

PRISONERS SAY GERMAN OFFICERS FORCING TROOPS

LOSSES ENORMOUS, BUT MEN HAVE BEEN URGED TO DO THEIR UTMOST.

ALLIES EXPECT TO WIN

The Decisive Point In Battle of Aisne Is Expected to Be Reached the Latter Part of the Week, Authorities State.

(By the United Press.)

Paris, Oct. 1.—The war office announces the "situation is improving everywhere." German prisoners brought here are utterly exhausted, their clothes in rags and the men barefooted.

Prisoners taken by the allies declare the German losses in the battle of the Aisne have been enormous. They say German officers have for several days past urged their men to the greatest efforts of endurance and courage. Attacks upon a number of points have now been abandoned. It is expected that a decisive turn of the battle will come Sunday or Monday, and will result in success for the allies. It is reported that along the lines at Somme and West Oise, the allies hold positions the Germans occupied when the battle began.

ALLIES STILL CONFIDENT OF ULTIMATE VICTORY

Paris, Oct. 1.—That confidence prevails at military headquarters that the battle of the Aisne will be a victory for the allies is the effect of statement of General Gallini of the general staff. Official communication simply says there is "no change."

BOMBARDMENT OF ANTWERP WITHOUT RESULTS SO FAR.

Antwerp, Oct. 1.—The German bombardment of the outer forts with long range guns continues. Aviators report that the German guns are mounted on concrete foundations. Munitions are being brought from Liege by traction engines. The war office announces the German bombardment of the first line of forts continues with but little effect, as the German gunners have not gotten range accurately. The Belgian field forces have retired to Tuemsti.

RUSSIA DRY FOR GOOD, BEST ARGUMENT YET FOR PROHIBITION.

Petrograd, via London, Sept. 30.—An order was issued today that the prohibition of the sale of vodka shall be continued indefinitely after the war. This order is based on the tremendously improved condition of the country since the Czar issued the edict prohibiting traffic in this liquor.

MERCANTILE CO. HAS CHANGED ITS BASE

Charter for Salisbury Dry Goods Co. Has Been Changed to Thomasville Cash Store, Inc., and Place of Business.

(By the United Press.)
Raleigh, Oct. 1.—A charter to the Salisbury Dry Goods Co. has been changed to the Thomasville Cash Store, Inc., and the place of business changed to Thomasville. J. J. Crow is the president.

RALEIGH OPENS NEW MUNICIPAL MARKET.

Raleigh, Sept. 30.—Ten thousand people attended Raleigh's formal opening of the new city market today. The building stands on Martin and near Blount, two of the important streets of the city, and is built to conform especially to modern sanitation and the town's civic sense.

PAPAL SECRETARY OF STATE SERIOUSLY ILL

(By the United Press.)
Rome, Oct. 1.—Cardinal Serrera reports that the papal secretary of State is seriously ill.

AUSTRIANS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO STOP DISEASE

CHOLERA AND DYSENTERY BECOMING MENACE TO ACTION OF THE TROOPS.

BIG ARMIES TOGETHER

Germans Have Half Million Men and Russians One Million—Russian Advance Continues Unchecked—Austrians Weak.

(By the United Press.)

Petrograd, Oct. 1.—Reports show that the Russian army is advancing slowly through Galicia, heavy rains in the past three days greatly impeding the advance. The Austrians are now making but slight resistance, and their condition is very bad. Asiatic cholera and dysentery prevail increasingly, with all efforts to stamp out the diseases having utterly failed. All food and other supplies captured from the Austrians have been burned, to avoid infection. It is reported that Gen. Aussenberg, former Austrian minister of war, has been relieved of the command on account of his inability to hold Jeroslaw.

BIG ARMIES OF RUSSIANS AND GERMANS FACING EACH OTHER.

Vienna, Oct. 1.—Reports show that six million men are engaged on the western battle lines. There have been no decisive results at any points. It will be several days before the fighting reaches the crisis. General Rennkampf has a million first line Russian troops endeavoring to resist the effort by General Heinberg to cross the Niemen river between Grusskenirik and Grogera. A German army of half a million is engaging a large Russian force near Augustowo. The main Russian army is moving against Cracow. A large Russian force is operating in Galicia.

BULLETINS

JAPANESE FLEET DESTROYS GERMAN TORPEDO BOAT.

(By the United Press.)
Tokio, Oct. 1.—It is officially announced that the Japanese fleet has destroyed a German torpedo boat destroyed off Ksing Tsu.

VIENNA FEARS ATTACK FROM RUSSIANS AND IS FORTIFYING

Venice, Oct. 1.—Reports reaching here are to the effect that the Vienna fortifications are being rapidly strengthened in the fear of an impending Russian attack on the Austrian-Hungarian capital.

ENGLAND WILL NOT SIEZE AMERICAN SHIPS.

Washington, Oct. 1.—The State Department announces that the British government has agreed to not interfere with shipments of foodstuffs sent into Holland in ships of American register.

PRESIDENT WILL TAKE UP COTTON RELIEF WITH M'ADDOO

Washington, Sept. 30.—President Wilson today told a delegation representing the conference of governors and congressmen of cotton states he would take up with the treasury department a request that state banks be allowed to issue emergency currency under the Aldrich-Vreeland act without paying a 10 per cent. tax. A bill now is pending in the Senate to carry out that plan.

YOUR FALL COLD NEEDS ATTENTION

No use to fuss and try to wear it out. It will wear you out instead. Take Dr. King's New Discovery, relief follows quickly. It checks your Cold and Soothes your Cough away. Pleasant, Antiseptic and Healing. Children like it. Get a 50c bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and keep it in the house. "Our family Cough and Cold Doctor" writes Lewis Chamberlain, Manchester, Ohio. Money back if not satisfied, but it always helps. —Adv.

WOULD HOLD THE COTTON CROP FOR A 10 CENT PRICE

MEETING OF STATE AGRICULTURAL BOARD TODAY IN RALEIGH.

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

Considering Plan to appropriate \$9,000 for Carrying on Campaign to Make Provision for Holding the Crop This Year.

(By the United Press.)

Raleigh, Oct. 1.—The State Board of Agriculture with all of its members present is considering the question of the appropriation of nine thousand dollars to aid the campaign in this State to hold cotton for ten cents.

INQUEST OVER BODY FOUND IN CREEK HELD UP FOR MORE FACTS.

Wilmington, Sept. 30.—The coroner's jury investigating the death of Thomas L. Moore of Burgaw, whose body was found floating in Smith's creek Sunday morning, has taken a recess until Friday morning, pending further investigation of the mystery which surrounds his death.

The death of Moore is one of the most puzzling mysteries that has confronted the authorities here for some time. While there has been no evidence to show positively that murder was committed, the generally accepted belief is that the Burgaw man was killed and then thrown into the creek.

BOY BURGLAR TELLS TRUTH TO SAVE ANOTHER.

Lexington, Sept. 30.—James Watson, alias James Spear, late of Philadelphia, now serving a 12 months' sentence on the roads of Lexington township for house-breaking, has confessed to court officials here that he is wanted in Philadelphia for two daring robberies. A press dispatch of July 7 told of two robberies committed by a mere boy, who claimed in each to be a plumbers' assistant, and thus gained admission to two homes, where only a woman was in the house. In one case he forced one woman to undress and looked her in the bathroom, taking her clothes away from her so she could not follow him. He makes the confession, he says, in order to save his cousin, James Baker, who stands charged with the deed.

BRITAIN TO REVIVE SOME METHODS OF 1812.

Washington, Sept. 30.—Great Britain's intention to seize goods which may be classed as conditional contraband of war specifically destined for Germany or Austria, even when carried in American ships and consigned to neutral ports, was announced at the State Department today by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador.

No announcement was made as to what the attitude of the department would be toward Great Britain's action.

DEMOCRATS NEARLY ALL AGREE WITH UNDERWOOD FOR EARLY ADJOURNMENT.

Washington, Sept. 30.—Continued conferences among the Democrats in both houses today gave strong indication of the success of the plan for adjournment of Congress by the middle of October.

Nearly all majority members of the house are aligned with the movement undertaken by Democratic Leader Underwood, with the approval of President Wilson, to put off the administration ship purchase bill until after the November elections.

PAIN, FIREWORKS MANUFACTURER, KILLED.

Chicago, Sept. 30.—H. B. Thearle, president of the Pain Fire Works Display Company of America, and four employees were killed today by an explosion that destroyed the company's plant here.

JUDGE CHESTER RULES AGAINST COL. ROOSEVELT

REFUSED TO ALLOW CHANGE OF VENUE FOR SUIT NOW PENDING.

POLITICS COL.'S REASON

Feared That Justice Would Not Be Accorded Him in Case Brought By William Barnes Account of Adverse Sentiment.

(By the United Press.)

Albany, Oct. 1.—Judge Chester today denied the application of Colonel Roosevelt for a change of the place of trial of a suit brought against him by William Barnes. Col. Roosevelt asked removal because of alleged adverse political influence.

AIRSHIP INTENDED FOR TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT, GOES TO WAR.

New York, Sept. 30.—Under cover of darkness, the America, said to be one of the world's most powerful airplanes, today was loaded on the steamer Mauretania and now is being taken across the Atlantic to be used by the British government for war service. The America was built for a trans-Atlantic flight and would have been piloted by Lieut. John C. Porte, a British naval lieutenant.

The Mauretania was many miles at sea before announcement of the shipment was made. The names of the purchaser and consignees of the machines were closely guarded.

CRAIG MAKES FIRST SPEECH NEXT WEEK.

Raleigh, Sept. 30.—Governor Craig's campaign speeches this year will heartily present the cause of the constitutional amendments.

The governor's opening political speech will be in Statesville one week from tomorrow.

RAILROAD EMPLOYEES WANT THEIR PAY TWICE A MONTH.

New Bern, Oct. 1.—A visit of General Superintendent J. D. Stack and Superintendent of Motive Power J. D. Sasser of the Norfolk Southern, to New Bern yesterday, is believed to have been in connection with a petition by employees of the shops here for a semi-monthly instead of a monthly pay day.

CRAZED NEGRO KILLS L.A. NEWSPAPER MAN.

Shreveport, La., Sept. 30.—Robert M. Denholme, business manager of the Shreveport Times, was killed at the office of the paper early tonight by a negro, Albert Hectar, who evidently was insane. The negro was shot to death by a policeman who followed him into the office with the intention of placing him under arrest.

Before visiting the Times office the negro, armed with a revolver, held up the clerks in a hardware store while he secured another pistol and a supply of ammunition. Flourishing his weapons as he entered, the newspaper office, he forced the clerks to stand at bay while he made demands that a rambling statement he had prepared be published. After trying to pacify the man Denholme moved toward his private office, and the negro opened fire, killing him.

THE "KING AND QUEEN" TOBACCO AND COTTON

Buck King of Trent township, Lenoir county, lives in a real Brooding nest. King today brought to Kinston a tobacco leaf, of fair grade, which measures 24 inches wide by three full feet in length. There is some more nearly as large on his farm, and on surrounding plantations. The plant from which the specimen leaf came was set out on June 16. King also exhibited thirteen locks of cotton from one stem, three in excess of the usual number. One of the two bolls contained eight locks.

MOVEMENT FOR WELL BEING OF MANKIND STARTED

ROCKEFELLER COMMISSION TO PROBE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS OF THE WORLD.

M'KINZIE IS THE DIRECTOR

Former Labor Commissioner of Canada Will Have Charge of This Important Work, Which Is to Begin At Once.

(By the United Press.)

New York, Oct. 1.—The trustees of the Rockefeller movement to look into the industrial conditions of the world have been named. It is announced that "of the well being of mankind throughout the world" the commission will investigate the industrial relations. Former Labor Commissioner McKinzie of Canada was named as the director of the work.

LEE COUNTY COTTON PLAN WORKING OUT

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 29.—(Special)—It is believed that the plan for reducing cotton acreage endorsed by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting in Macon, September 23, which it has named the "Lee County Plan" because the basic idea originated in Lee county, Ga., where the farmers are now being organized and a charter applied for, will prove to be the solution of the South's cotton problem.

Robert F. Maddox a vice-president of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and one of the most widely known of Southern bankers, stated in his address before the annual meeting that he believed this plan to be the only one so far advanced that is both practical and legal, and that, if it is generally adopted throughout the cotton states, it will raise the price of both this year's and next year's cotton to normal level.

This plan provides a contract between farmers to limit production to ten acres of cotton to the mule, or plow, and makes it absolutely legal and enforceable by injunction, by incorporating a county association of 75 per cent. of the farmers, with the right to establish branch associations in all other counties of the state on the application of 75 per cent. of the farmers of the county, thus avoiding the expense and delay of incorporating in more than one county in a state. Skilled lawyers pronounce the plan absolutely constitutional, and say that national and state governments cannot legally, under either the federal or state constitutions, restrict cotton acreage or tax excess production.

The "Buy-a-Bale committee" of Atlanta has endorsed the plan in a letter to the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, and the work of organizing the counties of Georgia will probably be on with a rush within the week.

The "Lee County Plan" will be presented to the delegates to the Southeastern Food Crops Conference, which the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and the Commissioner of Agriculture of Georgia have called to meet in Atlanta, October 5 and 6, and it is hoped that the plan will be adopted for all of the southeastern cotton states.

President Wilson telegraphed the Georgia Chamber of Commerce during the annual meeting, as follows: "The White House, Washington, D. C., Sept. 23, 1914—President Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Macon, Ga.—I congratulate you upon your work during the last year. The effect of the European war upon cotton confirms the wisdom of your campaign for the increased production of food crops. I heartily commend the purpose of the Southern Food Crops Conference called by you to meet in Atlanta, October fifth. The people of the southeast can do nothing better for their permanent welfare than to produce food supplies at least sufficient for own use. (Signed) Woodrow Wilson." The Georgia Chamber of Commerce

WOULD MAKE THIS COUNTY A STOCK RAISING CENTER

FARMERS AND OTHERS INTERESTED ARE INVITED TO MEET OCTOBER 8.

BIG POSSIBILITIES HERE

The Conference Will Be Held In Order to Work Up Sentiment and Form a Live Stock Association in Lenoir County.

Prominent farmers are discussing the starting of a live stock association for Lenoir county. A meeting will be held in the grand jury room at the courthouse on Thursday, October 8, to formulate the plans for such an organization. All interested planters and others are asked to attend.

The proposed association will have as its purpose the promotion of the live stock industry in the county by means of better and more extensive breeding. Agents of the federal Department of Agriculture here are expected to lend their aid as long as they are in the vicinity. The producing of better beef and dairy cattle has been made easy by the work of tick eradication, which has been undergoing for the past few months, and when the quarantine is lifted early in 1915 a fresh start in the industry may be had without danger from tick infection, which has long been a bane to the stock raisers.

There are big possibilities in cattle breeding in this section. Government experts have said that once the planters produce their winter feed, Lenoir county can become a center for animal husbandry. Summer grazing facilities are adequate, or can be made so without difficulty, and an increased production of grain and better winter housing are all that are needed for the success of the industry.

LITERARY SOCIETIES HOLD REUNIONS TODAY

A. & M. Opens Celebration of Anniversary With Smoker for Past and Present Fraternity Members—Park Chief Smoker.

Raleigh, Oct. 1.—With the literary society reunions and the alumni smoker tonight at the A. & M. College the twenty-fifth anniversary will get under way. The exercises will continue through Saturday.

At 8 o'clock tonight the present and alumni members of the Pullen and Deazer Literary Societies will meet in the Y. M. C. A. building, where the two societies have their regular meeting places.

After the Literary Society reunion, the alumni will at 9:30 o'clock adjourn to Pullen Auditorium for a smoker, at which the chief speaker will be Mr. John A. Parks of Raleigh. The program includes orchestra music, songs and a few two-minute speeches. The A. & M. College quartet, Messrs. E. F. Stoddard, J. J. King, G. A. Roberts, and H. L. Joslyn, will lead the singing and also give a few quartet numbers.

The program for Friday is as follows:

4 p. m.—Military Drill by Cadet Corps.
8 p. m.—Addresses by former members of the faculty and board of trustees.
9:30 p. m.—Reception.

is urging the increased planting of food crops, and particularly the fall grain and winter cover crops, and is preparing to furnish the farmers information on the standardizing of the preparation and marketing of grains and hay, on lines prepared by a committee of experts, with the view of putting Georgia grains and hay on a parity with the western products in the markets and as a basis for the advancing of supplies by merchants

Helena, Mont., Oct. 1.—Western Irrigation Conference began here today. Delegates are here from all Western States.