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## GERMAN ARMIES FASTEN FROM THE SOIL OF FRANCE RUSSIAN VICTORIES OVER AUSTRIA STILL PILE UP

### Tired But Flushed With Victory the Allies Keep Pursuing the Teutons, After the Most Memorable Reverse of a Gigantic Army Known to All History, Say Reports

## GERMAN WIRELESS SILENT BERLIN ADMITS REVERSES

General Joffre and His Legions Too Busy With the Pursuit Sunday to Give Much Detail—Now Appears That Seven Armies That Came Spreading Out Like a Fan Over French Soil Will Be Forced to Go Out Through "The Little End of the Horn," Luxemburg—Army of Crown Prince Seems Hemmed and in Precarious Position Near Verdun—From the Eastern Frontiers Come Reports of Complete Russian Success Over Million Foes, With Many Thousand Prisoners and Two Armies Now Surrounded—Extent of Victory of the Hard-Fighting Serbian Veterans Grows With Each Report—Will the German Army Turn and Fight Desperately on Defensive Lines Is Question With Military Experts.

London, Sept. 13.—10:45 p. m.—The sixth week of the war between Germany and France, Great Britain and Belgium, has brought a vast transformation. The pursued are now the pursuers. The irresistible sweep of seven German armies through Belgium into France met an immovable force at the river Marne.

Today, if French official reports are correct, all the German armies except that facing Verdun and a few miles southwest, are retreating. General Joffre, French commander-in-chief, pictures the retreat as hurriedly, if not disorderly, with the Germans abandoning prisoners, wounded, and supplies.

### MARNE MOST MARVELOUS BATTLE.

The French people trembled with the question whether their army was not a beaten army; whether the history of 1870 will repeat itself. The battle of the Marne, which was decided in a week, is regarded by military critics as the most marvelous reversal of roles of two armies known.

### GERMANY NOW ON DEFENSIVE.

The military experts, however, are still cautious. While recognizing the possibility that the German armies may yet rally and draw a strong defensive line, they recognize also the possibility of the almost complete evacuation of France and Belgium.

### GERMAN POSITION CRITICAL.

Military authorities in France consider the position of the German armies critical. The army which was south of the Argonne Forest, they argue, hardly can retreat eastward, owing to the danger from the strongly held French fortress of Verdun, while the mountainous character of the Argonne district renders retreat due north impracticable.

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## FIRE MARSHALS ELECT OFFICERS

Body Representing all North America Adjourns Session at Asheville

## INNES AND WIFE TO GET HEARING

Children in Jail With Couple; Search for Evidence Continues

San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 13.—After two weeks confinement in jail here, Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Innes, of Eugene, Oregon, will probably be given a preliminary hearing this week on charges connected with the disappearance of Mrs. Elois Nelms Dennis and her sister, Miss Beatrice Nelms.

## JUDSON DAY CELEBRATED

Returned Baptist Missionaries Speak at Asheville

Asheville, Sept. 13.—Local Baptist churches today observed Judson Centennial Day. Dr. Braxton Craig, of this State, Dr. Adrian Taylor, a returned missionary from China, and Dr. T. H. Ray, foreign secretary of the foreign mission board of the Southern Baptist Convention filling the pulpits at the various local Baptist churches at the morning services.

## BELGIAN FIGHTERS TAKE HEART AS GERMAN TROOPS LEAVE FOR FRANCE AND PRUSSIA



Belgian soldiers firing over barricades in Willebroeck Station near Malines. As the bulk of the German army stationed in France and Prussia, the Belgian army has taken heart and is again active. The Belgians were at first overwhelmed by numbers, but the fighting in that country from now on is likely to be an even contest. This photo was taken in Willebroeck Station near Malines, where a skirmish took place between 300 Germans and 150 Belgians.

## COMMISSIONERS OF STATES TO MEET

Insurance Officials of Nation Gather at Asheville for Annual Meeting

Asheville, Sept. 12.—Insurance commissioners from all parts of the country and prominent officials of various companies are arriving at Asheville for the forty-fifth annual meeting of the National Convention of Insurance Commissioners, which will be held here four days, beginning Tuesday morning.

The insurance men will be welcomed to North Carolina Tuesday morning by Governor Locke Craig, following whose address Mayor J. E. Rankin will welcome them on behalf of the city of Asheville.

At the evening session of Tuesday, T. M. Henry, of Mississippi, and E. M. McMaster, of South Carolina, will discuss "Compulsory Local Investments," while W. W. Collier, of Texas, and E. H. Devitt, of Vermont, will deliver addresses on "Should the State Encourage the Formation of New Companies?"

Wednesday morning the discussion will center about the question "Should We Abandon the American Restrictions Upon the Classes of Insurance Written by a Company Doing Direct Writing and by a Company Doing Reinsurance," with Barton Mansfield, of Connecticut, Frank Housebrook, of New York, G. G. Revell, of Missouri, and O. K. Stabel, of South Dakota, participating in the discussion.

Thursday evening "The Sphere of Activity of an Insurance Department" will form the subject of the discussion in which Robert J. Merrill, of New Hampshire, Charles Johnson, of Pennsylvania, and John S. Darat, of West Virginia, will take part.

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Asheville, Sept. 13.—Mrs. T. J. Maney, aged 83, died yesterday afternoon after a short illness, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. Spruill, on Fagg street. She was buried at West Asheville cemetery this afternoon following the funeral services conducted at her daughter's home by Rev. J. B. Grice.

## BRITT DELIVERS THE SAME OLD CRY

Combination Convention in Nineteen Judicial Favors the Secret Ballot

Asheville, Sept. 12.—At the Republican-Progressive convention of the Nineteenth Judicial District, which was held at the court-house yesterday, Vinton L. Oudger was nominated for solicitor to oppose J. Ed. Swain, the nominee of the Democratic party.

The selection of the members of the executive committee was left to the nominees. The district convention followed the Buncombe county convention, at which a ticket was named for all of the county offices except coroner, treasurer and constable.

Following the conventions, the delegates from this county and those in attendance upon the district convention from Madison heard an address delivered by James J. Britt, former third assistant Postmaster General, who is the nominee of the Republican-Progressive forces of the Tenth Congressional District for Congressman. He urged loyalty to the party and clean politics during the approaching campaign and election.

Wednesday evening, Alvin E. Herbert, of Louisiana, will speak on "Acquisition of Cost of Fire Insurance," while "The Cost of Miscellaneous Insurance" will be the subject of the address of R. Epstein, of Colorado. "Participating and Non-Participating Insurance by Stock, Fire and Casualty Insurance Companies," will be the subjects of the addresses of R. M. Smith, of Ohio, and A. L. Welch, of Oklahoma.

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## GREENSBORO NOW WILL 'BUY-A-BALE'

Business Men of the Gate City Will Talk About Cotton Tonight

Greensboro, Sept. 12.—Officers of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Association, together with other leading citizens, have called a meeting of Greensboro men to be held in the court-house tomorrow night for the purpose of discussing the present unsatisfactory condition of the cotton crop.

The call declares that the prosperity of the South is dependent on this year's cotton crop being marketed at fair prices. It is thought that the meeting will result in rolling some of Greensboro people in the "Buy-a-Bale" movement. So far as is known, the Armory Packing Company's branch office here is first in Greensboro to buy a bale. J. Orden Armour has instructed all of the two hundred branch offices of his company in the South to buy a bale of middling cotton at ten cents.

District Eastern Star. A district meeting of the Order of Eastern Star will be held in Greensboro Friday evening of this week. This gathering will be in the nature of a school of instruction. Two sessions will be held—one in the afternoon and one at night. Supper will be served to the visitors at the Masonic and Eastern Star Home. The meeting will be under the direction of Miss Blanche Johnson, of this city, district deputy grand matron. There will be degree work, memorial services, addresses by visitors and miscellaneous business.

Guilford For Amendments. The fact that the Guilford County Democratic executive committee has endorsed the Constitutional Amendments proposed by the Legislature means that the amendments will be given a good vote in this county. There seems to be little opposition to them, and thus, while not all will vote for them, very few will vote against the amendments.

Will Morehead and Ed. DeBerry, two negro youths, are in prison charged with breaking into the store of D. Marks and stealing a quantity of merchandise Friday night. They will be tried in the city court tomorrow. The officers discovered the guilty parties by finding Morehead sporting a new hat which he was apprehended as a witness in another case.

The county Democratic executive committee yesterday re-elected E. G. Sherrill as county chairman and H. L. Collier as secretary. Mr. Sherrill is experienced in managing campaigns and will no doubt obtain a large majority for the Democratic county ticket.

### BRING PANAMA FORWARD.

Bureau Planned for Promotion of South American Trade. Panama, Sept. 12.—The erection in Panama of a permanent building by the United States which would house a bureau of information and commercial matters to draw the attention of South American countries to American manufactures and industries is meeting with much encouragement from the officials of the Panamanian government and the merchants of the country. The project is being promoted in the light of an effort to bring Panama forward as a general purchasing and trading point in Central America.

### YUAN FIFTY-FIVE.

China's President Will Celebrate His Birthday Tomorrow. Peking, Sept. 13.—President Yuan Shih-kai will be 55 years old on September 15, and the Chinese government has decided to observe the day as a national holiday. This has been adopted in China with other Western reforms. Following close upon this anniversary will be that of his formal inauguration as the first and only elected president of China. Although Yuan has been in power since early in 1912, it was not until October 10, 1912, that he began his term of office under the constitution adopted by the National Congress.

### WALES LOYAL.

Miners Waive Holidays and Work Sundays When Necessary. Cardiff, Sept. 13.—Wales, the source of the British navy's coal supply, has shown its loyalty to the king in a manner highly gratifying to the Admiralty. In the face of attempts on the part of labor leaders to take advantage of the present war for the enforcement of demands upon the Admiralty, the Welsh miners have gladly waived all holidays and are working Sundays whenever it is necessary to keep the navy supply of coal up to the required standard. Union officials took the position that it was not necessary for the union men to surrender their holidays, but the mines returned the ruling of officials with unanimity.