

GERMANS COMPLETELY SURROUND THE ALLIES IN NORTHERN FRANCE, AND CUT OFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE NORTH

GERMAN CAVALRY HAS ADVANCED TO OSTEND MIGHTY EFFORT TO CRUSH ALLIES IS MADE.

FRANCE ADMITS CHANCE OF ALLIES' LINES BREAKING

Germans Outnumber Allies, and It Is Believed Are Staking Their All On Crushing Lines Now—Berlin Claims General Victories On the French Frontier.

(By the United Press.)

Washington, Aug. 28.—A wireless message received at the German embassy, in substance, claims that the German troops have completely surrounded the French-English army in northern France, between the Sandre and Meuse rivers. It is claimed that the French east army has been driven south, which prevented communication between their east and north forces. All the German armies are in contact, the report says, from Cambria to the Upper Alsace. The German cavalry has advanced to Ostend.

The city of Louvian was destroyed because the citizens perfidiously attacked the German troops.

The reported appearance of zeppelins over Antwerp caused a panic in London.

FRENCH ADMIT GERMANS OUTNUMBER ALLIES.

Paris, Aug. 28.—There is fighting all along the front. The government admits that the Germans outnumber the allies. The British troops are holding the center. The war office admits that there is probability of the French lines giving way, and it is believed here that the Germans are staking everything on a general assault. The denial that Lille had fallen was cheering news. The French field hospitals are jammed, and all available doctors have been rushed to the front. Concentration of the camp hospitals prevents the wounded from telling anything that will aid the Germans. All newspaper men are forbidden to visit the camps.

BERLIN CLAIMS DEFEAT OF ALL OPPOSING ARMIES ON FRENCH BORDERS.

Berlin, Aug. 28.—The war office announces that the British army, holding Mauberge, has been defeated. It is claimed also that the French have been beaten and that the Belgians operating south of Namur have been routed. The losses are reported to be very heavy. No dates are given.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press.)

BRITISH WOUNDED CARRIED HOME TO DIE.

Folkstone, Eng., Aug. 28.—The British wounded have been brought here from Belgium, five days after leaving for the front.

GERMAN RESERVISTS TAKEN.

Naples, Aug. 28.—The steamer Caserta arrived today from New York and reported that British seamen had boarded her at Gibraltar and had taken off forty German reservists who were en route to the scene of war.

GERMAN TROOPS IN OUTSKIRTS OF CALAIS.

Washington, Aug. 28.—The German embassy has received reports that German troops are in the outskirts of Calais.

GERMANS FORTIFY BRUSSELS.

Brussels, Aug. 28.—The Germans have mounted a number of rapid fire guns along the northern entrance to the city, anticipating the attack of Belgian troops. A number of auto trucks mounted with guns patrol the suburbs of the city. The burgomaster has refused to leave the city hall.

AUSTRIA DECLARES WAR ON BELGIUM.

Vienna, Aug. 28.—Austria today declared war on Belgium, thus clearing the way for Austrian troops to join the Germans in their operations against Belgium.

WAR'S SUMMARY OF THE FIRST THIRTY DAYS

AUSTRIA BEGAN HOSTILITIES ONE MONTH AGO TODAY.

SEA LOSSES VERY HEAVY

When Captured Merchantmen Taken Into Consideration, Monetary Loss Is Greater Than Spanish War.

(By the United Press.)

One month ago today Austria declared war on Serbia. Since that time nine other nations have joined in, and practically all of Europe is engaged in fighting. The circle of war declarations, it is believed, will not be completed until Turkey and Italy are drawn in. The destructions at sea during the first month are greater than all naval losses of entire Spanish-American war, when the value of merchantmen is taken into consideration.

GOV. CRAIG CHANGES COTTON MEET DATE

(By the United Press.)

Raleigh, Aug. 28.—Governor Craig changed the call for a conference of cotton men to discuss the situation from today until September 12.

SUNKEN LINER HAD INTERESTING HISTORY

New York, Aug. 28.—The German armed merchant cruiser Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, the sinking of which off the African coast by a British cruiser, was announced in Wednesday's Free Press, has been featured in many thrilling events. She narrowly escaped in the big Hoboken waterfront fire in 1900. She collided with the Orinoco off Cherbourg in 1906, when thirteen steerage passengers and sailors were killed. When she lost her rudder in midocean in 1907 she was steered into Portland, Maine, harbor solely by her propellers. She was several days without a rudder, and her captain, Polack, was applauded throughout the maritime world for his feat. Mayor Gaynor was shot aboard the steamer in 1919. In December of that year she lost a propeller at sea and was long delayed in reaching port. All the survivors of Thursday's battle were landed before she sank.

OBJECTIONS RAISED TO BUYING SHIPS

Washington, Aug. 28.—France expressed yesterday to the United States disapproval of certain phases of the administration's plan to build a merchant marine through the purchase of foreign ships. Jules Jusserand, the French ambassador, had a long talk with President Wilson, and indicated, it is understood, that the French government would view with displeasure the purchase by the United States of any German-owned ships. The discussion is not terminated, it being the intention of the French government further to press its objections. The viewpoint of France is that vast sums of money would be made available for use of the Germans through the sale of ships which now are marooned in neutral ports.

NEGRO DOCTORS ADJOURN MEETING IN RALEIGH.

Raleigh, Aug. 28.—The Sixteenth annual convention of the Negro National Medical Association closed here yesterday with the election of Dr. F. S. Hargrave of Wilson as president, to succeed Dr. A. M. Brown of Birmingham, Ala., who is a native of Raleigh.

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PRUSSIANS ARE TO BE CARED FOR BY GERMAN ARMY

KAISER TELEGRAPHS CABINET TO TAKE PROMPT STEPS.

WILL RESIST THE RUSSIANS

Reserves Called Out and Rushed to Front to Withstand Oncoming of Cossack Invaders.

(By the United Press.)

Berlin, Aug. 28.—Emperor William telegraphed his cabinet from the front, directing that immediate steps be taken for the relief of the Prussian refugees who have been driven from their homes by the Russian invaders. The Kaiser directs that they be cared for inside of the German lines of defense "until the Russian invasion is checked and it is possible to return to their homes."

It is stated that energetic steps are being taken to meet the Russian invasion. Additional reinforcements from the reserve divisions have been rushed to the front. It is expected that the Germans will engage the Russians in a general battle as soon as the Czar's armies come in contact with the first line of forts.

It is declared that the allies' lines are giving away whenever the German infantry charged them with bayonets. The superiority of the infantry was shown in several points. The general staff admits that the losses have been heavy, but claims it is not out of proportion.

B. F. SHELTON HEADS THE STATE FARMERS

Raleigh, Aug. 28.—The State Farmers' Convention, in session for several days this week, closed yesterday afternoon, electing B. F. Shelton of Edgecombe county, president to succeed S. H. Hobbs of Sampson, it being the policy of the convention to elect a new president each year. The other officers elected yesterday were: Vice-Presidents, J. B. Sellers, Robeson county, and E. B. Whitfield of Craven county, and Secretary-Treasurer, T. E. Browne of Raleigh. Comprehensive resolutions were adopted as to the cotton situation and pertaining to numerous other agricultural and kindred matters.

SMITH'S PLURALITY IS 16,000 OVER BLEASE

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 27.—Returns from the South Carolina Democratic primary, held Tuesday, tonight indicated that John G. Richards and Richard I. Manning will enter the second primary September 8th for the gubernatorial nomination. United States Senator E. D. Smith's majority for re-nomination is 12,312. His plurality over Governor Cole L. Blease, his chief opponent, is 16,344.

EUROPEAN WAR MAY CAUSE CHINESE REVOLT.

San Francisco, Aug. 28.—The Chinese revolutionists will take advantage of the war in Europe to attempt President Yuan Shi Kai's overthrow, according to Pacific Coast agents of the revolutionary party. The time is deemed opportune, they explained, in that the powers will be too much absorbed with the struggle among themselves to undertake grabs of Chinese territory under cover of the confusion Yuan's downfall necessarily will involve for a time. They predicted a general uprising in a short time.

WENT TO SHOOT OWL; SHOT HIMSELF.

Wit, N. C., Aug. 28.—Johnnie Nelson, the small son of a local man, is suffering with a gunshot wound, accidentally inflicted by himself. The boy took his father's gun to shoot an owl, stumbled and fell upon the weapon, which was discharged, the load making an ugly wound in one thigh.

BRITISH CLAIM TROOPS HOLDING THEIR POSITIONS

FIRST DEFINITE NEWS SINCE ARMY LEFT FOR FRONT.

FRENCH BURN BRIDGES

African Colonies Take Up Fight of Principals and Allies' Subjects United in Defense of Homes.

(By the United Press.)

London, Aug. 28.—Premier Asquith has announced that the British forces are holding the line about Cambrai in the department of Nord. This is the first definite information of British troops. The British position was attacked first by two divisions of cavalry, supported by three corps of German infantry. The British second corps repulsed them. The first corps attacked the German right.

AFRICAN COLONISTS FIGHT.

Paris, Aug. 28.—A strong French force has destroyed many bridges crossing the Meuse river. The German armies of Saar and Lower Moselle are reported to have effected a junction. Long railways remain intact, making it possible to protect any portion of the line under heavy pressure. Official advices from Linville, French Congo, say the Germans have attacked the frontier of the Belgian Congo, and it is stated that the British and Belgians are cooperating in defense work.

THE NORTH CAROLINA TO GUARD CHRISTIANS

Washington, D. C., Aug. 27.—The United States has informed the powers of Europe of its intention to send the armored cruiser North Carolina to Turkey to carry gold for the relief of Americans, according to an announcement by the State Department late today.

While the North Carolina goes on a mission of financial relief, her presence in Turkish waters is intended to have a salutary effect with respect to the treatment of Christians and foreigners generally in the Ottoman Empire.

ORDER OF MOOSE MEETING IN JERSEY.

Jersey City, N. J., Aug. 28.—This city awoke today fully prepared to entertain the 10,000 or more visitors whose coming was incident to the opening of the annual convention of the Loyal Order of the Moose. The guests were expected mainly from New York and New Jersey. The convention concludes Sunday. One of the features of its opening today was the monster athletic meet conducted under the Moose auspices at the Jersey City baseball park. Many of the leading athletes of the country are on the card to perform this afternoon in the various events. The convention proper is being held in the headquarters of the Moose lodge of this city, on Glenwood avenue. Over two thousand members of the order came down the Hudson from Albany for the opening of the big conclave, having chartered the steamer Rosedale to convey them.

SAN DOMINGO POLITICS BEING PUT IN SHAPE.

Washington, Aug. 28.—President Borden of San Domingo has agreed to resign at 3 o'clock this afternoon, when Raymond Baez, head of the national university of San Domingo, will succeed him. This agreement by all factions was reached today at a conference with American peace delegates.

President Borden will be a candidate if he desires in the elections to be conducted by the new provisional president, Raymond Baez, but Baez will not be permitted to enter the race.

ALLEGED RATES DISCRIMINATORY TO NEW ORLEANS

COTTON EXCHANGE PROTESTS TO THE COMMISSION.

INVESTIGATION ASKED FOR

Charge that Wilmington, Mobile, New York, Pensacola and Other Points Get Benefits of Better Tariffs.

(By the United Press.)

Washington, Aug. 28.—The New Orleans Cotton Exchange has complained to the Interstate Commerce Commission that their city was a victim of rates discriminating in favor of Wilmington, Mobile, Pensacola, New York and other ports, and has asked for an investigation.

JIM CAMERON PAYS PENALTY FOR MURDER

(By the United Press.)

Raleigh, Aug. 28.—Jim Cameron, a negro, was electrocuted at the penitentiary this morning for the murder of Archie Blue, a Moore county man, who was a clerk in a railroad commissary. Cameron confessed.

HENRY BLOUNT IS DEAD AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Humorist Who Has Delighted Countless Newspaper Readers and Others With Wit and Optimism Is No More.

Raleigh, Aug. 28.—Henry Blount, newspaper man, author, lecturer and humorist, died at the Confederate Veterans' Home here yesterday afternoon. He had been in poor health for many months, and was near to death eight or ten weeks ago. The cause was dropsy. He was seventy-one years of age.

Mr. Blount was born at Nashville, N. C. He was a student in a military school at Hillsboro when the War Between the States broke out. Young Blount enlisted and served in the Forty-seventh North Carolina regiment. He was promoted to a lieutenant during the war, and retained that rank until captured near the end of the conflict.

In the prime of his life he was one of the best known men in North Carolina, and was noted for his remarkably cheerful disposition. He was a man of splendid ideals, loving his fellow-man and rewarded by the love and esteem of all who knew him.

The funeral will be held at Wilson. Mrs. T. H. Best and Mrs. John L. Weaver of Wilson are sisters of Mr. Henry Blount, and J. W. Blount of Whitakers, is a brother.

LEVER BILL FAVORABLY REPORTED TO THE HOUSE.

Washington, Aug. 28.—The Lever bill, to establish government standards for cotton grading, was favorably reported by the House agricultural committee yesterday.

The bill is the first proposed measure to relieve the cotton industry from the depressing effects of the European war. It provides for a system of standards to be promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and inspection by licensed inspectors to definitely fix the grades of each bale ginned.

DASTARDLY ACT OF RALEIGH MISCREANTS.

Raleigh, Aug. 28.—Raleigh police are making diligent search for miscreants who late last night threw rotten eggs at negroes here attending the annual convention of the Negro National Medical Association that closed last night with a banquet. Dr. G. C. Waddy of Greensboro was first hit as he passed up Fayetteville street in his automobile. A few minutes later two well dressed negro women from the banquet were hit, the eggs spattering them terribly.