

## ALLIES AND GERMANS IN A DEATH GRAPPLE ON COAST OF BELGIUM

### Attacks by Germans are in a Solid Formation and the Loss of Life is Heavy. Heavy French Attack Has Been Broken Down.

London, Oct. 27.—The battle for the Straits of Dover, one of the most sanguinary of the war, is continuing with unabated fury, but thus far without either side gaining decided advantage.

The Germans who, at terrible cost in life last Saturday crossed the Yser Canal between Nieuport and Dixmude, have not been able to make further progress as the allies, according to a report of the German general headquarters issued this morning, are obstinately defending their positions.

It is the same farther south, around Armentieres, Lille, LaBassee and Arras. The opposing armies are delivering fierce attacks, gaining or losing a few miles or less of ground with sacrifices in life that are appalling. The whole country side is fairly reeking with the blood of thousands of killed or wounded.

In the towns and villages, with which the country is dotted, and most of which have been laid in ruins by the artillery, most desperate fighting has occurred when the infantry came into contact. Both sides speak of heavy losses they have imposed on their adversaries, but say nothing of their own dead or wounded, whose places are being filled with reinforcements.

The British fleet which did such execution in bombarding the German flank, seems to have withdrawn yesterday afternoon. The Germans say this was because their artillery was beginning to reach the ships. The belief is expressed here, however, that the fleet will be able to render unsavory German occupation of any part of the Belgian coast.

The opinion also is expressed here that the operations of the allied vessels off the Belgian coast and in the vicinity of the Straits of Dover may cause the German fleet to come out and give battle.

In naval circles here it is considered that the German submarines, although they have proved deadly to ships steaming slowly, will not be so

effective against ships steaming and maneuvering at high speed and in shallow water, as the British monitors and their auxiliaries have been doing.

There is some talk of the Germans bringing their big 42 centimeter guns to the coast to use against the allied warships, but the British sailors are credited with saying that their vessels can prevent these guns being put in position. They claim that even if they should be mounted they will not be so deadly against a fast moving target as against the stationary forts they destroyed so easily.

While this life and death struggle is going on in the West, the French have become more active along the Alsatian frontier and are said to be making preparations and securing advanced positions in view of possible attacks by the Germans with their big howitzers on the Belfort fortress. It now seems to be realized that no fortress has any chance of holding out when once these big German guns are brought into action against it.

The German official report last night again speaks of the German offensive on Augustown, Russian Poland, which it declares is progressing. It reiterates that the battle near Ivanogrod, although favorable to the Germans, remains undecided.

North of this section the Russian claim they are still pursuing the Germans, who attempted an advance on Warsaw and southward to have crossed the Vistula and driven the Austrians back.

In Galicia and in the Carpathians the Russians also claim to have broken down the Austrian offensive.

As the days come and go and the promised visits of the Zeppelins to England do not materialize the public is seemingly begun to believe these monster air craft are being held in reserve for the day that the German navy comes out and that they will be used in force to assist the archbishops in an endeavor to cripple the British fleet.

## "STOP THIEF" ATTRACTION THURSDAY

The whole world loves to laugh, yet once in a while you will find a human being who has apparently promised his mother he wouldn't indulge in that form of healthful exercise, but if one of these elects to go and see "Stop Thief," the new farce soon to be presented here, he would of a surety break his pledge for nothing but a wooden Indian could withstand the irresistible inclinations that comes from viewing this funny play. The audiences that assemble to see the new Carlyle Moore piece begin to laugh three minutes after the curtain goes up on the first act, and from then on the house is in a veritable laughing panic. They laugh at the ridiculous situations in the piece, and then laugh louder at the antics of their seat mates, who fairly took the house in their paroxysms of pure delight as the crook continues to outwit every effort of the bluecoated policemen who try in vain to trap him.

If you are a grinch go and see "Stop Thief." It will cure you. On the other hand, if you are good-natured, an evening spent with this piece of pillfaring will be an event that you will recall with a grin for many days after.

The original Gaiety Theatre, N. Y., scenic production will be used here, also those well-known artists, Bert Leigh and Hasele Burgess, in the roles of the thief and his pal.

Seats now on sale at Worthly & Etheridge's drug store. Prices, 50, 75c and \$1.00.

## 13 BRIDGE CLUB MET ON FRIDAY

The Thirteen Bridge Club held their first meeting last Friday and reorganized for the winter. The following rules were adopted:

Playing to begin at three o'clock, stopping promptly at five. Refreshments to be light and limited to two courses. The number of guests invited to be left optional to the hostess. Also the giving of a small souvenir will be permitted, at the pleasure of the hostess. That the number of members be limited to thirteen.

The members are: Mesdames John Gorham, George Haakney, Louis Mann, A. L. Bowers, Claud Carrow, James Ellison, B. F. Bowers, Henry Bridgeman, T. H. Clark, Harry McMullen, John Rodman, Beverly Moss, and Ed. Mallison.

## SLEEPERS IN WEST END DISTURBED

The residents in the West End of the city this morning about five o'clock thought that there was a terrific fire in that section of the city of that some plant or individual was in an awful plight, judging by the long, continuous blowing of a whistle which "did the trick" without ceasing for at least ten or fifteen minutes. Citizens enjoying their morning nap rushed to their front doors looking for a blast or trying to ascertain the trouble and actually the West End Hose Company turned out and rushed around the streets endeavoring to find out what was the trouble. It was finally located and proved to be the announcement from the tobacco stemmy that it was time for the hands to get up and make ready for the day's work. For a time excitement was great in the West End. If there were any employees of this factory tardy this morning surely it cannot be laid at the door of the whistle nor the fellow who was pulling the string, for both are experts.

## Voters of North Carolina

### ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS ON ELECTION DAY:

Under Republican rule Wall Street controlled the money and credit of the nation. The Democratic party destroyed that control.

ARE YOU WITH WALL STREET OR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY?

The Democratic party drove Cannonism from the halls of Congress.

ARE YOU FOR CANNONISM OR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY?

The administration of Woodrow Wilson has extended the Parcel Post and reduced the cost of transportation.

WOULD YOU TAKE A BACKWARD STEP ON THE PARCEL POST?

Woodrow Wilson drove from Washington the paid lobbyists of special privilege who flourished under Republican rule.

ARE YOU FOR WOODROW WILSON OR THE LOBBYISTS?

The Republican party levied a tax on necessities. The Democratic party levied it upon the incomes of the rich.

ARE YOU FOR A TAX ON NECESSITIES OR A TAX ON WEALTH?

Would you restore the panic-breeding currency laws that made possible the great industrial and financial disaster of 1907?

WOULD YOU RESTORE SCHEDULE K OF THE PAYNE-ALDRICH-SMOOT TARIFF?

Would you repeal the Agricultural Extension Bill?

Would you put down the pipe lines connecting the special interests with the seat of government that Woodrow Wilson has taken up?

Would you re-establish the old partnership between rotten politics and rotten business?

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY RESTORED WHITE SUPREMACY IN NORTH CAROLINA.

WOULD YOU RETURN TO THE DARK DAYS OF BUTLERISM, FUSIONISM AND NEGROISM?

## Why Secretary Daniels is In Favor of Amendments

(By Josephus Daniels.)

For a dozen years the readers of North Carolina newspapers have been protesting against being forced to wade through a mass of strictly local legislation in order to find, after weariness, what questions of State importance were receiving the attention of their legislators. The evil of taking up the time of our Legislature in considering bills, which ought never to concern a body larger than the board of county commissioners, has been presented not once but often by our Governors. The last message of Governor Kitchin was a strong argument for an amendment to the Constitution eliminating the mass of petty local legislation which prevents the consideration of larger measures. Other Governors and leaders have made like recommendations to clear the decks so legislators may be freed from those small matters which monopolize their time to the injury of the State.

When Governor Aycock came into office, he was confronted with the need of taxation reform and he stressed it in his messages. Governors Owsen, Kitchin and Craig emphasized and urged the importance of giving a freer hand to the end that North Carolina should have a sound system of taxation which would provide sufficient revenue without bearing unjustly upon any. Nothing was done to make improvement possible until the last General Assembly, in a state of affairs that permitted of no further delay, provided for the submission of a new taxation amendment to the Constitution. This amendment was not hastily drawn, nor submitted without long discussion and serious consideration. It was framed by a committee of the wisest men in the State. No one can vote against it unless he believes a North Carolina Legislature is not to be trusted. Experience has shown that the only fear of mistake by a North Carolina Legislature is that it will be ultra-conservative. There is no danger that hazardous experiments will be entered upon. Even with the taxation amendment, the people will have to blame the way to secure necessary changes to bring our taxing laws up to the twentieth century.

I put much weight upon the long agitation by the people for reform before the Legislature could be induced to submit these amendments. The people really initiated them and had to agitate, agitate, agitate, before they could secure action. Then the Legislature gave long time to their consideration. A commission was named to draft them. Public sentiment was tested at all points, and they were never submitted until they had been under the calcium light for months. These steps, taken deliberately, are typical of North Carolina ways. We do not hurry and we cannot be hurried. If we have any State fault it is our slow deliberation.

After this long consideration and careful study, the carefully drawn amendments were submitted through the referendum, provided a half century ago by North Carolinians. They are now before the people for adoption or ratification.

There is no doubt that they will be ratified by an overwhelming majority if the voters understand their full import. Let the press give the true meaning in every issue between now and election day.

I journeyed to Raleigh last week to register, under the new registration ordered in my home city, in order to return home to vote for the amendments on the first Tuesday in November. In addition to the other convincing arguments for the ratification of the amendments, there is one that should give pause to every citizen. The revenues that have gone into the State Treasury during recent years have not been sufficient to pay the appropriations made by the Legislature. There is no State equal in wealth to North Carolina where the appropriations are so small as in North Carolina. We have had to issue bonds to meet current expenses. How long can a man keep out of bankruptcy who borrows money to buy bread and butter for the daily needs of his family? He may safely borrow money to build a house, or to pay for emergency expenses. No wise man, however, thinks he can long maintain his credit if he borrows money for his daily needs. The same thing is true of a State. Its credit is practically unlimited so long as its incomes

## CONSECRATION DATE OF BISHOP-ELECT NOT YET DECIDED UPON

### SERVICES ARE BEING WELL ATTENDED

### MAY TAKE PLACE AT ST. PETER'S

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian church, which is observing the week as one of prayer, met this afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Smith on Harvey street, at 3 o'clock. On tomorrow evening the meeting will be held with Miss Bettie Harvey at the corner of Main and VanNorden streets. All those who are not members of the missionary society of this church have a cordial invitation to attend and enjoy the very interesting services. The present week of prayer was ordered by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church.

All the Bishops and Standing Committees of the Church Are to First Consent to Election.

Bishop-elect Thomas C. Darst, of the Diocese of East Carolina, on Sunday made known to his congregation of St. James Episcopal church, Richmond, of his intention to accept the office and when he assumes this high office he will reside in Wilmington, N. C. He will continue to fill the pulpit of St. James in Richmond for a few weeks before entering upon the duties as bishop.

Wilmington is the see city of the Diocese of East Carolina and Bishop Darst will make his future home in that city, occupying the bishop's residence on Orange street.

The vestry of St. James Episcopal church in Wilmington has voted to extend to the bishop-elect an invitation to be consecrated as bishop in that church. This invitation will be forwarded to Bishop Darst at once.

As announced in yesterday's Daily News the rector and vestrymen of St. Peter's church here has extended a similar invitation and there are strong hopes that Washington will be accepted inasmuch as Bishop Darst was elected here.

It is left with the Bishop-elect to decide where he will be consecrated and the consecration services does not necessarily have to take place in the Diocese over which the bishop is to have charge. The bishop-elect may decide to be consecrated in his own church, St. James', Richmond.

The date of the consecration will be announced after the formalities connected with the election have been gone through with. All the standing committees of the church will be notified of Mr. Darst's election and when a majority of these committees have formally given their consent to the election, formal notice of the election will be made to the presiding head of the church, Bishop Tuttle, of Missouri, who will formally notify all the bishops of the church of the election. When a majority of the bishops have reported their consent to the presiding bishop, then the date for the consecration will be arranged and announced.

## DANCE AT EDWARD, N. C. FRI. NIGHT

A delightful dance was given at Edward last Friday night, October 23, in honor of Miss Emily May Redditt and Mr. Wilbur H. Ross. Good music was furnished and every one participated report a very pleasant time. Those present: Miss Emily Redditt with Mr. Wilbur H. Ross, Miss Eva Edwards with Mr. P. C. Stille, Miss Sallie Bennett with Mr. Sam Tuten, Miss Veva Edwards with Mr. Seabrook Jones, Miss Lena Jones with Mr. Ralph Bennett, Miss Lilla Edwards with Mr. J. S. James, Miss Mamie Edwards with Mr. Lexie Redditt, Miss Roland Moore (of Everett) with Mr. L. B. Redditt, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Cuthrell, and Mrs. L. H. Redditt.

## GEORGE CHANEY AND CAL DELANEY BOUT

Akron, Ohio, Oct. 27.—George Chaney, the Baltimore fighter, who has scored many knockouts in the squared circle so far this year, will meet Cal Delaney, the Cleveland featherweight, in a boxing show to take place here this evening. If Delaney beats Chaney, Johnny Kilbane has consented to fight him.

## KID WILLIAMS TO HAVE THREE FIGHTS

Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 27.—Kid Williams, the bantamweight champion, has signed up for three fights at the Broadway Sporting club of this city. His first will be with Young Solbreg, the Brooklyn bantam, this evening, for 10 rounds. At the same show Mike Gibbons will take on Billy Maxwell.

## POLICE RAID HOUSE AND GET PARTY

Chief of Police Roberts and Police-men Williams and Sadler raided the house of Sarah More, col., at the corner of Third and Bridge streets Sunday night with the consequence that three women and seven men were caught playing crap. They will be given a hearing today before the recorder.

The defendants were given a hearing before Mayor Kugler this morning and bound over to the recorder who will finally dispose of the case this afternoon. Those indicted are Sarah Moore, John Johnston, Luke Wilson, Haywood Bonner, Sylvester Burre, William Davis, Romeo Eborn, George Davis, Pearl Price and Martha Sutton. All above are colored.

## SHOW LAST NIGHT WAS PLEASING

Those present at the New Theatre last evening were charmed with the program as presented by the "Ladell's Vaudeville Novelties." "Anita," the act beautiful, was in every way a success and called forth words of the highest praise from all sources. In addition to the excellent vaudeville act there were three reels of fine movies, entitled "The Erring," which was well worth the price of admission alone. This evening there will be an entire change of program both in vaudeville and motion pictures. The New Theatre this week has on boards a show that is praiseworthy in every respect.

## FROM BAYBORO.

Mr. J. F. Cowell, president of the Pamlico Chemical Company, has returned from a business trip to Bayboro, Pamlico county, N. C.

## New Theater

TODAY'S PROGRAM:  
"LA DELLE VAUDEVILLE NOVELTIES,"  
Presenting  
5—Excellent Vaudeville Acts—5  
Photoplays.  
3—Reels Good Pictures—3  
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## CALIFORNIA MAN SAVES WOMAN AND CHILDREN

In last Friday's Washington Post appears a story wired to the San Francisco Chronicle, which will prove of interest to the readers of the Daily News.

One of the principals was none other than Mrs. R. Lee Bonner, formerly a resident of this city.

The story follows:

"Rivalling in detail the features of a thrilling dime novel, the experience of Steve Saunders in rescuing Mrs. Lee Bonner and three young ladies from a perilous position in the mountains recently, has made him a candidate for a Carnegie medal and one of the most talked-about men in town.

Mrs. Bonner and her little party, on returning recently from a trip to the mountains late in the afternoon, decided to take a short cut, which would enable them to reach the city before dark. Progress down the grade became more difficult as

they proceeded, and the pioneers finally found themselves stranded on a dangerous ledge, unable to continue the descent or to make their way back.

Their cries for help eventually reached Henry Williams, who was returning to the city. Williams hurried back to Barker's Camp for assistance, and with Saunders and a young man named Comn, hastened back to the rescue. Finding it impossible to reach the marooned party Saunders threw the lariat he had brought with him across and roped some shrubs. Finding they held he climbed hand over hand to them.

By means of the rope Mrs. Bonner was finally lowered to safety, and the boys assisted back up the dangerous trail, to the Canyon road. Rescued and rescuers reached home before night had fallen, and Saunders is kept busy denying that he is a hero."

## SEVENTEEN STUDENTS TO ATTEND FAIR.

Out of the one hundred counties in North Carolina ninety-one are represented at the State University in the way of students this year. It will be gratifying to the readers of this paper to know that there are seventeen students at the University this year from Beaufort county. This is a creditable showing.

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## VISITORS TODAY.

Messrs. George Gantous, M. Seebey, M. John and Mack Jowdy left this morning for New Bern, N. C., to take in the Great East Carolina Fair which opened in New Bern today.

## RETURN HOME.

Miss Belva Bennett, of Edward, N. C., and Mr. J. J. Marslander, of Blount's Creek, N. C., were passengers on the Washington and Vandremer train this morning.

Master Richard Jordan, who has been spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. George Hawes and his father, Mr. W. A. Jordan, at Kinston, N. C., has returned to his home on West Second street.