

## GERMAN DRIVE AGAINST RUSSIANS IS SLOWING

### Believe Hindenburg Will Not Risk Pursuit Much Farther—Artillery and Patrol Fighting in West.

### Austria Reports Reverse for Italians in Hermada Sector and Capture Prisoners.

By the Associated Press. Despite the continued retreat of the Russians from the Riga front, indications are that the German drive against this region may have reached its limit. The view is taken by leading German military writers who assert that owing to the absence of the season von Hindenburg will hardly care to penetrate farther into the enemy's country.

The absence of German naval cooperation of a large scale in the Gulf of Riga with the forces operating on land in the region seems to lend additional color to this view. Telegram reports that only German submarines have been in the Gulf and that indeed a Russian naval force is still stationed there ready to engage the German fleet in battle.

The Franco-Belgian front is witnessing some local movements, but for the most part the artillery and airplanes are furnishing the action. London reports heavy patrol fighting on the Ypres front during the night, a successful British raid, and the heavy shelling of Langemarck by the Germans. No infantry action of importance developed, however.

The Paris statement notes local attacks in Lorraine and on the Alsace front which were broken up by the French artillery.

Vienna claims the driving back of the German forces, where General Cadorna has been pushing towards Trieste. It is asserted that all the ground won by him there in the present offensive has been recovered and that more than 6,000 prisoners have been taken by the Austrians.

### CONVOY SOCIETY

Cape Fear, Sept. 8.—Miss Helen Hemmett was hostess Thursday night to the Convoy Club at four tables of cards. Visitors were Messrs. Edgar Bell, Adrian S. Ford, J. A. Lott, Orin Isenhour and Mrs. M. W. Hewitt. Miss Lena Young was the club prize and Messrs. Shuford and J. A. Isenhour drew for the guests' prize. Mrs. Shuford winning. At the close of the game, Miss Hemmett, assisted by her sister, served delicious refreshments.

The Ladies Aid Society of Concord Lutheran church met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. E. V. Little. The ladies served during the meeting, a delicious watermelon was enjoyed. Mrs. Adrian Shuford was hostess to the Reformed Ladies Aid Society Tuesday afternoon. The ladies pieced a quilt during the afternoon. At the close, light refreshments were served.

### SENTENCE COMMUTED

Amsterdam, Sept. 8.—According to a Vienna press dispatch Emperor has commuted to eight years penal servitude the death sentence of Dr. Friedrich Adler for the assassination of Premier Stuerghkh at Vienna last October.

## Arrival of Recruits at Camp Jackson and Some Pictures of Camp Doings

Camp Jackson, Sept. 6.—The first regiment of the draft army arrived at Camp Jackson yesterday morning on a special train which brought them out from Columbia. They first reported with their identification papers at the office of the recruiting officer, where they were given a superficial medical examination. They were then conducted by the representatives of the various regiments to which they were assigned, to the mustering of the first of that regiment. After being mustered in they were given barracks and later carried to the hospital where they were given a thorough physical examination. After this they were issued bedding, etc., and set at work in their respective units. Each man was given an identification card, having his name, the number of his organization, and the barracks in which he lives, which he must keep on his person to identify himself in case he gets lost or is mistaken for someone else. It was very interesting to stand by and watch the boys come in. They were in fine spirits and apparently ready for whatever might be in store for them. It looked funny to see them attired in their white slip-on coats and palm beach suits with hats and carrying their pretty "valet bags" which the girls gave them on leaving home.

The writer was on a detail from the 316th regiment of heavy artillery to greet the brethren from North Carolina who were to arrive for their organization, he was at work until 2 a. m. After which he spent the remainder of the night on a pal-

## ALEXANDER SAYS EVERYTHING IS WRONG

Dr. H. Q. Alexander, president of the State Farmer's Union and member of the state board of agriculture, delivered at Startown Friday what was regarded as the most astute of the many speeches that he has made in North Carolina. The sentiment of the talk, persons who heard it, said, was one of opposition, and to some he gave the impression of a submarine cruising under the water, with the periscope indicating its purpose, and coming up occasionally to indicate more clearly its object. There was a large crowd present, but no applause. By request, Mr. John W. Robinson, president of the Catawba Cooperative Creamery introduced the speaker. A splendid basket picnic dinner was served on the grounds.

Dr. Alexander referred to what the newspapers had said of his former speech and declared that they were wrong. There may be sheriffs and newspaper men in the audience, the Matthews man said, and he would have to be very careful of what he said—in those times it pays to be careful of what one says.

The speaker, without mentioning the high prices that farmers are receiving for their wheat and other products, said that money is the creature of law, created and turned over to private corporations. The war in Europe began over money. The assassination of the archduke and his wife were said to be the cause, but it wasn't. He said we were facing a great world panic, that two per cent of the people in America hold the bulk of wealth. He thought Germany was in better shape financially than the rest of the world, and he was sure the United States was piling up a debt that it could never pay back. Quoting from Matthew, he declared that we are now approaching the end of this dispensation.

Dr. Alexander paid his respects to the newspapers. Besides misquoting him, they are owned by the corporations; at least that was true of England and the United States. He referred to the draft law and pointed out that Canada had not accepted universal service. Several of those who heard the speech saw in it only veiled attacks against the existing order, an effort to cause disaffection with the government without actually making remarks that could be used definitely against him. Persons on the ground noticed that he was monopolized by the element that was responsible for the anti-draft meeting some time ago in another section of the county, but they also observed that the great bulk of farmers was merely curious, if not opposed to anything that might embarrass the government.

## BRITAIN STANDS BY WILSON'S ANSWER

By the Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 8.—Great Britain has advised the United States that President Wilson's reply to the pope's peace note is in effect Great Britain's reply, as indicated by Lord Cecil in the house of commons.

## EMPEROR WILLIAM VISITS RIGA FRONT

By the Associated Press. Amsterdam, Sept. 8.—Emperor William has arrived at Riga, a Berlin dispatch reports. He reviewed the troops and distributed decorations on the battlefield.

## WILL NOT PREVENT SOME GOLD EXPORTS

By the Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 8.—Treasury officials carrying out the provisions of the president's proclamation licensing gold exports will place no restrictions, it was said today, against the export of gold in settlement of trade balances against the United States.

## PEORIA DISTILLERS OUT OF BUSINESS

By the Associated Press. Peoria, Ill., Sept. 8.—At 11 o'clock tonight Peoria will cease to be the whiskey making center of the world. Thousands of gallons of liquor will remain in the warehouses here, but the manufacture will cease under the food conservation law.

## RAIN IS PROMISED IN SOUTH NEXT WEEK

By the Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 8.—Generally fair weather with seasonable temperatures, preceded by showers, is forecast for the southeastern states next week.

### RUSSIANS ENTRENCH

By the Associated Press. Berlin, Sept. 8.—The Russians are hastily entrenching in the Riga region to the west of Eenden, says today's army headquarters statement. German cavalry is in touch with advanced Russian detachments, which were forced back.

### SOUNDS FISHY

By the Associated Press. Berlin, in London, Sept. 8.—The French have resumed the offensive in the Verdun region, according to today's official statement. They attacked last night on a 20-mile front but were repulsed the statement adds.

### ONLY THREE SUNK

By the Associated Press. Rome, Sept. 8.—Only three Italian ships were sunk during the week ending September 2, it was announced today.

## MEMBERS VISIT TWO BATTLE FRONTS

By the Associated Press. Amsterdam, Sept. 8.—Thirty-two members of the German reichstag left Berlin yesterday to visit the battle front to form some idea of the strategic position of the fighting, according to a newspaper. They went in invitation of the army. Sixteen were assigned to each front.

All the members of the reichstag, the paper adds, are to have an opportunity of visiting one front.

## PRESIDENT CRUISING IN BROOKLYN WATERS

By the Associated Press. New York, Sept. 8.—The president and Mrs. Wilson arrived here from Washington early today and after breakfast in their private car motored to the Brooklyn navy yard. They will spend the next few days cruising in Brooklyn waters. Mr. Wilson felt the need of a few days' rest. He will keep in touch with the world by means of the wireless.

## GOOD BYE, BOOZE FOREVERMORE SAY WE

By the Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 8.—Tonight at 11 o'clock whiskey manufacture ceases in the United States under the provisions of the food control law and the millions of bushels of grain heretofore used in making that form of drink will be diverted to food. Importation of liquors also will be prevented.

Just how much grain will be added to the food supplies is not determinable, but experts say about 100,000,000 bushels are used by the distillers, of which about 40,000,000 bushels are used in whiskey.

Customs officials throughout the country after tonight will seize all spirituous liquors reaching the United States. Officers of the internal revenue bureau throughout the country will see that distillers make no more whiskey. Distillers are preparing to manufacture commercial alcohol, starches, yeasts, etc.

## WILL RUN TRAINS OVER BRIDGE MONDAY

Col. L. T. Nichols of Chester, general manager of the Carolina and North-Western, in Hickory today en route to the Catawba river bridge, said the structure would be repaired by Monday at least and traffic would be resumed north of Hickory on that day. No. 10 may operate over the bridge Sunday, Colonel Nichols said. It was a week ago that a swift river of the Catawba, bringing down small trees, brush and grass, formed a dam against the bridge and caused the wooden piers to slip from their moorings. In one week the trestle would be ready, railroad men said, and Colonel Nichols today verified that statement.

The Virginia Bridge and Iron Company is at work on the steel bridge and it is expected to have it ready for traffic by the first of the year. It is a big task, but if the weather is favorable the job will be completed.

### MISS MAUD EKARD DEAD

Miss Maud Ekard, daughter of Mr. George Ekard, died at her home about five miles north of Hickory early today. She was 26 years old, had taught in the Highland and Windy City schools, was a moving spirit in community work and was prominent in club activities. She was not only beautiful physically, but was one of the most useful young women in the county. News of her death will cause distress among hundreds of friends.

## MARKETS

### COTTON FUTURES

By the Associated Press. New York, Sept. 8.—There was a further decline in the cotton market today, with January selling below the 20 cent level during the early trading.

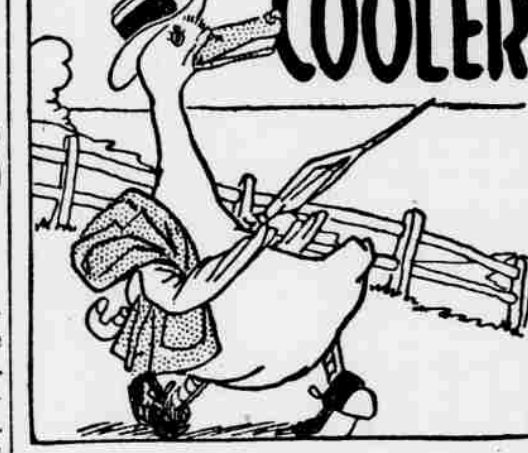
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October	20.30	20.02
December	20.35	19.97
January	20.18	19.93
March	20.33	20.12
May	22.44	22.24

### HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	19 3/4
Wheat	\$2.22

### WEATHER FORECAST

For North Carolina: Unsettled, probably showers tonight and Sunday, somewhat cooler Sunday, moderate southwest to northwest winds.



## AMERICAN WINS FINE FRENCH HONOR

By the Associated Press. Paris, Sept. 8.—Edwin Parsons of Springfield, Mass., a member of the LaFayette escadrille, has brought down his first German airplane and has been cited to receive the war cross.

Parsons dived straight at the enemy as he fled and his fall alone prevented a collision.

## OVER 30,000 ARE TAKEN BY ITALIANS

By the Associated Press. Rome, Sept. 8.—More than 30,000 prisoners have been taken during the present offensive.

## SEA RELEASES STORY OF UNUSUAL FIGHT

By the Associated Press. Copenhagen, Sept. 8.—The body of Lieutenant Gimps, commander of a German underwater boat belonging to the Flanders submarine flotilla, has been washed ashore on this coast.

The bodies of two aviators, one British and the other German, also have been washed ashore.

## MAY CLOSE MAILS TO NATION'S TRAITORS

By the Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 8.—Closing the mails to disloyal citizens is under consideration by the postoffice department and the department of justice in another step in the government program to stamp out disaffection in the United States.

## THREE ARE KILLED IN AN EXPLOSION

By the Associated Press. Philadelphia, Sept. 8.—Three workmen are known to have been killed and 23 persons injured in an explosion in the Frankfort arsenal today. According to workers the explosion was accidental, there being nothing to indicate a outside agency. Carelessness caused the explosion. Three of the injured are women. Later all but five of the injured were able to go to their homes.

By the Associated Press. Philadelphia, Sept. 8.—Three persons are reported dead, one is dying and 23 others are in hospitals more or less seriously injured as the result of an explosion at the Frankfort arsenal this morning.

## PROMINENT VISITOR TO PREACH SUNDAY TO REPAIR SCHOOLS

Rev. Dr. John C. Perry, president of Elizabeth College, Salem, Va., will occupy the pulpit of St. Andrews' Evangelical Lutheran church, Lenoir College, Sunday morning and evening. Dr. Perry is an unusually gifted speaker and he will be heard by a large congregation. An invitation is extended to the general public to attend.

## COTTON GINNED TO FIRST OF SEPTEMBER

By the Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 8.—Cotton ginned to September 8, 605,513 bales, counting rounds as half bales, the census bureau announced today in its first ginning report of the season.

This year's figures compares with 850,688 bales ginned to September 1, 1916. Ginnings by states follow: North Carolina, 72 bales; South Carolina, 17,888 bales.

## SOLICITOR CLEMENT TO REOPEN CONCORD CASE

### On Instructions From Attorney General, State's Prosecutor Will Probe Death of Wealthy Chicago Woman—Has Busy Court in Rowan Next Week.

## RECEPTION AT HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

At the regular monthly meeting of the Community Club Friday afternoon plans were made for a reception at the new high school building on Friday evening, September 21, at the dedication of the building and an address by Dr. James Joyner, state superintendent of public instruction. Mrs. W. B. Ramsay presided.

The club also decided to conduct a booth at the Catawba County Fair September 25-28 and committees were named to take charge on each day.

The committee on arrangements for the dedication of the building, the address of Mr. Joyner and the reception in honor of the occasion and the honor guest and teachers is composed of Mrs. C. H. Geitner, chairman; Mrs. T. C. Blackburn, Mrs. Geo. N. Hutton, Mrs. W. B. Ramsay and Mrs. W. L. Abernethy.

City council will be invited to be in the receiving line and the general public, which is deeply interested will attend in large numbers. The schools will open Monday, September 17.

The committee appointed to conduct the booth at each day of the fair consists of: First day—Mrs. W. L. Abernethy, chairman, and Mrs. W. L. Mitchell and Miss Mary Allen; Wednesday—Mrs. S. L. White, chairman, and Mrs. C. H. Geitner, Mrs. James J. Hefner and Miss Frances Geitner; Thursday—Mrs. R. A. Grimes, chairman, and Mrs. Geo. N. Hutton, Mrs. W. H. Little, Miss Virginia Sellers and Mrs. Frank McComb; Friday—Mrs. E. L. Shuford, chairman, and Mrs. Fred Abernethy and Mrs. R. M. Bunn-garner.

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Menzies will entertain Dr. Joyner on his visit to Hickory.

## Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church will hold the regular monthly meeting on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Circle No. 1 with Mrs. T. F. Stevenson; roll call, an item of missionary interest taken from Department Survey. Circle No. 2 will meet with Mrs. A. K. Joy, roll call, "Why do I belong to the Missionary Society? Circle No. 3 with Mrs. D. L. Russell.

A full attendance at each circle is earnestly requested, also that the Survey may be as thoroughly read inside as it is intended.

### SERGEANT TINY'S BIRTHDAY

Sergeant Eugene Sigmon was 38 years old today and quite a few things happened to him. Nobody gave him an automobile or a carload of flour, but his children remembered the occasion. His little girl woke him up this morning by puffing at his ears. She was trying to ring it 38 times, but the noise disturbed the sleeper. Around the fire station the "Big Un" or "Tiny," as Chief Lentz refers to his side kick, many congratulations were offered, and Fireman George Starnes placed the sergeant in a cell for a few minutes. Tiny weighs 270 pounds and George had to use both hands, he said. Everybody wishes the popular and efficient sergeant many happy returns.

Nine carloads of rock from Mount Airy arrived Friday and last night for the Ely Construction Company and the street work can be pushed.

## TO REPAIR SCHOOLS FOR FALL OPENING

A delegation of ladies, members of the educational department of the Community Club waited on council at adjourned meeting Thursday night and recommended certain improvements be made on the various school buildings and grounds. Council agreed to renovate the North school basement, place lights in it, and have the walls of the building calcimined, the roofs made water proof, fire escapes put in good repair and the buildings and grounds put in sanitary condition.

The improvement of grounds and excavation of the basements at the three schools were promised next year. Members of council were heartily in favor of these recommendations, but a lack of finances will prevent it all being done this year.

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By the Associated Press. Salisbury, N. C., Sept. 8.—Solicitor Hayden Clement upon being interviewed here today, said he had received a wire from Attorney General Manning requesting him to make a thorough investigation into the death of Mrs. Maud A. King, wealthy Chicago woman, near Concord, and acting under these instructions he probably would call together the coroner's jury and reopen the case. He said he had been informed that new evidence had developed at Concord, and said he would make a thorough investigation.

Mr. Clement was very busy preparing for trial three murder cases at Rowan county court, which opens Monday, and said it would be impossible for him to reopen the case at Concord until he had concluded court here and until he had received a copy of the proceedings of the Chicago grand jury.

Solicitor Clement said it would be the end of next week before he could take up the King case.

## NEW YORK HERALD STORY

A Chicago special to the New York Herald says:

Western friends of Mrs. Maude Robinson King, wealthy widow of the aged Chicago philanthropist, cooperating with New York friends, are reported tonight to have employed a detective agency to run down facts in connection with her death recently at a lonely spot near Concord, N. C.

So far as can be learned tonight, her western relatives are taking no part in the new investigation, as they seem satisfied with the verdict of the North Carolina coroner's jury that her death was accidental.

Her two brothers, Paul W. Robinson of Muskogee, Okla., and William Robinson of Morris, Ill., could not be reached today. Her sister, Mrs. Kelvin, has returned to New York.

Jacob Newman, her attorney in Chicago, was asked today about the second will, which is supposed to give her the residue of the late John C. King estate, a matter of \$3,000,000, now held in trust by a Chicago bank.

Mr. Newman explained that this will, according to statements made to him by Mrs. King and Gaston B. Means, had been found by Mr. Means some time after Mr. King's death among some papers in the New York residence of Mrs. King.

Mr. Newman said four handwriting experts had passed upon the signature and held it was genuine.

Mr. Means had then taken the will east, as Mr. Newman understands, to have another expert, either a New York or Boston man, pass upon it, after which it was to be returned and Mr. Newman was to file it and begin action to obtain the residue for Mrs. King.

Mr. Newman said the second will had not been filed, and he declined to say when it would or whether it would be filed at all. He declared he did not know what his provisions were. He said Mrs. King placed the utmost faith in Gaston B. Means and left every detail of her business in his hands.

This abiding faith in Mr. Means appears to have extended to her brothers as well, for William Robinson said in an interview yesterday that the relatives had no thought that her death was other than accidental.

Chicago friends were disturbed by the alleged statement of a nurse that Mrs. King, in recent years, had lived in fear of some unidentified person or persons who were after her wealth and intended to take her life. This may throw some light on the second will, and she claims she knew of it at the time her husband died, she kept that in mind, she says, for the Chicago attorney and all her relatives and friends for more than eleven years.

A report from Concord to the effect that one of the attendants who prepared her body for shipment to Chicago had found that one of her ankles were broken is also distressing to her Chicago friends, who are anxious to have additional details of her death.

It is believed here that if the request is reopened and the members of the touring party, the undertakers assistants, physicians, nurses and others are questioned closely, sensational light will be thrown upon the mystery.

Mrs. King's body is in a vault in Graceland cemetery here and if the relatives consent it will be possible to examine it for the broken ankle and other evidences of a struggle before she was shot. Chicago friends do not believe a person, especially a woman, committing suicide would place the pistol back of the left ear, and they cannot comprehend how Mrs. King shot herself in such a spot.

Regarding rumors that Mrs. King's personal estate of \$1,000,000 had been entirely dissipated, no information could be obtained here. If the second will stands up under the fire it is certain to encounter in court, and the residue passes to the sister and two brothers, it may force the closing of the splendid John C. King Home for Aged Men, in Garfield Boulevard.