

VIOLENT OFFENSIVE BEGUN BY AUSTRIANS

300,000 AUSTRIANS ENGAGED IN NEW MOVEMENT AGAINST THE ITALIAN FORCES

INVASION IS PLANNED

Italian Troops Are Being Driven Southward. Movement is the Most Determined Offensive Since Start of the War.

(By United Press)
Amsterdam, May 18.—300,000 Austrian troops are concentrated along a 35-mile front striking the Italian lines in the Alps in the most determined Austrian offensive against Italy since the war began.

Critics believe that Austria is bent on the invasion of northern Italy. The Italian troops are being driven southward on a five-mile front from the Piazza to the upper Adige valley. Vienna claims the capture of Zegator and South Rovero, although Rome claims that the Austrians were repulsed there. The losses during the three days' fighting runs into thousands.

DR. MCGEE WATERS DIED SUDDENLY

Noted Pastor-Lecturer Was to Have Appeared on Washington Chautauqua Program.

The following letter, from Dr. Paul M. Pearson, president of the Swarthmore Chautauqua Association, was received this morning and gives announcement of the death of Dr. N. McGee Waters:

Swarthmore, Penna., May 18.
Mr. Carl Goersch,
Washington, N. C.

My dear Mr. Goersch:
It is with a very heavy heart that I write to inform you of the death of Dr. N. McGee Waters, who was to be on your program the last day. His death is much more than a loss to our program; he was my personal friend, indeed one of my closest friends. For six years I was a member of his church, and for a score of years we have been intimate friends.

Today I am most too bewildered to know just what to do about his place on the program. It seems that our longing for him must bring him back, and that he will be with us still. Only last week I had a cheerful letter from him. He had slipped a few days before and broken his hip. Though encased in plaster from his chest to his ankle, he expected to be out in time to lecture this summer.

But I shall not fail you. Many men are available, and though it will be very difficult to get one to take Dr. Water's place, we will get the right man in time, when I shall advise you.

Sincerely yours,
PAUL M. PEARSON,
Director.

J. O. R. M. MEMORIAL SUNDAY

Local Lodge of Red Men Will Observe the Day With Appropriate Exercises.

Tau Tribe, No. 18, J. O. R. M. will hold their annual memorial exercises Sunday afternoon, beginning at three o'clock. Great Sachem D. E. Henderson of New Bern will be present. All of the chiefs are urgently requested to be in attendance.

Bellmo Tonight

WAR! WAR!
Big War Feature "MEXICO" A Drama of the Revolution in Four Parts. A Thrilling Exposure of the Horror of the Mexican Revolution.

Prices 5&10c Matinee & Night

WOMEN LEARN MACHINE-GUN WORK



Women are flocking to the range at Winthrop, Md., all eagerness to learn how to shoot. The photograph shows two members of the fair sex operating a machine gun. The range at Winthrop is the only free range in the country. Women and men are going there to get instruction in the use of the rifle and other arms.

MUCH DISCUSSION OF PEACE IN BERLIN OFFICIAL CIRCLES

Considered Likely That Armistice Will Be In Effect Before Close Of Year.

Berlin, May 18.—In both official and unofficial circles peace talk is taking a prominent place. Thinned down to the final analysis, the gist of the peace propogandists is this:

"Germany is willing to entertain peace overtures now or to give ear to offers of mediation of any responsible neutral agency. But the terms which are laid down must be acceptable to Germany. It is regarded as likely that an armistice for consideration of peace proposals will be in effect before the year is out, but just now any decisive and effective movement toward the pacification of Europe is held up by statements of members of governments hostile to Germany, that the allies will not lay down their arms until Germany is completely crushed."

The Cologne Gazette has set itself

VETERANS PARADE IN BIRMINGHAM

Twenty-Sixth Annual Reunion of Confederates Comes to a Close Today.

(By United Press)
Birmingham, Ala., May 18.—The climax of the 26th annual reunion of Confederate veterans came today when the remnants of the Wearers of the Gray paraded through the streets of the city. Members of military organizations, sponsors and school children by the thousand preceded them. Birmingham, half northern and half southern in population, joined in suspending business for the day and turned out with 70,000 visitors that lined the streets to pay homage to the heroes of the lost cause. A sham battle this afternoon between two companies of Alabama militia and two hundred Texas veterans will conclude the reunion, which will be led to Washington next year by the new commander General Harrison.

PARAMOUNT FEATURE AT NEW THEATRE TONIGHT

Last night the patrons of the New Theatre were very much pleased with that celebrated photo play "An Evening in Society." The vaudeville presented by the Lewis and Root troupes was very pleasing and was frequently encored. Tonight a Paramount picture will be shown. Jesse L. Lasky presents Valaska Suratt in "The Immigrant." This picture carries a splendid reputation and no doubt be well received.

INVENTS GUN TO FIRE 5,000 SHOTS A MINUTE

CHAUTAQUA LECTURER DISPLAYS REMARKABLE INVENTION AT ROCKY MOUNT

DIFFERENT TYPE OF GUN

Has a Number of Barrels Which Will Operate on the Same System as the Chamber of a Revolver. To Appear Before the Navy League.

(By Eastern Press)
Rocky Mount, May 18.—Dr. Montville Wood, a lecturer on the Chautauqua circuit, who was here last night, spends his odd moments in perfecting an invention, which, if successful, will cause a sensation in military circles. Dr. Wood has been asked to attend a meeting of the Navy League in Washington at an early date and display his invention before that body.

He is working on a gun which will fire 5,000 bullets a minute. The weapon is electrically controlled and can be used, after but a moment's instruction, by the average layman. The shells are thrown into place by a gyroscopic process.

Naturally, the speed with which the bullets are fired would bring the barrel of the ordinary gun up to white heat after a few seconds. Dr. Wood has provided against this by putting in a number of barrels. A certain number of shells are fired through one barrel and it is revolved to one side to give place to another one. These barrels are operated automatically, something on the same order as the chamber of a revolver. Dr. Wood leaves the Chautauqua circle on which he is traveling next week and will then give his entire time to perfecting his invention.

Jos. F. Ferrell Praises City For Its Hospitality

"I wish you would mention something in the paper relative to how much we Elks appreciate the treatment that has been accorded us since our arrival in Washington," stated Joseph F. Ferrell, the newly elected president of the State Association of Elks, this morning.

"Absolutely nothing has been left out," he continued. "Everything has been perfect and I know that all of the delegates and visitors have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It has been a most successful convention and its success has been due largely to the efforts and hospitality of the Washington lodge and the citizens of Washington as a whole. We surely appreciate what has been done for us. I have attended many conventions but I don't remember when I've had a better time than I have had here for the last two days."

SMITH DEFEATS WILLIS

Local Wrestler Able to Secure Only One Fall Out of the Three.

Max Smith, of New Bern, last night defeated Joe Willis, the local wrestling champion in an interesting bout, which was held at the Bellmo theatre and which was attended by a good-sized crowd of fans. Smith took the first fall in 23 minutes. Willis secured an arm hold on his opponent at the end of 17 minutes for the second fall, making Smith yield. The head scissors worked Willis' downfall in the third fall, which was secured in 20 minutes.

Willis put up a game fight against his heavier opponent. Smith, however, is altogether out of his class, being a much stronger man and weighing considerably more.

CASEMENT TO BE TRIED FOR TREASON IN JUNE

London, May 18.—Sir Roger Casement will go on trial, charged with treason during the early part of June. It was stated today. Daniel Malley will also be tried then.

LADY ANGLESEY.



Lady Anglesey is one of the most beautiful women in the British court circles. She is the wife of Sir Charles H. Paget, sixth marquis of Anglesey. Lady Victoria Marjorie is daughter of the duke and duchess of Rutland, and has a little girl, Alexandra Mary Caroline, three years old, who inherits much of her mother's attractiveness and good looks.

MISSING MEN FOUND DEAD BY RANCHERS

(By United Press)
Marathon, Tex., May 18.—The bodies of three American mining prospectors, missing since the Glenn Springs raid, have been found near San Vincent, in the Big Bend desert country by a posse of cattlemen, according to William Sonson, a rancher who arrived from the border today. The names of the missing men are Harris, Woodson and Bosworth.

STEPHEN TAYLOR DEAD

Ocracoke Resident, Well Known Here, Passed Away Wednesday

Stephen Taylor, aged about 60 years, died at his home on Ocracoke island Wednesday. News of the death arrived here today. Mr. Taylor is well known in Washington. He kept a boarding house at Ocracoke for a number of years and had a number of local residents as his guests every year.

DANIELS FIVE-YEAR NAVAL PROGRAM KILLED

(By United Press)
Washington, May 18.—The House naval committee today killed Daniels' five year program. They authorized the construction of five battle cruisers, no battleships and also voted for twenty submarines.

BALL GAME THIS P. M.

Washington and Aurora to Meet Here. New Players Been Secured.

The first ball game of the season in Washington will take place this afternoon when Washington and Aurora meet for their first contest. The locals have secured an especially strong line-up and expect to walk away with the visitors. Several new players have been secured. Rivers will probably start the game in the box for Washington with Haynesworth to fall back on.

The line-up of the locals will be as follows: Pickett, ss; Phelps, 2b; Haynesworth, 1b; Minton, 1b; Gray, 3b; Moore, rf; Carrow, cf; Deavenport, c; Rivers, p.

1917 CONVENTION GOES TO RALEIGH

Joseph F. Ferrell Of Raleigh Is Elected New President Of The State Association.

NEW BERN WINS THE CUP: CONVENTION ENDS TONIGHT

Raleigh will have the honor of entertaining the Elks when they meet in State Convention next year. The delegation from the capital had little opposition. The motion was put at the business session of the Elks here last night and was carried unanimously.

New officers for the State association were also elected last night and are as follows:
President—Joseph F. Ferrell, Raleigh lodge, No. 735.
First Vice-Pres.—D. D. Daughtridge, Rocky Mount lodge, No. 1038.

Second Vice-Pres.—Thomas J. Murphy, Greensboro lodge, No. 602.
Secy.—Treas.—T. B. Kehoe, New Bern lodge, No. 764.

New Bern won the cup for having the largest delegation in the parade yesterday evening. Raleigh was awarded the prize for travelling the largest number of miles.

The delegation left this morning on the Elizabeth City steamer Annie Vanselver, and will be gone until about four o'clock. Presentation of parade trophies and the New Bern lodge trophy will be made on board the boat. A business session will also be held, during which the president's and secretary's reports will be read. Upon their return, the Elks will attend a ball game at Fleming Park. A theatre party tonight and a farewell reception at the Elks Home will conclude the convention. Most of the delegates will leave the city tonight.

The big parade yesterday evening was a grand success and was witnessed by thousands of spectators, who thronged the sidewalks and cheered the marchers. It was the first parade ever held in Washington to start exactly at the appointed time. At the stroke of six o'clock the signal of march was given.

The parade was led by the marshals, mounted on horseback. W. A. Hount, Jr., guided the line, with John W. Smith, Jay Hodges, Sam Silverthorn, W. L. Vaughan, James L. Mayo and H. S. Ward riding in pairs in the order named. Bailey's band of Rocky Mount, came next in line and was followed by members of the Washington lodge, 120 strong. They were attired in palm beach suits. New Bern lodge, 56 in number, came next, the delegates wearing blue coats and white duck trousers, with straw hats and white shoes. The same costume was worn by members of the Raleigh lodge, who numbered 29 in their ranks, and were led by their own band. The capital boys also carried purple parasols and presented a most attractive appearance. They were loudly applauded.

Following the marchers came a long line of automobiles, all handsomely decorated for the occasion and carrying among their passengers a few of the many attractive girls and women of the city. This feature of the parade proved to be the most attractive of the marching line. Immediately after passing the reviewing stand, rapidly broke ranks and joined the spectators to applaud and to admire.

The business session last night was held at the Odd Fellows' Home and began at 8:30, continuing until 10 o'clock, when all of the visitors and delegates proceeded to the New Theatre to witness the special performance put on for their benefit. A social session was held at the Elks Home afterwards.

Members of the local Elks lodge are extremely grateful to the Elizabeth City lodge for the use of the Annie Vanselver, the steamer which was used in carrying the Elks down the river this morning. If it had not been for the kindness of the

NEW BERN WINS THE CUP: CONVENTION ENDS TONIGHT

British Feared to Prevent It, However, on Account of Great Bloodshed.

(By United Press)
London, May 18.—The British government knew several days before the revolution broke out that the Irish rebels had planned an open revolt. No attempt was made to disarm them, however, for fear of great bloodshed, according to an admission from Sir Matthew Nathan, who resigned as under-secretary of Ireland, following the rebellion.

He said to the Royal Commission, appointed to investigate the outbreak that three days before the Dublin revolt began, the government learned that the Irish leaders had been informed that the Germans would cooperate with them in a great land, sea and air offensive. He added that the Irish constabulary was immediately warned and the coast patrolled day and night. It was undoubtedly due to these precautions that Casement was captured a few hours after he landed.

SHERIFF PAYS TAXES

State Treasury Derives \$24,851.24 From Beaufort County This Year.

Sheriff W. B. Windley yesterday made a final settlement of taxes with the State Treasurer by a payment which brought the total of the yearly tax of the county up to \$24,851.24. Wake county also settled yesterday, completing payments amounting in all to \$71,414.74. From present indications this will be the largest amount received from any county and is easily the largest of any county yet settling.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hurton Ross invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter
Lucie Gordon
to
Mr. Thomas Woody Heath
Thursday morning, June first
at half after seven o'clock
Methodist Church
Bonneton, North Carolina.

NEW THEATRE

TO-NIGHT
Valaska Suratt in
"The Immigrant"
In Five Parts
LEWIS & ROOTS
Vaudeville This Week
Matinee Daily at 2:30
Price 10&2