

## TERRIFIC FIGHTING CONTINUES ALL ALONG BATTLE LINES WITHOUT ANY MATERIAL ADVANTAGE TO EITHER SIDE

FRENCH ATTEMPT TO BREAK DOWN GERMAN BATTERIES AND DRIVE TROOPS FROM TRENCHES WITH HOT ARTILLERY FIRE AND LITTLE INFANTRY FIGHTING.

### LOSSES OF PAST FEW DAYS ESTIMATED OVER 100,000

Troops Suffer From Exposure—Turkey Still An Uncertain Quantity, and Entry Into Conflict Expected—Russian Commander Court-Martialled for Inhuman Order—Germans Burn Verdun—Military Governor Saves Treasures.

(By the United Press.)

Paris, Sept. 19.—Fighting along the left line of the Allies is increasing. The Allies are being pushed forward. The Germans have retired to new positions previously prepared in the rear of the original entrenchments, but they are at no point yet defeated. Fighting along the left lines continues to be mainly an artillery duel. There has been no infantry fighting in thirty-six hours, the Allies realizing the futility of sacrificing the men while the enemy's entrenched positions are held. The Allies are bending every effort to demolish the German batteries. The French artillery fire increased steadily all through last night, with indications that it forced changes in the Germans' position. The Allies are sending reinforcements to their left.

### TROOPS SUFFER FROM EXPOSURE.

London, Sept. 19.—The war office announces that the fighting in the north of France continues, and that the situation is unchanged. It is believed the losses in this battle already total a hundred thousand. It is insisted the German losses are much heavier than the Allies'. The fighting is taking place under the worst conditions possible. Cold, torrential rains floor the battle field, and the trenches are filled with water. It is reported the British troops are suffering greatly from rheumatism, but there is no official confirmation of this.

### TORCH APPLIED TO VERDUN.

Antwerp, Sept. 19.—Official advices tell of further instances of German vandalism. One instance is that of the destruction of Verdun, where only the churches and hospital remain. The Germans applied the torch after the terrific bombardment in the midst of strong winds, which swept the flames through the city.

### RUSSIAN COMMANDER COURT-MARTIALED.

Berlin, Sept. 19.—General Paitoff, the Russian commander, has been court-martialled for his order to the troops to kill all male inhabitants in their advance through East Prussia. The verdict has not yet been reported.

### GERMANS FIRMLY ENTRENCHED

London, Sept. 19.—The German positions in the fighting in the north of France are strong. The entrenchments of many of the positions are provided with bomb-proof protection extending along half a mile of front. Also complicated net works, barbed wire and other entanglements are protecting all portions of the entrenchments.

### GERMAN OFFICERS IN THICK OF FIGHTING.

Bordeaux, Sept. 19.—It is officially stated that letters found on dead bodies of German officers show the mortality among the German officers is far greater than has been reported. Already many companies of the German forces in East Prussia fighting against the Russians are commanded by volunteer officers.

### BORDEAUX NOT POSTED.

Bordeaux, Sept. 19.—No details from the front. The war office says the fighting continues with satisfactory results to the Allies. It is stated that if the Allies drive the Germans out of France no more troops will be necessary. This is interpreted to mean a numerical advantage. It is officially stated that the Germans are greatly strengthening their positions.

### GERMAN GOVERNOR OF BELGIUM WOULD PRESERVE THE CITY'S ART TREASURES

Berlin, Sept. 19.—General Von Dergolt, the German governor of Belgium, is taking active steps to save from destruction and injury the art treasures in Belgium, and is having all completely listed. The greatest precaution will be observed for thorough protection.

### TURKEY STILL AN UNCERTAIN QUANTITY

Rome, Sept. 19.—It is believed here that in spite of the declarations of her neutrality, Turkey will yet enter the war as an ally of Germany. It is reported that the Turkish minister of war has gone to Germany in cognito on some secret mission relative to Turkey's course.

### AUSTRIAN VICTORY LARGER THAN REPORTED.

Berlin, Sept. 19.—It is officially announced that the German attack delivered against the Allies south of Noyon in the region of Lette resulted in a gain for the Germans. An attack by the Allies on the Germans' entire battle front was easily repulsed. An anticipated invasion over the Vosges mountains into Germany at Breisach was repulsed.

Ajram dispatches report that the Austrian victories over the Servians were greater than at first stated. They indicated that the Servians were routed and driven across the Save river, many being drowned. The Austrians have been reinforced. The Russians are slightly checked, permitting the advance of reserve columns.

### SOUTH AMERICAN TRADE IS OPENED TO SOUTH

New Boat Service From Mobile to Venezuela Affords New Possibilities for Marketing South's Products There.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 19.—The merchants and importers of Venezuela are anxious to learn what lines of manufactures they can advantageously import from the cities of the South which to them is a new section, just opened by the recently established steamship service between Mobile and Venezuelan and Colombian ports, writes the American Consul at La Guaira to the Chattanooga Industrial Board. He states that the Venezuelan business men are now in the proper receptive mood to be impressed with the opportunities for doing business on a better basis than formerly when they could import American goods via New York.

The new service from Mobile to the South Caribbean ports gives the South a better chance to enter these markets than formerly. The consul says that Venezuela manufactures little and imports a little of everything, so that there is a wide field for the sale of products manufactured in the South if they were properly exploited. He reports that a salesman representing a Chattanooga house recently told him of great success in selling his line in Venezuela. Mr. Charles L. Chandler, South American agent for Southern Railway, Mobile and Ohio Railroad, and the Queen and Crescent Route, will give full information and extend any possible aid to any merchant or manufacturer who desires to enter the South American trade. The services of the South American agency will be given without charge of any kind, all its expenses being borne by the railway lines supporting it.

## TOBACCO SALES THIS SEASON WILL EQUAL LAST YEAR'S

MR. HARRY WOOTEN SAYS THE QUALITY IS NOT VERY GOOD, SO FAR.

### PRICES ARE SATISFACTORY

Smaller Places Not Getting Average Sales, for Planters Prefer to Take Chances in the Larger Markets Now.

Tobacco prices are as good as the quality offered warrants, is the opinion of Mr. Harry Wooten, of the Central Warehouse. Mr. Wooten gave his views in an interview this morning as follows:

"The grades being brought to the market now are inferior, and the quantity of the crop also is smaller than in former years. However, as much tobacco will be sold here this season as last because of the fact that the planters prefer at this unsettled time to bring it to the larger markets. The sales in the surrounding small towns are not up to the standard. The farmers, realizing that the crop is not up to the usual, are not protesting the conditions, and all admit that they are receiving as much for their weed as they can expect. In fact, the prices are splendid in comparison with the quality. There is a demand. This was evidenced by the fact that the Imperial Company Friday purchased more than 40,000 pounds on one floor here, and seemed to be anxious to get it. Conditions seem brighter as the season advances. Friday was the best day so far as prices are concerned since the opening."

Reports from all of the larger centers in the bright belt for the last few days have tended to confirm Mr. Wooten's opinion. That Kinston is offering as much for the product as any of them is an encouraging fact, also. Scores of planters, talked with in the past week have expressed satisfaction with the market, and many of these declared that they are realizing on the crop even better than they expected.

### REPUBLICANS' FILIBUSTER KEEPS SENATE ALL NIGHT

Burton Relieved Kenyon for the Nocturnal Harangue, But the Latter Took Up the Burden Early in the Morning.

(By the United Press.) Washington, Sept. 19.—There was an all night session of the Senate last night with Senator Burton speaking continuously from midnight to early morning, when Senator Kenyon took up the burden of the Republican filibuster situation.

### GERMANS HAVE PLENTY AMMUNITION.

(By the United Press.) Berlin, via the Hague, Sept. 19.—It is officially stated that the battle in Northern France is still progressing, with the Germans slowly breaking down the lines of the allied forces. Indications are that the battle will continue several days. A report that the Germans have run out of ammunition is denied. It is asserted that the German army trains are running direct to central points along the battle line and distributed thence all along the front.

### GERMANS FAIL IN NIGHT ATTACK.

(By the United Press.) Paris, Sept. 19.—Reports have been received here that a German night attack in an attempt to break through the Allied lines, was frustrated.

### TWINS TAKE THIRD OF SERIES FROM NORFOLK.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 18.—Winston-Salem defeated Norfolk for the third time in the interstate championship series this afternoon by the score of 4 to 1. Myers for the visitors only allowed three hits.

## PLAYGROUNDS COMMITTEE HAS THREE OPTIONS

REPORT HEARD BY DIRECTORS OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND OTHERS.

### WEST PROPERTY FAVORED

Four Additional Members Added to Committee, and Further Time Given—May Raise Necessary Money By Subscription.

A considerable number of members of the Chamber of Commerce and other substantial citizens heard the report of the chamber's committee on playgrounds Friday evening in the mayor's office at City Hall, and discussed proposed sites and ways and means for raising the purchase money.

The committee stated that options are had on eight acres for which Mrs. Lillian Perry wants \$30,000; the Athletic Park, of about four acres, for which \$12,500 is asked, and two pieces of property on East Gordon street separated by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, for which Miss Tiffany West, the owner, wants \$6,000 and \$8,000, the acreage of the two pieces being three and one-half and six, respectively.

The meeting seemed to favor the purchasing of the West property, and making a double playgrounds of them, using the smaller plat, on the west of the railroad for small children, and that on the east for athletics and sports. The idea predominant is for the parking of both pieces, with equipment for the amusement of the little folks and a baseball and football grounds, tennis courts and swimming pool for older children and adults.

Public subscription, those present at the meeting decided, is the best method for raising the money for purchasing the grounds.

The directors of the chamber present appointed Messrs. L. Hines, William Hayes, G. V. Cowper and Dr. J. M. Parrott as additional members of the playgrounds committee, commencing on Page Eight)

### WRECK ON SOUTHERN DELAYED MORNING MAIL

Connection Missed at Goldsboro With Train from West—Wreck Near Greensboro Caused Injury to One Passenger, Is Report.

Passengers and mails from the west for Kinston and other points on this district of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, missed connection with the 8 o'clock train this morning because of a wreck on the Southern Railway near Greensboro. Passenger train No. 112 of the Southern ran into an open switch. The engine was thrown against an embankment, but the engineer and fireman escaped injury. Only one passenger, who sustained slight bruises, was hurt. It is alleged that the switch had been opened and the lock removed.

### GUNBOAT AT WILMINGTON WAS BERNHARDT'S YACHT.

Wilmington, Sept. 19.—The United States dispatch boat Yankton, bound for Vera Cruz, Mexico, to New York, Lieutenant Joyce commandant yesterday in port, coaling at the docks of the Springer Coal Company, and cleared last night to resume her journey. The Yankton was formerly the Cleopatra, Sarah Bernhardt's private yacht, purchased by the United States government, and now in use as a tender for the Atlantic fleet.

### STOCK BROKERS' PROTEST AGAINST TAX IS VAIN.

Washington, Sept. 18.—Stock brokers who have protested against a proposed special tax of \$50 a year will not escape assessment. Democrats of the ways and means committee, determined today to include them in the war revenue bill, which is now being perfected.

## ST. LOUIS CIVIC BODY WOULD AID COTTON PLANTERS

ASKS KINSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO JOIN ITS MOVEMENT.

### WILL FURNISH STORAGE

Proffer to Arrange Facilities for Carrying for Crop If Local Means Inadequate—Co-Operation of Kinston Will Be Given.

The Buy-a-Bale-of-Cotton Committee of St. Louis has asked the Kinston Chamber of Commerce to join in the plan which it is fostering, similar to those of numerous other organizations throughout the South, and advises that "if you have not the facilities for storing cotton, the St. Louis committee will undertake to handle the matter for you." The cotton surplus, the committee says, will be about 3,000,000 bales, meaning by surplus that part of the crop which will not be sold abroad because of the European war. These 3,000,000 bales, it is pointed out, will represent to the Southern farmers \$500,000,000, and to every line of business incalculable damage will be done if it is not saved. The St. Louis committee will be advised that Kinston has already arranged to hold every bale of cotton in the entire county if necessary, and with thanks informed that the Chamber of Commerce is anxious to cooperate with any interests in any manner by which the local planters may be benefited.

Robert L. Marcle, secretary of the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce, has asked the local chamber to cooperate in the formation of a proposed Southern Immigration Commission, which, with two representatives from each Southern State, would maintain offices at Washington, D. C. "There can be no question that there will be an emigration to this country, following the close of the European war, greater than at any previous time," Marcle says, and he wants to see the South instead of the Middle West secure the cream of this influx of labor.

### STOCKHOLDERS OF THE SOUTHERN R.W.Y. TO MEET

Annual Gathering Called for Richmond, October 13—First Opportunity Afforded for Direct Vote of 12,000 Owners.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 19.—The next annual meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Railway, to be held at the principal office of the company in the Times-Dispatch building in Richmond on October 13, at 10 a. m., will mark a new era in the history of the company, as it will be the first meeting at which the 12,000 stockholders have had the opportunity to vote directly, the voting trust, in existence since the organization of the company in 1894, now being in process of dissolution.

"An effort will be made to make of this meeting more than the convention routine, which current criticism finds to be characteristic of the meetings of the stockholders of American Railway companies," says President Fairfax Harrison in a letter addressed to all stockholders, "and the co-operation of the stockholders is necessary to that end. The principal officers will be in attendance to answer questions directed to the policy of the management, or to any detail of its business, and the report of the operations during the past year will be before the stockholders for discussion."

The principal business to be transacted will be the election of five directors, four to fill vacancies due to the expiration of terms of directors of the 1914 class, among them Messrs. Finley and Fahnstock, who have died during the past year, and one to fill a vacancy in the 1916 class due to resignation.

It is expected that this meeting will be largely attended and that the gathering of the stockholders of South-

## ROSH HASHONAH, JEWISH NEW YEAR, BEGINS SUNDAY

MOST SOLEMN OF ALL HEBREW CELEBRATIONS TO BE OBSERVED HERE.

### STARTS THE 5675TH YEAR

Observance From Sunday Night at Sundown to Monday Night—Many Jews From Surrounding Towns Expected to Come Here.

Rosh Hashonah, the Hebrew New Year's Day, inaugurating the most solemn session of the Jewish religious year, begins Sunday evening and lasts until Sundown Monday. Among Orthodox Jews, who celebrate two days, Tuesday also will be observed. The day opens the Jewish calendar year 5675.

In two passages of the Five Books of Moses, namely Leviticus 23:24,25, and Numbers 29:1, the observance of this holy season is commanded. In neither passage is there any specific command as to how the day is to be observed beyond the injunctions to hold a holy convocation, to engage in no servile occupation, and to "blow the trumpet." It is to be noted that this day is the first day of the seventh month, or the day of the new moon of that month. The new moon was observed as a holy season by the Jews of old; the seventh month was a particularly holy month, as the seventh day of the week; hence, the new moon was invested with a significance of far holier import than the other new moon days of the year. As in all holy seasons, no servile work or gainful occupation was to be followed.

The injunction to blow the trumpet on this day was to call the people to remembrance before the Lord. In the course of time this ceremony of blowing the "shofar" became the central feature of the elaborate religious service conducted on the day. Just as the shofar called the people to remembrance before the Lord, so were its sounds to arouse them to their shortcomings and to their duties in which they may have failed. The day is called on this account "Yom hazikkaron"—"the day of memorial." Another idea which in time came to be associated with the day was that on this day God weighed men's actions in the scale of justice. For this reason another designation of the day is "Yom haddin," "the day of judgment." The days intervening between New Year's Day and the Day of Atonement are called the ten days of penitence, during which the opportunity is had to reflect finally on and repair the wrongs done during the year. If the repentance is sincere forgiveness is gained on the culminating day of the holy season, "the Day of Atonement." The New Year's Day in the passing of the centuries has thus come to embody the great religious ideas of divine justice and human responsibility. As the beginning of the Jewish religious year it emphasizes the religious uniqueness of the Jewish people, the servant of the One God, the priest people of humanity.

Rosh Hashonah will be celebrated in the synagogue on Queen street, with services conducted by the rabbi, Rev. I. Goodkowitz. A number of Hebrews will come here from surrounding towns for the worship.

### TRAIN WRECKERS BLAMED FOR TEN DEATHS.

New Orleans, Sept. 18.—Search was being made tonight for train wreckers believed to have caused the death of ten persons and the injury of thirty others, by derailing the Queen and Crescent train No. 2 at 3 a. m. today at Livingston, Ala. Bloodhounds late today failed to pick up a trail. Some of the injured, taken to Meridian, Miss., hospitals, are in a serious condition, and the death toll of the wreck may be increased.

ern Railway Company will become an annual event of great importance in Richmond.