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THE EUROPEAN WAR

OPERATIONS OF THREE WEEKS SHOW VERY LITTLE CHANGE - NO REAL DECISIVE CONFLICT HAS YET BEEN WAGED

MONDAY

Having resumed the German attacks presumably in the vicinity of Roye, the French, according to an official communication late today at Paris, have resumed the offensive at several points, while other positions on their left have been maintained.

The great effort of the allies to envelop the German right may be said to be in operation again, and it is believed the whole French column from Metz northward to Arras is moving eastward against the German positions.

It is the same operation that has been tried repeatedly for three weeks in an attempt to break the German line of communication and other lines of the German army, forcing the Germans to fall back to Belgium and Luxembourg.

The Germans have had a long time in which to make their positions secure, so there is a lot of hard fighting ahead for both the attacking forces and the defenders. The defensive role is apparently being assumed by the invaders.

In the center from the Oise to the Argonne, the two well entrenched armies are watching each other, with neither a moment's relaxation to rest, attack or to the advance of either. There has been a number of small attacks, but these have been repulsed. The fighting has been very hard, and there have been many of these movements, there is little, according to the French report, to record. In other words, the situation remains virtually as it was.

In Southern France the French are making progress but slowly against the Germans who crossed the Moselle at St. Mihiel but later were forced back over that river.

In Lorraine and Vosges there is no change in the positions of the opposing armies. This probably is accounted for by the fact that the Germans have not sufficient forces to attack the almost impregnable line of fortifications while the French are too busy elsewhere to attempt an invasion of the lost provinces. They have set themselves the task of getting the Germans out of Northern France, and if this can be accomplished they are faced with the necessity of attacking the German position in Alsace-Lorraine.

The result of the operations around the line of fortifications of Antwerp there is considerable mystery. Last night the Belgian Government in London announced the Belgians had been compelled before a violent artillery attack, to fall back toward the river Senne toward the Nibe. This was taken to mean that some of the forts had fallen, and the German effort report based today asserted that forts Ieper, Waelhem, and Koningshoek had been taken with redoubt and earthwork, and that the Germans had entered the line of forts through the breaches.

Later, the Belgian Minister, on authority of a telegram from Antwerp, declared the forts had not been captured, although Waelhem was damaged.

These forts, though important, are only the first line of defense of the city, and besides two more powerful lines, the besiegers will have to contend with a large inundated area. This extends along the rivers Duffel, Rens and Nothe, as far as Scheldt, as well as to the north and the east of the town.

TUESDAY

Battle to the north of the Oise which has been in progress more than ten days continues with no decisive result to either side. Along the rest of the line both sides seem to be satisfied with the general situation.

General Von Kluck, reinforced with troops from the German center, continues to make a determined stand against the attempt of the allies to outflank him.

The French, who yesterday officially reported that all German attacks in this region have been repulsed and that the allies resumed the offensive, announcing today that the battle to the north of the Oise, which commenced seriously about September 25th, continues with great violence with no decisive result, and that at certain points the French troops have had to yield ground.

The Germans, in their report issued last night, say the battle is proceeding successfully for them.

Both in London and in Paris there is the greatest confidence, although some surprise is displayed at the success of the Germans in preventing the envelopment movement. There is a feeling, however, that the Germans cannot extend their line much farther north without weakening it at some point.

Along the rest of the line, the French communication says, there has been no change. Therefore, the procedure in the division of the Somme and the Woevre, reported Sunday night, either has satisfied them for the moment or they have been checked by the Germans. Of the fighting here, as on their right the German report said, it is proceeding favorably for the German army.

The progress by either side must be extremely slow, for after every advance, no matter how slight, the troops making it must entrench themselves for protection from the shells

SCHOOLS OPEN EARLIER

COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDS THAT THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPEN THIS YEAR THE NINETEENTH OF OCTOBER

The County Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday recommended that the public schools of the county open the 19th of October. In years past the majority of them have opened the first Monday in November, and it is hard to get away from a custom once well established, but in view of the fact that the school term has been lengthened to five months and possibly to five and a half this year, it is necessary for them to open earlier. Usually the weather in October is more favorable for children to attend. To begin the school term the first of November will necessarily run it to the first of April. The first three months of the year are always without exception the most disagreeable part of the year. Why not break away from the time-honored custom and conduct our schools three months of summer and winter the same as in good condition?

Some parents will raise the objection that children are needed at home to help with the crops. Small children who generally attend school regularly throughout the year are too small to do much of the heavy farm work which is to be done in the fall. Much of the work is done by the "big boys" in view of the above facts the Board of Education makes a strong appeal to the three committees, members and members of the county to urge the schools to open earlier this fall.

T. F. BULLA

Co. Supt.

DEMOCRATIC SPEAKING

The Democratic candidates for the various county offices opened their campaign this week in Cedar Grove township. During the present week they will visit Cedar Grove, Concord, Tabernacle, Trinity, New Market, Asheboro and Back Creek townships. Next week they will have appointments in New Hope, Union, Richland, Pleasant Grove and Coleridge townships.

See full list of appointments published elsewhere in this issue. Hon. Hayden Clement, who is our present auditor under appointment, and is not a candidate for election, will be with the candidates next week.

HON. J. W. BAILEY

To Speak in the Court House Friday Night, October 9.

Hon. J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh, one of the state's best speakers, will address the people of Asheboro and Randolph county in the court house at Asheboro, Friday night, 10th. Mr. Bailey's instructions as well as energetic and confidence. Everybody is invited, especially the ladies. Speaking will begin promptly at seven thirty.

From the enemy's guns, posted in strong positions from one end of the line to the other.

WEDNESDAY

The sixty-third day of the great European war saw a repetition of what the peoples of all countries concerned have feared themselves to expect, perhaps for months to come - a decisive conflict on land or sea.

From Berlin to London came nothing in the way of German claims to progress or reverses. From Petrograd came what has flowed without interruption for weeks - consistent claims for progress of Russian arms.

From Paris, at the usual mid-afternoon hour, was issued the usual communication, so-called, interwoven the situation along the battle line of the western theater of the war in the light of those opposing the German invasion.

There were in the closely worded statement, cryptic to an extent as always, hints of a greater diversity of operations than it ordinarily contains.

Above all, stood out the presence of what was described as large masses of German cavalry near Lille, hardly ten miles from the Belgian frontier, as the crow flies, and behind them German forces moving on a line between Tournai and Armentiers; the latter point right at the Belgian border.

At the same time the official communication makes it plain that the allies have not been idle and have been extending their line on the left wing more and more widely. Blow for blow evidently is being dealt around Arras, the scene of sanguinary fighting recently.

At Soissons where the allies recently cleared the German trenches, according to the announcement, they have pressed their advantage by making a slight advance. Noyon forms the elbow from which the allied line sweeps eastward. Some advance by the allies also is reported at Berry-Au-Bac.

Antwerp advises say that in an official communication the military governor has informed the burgomaster that a bombardment of Antwerp is imminent.

WEDDING AND RECEPTION

MISS MARION MORING BECOMES BRIDE OF MR. SURGEON STEEDMAN - AFTER CEREMONIAL DEPARTURE RECEPTION IS GIVEN - BRIDE AND GROOM TAKE NORTHERN TRIP

The wedding Tuesday evening of Mr. Surgeon Steedman and Miss Marion Moring was of unusual interest to the community. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moring, of the town of Asheboro. The ceremony was held at the home of the bride's parents, and was attended by a large number of guests. The bride and groom were accompanied by their parents and other relatives. The reception was given at the home of the bride's parents, and was a most enjoyable affair.

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CAM. MORRISON SPEAKS

FIRST ADDRESS BY THE CAMPAIGN MADE BY ONE OF THE STATE'S FOLLOWS DEMOCRATS - FURTHER REVEALS THE REPUBLICAN RECORD

The Democratic political campaign was formally launched by Congressman Morrison Monday night at the Raleigh County Courthouse. His address was the first of the series of addresses given by the Democrats in this county. Morrison's address was a most interesting one, and he revealed the record of the Republicans during the past few years.

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RAMSEUR'S PROGRESS

A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT WRITES OF RAMSEUR FROM HIS FOUNDATION TO THE PRESENT TIME

Let us see a backward glance if only for a few short moments, for all states that were increasing to me as a child began "long ago, long ago." A number of years ago, therefore, I can only write this little story with the public as a whole, for we are going back to a period of our history, a period of our history, a period of our history.

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STATE AND GENERAL NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST TAKING PLACE THIS WEEK THROUGHOUT THE DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY - POLITICAL AND OTHERWISE

From the reports in the newspapers it seems that President Wilson's proclamation for a day of prayer for peace was universally observed. Col. George Harvey, former editor of Harper's Weekly, called on President Wilson this week. Secretary Daniels says that the outlook for December is brighter and that the probability will be gained in the coming winter. He says: "Vote for the constitutional amendments."

Individuals, corporations and associations are beginning to take up the "Pro-Constitutional" movement. Secretary Bryan was forced to break his appointment to speak at New York on account of possible complications in Washington. A former Hickory citizen writing from South Carolina says that the county has completely repaid its debt county fund daily.

There has not been a year of typhoid fever in Chester for a period of one year. The clothing store of the Cannon Paper Co. at High Point was broken open by burglars last week and three hundred dollars worth of clothing stolen. Judge Walter Clark says that he believes the Germans are preparing a new line of defense. An official report from the German army headquarters says that in the siege of Antwerp three near by forts with thirty guns were taken.

Secretary Bryan is working for peace. He recently received a call from the German Ambassador which may have a far reaching effect. Elaborate preparation was made for the Durham County Agricultural fair this week. A plan for raising a cotton loan fund of \$150,000,000 has been proposed by a conference of St. Louis bankers. In the coming campaign Secretary Daniels will make speeches in Connecticut, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia.

The Anti-Trust Bill has passed the Senate. Another bill of the Wilson administration is about to be added to the law of the land. A North Carolina delegation which met at Washington for the third time was unable to agree upon plans to handle the cotton situation. Hon. A. L. Brooker of Greensboro, in opposing the campaign at Washington, N. C., declared himself in no uncertain terms as being in favor of the constitutional amendments.

The report of the Wake County Auditor shows a million dollar gain in taxable property over 1914. A Wake County negro, 126 years old, is drawing a quarterly pension of \$300 dollars from the county. A woman in Greeneville had a quarrel in Washington yesterday to try to settle her differences on the way recent suit to separate the business with a view to early adjustment. A delegation from the North Carolina Farmer's Union called on President Wilson yesterday to discuss the cotton situation. Secretary McAdoo says that others besides banks are loaning money; no meaning several corporations.

The Farmers of Mecklenburg County are holding thousands of bales of cotton. Chairman J. W. Bailey, of the Constitutional Amendment Campaign, is very much gratified by the evidences of interest in the constitutional amendments throughout the State. to higher and nobler things. He said that Wilson was Democracy's ideal. Reference was made to the part the South is playing in the national government at Washington. Special mention was made of the fact that that grand statesman, Woodrow Wilson, was a son of the South, his wife a beautiful Southern belle and a native of Georgia, and that three of the most important committees in Congress were headed by Southern Congressmen. When Senator Simmon's name was mentioned the house roared with applause. When the work of this noble Senator is mentioned to a North Carolina audience it is always greeted with loud applause. The speaker closed by contrasting our government with that of the European countries, now engaged in a mighty conflict. He said that it would only be a question of time until all would adopt our system which has worked so well, when the right kind of man was at the head.