

ITALIANS CAPTURE BRIDGE AT GORITZ AND BEGIN HEAVY ATTACK ON CITY IN GREAT NEW OFFENSIVE; TREMENDOUS ENTHUSIASM

Attackers May Have Taken Important Place Already—Expected Soon to Be Marching to Port of Trieste—Warships Aiding in Assault—Two Million Men Engaged in Terrific Battle in Which Austrians Seem to Be Losing—Italians Sang and Wore Flowers in Their Hats as They Swung Across Bridge to Drive Down Upon Defenders—Decisive Victory Expected Might Be Turning Point of the War

(By United Press)

London, Aug. 9.—The Italians have taken ten thousand prisoners at Goritz, in the biggest Italian victory of the war.

Rome, Aug. 9.—Two million men are battling along the Isonzo front in a great struggle centering around Goritz, that may prove the turning point of the war. The Italians have captured Goritz bridge, pouring across to assault Goritz and singing gayly, with helmets decorated with flowers. It is believed the capture will be complete in a few hours, if not already accomplished.

Fifteen thousand Austrians were captured in the first two days of the offensive.

Rome and the other cities are being swept with tremendous enthusiasm.

Terrific bombardment of the Austrian line from land is being augmented by fire from Italian warships. It is believed a decisive victory is imminent that will send the Italians marching on Trieste.

Allies Hammering With Fury at Teutons on Every Front.
(By EDWARD L. KEEN)

London, Aug. 9.—A mighty triple offensive, with several million men employed and thousands of guns engaged, is slowly squeezing the armies of the Central Empires on every front. The Germans are fighting stubbornly, in many instances with rare bravery.

The Austro-German-Turkish forces are giving ground in every theater of war save in the Balkans, where the recent skirmishes heralded the beginning of a fourth great Allied offensive. The Slavs are advancing along a front of 30 miles, from Nedworn to Nisiof. Nedworn, a railway center of 10,000 population, has been captured. The Russian center is within a few hours of the important city of Stanislaw, the capture of which would materially increase the danger to General Von Bothmer's army.

The most striking victory by Italians, since the war was begun, which would partly open the way to Trieste, the great objective of the Isonzo campaign, is imminent. There is resistance probably at Goritz, but the Austrians are believed to have been forced to strip their lines to the danger point, to meet the Russian menace in Galicia.

In the west another slice of the German second line has been won, on a four-mile front north of the Somme. The Teutons are on the offensive only at Verdun. Their positions have been changed eight times since the offensive began. The Allies are marching victorious in the Caucasus.

New Great Battle In West.

Paris, Aug. 9.—The Germans again have recaptured Thiaumont redoubt, northeast of Verdun, in heavy fighting, which lasted all night, it is officially stated. The French repulsed all other attacks on the Verdun front, advancing toward Fleury.

North of the Somme the Germans repeatedly counter-attacked throughout the night against the Allies' new positions, finally entering a single trench, but were partly ejected. The battle continues in that region.

Stanislaw In Danger.

Petrograd, Aug. 9.—The Galician town of Tyamionics, seven miles east of Stanislaw, has fallen before General Lochitahy, it is stated officially. Over 700 prisoners were taken, half of them German. The advance on Stanislaw has gained six miles in 24 hours.

CARRANZA HAS EIGHTY THOUSAND MEN ON THE BORDER; BANDITS ARE BEING CLEAN'D OUT AND FRONTIER PATROLLED, IT'S SAID

(By the United Press)

Mexico City, Aug. 9.—Eighty thousand Carranzistas are now patrolling the border and rounding up and exterminating bandits, War Minister Obregon today said. "Conditions are satisfactory," he declared. In official and financial circles, it is denied that Mexico plans a loan in the United States.

SENATE PASSES THE CHILD LABOR BILL BY A BIG MAJORITY

Measure Had Already Gone Through House—Twelve Voted Against, Nearly all Southern Democrats—Wilson Insisted

Washington, Aug. 8.—The Senate late today passed the bill to prevent interstate commerce in products of child labor by a vote of 52 to 12.

The measure, which already had passed the House, was brought to a vote in the Senate upon the insistence of President Wilson after the Democratic Senate caucus once had decided to defer its consideration until December.

Senators who voted against the bill were Bankhead, Alabama; Bryan and Fletcher, Florida; Hardwick and Smith, Georgia; Overman and Simmons, North Carolina; Smith and Tillman, South Carolina; Williams, Mississippi—Democrats, and Oliver and Penrose, Pennsylvania—Republicans.

Opposition to the measure had come chiefly from Southern cotton mill owners, and the group of Southern Democrats who voted against it had fought it in caucus and maintained their opposition during the Senate debate on the ground that the regulation proposed is unconstitutional and would interfere with the rights of the States.

REYNOLDS FINED FOR ASSAULT AT ASHEVILLE

Asheville, Aug. 8.—Robert R. Reynolds, one-time candidate for Congress from the Tenth District, was fined \$10 and costs in police court this morning as a result of an assault on Vance Wells, secretary of the Elks' Club, yesterday.

GREENSBORO MAN LOSES LIFE WHILE SWIMMING

Greensboro, Aug. 8.—J. H. Cook, a well-known insurance man, was drowned in the lake at Guilford Battleground late this afternoon while swimming.

Mr. Cook was 54 years of age, and is survived by his wife and a son.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS OF NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Pitt county will not hold a fair this year.
An officer from Camp Glenn was at New Bern Tuesday looking for Roy T. Orr and Furman Murray, alleged deserters from Company F, Second Infantry.

FRENCH FLYERS IN DARING RAID OVER GERMANY SUCC'FUL

Bomb Town, Causing Big Fires and Explosions—Flew With Speed of Hurricane, Penetrating Country 200 Miles

(By the United Press)

Paris, Aug. 9.—Flying in the darkness at the rate of a mile a minute, French aeroplanes last night crossed the Vosges mountains and the Black forest in Germany and bombarded the town of Rothwell, on the Necker river, causing great fires and intense explosions, it is officially said.

The start was made after dark. Two hundred miles was covered in three hours and twenty-five minutes. There were a number of air combats on the Verdun front. A German warplane and captive balloon were destroyed.

BIG SHORTAGE SOME OF THE IMPORTANT CROPS THIS SEASON

Less Corn, Wheat, Oats, Tobacco, Cotton and Potatoes in North Carolina

NATION'S FARMERS LOSE

Heavily From Reductions—Government Crop Report Shows No Item Forecasted to be as Big as 1915 Production

(Special to The Free Press)

Chicago, Aug. 9.—Wheat jumped from five to seven cents as the result of the government crop report predicting a thirty per cent decrease in production.

Washington, Aug. 9.—A summary of the August crop report for the United States as compiled by the Bureau of Crop Estimates and transmitted through the Weather Bureau, shows that nearly every important crop has lost heavily since earlier reports. Corn is badly in need of rain in some sections. Returns from correspondents indicate that the loss to the planters of the nation will be many million dollars.

Estimates for important crops in the country and State of North Carolina follow:

Corn—State: August 1 forecast, 55,400,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 64,050,000 bushels. United States: August 1 forecast, 2,780,000,000 bushels; production last year, 2,950,000,000 bushels. (Continued on page four)

NEW YORK FACES A MILK FAMINE OVER DAIRYMEN'S DEMAND

(By the United Press)

New York, Aug. 9.—A milk famine is faced here as the result of a demand on upstate dairies for higher prices. Distributors here refuse to consider the demand. A conference between civic and State authorities is to be held.

SPANKED AND SHOCKED IN LODGE-ROOM, SAID

Jesse Ange, Suitor in Novel Case In Washington County Court, Told About Appliance Used in Side Degree by Fraternal Order—Judge Ordered Nonsuit

Mr. G. V. Cowper has returned from Plymouth, where he appeared Tuesday in the novel case of Jesse C. Ange vs. the Sovereign Camp of Woodmen of the World. Ange was asking \$3,000 damages for alleged permanent injury sustained from the employment of an electrical appliance in an initiation. The presiding judge ordered a nonsuit. If anyone was responsible, it was the individuals who initiated Ange, and not the Sovereign Camp, in whose ritual and instructions to subordinate camps no such treatment of a candidate was authorized, it was said. The manufacturer of the device said it was impossible for Ange to have been injured as alleged, and medical men's testimony was against his contention. Ange said he had been caused to have fits, etc.

The appliance described by Ange was an affair with two handles. He was instructed to stoop to pull the handles, and that with all his energy, so that the "result that was registered" could be sent into headquarters. When Ange pulled the handles, he said, he received a shocking electrical voltage and was spanked by a part of the contrivance that had previously been innocently lying idle.

The case was probably the first of the kind ever heard in the State.

NATION-WIDE PRICE OF BREAD TEN CENTS IS BAKERS' DESIRE

'Sacred Duty to Public' to Increase!—Higher Cost Ingredients and Labor Cited—Housewives Fight Strenuously

(By the United Press)

Salt Lake City, Aug. 9.—The National Master Bakers' organization today adopted a resolution declaring it to be the bakers' "sacred duty to the public to fix the price of bread at ten cents."

The unprecedented rise in the prices of ingredients and labor is given as the cause. The new nationwide increase is proposed to be permanent. Seven hundred thousand members of the National Housewives' League will fight the action.

KINSTON COUNTRY CLUB INCORPORATED

(By W. J. MARTIN)

Raleigh, Aug. 9.—The Kinston Country Club, without capital stock, for the maintenance of a clubhouse, golf course and other features, was chartered today. The incorporators are J. A. Bizzell, J. J. Stevenson, W. B. Douglass and R. E. Mewborn.

ANOTHER CASE WHERE THERE WERE NO FENCES

(By the Eastern Press)

Washington, N. C., Aug. 9.—J. O. Swanner of Beaufort county held six cows, admittedly the property of R. A. Cooper, and refused to deliver them to the owner, charging him \$25 damages for the cows wandering on his fields and \$14 for their upkeep. A Mayor, a local magistrate refused to allow damages, saying there were no fences on the Swanner farm, etc. Swanner appealed the case.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

FOUR DIE IN ZEP. RAID.
London, Aug. 9.—One or more zeppelins raided the coast of England and Scotland this morning, it is officially reported. Three women and a child were killed and fourteen persons injured. The raiders were driven off by the coast guard.

COTTON EXPORTS.

Washington, Aug. 9.—Cotton exported in the week ending August 5 was 94,000 bales, against 37,000 in the corresponding week last year.

JAMES G. DELEMAR OF NEW BERN DIES WHILE IN BATHING

Succumbed to Heart Failure While Standing In Water Only Two Feet Deep—He Was Prominent Socially and as Churchman

(Special to The Free Press)

New Bern, Aug. 9.—James G. Delemar, a prominent local man, succumbed to heart failure while bathing at Wyatt's beach about 8:15 o'clock last night. He was seen to fall while standing in about two feet of water. Strenuous efforts at resuscitation failed.

Mr. Delemar was 38 years old, an active churchman and has extensive family connections. The funeral is to be held here, probably today.

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R'LWAY EMPLOYES REFUSE TO CONSIDER MEDIATION UNDER AUSPICES GOV'NMENT PROFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVES

(By the United Press)

New York, Aug. 9.—The railroad employes will accept the offer of the services of the U. S. Board of Mediation, provided immediate action is taken, it was announced this afternoon.

New York, Aug. 9.—The Railroad Brotherhoods today refused to accept government mediation, proffered by the railroads at a conference.

Government Mediators Waiting and Watching.

New York, Aug. 9.—With the men determined to force their demands and reluctant to accept arbitration, the Brotherhood and railroad representatives met again today. All members of the United States Board of Mediation are here watching. It is probable that they will offer their services today.

REDFIELD ASSERTS FAIR ASSOCIATION HUGHES MADE FALSE STATEMENTS DETR'T VICE - PRESIDENTS

Charges Against Administration Refuted by Secretary and Also the Acting Secretary of Commerce, E. F. Sweet

Washington, Aug. 8.—Statements made by Chas. E. Hughes, Republican nominee for the presidency, in speeches at Detroit yesterday were characterized as "false as to facts and of misleading substance" in telegrams sent by administration officials tonight after a long discussion of the subject by President Wilson and his cabinet at today's meeting. The charges related to changes in the coast and geodetic survey and the Census Board.

Secretary Redfield, in Binghamton, telegraphed to Secretary Tumulty denying the charges made by Mr. Hughes and later sent a similar telegram to Mr. Hughes. Edwin F. Sweet, Acting Secretary of Commerce in Mr. Redfield's absence, also telegraphed Mr. Hughes giving a detailed refutation of the charges.

Mr. Hughes cited the retirement of E. Dana Durand as director of the census and the appointment of William J. Harris in his place, and the replacement of O. H. Tittman as head of the Coast and Geodetic Survey by Dr. E. Lester Jones. Mr. Redfield's telegram to Secretary Tumulty follows: "Statement of Hughes respecting appointments Census and Coast Survey in Detroit false as to facts and of misleading substance. You may say from me, Dugand of Census, retired voluntarily, was not removed or replaced. I recommended him to his present employment. Harris' succession was not political. Made fine record and promoted trade commissioner for merit. Tittman's Coast Survey, retired voluntarily after my refusing one resignation. Jones, his successor, promoted for meritorious work as Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries. Has made wonderful record instilling new life into service."

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Ayden will have a racing matinee on the 18th.

About Half Hundred Men In Ten Counties Named—Athletics Department New Feature for Exhibit This Fall

The Kinston Fair Association's directorate at a meeting Tuesday night created a new department for the fair—the athletic department—and decided to devote Friday, October 27, to a field meet; named Wednesday, October 23, "Educational Day," and elected for the coming fair the following honorary vice-presidents in the ten counties catered to by the fair:

Lenoir—H. W. Brothers, John C. Davis, W. L. Kennedy, K. E. Sutton, J. L. Jackson, W. B. Beeton, Parker Howard, E. H. Waller, Heber Worthington, O. Taylor, George West, S. W. Ippock.

Jones—A. J. Collins, J. K. Dixon, Hayes Chadwick, W. B. Hargett, Furney Brock, Ben. T. Pollock, Pascal Taylor.

Onslow—T. B. Henderson, Pats Smith, N. S. Sylvester.

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BRANDEIS AND LANE WILL BE ON THE MEXICAN COMMISSION

Washington, Aug. 9.—Louis D. Brandeis and Secretary of the Interior Lane were today selected by President Wilson to serve on the Mexican Peace Commission. A third member will be announced when he accepts.

The Mexican Commissioners, named last week, re Ignacio Bonillas, a government under secretary; Albert Openy, a Mexican railway president, and Luis Cabrere, Minister of Finance.