

Great Battle In Progress; Kaiser Prepared To Sacrifice One Hundred Thousand Men

(By the United Press.)
Brussels, Aug. 15.—An almost continuous cannonading from the direction of the front would indicate that a general German assault on the Belgian line began this morning at daybreak. The Germans have established their headquarters at Viso, where there is a military bridge with tracks for the trains built across the river.

Also is located at that point a hospital with accommodations for more than ten thousand. The commissary established there with supplies to be distributed to the front when needed. The large formations are still holding out, however, those on the left bank of the river have been badly battered. The Belgian cavalry has assumed the offensive in the region of Tierlemont and Hallem. The Belgian aviators are taking great risk because up to the present the Germans have failed to get the proper range of the air craft.

Hundreds of additional wounded have arrived and the captured Germans call of the great slaughter. They declare that the Uplans lost in every fight. At Haalen over five thousand made the attack and less than a thousand escaped unhurt.

The German officers attribute the disaster to the machine guns mounted on auto trucks and so heavy to handle on the ground that they were practically useless.

Belgian spies bring word that the German General Barwis has committed suicide and that General Von Einmich, commander of the German army, is now operating in Belgium.

The German infantry with a heavy force is now advancing with an effort to envelop the extreme left wing of the allied armies in South Antwerp. It is admitted that a general attack is probably in progress. The artillery fire of the allies is very effective.

SERVIANS ARE STILL VICTORS

DEFEAT CONCENTRATED OF THE AUSTRIANS THURSDAY NIGHT—REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSSES REPORTED.

(By the United Press.)
London, Aug. 15.—A news agency dispatch from Nish says that a concentrated attack by forty thousand Austrians Thursday night on the Serbian frontier was repulsed with heavy losses.

FRENCH ARE THE MASTERS

THE ARTILLERY STILL CONTINUES TO BE SUPERIOR IS EVIDENT—HOLDING THE MAIN PASSES.

(By the United Press.)
Paris, Aug. 15.—The French advance in the Vosges mountains continues. The war office announces that in the face of constant opposition by the Germans that the French are passing through the high Alsatian valleys.

The main passes are now being held by the French invading army. The superiority of the French artillery continues to be evident.

RUSSIA'S ARMY PENETRATES

INITIAL FIGHTING ON THE AUSTRIAN FRONTIER HAS COMMENCED AND DEFENSE LINE UNDER WAY.

(By the United Press.)
St. Petersburg, Aug. 15.—The war

office here states that initial fighting on the Austrian frontier has commenced and that the first line of defense is now under way. The Russian army has penetrated the Austrian defenses and is now well on its way to Lemberg.

BIG BATTLE IN PROGRESS

KAISER PREPARED TO SACRIFICE 100,000 MEN TO SMASH ALLIED FORCES—FIVE WOUNDED BY BOMB.

(By the United Press.)
Brussels, Aug. 15.—It is reported here that the Kaiser is prepared to sacrifice one hundred thousand men in order to smash the defense of the allies. A big battle, it is reported, has already started. The war office decided today not to make any further announcement of the movements of troops. This would indicate that the battle lines have been drawn in secret which makes this course imperative.

The attempts of the Germans to storm the fortress Pontisse at Liege was repulsed with heavy losses. The Germans made their charge under the cover of darkness. They carried hand Grenades and heavy kiro clippers. The supporting forces carried sand bags and entrenching tools so as that they might entrench themselves if they succeeded in carrying the first defense. The Belgian machine guns swept the approach of the Germans, causing them to withdraw.

Three bombs were dropped at Namur during the night and five persons were wounded.

The war office announces that the German losses around Haalen was three thousand.

AUSTRIANS ARE REPULSED

AUSTRIAN ARMY OF FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND WERE REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSSES.

(By the United Press.)
Nish, Aug. 15.—Four hundred thousand Austrians, states the war office, attacked the Serbian forces last night. There was a fierce battle all along the line. The Austrians were repulsed with heavy losses. They were also driven from Belgrade where they attempted to cross the Danube.

BLOUNT'S CREEK CROPS ARE GOOD

Crops in this section have seldom been better than they are this year. The dry weather in the spring affected tobacco somewhat, in that some fields were late in getting a stand. Late corn and potatoes have suffered from recent dry weather, but light rains for the past several days seem to be bringing them around in most instances. Generally the seasons have been favorable, and the crops are showing it.

The corn crop is uniformly good and some fields are unusually promising. The cotton crop is good, but the acreage small. Tobacco, by far the largest crop ever planted in this section, is of good average growth and quality. Notwithstanding the great scarcity of labor and the fear of some that some of the crop might go to waste in the fields, the bulk of it has been safely housed. There is much good tobacco yet in the fields, but a few more days of favorable weather and the entire crop will be taken care of in good shape. Only fair prices for the weed are needed to guarantee a continuance of prosperity in this section.

BACK FROM NORFOLK.
Mr. Guy Gabriel has returned from a several days' visit to Norfolk, Ocean View and Virginia Beach.

RELATIONS ARE STRAINED

BETWEEN ITALY AND AUSTRIA—AS FORMER REFUSED DEMAND FOR TROOPS TO CROSS COUNTRY.

(By the United Press.)
Rome, Aug. 15.—The relations between Austria and Italy are nearing the breaking point as a result of the Italian government to permit four army corps to cross the Italian territory for the purpose of reinforcing the Germans at Aleaco. Austria demanded this right of Italy, according to the existing treaties.

Quo Vadis Was Great

PROVED TO BE THE CROWNING ATTRACTION OF THE SEASON—LARGE NUMBER PRESENT.

The stupendous photo-drama, Quo Vadis, by George Kiliene, in three acts and eight parts, was the crowning attraction so far as movies are concerned to be produced in Washington this season. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather the theatre was well filled with a highly appreciative and attentive audience. Interest did not lag a single moment all during its presentation, although it required two hours to complete it. It created a tremendous impression. Exciting as it was, it did not fail to hold those present spellbound. The settings were gorgeous and all the participants were simply superb in their role. The people of Washington are to be congratulated in seeing such a production.

Appendicitis In Norfolk

DR. D. T. TAYLOR LEAVES FOR NORFOLK TO SEE MRS. GEO. HACKNEY, JR., VIA N. S. TRAIN.

Dr. David T. Taylor, in response to a telegram last evening, left on the midnight Norfolk Southern train for Norfolk, Va., to see Mrs. George Hackney, Jr., whom the wife stated, was suffering from an attack of appendicitis. It is to be hoped by her numerous friends here that Dr. Taylor will find her condition much improved.

HAVE RETURNED.
Messrs. M. C. Catter, M. John, George Gantaus, F. E. Mayo, M. Salabee and W. B. Windley returned yesterday afternoon via the Norfolk Southern from Richmond and Norfolk where they have been spending a week.

MEMBERS OF BAND.
Messrs. Selby Jones and Charles Mitchell returned yesterday from Augusta, Ga., where they were members of the Second Regiment band which furnished such excellent music upon the occasion of the encampment of the North Carolina troops at Camp Wheeler.

MONEY PRINTERS WORKING HARD
Washington, D. C., Aug. 15.—Rush orders for \$100,000,000 in gold and silver notes are keeping the government bureau of engraving and printing busy day and night. With three shifts on printers and laborers required the bureau has called upon all labor in Washington eligible for appointment under civil service rules.

At the direction of the President, the Saturday half-holidays granted the men have been discontinued. Secretary McAdoo, who has supervision over the bureau asked for an emergency fund of \$210,000 to purchase paper for notes and to pay other expenses incident to the additional work which has been put onto the bureau.

JAPAN MAY DECLARE WAR

GREAT EXCITEMENT PREVAILS AT TIENTSIN, CHINA, OVER JAPAN'S MOVE.

(By the United Press.)
Tientsin, China, Aug. 15.—There is great excitement here over the result of an announcement that the Japanese have notified all agents of Tientsin to be withdrawn. It is believed that this motive presages a declaration of war by Japan on Germany.

Both Captains Lose License

COMMANDERS OF THE MONROE AND NANTUCKET CHARGED WITH NEGLIGENCE.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 15.—The steamboat inspection service of the Department of Commerce yesterday officially recalled the navigation licenses of Captain G. E. Johnson, of Baltimore, commander of the Monroe, and Captain Osman Berry, of Philadelphia, commander of the Nantucket.

Both captains were charged with negligence as the result of the collision between the steamers Monroe and Nantucket off Virginia Capes January 30th last, in which forty-one lives were lost.

CANAL OPENED EARLY TODAY

OPEN TODAY FOR VESSELS NOT DRAWING MORE THAN 30 FEET OF WATER.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 15.—The commercial opening of the Panama Canal was flashed to the War Department this afternoon.

Washington, Aug. 15.—The Panama Canal will today be opened for commerce to vessels not drawing more than thirty feet of water. Apprehensions in some quarters that the canal would be the means of involving this country in difficulties because of the European war are not taken seriously by the officials here. It is recognized by Secretary Garrison and every one concerned that the maintenance of the strict neutrality of the canal might become a difficult question under some circumstances, but the indications, in the opinions of men most competent to judge, are that there will be no difficulty about it. Col. Goethals will inaugurate the commercial use of the canal by sending a government boat through. There will be no ceremonies, for the official opening of the canal will not take place until the early part of 1915. The Christobal, a war department steamer, will probably be the first vessel to make the complete trip, marking the conclusion by American enterprise of the greatest engineering task ever undertaken. Some things remain to be done to perfect the waterway. The channel through the Culebra cut must be deepened and widened, and a greater depth of water than thirty feet must be secured.

Miss. Society County Home

WILL CONDUCT THE REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES TOMORROW AFTERNOON AT 4:30 O'CLOCK.

On account of the absence of Rev. H. B. Searight, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, who is away on his vacation the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the First Methodist church will conduct the Sunday services at the County Home tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. According to the plan of arrangements mapped out for the year's work if Mr. Searight had been in the city he would have conducted the services. All are cordially invited to be present tomorrow as a most interesting and profitable meeting is anticipated.

AMERICANS CAN LEAVE

FAST TRAIN SERVICE HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR THEIR TRANSPORTATION—CALL FOR NURSES.

(By the United Press.)
Washington, D. C., Aug. 15.—The State Department has advised that Americans are now being permitted to leave Germany and that a fast train service has been arranged.

A call has been issued to all Eastern cities, including Chicago, for volunteers as Red Cross nurses for service in Europe.

Belhaven Vs. Washington

WILL PLAY AT FLEMING PARK NEXT WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AT 4 O'CLOCK PROMPTLY.

Next Wednesday afternoon at Fleming Park, West Third street, at 4 o'clock the Washington baseball team will try conclusions with the strong Belhaven club. Everything points to the most exciting contest on the diamond here this season. The umpires selected are Wallace and Paul. The following is the prospective line-up of the two teams:

Belhaven—McAllister, p.; Havenport, c.; Bawgell, 1b; Brown, P. 2b; Wilkinson, s. s.; Layton, 3b; Ratcliff, r. f.; Bleph, c. f.; Phappes, l. f.; Washington—Wilkinson, p.; Fowle, s. s.; Taylor, J. 1b. Brown, J. 2b; Walker, C. s. s.; Hassell, 3b; Jackson, J. r. f.; Moore, F. c. f.; Webster, H. l. f.

The price of admission for adults will be 25 cents. Ladies admitted free.

Seven Steps To A Throne

ALL STRANGERS HAVE CORDIAL INVITATION TO ATTEND CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUNDAY.

Rev. Robert V. Hope, pastor of the Christian church, announces a very interesting subject for discussion at his church tomorrow morning and evening at the usual hours. All strangers have a cordial invitation. The subject for the morning hour will be: "Seven Steps to a Throne." Evening topic will be: "Things the Devil Hates." Bible school will meet at 10 o'clock, W. O. Willis, superintendent. Everybody welcome.

COUNTRY BASEBALL

A baseball team has been organized at Shepherd's Run Farm. The team is made up of the boys and young men of the farm and vicinity. Practice games are played Saturday afternoons. They expect to be ready for a match game with some of the older teams in the near future. It is encouraging to see more baseball in the country. Let every neighborhood have a diamond.

RECEIVING CROCKERY.

Mr. K. John is today engaged in opening two carloads of crockery in the building, corner of Union alley and Main street. He expects to have his opening some time during the coming week. It is certainly a fine display.

GILEAD PERSONALS AND PARAGRAPHS

Dr. J. G. Blount made a professional visit here Thursday.

Mrs. W. G. Yates has been the guest of relatives in Washington during the past week.

Mr. Marion Bonner, standard keeper, was here one day this week testing weights and measures.

Mr. W. C. Hill's little boy, who has been suffering from typhoid fever for the past several days, is improving.

Mr. Johnson was here Thursday on a business trip in the interest of the Greenville tobacco market.

Mr. J. L. Latham, of Washington, representing the Singer Sewing Machine Co., was here one day this week.

FROM PANACEA SPRINGS.
Mr. M. T. Archbell, Mrs. Archbell and daughters, Miss Archbell and Mrs. E. Hoyt Moore, returned home last evening from Panacea Springs.

"WASHINGTON 1875 TO 1914" IS READ WITH PLEASURE; KEEP HISTORY STRAIGHT

Contributor Add Valuable Information To Article Published In "Greater Washington Edition," Which Was Both Interesting And Valuable.

(By Miss Lida T. Rodman.)
After reading the valuable and interesting article, "Washington, N. C., from 1875 to 1914," published in the "Greater Washington Edition" of this paper, it is thought that a point or two, may be added thereto. Not in any spirit of criticism, but just to give a little more history and straighten out a few things.

The residence now owned by Mr. A. D. MacLean was originally built many years ago by an ancestor of Mrs. Marianna Clark Cyron, later it was purchased, or came by wife's inheritance, to Mr. William Kennedy, a wealthy and prominent citizen of old Washington. Mr. Kennedy bore the reputation of being the proudest man in town. His daughters, Mrs. Ruffin and Mrs. Pet Kennedy Tyson, of Wilson, were born there. Mr. Sylvester Brown, grandfather of Mr. McLean, about 1873, came back to Washington from Wilson where he had lived as a refugee of the war and purchased the old Kennedy home—but neither Mrs. McLean, nor Judge Brown were born there.

The old Gallagher office and residence were located on the site of Dr. J. G. Blount's drug store and building—all, or part of this property was owned by Mrs. Sylvester Brown, inherited from her father, Col. Dick Bonner, a wealthy citizen of old Washington, who owned a block, if taken together, on Main street.

The house now occupied by the Chinese Laundry and Dr. Nicholson is the old Long home, and is still owned by Mr. Ed. Long, our townsman.

Mr. Ed. Thomas clerked for Mr. Ed. Martin, a prominent merchant; he owned the property where the Savings & Trust Co. and Buckman store now stand. The second and third floor was occupied by his family, and he kept store in the basement. After he had accumulated a fortune and retired, Mr. Ed. Thomas rented the basement and continued the business for some years. The original building was quite a landmark—it had been used as a hotel for many years—kept at one time by Mrs. Ann Cambreleg, and later by Mr. Selby.

The house recently occupied by Rev. Gay, and owned by Miss L. T. Rodman, was not a vacant lot, but was a part of the lot owned by Miss Chloe Coward. The kitchen and other outbuildings were on the site of the new dwelling. This lot was given as a life tenant to Mrs. Arcadia Howard Martin, cousin of Miss Chloe Coward—and then willed to the late Hon. William B. Rodman.

The lot on which now stands the handsome home of Col. Wiley Croom Rodman was the old Horton home with about ten feet additional of the Chloe Coward property.

The home of Mr. E. S. Simmons occupies the entire lot that originally belonged to Mrs. Polly Shaw.

East Main street extended, from the old O. W. Telfair, more recently the W. B. Morton home, was the property of Augustus Harvey

whose remains rest in the old burying ground on the hill back of the present Episcopal rectory—in 1875 this was the McNair old field, the undivided property of his grandchildren. Later the greater part, and perhaps all, was purchased by our townsman, Mr. C. M. Brown, and by him developed as his stands today.

The present City Hall was built during the incumbency of Hon. Chas. F. Warren in the mayor's office; he took great pride in this, at that time, very creditable building.

The Market House was built during the mayoralty of Col. William B. Rodman. It had a second story used as the Armory of the W. L. I. In the great fire of September, 1900, this building was almost destroyed, and when repaired it was deemed safest not to replace the second story.

In the old plan of Washington the south side of Main street was largely occupied by residences, the owners of which had their warehouses and offices on the back, extending to the water's edge. One of these old homes is still standing, and is now occupied by the Cable Telegraph Co. and Morgan Williams, insurance office. This was originally the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, the parents of the late Capt. Bill Shaw. Mrs. E. G. Reade and Mr. Ed. Shaw. Mrs. Reade, nee Mary Shaw, was born and raised there. She married first Mr. Ben. Parmlee, a wealthy merchant, owner of the property now occupied by Mr. Ayer's store and the Nicholson hotel. After the death of Mr. Parmlee, his widow married Judge Reade. They were both much beloved in Washington—were very benevolent, and devoted Presbyterians. After their removal to Raleigh, Mr. Chas. Warren bought the Parmlee home on West Main street, where his family now live.

It is well to remember that the many vacant lots mentioned in the article, "Washington from 1875 to 1914," were only "vacant" because the comfortable homes and some business houses that had been on these lots, a few years previous were destroyed by the two fires that ravaged the town during the war.

When the Yankees took possession of Washington they found a town of regular streets, compactly built. Though, the lots were larger than now and in every instance had room for kitchens, smokehouse, and servant's quarters, besides flower and vegetable gardens. The lots on Main street below Bonner were not "vacant," but the well-kept gardens of the residents of "Pungo town" that extended from Water through to Main street.

During one of the disastrous fires of the war, Mr. Matthew Shaw, a prominent lawyer, grandfather of Mr. Lyndon Shaw, witnessed the destruction by fire of thirty good tenement dwellings in two hours, the property loss occasioned by those conflagrations was severe.

The article, "Washington 1875 to 1914," was very good, and was read with pleasure by every one.

Baptist Fools Will Be Topic

REV. R. L. GAY TO BEGIN A SERIES OF SERMONS IN HIS CHURCH SUNDAY EVENING.

Beginning tomorrow evening, Rev. R. L. Gay, pastor of the First Baptist church, will begin a series of sermons in his church on practical topics, and his subject will be: "Baptist Fools." The subject for the morning will be: "Two Sides of Opportunity." Sunday school, S. P. Willis, superintendent, will meet promptly at 9:30 o'clock. Good music at all services. All strangers in the city have a cordial welcome to any and all services.

HAVE RETURNED.
Captain James E. Clark and family have returned from Guilford College, N. C., where they have been the past several months.

It's rested in Washington Park. It's built in Washington Park.

Rev. Dr. Gibbs At M.E. Church

WILL FILL THE PULPIT AT BOTH SERVICES—ALL CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.

Rev. J. T. Gibbs, Presiding Elder of the Washington District, will preach at the First Methodist church tomorrow morning and evening at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., the occasion being the third quarterly meeting for this station.

Dr. Gibbs is one of the most attractive pulpits speakers in the State, and he is always heard here by large and attentive audiences. The music tomorrow will be a feature. Everyone has a cordial invitation to be present. Sunday school will meet at 9:45 o'clock, E. R. Nixon, superintendent. The Baraca class, W. M. Keor, teacher, meets at the same hour. Seats free. Polite ushers.