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PROGRESS OF THE WAR

The great battle being waged in Courland, upon the outcome of which hinges the fate of the important Russian port of Riga, at present a closed gate to a possible German advance on Petrograd, furnishes the most of the copy coming from the battle line during the past week. German soldiers have met with further success in forcing a passage over the Dvina river, but the Russians are defending this tenaciously. All along the eastern line the Russians have been offering stubborn resistance to the invading Germans, and the gains being made by Germany along this line are costing them dearly in men, and in many places the Russians have been making counter attacks, resulting in some places in serious losses to the Germans. The reports coming from Berlin minimize these reverses, however, claiming that the Russian offensive has not amounted to anything.

Heavy cannonading all along the western battle line has been the program, while on the Austro-Italian frontier the main activity has been in the Tobiano district.

In Athens it is announced that Serbia has accepted the propositions made by the entente powers for territorial concessions to Bulgaria. According to this agreement Serbia's new frontier must border with Greece at some point.

General Falk has been general in London for the past week, and has created considerable interest, but it is authoritatively stated that the British government will not offer any concessions whatever at the present time.

So far as the Russian armies are concerned they are now about free from any encircling movement on the part of the German commanders, and there will be no danger from this quarter unless the Germans are able to quickly throw a large army over the River Dvina, over which a severe battle is now being fought.

The French, British and Belgian artillery continues to bombard the German trenches, and at some places slight gains have been recorded, but the designs of the commanders of these armies are not known.

Snow has added to the difficulties of the soldiers fighting on the Austro-Italian frontier, especially in the Alps, but they continue fighting and both sides are claiming victories.

French marines have captured the island of Rhad (Syria) and now hold the blockhouse on the Syrian shores. The population of the island accorded the troops a warm reception. This island has a population of about three hundred souls.

According to a statement issued in Berlin Saturday five British merchantmen and one fishing boat have been destroyed by submarines.

The town of Ismid, in Asia Minor, has been burned by the Turks, at which time they massacred a number of American inhabitants, according to a report coming from Constantinople last Friday. The population of this town was 27,000.

Four Turkish transports were torpedoed by British submarines resulting in the loss of several hundred soldiers.

FIRE CAUSES DAMAGE

Damage to the extent of about one hundred dollars was caused by a small blaze at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Howard on Broad street. The fire was discovered early last Saturday morning and the alarm turned in. A number of people turned out but the fire, being between the walls of the rooms, was hard to find, considerable damage being done to the walls in an effort to find the blaze.

When the fire was finally discovered it was no great trouble to extinguish it. It is supposed that it was started from defective electric wiring, or rats and matches.

Mrs. Howard, and also Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Middleton, who live next door, desire to thank all who rendered help in putting out the blaze for their kindness.

W. K. BOSWELL DEAD

The following dispatch from Davidson, N. C., taken from the Charlotte Observer will be read with interest here, by reason of the fact that the deceased was at one time a school teacher in this county, and had a large number of friends and relatives in this section:

At chapel Friday morning President Martin announced that the office had just received information of the death of William K. Boswell, Jr., class of '11, at his home in Waterburg, Md. The young man was the victim of an accident. His foot got caught in the band of a gasoline engine that was driving a wood saw and he was so badly hurt that death ensued.

Young Boswell was of unusual character. He was a student last year in the department of English at the University of Virginia taking his M. A. degree and expected to complete his course at Harvard.

INSTITUTE NOTES

Mr. Chao, a Chinese student of Vanderbilt University, spent a few days at the Institute last week. He gave a number of interesting talks at the chapel exercises and occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church Sunday morning.

Mrs. O. E. Brown, a former missionary to China, the wife of Prof. O. E. Brown, professor of Church History at Vanderbilt University, was the guest of Prof. and Mrs. Trowbridge for a few days.

The Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. societies gave reception in honor of the new students and teachers, on Saturday night. Owing to the inclemency of the weather very few of our friends from outside were present, but the occasion was very enjoyable and after a short program ice cream and cake were served, and every one had a jolly time.

A consignment of new desks for the fifth grade room arrived on Monday. A number of other new furnishings are under way, and we hope to get the new building in order before long. Many generous contributions have been received, and more are promised.

TROUBLE IN MEXICO

American soldiers now scattered along the Mexican border, making serious complaints among the Mexicans in their own back yard, almost every day or night a party of raiders break over the border for the purpose of stealing from American soldiers and civilians.

A number of Mexicans have been killed by the Americans, and a number of Americans have also lost their lives in the frontier warfare now going on there. Early last week General Crozier, a famous military man, was killed by a party of American soldiers while making a raid on an American ranch.

Last Friday while two Americans connected with the aviation corps were making flights over Brownsville, Tex., they were fired on by a band of Mexican soldiers on the other side of the border, more than one hundred shots being fired, after which this same band fired on a company of Texas Rangers.

On Saturday an all-day battle was fought between the American soldiers, Texas Rangers and other armed citizens about four miles from Hidalgo, Tex., the battle line extending for more than two miles. In this fight about thirty Mexicans were killed and one American was wounded. About eighty American soldiers were engaged. The fight started early in the morning and continued until about four o'clock, when the Mexicans withdrew.

While the Mexican leaders contend that none of their soldiers are taking part in these raids and fights, it is noticed that a majority of those killed are wearing the uniform of the Carranza soldiers.

Officials at Washington have been considering the advisability of taking more positive measures in dealing with the situation.

GENERAL NEWS

Friends of President Wilson are now busy laying plans to secure his nomination for president again, and it is not believed serious opposition will be met with.

Harry Thaw, who was recently released from an insane asylum in New York, is now suing for divorce from his wife, Evelyn, charging her with misconduct while he was locked up.

Charles Trull, the young white man convicted for the murder of Sydney Swain in Charlotte, was electrocuted at the state prison in Raleigh last Friday morning, he having made a full confession after Governor Craig refused to grant him a reprieve.

In a speech delivered at the exposition in San Francisco last week ex-President Taft stated that the action of Germany in granting the contents of the United States in the matter of the rights of non-combatants on ocean liners "should be the cause of profound rejoicing by every patriotic American and the occasion for congratulations to the president. It should not, however, lead our people away from their duty of reasonable preparation." Mr. Taft continued.

The Moffatt Machinery Co. has been offered a contract for 1,000,000 sheets, to cost \$4,000,000, by agents of the J. P. Morgan Co., to be used by England in the present war.

J. C. Southern of Rockford county, who is alleged to have killed his wife a few days ago, has been carried to the Asheville jail for safe keeping, it being feared that a mob would attempt to take him out of jail if he remained inutherford county.

More than 5,000 teachers in North Carolina, or more than half the white teachers in the state, have signed agreements to teach in moonlight schools in their various sections, and the campaign recently started by Superintendent Joyner to end the state of adult illiteracy will prove a big success.

And now it is announced that England wants to borrow the paltry sum of \$1,000,000,000, or in plain words a billion dollars. Won't some Pennsylvania capitalist come forward and let her have this money so the war can proceed?

The Alabama state senate has passed a law allowing only one gallon of whiskey a month to the thirsty, thus putting another cramp in the whiskey business.

On account of continued rioting and dissensions in the local government of Haiti the principal city of that island, Port au Prince, as well as a majority of all the ports, has been placed under martial law by the United States marines now on the island.

The Supreme court of North Carolina has approved the list of all those who successfully passed the bar examinations held in Raleigh last Monday, and according to its decision seventy-seven lawyers are now turned out to do business in this state. In the list Transylvania county has one representative, William Hix Allison, Jr., of Brevard.

ARABIC'S DESTROYER CAUGHT

According to statements made by an officer on the White Star Liner Adriatic, which arrived in New York from Liverpool last Friday, the German submarine which recently torpedoed and sunk the Arabic has been caught in a steel net and the crew are now prisoners in England.

According to this same man England has caught about fifty submarines in her nets during the past two months. These statements are doubtless true, it being the policy of England never to make any official announcement of captures or successes unless they cannot land the crews without the facts becoming known.

If your lights go off and don't come on again look up your receipts and see if you've paid your last month's bill. Brevard Light & Power Co.

MUST PAY MORE TAX

According to an order issued by the Corporation Commission last Saturday seventy-five North Carolina counties must pay more tax, while nineteen remain as they were, and in one (Pasquotank) the rate is lowered five per cent. The Corporation Commission, sitting as a state taxing commission, issued this order after making a careful analysis of the reports from the various counties and townships of the state, and the provisions of this order will place about \$41,000,000 on the tax books, bringing the total wealth of the state, according to the tax books, up to \$900,000,000.

The greatest increase in any county is thirty per cent in Alleghany. The increase for Transylvania under this order is five per cent, which means that the amounts turned in by the county assessors will be increased five per cent.

DEFENSES TO BE CONSIDERED

Since the danger of serious trouble with Germany seems to have been passed, it is understood that President Wilson will proceed with more freedom in his national defense plans because there can be no suspicion that they are directed against any particular nation.

According to the latest dispatches coming from Washington the president's ideas to prepare a program for several years in advance, and in doing so to secure the expert opinion of the army and navy experts who have been watching and making a study of the developments in Europe.

The president hopes to carry into operation the plans suggested to him recently by Secretaries Daniels and Garrison in bringing the army and navy up to the very highest point of efficiency, and this will be done insofar as the expenses allowed will permit.

NO JOB FOR SMOKERS

Cigarette users as well as drinking men are to be barred from state employment in Kansas under the rules promulgated by the new state civil service commission.

In a preliminary statement issued some time ago it was announced that the users of intoxicating liquors would be ineligible to hold state jobs, but in the completed rules is the following:

"The commission may refuse to certify an application for the habitual user of intoxicating beverages or cigarette."

The Cadillac Motor Car Company has posted throughout its factories the following notice:

"Cigarette smoking is acquiring a hold on a great many boys in our community. The habit has grown in the last year or two. Since it is such a bad practice and is taking such a hold upon so many people, we think it is a disgrace for a grown man to smoke cigarettes, because it is not only injurious to his health, but it is such a bad example to the boys. Boys who smoke cigarettes we do not care to keep in our employ. In the future we will not hire anyone whom we know to be addicted to this habit. It is our desire to weed it entirely out of the factory just as soon as practicable. We will ask everyone in our factory, who sees the seriousness of this habit, to use his influence in having it stamped out. We have two objects in interesting ourselves in this matter: first, to help men and boys; second, we believe that men who do not smoke cigarettes or frequent the saloon can make better automobiles than those that do."—The Health Bulletin.

Worth Their Weight in Gold.

"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets and found them to be just as represented, a quick relief for headache, dizzy spells and other symptoms denoting a torpid liver and a disordered condition of the digestive organs. They are worth their weight in gold," writes Mrs. Clara A. Driggs, Elm, N. Y. Obtainable everywhere. adv

BOUNDARY LINE ESTABLISHED

The Tennessee-North Carolina boundary line commission, composed of Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, state geologist, chairman, D. B. Burnes of Asheville, and W. B. Hale, of Madisonville, Tenn., met in Asheville last week to make arrangements for compiling their report on the location of the disputed line between this state and Tennessee. The work, which was undertaken following the findings of the United States Supreme Court in favor of North Carolina in the recent law suit between the states, was finished early last week.

Dr. Pratt stated to a representative of the press that the territory thus added to the state's domain contains some of the finest poplar, cherry and ash timber that he has had the pleasure of seeing in years. Game also is abundant in the newly acquired lands, four bears being seen by members of the surveying party that have been at work for several weeks.

The line now finally determined has been in dispute for about three quarters of a century. The first survey was made in 1821, additional line work being carried out in 1829, 1857 and 1887. In 1905 another survey was made which was the basis of the litigation that was taken to the Supreme court for final settlement.

One of the contentions was as to whether the line should run down the Tennessee river and up Spok Pole creek. The work of the commission, carrying out the directions of the Supreme court, includes the Slick Rock territory within North Carolina and it is in the rich coxes of that section that the state now owns a large boundary of valuable hardwood timber.

WOULD INVOKE RIDICULE

H. K. Reid, an old school teacher in Mecklenburg, writes this to the Charlotte News:

It will not be long now until autumn leaves will be falling around us. It will not be long after that until bleak November's chilling winds will be sweeping over the fields, and then it will not be long until we will be burying the poor deluded women who have sacrificed their lives by following the foolish fashion of the wicked women of Paris—of going with their necks and breasts exposed to the cold of winter and the heat of summer and the gaze of the world, as seems unaccountably strange that the intelligent women of America should follow a course which injures them in health, in morals and in the estimation of mankind. The doctors will tell you that they are powerless to abate the evil. One of the leading physicians of the city told a few days ago that it would be better for the women to parade the streets barefooted than with bare necks and breasts. And I thought myself that the difference between going barefooted and wearing the little slippers and gaiter stockings that they now wear would be very slight anyhow, and the increased pleasure of walking naturally would outweigh any inconvenience that might arise from going barefoot.

Since the doctors are powerless to remedy this evil and the preachers are ashamed to speak of it, there seems to be only one hope of relief left, and that is for the editors to ridicule it to death.

It is well known that women cannot stand ridicule, for it is only through fear of being laughed at that they are now following the present foolish fashions. If the editors fall then will the undertakers grow rich.

Biliousness and Constipation.

It is certainly surprising that any woman will endure the miserable feelings caused by biliousness and constipation, when relief is so easily had and at so little expense. Mrs. Chas. Peck, Gates, N. Y., writes: "About a year ago I used two bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets and they cured me of biliousness and constipation." Obtainable everywhere. adv