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EUROPEAN WAR BEGINS

Austria-Hungary, Germany, France, Serbia and Russia Are Engaged in Actual Warfare.

London, Aug. 2.—Four great powers of Europe, Austria-Hungary, Russia, France and Germany are engaged in actual warfare. Two of them, Germany and France, have not openly declared war against each other, as far as is known here, but have not even severed diplomatic relations. This is despite the fact that Germany's ultimatum to France, either has been ignored or rejected.

The explanation of this would appear to be that Germany and France are each seeking to throw upon the other the onus of beginning a war, that may plunge Europe into bloodshed. In fact while the nations of Europe are flying at each other's throats, they are vying with each other in protesting their desire to maintain peace.

In this curious situation France, according to British opinion, has the strongest justification. She was the last to mobilize and seems to have taken the greatest precautions to avoid frontier collisions.

On the other hand Germany, in addition to invading French territory without making a formal declaration of war, has violated the neutrality of Luxemburg and declines to give any promise to respect Belgian neutrality.

England Declares War.

London, Aug. 4.—Great Britain declared war on Germany tonight.

The momentous decision of the British government, for which the whole world had been waiting, came before the expiration of the time limit set by Great Britain in her ultimatum to Germany demanding a satisfactory reply on the subject of Belgian neutrality.

Germany's reply was the summary rejection of the request that Belgian neutrality should be respected.

The British ambassador at Berlin thereupon received his passports and the British government notified Germany that a state of war existed between the two countries.

All Europe is in arms. On the one hand Austria-Hungary and Germany are opposed by Russia, France and Great Britain, Serbia and Montenegro.

Italy has declared her neutrality, but is mobilizing. Belgium, Holland and Switzerland have mobilized.

The German demand that the Belgian government should permit the free passage of German troops through Belgium was answered by hasty preparations to resist such an advance across Belgian territory. Sweden has made no answer to inquiries from Russia and Germany regarding her attitude, but is preparing to defend her neutrality.

Japan is making ready to live up to her alliance with Great Britain in case of certain eventualities.

Spain is reported to be preparing a proclamation of neutrality.

Austria-Hungary for the moment has retired from her campaign against Serbia for the purpose of holding back Russia, and Serbia has mobilized with the reported intention of invading Bosnia.

GERMAN CRUISER SUNK.

Paris, August 4.—A Havas dispatch from Algiers says it is reported that French warships have sunk the German cruiser Panther.

GERMAN SHIPS TAKEN.

Algiers, August 4.—According to an unofficial report a French fleet has captured two German cruisers, the Goeben and Breslau.

VIZ CAPTURED.

London, August 4.—A dispatch to the Central News from Amsterdam says the Germans have captured Viz, Belgium, a town with a population of 3,000, situated on the river Meuz, eight miles north-east of Liege.

Tax Rate Is Increased—Jurors for September Court.

The board of county commissioners held their regular monthly meeting at the court house Monday and Tuesday. The board spent a busy day Monday approving claims etc., and in addition to the regular routine Tuesday the jurors for the September term were drawn and the tax levy made. The board levied taxes for 1914 as follows: State and pension tax 27 2-3 cents, regular state school tax 20 cents, general county tax 19 cents, special railroad bond tax 2 cents, special school tax 6 cents, special road tax 10 cents, special bridge tax 15-1-3 cents, a total of \$1.00, an increase of 9 1-3 cents over last year. The poll is \$2.00. The special school tax levy is about the same as last year. The special road tax for Marion is 30 cents, Old Fort 25 cents, Nebo 20 cents, Montfords 20 cents.

The Montfords Cove Telephone Company was granted a franchise for the construction and maintenance of telephone lines along the Marion to Rutherfordton public road which leads through Montfords Cove, Sugar Hill to Glenwood and to Marion, and Glenwood to Rutherford county line.

The list of jurors drawn to serve at the September term follows:

First Week—W. L. Grant, J. H. Walker, J. S. Whitener, R. A. Upton, J. L. Swann, W. W. Huskins, W. L. Clontz, E. H. Harris, S. S. Brown, S. A. McCannless, Robert Gardin, L. A. Haney, C. W. Godfrey, J. F. Poteet, M. W. Elliott, C. M. Nanney, J. W. Marsh, M. F. Hensley, W. L. Moffitt, L. O. Lawing, C. A. McCall, J. A. Gettys, H. Mangum, G. T. Hawkins, J. B. Huskins, J. S. Sisk, Harlow Noblitt, C. M. Davis, J. F. Morgan, J. A. Finley, B. Y. Allison, L. J. P. Cutlar, J. H. Buckley, M. B. Hogan, J. W. Hollifield, B. F. Haynes.

Second Week—C. C. Burgin, W. J. Nesbitt, D. F. Giles, J. H. Green, John P. Jordan, C. B. Morgan, J. W. Walker, Jno. M. Stepp, William Lawing, A. M. Finley, M. C. Caldwell, R. J. Burgin, W. L. Landis, J. D. Patton, W. H. Early, E. B. Hollifield, T. D. Soratt and Marion Arrowood.

Mrs. R. H. Bomar brought to this office last Saturday a small twig from a young plum tree which contained nine fine large plums as pretty as a picture.

S. L. Dobbins a few days ago made us a present of a beet that beats all the beats we have seen this season. It weighed 3 1/2 pounds.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

GLENWOOD.

Glenwood, Aug. 3.—Glenwood graded school is in session with an enrollment of 120 pupils. All prospects indicate that we will have a very successful school term.

Miss Bessie Rayburn is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hoke Brown, at Marion Junction.

Leo Cannon has accepted a position at Ashford.

Miss Louise Giles of Newport News, Va., is the guest of Mrs. Bertha Swann. Mrs. T. W. Wilson spent the latter part of the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Tate, at Bridgewater. Mrs. Mary Lou Poteet and Miss Ola Swann were shopping in Marion Saturday.

There will be a picnic given on the school grounds next Saturday, Aug. 8th, for the purpose of cleaning the school grounds. There will be an educational talk at 11 o'clock. Dinner will be served on the grounds. An invitation is extended to all.

Miss Fay Padgett of Nebo is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Schenck has returned home after an extended visit to Ridgecrest.

Mrs. Abe Gardin and daughter, Miss Geneva, spent several days in Rutherfordton last week.

O. W. Causby of Greenville, S. C., and R. M. Causby of Cliffside were guests of Mrs. Alice Pyatt last week.

Mrs. Fields Warrick of Erwin, Tenn., has returned home after spending several days with her mother, Mrs. Joe Poteet.

BRIDGEWATER.

Bridgewater, Aug. 4.—Misses Ellen and Annie Lou Simmons and Ruby McClean of North Charlotte are the guests of Miss Kary Tate this week.

Miss Jennie Hunter, who has been visiting her brother at Glenwood, has returned home.

Homer Beaman of Marion Junction was here Wednesday on business.

Miss Donnie Cobb of Morganton attended the wedding of Miss McCall here Wednesday.

Hugh H. Mills of Amory, Miss., was the guest of Miss Sadie Seals the first part of the week.

Roby Conley and Bob Hunter of Nebo visited friends on the creek Sunday.

Fred Hunter of Glenwood visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hunter, one day last week.

Miss Aleta McCall, who has been spending the summer here at the Rust House, was married to Mr. D. L. Pope of Wilson, La., last Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Jordan of Morganton officiating. The bride and groom left on No. 21 for New Orleans. They were accompanied by Misses East, Lee, and Folk who have also been spending the summer here.

Ernest Seagle is visiting friends in Hickory this week.

Robert Seals spent Sunday at Conley Springs with friends.

The Misses Tate entertained Monday evening in honor of their friends from Charlotte.

T. W. Wilson and family of Glenwood are visiting relatives here. Bill and Joe.

HARMONY GROVE.

Harmony Grove, Aug. 3.—The school here is progressing nicely. The teachers and students seem to be greatly interested in their work. Some work has been done toward beautifying the school grounds.

A revival meeting began here Sunday, which will be conducted by Rev. A. P. Sorrels and G. H. Weaver. We hope this meeting will be of great help to the people of this community.

John Clay, while playing ball Saturday afternoon near Pinnacle, was badly hurt with the ball. We hope he will soon recover.

Mrs. Dan Anderson, who has been very ill, is improving slowly.

Rev. J. W. P. Hill of Vein Mountain conducted services here Sunday to a large congregation.

Misses Maggie Goforth and Iowa Sig-

mon spent the week-end with homefolks. Violet.

GREENLEE.

Greenlee, Aug. 3.—The new road from Marion to Greenlee is now completed.

Rudolph McCulloch and Clarence Poteet were visitors in Greenlee Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Deese were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Padgett Sunday.

Miss Ollie Mason left last week for Lake Toxaway, where she is visiting her brother.

Quite a crowd enjoyed the ice cream supper given at the school house last Saturday night. All report a nice time.

Miss Ethel Padgett, who has been on the sick list for some time, we are glad to say is improving.

A revival meeting will begin at the Methodist church Sunday, August 9.

Mrs. H. E. Odom has returned home after spending a few weeks with her sister in Old Fort.

The ice cream supper that was announced to be at the Methodist church August 8, will be given at the school building. Black Eyes.

THOMPSON'S FORK.

Thompson's Fork, Aug. 3.—Wilzie and Henry Rhynes of Morganton spent last week here with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Cuthbertson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Janes were in Marion shopping, Friday.

Mrs. Ellen Brinkley and two sons, of Atlanta, Ga., are here visiting the former's mother, Mrs. A. E. Rowe.

A. J. Simmons of Chapel Hill is visiting relatives and friends here.

The people of the neighborhood have finished threshing wheat and report good crops.

Miss Juncie Janes spent last week at Nebo with Mrs. Jennie B. Weaver.

James Browning and Lawrence Bivins of Shell spent Saturday and Sunday here with relatives.

J. H. Janes visited relatives and friends on Catawba one day last week.

FAIRVIEW.

Fairview, Aug. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. John Hensley visited relatives in Burke county last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Anderson of Carlyle were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Toney Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Minnie Dobson and little brother spent Saturday and Sunday with their sister at Glenwood.

Mrs. Ada Dobson and Miss Mary Dobson spent last Saturday in Nebo.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holland were guests of the latter's sister near Marion Sunday.

Mrs. M. M. Randolph was shopping in Marion Saturday.

The school has been in session here for two weeks and is progressing nicely. Rosebud.

NEALSVILLE.

Nealsville, Aug. 4.—Margaret Brackett was shopping in Marion last week.

Dean Crawford of Sugar Hill was here Saturday.

Miss Louise Schenck is spending the week in Ridgecrest with friends.

Miss Cassie Knight of Raleigh arrived this week to spend the summer with the Misses Bracketts.

M. E. Goforth is at home for a few days.

Miss Ola Ward spent Sunday with homefolks.

Miss Cora Lou Butt was shopping in Marion Saturday.

STROUDTOWN.

Stroudtown, Aug. 3.—The rain was quite welcomed by the farmers, while the wind, which accompanied it, did some damage by blowing down some of the crops.

James P. Gibson of Rocky Mount visited his parents here this week.

Millard Poteet has just returned from Baltimore, Md., where he underwent an operation. We all hope for his rapid recovery.

D. A. Bowman and Miss Jennie Hunter spent Sunday at the home of the latter's parents in Nebo.

A very large tree was blown down upon J. W. Hensley's dwelling house, last Tuesday afternoon, resulting in very slight damage.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Horton are visit-

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

In Asheville Sunday Dr. E. G. Gardner was shot by his stenographer. The shooting occurred in the doctor's office and both parties say it was accidental. The injury is not serious.

Rev. W. Norwood Tillinghast, an Episcopal clergyman of Washington, D. C., was killed at Morganton Friday evening while attempting to board a train. He fell under the wheels.

The Avery Vim says a field of oats on the farm of Mr. Ralph Young, in Avery county, estimated to produce 200 bushels, were destroyed in one day by worms—supposed to be army worms.

Grayson Smith, 23 years old, died in a hospital at Hickory last week as a result of injuries inflicted by Dick McCall, when the two engaged in a fight in Caldwell county. McCall struck Smith on the head with a stick. McCall is in jail.

Camp Meeting.

We rejoice to announce the Elhanan camp meeting embracing August 20 to 30 on the grounds recently surveyed and dedicated for this purpose on the road between the cotton mill and Southern railway. Dr. Wesley Myland, of Columbus, Ohio, will be in charge with Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Elliott, returned missionaries from Africa, Miss Cleo Young (one of Elhanan's daughters returned from Africa) and other valuable speakers. Capt. J. C. Barber, district manager of the Volunteers of America for North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, will also be present with his Atlanta brigade with instruments and quartet and together with our children's choir will be in charge of the music.

Come pitch your tent on our grounds and share this "Feast of Tabernacles" with us. Come praying and expecting a blessing from the loving Father's bountiful hands (Ps. 108). Invite your friends to come with you.

Humily and prayerfully His for others, "Less than the least,"

MATTIE E. PERRY.

ing their son and family at Hickory.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Noblett spent the week-end with their parents.

Miss Lola Kanipe of Marion was a visitor at the home of Miss Goldie Wilbur Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon of Charlotte are visiting their parents in Stroudtown this week.

Miss Laura Hicks of Old Fort is now able to take up her work in the primary department of Stroudtown school. She is a very efficient teacher and we all feel she will give us some very good work.

ASHFORD.

Ashford, Aug. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Connelly visited relatives in Roanoke, Va., last week.

Mrs. Jeanette Hensley returned to Rutherford hospital Friday where she is taking nurse's training, after having spent a two weeks vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brown.

Mrs. A. W. Gilliam of Old Fort and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gilliam and family of Gastonia visited Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Brown last week.

Mack Lonon made a business trip to Westminster Monday.

Miss Elsie Kaylor of Nebo is here trying to secure a music class. We wish her success.

J. B. Lonon was in Marion Monday. Mrs. J. E. Brown is visiting relatives in Burke county.

Ashford school opened Monday August 3, with an enrollment of 75. Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Hampton are teachers for the year. A successful year is expected.