

ATTACKERS TOTTERS BEFORE SEGE GUNS OF THE GERMANS WHILE INHABITANTS FLEE

The Lines in France Extended Almost to the Coast While Most Furious Battle on Left Continues—German-Austrian Armies Strike Toward Heart of Poland—English Submarine Does Daring Destruction—Germany Takes Command of Austrian Armies.

GERMAN CRUISER RUMORED SUNK.

(By the Associated Press.)
London, Oct. 8.—12:30 a. m.—A dispatch from Harwich, Eng., says that a rumor is in circulation there of the sinking of a German cruiser in addition to the German torpedo boat destroyer already reported sunk.

GERMANS LOSE OFF CHINA.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Oct. 7.—The East and West News Bureau tonight announced it had received a cable message from Tokio, as follows:
"Tokio, Oct. 7.—The war department issues the following official announcement: 'After examining the reports received from various sources, it is inferred that among the enemy's warships in the Bay of Kiao Chow, in addition to the Korumon two other gunboats have been sunk, as nothing has been seen of them since October 3rd. On October 6th a Japanese regiment made a midnight advance along the Shan Tung Railway as far as Chinan. There about thirty locos were destroyed. In addition to some seven hundred passenger and freight cars, fell into the hands of the Japanese soldiers.'"
"A German gunboat, probably the Hiss, was seriously damaged by the shots from the Japanese field guns on October 4. She fled, towed by two other boats, into the Bay of Kiao Chow, but sank shortly afterward. At present there are three gunboats within the bay, including the Kaiserin Elizabeth."
"When the Japanese squadron occupied, on Oct. 6, the island of Sanchang, the Japanese fleet, which was found no warships there or on the way. After destroying all equipment for military use and seizing ammunition, the bluebacks liberated a Japanese steamer who had been arrested and released an English merchant vessel which had been captured."

GERMAN VESSEL IS SUNK.

(By the Associated Press.)
London, Oct. 7.—3:20 p. m.—Submarine E-9 of the British navy, under command of Lieutenant Commander Max K. Horton, yesterday made a raid into German waters off the mouth of the river Ems and sank a German torpedo boat destroyer. This same submarine under the same commander, made a similar dash and sank the German cruiser Hela on Heligoland, September 13th. E-9 has safely returned to her home port.

CHINA SENDS ULTIMATUM.

(By the Associated Press.)
Peking, China, Oct. 8.—1:45 a. m.—The government has been informed that a party of thirty Japanese Wednesday occupied the stations of the Shan Tung railway at the German western terminus, La. The German-owned road. The foreign office again immediately protested to the Japanese legation demanding the withdrawal of the Japanese troops.
However, despite the ultimatum-character of the Chinese note, it is admitted China does not intend to fight. Also at the solicitation of the government which feared otherwise the situation would be complicated, the Japanese have not yet announced that they had not fulfilled their threat to dynamite the bridges. They had announced that this would be done unless China compelled the Japanese to withdraw from the railway. Meanwhile the Japanese are preparing to reopen traffic on the road.
The feeling here against the Japanese is becoming intense.
An American missionary who is acting as a correspondent at Wei-Hai-Wei, telegraphs that three hundred Japanese had arrived there by the third day of occupation and that on the fourth day all but thirty soldiers preceded outward without having molested the inhabitants although the people are much in fear of both the Japanese and the Chinese troops.

RUSSIAN-POLAND INVAD.

Manchester, Mass., Oct. 7.—The Austro-Hungarian embassy here tonight announced receipt of an official wireless message from Count von Berchtold, the foreign secretary of Austria-Hungary, as follows:
"The advance in Galicia is being carried out systematically. A Russian division of infantry was repulsed by us near Tarnobrzeg (Tarnobrzeg). The defeat of the Russians in the Carpathians is complete."
(Signed) "COUNT BERCHTOLD."
The foregoing is confirmed by the official advices received by cable from Vienna today embodying the statement of General von Hofer.

BRITISH TRAWLER BLOWN UP.

London, Oct. 8.—12:51 a. m.—The South Shields trawler Lily has been blown up in the North Sea, according to a dispatch received here by the Central News. Some of the survivors present here at South Shields. Seven members of the crew are reported to be missing.

Violent Battle in Belgium.

London, Oct. 7.—(8:55 p. m.)—A dispatch to the Central News from Amsterdam says:
"A message received here from Ghent says fighting of a violent character has taken place between the Belgian army and the German forces near Leuven, a small town a mile south of Audenarde."
"After an hour's engagement the Belgians received reinforcements and struck back the Germans with heavy losses."

GERMANS COMMAND AUSTRIANS.

Milan, via Paris, Oct. 7.—A dispatch from Vienna to the Corriere della Sera confirms a previous report that the Austrian army in Galicia has been placed under the control of the German staff, despite the opinion of Emperor Francis Joseph.
The dispatch adds that Major General Conrad, chief of the Austrian general staff, virtually has been deprived of all power on account of his alleged condition resulting from the death of his son, who was killed in action.

FRENCH REGAIN GROUND.

Paris, Oct. 7.—(11:12 p. m.)—The official communication issued by the French war department tonight announces that the ground previously lost by the French between Chantilly and Roye has been regained and that on the center the French have advanced on certain points.
The text follows:
"Except on the two wings where the German attacks have been repulsed, there has been nearly complete calm along the front."
"On our left wing the German cavalry has been held in check; to the north of Lille it has been driven back."
"Between Chantilly and Roye the ground previously ceded has been retaken."
"On the center we have made an advance on certain points."
"There is nothing to report on our right wing."

More of War's Terrors.

Rome, via Paris, Oct. 7.—(11:30 p. m.)—A telegram received here from Berlin says:
"The civilians of Lanaken, Belgium, having attacked German troops, reprisals were necessary. Lanaken was bombarded and its church destroyed. Along the road between Lanaken and Tongres all the houses were burned."
"Both Lanaken and Tongres are in the province of Limbourg."

THIS STATE HAS CENTER OF STAGE

North Carolina Exhibit Takes as Much Room as Rest of the Country

(W. E. YELVERTON.)
Washington, D. C., Oct. 7.—The North Carolina exhibit, as predicted in this correspondence yesterday, overshadowed everything else in the national cotton show today. It occupied one whole side of the largest hall room in Washington's largest hotel and the exhibit from all the rest of the United States occupied the opposite side of the room. Many of the general exhibits came from North Carolina several miles duplicating. Mrs. Josephus Daniels showed the exhibits to visitors throughout the day and again tonight. Her cotton dress of dark material was the object of much comment. The gown was made of material furnished by the Holl Granite Mills, of Haw River. Hundreds of people viewed the show and all of them commented on North Carolina's prominence in the exhibit.

Model Dresses Are Worn.

Washington, Oct. 7.—Wives of cabinet officers and government officials appeared in cotton dresses of the latest modes tonight to give added impetus to the movement to give relief to the cotton distress in the South by practical demonstration. The varied and intricate little realized possibilities of the great Southern staple. The occasion was the opening of the National Cotton Style Show.

SCOUTS PREPARE FOR SECOND BOOSTERS' TRIP

Messrs. John A. Park and Fred Olds return trip next Wednesday and Thursday.
The preliminary scout for the second trip of the Raleigh Rotary Club was completed yesterday, having occupied two days and having been made by Messrs. John A. Park and Fred A. Olds, the former operating his automobile and the latter keeping tab upon the route, distances, time and expenses. The start was made from Raleigh at 7:30 Wednesday morning and during the trip the following places were visited, a careful study of the roads everywhere on the line being made: Wendell, Zionsville, Wakefield High School, Wakefield, Spring Hope, Nashville, Rocky Mount, Tarboro, Pine Top, Maclefield, Wilson, Fremont, Pikeville, Goldsboro, Princeton, Pine Level, Selma, Smithfield, Clayton, Auburn and Garner.

Will Try Robbers.

The trial of the four circus men who assaulted and robbed Isaac B. B. Knight, a farmer near Athens, all eager to buy their cotton, will be held today before Justice of the Peace J. E. Owens. The defendants are Henry Jordan, Commodore Dockery, Sam Jones, Ezekiel Hallon and Alfred Jones.

North Carolina Second.

This State Leads All Save Kentucky in Tobacco Crop.
(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Oct. 7.—Representative of the tobacco crop announced today by the Department of Agriculture shows this year's harvest will be \$14,000,000 pounds, or equal to that of last season, despite early setbacks. The department interprets the yield from the condition at the time of harvest to be:
Virginia, \$5,500,000 pounds; North Carolina, \$3,500,000 pounds; Florida, \$3,317,000 pounds; Kentucky, \$2,441,000 pounds; Tennessee, \$2,199,000 pounds.
Condition: Virginia, 64; North Carolina, 74; South Carolina, 72; Tennessee, 62; Florida, 52; Kentucky, 46.

THIS PHOTO FROM AIRSHIP BRINGS IRON CROSS TO LIEUTENANT



This photograph of St. Germain, Paris, was taken from a German military aeroplane by Lieutenant Thill, who was awarded the Iron Cross for his flights.

NORTH CAROLINA IN BETTER SHAPE

Only One-third of the Crop Value of the State Consists of Cotton

(Special to The News and Observer.)
Chapel Hill, Oct. 7.—Prof. E. C. Branson, president of the North Carolina Club, in an address here tonight presented a clear analysis of the cotton situation, bringing the problem directly home to North Carolina. By way of contrasting the situation in North Carolina with that of other States and by way of contrasting one county in North Carolina with another, the analysis was altogether effective. In North Carolina as at great distress as South Carolina or Georgia. He answered the question by citing figures showing that only one-third of North Carolina's crop wealth is produced by cotton, while two-thirds of South Carolina's and Georgia's crop wealth was derived from the cotton acreage.

Degree of Distress.

The degree of distress in counties in North Carolina was sharply drawn. One county, Scotland, produces one-third of the cotton crop in North Carolina. Two counties, Robeson and Johnston, grow one-eighth of the entire cotton produced in the State. There are 33 counties that practically grow no cotton. Thirty-five per cent of the crop wealth in North Carolina is represented in the cotton acreage, while sixty-five per cent of crop wealth in South Carolina is valued in terms of cotton.

The Georgia Farmer.

Professor Branson, who spent a number of years in the heart of the cotton growing section of Georgia, related this story of a Georgia farmer that implies the predicament of the one-crop merchant-supply-credit-farmers. Cotton was selling around six cents. A dozen cotton buyers had gathered on the porch of "Marse Jim" Smith, a farmer near Athens, all eager to buy his cotton. Marse Jim was resting comfortably enjoying the favor of his pipe of tobacco; his feet propped up and expressing an air of indifference. There he sat smoking his pipe of tobacco.

CAUCUS AGREES ON STEAMER TICKETS INCLUDED

Automobile and Gasoline Tax Is Eliminated and Others Substituted

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PRESIDENT IS FOR WAREHOUSE PLAN

Tar Heel Farmers' Union Men Get This Satisfaction at Conference

(W. E. YELVERTON.)
Washington, D. C., Oct. 7.—The North Carolina delegation in Congress accompanied by Dr. H. Q. Alexander, W. B. Gibson and J. Z. Green, Farmers' Union officials, were assured by the President this morning in a hour conference of his interest in the South's financial condition and of the earnestness of his efforts to relieve the situation. In the course of the discussion President Wilson expressed his approval of the Lever warehouse bill, which failed Monday to muster a two-thirds vote of the House. President Wilson was called to organize a pool of 15 million dollars for loan on cotton, and his disapproval of any plan to valorize cotton or any other commodity.

The President's Statement.

The most striking statement of the President was that there is sufficient currency in the country to take care of the cotton situation if the currency is mobilized properly. The President's statement was called to the fact that North Carolina has taken only a small part of the emergency currency which its banks can set under the law and was told that the money which they have taken has not reached the farmers. The President's interest in this phase of the question and his evident desire to cooperate with Secretary McAdoo in relieving the situation at this point impressed the visitors. He was estimated to be, the formation of a borrowing pool similar to the St. Louis pool in the southeast where the needs of such a plan are so self evident.

Pool Plan Favored.

Senator Overman is enthusiastic over the formation of the cotton loaning pools. In speaking of the subject he said:
"The projected St. Louis cotton pool is regarded generally as a step in the right direction. It is the belief of the administration that a similar pool of not less than \$100,000,000 in the South is essential. I am personally of the opinion that the banks and business enterprises in that section should hasten to organize such a pool. I am familiar with the situation in the St. Louis pool, and I am sure it is as important to the people of the South in the present emergency as the \$100,000,000 gold pool is to the international financial situation."

Dr. Alexander Talks.

Dr. Alexander commented on the present status of relief measures. "My complaint against the North Carolina delegation, and the same applies to the President, is that they are not doing enough to secure legislation without altering the legislative or financial policies of the government. You have to meet emergency conditions with emergency measures and the more you delay, the more you depart from the beaten path."
Dr. Alexander stated also that he desired to correct a statement attributed to him that there is an organized party in North Carolina because of this cotton situation.

He Said that He has heard Individuals place the blame on the Democratic party and the administration, but he knew of no concerted movement against the party. The officials and members of the Farmers' Union are striving to serve the farmers and that they are not engaging any partisan action.

The effort of Senator William Alden Smith, of Michigan, to show that the cotton mill industry of North Carolina has been paralyzed by the Underwood-Simmons tariff law was completely frustrated by Senator Overman today. The North Carolinian read into the record telegrams from General Julius S. Carr and from A. Long of Roxboro, showing that they had written Senator Overman no letter alleging distressed conditions, as was charged by Senator Smith. General Carr pointed out his telegram that he was the one cotton manufacturer to give out an interview endorsing the administration and the party in fulfilling its platform pledges by enacting the law.

Editor J. B. Sherrill, of the Concord Tribune, in which he said there was not a mill in Concord which is not in excellent condition. An editorial in his paper and another from the Greensboro News about cotton mill conditions in the State were read into the record.

Gudger Refutes Britt.
Representative Gudger has prepared a vigorous denial of the statement of James J. Britt, Mr. Gudger's Republican opponent, that Britt is the author of the present parcel post law. Mr. Britt claims that while he was third assistant postmaster general under Taft, he formulated the bill which is now a law. Mr. Gudger had statements from Representative Moody, the author of the bill, and others refuting Britt's claim.
Examinations To Be Held.
An examination will be held in Raleigh, Asheville, Charlotte, Durham, Greensboro, Greensboro, Salisbury, Washington and Wilmington, Nov. 8. (Continued on Page Two.)

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