



BRITISH ARE READY FOR THE DEATH GRAPPLE

Machine Guns Made Shambles of Places Where Enemies Stood--Regiments Were Swept Away Only to Be Replaced By Others--British Loss 6,000 and German Loss Must Have Been Much Heavier.

Empire in Extremist.

FRENCH WAR OFFICE ORDERS RESIDENTS IN ZONE OF ACTION BY THE FORTS OF THE CAPITAL TO EVACUATE AND DESTROY BUILDINGS

PARISIANS TO BURN OR DESTROY THEIR HOMES

Lord Roberts, of England, Declares That Defeat Would Mean Ruin, Shame and Slavery, and Urges Every Man of Proper Age to Join the Colors.

Most significant is the official announcement by the French War Office that the Military Governor of Paris has ordered all residents within the zone of action of the forts around Paris to evacuate and raze their houses within four days. Another significant official announcement from Paris is that the German forces are advancing in the direction of La Fere, about 80 miles northeast of Paris. The right wing of the French troops operating in this region has driven back the Germans on the town of Guise, but the left wing was unable to hold the advance of the German troops. Both French and the British are calling on all their men to join in the defense of the French lines, which apparently are dropping back gradually. A campaign has been started in London and other English centers to induce all Englishmen of proper age to join the colors. Field Marshal Lord Roberts in a stirring address declared that the country was in great danger and defeat would mean "ruin, shame and slavery." British cruisers and destroyers which were in the engagement of Helgoland have arrived at various English ports and some members of the crew assert that at least eleven German vessels of various sizes were sunk.

SCHOOLS WILL SOON OPEN

Young Man, Young Woman, You Will Ever Labor at Disadvantage Without An Education

Within the next two or three weeks all of our schools and colleges will open their doors to receive the young people of the State who are desirous of gaining an education. The Gastonia Gazette trusts that every higher institution of learning in North Carolina will find its capacity taxed to the utmost, for even in such event only a small percentage of the young people in the State who should be in college will be enrolled. Should these lines fall upon the eyes of any young man or young woman in Gaston county who has an opportunity to go to college and who is wavering between the acceptance of that inviting opportunity and following some other course of action, we hope that this suggestion may help them to a decision to embrace the chance of gaining a liberal education. And it is easier to get a college education today than it ever was, provided one has a sufficiently strong desire to get it. In the race of life, young man, young woman, you will forever labor at a disadvantage without an education. So get it, by all means, no matter what the cost or sacrifice that is necessary. We trust that no parent in Granville county will refrain from sending their children to school on account of the European war scare, and even if the crops are short this year it is well to strain a point and send the children to school at all hazard. According to the law in North Carolina the compulsory attendance term begins with the opening of the school. All children between the ages of 8 and 12 are requested to attend every day for at least four months.

HEAVY RECRUITING

(London Cable, August 30.) The French and British are gathering every man and gun available in northwestern France in an attempt to stop the German advance on the road to Paris.

It also is said General Joffre, commander-in-chief of the French army, will endeavor to strike at the German right and bring relief to British and French forces which have been placed in a critical situation by the German outflanking movement.

How far the Allies have succeeded in getting across the German path is not disclosed, for the outside world is ignorant tonight of what is happening on the battlefield.

A report comes both from Antwerp and Copenhagen that the Germans have commenced a movement back from the west to meet the Russian advance through East Prussia. But it is hardly likely they will make any great demands on the western army until the big battle in which there seems to have been a lull has been definitely decided.

TURNING ON RUSSIA

(London Cable, August 30.) One hundred and sixty railway trains loaded with German troops have passed through Belgium from the southwest toward the northeast, according to an Antwerp dispatch to the Reuter Telegraph Company. This, it is added, indicates that the Germans are sending troops back on account of the Russian advance. The German force at Brussels has been reduced to a minimum.

IMPREGNABLE FORTS

Each of the many forts around mass of concrete topped with huge steel helmets which are revolving the bottom vast stores of ammunition and disappearing steel turrets. At are contained in a chamber below the level of the surrounding ground. Next come what might be called the living rooms, with stairs leading through a thick mass of earth to a protected parapet for close rifle against an attacking force. This mass of piled-up earth is between 30 and 40 feet thick, extending practically to the turret. The dome above opens as a gun is fired and closes as the gun sinks back to its carriage. It is nothing more than a thin, rounded, projectile-turning curve of steel even when open. Outside runs a deep ditch provided

GERMANS RETREAT

(Paris Cable, August 30.) The French War Office gave out the following official statement this afternoon: "The Russian army has completely invested Koenigsberg and occupied Allenstein, both in East Prussia. The Germans continue to retreat."

RUSSIANS TAKE KOENIGSBERG

(London Cable, August 30.) A dispatch to the Reuter Telegraph Company from Paris says an official communication given out in the French capital confirms previous reports that the Russians have completely invested Koenigsberg in Eastern Prussia.

Koenigsberg is a strongly fortified seaport and capital of the Province of East Prussia. It consists of three parts, the Altstadt, the Kneippof (an island), and Loebentch. The industrial establishment includes locomotive works, iron foundries and flour mills. The population is about 200,000. The distance from Koenigsberg to Berlin is 388 miles.

ARE HAVING HARD TIME GETTING WAR FACTS

Every succeeding day sees the censorship of news coming from Europe more rigidly enforced. Without stating any reasons the few privileges that newspaper correspondents have been enjoying since the great war started are being taken away from them by the French, English and Belgian governments. The news gathering organization in America acknowledge that the task is hopeless for them to obtain the facts about war developments and that the best they can do is to have their men wherever it is possible to place them and have them file all the matter they can gather, trusting to luck as to what the censor will let go through. No war correspondents are to be allowed to accompany the expeditionary forces to the front for the present. This decision has been reached by the British army council, and the passes which had been issued have

been or will eventually be revoked. In announcing its decision the army council says that the French war office also has decided not to permit correspondents to accompany the French troops. Regulations governing correspondents with the French army have been issued by the minister of war. All correspondents must be French or citizens of one of the allied nations. They must have a perfect knowledge of the French language. Each correspondent must submit certificates of character and physical fitness for the field with three photographs, to be kept by the military authorities. The correspondent will wear a white armband with his name, nationality and the name of the newspaper in black letters. He must not leave his quarters without a special permit. This permit will not be issued at advance posts.

SHORT LEDGER LOCALS.

About People and Things That Are of Interest to The Public

LEDGER READERS GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

How Trouble Hatched—"Papa where do Jall birds come from?" "They are raised by larks, bats and swallows, my son."

Make You Scratch—Men may come and men may go, but the chigger is no respecter of persons and men come to the scratch.

New Dwellings—Mr. Dorsey Curdin has about completed a new dwelling on Cash street which will be occupied by Mr. D. Hunt and family, of Stem.

Bought Cottage—We learn that Mr. Walter Crews has purchased the nice cottage of Judge Devin on High street and will probably take possession at an early date.

Much Better—The old friends of the beloved Mrs. Ann Davis will be glad to hear that she continues to improve at her home near Stevall after a long illness.

Fence Completed—The nice iron fence with white brick gate post in front of the attractive home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hunt's home has been completed.

The "XX" Club—Mrs. T. G. Stem will entertain the "XX" Club this Tuesday afternoon at her home on Front street in honor of Miss Blanchard, of Hertford.

Putting Down Sidewalk—Contractor Clements has completed the sidewalk on High street and is working on Williamsboro street which will be completed this week.

Moved to Other Store—Cohn & Son have moved their clothing and gents furnishing goods department into the store room formerly used as the post-office, and will soon be nicely fixed up.

C. D. Ray & Son—By the judicious use of paint the business office and other buildings of C. D. Ray and Son now present an attractive appearance along with nice signs on the buildings.

Green-Hunt Co.—This splendid new firm is very busy getting ready to open up their double stores, as the new goods are arriving daily. They hope to complete their shelves and counters in a few days.

The Campaign—War or no war we will soon have to get ready for the campaign for Congressman, State and County Officers, and Gen. Ben K. Lassiter will gallantly lead the voters in Granville this time.

Get Your Books Ready—The dear boys and girls of Oxford will commence to get their books together as the Graded School will open on Monday. They have had a pleasant vacation and are ready to go to school.

Another Barbecue—The good ladies of the Baptist church will give another one of their fine barbecues and Brunswick stew suppers at the Lynch place Thursday afternoon at 6 o'clock and you are invited to attend.

Under the Flag—Our good little friend, Master Willie Hicks, is a young American patriot, and must have caught the peaceful spirit of President Wilson as we found him Thursday afternoon quietly setting beneath "Old Glory" with a smile on his face.

LET US LIVE AT HOME.

It is High Time That the Farmers of Granville Should Take a Retrospective View

THE FARMERS CAN CONTROL THE SITUATION

Now, Brethren, has come the time to think for ourselves and for Granville county. We have heard all manner of talk and we have read all manner of reports in the papers and it is high time that the farmers of Granville should take a retrospective view of their situation.

On Thursday last while Mr. Arthur Curdin, of Fishing Creek township, was hitching up his horses to the wagon one of them kicked him on the side of the stomach, from which he has been suffering very much, and his attending physicians have been trying to relieve him. After consultation we learn that they have decided that he will have to be taken to a hospital for an operation as the kick must have injured him internally.

CAUGHT SELLING LIQUOR

The selling of "White Lightning" goes merely on in the back lots of Oxford and the effects of it can be easily discovered when there is a crowd in town on Saturdays.

Constable Poythress had his eagle eye out Saturday afternoon, and it did not take him long to catch an old colored offender, John Chavis, along with his son, William, in the act of selling, so the Judge this time will not have any excuse to let them off on technicalities. John and his son were tried Monday before Squire Ellis, and he bound them over to Court in a bond of \$150 each, which, of course, they promptly gave.

SIX O'CLOCK DINNER

The bright and attractive Miss Mary B. Williams gave a six o'clock dinner Friday afternoon and charmingly entertained 20 of her girl friends. The menu was all that could be desired, and humor and wit flowed freely to the enjoyment of the honored guests. At the close of the elegant repast the engagement of Miss Irene Hines and Mr. Leon Marrow was announced. Little bride dolls were used as souvenirs to make the announcement, and when they were brought in Miss Edna White arose and sweetly sang the wedding march with Miss Mary Webb gracefully playing the accompaniment. It was indeed a most joyous affair and Miss Williams proved a charming hostess.

GOOD ENOUGH FOR JUDGE DEVIN

The Greensboro papers last week were elated over a report to the effect that Judge Devin intends to become a citizen of the "Gate City." The people of Oxford gave no credence to the report, but meeting Judge Devin we inquired as to his intentions and he replied that Oxford was good enough for him and that he intended to live and die here.

The fact that Judge Devin sold his Oxford dwelling last week gave rise to the report, but it has been known for some time that he intends to build a home here in the near future more to his liking. For the next six months Judge Devin will hold court in the counties contiguous to Greensboro and later in the counties on the south side of the State around Hamlet, and this will account for his temporary residence in Greensboro.

SEWING WEEK

Landis & Eastern calls attention elsewhere in this paper that the first week in September is the time to get ready for school. The good mothers of the county will find the goods needed to make the little folks comfortable and happy at Landis & Eastern's and should they want anything for the rest of the family it is also there.

TAKEN 20,000 RUSSIANS

(Berlin Cable, September 1) By wireless to the Associated Press via Sayville, L. I. It was officially announced here today that about 20,000 Russians had been taken prisoners by the Germans during the fighting in East Prussia, particularly at Ortelsburg, Hohenstein and Tannenberg. They include many officers of high rank.

The German attack at these three points was across swamps and lakes.

WANTED—FOUR PAINTERS TO paint on my house. J. N. Pittman.

Rev. R. I. Devin Dead.

HE FELL UPON SLEEP SUNDAY MORNING AT THE HOME OF HIS SON-IN-LAW, DR. S. H. CANNADY, WHERE HE MADE HIS HOME MANY YEARS.

93 YEARS OLD AND LONG IN THE MINISTRY.

Founder of the Oxford and Other Baptist Churches He Labored Long and Earnestly For His Master's Kingdom Among Men on Earth.

BOUNDRY LINE IN DISPUTE

The Town Commissioners are Puzzled Over Certain Lines on Spring Street near Bell Street.

It now seems that every thing centers on Spring street, which has been in the public eye for some time. The material for the sidewalk in that part of town having been piled up and ready for laying, the town engineer comes forward and asks the Board of Commissioners as to certain boundaries in the vicinity of Spring and Bell streets. The board met this Tuesday morning to settle the mooted question. There is about eight feet of ground some several feet long involved in the disputed territory. No decision had been reached at the hour of going to press.

KICKED BY A HORSE

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RETIRE FROM THE MINISTRY

On retiring from the ministry in 1866 on account of failing health Mr. Devin came to Oxford from near Young's Cross roads, Granville county, where he has resided ever since. In 1880 he wrote and published a most interesting history of Grassy Creek church.

Mr. Devin was twice married, first to Miss Herndon, of Granville county, and second to Miss Mary Transom, of Winston, the latter marriage being solemnized just previous to the breaking out of the Civil War.

SURVIVORS

The deceased is survived by his life long companion and help meet, Mrs. R. I. Devin, a most devoted lady, and their three children, as follows: Judge W. A. Devin, Mrs. John Webb and Mrs. S. H. Cannady and Mrs. Ellen Dalby of the first union and a number of grand children, all of Oxford. Judge Devin, who had been at the bedside of his father for a couple of days returned to Greensboro Friday, where he was holding court, and on the receipt of the news that his father was sinking rapidly he hastened to Oxford and found him at rest.

FUNERAL AND BURIAL SERVICES

The Baptist church was filled to the doors and a solemn and impressive dirge was played when at 4:30 Monday afternoon the remains of the founder of the church were conveyed down the aisle and placed in front of the pulpit. The funeral services and the last sad rites were conducted by Dr. G. T. Lumpkin, pastor of the deceased, assisted by Dr. R. H. Marsh and Dr. W. C. Tyree, of Greenwood, Miss., who uttered a beautiful prayer.

Dr. Marsh, who had intimately known Mr. Devin for a great many years told of his life's work. Dr. Lumpkin tenderly referred to the deceased as one of God's noblest of men. He said that the community would reap a blessing for years to come through the good works he established among men. He said that the gentle, loving and kindly disposition of Mr. Devin reminded him of St. John, the Divine. As the remains reposed in the church the choir sang "How Safe a Foundation," "Abide With Me," and "Rock of Ages."

AT THE GRAVE

The procession to Elmwood Cemetery, where the interment took place, and the beautiful and profuse floral offerings testified to the love the community holds for the deceased. (Continued on last page)