

PORTUGAL THOUGHT TO HAVE DECLARED WAR ON GERMANY AND KAISER'S PEOPLE ARE GETTING OUT OF THE COUNTRY FAST

REPORT IS NOT OFFICIAL, BUT IT IS KNOWN THAT WAR IS IMMINENT IF THE FORMAL DECLARATION HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN MADE.

STRUGGLE BETWEEN GERMANS AND ALLIES PENDING

Lines Now Forming for Titanic Effort Which Will Probably Be Pulled Off in Open Country and Entail Greater Losses Than Those Suffered Before—London Slowly Recovering from First Shock of the South African Disturbances.

(By the United Press.)

London, Oct. 14.—A Madrid news dispatch, unconfirmed, says Lisbon reports that Portugal has already declared war against Germany. The official press bureau permits the reports' publication, but without guaranteeing its authenticity.

ENGLAND RECOVERING FROM FIRST SHOCK OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN TROUBLE

London, Oct. 14.—London is recovering from the first shock from the news of an organized revolt in South Africa, and pledges are now coming in from Boers in every section of the South African Union to fight the rebellion, led by Col. Maritz. It is admitted, however, that the revolt must be fairly formidable. The disloyal Boers composing it are seasoned fighting men, who have made several campaigns against the natives. The scope of the disaffection beyond the northwest of Capetown province is not known, but it is believed that is the only section affected to the slightest degree.

PORTUGAL WILL FURNISH QUARTER MILLION MEN.

London, Oct. 14.—Portugal's entry into the European war is believed imminent. A news agency dispatch says Portugal's cabinet has decided to immediately order complete mobilization. It is reported that the German minister has already left for Madrid. German residents, convinced that Portugal will take part with the Allies, are fleeing from the country. All messages from Portugal are delayed several days. It is believed the government has offered England 250,000 men.

FRENCH SAY ALL IS SATISFACTORY ALONG LINES

Paris, Oct. 14.—It is officially announced that "on our left along the Oise there is no change. In the region of Berry Au Bac progress is being made. There was sharp fighting around Ghent yesterday."

GREAT BATTLE BETWEEN GERMANS AND ALLIES NOW IMMINENT

Dunkirk, Oct. 14.—The German advance continues, with skirmishes by bicycle and cavalry forces within less than twenty miles from the channel coast. The allied forces are massing for the near approach of the Germans and the impending great conflict. Both sides have tentatively felt out the ground, which is flat and almost without cover. Consequently the casualties will certainly be very heavy. Censors prohibit the specific location of the battle ground which the Allies have chosen for the attempt to force back the invaders. Entrenchments are already dug and strong cavalry forces are reconnoitering in the vicinity.

DISORDER ON MEXICAN FRONTIER GIVES ALARM

War Department Wires Governor of Arizona That Order Must Be Maintained to Prevent Complications With Mexico.

(By United Press)

Washington, Oct. 14.—Secretary of War Garrison, after a conference with President Wilson today, telegraphed Governor Hunt that order must be maintained along the border in Arizona, as conditions complained of by Mexicans might precipitate war between the Mexican nation and the United States.

SMITH WOULD BUY COTTON THROUGH BIG BOND ISSUE

GEORGIA SENATOR EXPECTED TO OFFER AMENDMENT TO WAR TAX BILL.

ALSO RESTRICT ACREAGE

The Proposition Is That the Government Arrange to Buy Five Million Bales of Cotton Through Sale of Bonds.

(By the United Press.)

Washington, Oct. 14.—A proposition that the government purchase five million bales of cotton through the sale of \$25,000,000 bonds is in effect the amendment to the war tax bill which Senator Hoke Smith will introduce this afternoon. The measure also provides for limitation of cotton acreage next year.

CONQUERING HEROES MEET FOR LAST TIME THIS YEAR

Stallings and His Players Talk Over the Great Victories and the Players Divide the Boodle from the Gates.

(By the United Press.)

Boston, Oct. 14.—The Braves gathered this morning in their club house for the last time this season and divided the spoils from the world series. The president and manager congratulated each other, Stallings making the thrust that the Athletics were a "left" team.

BULLETINS.

RUSSIANS AND GERMANS FIGHTING AT WARSAW.

(By the United Press.)
Washington, Oct. 14.—The Russian embassy has been officially informed that "Russian and German troops are engaged around Warsaw." The fighting is in progress along the Vistula and Sans rivers.

SUBMARINE BOATS MAY BE MORE SERVICEABLE THAN AT FIRST CONSIDERED.

Petrograd, Oct. 14.—The loss of the Russian cruiser Pallada is offset by the sinking of the two German submarines whose torpedoes sunk the Pallada, according to the minister of marine. Deductions from semi-official reports show that the Pallada was more than a hundred miles from any German naval base in the Baltic, showing the greater usefulness of submarine craft than has heretofore been supposed.

RUSSIA IS CENSURING THE NEWS MORE STRICTLY.

Stockholm, Oct. 14.—Russia is tightening the grip of her censors on the news, so that only the barest details of the fighting can get through. The Russian authorities maintain that their forces are giving a good account of themselves. Reports that the Germans have advanced along the Vistula river to Warsaw are

BIG ROCK CRASHES INTO PASSENGER TRAIN

Grand Junction, Colo., Oct. 11.—Three persons were killed and fourteen injured, several seriously, today when a 20-ton boulder, falling from a precipice, crashed into the day coach and smoker of a Denver and Rio Grande passenger train No. 3, eighteen miles east of this city.

REV. WALTER WHITE NEW PRESIDENT OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 12.—Rev. Walter M. White of Cedar Rapids, Ia., today was elected president of the general convention of the Disciples of Christ at the church's annual meeting here and will preside over the international conventions of that church to be held in Los Angeles in 1915.

THE STATE BANKS HAVE MORE MONEY THAN LAW REQUIRES

CORPORATION COMMISSION'S STATEMENT SHOW TOO MUCH RESERVE FUNDS.

ASSETS BELOW LAST YEAR

Time and Savings Deposits Have Increased, While Deposits Subject to Check Have Fallen Off Nearly Nine Millions.

(By the United Press.)

Raleigh, Oct. 14.—A summary by the Corporation Commission of the conditions of the State banks show they have a reserve of twelve million dollars, which is five millions, eight hundred thousand more than the law requires, and two and a half millions of cash on hand to safeguard deposits, or twenty-three thousand more than the law requires. The total assets of the banks are \$889,300,000, a decrease of \$1,700,000 from a year ago. During the year the time deposits increased \$900,000, and savings deposits show a \$1,000,000 increase. Deposits subject to check decreased \$8,800,000.

G. V. COWPER IS NEW PRESIDENT OF ALUMNI

Lenoir County Association Held Its Annual Meeting Tuesday, and Elected Officers—Will Hold Banquet During Holidays.

Members of the Lenoir County University of North Carolina Alumni Association Tuesday night in the office of the secretary, F. L. Sutton, elected the following officers for the coming fiscal year: G. V. Cowper, president; Dr. W. S. Hargrove, vice-president; Dr. Ira M. Hardy, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Cowper succeeds Dr. W. T. Parrott as president. The alumni decided to hold the annual banquet of the association during the holidays, when the local students at the University are at home. Committee were appointed to arrange for the banquet and secure speakers for the occasion.

AUSTRALIANS CONTRIBUTE SHEEP TO GREAT BRITAIN.

London, Sept. 30.—(By Mail to New York).—A movement has been launched among Australian sheep farmers, it was learned here today, to present 1,000,000 carcasses of frozen mutton to Great Britain. The State railways will carry them free to the coast and the freezing and shipping companies will charge the minimum rate.

BANKERS' WIVES ARE ENTERTAINED IN RICHMOND

Richmond, Va., Oct. 14.—Women accompanying bankers attending the annual convention of the American Bankers' Association were guests today at a tea and musical. Alma Gluck, Antonio Scotti and Efen Zimbalist were among the artists engaged for the latter function at the auditorium tonight.

JUSTICE LAMAR FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS OLD TODAY.

Washington, Oct. 14.—Associate Justice Joseph R. Lamar of the Supreme Court, who was one of the American commissioners to the Mexican mediation conference at Niagara Falls, today received congratulations upon his fifty-seventh birthday anniversary.

NEGRO KILLED BY FALL FROM DRAY.

Washington, N. C., Oct. 12.—Neal Blackledge, colored, was killed this afternoon by being thrown from his dray on West Third street near the municipal electric plant. Blackledge, with his dray loaded with lumber, was going up the street when the shifting engine frightened his horse and Blackledge was thrown, his head striking a rail, killing him almost instantly.

OFFICERS PLAY A VERY NICE GAME OF "TIT FOR TAT"

NEW POLICEMAN AROUSED IRE OF CONSTABLE BY JAILING HIM.

A CASE OF RETALIATION

Trumped Up Charges Against New Officer Found to Be Groundless and Pronounced by Magistrate as "Malicious and Frivolous."

A few days ago U. S. Page, a "mail order" policeman at LaGrange, who answered a newspaper advertisement to get his job shortly after quitting the United States fleet at Vera Cruz, on July 30, arrested George Waters, the township constable of Moseley Hall, and locked him up for drunkenness. "Let me give bond," said Waters. "You are too drunk," Page told the constable; "wait a while." The climax was much trouble for the LaGrange policeman late Tuesday.

Page brought a clean discharge paper from the navy, and had no difficulty in getting his job. His home is at Lumberton. Since he has been in LaGrange, the ex-sailor, who is about twenty-five years of age and a modern Apollo when it comes to physique and face, has been paying court to the daughter of a prominent citizen, it is said. The prominent citizen possibly has not favored the attention of the policeman to his daughter; at any rate he is said to have demanded that Officer Page's record as a servant of peace and the people be investigated. Constable George Waters is believed to have harbored a spirit of revenge against Page.

The young officer came here to employ a lawyer to defend him at the investigation, and soon after the pair arrived in LaGrange on their way to appear before the commissioners, waters stopped them and read a warrant to Page, charging him with shooting a negro. He demanded the policeman's baton and badge, which were handed over, and started him off to the town jail. "Allow me to give bail," said Page. "Nothing doing," said Waters. Page's attorney went before a magistrate and had the young man liberated.

The negro was brought into court as the prosecuting witness. It is alleged that he stated that he received a flesh wound in a melee attendant upon the raiding of a gambling house recently by Page, and that Waters had visited him and persuaded him to accuse the policeman of doing the shooting. A number of other witnesses were examined, but no evidence was introduced to show that Page was responsible for the slight injury to the black's leg. The magistrate taxed the negro with the costs and called the prosecution "malicious and frivolous." Page will sue Constable Waters for false imprisonment. The committee to investigate Page's conduct found it unimpeachable and then unofficially declared he was a model copper. The hero of Vera Cruz and modern Beau Brummel is today back on the job as the guardian of LaGrange's peace.

HIGH SCHOOL BOY HURT IN FOOTBALL SCRIMMAGE

John A. Herndon, Jr., one of the most popular members of the local high school football team, was painfully and seriously hurt in a scrimmage Tuesday afternoon. He suffered some ruptures, which necessitated a quick operation, and was carried to the Memorial Hospital, where Dr. W. T. Parrott performed the operation. News from the bedside today is that the young man is getting along as nicely as could be expected in the circumstances and unless some complications set in his recovery is expected. He is one of the valuable and popular members of the team, and his loss will be a serious one. Friends in the city, of the young man, hope that his recovery will be speedy and that the first reports are worse than his condition will prove to be.

OPENING GUN OF COUNTY CAMPAIGN SOUNDED TUESDAY

WHEN REPRESENTATIVE WOOTEN AND OTHER CANDIDATES SPOKE AT KENNEDY'S MILL.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS

The State Organization Has Arranged for Hon. F. D. Winston and Hon. S. M. Brinson to Speak in Kinston October 29.

Democratic County Chairman G. V. Cowper this morning said of the opening of the campaign Tuesday:

"Notwithstanding the bad day and the confusion caused by the necessary changing of the date from Thursday, there was a fair crowd in attendance at Kennedy's Mill, in Southwest township, for the first speeches of the campaign there yesterday. The candidates for sheriff, clerk of the court, register of deeds, treasurer and one candidate for commissioner were present and made brief statements of interest to the voters. The main speech was made by Hon. E. R. Wooten, who after briefly recounting the Democratic accomplishments gave a clear and lucid explanation of the proposed constitutional amendments. All of the speakers were listened to very attentively and created interesting discussions among the voters. A sumptuous barbecue dinner was served, and altogether the day was a complete success beyond the expectations of the party organization."

Mr. Cowper himself was in attendance at the initial speaking, and he made a short, but comprehensive address on the accomplishments of the Democratic administrations in nation, State and county.

The candidates, unaccompanied by the chairman, who was called to Nashville, N. C., by other business, this morning, went to Sand Hill township.

The chairman's office today announced that Hon. Francis D. Winston and Hon. S. M. Brinson will speak in the Courthouse on the night of Thursday, October 29, under the auspices of the State organization.

SUGGS, WELL KNOWN PITCHER DEMONSTRATES

Takes the Small Boys to the Back Lot and Shows Them a Few Things About "Emery Ball."

George Suggs, the Kinston pitcher of the Baltimore Federals, yesterday in a back alley entertained adult and juvenile admirers with an exhibition of the "emery ball," which has recently become almost as famous as the spit ball. It is the discovery of Russell Ford, and was used successfully by him for some time. By "roughing" a piece of the skin about the size of a dollar on the horsehide by means of emery paper, Ford could make the ball break and curve in all kinds of ways, and in the hands of a twirler of Suggs' ability it is wonderfully effective. The "emery ball" is tabooed by baseball rules. Ford taught the secret to Sweeney, his battery mate, and when Ford left the New York Yankees Sweeney put Keating wise to the trick. The secret was injudiciously betrayed by Keating. E. B. Lewis, private secretary to Congressman Kitchin, did the receiving for Suggs' exhibition. Mr. Lewis caught for the big pitcher when the latter was a boy.

CALIFORNIA DAIRY AND STOCK SHOW ON.

Modesto, Cal., Oct. 14.—In connection with the joint meeting of the California Creamery Operators' and the California Dairymen's associations were opened here today one of the biggest dairy and stock shows held in the far west. The creamery and dairymen's meeting will continue today and tomorrow. The show will last two days longer, that the delegates may have plenty of time to visit without interfering with the regular routine work of the organizations.