

ITALY IN MAINTAINING HER NEUTRALITY OFFENDS AUSTRIA AND TWO COUNTRIES ARE NEAR PARTING OF WAYS---JAPAN FROWNING ON GERMANY

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ALL REPRESENTATIVES IN TSINGTOA ORDERED TO VACATE.

AUSTRIANS SUFFER SEVERE REVERSES NEAR TEKIA

Four Hundred Thousand Troops Put to Rout Near the Roumanian Frontier, and Also Driven From Belgrade.

JAPAN BELIEVED TO BE PREPARING TO ATTACK GERMANY.

Tientsin, China, Aug. 15.—Great excitement prevails here as a result of the announcement that the Japanese have notified all agents in Tsingtoa to withdraw. It is believed that the motive presages Japan's declaration of war on Germany.

400,000 AUSTRIANS REPULSED.

Nish, Aug. 15.—Four hundred thousand Austrians are said, by the war office, to have attacked the Servian forces last night. A fierce battle all along the line was waged, and the Austrians were repulsed with heavy losses, toward Tekia, on the Roumanian frontier. Austrian troops were also driven from Belgrade, where they attempted to cross the Danube.

GERMAN INFANTRY, WITH HEAVY FORCE, ADVANCING.

Brussels, Aug. 15.—The German infantry, with heavy force, is advancing in an effort to envelope the extreme left wing of the allied armies, south of Antwerp. It is admitted that general attacks will probably progress with artillery fire of the allies very effective.

RUSSIANS OPEN AUSTRIAN CAMPAIGN.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 15.—The war office states that initial fighting on the Austrian frontier is under way and that the first line of defense is making good progress. The army has penetrated the Austrian defenses and is well on the way to Lemburg, the capital of Austrian Galicia. The government denies that the Germans have occupied Russian Holland.

FRENCH MAKE ADVANCES IN VOSGES.

Paris, Aug. 15.—The French advance in the Vosges Mountains, where they surrounded and captured an entire division of the German army, continues. The war office announces that in the face of constant opposition of massed German forces the French are passing through the high Alsatian valleys. The main passes are now held by the French invading army. The superiority of the French artillery continues to be very evident.

WOMAN DIES FROM BLOW ON STOMACH

From a blow with the flat of his hand by Leslie Hines, a man of race, Lou Chapman, a negress, died at Falling Creek Friday night, and the authorities are seeking Hines. The woman accosted Hines in a tobacco field a week ago. She alleged that he had mistreated her children. He sent her away, but in a few minutes she returned and assailed him. Hines slapped her in the pit of her stomach, with such force as to fracture an internal organ, death resulting after several days. The coroner's jury held Hines responsible for the woman's death.

FREMONT IMPROVES STREETS.

Fremont, Aug. 15.—Work has been commenced here on street improvements which will include the sand-claying of all thoroughfares in the business section.

NEGRO DREW KNIFE ON WHITE EMPLOYER

Sam Newsom, colored, is in jail here, awaiting trial for assaulting G. M. Rouse, white, with a knife. The negro did not actually assault Rouse, but flourished the weapon threateningly, an act which technically constitutes assault. Newsom was employed on Rouse's farm, near Dawson, and had harbored resentment over some trivial matter for a month, the white man says. Friday evening the black, who had been drinking, was with other farm hands in a tobacco barn when Rouse approached and heard Newsom cursing him. Rouse accosted the negro, who immediately showed fight and drew his knife. The others present interfered and prevented bloodshed. Sheriff's officers Friday night arrested Newsom at his home. They took the knife with which he had threatened the planter and an ugly looking razor from his person.

ITALY STOPS AUSTRIA FROM CROSSING SOIL

AUSTRIA MAKES DEMAND BECAUSE OF TREATY.

SERIOUS BREAK FEARED

Italy Refused to Permit Austrian Troops to Go Across Her Territory to Join Germans.

(By the United Press.)

Rome, Aug. 15.—Relations between Italy and Austria have become strained and are near the breaking point because of Italy's refusal to permit four army corps of the Austrian army from crossing Italian territory to reinforce the Germans in Alsace. The Austrian demand was based on its rights, according to existing treaties.

BULLETINS

AUSTRIANS REPORTED REPULSED.

(By the United Press.)

London, Aug. 15.—A news agency dispatch says that the concentrated attack of forty thousand Austrians, Thursday night, on the Servian frontier was repulsed with heavy losses.

NO NEW HOSPITAL BEFORE NEXT SPRING

Dr. W. T. Parrott this morning said that the managers of the Memorial Hospital have abandoned their intention to erect a handsome new building on the grounds in the eastern end of the city this fall.

The difficulty in securing stone and other materials caused the postponement of construction until next spring, Dr. Parrott stated.

The new building will be one of the handsomest hospitals in North Carolina. It will cost \$30,000 and will be used as the main building at the Memorial institution. The present buildings will be used as auxiliaries.

AMERICAN FORCE LANDED IN NICARAGUA.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Because of a threatened "political disturbance" at Nicaragua, Commander Twining, of the gunboat Tacoma, landed fifty-seven officers and marines yesterday at the request of the American consul and with the consent of the Nicaraguan governor.

The American navy already has a garrison of 100 marines in Managua, a remnant of the considerable force, landed on the west coast by Rear Admiral Sutherland nearly a year ago and fought its way to the capital. These expeditions are justified, State Department officials hold, by the peculiar status of the relations between Nicaragua and the United States.

COTTON MILLS IN WESTERN N. C. CURTAIL.

Charlotte, Aug. 14.—As a result of the unsettled condition of the cotton market and fear of the results of the war on the price of the staple, the Cannon chain of mill, located at Concord, Albemarle and Kannapolis, the Highland Park Mills, of Charlotte, and some of the Gastonia mills, in all, representing about 350,000 spindles, are running but three days a week.

Today announcement was made of the suspension for a year of the Southern Industrial Institute of this city, which has an enrollment of 300 students from mill families.

GERMANS READY FOR LONG SIEGE ESTABLISH BASE

HEADQUARTERS AT VISE WITH HOSPITAL CORPS.

GERMAN GENERAL SUICIDE

Reported Kaiser Is Ready to Sacrifice 100,000 Men to Break Down Lines of Allied Armies.

(By the United Press.)

Brussels, Aug. 15.—Almost continuous cannonading from the direction of the front indicates that a general German assault on the Belgian line began at daybreak. The Germans established headquarters at Vise, and have erected a military bridge, with tracks for trains across the Meuse river. They have also established a base for the hospital corps, with accommodations for ten thousand. Commissary supplies have been centered there, and from there distributed to the front. The advance guard of the Germans, which has been without food or fodder, is now supplied. The Liege forts held out against all attacks, although the left flank is badly battered.

The Belgian cavalry has assumed the offensive in the region of Tirlemont and Hasselt. Belgian aviators taking no great risks, for up to the present the Germans have failed to get the range of the aircraft.

Hundreds of additional wounded have arrived. A captured German, who is himself wounded, tells of a terrible slaughter, declaring that the Uhans, the crack cavalry troop of the German army, has lost everything. At Haelen over five thousand attacked the Belgian line and less than one thousand escaped unhurt. The German officers attribute their disastrous experiences to the heavy machine guns, which are mounted on auto trucks, and which have sunk so deeply in the ground as to be practically useless. Belgian spies bring word that the German General Barwiz, brooding over his reverses, suicided, and General Von Emmich, the commanding general of the army of the Meuse, is conducting the operations in Belgium.

KAISER WILL SACRIFICE 100,000, IF NECESSARY.

Brussels, Aug. 15.—It is reported that the Kaiser will sacrifice a hundred thousand men, if necessary, to smash the defense's lines.

A big battle is reported to have started between the German and Allied armies.

The war office has decided that it is imperative that the battle lines to be drawn, shall be kept secret, and will make no further announcements of the movements of troops.

The German troops have made repeated attempts to storm the fortress at Pontisse, and results are unknown.

The forts at Liege have repulsed another German advance, inflicting heavy losses. The Germans charged under cover of darkness, carrying hand grenades and heavy wire cutters. The supporting forces carried sand bags and entrenching tools so that they might entrench themselves if the first line of defense was carried. Belgian machine guns swept the approach and the Germans withdrew.

Three bombs were dropped in Namur last night, wounding five. The war office announces that the German loss around Liege was three thousand.

PANAMA CANAL OPENED TODAY TO COMMERCE

STATE DEPARTMENT WAS SO ADVISED TODAY.

FORMAL OPENING IN 1915

Call Issued for Volunteer Nurses to Do Red Cross Work on Europe's Fields of Battle.

(By the United Press.)

Washington, Aug. 15.—The commercial opening of the Panama canal has been flashed to the War Department.

Messages of congratulations were exchanged today between President Wilson, and Secretary of War Garrison and Secretary of the Navy Daniels and Governor Goethals of the Panama Canal Zone upon the opening to commerce of the world today of the "big ditch." Officials expected the informal program of unostentation today to be carried out. A War Department vessel, the steamer Cristobal, loaded with the gunwales with Ithian, War and Navy officials, and a hefty cargo of newspapermen, was given the honor of being the first "official" vessel to go through the inter-oceanic waterway.

The formal opening of the canal will not occur until March 4, 1915, when President Wilson, Admiral Dewey, cabinet and Congress members will head a gigantic fleet. Today active operation for commercial vessels drawing not over thirty feet of water was begun, although smaller vessels, including a lighter service, have been passing through for a couple of months. Some of the smaller fruit liners are expected to establish a regular schedule of traffic through the canal, beginning today.

FIRST WORK ON FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

An agent of the Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Company, of Cincinnati, is today making preparation for the installation of the system here next week. Box stations are being marked and the materials placed in readiness for the force who will erect the apparatus.

The equipment includes standard indicators, gongs and boxes, and substantial insulated wire. It is said at city hall that the system will probably be in operation by the end of ten days.

N. C. PREACHERS

LOST IN EUROPE.

Jacksonville, N. C., Aug. 15.—Secretary of State Bryan has been accused by citizens of this town to aid in locating two pastors of local churches now in Europe. A telegram sent Mr. Bryan contained the request that his department endeavor to find the whereabouts of Rev. C. T. Rodgers and Rev. Von Miller, preachers in the Methodist and Baptist churches, respectively. The two ministers left for Europe on July 15, en route to Leipzig, Germany. Their families are unable to get word from them.

"PORTLAND NED" IN TOILS AT GREENSBORO

Greensboro, Aug. 14.—"Portland Ned," notorious yeggman, wanted at Plymouth and other places for robbing postoffices, was brought here today for a hearing before Commissioner Collins, having been captured near Janbury. He is the man who was pardoned by Governor Elease, and escaped from the Governor's office by rear door while officers in the front were waiting to re-arrest him.

AMERICANS CAN NOW GET AWAY FROM GERMANY

FELICITATIONS EXCHANGED BY OFFICIALS.

FAST TRAINS PROVIDED

Vessels Drawing 30 Feet and Less Will Be Permitted to Run on Regular Schedules Hereafter.

(By the United Press.)

Washington, Aug. 15.—The State Department has been advised that Americans are now permitted to leave Germany, and fast train service has been provided.

A call has been issued to all eastern cities and Chicago for volunteers as Red Cross nurses in Europe.

THE MILITIAMEN LIKED GEORGIA

Augustans Reciprocated, and Threw Bouquets at Tarheel Soldiers Who Played War at Camp Wheeler.

(By C. W. McDevett.)

The last company of tired men of the Second North Carolina infantry arrived at the home station last night, and today the regiment set about its individual duties as citizens in plain clothes with a memory that will linger of the kindness and hospitality of Georgians. The Second brought back with it many newspapers containing glowing accounts of the Tarheels' prowess as soldiers, skins tanned by the southern sun and lasting good will for Georgia.

One of the army officers at Camp Wheeler, near Augusta, where the regiment together with troops A and B of the cavalry, has been encamped for nearly two weeks, remarked to officers of the Tarheel outfit as they were waiting for their train, "I'll wager your outfit can march further and behave better than any other regiment in the South, gentlemen," and the Augusta newspapers declared it to be the best to ever encamp there. Augustans are in a position to judge, because they have entertained many regiments during the Spanish-American war and since.

The Second, under the command of Wiley G. Rodman, worked hard at Camp Wheeler. It shook off its blankets at early hours, drilled for long periods under a sun which was merciless, attacked and theoretically captured Augusta, went to school, delighted the police, were lionized in the clubs and Y. M. C. A. and armory in Augusta, and finally, when it became time to come home, cleaned up the camp so thoroughly that not one single fly will find a fighting chance on the big maneuver grounds in the Georgia hills.

The band of the Second, about 30 strong, was said by the Augusta Chronicle to be the finest to ever visit the city. Another paper, the Herald, declared it was "magnificent." The band played the troopers into spirit and rendered fancy programs for thousands of civilians, who went out from town to hear it. It had a half dozen engagements in the city on a single evening, but the Commercial Club refused to give it up until it was so late three events had to be cancelled.

The musicians, about half of whom live in Kinston, were the life of the encampment. They had a mock funeral, a wedding in which a handsome clarinetist whose three days beard betrayed his sex was the bride, and wound up with a minstrel show.