



SEVEN THOUSAND GERMANS SLAUGHTERED.

Some of the Lost French Ground Regained--The Russians Occupy Tilsit on March Toward Old Berlin--Both France and England Depend on the Sturdy Russians for Their Quick and Effective Work.

Russians in Old Prussia

NAMUR, STRONG BELGIAN FORTRESS, FALLS BEFORE GERMAN ATTACK, AND THE CRY OF THE TEUTONS IS "ON TO PARIS."

ON PRESENT BATTLE HANGS FATE OF FRANCE.

Powers Protest Against Night Bombardment of Antwerp By Zeppelin Air Ships--Japanese Attack on Tsing Tau Fails and Siege Begun

Namur, the Belgian fortress, has fallen into German hands, according to announcement by the official bureau in London. Details of the fighting were not given but the English newspapers regard the fall as inexplicable.

Berlin dispatches say five of the forts of Namur and the city itself have fallen and the capture of the remaining four forts is imminent.

A reverse to the forces of the allies is generally admitted by the English and French newspapers which say Wednesday's news is "decidedly bad." While plainly expressing disappointment at the failure of their forces, they declare the retrograde movement towards the strong defensive work near the frontier has been carried out in good order.

It is assumed that the allies are falling back on their first line of defensive works.

The English newspapers declare that both the English and Russians are determined to "fight to a finish" whatever the outlook may be at present. They say the possession of Namur was vital for Germany and that it "was a fine stroke for the Germans to have rushed the place under the eyes of the allied armies."

Newspaper dispatches assert that the Austrian fortified port of Cattaro, Dalmatia, has been destroyed by the allied fleets.

Dispatches from the Serbian provisional capital, Nish, record the victorious offensive movement of the Serbians and Montenegrins against the Austrians, who are said to have suffered very severely.

SCENE OF DESPERATE CONFLICT

(London Cable, August 26)

A dispatch to the Express from Ostend says:

"A great battle has been in progress in the province of Aainaut, on the southern frontier of Belgium since Friday evening. French and British troops have been engaged in desperate conflicts north of Charleroi and Fleurus with Germans who crossed the Meuse at Huy.

"Saturday French troops, which had spread from Lille, met the German right in east Flanders.

ON THE FRONTIER HANGS FATE OF FRANCE

(Paris Cable, August 26)

An official bulletin issued tonight says that Muelhausen has again been evacuated and continuing reads:

"A new battle is in progress between Maubeuge, (department of the Nord) and Donon, (department of Doubs.) On it hangs the fate of France. Operations in Alsace along the Rhine would take away troops on which might depend victory. It is necessary that they all withdraw from Alsace temporarily to ensure its final deliverance. It is a matter of hard necessity.

GERMANS WILL ABANDON EAST AND WEST PRUSSIA

(The Hague, August 27.)

The military correspondent of the Neue Courant declares he can state on trustworthy authority that the Germans plan to abandon temporarily east and west Prussia and Pomerania to the Russian and withdraw slowly to the river Oder, where the main defences of Berlin lie.

"Germany," according to the correspondent, "appears to have undertaken this measure to give time to her army operating against France to try and deal the British and French armies their death blow and then to march on to Paris, the distance between Mons and Paris being four times less than the distance between St. Petersburg and Berlin."

RUSSIANS ADVANCE ON BERLIN

(New York Special, August 27)

The military attache of the Russian embassy, through the Russian con-

MERCHANTS LAYING IN STOCK

Our Stores Will Present the Usual Attractive Appearance This Fall and Winter

Our merchants are not at all pessimistic over the disturbance abroad, and when business opens up in September the goods will be on the shelves.

Messrs. Josh King and Frank Black left for New York Thursday to purchase goods for the Long Company.

Major Will Landis, of the firm of Landis & Easton, will leave for the north in a few days.

Mr. Oscar Breedlove, of the Perkinson-Green Company, has been on the northern markets for the past week.

The Green-Hunt Company's fall and winter stock has arrived and will be put in position as early as the building can be made ready.

John Mason is at all times represented on the northern markets by a resident buyer, but he is being assisted by Mr. Charlie Cohn at this time.

Mrs. T. Lanier says the ladies will wear hats, war or no war, and she is well represented on the northern markets and she, too, will go north in a week or two.

sublate, tonight, issued the following statement:

"In eastern Prussia on August 24, the line of the river Angerap, although fortified for defense, was abandoned by the enemy, without an attempt at resistance. Insterburg and Angerburg are occupied by Russian troops. The enemy has retreated in great disorder, partly towards Koenigsburg and partly toward Rastenburg. From the front at Ortelsburg-Soldau, the Russians are gradually advancing, the enemy retiring to Osterode and leaving several guns, machine guns, ammunition wagons and prisoners.

"On the left bank of the river Vistula the enemy retired from the Line Plock-Lentchitz, but farther to the south his detachment, yet undisturbed by the Russian advance retained in their hands Lodz, Petrokoff, Konek, Ransom and Opatoff.

"In Galicia the enemy, on August 23, advanced his left to the line of Anapol-Zamosrie-Kamorow; while on their right, the Austrians are falling back before our advance. On the evening of August 22 the Russians took Tarnopol and strengthened their positions on the river Sered, affluent of the river Dnesiter.

"On August 24 the commander-in-chief reported to his majesty a brilliant encounter of a squadron of the Nijgorodski dragoon regiment, which attacked a detachment of German scouts of 70 picked men. Six Germans were taken prisoners; the rest were killed. The Russian dragoons had four men slightly wounded by the enemy's bullets, but none of our men was touched by the enemy's sabres.

BRITISH OCCUPY OSTEND

(London Cable, August 28)

The British marines have occupied Ostend to prevent the Germans from setting a foot-hold on the English Channel.

TWENTY MILLION SOLDIERS

(St. Petersburg Cable, August 28)

It is officially announced that Russia can put 20,000,000 troops into the field if needed to bring the German emperor to his knees.

GERMAN LOSSES APPALLING

(Paris Cable, August 28)

In the region of Vosges and Nancy 2,500 dead Germans were picked up from the battle field and in the region of Vitrimont 4,500 were found dead.

EUROPE'S NATIONS SMALL BESIDES THAT OF THE UNITED STATES

Some idea of the size of the United States is gained by comparing our country with the European nations involved in the great war. For instance, Russia is the only country in Europe that is larger than our State Texas.

France is not quite as big as California and Alabama combined.

Germany is about the same size as France and about equal to Montana and Georgia combined.

The British Isles are about the same size as New Mexico.

Belgium is not quite as big as Maryland.

Italy is about the size of Nevada.

Servia is almost 25,000 square miles smaller than Indiana.

Illinois is nearly as large as Belgium, Servia and Netherlands combined.

Italy is about twice the size of Illinois.

Texas and California together are bigger than Germany and France together.

Austria with 241,491 square miles is the biggest country in Europe next to Russia, but is 25,000 square miles smaller than Texas.

Montenegro with 5,603 square miles is smaller than any State in the Union except Connecticut, Delaware, and Rhode Island.

Roumania is a trifle larger than New York, and Bulgaria a little bigger than Virginia.

Montenegro, Roumania, Servia, Bulgaria and Albania could be bunched together and laid down inside the borders of either Texas, California or Montana.

SHORT LEDGER LOCALS.

About People and Things That Are of Interest to the Public Ledger Readers

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

Greater Oxford--What is our strategic movement to be in the fight to make a greater Oxford?

Continues to Improve--We are pleased to see Mr. Dudley Fuller able to be out after a few weeks sickness.

Show Coming--Haag's show is coming to Oxford next month, so begin to save your nickles so you can take it in.

Change in Ad--You are asked to read the change in the advertisement of the Granville Real Estate & Trust Co. on another page.

Executor's Notice--We call attention to the Executor's notice of Guy V. Barnes in another column, with Hicks & Stem, Attorneys.

With Us Again--The mud hole at the intersection of Main and Littlejohn streets is still with us, and will continue to be with us unless it is filled up.

Will Make Corn--If the heavy down pour of rain Tuesday night was general over the county it will come near finishing up the fine corn crop growing.

Take Notice--The attention of our many readers is directed to the Executors Notice of Messrs. Marvin W. Hester and D. N. Hunt to be found in another part of this paper.

More Harm--The war may be playing havoc with some farmers, but from what is heard from some tobacco growers want of rain has done more harm than anything else.

Being Closed In--The roof of the large brick storage house and sales stables of Horner Bros. Co. is now being put on, and when completed will be a good substantial building.

Changed Homes--Mr. Ira Howard and family have moved to the F. W. Hancock place at the head of Main street and the dear children will have a good time romping over the large lawn.

A Little To Fast--We stated in our last issue that Mr. A. S. Hall had become a member of the automobile brigade, but it turns out that we were mistaken. It was his sister, Miss Sue Hall, who purchased the machine.

The New Garage--The roof with skylight in it is being put on the new Highway Garage on Hillsboro street. The sides will be closed in with galvanized iron. When completed will be one of the largest garages in this section.

Deep Cut--We notice in order to get the proper grades quite a deep cut was necessary on the sidewalk in front of Mr. Dick Taylor and Mrs. Joe Currin's homes. Glad to know that the grand old oak will not have to come down.

Mr. Howell Beat--Mr. W. S. Newton, of Route 3, comes to the front with several peas 30 inches long and hence Mr. Willie Howell will have to come again. The runners on the vines are from 15 to 25 feet in length and are full of long peas.

Regular Fight--Two negro boys had a regular fist fight in the rear of the Long Co. store Wednesday afternoon, which resulted in almost a drawn battle. But one threw a rock at the other as he departed and narrowly escaped striking a plate glass window.

THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY

Capt. Winslow, in Charge of the Richmond-Fayetteville Division Calls on the Public Ledger

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE OLD AND THE NEW

Capt. D. H. Winslow, United States Superintendent of Road Construction, in charge of the Richmond-Fayetteville-Highway, called on the Public Ledger Wednesday. In assuming charge of the division some months ago, Capt. Winslow made many photographs of scenes along the road and on his recent trip he has taken photos of the same scenes and improvement noted in the pictures is gratifying.

The pictures will be mounted, says Capt. Winslow, and universally exhibited throughout the county. Some of the pictures taken by Capt. Winslow, that of Enon school house, while not immediately on the National Highway, is a very pretty one and it, too, will be universally exhibited.

Capt. Winslow showed us a picture of a farm house at the end of a bridge somewhere in Virginia, which the owner was offering for sale some months ago for \$1,100, but since the National Highway passes the house the farmer has repeatedly refused \$5,000 for the farm.

The Petersburg Commercial Club is painting three rings, red, white and blue, around all the telegraph poles along the National Highway in Virginia south of their city, the blue ring containing an advertisement of the commercial importance of Petersburg.

Capt. Winslow is highly pleased with Messrs. Sanford and Butler, the two National Highway patrolmen in Granville county.

Capt. Winslow is very enthusiastic over his division, and says that those who have not passed that way in the last three months would scarcely know that it is the same road. The price of real estate along the National Highway, says Capt. Winslow, is advancing very rapidly and will continue to advance.

ENTERTAINS RECREATION CLUB.

Mrs. R. L. Brown charmingly entertained the Recreation Club Thursday morning in honor of her sister, Mrs. Bagby, of Danville, and Mrs. E. R. McKethan, of Fayetteville. The home was tastily decorated with cut flowers and growing plants and presented an attractive scene.

The guests were cordially received by Mrs. W. C. Tyree, of Greenwood, Miss., and Mrs. A. H. Powell, who ushered them into the parlor where Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Bagby and Mrs. McKethan were receiving after which the guests found places at the tables and played a very interesting game of Rook.

On completion of the game refreshments were served, the color scheme of yellow and white being carried out, composed of orange ice and ice cream, and white and yellow cake, and each plate was decorated with a spray of Golden Rod, which each guest used as a corsage bouquet as a souvenir of the occasion. The guests of honor were presented with nice willow baskets, the handiwork of the orphans. About 30 guests were present and a delightful morning was spent.

Getting Better--The many friends of Mrs. E. K. Howard will be much pleased to learn that she continues to improve under treatment at a hospital.

The Teachers' Institute

THE TEACHERS HOLD FAST TO THE CONVICTION THAT ARITHMETIC IS OF PARAMOUNT INTEREST TO THE AVERAGE MAN.

LATTER DAY METHODS OF IMPRESSING LESSON

Prof. Allen and Miss Arrington Are the Able and Popular Conductors, and Prof. Pitts Says the Institute Is Attended With Success.

BOY WADES IN DEEP WATER

Was at Picnic and Saved by Superintendent R. L. Brown, of the Orphanage

When you speak of the Oxford Orphan Asylum you speak of large numbers, and when all the teachers and children are in line it makes a pretty picture. Hardly a church in town is large enough to hold them should all the members take a notion to attend at the same time. When Mr. R. L. Brown, Superintendent, determined to give the children a picnic it was necessary to divide them into squads and go out on alternate days.

Providence was the chosen spot and on Wednesday last Mr. Brown accompanied a squad. There is a river close by and everybody knows what the average boy thinks of the water on a warm day. There is another thing about an orphan that interests you--that is that their lives are very precious. Mr. Brown thinks so, too, and when he saw one of these little fellows floundering in deep water he snatched his coat, jumped into the deep stream and saved the little fellow, and there was rejoicing and the clapping of hands.

REV. R. I. DEVIN ILL.

Owing to the extreme age of Rev. R. I. Devin, who is 93 years of age, grave concern is felt for his recovery from the illness which he has endured for some time. Judge Devin was notified and reached the bedside of his father Thursday. Dr. Cannady informs us that Mr. Devin is slightly improved this Friday morning at the hour of going to press.

A STRONG FIRM

Everybody's 5, 10, and 25 cent Store, successors to Everybody's 5, 10 and 25 cent store, the transfer of which recently took place, makes it a more formidable merchandise concern in as much as the Oxford branch becomes a member of a string of stores of no small proportions. Mr. K. L. Street is the business manager of the new store and it is located at the same point where Mr. Street formerly did business. See adv. on last page of this paper.

PERSONAL MENTIONS

Mrs. J. F. Veasey is spending a while at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Rogers, near Wilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Daniel and children, of the Providence section, were in Oxford Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leak Landis, of New Orleans, are visiting relatives in Oxford and are meeting with a warm welcome.

Superintendent J. F. Webb attended the meeting of County School Superintendents at Rockingham this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown have returned from a trip to Boone, Blowing Rock, the great Mocksville picnic and other places of interest in the mountains.

Mr. Roy Currin is taking his vacation this week and having a good time feasting with his friends in the country.

Mr. T. E. Hicks motored from New York City in his splendid car and is spending a few days at his country home near Oxford.

WELL, WELL, WELL, DO YOU know that Oyster season is at hand I will open up with fresh oysters Saturday, August 29. Don't say it is too soon, just come on and get a nice plate. You all know me. I have been in business for eight years, H. G. Harris, 25 Main St., Oxford, N. C. 1t-pd.

FOR SALE--A BARREL OF TAR, will sell for \$3.25. J. N. Pittman.

A peep at the methods employed by the Granville County Teachers' Institute, now in session at the Graded School building, is a long step in the right direction from the time when we were school boys. Perhaps one of the most advanced methods during the past decade is the question of how to secure and hold the attention of pupils. This has now been reduced to a science and much has been gained by it.

A poor fellow will have to be very careful in the presence of a Granville county school marm these days. She may smile in deference to his feelings, but we are convinced that if he makes a grammatical error while courting her, she will detect it. We heard them analyze a sentence in toto and fought it to the last ditch.

The Institution holds fast to the conviction that arithmetic of paramount interest to the average man. Oral drill is now given to firmly fix the new principle. We are glad to say that twice 5 is 10 as it was in our boyhood days, but they now teach that "5 and 5 are 10." There were plenty of fellows in the old school that could figure you out of a house and a home in a few minutes, but the latter day methods will enable the thing to be done half the time. The Granville county school marm don't need any adding machines--they just look at a long column of figures, draw a line and write the answer beneath it.

"The Seven Wonders of the World" have undergone a slight change since we were boys, and some of the capitals of Europe have been moved and no doubt the whole map of the world will undergo a change in the near future, but to hear them discuss geography at the Institute one would believe that the Granville county teachers have been living in the suburbs of Berlin, Paris and London all their lives.

We were highly pleased with our visit to the Teacher's Institute and are thoroughly convinced that there is much for us to learn and a few things to be unlearned in order to keep abreast of the great strides along educational lines. In one room at the Graded School building Miss Mary Shotwell, the valuable assistant superintendent of the Granville county schools, has for inspection a large number of specimens of the handiwork of the pupils of the various schools throughout the county, from which a selection will be made for the County Fair. We noticed a most interesting piece of work by Miss Sudie Crews. She gives a brief history of all the presidents of the United States, draws a map of the States from whence they came and adds to the map the states that were formed during their administration.

Prof. Allen and Miss Arrington, the conductors of the Institute, are very popular with the hundred or more teachers. We have it from Prof. Pitts that it is a great institute and that it is attended with much success.

The teachers of the Institute are loud in their praise of the many courtesies showered upon them while in Oxford. The Institute will adjourn this Friday evening and the teachers will leave for their homes.

WILL RETURN NEXT WEEK

It was announced last Sunday that Gen. B. S. Royster would lecture the Baptist Sunday School this Sunday morning on the "Arrest and Conviction of Christ." Gen. Royster is enjoying a much needed rest at Buffalo Springs and will not return to Oxford before the middle of next week. The Sunday school, and especially his class of 150 men, are looking forward with pleasure to the promised lecture, but they will rejoice to know that he is gaining strength at the Springs.