



THE ALLIES OVERPOWER THE GERMAN ARMY

The German Army Hits a Solid Wall of Men and Guns in Front of Paris and is Hurlled Back--Weak From Hunger, and Sore, the Teutons are Completely Surrounded By Double Their Number of Seasoned Allies

The Crisis is Reached.

ALLIES REPULSE GERMANS AND FOLLOW THEM WITH SUCCESS--RUSSIANS OVERRUN AUSTRIAN ARMY OF FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN

ON BETTER VANTAGE GROUND

Sorely Pressed, the Germans Request an Armistic of Twenty-four Hours, and They Were Told to Get Out of France in That Length of Time.

The British and French forces North and East of Paris have had further successes against the German invaders, according to the official bulletins issued Thursday while in Galicia the Russians continue with considerable success their attempt to envelop and defeat the Austrian army of 400,000 men under General Auffenberg.

For the moment, at least, interest centers in the campaign in France, for it is felt that the battle proceeding there is the first real crisis of the war and will have a vital effect on the outcome.

The Allies, according to a bulletin issued by the French War Office, have successfully repulsed another German attempt to penetrate their left center between Fer-Champenoise and Vitry-Le-Francois where the roads and railways are more suited to the French movements than they would have been further North.

In fact, it is believed, General Joffre purposely fell back from Chalons so he could choose ground more favorable for his army for either defensive or offensive operations. In this he seems to have been justified for not only was the German attack repulsed but at Vitry-Le-Francois the Germans actually lost ground.

This has been the scene of the heaviest fighting of the present battle for on the German right, which the Allies seem to have got around, General Kluck is falling back before the forward movement of the French and British forces toward the Marne between Meaux and Sezanne.

There must have been some fighting there, however, as the French report some prisoners were taken from the enemy.

GENERAL AUSTRIAN RETREAT

(London Cable, Sept. 9) A dispatch to the Evening News from Petrograd says the Russian newspapers publish a report from a highly authoritative source to the effect that there are signs of a general retreat of the Austrians on their whole front between the Rivers Bug and Vistula.

DRIVE ENEMY BACK

(London Cable, Sept. 9) The British official press bureau issued the following announcement to-night:

"The general position continues satisfactory. The Allies are gaining ground on their left all along the line of the Ourcq and Petit Morin Rivers. The British have driven the enemy back 10 miles."

FEAR REVOLUTION

(Paris Cable, Sept. 9) A Petrograd dispatch to the Havas Agency says that according to information received at the Russian Capital, the Austrians fear that a revolution will break out in Bukovina, a Crownland of Austria-Hungary in the region of the Carpathian Mountains, where Hungarian sentiment is reported to be growing in favor of Russia.

LOST 4,000 MEN

(Paris Cable, Sept. 9.) Dispatches received here from Trieste, an Austrian seaport on the Adriatic coast, say that mourning there is general on account of the losses suffered by the Ninety-seventh and Twenty-seventh Austrian regiments composed of Italians from the Istra Peninsula. The regiments lost 4,000 men in Galicia.

ALLIES TAKE 30,000

(Paris Cable, Sept. 9.) Accounts of wounded soldiers who reached Paris late today indicate that the result of the three days fighting in the Champaign country has been more favorable for the Allies than at first supposed. They say the German losses in killed were enormous and that a great number of prisoners were taken.

RIPE OLD AGE

We Call to Mind the Names of Eight Aged People Who Have Passed Away Recently

Of the eight aged people whom we call to mind that have died in Granville county during the past thirty days, by adding their ages together we have a total of 606 years. The list follows: Rev. R. I. Devin, 93; Chas. Lewis, 89; Rev. W. S. Hester, 85; Mrs. Ann Davis, 85; Elijah Frazier, 85; P. B. Hobgood, 87; Stephen Slaughter, 84; Miss Julia Hefflin, 86. With one or two exceptions all of these aged people were in full possession of their faculties up to within a few hours of their death. Their long and useful lives are attributed to cleanliness of hearts and mind.

GOES TO MINNEAPOLIS

At the close of the series of games played in the Carolina League on Tuesday Mr. Lee Gooch, of the Raleigh team, who was recently sold to the American Association, left for Minneapolis to join his team. The American Association embrace the cities of Minneapolis, St. Paul, Cleveland, Columbus, Milwaukee and Kansas City. The salaries of the players in the American Association ranges from \$250 to \$500 per month.

LOST BETWEEN STEM AND A. J. Veasey's one Ladies Hunting case gold watch. Liberal reward to finder. Apply to J. E. Bullock, Stem, N. C. Route 1.

One French officer estimates the prisoners at 30,000.

RUSSIANS IN FRANCE

(Paris Cable, Sept. 9.) According to The Rome Tribuna there is in France today a total of 250,000 Russian troops.

This newspaper attributes Emperor William's presence at Metz to this concentration of the Russians. The steamer Mauretania which reached New York September 3d., brought the first reports of extensive landing of Russian troops at French ports. The strict British censorship prevented transmission of this intelligence by cable.

"GET OUT OF FRANCE"

(Paris Cable, Sept. 9.) The battle proceeding to the East of Paris appears to be the most important and most stubbornly fought combat of the campaign. Military authorities decline to indicate the number of men engaged but hundreds of thousands are participating on both sides.

According to those in position to obtain authentic information the casualties have been so great that the Germans have requested an armistic of 24 hours. The armistic was refused with the response: "We grant you that time to get out of France."

An official communication issued by the War Office shows that the German wing, while retreating before the Allies, has offered the sternest resistance, delivering fierce but unsuccessful counter-attacks.

The fighting today extended along both the Ourcq and Marne Rivers. In the latter region the British forces have engaged in a strong offensive in undulating country. The progress of the Allies has been exceedingly difficult.

In the center of the Allied line several further encounters have occurred, the two opposing factions ending the days with varying fortunes, which, however, are regarded as more favorable to Allies than to their adversaries.

SHORT LEDGER LOCALS THE RALEIGH ROTARIANS

About People and Things That Are of Interest to The Public Ledger Readers GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

New Cottage—We learn that Mrs. Lonnie Smith will erect a cottage on Raleigh street.

Let it Come—The next stop is Thanksgiving Day as Labor Day has come and gone.

Altogether Oxonians—The Tobacco market opens Tuesday and let's make a large, livelier and lovelier Oxford.

Orpheum Theatre—Be sure and read the fine program of the "Movie" at the Orpheum Theatre on last page.

Barn Burned—Mr. Ivey Day, who lives near town had a barn of tobacco to go up in smoke Thursday afternoon.

Service at Goshen—Rev. Horsfield will hold services at Goshen Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and you are invited to attend.

Moved In—Mr. Sid Usry and family have become residents of College street as they have moved into the Dr. Sam Booth residence.

Literary Club—Mrs. C. D. Ray delightfully entertained the Literary Club Tuesday afternoon at her attractive home on College street.

Glad He is Better—We are much pleased to learn that our good and kind postmaster, Mr. Caleb Osborn, who has been right sick for a few days, is better.

Just the Place Farmers—Hurrah for the Oxford tobacco market as she always proves a winner and it pays to watch prices on a market of tobacco.

Contractor Clements—This hustling gentleman is now putting down granolithic walk on Williamsboro street as far down as Mr. W. K. Wood's residence.

Concrete Floor—Ex-Sheriff Sam Wheeler is putting down the large concrete floor in the new Highway Garage on Hillsboro street, which will soon be completed.

Herself Again—We are pleased to learn that Mrs. A. A. Hicks, who accidentally fell a few days ago and hurt herself right badly, has about recovered and is herself again.

Two Busy Men—Messrs. Sam and Charley Cohn are now very busy getting their two new connecting stores ready for the fall trade as they have made many marked changes in them.

New Auctioneer—Mr. Ed. Beasley, the new auctioneer of the Minor Warehouse, has arrived in Oxford and is accorded a warm welcome back among the scenes of his youth.

Beautiful Millinery—We ask the ladies to read the special message of Mr. Will Landis on another page, who is in New York picking up bargains for the firm of Landis & Easton.

Public School Examination—There will be a public school examination for white teachers at the Court House in Oxford, Saturday, September 19th. J. F. WEBB.

Going Merrily Forward—The excellent improvements being made to the Exchange hotel are going merrily forward and Mr. and Mrs. Smith will be happy when they are completed.

Return Thanks—We are requested by the family to return their many thanks to neighbors and friends for their kindness during the sickness and death of Mr. J. R. Fowler, near Tar River.

Getting Ready Fast—The new firm of Green-Hunt Co., are getting ready fast to open up their two stores. The Boss Carpenter, Mr. Morris Green, has about completed his excellent work and the painters are on the job.

Hamilton Again—We call the attention of all in need of a good fountain pen to the advertisement of R. L. Hamilton's on another page. Bear in mind he can furnish you with a splendid line of stationery to write on, too.

200 Tobacco Worms—Dr. J. A. Morris got a colored woman to gather him 200 large tobacco worms which he shipped to the Agricultural Department at Raleigh for experimental purposes and to find out the best method of destroying them.

Capital City Boosters Were Cordially Received Thursday Afternoon in the Public Square TWO DAY'S VISIT EMBRACING FIVE COUNTIES

The Raleigh Rotarians, a boosting mob, arrived in Oxford at 5:30 Thursday afternoon. They left Raleigh at 9 a. m. and came via Cary, Rex, Morrisville, Durham, Creedon, Lyon and Stem. There were twelve automobiles and fifty people in the boosting squad, including the Third Regiment Band. They were received in the public square by a committee composed of Messrs. John Hail, Chairman; W. Z. Mitchell and A. H. Powell. Climbing into an automobile in front of the Court House Mayor Thad Stem extended a hearty welcome to the visitors.

Gen. B. S. Royster wittily introduced Mayor James I. Johnson, of Raleigh, who made an excellent talk in behalf of Raleigh's enterprises.

Mr. D. G. Brummitt introduced Mr. John A. Parks, of the Raleigh Times. We were impressed with the sincerity of Mr. Park's utterances. He said: "If you must patronize the mail order houses, do not send to Chicago for the articles you can find here at home or in Raleigh."

It was a jolly good crowd and they enjoyed their stay of forty minutes among us.

On leaving the public square the boosters visited the Orphan Asylum and the Band played two numbers, which was greatly enjoyed by the management and the children.

The party left for Henderson at 6 o'clock this Friday evening.

PRESIDENT ALEXANDER'S CALL

To the County Unions of North Carolina: I hereby call meetings of all county unions in the cotton and tobacco belt at the court house of each respective county, on Tuesday, September 15th, to hear reports from delegates to the State convention at Raleigh Friday, September 11th. These county meetings, as well as the State meetings, will be open to all farmers and the public in general.

The purpose of these county meetings is to organize and put into operation the plans which will be adopted at Raleigh next Friday.

THE JOHNSON WAREHOUSE

The Johnson Warehouse will open its doors next Tuesday morning for the sale of this season's crop of leaf tobacco. By reference to the advertisement of Messrs. Mangum & Watkins, elsewhere in this paper it will be seen that they make a hearty bid for their share of the tobacco. The old reliable Johnson Warehouse enjoys an enviable reputation for high averages, and the farmers know it.

ATTENDING OPENING SALE

The Richmond Times Dispatch says that prices on the Chase City tobacco market, were equal to those of last season and altogether satisfactory. The South Hill market will open this Friday morning and Messrs. W. A. Parham and Sidney Betts are in attendance upon the sales.

Help Us Out—We are still here to continue to give you a live, progressive newspaper. Our ambition is to let no item escape us. However, we can only be in one place at a time, so if you see an item getting away from us please capture it and deliver it at the Public Ledger Office and great shall be thy reward.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Judge Devin is at home from Greensboro.

Mr. R. F. Murray is at Buffalo Springs for his health.

Mr. S. L. Green spent Sunday with Mr. Grissom Hicks at Berea.

Mr. Clyde Cannady, of Rocky Mount, is visiting relatives in Oxford.

Mr. Dudley Gooch, of Norlina and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gooch, of Raleigh, were among the Oxford visitors Thursday.

WANTED—GREEN OR SEASONED 15 cords of Split Oak, 5 cords of Split Pine. To be delivered by November 1st. N. M. Ferebee, Oxford, N. C. 2t-pd.

The Period of Activity

TUESDAY NEXT IS THE DAY UPON WHICH THE OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET WILL OPON FOR THE SALE OF LEAF TOBACCO.

THE WAR AND TOBACCO PRICES

Let There Be a Generous Feeling Among Us, and Let This Same Generous Feeling Find Its Way Into the Channels of Trade.

FUNERAL OF MRS. ANN DAVIS

Large Number of Sorrowing Relatives and Friends of the Noble Woman Gather at the Grave

The funeral and burial services of the late Mrs. Ann Davis were conducted Tuesday evening last by Rev. Kennison, pastor of the Stovall Presbyterian church and the interment was in the family plot on the old homestead, a mile from the residence. As a testimonial of the esteem in which the deceased was held the entire countryside gathered at the residence and grave to witness the last sad rites along with many people from Oxford.

The following telegram which appeared in the Charlotte Observer carries some additional facts in reference to the noble old lady and her ancestral home:

"A telegram was received Tuesday evening by Mr. W. W. Roberts announcing the death of Mrs. Anne Dowdy Davis, which occurred at her home at 'Abram's Plains' near Stovall, Granville County. Mrs. Davis, who was in her 83d year, was the widow of the late Isaac H. Davis, one of Granville's prominent citizens, a brother of the late Hon. Joseph Davis associate justice of the State Supreme Court. She was of the highest type of Southern womanhood, possessing the virtues that make up the character of the perfect woman. She was a large landholder, having several thousand acres in the home tract, 'Abram's Plains,' which was owned by her great great grandfather who fought in the battle of Abram's Plains during the Revolutionary War, and she was the fifth generation that had owned the plantation. Her great grandchildren who reside there now constitute the eighth generation that has lived there. The original deed is from the Crown, something very unusual in this State."

The pall bearers were: Crawford Currin, James Waltz, R. T. Gregory, Luther Carrington, Marion Clement, Charles Landis, Will Daniel, Sam Morton, John Currin, R. T. Smith, Goodrich Wilson, James Elliott, Charles Lewis, Dr. W. L. Taylor.

SPORTS IN THE FIELD

With a touch of autumnal air, the horn of the hunter is heard in the land. Messrs. E. G. Hobgood, A. A. Williams, Frank Blalock, W. T. Brooks, and E. T. Watson have been in search of the cunning old fox and five of them were bagged in a jiffy. It is said that foxes are plentiful in Granville this year and the indications are that they will furnish a lot of sport. Deer, too, abounds in some sections of the county.

OXFORD COLLEGE OPENS

The young college women began to arrive early in the week and by Wednesday morning the halls and campus of Oxford College were fairly alive with them. Among the throng were a large number of those who were enrolled last year and the year before. The pleasant features of President Hobgood was wreathed in smiles as the work of registration and assignment was conducted by an able corps of teachers. These young ladies in thirst of knowledge bring sunshine and joy to our community.

A FREAK OF NATURE

Mr. Joe Beard is showing a curiosity which he found growing in his patch of corn. It is what you might term a family groupe, in that eight ears of corn forms a cluster, all springing from one branch. The middle ear is 10 inches long and vigorous, but the other seven ears that are fed from the same core are not so vigorous. These were all housed in one shock.

The business season of the year will be launched next Tuesday with the opening of the Oxford Tobacco Market. The tobacco crop is in fairly good shape—much fuller than was anticipated during the hot, dry summer months. From the indications gathered from the numerous markets which have already opened up and sold tobacco it appears that prices are on a par with last year, or nearly so. We learn from well informed men every where that the thirst and demand for tobacco is even greater than it has ever been. Even should the European war continue for any length of time, doubtless some way will be provided to transport the tobacco to every part of the globe, excepting Germany, which is absolutely cut off from the outside world.

The merchants of Oxford have taken a philosophical view of the situation and have laid in good substantial stocks of goods, and investigation we find that the prices are not above those of last year.

It was the most natural thing in the world for the state of trade to become demoralized when the nations of Europe plunged into war, but it did not take long for a sensible people to realize that Germany could not stand alone for any great length of time with three powers of equal strength to contend with. The War College is not permitted to make public their views on the foreign war, but if we read aright some of our best tacticians who have studied the lay of the land in Europe are firmly convinced that a superior force have the German army at their mercy, and that it is only a very few hours until the German Emperor will acknowledge his defeat. And when that hour does arrive, and the smoke of battle blows away, there will be rejoicing, so far as commercialism is concerned, throughout the entire world.

But why not rejoice now, so remote are we from the scene of conflict? You talk about a short crop of tobacco and hallucinations of war, but did you ever stop to think that if two-thirds of the present crop was destroyed the other third would bring as much as the whole if it was handled correctly with that end in view? The demand for tobacco is great, and the prices will find their level at home and abroad.

While the farmers have been busy, not even taking time to read about the war, the merchants have also been busy anticipating their wants and laying in substantial stocks of goods. The sun will rise next Tuesday morning on an auspicious day—the opening of the Oxford tobacco market. The season of activity will be pretty much as we are determined to make it. Let their be a generous feeling among us, and let this same generous feeling find its way into the channels of trade.

"THE DINGBAT FAMILY"

The jester's tinkling staff and merry jingle, with the sinuous dancing girls has since the days of that of prehistoric times that even antedate the theatre, been the favorite amusement of mankind. Musical comedy is the one standard attraction that always pleases. The only question is which musical comedy show is the one to see. If one might judge by reports that reach us of the wonderful reception everywhere given "The Dingbat Family," and the record-breaking business that it is doing all along its route, there would seem but one answer to this question. This latest of laugh-provokers, adapted from Herriman's famous newspaper series, will make its local bow here at the Orpheum Theatre, Monday, September 14, with an exceptionally large and capable company and a large chorus.