

## British Suffer Reverses In Belgium Germans Say

Although further progress apparently has been made by the allies in their general offensive movement, the Germans armies as a whole are standing fast, and so far as is known have lost no important sections of the long line on which they settled down after the retreat which followed the battle of the Marne, early in the war.

Today's official communications indicate that each side has had its victories and defeats. The French army chiefs state they captured the last section of a line of German trenches near Perthes-les-Hurlus, where fighting has been severe for several days and have made an average gain of 800 yards. The German statement, speaking of this engagement, says that the French attack was "partly repelled." French claims to progress in Belgium are denied in Berlin, where it is said that the British have suffered reverses at the hands of the Germans.

The German war office reports no developments in the east, saying merely that the fighting is continuing.

The French statement, however, asserts that the Russians are pressing forward their invasion of Germany, across the East Prussian frontier, but admits the Germans have made progress in the fighting in Poland to the west of Warsaw.

In the east the situation is changing swiftly. The Germans, who for a time were able to push forward swiftly are now meeting with determined resistance from their antagonists in new positions.

The latest official communication from Petrograd in the same breath admits that the Russians have been compelled to retreat from some positions and states that the German attacks have been repulsed everywhere with heavy losses to the invaders.

Germany and Austria continue to assert that important successes are being achieved. One of the great battles of the war is in progress thirty miles west of Warsaw and meanwhile the Russian forces to the north are pushing into Germany, presenting the possibility of a flanking movement, which will menace the main army of Marshal Von Hindenburg.

It is announced in Lisbon that German forces have invaded the province of Angola, Portuguese West Africa. A German invasion was said to have been defeated in October, although that report was denied in Berlin. On the present occasion the Portuguese government admits the troops at the military post of Naullia have been compelled to retreat.

## WILL WIELD POLITICAL INFLUENCE

"The death rate in the future," says a State Health Bulletin just issued, "is going to wield political influence for or against administrations and parties. All progressive states are reducing their death rates and thereby demonstrating to the world that those states that are not doing so are defective in their government machinery."

As tuberculosis causes one-seventh of all the deaths in the State and one-fourth of all preventable deaths, the Bulletin points out that here lies one-fourth of the State's opportunity to prevent disease and thus reduce her death rate. It says that tuberculosis is clearly a state problem of such magnitude as to call for a definite and comprehensive state policy for its control. But in working out this policy of handling the tuberculosis problem, it is realized that North Carolina is not able to carry the burden alone.

She has 6,000 deaths a year from the disease and 18,000 helpless cases. The lowest average cost of a patient in the average sanatorium of the United States is \$1.66. It is readily seen that North Carolina could not handle her 3,000 or 4,000 curable consumptives even at a cost of a dollar a day. By here is a way, which this Bulletin calls "Dividing the burden." It says:

"A burden that cannot be carried divided in bulk, by a single agency, can be easily carried when divided among multiple agencies. While the state cannot carry the burden of tuberculosis, she can have it carried. The state can divide the burden into many parts; the state can carry the larger part, or share enough to encourage by example the co-operation and assistance of all the political, fraternal, religious, business, social and insurance organizations within her realm; she can correlate and direct the co-operative efforts of these multiple agencies and so bring to bear concerted attack all along the retreating line of the greatest enemy of our people."

In order to do this, the article points out further the necessity of a state law requiring the reporting of every case of tuberculosis to a central office on a suitable blank form. This is necessary to furnish the information in order to divide the problem after the burden is divided.

The plan of procedure consists of two parts: A co-operative sanatorium and a correspondence school for tuberculosis. The co-operative sanatorium is to be constructed by the state and her co-operative agencies, viz: the political units of the state; the fraternal orders, religious denominations, large corporations, insurance companies and social organizations.

The correspondence school is to be chiefly educational; to receive the reports of cases of tuberculosis reported under the law; to bring the needy and indigent and the moderately advanced consumptives to the notice of the different organizations, and to matriculate all cases not in the sanatorium as members of the school and to conduct an educational correspondence course with them through a strong personal interest that will teach them to live and let live.

## MATINEE AT NEW THEATRE XMAS DAY

The Southern Beauties continue to please the large crowds that are attending the New Theatre this week. Last night's bill was the best that they have presented so far. When a company improves every night it is an unusual thing, for generally a troupe puts on its best bill for the opening day. But the Southern Beauties seem to have put on its worst bill the first night, and that bill was better than anything that has ever been presented here. "The Naughty Aunt" will be presented today matinee and nights tomorrow's bill (Xmas) will be a special one entitled "Christmas Day" a farce comedy that is overflowing with comedy, good singing and pretty girls. There will be a matinee tomorrow at 3 p. m. Then the tenth installment of the "Lucille Love" picture will be the extra added feature on Xmas. There is no doubt that with its splendid troupe and the very interesting picture, "Lucille Love," for their Christmas bill, that the New Theatre will be all too overflowing tomorrow night.

## BASIN FOR CITY SEWER CAVES IN

Several days' rain being considered at the corner of Reopass and Fifth streets for the city sewer caved in, which means a delay of at least thirty days in the completion of the work. As yet the cause of the cave-in has not been ascertained. The work is being done by the firm of Case & Cotnam of Charlotte, N. C., who are under contract for the basin. The accident is more than unfortunate.

The basin is being constructed of reinforced concrete and when completed will be thirty feet in diameter and twenty-eight feet deep. Work of repairing the damage is now in progress.

FROM R. F. D. NO. 4.

Mr. Floyd Smith of Washington Park, conducted divine services at Asbury Church Sunday. Quite a crowd were out to hear him. Mr. Smith is being highly complimented by all who heard him.

The weather continues very disagreeable, which is badly throwing people back in their work.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cotton spent Friday and Saturday of last week with friends in Kinston, N. C.

Mr. Willie Lewis and Misses Charley and Ethel Purser of Wilmar spent Sunday with Mrs. Olive L. Nelson at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Allgood, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edwards spent a quiet Saturday night at the home of Mr. William A. Congleton.

Miss Mary Buck is visiting Miss Laura Bright for the holidays.

Mrs. Annie Allgood and Miss Sallie Allgood were Washington visitors Monday.

Mr. Ed. Cutler and Miss Stella Congleton spent a quiet Sunday with Miss Sallie Allgood at River Road.

Mrs. Alice Lewis spent Sunday with Mrs. Juliet Congleton.

All the members of the Union Sunday School are requested to meet promptly at 2:30 o'clock next Sunday afternoon.

A merry Xmas and happy New Year to the editor and all the Daily News readers.

Mr. Allen Moore who is attending lectures in medicine at Philadelphia and Mr. Jno. Carter of A. & M. College, Raleigh, are spending Xmas with their parents.

## DELIGHTFUL PROGRAM AT PAYNE MEMORIAL CHURCH THIS EVENING

A delightful entertainment suitable to the occasion, consisting of songs and recitations, will be given at the Payne Memorial Presbyterian Church tonight at 7:30 o'clock. A real "Old Santa" is the last thing on the program. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Perhaps the outlook for this church has never been more promising than it is this time. The attendance at the Sunday School has run up to nearly one hundred with an excellent average, and it is believed that excellent work is being done.

This is no doubt very gratifying to Mr. C. M. Brown, Sr., an Elder of the first church, who has manifested such a great interest in the work.

FROM COLLEGE.

Messrs. Thomas Sparrow, Samuel Fowle and Jamie Fowle, are home from Davidson College to spend Christmas with their parents.

## LEE BIRTHDAY OBSERVED ON JANUARY 19

All ready preparations are being made by the Daughters of the Confederacy for the celebration of General Robt. E. Lee's birthday which comes on January 19. Each year this occasion is much enjoyed by those who wore the grey and too those who were not permitted to take part in that memorable conflict. As soon as the program for this event is arranged it will be published in this paper. In no town in North Carolina is there presented a more inviting program.

## PRESIDING ELDER READ WILL PREACH

Rev. Mr. Read, the new presiding elder of the Washington district will preach at the First M. E. Church next Sunday morning and evening at the usual hours. He will also hold his first quarterly conference. Mr. Read is reputed to be a speaker of rare ability and no doubt but what he will be greeted by a large and appreciative audience at both services.

**THE SHEPHERD'S AT BETHLEHEM.**

Gloomy night embraced the place  
Where the noble infant lay;  
The Babe looked up and showed His face;  
In spite of darkness, it was day:  
It was thy day, sweet, and did rise  
Not from the East, but from  
Thine eyes.

We saw Thee in the balmy nest,  
Young dawn of our eternal day;  
We saw Thine eyes break from their East,  
And chase the trembling shades  
away:  
We saw Thee (and we blest the sight),  
We saw Thee by Thine own sweet light.

**HAWKINS NOTES.**

The public has a cordial invitation to come out to the Christmas tree at Hawkins School house, Saturday night, December 26, 1914.

School has closed here for the holidays. Our teachers, Misses Winfield and Woolard, attended the teachers meeting in Washington Saturday.

**IS DOING NICELY.**

Mrs. W. A. Parvin, wife of Capt. W. A. Parvin, who met with the misfortune several weeks ago to fall and break her hip and who is confined in the Fowle Memorial Hospital, is getting along nicely. This will be gratifying news to her many friends.

### SPECIALS Until Christmas

Pure N. C. Print Butter, per lb.	35c
Arbuckle's Coffee, per lb.	18c
Corica Pure Coffee, per lb.	18c
Falcon's Club Coffee, worth 50c per lb.	38c
New Corned Hams, per lb.	18c
Armour's Star Hams, per lb.	19c
Borden's E. Milk, per can	15c

**MISCELLANEOUS SPECIALS:**

100 Rings, Worth \$1.50, each	80c
Men's Rubber Overshoes, worth 75c per pair	55c
Boy's Rubber Overshoes, worth 50c per pair	50c
Women's Rubber Overshoes, worth 60c per pair	45c
Misses' Rubber Overshoes, worth 55c per pair	40c

Many other things too numerous to mention, AT VERY LOW PRICES.

Here is where you get same goods for less money. Or more goods for same money. Come in and take a look.

**J. E. ADAMS**  
Washington, N. C.  
Phone 97

### Xmas Day Service At St. Peter's

As is the usual custom there will be Christmas services in St. Peter's Episcopal Church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. The sermon will be delivered by the rector, Rev. Nathaniel Harding. The music by the choir will be one of the features and all citizens have a cordial invitation to be present.

The church has been attractively decorated for the occasion.

**TO SPEND XMAS**

Miss Maud Swindell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Swindell, who has been attending the Greensboro College for Women, has returned home to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

### CONDITION BETTER.

The condition of Mr. J. Sam Hodges, who is suffering from an attack of pneumonia at his home near this city is reported to be more favorable today. Strong hopes are now entertained for his recovery.

### PRINCETONIANS OPEN ANNUAL TOUR.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Princeton University Triangular Club will present the musical comedy "Fis, Fis, Fis" here tonight after which they will tour the principal cities east of St. Louis. The play was written by Francis Scott Fitzgerald, class 1917.

### REWARD OFFERED.

Twenty-five Dollars will be paid for evidence sufficient to arrest and convict the person or persons who stole a lot of Bard Plymouth Rock Chickens from my Beebe farm on the night of the 21st of this month.

J. HAVENS

### THE LAST 4 DAYS

There are only four days in which to do your Holiday Shopping. Call in and see our line of

**HUYLERS CANDIES**

Cigars, Pipes and Tobacco. Fancy Box Stationery, Manicure Sets, Parisian Ivory Sets, Perfumery and Toilet Waters of all kinds. Our prices are in keeping with the times.

**Davenport's Pharmacy.**

### WILL CLOSE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

We, the undersigned Wholesale Grocers will close our stores December 25th and 26th.

E. R. Mixon & Co., C. G. Morris & Co., E. E. Phillips, Pippin & Woolard, Ellison Bros. Co., H. M. Jenkins Co., Jas. Ellison Co., E. Peterson Co., Carolina Distributing Co.

**POULTRY SHOW CLOSURE.**

Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 23.—The Boston pet stock and poultry show closed its season here today. The exhibition was one of the largest ever seen in the east.

**FIGHTING BOB AND LOUISIANA**

Norristown, Pa., Dec. 23.—Fighting Bob, the game little boxer of Allentown and Louisiana will meet in a return bout tonight. They fought a close hot ten rounds recently with honors about even.

**TO SPEND XMAS.**

Editor W. L. Brown of the Belhaven Journal and Grover T. Mayo, of the same paper, arrived in the city this morning via the Norfolk Southern train to spend Christmas.

### PLACE STAMPS ON PACKAGES FOR XMAS

You will tie up the last Christmas gifts tonight. Every bright ribbon, every spray of holly and mistletoe will carry real joy to your heart as you forget self and think of "others," with the very spirit of Christ. In honor of His birthday, let every package bear a Red Cross stamp, "inasmuch as ye do for these, ye do for Me."

"Every Stamp Sold for 1914."

**LIGHT SNOW.**

The citizens of the city were greeted this morning with a light fall of snow. It only lasted a short while and melted as fast as it fell.

### New Theater TONIGHT "SOUTHERN BEAUTIES" "NAUGHTY AUNT"

Tomorrow (Xmas Day) A Farce Comedy  
"CHRISTMAS DAY"  
"Lucille Love"  
Prices 10 and 20 Cents.

### OWN YOUR HOME!

The Home Building and Loan Association will open a new series Saturday January 2nd.

It is the safest and easiest way to pay for a home in small weekly installment—or to accumulate a fund, for a rainy day, or for Christmas.

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