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BOTH CLAIM BIG VICTORY

French Troops Fall Back—Germans and Russians Each Claim Many Prisoners Captured.

While the whole world is awaiting definite news from the battle line, the French war office contents itself with the simple statement that, as a result of the turning movement of the German army and in order to accept battle under unfavorable conditions, the French troops again have retired.

From the British capital no word is forthcoming regarding what are considered the most momentous operations of the war.

While Berlin claims a German victory over the Russians in east Prussia in the capture of 70,000 men, the Russians claim an important victory over the Austrians on the Galician side, with 30,000 prisoners.

TURKS MOBILIZING.

Rome, via Paris, Sept. 1 (4:20 p. m.)—A telegram received in Rome from Berlin announces the mobilization of the Turkish army.

Following the advice of Field Marshal Baron Von der Goltz it is stated the Turkish government will form an army of the first line composed of 200,000 men, all Mohammedans.

Booms Dropped on Paris—City Prepares for Siege.

A dispatch sent from Paris on Sunday says:

"A German aviator flew over Paris this afternoon and dropped five bombs which fell in the most popular quarter of the city. In one case two women were wounded."

"The aviator, who signed himself Lieutenant Von Hissen, dropped manifestos on which was written: 'The German army is at the gates of Paris; you can do nothing but surrender.'"

Another dispatch from Paris mentions the dropping of a bomb but says no harm was done and that Paris remains tranquil. A decree has been issued by the military governor of Paris ordering all residents of the district within action of the city's defending forts to evacuate and destroy their houses within four days, and other preparations made for an entrenched camp. Enormous stocks of food have been placed in the State warehouses for provisioning Paris. The Bois de Boulogne has been transformed into a vast pasture, filled with cows and sheep. The animals are guarded by reserves. The beautiful surroundings of the Chateau of Bagatelle have given over entirely to sheep. The number of sheep pastured in the parks exceeds 10,000.

War Summary.

That the French lines are still falling back before the German advance is indicated in an official statement issued by the French war office Sunday, which says the progress of the German right wing has obliged the French left to yield ground.

Earl Kitchener, British Secretary of War gives in detail the part played by British troops in the operations in Belgium and France. These operations extended from August 23 to August 26,

and the British losses numbered about 6,000.

The conditions and spirits of the British troops at the front are described as excellent and reinforcements have been sent up to more than fill the gaps created by the casualties.

A German aviator has appeared over Paris and was engaged Sunday in dropping bombs in a populous part of the city. Several bombs failed to explode, according to the accounts, and the only two persons injured by them were women.

Paris is preparing for a siege should the lines opposing the Germans be broken. Enormous stocks of food have been placed in the state warehouses and sheep and cattle in vast numbers have been herded in the Bois De Boulogne.

A British official statement says that of the 1,200 men comprising the crews of the five German warships sunk off Helgoland only 330 were saved.

A Berlin dispatch says the German army is energetically pressing the Russians in the neighborhood of Alenstein, East Prussia.

Graded School Opens Sept. 14th.

The Marion Graded School will open to receive all white children of legal school age, Monday, September 14, at 9 o'clock. No children will be received into the first grade after the first Monday in October unless they are able to read. It is earnestly requested that parents enter their children promptly in order that they may receive the full benefit of the school. The compulsory attendance law will be enforced beginning with the opening of school, September 14, and continuing until the expiration of the law.

The children are requested to meet Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, September 12, in the rooms occupied last year to meet their teachers, to be classified, and to be assigned lessons for the first day of school. Book lists will be furnished, and desks assigned. There will be no change in text-books, but some new subjects may be added.

The teachers of the graded school are called to meet at the school building Saturday, September 12, at 9 o'clock.

The patrons of the school are invited and urged to visit the school during the first week to meet the new teachers, and to show the faculty that the homes of Marion are ready to co-operate with the school.

Miss Crawford Entertains.

On Friday evening Miss Ellen Crawford entertained very pleasantly in compliment to the Misses Boyle, of South Carolina. The Misses Copeland, of Clinton, S. C., also assisted in the receiving line. Miss Joyce Decker served punch and sandwiches, in an attractive alcove, in the hall. Score cards were passed, and an interesting progressive game was enjoyed for an hour, after which the hostess, assisted by Miss Decker and Miss Ethel Crawford, served a delicious ice course.

Services at St. John's Episcopal church next Sunday night at 8 o'clock. Week-day Bible class on every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

HANKINS.

Hankins, Aug. 31.—Mrs. W. F. Barnes and little daughter of Nashville, Tenn., are visiting Mrs. George Lents.

Mrs. Ben Martin and children of Bridgewater spent the week-end here with her mother, Mrs. J. B. Higgins.

Mrs. C. F. Barnes of Sevier and Miss Hattie Martin of Bridgewater were the guests of Miss Kit Dysart last week.

J. W. Biddix of Marion spent Saturday and Sunday here with R. D. Barnes. Miss Daisy Barnes spent the latter part of last week at Woodlawn with Miss Edna Brinkley.

Mrs. J. Y. Finley of Marion is visiting relatives and friends here.

Joe Gardin of Johnson City, Tenn., returned home last Friday after spending several days here with friends.

Miss Kit Dysart has been very ill for several days, but is improving.

John and Walter Anderson of Carlyle were visitors at Hankins Sunday.

Misses Maggie Byrd, Della Gibbs and Gertrude Barnes were shopping in Marion Saturday.

John Gardin of Lynch was a business visitor here Saturday.

Hampton Morgan returned to Clemmons last week after spending a few days here with homefolks.

J. W. Hall of Spruce Pine spent Sunday here with homefolks.

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GRAPHITEVILLE

Graphiteville, Aug. 31.—Mrs. J. M. Powers of Asheville, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Annie Williams.

Mrs. John Davis of Old Fort spent Tuesday with her parents.

Misses Cheley Sigmon and Mae Lillie Allison, Messrs. W. I. Randolph and H. L. Brandle spent Sunday at Black Mountain and Ridgecrest.

Mrs. M. R. Allison has returned from an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Powers at Asheville.

Miss Dolores Perl spent Sunday afternoon in Old Fort.

There will be services held at the Upper school house by Rev. D. P. Lowdermilk of Marion Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. J. P. Raffield and Mrs. Sarah Robinson visited Mrs. Mary Messers Monday at Ridgecrest.

Miss Claudia Cordell is visiting her sister, Mrs. Tom Raffield, near Old Fort.

Jim Biddix spent Friday and Saturday at Ridgecrest. Mutt and Jeff.

HARMONY GROVE.

Harmony Grove, Aug. 31.—The box supper and Old Maid's Auction given here Saturday night was a great success, the proceeds amounting to \$19.00, which will go to buy an organ for the school.

I. K. Jarrett of Graphiteville visited relatives here Sunday.

A number of people from Nebo attended the box supper Saturday night.

W. J. Jarrett and daughter, Willie, spent Sunday here with his sister, Mrs. W. J. Snipes.

A singing is held here every Sunday afternoon and everybody is urged to come out and make Harmony Grove the best choir around here.

It will soon be fodder pulling time and the farmers will have to get busy and save their fodder.

Miss Mattie Snipes of Marion spent Sunday here. Violet.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, Aug. 29.—The attendance upon the Old Maid's Party at Chapel Hill last Saturday night was small owing to other attraction around, but the school realized the sum of \$10.10, which will be used in the school rooms.

Mrs. — Heart of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting her father, T. M. Hicks.

Miss Thessa Jameson of Garden City visited Miss Vera Corpening the latter part of the week.

Parks McGimsey and Charlie Wakefield of East Marion attended the Old Maid's Party here Saturday night.

Mrs. Sam Jimison visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John England, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Beck of Linville

visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Corpening, during the week.

Chapel Hill, Aug. 31.—Miss Laura Hicks, who is teaching at Stroudtown, spent the week-end here with relatives.

Jesse Corpening of Black Mountain spent Sunday with his parents.

Several of the young people of Chapel Hill attended the ice cream supper at Stroudtown last Friday night.

Mrs. C. D. Corpening and little daughter, Florence, visited friends on Clear Creek Sunday.

John Smith returned last week from Baltimore, Md., where he has been taking treatment.

Quite a large crowd attended the ice cream supper Saturday night by the Methodist church.

T. J. Swann went to Asheville last week for eye treatment.

Harrison-Witherspoon.

The following from the Asheville Citizen, of August 28th, will be read with interest here:

"Friends throughout the state will be interested in the marriage of Miss Rose Witherspoon to Mr. Wm. H. Harrison of Hayesville, N. C., which was solemnized Thursday morning, August 27, by Rev. Ira Erwin, pastor of the Methodist church. The ceremony was beautiful in its simplicity, being witnessed by the immediate family and a few intimate friends.

"The bride is the daughter of Mr. L. L. Witherspoon, a prominent lawyer of Murphy, and has many friends throughout North and South Carolina. She is a highly cultured young woman and has taught in leading schools of both the Carolinas.

"Mr. Harrison, formerly of Smithfield, N. C., is a promising young attorney of Hayesville, N. C. Both young people belong to prominent North Carolina families, and the announcement of this marriage will be received with great interest. Directly after the wedding breakfast the couple left for Atlanta, where they will spend a week before returning to Hayesville, where they will make their home."

The bride is well known in Marion, being a sister of Mrs. P. A. Reid, and has been a frequent visitor here. She visited her sister this summer and has many friends here.

Nebo High School.

Nebo High School opened Wednesday, August 26th, with an enrollment of about 130 students. A number of girls are already in the dormitory, and several others have written that they are coming. The dormitory is under the very capable management of Mrs. Winter.

The faculty is composed of the following teachers: Prof. G. H. Weaver, principal; Miss Greene, assistant high school instructor; Miss Hobson, 7th and 8th grades; Miss Wells, 5th and 6th grades and elocution; Miss Giles, 3rd and 4th grades; Miss Chrisman, 1st and 2nd grades.

With an earnest and well-trained faculty, and with a principal who has taught successfully four years at this place, and whose work stands for itself, we bespeak for Nebo High School one of the best years in its history. W. J. B.

Mrs. R. M. Cannon died at her home in Old Fort Friday, August 21, after a lingering illness. Mrs. Cannon was 76 years of age and is survived by a husband and several grown sons and daughters.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

In spite of bad weather a large crowd attended the Chatham Confederate reunion at Pittsboro a few days ago.

The Charlotte Lodge of Elks have celebrated the formal opening of their handsome new home.

The summer conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Lake Junaluska have closed.

The Dixie Knitting mill at Forest City are making preparations to manufacture underwear.

The summer drought has seriously affected the honey crop in Surry county.

Brownlow Jackson of Henderson will manage J. J. Britt's campaign against J. M. Gudger.

W. B. Cooper a compress owner at Wilmington, says that cotton may be shipped to Europe in 60 days.

The Southern railway is planning a considerable amount of work around Greensboro.

All Halifax county crops are good. Farmers are expecting a bale of cotton to the acre on light soils.

Members of the Field Hospital Corps, No. 1, of Asheville, and the Canton Ambulance Company, North Carolina National Guard, returned to this city a few days ago after spending 10 days at Camp Battle, Hendersonville.

Mr. R. M. Walker, 68, prominent Mecklenburg county citizen, died recently.

Mount Airy is enjoying a building boom at present.

The Appalachian Training school at Boon has opened its fall term with greatly increased attendance.

Late corn in Gaston county has been damaged by the severe drought.

High Point is discussing the proposition of forming a country club.

Newbern has celebrated the opening of its first tobacco warehouse.

Theo. S. Meekins of Manteo, district inspector for the Biological Bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture, who has charge of the enforcement of the Federal game laws in this section of the state, is in Wilmington.

The Durham County Fair Association are busy making preparations.

The sixteenth annual convention of the Negro National Medical Association closed at Raleigh recently with the election of Dr. F. S. Hargrave of Wilson as president, to succeed Dr. A. A. Brown of Birmingham, Ala., who is a native of Raleigh.

The Brickton Brick Company has been organized at Brickton, near Hendersonville, with the following officers: D. S. Pace, president; C. S. Calvert, vice president; J. C. Sherrill, secretary and general manager; J. L. McDowell, treasurer. The new concern has purchased 40 acres of clay, formerly belonging to Mr. McDowell.

Durham was visited a few days ago by a severe electric and rain storm.

A shark, eight feet in length, and which was one of the largest ever caught with a line in that section, was landed a few days ago near Morehead City by Miss Ada Komp of Newbern.

T. Gilbert Wood, Asheville agent of the land and industrial department of the Southern Railway, has been advised of his appointment of director of educational exhibits, which will be conducted by the Southern at various fairs during the approaching fall and winter.

Tom's Creek School.

In this school the teachers and pupils have been doing good work. The literary society which has been organized since the beginning of school is progressing nicely. In order to show the fathers and mothers and others who wish to come some of the work the pupils are doing in this society there has been a day set apart for a picnic, which will be Friday, September 11. In the forenoon the children will entertain the people with recitations, declamations, songs, etc. In the afternoon Miss Barnard and others will talk to the crowd. Everybody invited to come and bring dinner. H. B.