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BR. B. W. SPILMAN FIERCE STRUGGLE **CONTINUING WITH GIVES VIEWS** ON LITTLE RESULTS EUROPEAN WAR FRENCH CLAIM LEFT WING IS GERMANY SAID TO RUSSIA: MOVING FORWARD; GERMANS "YOU KEEP HANDS OFF, OR DISPUTE THE ADVANCE. WE'LL FIGHT." ALL AVAILABLE MEN USED SUCCESS MEANS SHAKE-UP Both Sides, Realizing Importance of Results Now Guesswork, But It Is

Present Battle, Doing Utmost to Win-Reports of Russian Ad-Vances are Conflicting.

(By the United Press.) progress along the left wing. Fight- many's greed for the control of the Also every available man from the of the Belgian and Dutch ports was rear has been rushed to the front as at the bottom of the conflict, Dr. Spilmost important of the war. Germany has her first and second reserves and volunteers in line. If she loses her troops will be forced back into Germany. German victory would imperil the whole structure of the campaign of the Allies. Definite reports of the losses not obtainable. The rivers are running red with blood of thousands of dead who are being thrown into them. The greatest degree of danger is from disease contracted from infected water. German wounded are being brought in bedraggled and barefooted, showing that German supplies have not reached them. The soldiers in the battle day is in a financial upstir because some men are fighting thousands of lines are rain-soaked.

GERMANY CENTER FORCING BACK THE ALLIES

Berlin, Sept. 26 .- It is officially stated that while the Allies have been their lost ground. The progress of the fighting has given the Germans a

Certain That a Great Transformation In Geographical Lines and Religion Will Follow.

Dr. B. W. Spilman, field secretary Paris, Sept. 26 .- It is officially an- for Sunday school work of the Southnounced that the French made some ern Baptist Convention, declares Gering on the left wing has become a commerce of the Orient was responsihand to hand variety. New British expeditionary forces and French re-have taken the view that internationserves have been brought into action. al jealousy or the Kaiser's coveting man, regarded as one of the best in reinforcements for all points, as it is formed men in the South, believes realized that the present battle is the that the Balkans were destined to pay the toll exacted by William's craving for expansion. Dr. Spilman says: "When Daniel Boone left North Carolina and settled in what is now the Blue Grass region of Kentucky he located at the place on the banks of the Kentucky river now known as Boonesboro. When American indepondence was declared in July, 1776, the news did not reach him and his companions until far along in Aug-ust. Then they celebrated. In that same village a retail grocer this past summer bought some sugar for which he paid three and three-quarters cents per pound. A week later he placed another order for sugar and paid eight cents per pound for it. What was the trouble? "War in Europe," said the wholesale man. America to miles away

"What is it all about? Four words will give the answer: Race, religion, conquest and commerce. But to get at the meaning of it all we must restated that while the Allies have been reinforced, they are unable to regain graphy and the history of Europe. "Take a look at a map of Europe. Russia occupies all norteastern Euslight advantage, which is being of Russia lies Austria-Hungary and pressed in a series of assaults by the the German Empire. South of Rus-Germans in their movement along the sia is the Black Sea. To gain access to the high seas from the Black Sea. it is necessary to pass through the Dardanelles, which is a strip of wacolumn in the fortified positions to-ward Verdun, and the seven forts places less than one mile wide, and strongly fortified on both sides by the Turks. "Southeast of Austria-Hungary lie the Balkan States, six in number, if Greece be included. viz: Roumania, Bulgaria, Servia, Montenegro, Albania and Greece. "To the west of the German Empire lies the little flat land countries of Belgium and the Netherlands. Denmark occupies the peninsula jutting up to the north and between the Baltic and the North seas. Between the North Sea and the Atlantic lie the British Isles. France is separated from the British Isles by the English Channel and the Stratts of Dover, and is situated immediately southwest of Germany. "With your eye on the map, let us get a few scraps of history. Follow-ing the conquest of Europe by the Christian religion the Catholics divided into two wings, the Roman Cath-olic and the Greek Catholic. The former had its chief seat in Rome, while the latter had its center in Constantinople. Russia, Greece and the territory of the Balkan states all went with the Greek Church. The Slavs. of whom the Russians are the most numerous and powerful representatives, occupy nearly all of the Balkan territory. About the year 1350 the Turks, an Asiatic peopre, crossed the Dardanelles and soon overran all of the Balkans and went far into what is now the Austria-Hungarian Empire. By the intervention of the in tervention of the European powers Turkey was held in check and so did not overrun all Europe. In 1830 Greece gained its independence of Turkey, and this was guaranteed to it by England, France and Russia. The Balkan states threw off the Turkish rule some years ago. Then com-menced the movements of the European powers to gain control of the situation in the Balkans in such a way as to give the greatest possible ad-vantage to the powers concerned, which makes it necessary to pick up a few other threads of histor "Austria-Hungary is a dual mon-archy ruled by Francis Joseph, who is now in his eighty-fifth year, and who has been on the throne since Decem-ber, 1848. The empire is a loosely united effective and the second ber, 1848. The empire is a loosely united affair composed of a conglom-erate mass of people of various lan-guages and religions and commercial interests. Germany is the dominat-ing influence in Austria-Hungary. "At their loss of the Branco-Prus-sian war, when the Prussian army had a regular walk-over and took Pa-ris in forty-five days from the day



THE R. HOE & COMPANY, OF NEW YORK, THE WORLD'S LARGEST PRESS MAKERS BY

The Free Press has placed an order with R. Hoe & Company, of New York, the largest press manufacturers in the world, for an angle bar Cox Duplex Press to be installed within the next thirty days in its press room. This additional equipment will put The Free Press on a par with the larger cities of the state and will enable the management to carry out the plans to give to Kinston and eastern Carolina a paper in thorough keeping with the progress of this district. With the installation and operation of the new press, the size of the paper will be enlarged to 7 columns. The press will print a 4, 6 or 8 page paper complete at the rate of 4,000 an hour. The price of the Cox Duplex, new, at the factory is \$6,400.00.

the first gun was fired in 1870, the various States surrounding Prussia came together and formed the German Empire. The present German Empire is little more than forty years old.

"For centuries Engalnd has been the dominating force in the world of education, commerce and war. Her ships have ruled the high seas; her armies have not known defeat; she rules one-third of the land on the earth and also about a third of the people. But with the coming of the German Empire a new world power appeared on the scene. With the best school system in the world, with the best drilled army, with her commerce ever expanding, Germany was

destined one day to be a very formi-dable rival of Great Britain. "In 1879 the Triple Alliance was formed by Germany, Austria-Hunga-ry and Italy. Thus were the three great powers in the very center of Europe bound together to assist each other in case of war with any other nation. It was a formidable array of force, and made the other nations of Europe sit up and take notice. Germany continued to assert herself in all of the commercial and warlike movements of the world. It became alarming. The result was that Great Britain, Russia and France, in self defense, formed a compact as against the Triple Alliance. And thus have

BULLETINS

GERMANS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCE THAT ALLIES DRIVEN BACK TEN MILES.

(By the United Press.) Berlin, Sept. 25.-It is officially announced that the Germans have driven the Allies back ten miles along the Mon and Oise rivers.

BELGIUM PROTESTS AT BOM-BARDMENT BY ZEPPELINS.

Ostend, Sept. 26 .- The burgomaster has presented the American consul for transmission to President Wilson, a request for

MARCONI STATION AT SIASCONSETT CLOSED BY PRESIDENT'S ORDER.

Washington, Sept. 25 .- By order of President Wilson, as commander in chief of the army and Navy, the wireless station of the Marconi Company at Siasconsett, Mass., was closed today because it declined to recognize the right of the Federal government to exercise a censorship over the plant.

The Navy Department took no cognizance of the fact that the Marconi Company had filed in a Federal court an application for an injunction to restrain the naval officers from closing or censoring the station.

Although it appeared as if the wire-

PRICE TWO CENTS

DISCUSS WOMEN'S

STATE PRESIDENT, MRS MARY

E. RHODES, PRESIDED AT

FRIDAY'S SESSION.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mrs. J. L. Everton of Clinton, New

President of Missionary Society

of State Universalists-Regu-

lar Sessions Today.

MISSION WORK

THE WEATHER

Delegates from the various women's mission circles in attendance upon the State convention of the Universalist church now in progress at the local church, held a session Friday afternoon. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 o'clock by Mrs. Mary E. Rhodes, the State president. Reports from all the circles showed much activity in mission and charitable work. The convention listened to an address by Mrs. Minnie J. Ayers of Woonsocket, R. I., president of the Woman's National Missionary Association, on mission work at home and abroad. Mrs. Ayers used a number of charts and maps to show the fields of mission work of the Universalists. Remarks were made by Dr. Van Schaick, pastor of the Church of Our Father at Washington, D. C.: Rev. W. O. Bodell, pastor of the Kinston church, and others.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. J. L. Everton of Clinton; Vice-P

dent, Mrs. Mary E. Rhodes of Kinston; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. M. O. Winstead of Rocky Mount.

The regular convention of the churches will resume its sessions this morning "and afternoon. Tonight at 8 o'clock a sermon will be preached by Rev. W. O. Bodell, the Kinston pastor.

Meuse river. The Germans are slowly driving the French back to the main column in the fortified positions toalong the Meuse river, with the heavy fighting toward Toulon progressing without interruption, in spite of the French efforts for relief. There are no decisive results yet. The German center and left wings are slowly breaking the French lines of defense.

The Russians are being driven out of East Prussia. Many prisoners of war, guns and two battle flags have been taken. The situation in Galicia shows improvement. The Austrians are fighting from entrenched positions, and have checked the Russian advance, it is believed, toward Prezycmysl. They will be able to hole. out until a relief expedition arrives. The war office reports 75,000 killed, wounded and missing to date.

AUSTRIANS RETIRING BEFORE RUSSIANS AT PREZEMYSL.

Petrograd, Sept. 26 .- The Austrians are still falling tack. The captore of Prezemyal is imminent. All nea-combatants have left the ciry The Russian bombardment continues, with artillery fire of the deadliest sort. The Russian main army extends along the railroad toward Jaroslaw, and from Prezemysl toward Cracow. German forces attempting to invade Kussian Poland have been repulsed in a movement toward Suwalki, with heavy losses. The Germans retreated toward Zumbinnen.

BENCH LEFT WING ENGAGED N VIOLENT OFFENSIVE ACTION Ins, Sept. 26-The entire French let Jing, with considerable reinforcements, was engaged nearly all night in fighting of the greatest violence, with the Germans making a supreme effort to check the Allies'-advance. The Allies east of Aimes and Dounnens are reported to be so strongly entrenched that the capture of St. Quentin is believed certain. The Germans are merely holding entrenched positions along the center. The German lines from Mons south through Cambrai, St. Quentin and Hem to Noyon, thence southeast across France are in the same situation as during the past few days.

these six powers stood for years, each watching the others, "We will go to the Balkans again. At the close of the last war there with Turkey, the States immediately fell out with each other, and civil war seemed almostcertain among themselves. This was the pulling of the strings of Russia and Austria-Hungary, the one against the other. The city of Salonica was the chief bone of contention. This city is the best seaport on the Aegean Sea. For years the Turks had granted free access to it by the railway from Berlin via Vi-enna. This route, and the way by Constantinople, were the trade routes for Germany and Austria-Hungary to and from the markets of Asia. The railway lines this way into Asia were all owned by Germany. The line of railway passes through Servia. The Russian and the Servian people are the same in race and in religion. Salonica is just south of Servia. In the division of the territory following the Balkan war Servia wanted Salonica, but in the final adjustment of affairs this city went to Greece. This placed two national frontiers between Austria-Hungary and the sea. Since Russia and Greece and Servia were of the same people in religion, much the in race, and closely allied with same each other in a commercial way, it gave to Russia the free passage through the Aegean Sea, except for Turkey, whose power had been so crippled that, she was no longer a power in European affairs. A part of Servia in the three years gone by was Bosnia, lying on the Adriatic Sea. so that Austria was completely inland. Years ago Austria Hungary seized the strip of land being a part of Italy. It is spoken of to this day as 'unre-deemed Italy." The Italians have not forgotten. Then in the mixup of the Balkan war Austria walked in and took charge of Bosnia. These seizures gave an outlet through the Adriatic Sea; and Austria-Hungary sat in 'watchful waiting' for an opportunity to seize Servia and so make her way to the sea in that direction.

way to the sea in that direction. "Then came the match which blew up all Europe and very seriously dis-turbed 'conditions in the rest of the civilized world. A half crazy Ser-vian student shot Francia Ferdinand, a nephew to the Emperor of Austria, in Bosnia. Immedaitely Austria-Hungary demanded satisfaction from (Continued on Enge Four)

protest against Germany's operation of Zeppelins in attacking unfortified cities in Belgium.

BAVARIANS COURTMARTIALED FOR HELPING ENFMY.

Ostend, Sept. 26 .- It is reported that a German courtmartial is trying a squad of Bavarian soldiers on the charge of connivance in the attempted escape of seven thousand prisoners of war. It is stated that the friction between Bavarian and Austrian troops is very acute.

DREADED ASIATIC CHOLERA ATTACKS AUSTRIAN ARMY

Vienna, Sept. 26 .- A government bacteriologist has pronounced as genuine the supposed Asiatic cholera cases developed in Austrian concentration hospitals at the front, and every precaution will be taken to stamp out the disease. There are seventy thousand wounded in the concentration camps.

GERMANS PREPARING PLACE FOR RIGHT WING OF ARMY TO FALL BACK TO LATER.

Antwerp, Sept. 26 .- Belgian aviators report that the Germans are active in preparation on the Plain of Waterloo in entrenched lines which extend from Schelvt to Dendre and Senne Rivers. The entire line to Senne has been made ready for defensive operations. It is admitted that this precautionary measure by Germany is to prepare a place of refuge for the right wing. It is bealso to be the plan to use Waterioo field for a winter campaign, which will include a renewed effort to capture, Antwerp, if necessary to he Germant purpose.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS. A man isn't necessarily square when he is cornered.

Marriage used to be a lottery; nov it's a game of skill.

But even if you are able to convince Austria-Austria-tion from Ar beehing for political buzzers

long felt want.

ess company finally decided to offer no resistance and the station was MAXWELL MOTOR CO. closed at 1 p. m.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RIVERS AND HARBORS CONCURS WITH SENATE.

Washington, Sept. 25 .- Democrats of the house rivers and harbors committee today authorized Chairman Sparkman to recommend agreement with the Senate's reduction of the rivers and harbors bill from \$53,000,-000 to \$20,000,000.

Representative Sparkman expects to call up the bill in the house tomorrow.

CARRANZA'S TROOPS LOSE FIRST BATTLE IN NEW REVOLUTION

Douglas, Ariz., Sept. 25.-Carranza forces under Gen. Benjamin Hill, were routed today by the troops of Governor Maytorena in the first engagement of the new revolution proclaimed by the State of Sonora in connection with General Villa's defiance of Carranza. Hill's loss is not known.

BRYAN, IN POOR HEALTH, **RETURNS TO ASHEVILLE.**

Asheville, Sept. 25.-Secretary of State Wm. J. Bryan has returned to Asheville, for an indefinite stay following a hurried trip to Washington. The health of the secretary is poor, and he has been told to spend his time in the open air. His ill health is attributed to overwork.

MISSING NAVAL OFFICER WAS WITH CAPT. SMITH.

London, Sept. 25 .- Lieut. Commander H. E. Dep Rennick, reported missing from the British cruiser Hogue, sunk by a German submarine, arctic expedition. He was second in drafted into the German army, he bemonths.

Many a man who tries to make trouble-yes Hinterest in Animal Mar It's easy for a woman to discover mother.

IN BUY-A-BALE CLASS

Authorizes Kinston Garage and DealerseThroughout South to Buy A **Bale** Direct From a Planter At Ten Cents.

The Kinston Garage, the local agent of the Maxwell Motor Company, has been authorized to buy a bale of cotton at 10 cents a pound, in accordance with a plan of the automobile manufacturers to gather in several thousand bales in the South. Instructions have been sent to every Maxwell dealer in the Cotton States to buy a bale. "Kindly buy your bale directly from a farmer," is the request made of every dealer. The company promises to put into effect "an extensive and practical plan of co-operation" as "an indication of our feeling toward the Southern dealers." It is the desire that the cotton be purchased direct from the planters, so that they may be saved brokerage and commissions.

JACKSONVILLE PASTOR ON WAY FROM GERMANY

Friends here learned today that Rev. R. M. Von Miller, pastor of a church at Jacksonville, Onslow county, is en route home from Germany, where he has been spending the summer. He was in Europe with Rev. C. T. Rogers, also of Jacksonville, when the war broke out. Rev. Rogers returned to America immediately, but Rev. Von Miller preferred to remain to settle up the estate of his father, who died some time ago. His friends in Jacksonville became uneasy and was in Capt. Robert E. Scott's Ant- feared that the minister would be command to Lieut. Evans on the Ter- ing a native of the Kaiser's land. Secra Nova. He leaves a bride of twelve retary Bryan, at the request of the absent preacher's congregation, discovered, however, that he had already served his time in the German army money merely succeeds in making and was not liable for service again. Rev. Von Miller has adjusted his deceased parent's estate and left the that a man has brains If she's his fatherland three weeks ago for the United States. 1 110 201 4 975