

GERMANS UNABLE TO ADVANCE ALONG THE COAST MOVE INLAND

Each Day Along the Battle Front in West Flanders is But Repetition of the Day Previous. Neither Side Can Gain. Rains Pours in Torrents.

London, Oct. 25.—All the allies must take their hats off to the Belgian army, which for several days has been holding in check the entire German army corps near Dixmude, frustrating the German designs on the strip of territory between Dun-kirk and Calais, says a dispatch to the Times.

It now is permitted to explain how the Belgian army was able to make a successful retreat from Antwerp in face of elaborate plans of the Germans. It escaped what might be fast amounting to annihilation by a magnificent feat of arms. It sent a force of a few thousand men to the neighborhood of Mellein, in East Flanders, 13 miles southwest of Ghent, to hold back the pursuing enemy at all costs until the retreat of the main army had been effected. The battle of Mellein virtually resulted in annihilation of the gallant little body of Belgians, for it meant the salvation of the Belgian army and their allies.

The situation of the Belgians and French at Dixmude has changed for the better in the past few days. This does not mean, however, that the Germans are on the run.

Reports of a German retreat toward Bruges are anticipatory and exaggerated. The retreat up to the present is matter of a mile or two, made in order to get farther away from the guns on the warships.

The casualties in the Belgian army about Dixmude have been tremendously heavy.

London, Oct. 25.—Each day is but a repetition of the previous day in the battle being fought out in West Flanders, northern France and Poland between the Germans and the allies. One side gains a little at one point, only to lose at another.

It appears from the official German and French reports that the Germans, finding it impossible to advance along the coast toward Dun-kirk owing to the fire from the British and French warships, took a route a little more inland and have succeeded in crossing the Yser canal, which the Belgians have been defending stubbornly for a week to the west of Dixmude.

The Germans also have made progress to the northeast of Roulers, which they still are in possession of, and toward which the allies were advancing last week. The Germans claim to have taken 500 British troops in the fighting in this neighborhood. Of the gains obtained by the Germans, the French report makes no mention, dismissing the battle with the sentence: "There is no change to report between the sea and the region around Arras."

To add to the trials of the troops engaged in the desperate fighting, a short spell of fine weather has given place to another downpour of rain which will convert the lowlands of Flanders into great lakes.

Of the battle on the center and left wing the German report does not speak. The French declare they are maintaining their positions in the Artois and along the Meuse. From unofficial sources it is learned the French have made some advance in the mountains along the Alsace border.

In Poland a very heavy battle is in progress between the fortresses of Ivangorod and Radom, where the Germans and Austrians, defeated in their first attempt to cross the Vistula, have made a stand.

Both sides have, according to their own reports, made prisoners and captured guns, but the battle, extending over a front of 26 miles, has not yet been decided.

The Austrians still are making a bold effort to cross the river Sava and are carrying on a splendid fight

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GREAT DAY HIGHLANDS THURSDAY

PICNIC AND SPEAKING WAS MUCH ENJOYED BY THE LARGE CROWD PRESENT—GALA DAY.

The picnic and speaking at the Highlands School House, which has just been erected between Latham's Cross Roads and Wharton's, N. C., which took place Thursday last, was an auspicious event in every way. The speakers of the day were Capt. George J. Studdert, Superintendent of W. G. Privette and Chairman of the Board of County Education Mr. E. W. Ayers. The opening address was made by Mr. W. G. Privette, who after a few remarks, introduced Captain George J. Studdert, who made a most excellent address, congratulating the people of that section on their enterprise and thrift in building such a creditable school building in which their children are to be given every advantage so far as education is concerned. Mr. E. W. Ayers, chairman of the County Board of Education, also made a few remarks in which he told his hearers of the fine progress being made so far as the public schools were concerned in the county.

These building erected was voted for last year. It contains every convenience and will have two teachers. This up-to-date school opened today for the fall session. Surrounding this attractive building is two acres of ground. The school committee for this school is Messrs. J. C. Jatham, M. D. Leggett and J. R. Bedard.

About 150 attended the picnic Thursday and the good ladies of that section had everything good to eat and it goes without saying that those present did full justice so far as the dinner man was concerned. It was a great day for the good people of that section. The prospects for education there for the coming year means advancement in every way.

CAROLINA IS MAKING GOOD SHOW

The University football team, of which David T. Tayloe, a son of Dr. David T. Tayloe, this city, is the captain, is making a remarkable record this season. So far the team under his guidance and leadership has not lost a game, and only Saturday last downed the Vanderbilt team by a score of 10 to 9.

The consensus of opinion is that North Carolina has the best football eleven this season in its history. Not only is Captain Tayloe making an enviable record as captain of the football team, but as well is another Washington boy on the team making good in the person of Horace Cowell, a son of Mr. J. F. Cowell.

The University of North Carolina is to cross fire with their old time rivals, the University of Virginia at Richmond on Thanksgiving Day, and judging from the record of the two teams so far made this season the boys from the Hill will give a good account of themselves.

MRS. LIVINGTON AS SPEAKER. Manchester, N. H., Oct. 24.—Mrs. Debora Knox Livingston, national superintendent of Franchises, will address a mass meeting to be held here this evening. Mrs. Livingston who has come to this city upon the invitation of the ministers, is one of the most able of the national speakers for the cause, and it is expected that a large audience will greet her upon her appearance tonight.

D. A. B. MEETING. Washington, Oct. 26.—The annual convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Virginia will be opened this evening with a reception to the delegates. The business sessions will take place tomorrow and Wednesday, followed by a visit to Mount Vernon, where luncheon will be served by Mrs. Wm A. Smoot, of Mount Vernon.

"STOP THIEF" HERE THURS. OCT. 29TH

FRESS OF THE STATE IS GIVING THIS ATTRACTION HIGH PRAISE—SEATS NOW ON SALE.

Another success of a distinctly "worth while" order, has been sent on tour with the prestige of nearly a year's run at the Gaiety Theater, New York City, as a recommendation. "Stop Thief" is a farce of laughs, thrills and surprises. To follow its plot won't, perhaps tax your patience, but the dialogue, situations and climaxes will keep you in great good humor for two and a half hours and send you home with the satisfactory feeling that your time has been well repaid.

As a producer of hearty laughs "Stop Thief" can claim the palm. The story around which the play has been constructed has to do with a family in which there are two kleptomaniacs, though neither of the persons so afflicted suspects the trait in the other.

When the play opens it is the wedding morning of the daughter of the elder kleptomaniac who is going to be married to the younger "take things without asking" man.

The house is full of beautiful and expensive wedding presents and both of the people of morbid impulse feel the desire to steal creeping over them. To keep from exercising this desire the younger man telephones to police headquarters for a detective to come and watch him and put back anything he takes on the sly.

The message to the police is not understood and no detective pms in an appearance, but a real thief who is taken for a "fly" cop does, and when he is told of the situation he keeps up the deception, which gives him, as he declares, the softest opportunity for "crib" cracking of his career.

"Stop Thief" is essentially a farce of swift action, snappy dialogue and climax surprises. Its funny situations follow each other so rapidly that the laughs brought forth by one tread on the heels of the next, with the result that the audience is kept in a continuous explosion of merriment throughout the entire performance.

Bert Leigh and Miss Hazelle Burgess assume the roles of the thieves who are sweethearts, and they are said to be well suited to their parts.

GERMAN BOMBS AND AEROPLANE EFFECTIVE. London, Oct. 24.—"The German campaign with aeroplane bombs against Warsaw has been rather effective," says the Warsaw correspondent of Reuter's. On one day 44 people were killed or wounded, and of these only nine were soldiers. On another day there were 62 casualties. Many children, drawn into the streets by curiosity, were struck.

ISRAELITE PREACHER. H. W. Morris, Israelite preacher of the House of David, who hails from Norfolk, Va., has been preaching in this city for the past few days. He states Washington is one of the best towns he has yet visited on his tour.

PLANT WILL BE CREDIT TO THE CITY

The new electric light and water plant, which is being erected in the West End of the city, promises to be the most complete of any in North Carolina. Rapid progress is now being made on the plant. The foundation for the power house at Tractor's Creek is now in course of construction. It will pay all of the citizens to visit the plant and see what is going on.

TO OBSERVE THIS WEEK FOR PRAYER

LADIES OF THE FIRST PRESBY. TERIAN CHURCH WILL HOLD VERY INTERESTING MEETINGS THIS WEEK.

The Ladies Missionary Societies of the First Presbyterian Church are to observe this week of prayer for the coming of Christ's kingdom in all the earth. The last General Assembly set aside the last week of October as the time for a concerted prayer-season throughout the church. The world-wide disturbance and distress now prevailing makes such a season of intercession peculiarly appropriate. The shock of war is felt around the world. The church and her missionary agencies are in danger of suffering seriously from financial embarrassment. The lives of many are endangered, and countless treasures are being destroyed. Surely it is a time to seek the Lord, and implore His mercy and protection.

This is a call to the entire church, whether you are a member of the missionary society or not you are cordially invited to attend these meetings. The service this afternoon is at 3:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs. H. Wiswall.

Stop, Think, Pray. The other appointments are as follows: Tuesday evening—Mrs. John Smith. Wednesday evening—Miss Bettie Harvey. Thursday evening—Mrs. E. L. Archbell. Friday evening—Mrs. S. R. Fowle. Saturday evening—Mrs. F. H. Rollins.

STEWARDS' MEETING. The members of the Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church are requested to meet in the Baraca room at the First Methodist church this evening. All the members are urged to be present as business of importance is to be transacted as the annual conference which is to convene here on November 18th is only three weeks off.

MAYOR HAS BUSY COURT FOR TODAY

Several cases were disposed of by Mayor Kugler this morning at the city hall. Those tried were: Arch Eborn, assault; fined \$5 and cost.

William Wade, carrying concealed weapon. Bound over to the recorder. William Wade, Lucy Bailey, Lonnie Bailey and Robert Burgess; disorderly conduct; judgment suspended.

Emeline Little, larceny; judgment not yet pronounced. John Ringold, discharging firearms within the corporate limits; fined \$3.00 and the cost.

GOV. FOLK AT HEARING. Houston, Tex., Oct. 25.—Former Governor Folk of Missouri, now solicitor for the Interstate Commerce Commission will today take personal charge of the Interstate Commission's side of the Arkansas Pass rate case at the hearing to be given today. This suit is for an injunction and was brought to 18 Texas railroads to restrain the Interstate Commerce Commission from forcing them to put into effect to Port Arkansas the same cotton rate applying to other Texas ports.

ROOSEVELT TOURING PENNSYLVANIA. Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 26.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt will make a three days' tour of the State commencing today in the interests of Gifford Pinchot and the Washington party ticket. This tour will be made in a special train, and the itinerary is made up of towns from which requests have been sent to the leaders for the presence of the big Bull Moose.

REV. T. C. DARST ACCEPTS POSITION AS BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA

Committee of the Council Was Notified by Wire Yesterday. Will Be Invented to Be Consecrated in This City. Will Probably Take place in December.

Rev. Thomas C. Darst, rector of Saint James' Episcopal church, Richmond, Va., who was on Thursday, October 22, elected bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina by the special council which convened in Saint Peter's Episcopal church, after 20 ballots had been taken, has notified the committee, Rev. Mr. Ashby, of Elizabeth City; Rev. Mr. Huske, of New Bern, and Mr. John G. Bragaw, Jr., of this city, of his acceptance of the high office.

Mr. Bragaw received the following wire from the bishop-elect yesterday morning and at the morning service yesterday the rector of Saint Peter's church, Rev. Nathaniel Harding, read the wire to his parishioners which was as follows: Richmond, Va. Mr. John G. Bragaw, Jr., Washington, N. C.:

Having given the call of your council most earnest and prayerful consideration and having made an honest effort to learn the will of God concerning same I have been led to believe that it is my duty and blessed privilege to accept election as bishop of East Carolina, subject to Canonical requirements. THOMAS C. DARST.

The news of Mr. Darst's acceptance as bishop of this diocese will be hailed with genuine pleasure not only in Washington but throughout the entire State. He is forty-one years of age, a strong preacher and will do a wonderful work in the high office to which he has been called and just accepted. He is at present rector of Saint James' Episcopal church, Richmond, one of the leading parishes of that city.

While every effort was brought to bear for him to remain in Richmond he comes to North Carolina to further advance His Master's Kingdom. The Daily News feels sure that under his guidance the Diocese of East Carolina will be in safe and wise hands and that he will prove a worthy successor to such sainted leaders in the Episcopal church as Bishops Atkinson, Lyman, Watson and Strange.

Bishop-elect Darst is a widower with three children. He is a native of Pulaski county, Virginia, and since his ordination has been one of the Episcopal church's most

popular rectors and preachers. Prior to his going to Richmond to accept the rectorship of Saint James' church he was rector of the leading church in Newport News, Va., where he did a wonderful work and was not only one of the "Ship-building City's" most popular preachers but as a citizen stood among the very first.

Strong inducements will be brought to bear upon Bishop-elect Darst to be consecrated in Saint Peter's church, this city. Already the rector and vestry has extended to him an invitation to this effect and it is to be hoped that he will accept inasmuch as his election occurred in Washington. His consecration will doubtless take place sometime during the month of December. Several bishops will be in attendance besides a large number of the clergy of the Diocese of East Carolina.

There is a peculiar coincidence connected with the election of Bishop Darst, especially so far as Saint Peter's church here is concerned.

When Bishop Thomas Atkinson was named as Bishop of North Carolina he was rector of Grace Episcopal church, Baltimore. The late Mr. James E. Hoyt, then junior warden of Saint Peter's church here, was a member of the committee which went to the city of Baltimore to notify Bishop Atkinson of his election. At the special meeting of the council of the Diocese of East Carolina which convened here on October 7th, at which time Bishop Darst was elected bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, Mr. John G. Bragaw, Jr., was the laymen appointed by the council from this church, with the two clerical members of the council to notify Rev. Mr. Darst of his election.

As stated above, the acceptance of Mr. Darst as the next bishop of East Carolina means much for the Episcopal church in this section. He brings to his high office a vigorous manhood, a fine brain, an attractive personality and a life circumspect and above reproach. His election was a wise one and his intention to accept means much rejoicing not only among the members of his faith but others as well. May his work for His Master be ever crowned with a feast of good things.

LOCAL HIGHS VS NEWBERN FRIDAY OCT 30

AN EXCITING CONTEST IS LOOKED FOR AS BOTH ELEVEN'S ARE EVENLY MATCHED—GAME AT 3:30.

Washington is to witness another football game Friday next. It is announced that the New Bern High School eleven will once again try conclusions on the gridiron with the local eleven. The contest is to be galled off at Fleming Park on West Third street, New Bern, it is said, has a strong team again this season and so the local highs must look to their laurels if they desire to come out on top.

NO COPPER TO GERMANY.

New York, Oct. 26.—According to the Customs House Records of shipments of copper to Europe in September not a pound of the metal was directed to ports of Germany, Austria or Belgium. In ordinary times Germany is the largest foreign customer of American refineries of imports from and the abrupt cessation of exports reflects the curtailment of imports from other nations that Germany has experienced since the war began. Since the start of the war, exports of the metal from our ports to Europe have declined approximately 75,000,000 pounds, as compared with the same period of 1913.

FIVE ACTS VAUDEVILLE AT THEATER

LADY'S VAUDEVILLE NOVELTIES FIRST THREE NIGHTS OF THE PRESENT WEEK—ARE HIGHLY ENDORSED.

The New Theatre will open their doors for the week's engagement tonight with a five act Vaudeville troupe for the first three nights. "Lady's Vaudeville Novelities" are filling the boards there for the first half of the week. They are presenting the Ladell Novelty Acrobats, "Antia." The act beautiful, The Kelly Sisters, dancers and singers, Irving and Florence, Comedy Ruby Kids, and the big special feature, Three Ladell Sisters, The Posing Marvels. In addition to the above program there will be one of the best three reel feature pictures that they have yet presented, entitled "The Erring," which is sure to be worth the price of admission alone. The prices for tonight are 10 and 20 cents.

New Theater TODAY'S PROGRAM: LA DELL'S VAUDEVILLE NOVELTIES, PRESENTING 5—High-Class Refined Acts—5 Photoplay: "THE ERRING." A Three-Reel Feature Picture. Prices, 10 and 20 Cents.