

## BATTLE FOR 10 DAYS HAS RAGED AT ARRAS WITHOUT ANY RESPITE

The attempted advance of the German forces along the coast of Belgium and northern France, apparently with the aim of establishing themselves in British channel ports so they may menace England, has reached a critical point.

The extreme western fighting line now reaches from Armentieres through routes to Neuport, on the coast about half way between Ostend and Dunkirk. According to the French official announcement the German heavy artillery, presumably used in the siege of Antwerp, has bombarded the front from Neuport to Vladislo, which is about 10 miles from the coast.

The allies also have made progress eastward from a point south of Armentieres toward Lille on a line running roughly to Arras. The report tells of house-to-house fighting in which the allies are advancing. The battle has raged around Arras without respite for 10 days and by the part of the allied troops, "with a perseverance and a spirit which never for a moment has been relaxed."

The German official report covers these operations more tersely. It says the attacks east and northwest of Lille have been repulsed with heavy losses to the allies.

The situation still is much in the dark. English and French papers gather encouragement from reports published from their side. From the German point of view it is possible the Germans have improved their position and with the forces that besieged Antwerp and reinforcements from Germany are attempting along the coast another sweeping movement.

In this field of action it appears inevitable there soon must be some decisive result. The country's fitness seems to have made it impossible for the two armies to entrench and face each other without important changes in position for weeks, as they have done across northern France.

The announcement that the Germans have taken siege guns to the neighborhood of Belfort may mean they plan an attempted advance on both ends of what has become virtually a long fortified line.

## JAPANESE CRUISER IS SUNK BY MINE IN KIAO CHOW BAY

Tokio, Oct. 20.—It is officially announced that the Japanese cruiser Takachio was sunk by a mine in Kiao Chow bay on the night of October 17.

The Takachio was on patrol duty outside Tsing Tau when she fouled the mine. Japanese destroyers heard the explosion and saw the flames that resulted. They hurried to the assistance of the cruiser which, however, disappeared quickly and in the darkness it was possible to rescue only 12 men. Twenty-eight officers, 54 non-commissioned

## UNCALLED FOR LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice at Washington, N. C., for the week ending October 17, 1914:

Gentlemen—W. J. Bishop, Caleb Carver, R. H. Calhoun, Charles Carran, Jessie Cobb, Huert Joiner, Lewis Key, Cornelious Minor, Jas. I. Mitchell, N. P. Hinson, M. W. Mann, Thos. E. White.

Ladies—Miss Henrietta Bryan, Miss Perle Daniel, Miss Myrtle Earnest, Miss Martha Faire, Miss Mary E. Johnson, Miss Mary O. Jones, Miss Henrietta Powell, Mrs. M. Forgo, Parsons, Miss Gyselle Wood, Mrs. Violet Walker.

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## COL. ALSTON GRIMES DIES AT HOSPITAL

PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING. FUNERAL WEDNESDAY AT 11:30 FROM ST. PETER'S CHURCH—BURIAL AT GRIMESLAND.

Died at the Washington Hospital, Washington, N. C., October 20, 1914, Colonel Alston Grimes, in the 49th year of his age. Colonel Grimes was the oldest son of the late General Bryan Grimes and brother of Colonel J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State. The death of Alston Grimes is a great sorrow to his many friends to whom he was linked as with hooks of steel.

For many years he has been one of the most popular and influential citizens of Pitt county, one upon whom his friends and neighbors would confidently rely. A successful business man, a prosperous farmer, a kind neighbor whose word was his bond, and whose promise was certain of fulfillment. In his manhood there was no single fibre of falsehood or dishonesty. Col. Grimes lived at the old homestead of his father and has been the stay and comfort of his aged mother, Mrs. Charlotte Bryan Grimes, who still survives him, and the fond brother of his younger brothers and sisters. On the 30th of June, 1914, he was happily married to Miss Anna B. Lawrence, of Ayden, Pitt county, and after only four months of happy wedded life the young wife is bereaved of a faithful, devoted husband.

May God sustain her, the aged mother and all the stricken relatives in the dark hour of their sorrow. The funeral will take place from St. Peter's church, this city, tomorrow morning at 11:30, conducted by the rector, Rev. Nathaniel Harding, and the interment will be at Grimesland.

**MARRIAGE SATURDAY.**  
Mr. J. L. Stagleton and Miss Annis Perry were happily married at the home of Mr. J. E. Stagleton on North Market street Saturday afternoon last at 3:30 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Robert V. Hope, pastor of the Christian church, in the presence of a few friends and relatives. This paper extends congratulations and best wishes.

**UNITED DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY MEETING**  
Lafayette, La., Oct. 20.—The annual State convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy today opened its three days' meeting here. One of the principal subjects to be discussed is the "Buy-a-Bale of Cotton" movement which started in the North to help the Southern States during their financial crisis.

## NEW THEATER ATTRACTION FOR TONIGHT

RAYMOND AND REYNOLDS IN THEIR FIRST CLASS MUSICAL ACT—THREE REELS OF MOVIES IN ADDITION.

The New Theatre opened last night for three nights' engagement with "Raymond & Reynolds" in a first class musical act in addition to the three reels of splendid pictures. Although the crowd was small on account of the circus, every one present was well pleased with the act. They will give an entire change of program tonight and tomorrow night. With this act and the splendid photoplays they should have a full house the remainder of their engagement.

## DONG NICELY.

Mr. Harold Moore, of Wilmington, N. C., a son of Mrs. E. B. Moore, of this city, underwent an operation at Fowle Memorial Hospital last Saturday. The reports from his bedside today are encouraging and he expects to be able to return to his home within the next few days.

## AWAIT ACTION OF MEXICAN CONVENTION

Washington, D. C., Oct. 20.—President Wilson revealed today that administrative questions incident to the evacuation of Vera Cruz by the American forces had been referred by General Carranza to the national convention at Aguascalientes.

Consul Silliman, who conferred with General Aguilar, at Vera Cruz, reported that the latter has given assurances that all the points will be satisfactorily adjusted.

Administration officials here believe the action of the convention will be binding upon any future government in Mexico. This government has not altered its plans to withdraw the United States forces, but is asking merely that questions of administration be settled before the troops depart from Vera Cruz.

## PLAN BIG PURCHASE OF THE STAPLE

ROYAL TAILORS WILL HELP TO RELIEVE THE SOUTH THROUGH THEIR AGENTS, THE WRIGHT STEAM PRESSING WORKS.

A steady stream of Chicago money is pouring into the Southland. It is being used to buy cotton through the "Buy-a-Bale of Cotton" Club started by William Randolph Hearst and carried forward in Chicago by the Chicago American. If any doubt ever existed about Chicago doing her share in this movement—a movement patriotic and having for its only object the helping of the South in the latter's time of need—that doubt has been dispelled. Chicago is doing her full share and the end is not yet in sight.

## Plan Big Purchase.

The Royal Tailors are preparing to buy a large quantity of cotton in the South, as the following letter to the Chicago American shows:

Chicago, October 2, 1914. The Chicago American, Chicago. Gentlemen—We heartily endorse the splendid "Buy-a-Bale of Cotton" movement which the Hearst newspapers have been fostering to relieve the Southern cotton blockade. And we are taking steps today to show our appreciation of this movement in a tangible way.

It will interest you to know that we are now arranging through our field men in the South for a considerable cotton purchase in each one of the cotton States, our purchases to be made at 10 cents a pound and the planter or grower in each case to receive the full 10 cents a pound without any commission deduction.

We plan to place a bulk order at the cotton center of each State, each order to cover as many bales as there are afflicted counties in the State. Yours very truly,

## THE ROYAL TAILORS.

Thus is the movement growing in Chicago through the efforts of the Chicago American.

The Wright Steam Pressing Works of this city are, the agents for the Royal Tailors in Washington.

## HAS MADE NO DECISION FOR OFFICE

Mr. John G. Bragaw, Jr., has returned from Richmond, Va., where he went as one of the committee to notify Rev. T. C. Darst of his election as Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, and also attended the annual meeting of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew in Atlanta.

He enjoyed his visit immensely. As yet Bishop-elect Darst has given no notice as to whether he will accept the high office of bishop for the Diocese of East Carolina or whether he will still remain as rector of St. James' church in Richmond.

## NO MEETING OF CHAPTER THIS AFT.

On account of the death of Colonel Alston Grimes, son of Mrs. J. Bryan Grimes, honorary president of Pamlico Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, the meeting called to take place at the rooms of the public library this afternoon has been postponed to a later date. All the members of the chapter will bear this in mind and govern themselves accordingly.

## VISITORS TODAY.

Among the welcome visitors to Washington today are Messrs. C. C. Jennette and T. W. Marshall, of Middleton, N. C. They are always welcome to Washington.

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## DELEGATES ARE NAMED FOR STATE

Governor Craig has named delegates to represent the State at the fourth American Road Congress, which will be held at Atlanta, Ga., during the week of November 9. According to advices from Atlanta, delegations have been named for most of the States and preparations are being made for an unprecedented attendance.

The problems of city street construction and maintenance will this year receive exceptional attention as the construction of high-class roads, now approximates the methods adopted for street paving. Among the prominent city engineers who will discuss this subject are Charles E. Bolling, city engineer of Richmond, Va.; F. L. Ford, city engineer of New Haven, Conn.; L. D. Smoot, city engineer of Jacksonville, Fla.; John Weatherly, street commissioner of Birmingham, Ala.; and G. S. Brown, city engineer of Charleston, W. Va.

Many difficulties have arisen in connection with contract work in the construction of bridges and highways, and it is expected that the congress will devote much attention to ways and means of improving the methods and conditions under which contract-work is being done. The opening paper at the special session will be presented by John J. Ryan, secretary of the New York Road Builders' Association.

Colleges and universities will take an active part in a session to be devoted to ways and means of furthering and improving the courses of instruction in highway engineering at educational institutions. Dr. Hector J. Hughes, professor of civil engineering at Harvard University; Prof. E. J. McCausland, dean of engineering at the University of Missouri; Prof. C. M. Strahan, dean of engineering, University of Georgia; and Dr. E. P. Matheson, president of the Georgia School of Technology, will be prominent figures in the technical discussion.

## THE OCTOBER TERM OF THE U. S. COURT

MEET HERE THIS MORNING WITH HIS HONOR, JUDGE H. G. CONNOR PRESIDING—SEVERAL CASES ON DOCKET.

The October term of the United States Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina convened in this morning at 11 o'clock with His Honor Judge H. G. Connor, of Wilson, N. C., presiding, and District Attorney F. D. Winston, of Windsor, N. C., prosecuting the docket for the government. In all probability the court will not adjourn since die until sometime tomorrow as there are several criminal cases on the docket for trial and one civil case. There are quite a number of visitors from other sections in attendance upon the session of the court.

## IN THE CITY.

Mrs. Greely Brinn, of Swan Quarter, is in the city the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. M. Stillee, on East Second street.

## The Nelsons Feature of The Circus

The Robinson circus, which exhibited here yesterday afternoon and last night seem to please the large number who attended. The feature attractions were the Nelson family and the fancy bicycle riding of the monkeys. These two attractions were well worth the price of admission. The entire show was creditable and made many friends in the city. The circus left last night for Greenville where they give two performances today, afternoon and night.

## GREAT PRIZES OFFERED FOR KAISER'S CAPTURE

A recent London dispatch gives the following in reference to the different men now in the midst of the war zone:

During the past week there have been wild rumors afloat in some of the clubs about great prizes offered for the capture of the Kaiser of Germany. The reports probably grew out of the account of the war correspondents gave a recent trip of the Emperor of Germany to the headquarters of his forces in the field. It was stated that he had passed only two hours when a troop of Russian soldiers took possession of the house in which he stopped. There has been no confirmation of the rumor and the statement that King George would reward richly the soldier fortunate enough to secure the Kaiser as a war prisoner, is regarded as extreme, to put it mildly. Everyone knows that all of the rulers of the nations at war are more closely guarded than ever before in their lives.

French social circles have been especially affected by the war. Many of the officers who have lost their lives wear men who were leaders not only in the smart set of Paris, but of London as well. Gen. d'Amade was at one time military attache at the French embassy in England. General de Trafford, the dashing cavalry leader, was one of the most popular men in French social circles. A French officer, who was once in the English militia is General Alix. Major Darley Stuart-Stephens is another soldier in the service of the allies who learned his business in England.

The Czar of Russia is following the fortunes of his army with unfeeling zeal. He personally plans many of the attacks upon the Austrians and his presence on the battlefield has served as a remarkable stimulus to Russian arms than is Emperor Nicholas himself. He has been liberal in bestowing honors upon men who have distinguished themselves for meritorious service. Although small of stature, the Czar is a man of commanding presence. His strict military training has made him every inch a soldier and he can stand hardships as well as the most seasoned of soldiers.

## SEE EXHIBIT OF COOKER AT HDW. STORE

FIRELESS COOKER DEMONSTRATION AT THE HARRIS HARDWARE CO.—LADIES CORDIALLY INVITED.

There is now going on at the Harris Hardware Company store a demonstration of the Ideal Fireless Cooker, which is in charge of Mrs. Herr, who was here last spring in a similar capacity. She represents the Toledo Cooking Company and during her short stay in Washington upon her former visit made many friends who are delighted to greet her again. The ladies of the city are cordially invited to visit the store of the Harris Hardware Company from 9 to 12 and from 2 to 6 each day during this week and sample the cooking done on the fireless cooker. The demonstration is for the purpose mainly of doing missionary work and for this reason not only are the ladies asked to be present but the gentlemen as well. See ad. in today's paper.

## GENEROUSLY RESPONDED.

The entire city has responded generously and when the North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church convenes here next month the entire city will extend to this great body of religious workers a warm welcome. Not only have the members of the M. E. Church here opened their doors, but all the other congregations in the city as well. There will be between three hundred and fifty and four hundred visitors in Washington at that time.

## TO ATTEND FAIR.

Quite a number of Washington citizens expect to attend the State Fair at Raleigh this week, which opened today.

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## HERE TODAY.

Captain E. Tuthill and Mr. B. H. Mixon, of South Creek, N. C., are here today greeting their numerous friends.

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