 11 a. m. and "The Gentle Art of Reading" will be the subject Sunday night, 7:30.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., B. Y. P. U., Sunday 8:45 p. m., at which time the regular election of officers for the next six months will occur.

If the District of Columbia is to be "dry" Congress will be consumed with the fires of its own thirst.