

FERCE STRUGGLE CONTINUING WITH LITTLE RESULTS

DR. B. W. SPILMAN GIVES VIEWS ON EUROPEAN WAR

FRENCH CLAIM LEFT WING IS MOVING FORWARD; GERMANS DISPUTE THE ADVANCE.

GERMANY SAID TO RUSSIA: 'YOU KEEP HANDS OFF, OR WE'LL FIGHT.'

ALL AVAILABLE MEN USED

SUCCESS MEANS SHAKE-UP

Both Sides, Realizing Importance of Present Battle, Doing Utmost to Win—Reports of Russian Advancements are Conflicting.

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(By the United Press.)

Dr. B. W. Spilman, field secretary for Sunday school work of the Southern Baptist Convention, declares Germany's greed for the control of the commerce of the Orient was responsible, in his opinion, for the world war now in progress.

Paris, Sept. 26.—It is officially announced that the French made some progress along the left wing. Fighting on the left wing has become a hand to hand variety. New British expeditionary forces and French reserves have been brought into action. Also every available man from the rear has been rushed to the front as reinforcements for all points, as it is realized that the present battle is the most important of the war.

"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 independence was declared in July, 1776, the news did not reach him and his companions until far along in August. 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.

GERMANY CENTER FORCING BACK THE ALLIES

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Berlin, Sept. 26.—It is officially stated that while the Allies have been reinforced, they are unable to regain their lost ground. The progress of the fighting has given the Germans a slight advantage, which is being pressed in a series of assaults by the Germans in their movement along the Meuse river. The Germans are slowly driving the French back to the main column in the fortified positions toward Verdun, and the seven forts along 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.

"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 refresh our minds a little on the geography and the history of Europe. Take a look at a map of Europe. Russia occupies all northeastern Europe. Immediately to the southwest of Russia lies Austria-Hungary and the German Empire. South of Russia 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 water about forty miles long and at places less than one mile wide, and strongly fortified on both sides by the Turks.

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 Przemyel. They will be able to hold out until a relief expedition arrives. The war office reports 75,000 killed, wounded and missing to date.

"Southeast of Austria-Hungary lie the Balkan States, six in number, if Greece be included. viz: Roumania, Bulgaria, Serbia, 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 Straits of Dover, and is situated immediately southwest of Germany.

AUSTRIANS RETIRING BEFORE RUSSIANS AT PREZEMYSL

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Petrograd, Sept. 26.—The Austrians are still falling back. The capture of Przemyel is imminent. All non-combatants have left the city. The Russian bombardment continues, with artillery fire of the deadliest sort. The Russian main army extends along the railroad toward Jaroslavl, and from Przemyel toward Cracow. German forces attempting to invade Russian Poland have been repulsed in a movement toward Suwalki, with heavy losses. The Germans retreated toward Zumbinnen.

"With your eye on the map, let us get a few scraps of history. Following the conquest of Europe by the Christian religion the Catholics divided into two wings, the Roman Catholic 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 people, 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 intervention 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 commenced 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 advantage to the powers concerned, which makes it necessary to pick up a few other threads of history.

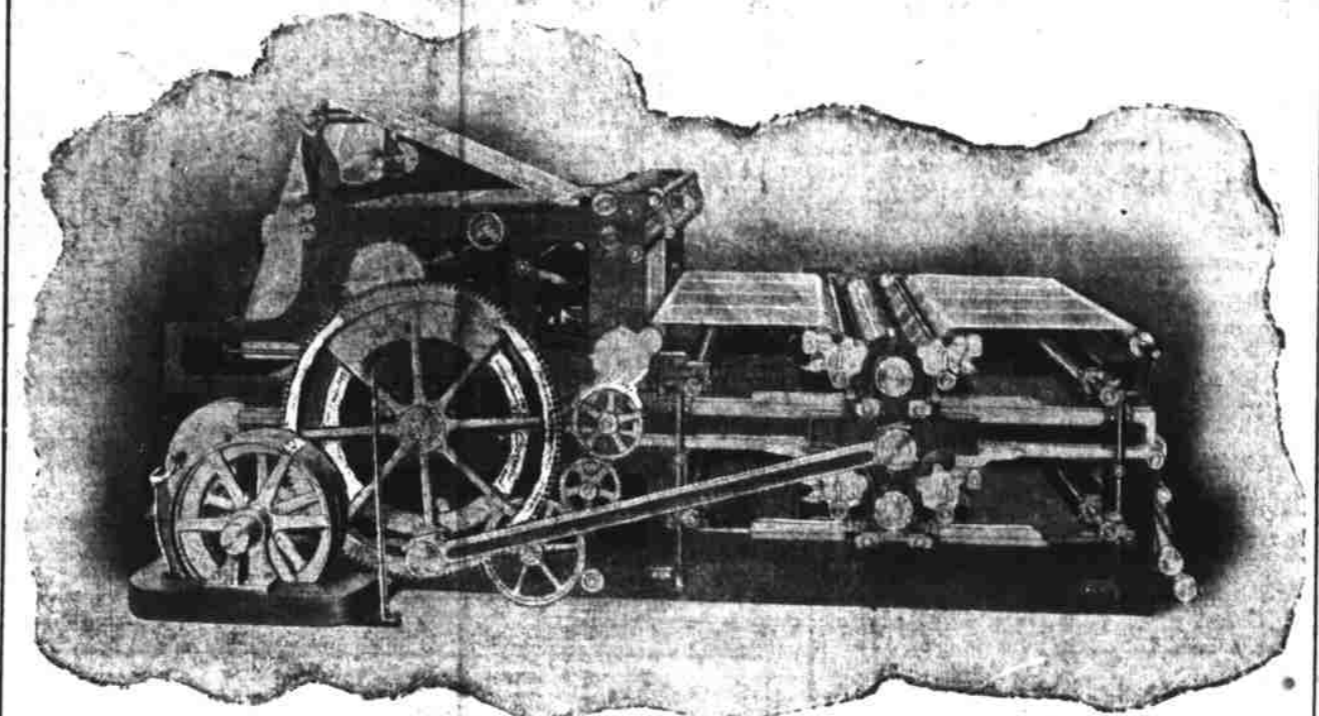
FRENCH LEFT WING ENGAGED IN VIOLENT OFFENSIVE ACTION

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Paris, Sept. 26.—The entire French left wing, 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 Dourennes 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 Ham to Noyon, thence southeast across France are in the same situation as during the past few days.

"Austria-Hungary is a dual monarchy ruled by Francis Joseph, who is now in his eighty-fifth year, and who has been on the throne since December, 1848. The empire is a loosely united affair composed of a conglomerated mass of people of various languages and religions and commercial interests. Germany is the dominant influence in Austria-Hungary. At the close of the Franco-Prussian war, when the Prussian army had a regular walk-over and took Paris in forty-five days from the day

COX DUPLEX PRESS TO BE INSTALLED FOR THE FREE PRESS



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

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.

BULLETINS

GERMANS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCE THAT ALLIES DRIVEN BACK TEN MILES.

(By the United Press.) Berlin, Sept. 26.—It is officially announced that the Germans have driven the Allies back ten miles along the Mon and Oise rivers.

BELGIUM PROTESTS AT BOMBARDMENT BY ZEPPELINS.

Ostend, Sept. 26.—The burgomaster has presented the American consul for transmission to President Wilson, a request for protest against Germany's operation of Zeppelins in attacking unfortified cities in Belgium.

BAVARIANS COURTMARTIALED FOR HELPING ENEMY.

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 believed also to be the plan to use Waterloo field for a winter campaign, which will include a renewed effort to capture Antwerp, if necessary to her German purpose.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

A man isn't necessarily square when he is cornered. Marriage used to be a lottery; now it's a game of skill. But even if you are able to convince a fool, what's the use? A beehive for political buzzers might fill a long felt want.

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.

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, was in Capt. Robert E. Scott's Antarctic expedition. He was second in command to Lieut. Evans on the Terra Nova. He leaves a bride of twelve months.

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 feared that the minister would be drafted into the German army, he being a native of the Kaiser's land. Secretary Bryan, at the request of the absent preacher's congregation, discovered, however, that he had already served his time in the German army and was not liable for service again. Rev. Von Miller has adjusted his deceased parent's estate and left the fatherland three weeks ago for the United States.

UNIVERSALISTS DISCUSS WOMEN'S MISSION WORK

STATE PRESIDENT, MRS MARY E. RHODES, PRESIDED AT FRIDAY'S SESSION.

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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. J. L. Everton of Clinton; Vice-President, Mrs. Mary E. Rhodes of Kinston; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. M. O. Winstead of Rocky Mount.

MAXWELL MOTOR CO. IN BUY-A-BALE CLASS

Authorizes Kinston Garage and Dealers Throughout 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.