

GERMANS CANNOT REGAIN INITIATIVE

Yet They are Trying to Keep the British From Making Best Use of Their Advantage in Flanders.

Although the Berlin military writers are admitting that the Germans can hardly regain the initiative on the western front, the German high command is evidently doing its utmost to keep the British from making the best use of their advantage in Flanders.

The records show the efforts of last week to have been futile. It is too early yet for the effect of the sudden attempt to be developed. The British commander, however, reports that the attacks themselves, five in number, were complete failures, the Germans not being able to make an appreciable impression on the British positions on the Ypres-Menin road and at the south-east edge of the Polygon wood, where the thrusts were delivered.

On their front in northern France the French are holding themselves in restraint at present, permitting the Crown Prince to hammer at their lines with attacks which are repulsed with heavy German losses.

Two attacks by the German in the Croisette sector last night were repulsed. The efforts of the Germans on two occasions to recapture the trenches which they had lost in the Beaumont region on the Verdun front, also were unsuccessful.

Despite the intensity of last night's air raid on England the official figures show that the four groups of German airmen, making their sixth attack in eight days, inflicted comparatively few casualties by the bombs they dropped. Lord French reports today that 10 persons were killed and 38 injured.

While Britishers are urging reprisals for the German attacks on London, the French are actually conducting such enterprises. Sunday night they bombarded the German city of Stuttgart, 100 miles behind the front, and last night the reprisals were continued on a large scale.

Stuttgart was again visited by the French airmen and the Prussian city of Frankfurt-on-the-Main, with about 200,000 population, and more than 125 miles from the French border, also was subjected to an aerial attack.

The Prussian towns of Treves and Coblenz were the other places bombed by the French raiders.

At its meeting Monday the Board of County Commissioners transacted the usual routine of business, which consisted of the payment of current bills, and the decision in regard to several road changes of minor importance.

A motion was passed that the Chairman be authorized to borrow from the banks the amount of money necessary to meet the expenses of road work and bills against the county.

The jurors for the coming October term of court were drawn, and the following men selected:

First Week. O. S. Farrow, F. A. Linker, N. A. Blackwelder, Walter M. Eady, J. H. Dorton, L. M. Morrison, R. G. Klutz, M. O. Johnson, J. E. Gray, C. P. Hahn, John L. Bonds, W. B. Russ, L. D. Coanders, R. F. Weddington, D. C. Fink, John R. Query, John L. Ritchie, S. P. Gaiton, L. S. Pharr, A. S. Daywalt, Horace L. Shoe, D. J. Klutz, W. D. Yorke, W. D. Goodnight, I. F. Hunsicker, W. A. Tickle, E. F. White (Ward 1), W. S. Johnson, P. A. Blackwelder, J. W. Cannon, Sr., J. W. Linker, C. A. Cook (Ward 2), J. F. Basley, Gurley D. Shoe, M. O. Hunsicker, Sam W. Cook.

Second Week. R. P. Benson, M. C. Gray, D. S. Lippard, W. H. Isehour, Lee Johnson, Wm. W. Smith, L. M. Ritchie, R. W. Menas, J. D. Ed Williams, R. L. Hartwell, Z. F. Smith, Robt Linker, W. F. Cox, N. L. Winecuff, W. F. Hines, Jas. A. McEachern, Paul A. Moose and L. B. McCall.

England reports a shortage of razor blades, but whiskers look all right.

SPECULATE IN SECRET WAR TREASURES

Hidden Treasures Where the Owners Have no Chance to Get at Them.

London, Oct. 3.—To be possessed of property worth thousands of dollars, if only one had it handy, and to be at the same time doubtful whether there will be sufficient money in hand for the next day's lodging and food, is a painful predicament.

There are hundreds of persons so placed in London and Paris today, they are refugees—persons who, before the first overwhelming rush of the Germans, sweeping all before it, hastily buried their treasures in hiding-places and fled to safety.

During the past three years professional money lenders in London and Paris have been well nigh distracted by the new species of business proposed to them—the making of advances on or buying outright of hidden gold and silver or jewels, the most treasured possessions of their owners, now lying concealed in places where the owners have no chance of getting at them.

It is an immensely speculative business, one of the risks of which might well deter any but the most venturesome souls taking any part in it. But the profits, if the story of the treasure-owner turns out correct, and if the Germans have not discovered the treasure beforehand, will be enormous.

One of the first results of peace will be the setting out to Belgium and to the now occupied parts of France of hundreds of little mysterious parties to search for the buried treasure. Syndicates of adventurous men and women have been formed here to deal in these hidden fortunes.

The question is, will they be found in the places indicated on the maps and described by the concealers? If they are, many dealers in gold and silver, many snappers-up of rare gems, will reap a wonderful harvest.

Many of the buried treasures undoubtedly have long since been found and confiscated by the invaders. With his marvellously perfected system of spies in every town and village the German had, before war was declared, made himself well acquainted with the contents of the various chateaux and houses of the wealthy folks along the path he had marked out for himself.

The possibility that the most costly of the possessions they contained would be hidden when the owners found themselves obliged to fly, entered his cunning brain. They could not be carried away. Where were they?

The German invader, keen on the scent of spoil, set himself to work to solve the mystery. In the wake of his army there traveled another little army of detectives—men from the central bureau in Berlin and others from the big police centres scattered throughout the empire.

The duty of these sleuths has been—with the aid of the spies who furnished them with information—to scent out the folk most likely to have been in the confidence of the owners of treasure that had disappeared, to interrogate them, to threaten, and, if needs be, to torture them by placing them in foul cells and keeping them short of food till they have become willing to reveal such knowledge as they possess.

The servants whom the spy has pointed out as one most likely to know the whereabouts of his or her master's hidden hoard has been threatened with death unless he or she betrayed.

Some of these unfortunate ones—the servants of once-wealthy persons in Belgium—who have escaped and found their way to London have had harrowing tales to tell of the terrible days they passed while in the hands of the German secret-extractor; days passed in the very shadow of death, with the prospect of being shot the next morning unless they spoke.

But there are many speculators in London who are willing to gamble on the chance that the Germans have not discovered this or that treasure. These speculators are shrewd persons whom it is hard to deceive. Many have tried it with fake stories. But if the speculator is satisfied that the customer has told him the substantial truth and has buried treasure where they state, he is willing to take a chance by advancing money or buying the valuables outright.

Both parents weigh over 200 pounds each and the grown children weigh from 175 to 200 pounds each, with one exception. The entire family tips the scales well above a ton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowe were married in Henry County when the mother was sixteen years old, and the children are all about two years apart. They moved here four years ago.

For ten years two of the most prominent men in Elizabeth City have been estranged and have not spoken to each other. One of them is Mr. E. F. Ayldett, a member of our Orphanage board of trustees, and of the Blackwell Memorial church; the other is Mr. I. M. Meekins, a member of the First Baptist church.

On Tuesday morning of last week the judge permitted a religious service to be held in the court house. Under the power of the service, which was conducted by Rev. Burke Culpepper, of Memphis, Tenn., these lawyers clasped hands in brotherly love and blotted out the past.

So estranged were they that the city had been divided into two hostile factions. The scene was a remarkable one. The report goes on to say: "While hard men wept in their joy 'like children, some long estranged, now tinged with grey, kissed each other like boys again.' We doubt if anything like this has been seen in any other court house in the state, and the judge was eminently wise to stop the court proceedings for the healing of a civic wound and the binding together of a broken com-

WORLD'S SERIES FACTS.

Twenty-six runs have been scored in the world's series played between the National and American league champions since 1903.

The White Sox hold the record for errors in a world's series game. They made six in one game against the Cubs in 1906, and won the game.

Catcher Hank Gowdy, of the Braves, hit for the remarkable average of .545 in the 1914 series, which the Braves won from the Athletics.

Boston holds the attendance record for a single world's series game. In the Red Sox-Brooklyn game at Boston on Oct. 12 1916, the attendance reached 42,629 persons.

While a member of the Athletics, Frank Baker, now with the Yankees, hit two home runs in the Athletics-Giants series of 1911.

Frank Isbell, the old White Sox first baseman, made four two-base hits and scored three runs in a game of the 1916 series between the Sox and Cubs.

Pitcher Babe Adams, of Pittsburgh, won three games from Detroit in 1909, virtually pitching the Pirates to the world championship.

Christy Mathewson, while a member of the Giants, pitched three shut-out games against the Athletics in the series of 1905.

Boston teams have won every world's series in which they have contested. The Red Sox have won four and the Braves one world's championship.

Ed Reulbach holds the pitching record for the big series. Pitching for the Cubs in 1906 he allowed the White Sox but one hit, the Cubs winning the game 7 to 1.

Chief Bender, pitching for the Athletics in the series of 1911, struck out eleven of the Giants in eight innings.

The game of Oct. 9, 1916, at Boston, by going 14 innings broke all records for length in the world's series. The record session ended with the Red Sox victors over Brooklyn by a score of 2 to 1.

Pitcher Jack Coombs, of Brooklyn, is the only player who has represented two leagues in the world's series. Combs pitched for the Athletics against the Cubs in 1910 and for Brooklyn against the Red Sox in 1916.

Baseball fans to the number of 1,701,277 have expended \$2,874,204 to see the thirteen world's series games played since 1903.

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FOOTBALL HERE THIS SEASON.

Concord High School Team Hard at Work Under Instruction of Mr. G. A. Carver and Mr. Cameron MacRea.

Concord is promised this year some good exhibitions in the game of football. If indications of the Concord High School team count for anything, the team is already hard at work practicing, and under the instruction of Mr. G. A. Carver and Mr. Cameron MacRea, who take great interest in helping the boys along, they are getting their machine to working smoothly.

As a foundation for their team this year, the High School team has most of the boys that made their places last season, and several likely fellows are trying to get berths. Caddell, who received his diploma last year, and his place is being contested for by several aspirants.

Hill, captain; Sappenfield, Foll, Isehour, Ritchie, Winecuff, Gillon, Laughlin and Best, of the last year eleven, are back in the line, fighting to retain their places. Most of these old men are showing marked improvement in their playing, and are full of "pep" that great asset in any game.

One member of the team, when talking this morning of the prospects, said that about the only thing that he could see which was needed, is the interest of Concord people. With a little bit of encouragement on the part of our citizens, and a show of interest on their part, there is no reason, he said, why the local High School should not have a team that would be a credit to the institution and to the city it represents.

Games have been scheduled, and it is the hope of those in charge of the sport that a good number of Concord people will be present to lead to the players the inspiration of their "rooting" and their presence.

The Stone Wall Circle of the King's Daughters held a most interesting meeting Monday evening at the home of Mrs. J. A. Cannon. Most gratifying reports were given by the various committees, all of which shows a growing interest in the work that falls to the care of the circle members.

Among the acts reported for the month, the circle purchased and presented a pocket Testament to each of the eighty drafted Cabarrus men who recently left for Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.

At the request of Mrs. W. H. S. Burgwyn, the State president, to have all the circles give books, or money, for the purchase of the same for a ship library for our American soldiers, it was unanimously decided to co-operate with other circles of the State in this matter of contributing books. So a committee was appointed for each street to solicit the members.

This being the time for the annual election of officers the following is the result of said election: President, Mrs. J. P. Cook; first vice president, Mrs. J. A. Cannon; second vice president, Miss Addie White; secretary, Miss Willie Gillon; treasurer, Miss Margie McEachern.

There being no further business the circle adjourned to meet with Mrs. Bundy, of Harris street.

SECOND CONTINGENT GO TO CAMP JACKSON Forty-four Men Entrained on No. 11 For Camp at Columbia.

The second contingent of the drafted men from Cabarrus County were ordered to report Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the office of G. A. Carver, chairman of the local exemption board. From that hour they are in the military service of the United States, and subject to orders.

This group of men, numbering forty-four, had orders to entrain here that morning on a special train, running as second section of train No. 11, and will go into training at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.

The list of men affected by this order follows: John B. Thomas, James R. Kelly, David King, John Walter Cannon, Frank L. Sides, A. M. Faircloth, Sheffield L. Lentz, David Wainner, Harry L. Skidmore, Edmond Hatley, Robert Moser, John C. Pruitt, Arnold Lee Harrington, H. P. Campbell, A. Scott Walter, Oliver Judson Crenshaw, Fred Perry Lovelace, Joe C. Austin, Walter L. Best, James Brady Burris, J. F. Sloop, Wm. Smyre, Harvey Franklin Eddy, Robert W. Hunter, Crawford Cole, William E. Carter, Fred L. Earnhardt, Manly W. McDaniel, William A. Isehour, John Atlas Bullock, Willie S. Pruitt, John Chambers, Fletcher Dry, Henry G. Blackwelder, Clarence M. Ritchie, Wm. Ivey Link, Clifford T. Beaver, Luther Lee Lail, June A. McClamrock, Jay Y. Johnson, Walter J. McEachern, Floyd W. Propst.

Estimate Made by the Department of Agriculture Based on the Condition of the Crop on Sept. 25th.

Washington, Oct. 2.—The 1917 cotton crop was forecast at 12,047,000 equivalent 500 pound bales today by the Department of Agriculture, basing the estimate on the condition of the crop on September 25, which was 60.4 per cent. of a normal crop.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Cotton ginned prior to September 25 amounted to 2,498,381 bales, counting round as half bales, the census bureau announced today in its second report of the season. The round bales in eluded numbered 60,904, and Sea Island 18,731. Ginnings by States follow: North Carolina, 614; South Carolina, 233,920; Virginia, 1.

Sweden Puts Limit on Teight of Shoes for Women

Stockholm, Oct. 1.—The Government has issued a decree today effective October 4, for the expropriation of all animal fats except butter and all so-called technical fats and oils. The order also covers fats produced in the future. The last few weeks have been marked by a great shortage of fats. Lard has almost disappeared. Butter is scarce at extremely high prices.

Catarrhal Cough

Mr. W. S. Brown, R. F. D. No. 4, Box 82, Rogeraville, Tennessee, writes: "I feel it my duty to recommend Peruna to all sufferers of catarrh or cough. In the year 1909, I took a severe case of the la grippe. I then took a bad cough. I had taken all kinds of cough remedies but got no relief. I then decided to try Peruna. I used five bottles. After taking five bottles my cough stopped and my catarrh was cured. My average weight was 115 and now I weigh 148 1/2. Any one suffering with catarrh in any form I will advise them to take Peruna."

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SOME NOTES FROM THE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

Formal Opening Exercises.—Lady Members Institute in Her Will.—All Work is Running Smoothly.

The formal opening exercises at the Collegiate Institute, Mount Pleasant, were held in Gerhardt Hall, September 20, at 10 o'clock. Besides the faculty and student body there were many visiting friends present from town and out of town.

Rev. Paul Barringer, D. D., extended greetings from the citizens of the town to the students. The several local pastors welcomed the students and cordially invited them to the church services.

Rev. M. L. Stirewalt, pastor of St. James E. L. Church, Concord, and former college professor, delivered the principal address. It was a thoughtful discourse and delivered in the speaker's accustomed effective manner.

County Superintendent, Prof. J. B. Robertson, also made a very practical and well received address. Prof. McAllister, who presided, introduced Capt. Proctor and Prof. Sykes, new members of the faculty, who made brief talks in which they gave evidence that they are already imbued with the M. P. C. I. spirit.

Prof. McAllister then spoke of the plan of enlargement and improvement of the Institute plant adopted by the Board and the splendid beginning made the past summer in the complete renewing of the main building within. He expressed the thanks and gratitude of the Board and faculty for the aid already rendered by friends and the others have promised.

In this connection mention was made of the fact that a good lady friend, who has made several substantial donations to the school, had advised the principal that she had remembered the Institute in her will.

After the close of the exercises, the visiting friends inspected the new dormitory and all expressed themselves as delighted with the thoroughly modern building and the well chosen furnishings.

The work of the school is now running smoothly—class schedules are arranged, literary societies organized, and other student organizations effected.

The faculty reception to the students was given on the evening of the 28. The faculty and young ladies of the Mont Annona Seminary, together with a good number of young people from the town and vicinity were present, and helped to make the occasion one of the most enjoyable of its kind ever held here.

The number of students already enrolled lacks but a few of equalling the total number enrolled last session. There are others to enter who have been temporarily detained at home. The prospects are encouraging for a good year.

GERMAN AIRMEN DROP BOMBS ON HOSPITALS Kill Three British Nurses and Some Wounded Soldiers.

British Headquarters in France and Belgium, Oct. 2.—A German airman has dropped bombs on two hospitals behind the British line. Three British nurses and some wounded soldiers were killed.

Recommended for Gallantry. Washington, October 3.—For gallantry in rescuing persons from drowning, Secretary Daniels has recommended Otis Radcliffe, of Brownsville, Ill., and Fireman James R. McGreger of Lee, Mass. Radcliffe saved a child who had fallen overboard from a tug, and McGreger dived into the bay at Newport, R. I., at night to rescue an apprentice seaman.

INTEREST IN WORLD'S SERIES

It is as a Rule that the World's Series Schedule in Which the Champions Ships are Chosen.

New York, Oct. 3.—The interest in the world's series is based on the fact that it is as a rule that the champions ships are chosen in which the champions are chosen.

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