

WOUNDED SOLDIERS TELL BRITISH OF FIERCE FIGHTING AT BATTLE OF MONS IN WHICH GERMANS WERE PUT TO ROUT

GERMANS WERE MET IN THE OPEN AND THE BRITISH SOLDIERS MOWED THEM DOWN BY COMPANIES WITH UNERRING AND DEADLY ARTILLERY FIRE.

ARTILLERY RESERVED FIRE AND FOOLED THE GERMANS

French Report Fighting in Lorraine and Vosges—Germans Continue to Push On Through the French Left Wing—German Cruiser Dresden Sinks British Merchantman and Rescues Its Officers and Crew Off Brazil Coast.

(By the United Press.)
London, Eng., Sept. 1.—The news reaching here indicates that the British lines hold their positions under extreme pressure. The wounded tell of the battle of Mons. The British met the first German attack in the open, supported by artillery. The Germans moved forward in the face of the artillery fusillade, and were hewn down by entire companies. The British finally being assailed by machine guns, ordered a charge in self-defense. They rushed forward, yelling and the German line broke. The British fired as they ran, shooting the Germans in the back. The few left were quickly bayoneted. "Some of our artillery reserved their fire when the attack was renewed. The Germans believed the guns had been silenced, and charged in massed formation, when almost upon the muzzles, the cannon were turned loose and the entire attacking party was almost wiped out. The remainder were easily picked off by British rifles."

BRITISH MERCHANTMAN DESTROYED.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 1.—Destruction of the British merchantman by the German cruiser Dresden is reported to the State Department off the Brazil coast. The Dresden saved the officers and crew.
The French embassy cable states: "Fighting began yesterday in Lorraine and the Vosges mountains at Sasey and the river Meuse." A regiment of German infantry was nearly destroyed. The German progress continued through out left. The Russian offensive move continues unchecked.

DOUBLE TRACKAGE ON SOUTHERN'S MAIN LINE

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 30.—The Southern Railway Company has just awarded contracts for construction of thirty-six miles of double track on the Danville division between Greensboro and Pelham, N. C., which will give it a continuous double track line across the State of North Carolina from Charlotte to Danville, Va. From mile post 248 to 263 the work was awarded to the Parker Brooks Construction Company of Greenville, S. C., and from mile post 263 to 284 to the Morrow Contracting Company of Atlanta. This makes a total of seventy-five miles of double track on the Washington-Atlanta line which the Southern has placed under contract in the last few weeks, contracts for the construction of thirty-nine miles in Virginia having been let as follows: between Charlottesville and Arrowhead, seven miles; between Elma and Amherst, nineteen miles, and between Dry Fork and Danville, thirteen miles. Contracts have also been let for the construction of twenty-one miles of double track on the Alabama Great Southern, between York, Ala., and Meridian, Miss., and on the C. N. O. & T. P., for nine miles between New River and Sunbright, Tenn.

ARMY CHANGES EFFECTIVE.

Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Sept. 1.—Under the Manchu act, Col. W. P. Burnham, commanding the army service schools, was relieved today by Col. H. A. Greene, unattached, stationed at the Central Department at Chicago. Under the same act Col. H. J. Slocum, commandant of the United States military prison, was relieved by Col. George A. Dodd, stationed at the recruit depot of Columbus barracks, Ohio. The Manchu act provides that officers must serve at least two years of every six years with their commands.

POPULACE FLEE BEFORE RUSSIAN STEADY ADVANCE

AUSTRIAN FORCES PUT UP A STIFF FIGHT, BUT FAIL TO CHECK THE INVADERS.

LEMBERG WILL BE TAKEN

Russian War Office Claims That All Outlying Forts of the Enemy Along the Vistula River Are Now Threatened.

(By the United Press.)
St. Petersburg, Sept. 1.—The war office claims that the Russians have taken seventeen thousand prisoners and a hundred and twenty Austrian-German guns since Wednesday. The Russian cavalry is covering itself with glory and routing enormous bodies of Austrians. Wide flanking raids threaten the Austrian lines of communication.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 1.—Semi-official advices state that residents of Lemberg fled the city in a panic before the steady advance of Russians. Admitting that the entire Austrian army seems to be in the theater of war, the war office declares "the Russian advance continues." Russians are now less than a day's march of Lemberg. The lines extending from Kamenka have been brought through Glyniany to Brozodovita. The Austrians attempted a flanking movement but the general staff asserts the Russian forward movement made them withdraw to east Prussia. The Landstruns in the field assumed the offensive to draw attacks from the forts. Russians are threatening the entire outlying forts along the Vistula.

Vienna, Sept. 1.—The war office announces that the battle now in progress along the Russian frontier is the "greatest battle in all history." Already three million men are engaged in the fighting, which ebbs and flows like the sea. There has yet been no decisive result anywhere in the conflict which is in progress all along the line. The opposing forces have had enormous fronts for several days.

The main concentration is between Lublin and Grubeschow, and for a distance of sixty-six miles between distance of sixty-six miles between the two fighting has been almost of a hand-to-hand nature.

A definite result cannot very much longer be delayed. The Austrian loss, the war office declares, is not out of proportion with the number of men engaged.

ATLANTA GETS IN THE MYSTERY AS IS HER WONT.

Winston-Salem, Sept. 1.—The local authorities are now working upon a clue that indicates that the body of the unknown man found in Muddy Creek, west of the city, last Tuesday afternoon is that of Charles R. Mobley of Atlanta, Ga. When the description of the unknown man was published, Miss May Wooten, a friend of Mr. Mobley, who lives in this city, informed the officers that the description of the body resembled that of Mr. Mobley, and furnished them with a photograph of the young man. An investigation shows that up to this time Mr. Mobley is missing from his home in Atlanta.

NEW FOOD LAW EFFECTIVE.

Tarboro, N. C., Sept. 1.—Beginning today all fruit juice to which alcohol has been added must be plainly labeled to show this if shipped in interstate commerce, under a pure food ruling of the Department of Agriculture which went into effect today. Cherry and peach juice may be applied only to the unfermented variety.

WILD WEST SHOW COMING.

The Miller Bros.' 101 Ranch and Wild West Show is scheduled to show in Kinston, on October 6. Robinson Bros.' circus is also believed to have the intention of coming here at an early date, although no application for license has yet been made by the management.

CONFERENCE OF COTTON MEN HELD IN RALEIGH TODAY

GOVERNOR CRAIG PRESIDED AND SPOKE OPTIMISTICALLY OF THE OUTLOOK.

HE URGED CO-OPERATION

Cramer and Cooper Outline a Plan Along Line of Secretary McAdoo's For Taking Care of Situation Brought About by War.

(By the United Press.)
Raleigh, Sept. 1.—Governor Craig's conference of cotton farmers, manufacturers and bankers, on the cotton situation, brought together leaders from every part of the cotton belt, and at noon they filled the House of Representatives' hall. The Governor opened the conference with remarks of confidence of the ability to cope with the situation if co-operation in accordance with the plans of Secretary McAdoo was had. Stewart Cramer of Charlotte, and D. Y. Cooper of Henderson, authors of a plan along the line of Secretary McAdoo's, were introduced by Governor Craig, who presided. They outlined their plans at length.

CARRANZA'S ACTION NOT CONSIDERED HOSTILE

Washington, Sept. 1.—Provisional President Carranza has ordered the port of Vera Cruz closed, according to official advices to the American government. General Funston transmitted a long report on the complications which might result, but State Department officials were not inclined to regard it as an unfriendly action. During the Huerta regime Vera Cruz was similarly closed, but foreign vessels paid little attention to the order.
Carranza's decree would prevent Mexican ships from putting in at Vera Cruz, and if enforced in an unfriendly way, might exact heavy penalties from foreign vessels entering any other Mexican port after they touched at Vera Cruz.

In some quarters there was a disposition to regard Carranza's attitude as one of resentment against the continued occupancy of Vera Cruz by American troops, but State Department officials did not share this view.

KANSAS CITY CONTENTS HONOR WITH OTHER CITIES.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 1.—Today is the "birthday" in America of the expressions, "two bells," fares, please" and "you're off your trolley." Thirty years ago today the first electric trolley car system in the United States was placed in operation here, following trolley installation in Berlin in 1879. Trolley system in Toronto and Baltimore speedily followed. Richmond, Va., and Montgomery, Ala., both claim to have had the first electric street cars.

SALVADOR PRESIDENT VOLUNTARILY RESIGNS.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Carlos Melendez, president of Salvador, has turned over the government to Vice-President Alfred Quinonez Molena, according to reports today to the State Department. Since President Melendez intends to offer himself as a candidate at the elections March 1, his action was forced by the constitutional provision prohibiting the election of a presidential candidate who has held that office within six months prior to the election.

YOUNG DURHAM MAN HELD ON BURGLARY CHARGE

Durham, Sept. 1.—George Coplan, a young white man, was arrested yesterday morning about 3 o'clock on a charge of entering one of the rooms of the Bell Hotel with the intent to commit burglary. The prosecuting witnesses in the case were two women, members of a vaudeville troupe, who are in town for a week's engagement at one of the playhouses.

EXCURSIONISTS ENDANGERED ON BURNING STEAMER

CITY OF CHICAGO ARRIVES IN HARBOR IN FLAMES AND IN DANGER OF SINKING.

200 PASSENGERS ABOARD

Many Were Taken Off At the Lighthouse, a Mile From Shore—Fire Tugs Were Rushed to Rescue and Fight Flames.

(By the United Press.)
Chicago, Sept. 1.—The excursion steamer City of Chicago sunk at her pier after unsuccessful efforts to put out the flames in her hold.
Chicago, Sept. 1.—Enveloped in a mass of flames and in a sinking condition the excursion steamer City of Chicago, with nearly two hundred passengers on board, arrived at daybreak. Tugs were rushed to her assistance. According to officials of the line, many passengers were taken off at the lighthouse, a mile off shore. Fire tugs are fighting the flames.

MEXICAN COMMANDER FLEES; GETS A MEDAL

J. F. Foley, a veterinarian who recently returned from Vera Cruz, and has located here, tells of one little bit of history with Mexican color that he believes has never before gotten into the newspapers. When Maas, the commander of the garrison at Vera Cruz, deserted his post under the American fire, he took the first special train out of the city, leaving his subordinates in charge of the retreating defenders, without knowledge of his departure, went to Mexico City and was straightaway decorated by his brother-in-law, Huerta, for "gallant action." General Maas received a gaudy medal of the highest order in the republic, it was learned. Foley was a veterinarian, an officer who ranks after a second lieutenant, and is a civilian contract servant of the government, rather than a commissioned officer, and was attached to the quartermaster department of the Fifth brigade, commanded by Funston. He resigned, when the chances for further service at Vera Cruz dwindled.

RECORD COTTON CROP IS EXPECTED BY DEPT.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 1.—A bumper crop of cotton which may equal or exceed the record crop of 1911, when final returns are made, is indicated by the Department of Agriculture's report, issued yesterday. The condition of the crop on August 25 was 78 per cent. of a normal.
A total production of 15,000,000 bales of 500-pounds gross weight is interpreted by the department experts from the condition figures.

ILLINOIS BANKERS CELEBRATE.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 1.—Prominent financiers from many sections of the country were guests of Illinois bankers today when the latter held a public celebration of the inauguration of the new banking system. President Wilson and 108 directors of the twelve reserve banks were invited. The President could not come because of press of official business, but he sent cordial greetings. The gathering today, which was very informal, had for its purpose the promoting of exchanges of ideas and the fullest measure of co-operation and harmony between the reserve board and the public.

DEAN GREGORY RETIRES.

Washington, Sept. 1.—Dean Gregory of the George Washington University Law School retired today. He was formerly dean of the Iowa University Law School and is an editor of the American Journal of International Law.

OPENING TOBACCO PRICES BETTER THAN EXPECTED

MANY ESTIMATES, BUT AN AVERAGE OF NINE TO TEN CENTS OBTAINS.

GOOD FEELING WAS NOTED

Farmers Say Outlook, Although Not As Good as Last Year, Is Encouraging, and Many Declare They Have Sold for Less.

The Kinston tobacco market opened today for the annual sales season. Double sales were inaugurated, as is the custom, the Eagle and Central warehouses starting off about 10 o'clock. The crowds at the sales were large, although they were swelled by spectators, including many local business men, who wished to get an insight of the market. It is possible that the uncertainty which has existed since the breaking of the world war caused a number of planters who usually attend the opening sales to stay away until others had tested the market, but there was no way to estimate this with any degree of correctness, since the sellers and their teams were scattered throughout the city. There were strings of wagons coming in at early hours, and some of the weed was brought from points considerably distant.

The market was strong. Opinions were varying as to prices on a whole, some contending that they were as good as last year's opening, and others estimating them at from one to three cents lower. However, it is certain that they were up to the average, if not as good as last season's almost unprecedented prices. The chances are that the market will gain. Steady enough for a start, it is expected that the business will gather confidence and prices increase, and it is not at all uncertain that the season will be a record-breaker in spite of the setback of the war.
Prominent tobaccoists say more tobacco will be handled here this season than last. The Chamber of Commerce, several weeks ago estimated the crop in the territory contiguous to Kinston at 14,000,000. Worms and other foes of tobacco, according to one authority, were responsible for the loss of from 2,000,000 to 2,500,000 pounds to the planters, this because of the lack of labor in some sections to give the growing stuff the proper attention. The same authority, however, asserts that the crop is still one or two million pounds in excess of last year's.

The total warehouse floor space in Kinston is immense. The four sales places combined have a total of about 175,000 feet. This is an increase of about 60,000 feet over last year, all of the warehouses having made extensions in the spring. This enables greater quantities of the leaf to be displayed at one time, and expedites sales considerably.

The Export Leaf Tobacco Company did not buy on the opening market. Nothing definite can be learned as to whether this big concern will buy or not, although leading tobaccoists expect their representatives to appear at sales in the early future. The Imperial Tobacco Company's buyers were on hand, as well as those of the American Tobacco Company, and all the independents who patronize the local market, including the John E. Hughes Company, independents, who patronize the local market, including the John E. Hughes Company, who have built a big factory in Northwest Kinston this year.

About 200,000 pounds were sold on the market this morning, this being a conservative estimate by a tobaccoist. The breaks were only fair in every warehouse. Two hundred thousand pounds is not a bad start, although frequently around half a million pounds have been sold in Kinston on a single day, and it is said that more than that quantity can be handled with ease.

Greene county farmers this afternoon declared they found the market much better than they expected, and this was stated by many from other counties. Even should a slight dis-