

The War in Brief

SUMMARY OF THE EUROPEAN WAR

FOR ONE WEEK READ AT A GLANCE

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ROUMANIA READY TO ENLIST

Forty British and French Warships Are Assembled at Some Place For Blow at the Enemy.

Lodz, the second city of Poland, and lying 75 miles to the west-southwest of Warsaw has fallen to the German arms. It was occupied Sunday, according to an official announcement from Berlin.

Around this important town a desperate battle has raged for days. Countless thousands have fallen in desperate hand-to-hand conflicts and from the shells of hundreds of guns.

It was evident from the occupation of Lodz by the Germans that the heaviest kind of fighting has been done, for late advices told of a vicious attack and bombardment of Lodz and fighting on the outskirts of the city and, previous to that, operations 20 miles west of Piotrkow, which lies considerably south of Lodz, and along a line from Glogow, 16 miles northeast of Lodz, to the Vistula river.

Lodz has long been an objective point of the German army. It has grown in recent years from an insignificant place to one of the most populous cities in the Russian empire. In 1910 its population numbered 415,604 and with this important place as a base the Germans are expected to make a strong effort to reach Warsaw.

Regarding other operations in the East, the Serbian war office reports Serbian success on the whole front, with the capture of 2,400 men and four complete batteries.

On the other hand, Vienna reports that Austrian troops are gaining ground south of Belgrade.

In Flanders and the north of France was comparatively quiet. The French war office had nothing to report and no marked successes on either side were recorded in that territory for the previous day.

While the attitude of Roumania is not known officially, a Swiss newspaper asserts that Roumania has decided to enter the war on the side with the Allies. The time for doing so, however, has not been determined.

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Valuable Feature of Farm Work. Farm demonstration work now occupies an important part in the agricultural life of the state and its value is clearly manifest in the summarized report of Mr. C. R. Hudson, head of the farm demonstration work in the state, of the board of agriculture. A valuable feature of the work is that of growing and planting of winter growing crops, which it is estimated, is worth to the state \$500,000. The work, under Mr. Hudson's direction is being broadened and made more valuable.

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Carranza Troops in Big Battle. Laredo, Texas.—General Cesario Castro, commanding an army loyal to General Carranza, defeated a band of Zapata followers near San Martin, according to a dispatch received here from Carranza sources. The dispatch reported casualties of 1,200 and the capture of nine rapid-firing guns, 120 rifles and 47,000 rounds of ammunition. The dispatch did not establish the location of the town of San Martin referred to. There are several towns of that name in Mexico.

ALL CROPS IN STATE MAKE LARGE YIELDS

COMMISSIONER GRAHAM SUBMITS LENGTHY REPORT TO AGRICULTURAL BOARD.

LATE STATE CAPITOL NEWS

Review of the Latest News Gathered Around the State Capitol That Will Be of Interest to Our Readers Over North Carolina.

Declaring that the closing year had been one of large yields for almost every crop raised in the state for commerce, Maj. W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, submitted to the board in annual session, a lengthy report and review of the activities of the department and the farming interests of the state. Commissioner Graham estimates the cotton crop at 1,000,000 bales which is 150,000 more bales than generally grown in this state. Except for the low price for the staple, the farmers of the state would be in good financial condition, and despite this low price, the state is better off than ever before, the commissioner says.

Commissioner Graham estimates the corn crop at 60,000,000 bushels six millions more than last year, and the wheat crop at 8,000,000 bushels. The corn supply is 5,000,000 bushels in excess of home consumption and the wheat supply about 4,000,000 bushels less than is used in the state. Oats, peanuts, sweet potatoes and apples, he asserts, are all fine. Irish potatoes being the only short crop.

Four years ago \$60,000,000 was sent out of the state for food supplies, but the commissioner believes the amount has declined to \$20,000,000 this year. He observes that more food supplies are being produced each year and he has hopes that the result will be more gratifying each year. Hundreds of additional acres have been added to the wheat crop, and the commissioner estimates that there will be considerable shrinkage in the sale of fertilizers next spring. For this reason he urges the board to retrench, as the department depends on the revenue derived from the tax on fertilizers. Major Graham believes that an unusually large crop of tobacco will be produced next year, and that the following year, because of lower prices, this acreage will be curtailed just as is the case with cotton now.

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Board Reduces Budget \$24,000.

After breaking the record for short sessions the State Board of Agriculture which met in Raleigh, adjourned after having held a very harmonious session.

After debating the question at length, the board decided to cut down the budget from \$132,000 to \$108,000 and the various divisions will all be retained, with its decreased amount, all heads of these divisions being instructed to trim expenses wherever it is possible to do so.

The income of the department will be curtailed somewhat on account of war conditions in Europe which will affect the sale of fertilizer tags. None of the employees of the department however will be laid off but none of them will receive an increase in salary. The work of the department will not be allowed to suffer on account of the reduction of the budget.

The division of markets was authorized to obtain prices on corn, wheat and other farm products the same manner in which the cotton market is being handled. Special emphasis is also to be made in the matter of cotton grading. Many farmers have reported to the department that since cotton grading has been taken up by the division of markets they have been enabled to receive better prices for their cotton.

A legislative committee was appointed to take up matters affecting the department that is thought proper to bring to the attention of the incoming General Assembly. This committee is composed of Commissioner Graham, C. C. Wright, R. W. Scott, K. W. Barnes and Clarence Poe.

Mr. W. C. Hammer of Asheboro, president of the State Press Association, appeared before the board in advocacy of an appropriation to aid immigration to North Carolina. The board's only action on this request was to leave it with the legislative committee.

An appropriation of \$500 was made for the further observance of community service week, this to aid those schools and communities which failed to observe the week set apart this year.

A resolution was passed asking the State Tax Commission to get up a new form for abstracts of property separating horses, mules, cattle, hogs and other live stock so that an intelligent report can be made on the number of animals of each kind in the state at tax listing time. The returns as now printed group all these together.

A resolution was also passed to investigate the alleged short weights in fertilizer. A bag of fertilizer should weigh 200 pounds and it is claimed that in many instances the weight has come up short.

Supreme Court Delivers 18 Decisions. Eighteen appeals were decided by the supreme court in the weekly delivery of opinions which were delivered in the following order:

McNeill vs. Atlantic Coast Line, Cumberland, no error; State vs. Tripp, Durham, affirmed; McAdams vs. Trust Company, Alamance, reversed; Gann vs. Spencer, Stokes, new trial; Faust vs. Roberts, Union, no error; State vs. Williams, Mecklenburg, no error; South Atlantic Waste Company vs. Raleigh, Charlotte & Southern Railway, Mecklenburg, no error as to defendant's appeal, affirmed as to plaintiff's appeal; Watts vs. Seaboard Air Line, Mecklenburg, affirmed; Page vs. Page, Polk, appeal dismissed; Page vs. Page, Polk, separate appeal, no error; McLaurin vs. McIntyre, Scotland, affirmed; Evans vs. Seaboard Air Line, Anson, affirmed; Withers vs. Solomon, Rowan, no error; Tedder vs. Deaton, Montgomery, no error; Barger vs. Altye, Iredell, no error; International Waste Company vs. McElroy, et al., Yancey, petition for certiorari denied, appeal dismissed.

Several New Charters Issued. Menzies Drug Company, Hickory, capital \$25,000 authorized, and \$6,000 subscribed by Z. B. Buchanan, E. B. Menzies and others.

Standard Loan and Realty Company, Charlotte, to do a general real estate and loan business, authorized capital, \$100,000; subscribed, \$2,000; incorporators, J. J. Misenheimer, F. E. Harlan, Charlotte; G. M. Tucker, Monroe.

Rural Supply Company, Winston-Salem, to do a general mercantile business, authorized capital, \$25,000; subscribed, \$3,000; incorporators, C. M. Phelps, J. R. Phelps, J. A. Conley, all of Winston-Salem.

United States District Court Adjourns. The United States district court adjourned after disposing of 118 cases, and continuing probably the most important cases, that of "Portland Ned," charged with the robbery of the Plymouth and Siler City postoffices to the special January term. The grand jury returned 85 true bills, out of 94 cases submitted to the jury. Judge Connor has commissioned F. M. Hood of Selma as United States commissioner to succeed J. A. Naron, resigned. Also, he has recommissioned J. E. Peterson as commissioner.

Checking Up Commodity Rates. Freight Managers J. W. Perrin of the Atlantic Coast Line and E. D. Kyle of the Norfolk Southern and Assistant Freight Traffic Manager J. F. Dalton of the eahoard Air Line were here in conference with the corporation commission, reporting through the long list of special commodity rates that the railroad companies had discontinued but which the commission has ordered restored the checking up being with a view to weeding out a great number which are obsolete.

STATE ITEMS

OF INTEREST TO ALL NORTH CAROLINA PEOPLE.

COMING EVENTS. Annual Live Stock Meeting, Statesville—January 19-21, 1915. Tri-State Medical Association, Charleston, S. C.—Feb. 17-18, 1915.

Baptists Have Good Year. E. L. Middleton, statistical secretary of the North Carolina Baptist state convention, makes public an interesting summary of the work of the denomination for the past year. It shows 64 associations, comprising 2,995 churches and 256,599 members, gain of 39 in the number of churches and of 11,060 in individual members. These gains are unprecedented in all the history of the state convention. There were 14,716 baptisms during the year, a gain of 1,452 over the previous year. Numbers of the churches did not report as to baptisms and it is estimated that there were really as many as 20,000 baptisms in the state. In the matter of finances, the denomination raised \$49,494 for state missions; \$23,893 for home missions; \$51,365 for foreign missions; \$47,337 for the orphanage; \$3,188 for Sunday school missions; \$5,834 for ministerial education, and \$5,036 for ministerial relief. These give a total of \$195,637 for all purposes, a gain of \$5,892 over the previous year.

What Tar Heels Paid. Now that the election is over and the returns are in, some facts compiled from the records of the clerk of the house about the North Carolina congressional contests may be interesting. How much does it cost to hold a seat in the house of representatives or to get one there is question almost to a nicety. The total cost for campaigns to successful candidates is \$9,550.97. It cost those who ran but were defeated about \$13,346.45.

Mr. Samuel Watkins, one of Henderson's leading merchants, died suddenly at his place of business.

Bids for the construction of the new \$70,000 government-owned postoffice at Kinston will be opened in the office of the supervising architect at Washington on January 1.

Engineer Paul Daugherty was instantly killed and three others injured when a logging train wrecked at Pensacola.

Durham has raised over a thousand dollars for the Belgian relief fund. Fire destroyed the Cerro Gordo lumber mills near Whiteville recently. Loss estimated at \$70,000.

W. H. Eaton and Floyd R. Farnham of the dairying division of the North Carolina experiment station are conducting some experiments in cheese making. The experiments are being made with special reference to the western part of the state.

Superintendent J. Y. Joyner has purchased a farm of 260 acres near Kinston.

"Bud" Fisher, famous Mut and Jeff cartoonist, is hunting in Lenoir county.

Secretary Houston of the department of Agriculture told Representative Page that he will speak at Aberdeen on the 16th. A meeting of farmers and business men will welcome him there. From Aberdeen Mr. Houston goes to South Carolina and Georgia.

The Baptist state debt on missions is \$5,000. The deficit will be reported at the meeting of the state convention which meets in Raleigh next Tuesday unless the deficit is raised in the meantime.

Former President William H. Taft will deliver three lectures to the students of the University of North Carolina March 17, 18 and 19 of next year, according to an announcement by the university authorities.

Henderson county produced 100,000 bushels of corn this year.

Secretary of state J. Bryan Grimes is spending several days at his home at Grimesland, Pitt county, looking after his extensive farming interests there.

Gastonia has organized a juvenile protective society. Thousands attended the formal opening of Wayne county's new court house.

A new furniture factory is being built at Lenoir.

The Gastonia chamber of commerce added 193 members in one day. "Cattle and Hogs vs. Cotton" was the subject of an interesting discussion at an enthusiastic meeting of representative farmers and business men at the banking rooms of the Scotland Neck bank.

The Pasquotank-Camden-Dare Counties Medical Society advocates a whole-time health officer for Pasquotank county and Dr. John Saliba and Dr. I. Feary have been appointed to take the matter up with the county commissioners and the town aldermen to secure an appropriation.

Charles W. Cole, prominent farmer of Warrenton, was standing on the top of a load of fodder when the horses made a sudden start, throwing him backwards to the ground, breaking his neck. Death was instantaneous.

T. G. Cobb, editor of The Morganton News-Herald, has announced himself as candidate for re-election as chief clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives. For the past 11 years Mr. Cobb has been a legislative clerk, having been assistant clerk from 1903 to 1907 and chief clerk since 1907.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 13 THE GREAT COMMISSION.

LESSON TEXT—Matt. 28:16-20; Luke 24:36-48. GOLDEN TEXT—Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world—Matt. 28:20.

This lesson consists of two paragraphs which constitute what might be termed two commissions or two parts of the Great Commission. There are four distinct accounts of the final commands of our Lord to his disciples, each presenting a different phase of the work he committed to his followers. In this lesson we have for our consideration two of these aspects which ought not to be forgotten.

I. The Appearance in Jerusalem, Thomas Being Absent. Luke 24:36-48. (1) The Resurrected Lord, vv. 36-43. The Emmaus disciples reported to the disciples, and those gathered with them in Jerusalem, the things they had experienced, especially in the breaking of bread. This occurred late in the evening (see Luke 24:29, 33). While they, and the others, were rehearsing the many things that had taken place on that first eventful day, Jesus himself suddenly appears in their midst without the opening of a door and asks them of their thoughts. Once before he had thus searched them (Luke 9:46, 47), but now the occasion is quite different. Fear of the Jews had crowded them into this room but no closed door except that of the human heart can keep out the risen Lord. Simon's report (ch. 24:34) and that of the Emmaus disciples were not sufficient to allay their fear. Fear at this visible evidence of the supernatural is true of us all, but when Jesus truly is present there is peace no matter what may be the turmoil without, or the fear within.

Man of Flesh and Bone. This appearance was a demonstration that it was he himself, and to add proof upon proof he first showed them his pierced hands and feet, and then called for fish and ate it before, and doubtless with them. Jesus is today a man of flesh and bone as much as when he walked Galilee's hills. His blood he poured out upon Calvary. The evidence of the literal, physical resurrection of Christ is so overwhelming that the unbeliever does violence to his reason not to accept it.

(2) The Ascended Lord, vv. 44-49. This coming of Jesus and his message of peace and assurance brought also a commission that this great fact be told to others. The event recorded in these verses did not occur in Jerusalem but upon Mount Olivet and constitutes the final appearance of Jesus. As he had done often before, so now he sets his seal upon the Old Testament, expressly speaking of its books under their adapted three-fold division (v. 44). In these there are between three and four hundred direct, not to speak of the indirect, prophecies concerning him. What we need is to have the Holy Spirit that we may "understand" (v. 45), the purpose of his life and death. Jesus taught his disciples what that purpose is (v. 47), viz., "the remission of sins," based on the sure ground of his finished work. This, and this alone, is the gospel and it is to be preached to the whole world, beginning at home, in Jerusalem. Verse 49 tells us of that other needed preparation to make us effective witnesses, the endowment of the Holy Spirit.

Some Disciples Doubted. II. The Appearance to the Eleven in Galilee, Matt. 28:16-20. This event took place much later than that mentioned in the first part of the previous section. As we carefully read this section it suggests that Jesus was somewhat removed from the disciples, yet their vision was so clear that they worshipped him, though some doubted. Drawing near to the disciples he first of all emphasizes his supreme authority, "all power is given unto me," and on that authority he commissioned them to their work of discipling "all nations." Mark's rendering of this commission (16:15, 16) is more inclusive, "to the whole creation," including all of man's welfare, social as well as spiritual. For Jesus thus to claim authority and to send forth his ambassadors and still not be "the very God of the very God" is to stamp him either as an impostor or a lunatic. Because all power is his, therefore the obligation and the accompanying Holy Spirit who will enable us to teach the things he has commanded. There is back of the commission "all power" and accompanying it a blessed fellowship, "Lo, I am with you all the days."

The sad thing is that after nearly two thousand years we have carried out so poorly the great commission. And lastly the disciples is not to go in his own strength or wisdom. His parables describe fully the age upon which the disciples were entering. As they went forward and as we "follow in their train," to devote ourselves to the enterprises of his kingdom, he declared that he would be with them and with us until the time of the consummation of the age.

"When we go his way, he goes our way; but if we go our own way he goes alone."