

## RESULT OF BATTLE STILL IN DOUBT

**LONDON WAR OFFICE PROFESSIONS NO INFORMATION.**

British Forces Now 25 Miles Within the French Frontier.—Censorship is Absolute.—Rumors That Allies Have Been Driven Entirely Out of Southern Belgium.—Suffrages Break Their Promise, and 17 of Them Are Arrested.—Wars With Difficulty Saved From Violence.—Report That Danish Trawler Hit Mine.

London, Aug. 27.—The result of the big battle is still in doubt. The official statement indicates that the British forces supported by French originally about Givet have withdrawn, and are now twenty-five miles within the French frontier. The censorship is absolute.

There are rumors that the Allies have been entirely driven out of southern Belgium. The war office professes to have no information.

The militant suffrages broke the self-imposed promise not to continue their campaign for votes while the war is going on. Under the leadership of Mrs. Flora Drummond they besieged the home office demanding to see Secretary McKenna.

The police were summoned and 17 arrests were made. The police with difficulty saved the women from violence at the hands of the crowd.

Unconfirmed newspaper reports say that a Danish trawler hit a mine in the North Sea and that four of the crew perished.

## WAR TAX BILL IS NOT TO BE RUSHED

**Revenue Measure Waits for Senate's Action on Anti-Trust Question.**

Washington, Aug. 26.—Representative Underwood, chairman of the House Ways and Means committee, believes that no further steps toward enacting a law for increased internal revenue to offset the decrease in customs receipts on account of the European war will be taken until after the Senate has disposed of the anti-trust measures.

It is believed that the President will not send a war revenue message to Congress until the bill is assured a right of way in both houses. Conferences between the leaders of both houses today resulted in the impression that while the law will be needed, it will not be enacted for several weeks.

"I do not care to bring up a bill of that sort until I know it will not have to hang fire between the House and the Senate," said Mr. Underwood. "To have such a measure pending before the country creates an unsettled condition."

## WAR MOTORS MADE IN PHILADELPHIA

**Orders Are Said to Have Been Accepted with the Knowledge of Bryan.**

Philadelphia, Aug. 26.—Armored steel automobiles for use by the European powers engaged in war are being manufactured in this city by the Auto-Car Company and will be shipped from their plant at Ardmore as soon as completed. The firm is said to work with the knowledge of Secretary Bryan.

Cars have been sold to nations on each side of the conflict. One order includes fourteen cars for the British Government.

Negotiations with France, Russia, and Greece have also been entered into and it is said orders for one thousand more cars have been placed by the various nations.

The fourteen cars ordered for the English army are to be shipped to private individuals in Canada and thence reshipped to England.

## 1,000,000 GERMANS ABOUT METZ ALONE

**French Refugees Say that All but 200,000 Have Now Been Sent to the Front.**

London, Aug. 26.—The Daily News publishes the following from H. Cozens Hardv, its Paris correspondent:

“Mlle. Marie Therese Meters has just reached Paris with her mother after a lift-six hours' journey from Metz, where she had been, with several hundred Frenchwomen, since the outbreak of hostilities. They finally were expelled from the city on the ground that all the available food was required for Germans.

At the end of last month there were no fewer than 1,000,000 German soldiers in Metz and the gigantic military camps surrounding it. All but 200,000 have been drawn off, either for the campaign in the Vosges or for the Luxembourg and Belgian expeditions.

According to a German scientist, women can talk more than men with less fatigue because their throats are smaller and they tax their lungs and vocal organs less.

## KANNAPOLIS NEWS.

**Mr. Ligon to Move His Family to Kannapolis.—Personal.—Death of Mrs. Farley.**

J. G. Frick, of Granite Quarry, has accepted a position in the depot as ticket agent for the Southern. Mr. L. T. Ligon, the agent for the Southern, has his house on Main street near completion, and will move his family here the first of September from Blacksburg, S. C. Mr. Ligon has made many friends here during his stay with us who will gladly welcome his family in our midst.

Mrs. Ira Montgomery, who went to northern cities three weeks ago to buy her fall and winter stock of millinery, was called home last week by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Farley.

Mr. James Leitch, who travels for the Whiting Machine Co., is now in Massachusetts, where he will remain for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Flora are now keeping house in West Kannapolis.

Rev. C. C. Myers is spending the week in Mooresville, holding a revival service for Rev. Mr. Barnes.

Otto Johnson is spending a few days with his sisters, Mrs. Tolbert and Falkner, in Mooresville.

Rev. Mr. Parks is visiting relatives at Faith.

Mrs. J. H. Williams and daughter, Miss Ruth, of Leesburg, Va., are visiting at the home of their daughter and sister, Mrs. C. C. Myers.

Mr. Elmer Rickard, of China Grove, who has been here working during his vacation, will leave today for a visit to home folks before his return to the A. & M. College the first of September.

Mrs. Charles Suther and little son, Charles, are spending a month with relatives near Mocksville.

Mrs. Sarah A. Farley died here Wednesday morning at ten o'clock, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Carter on Church street, after an illness of two weeks.

Three weeks ago Mrs. Carter went with her mother, Mrs. Farley, to visit another daughter and sister, Mrs. Daniel Carter, near Winston-Salem, where Mrs. Farley was taken ill and had a partial stroke of paralysis. Mrs. Carter returned home with her mother and for a few days it was thought she was better.

Mrs. Farley has made her home here with Mr. and Mrs. Carter for some time and in her quiet gentle manner has won a number of friends who will greatly miss her and who deeply sympathize with her children in the loss of their dear mother. Mrs. Farley was originally from Pennsylvania, but came south several years ago with her husband and located at Winston-Salem, where she had since lived until coming here to live with her daughter. She was a member of the Lutheran church and has lived a Christian life always. She is survived by eight children namely: Mrs. Amos Mannel, of Indiana; Mrs. M. B. Lentz, of Parsons, W. Va.; Mrs. Daniel Carter, near Winston-Salem; Mrs. E. F. Carter and Mrs. Ora Montgomery, of this place; Mr. L. M. Farley, of Baltimore; Mr. James Farley, of Winston-Salem; and Mr. Clarence Farley, of High Point. She lived to the ripe old age of 79, and if she had lived until Feb. 23, would have been four score. A short funeral service was held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at the residence by Rev. Beaker, after which the body was accompanied by the family and several friends to Winston-Salem, where a funeral service will be held and the body interred at 4 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Schenk, pastor of the deceased, having charge.

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## Two Asheville Boys Enlist in the French Army.

London, Aug. 26.—Many Americans have enlisted in the foreign legion organized by Captain Ricci, who fought with Garibaldi. The services of the legion have been offered to the British war office but have not been accepted. The legion contains 3,000 men and 200 officers.

Paul and Kiffen Rockwell, brothers, young college graduates from Asheville, N. C., are among those who left today for Paris to enlist. Before departing Paul Rockwell said:

“I came over to Europe just for a pleasure trip, but have made up my mind we want to fight for the allies. Belgium won our admiration by her game fight. France is in the thick of the fight and we want to help her out as best we can.”

“We desire to get into action right away and the French army seems to be the place for us. We realize how serious the game is, but are willing, if necessary, to offer our lives for the allies.”

## Cotton Men Meet to Talk Aid for Planters.

New Orleans, Aug. 27.—Two thousand cotton growing counties were represented here today in a meeting called to formulate demands on the United States Government for aid for the cotton planters, through the banks, until the cotton markets are improved. Japanese buyers have bought a large part of the Texas crop.

According to an Italian scientist the signals which nerves carry from the surface of the body to the brain and from the brain to the muscles are chemical in their nature.

## LUTHERAN CONVENTION AT ALBEMARLE TODAY

**Annual Meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.**

The 29th Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina opened this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Mrs. R. L. Patterson, of Charlotte, presiding. The address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. Herbert Patterson, of the First Church, Albemarle. Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin, of Concord, made response.

The convention will continue through the remainder of the week, closing next Sunday night with an address to the young people by Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin. Other speakers who will address the convention at the evening sessions are Rev. R. S. Patterson, D. D., general secretary of the Home Mission Board; Rev. C. K. Lippard, D. D., a returned missionary from Japan; Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., general secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, and Rev. L. P. G. Miller, missionary from Kumamoto, Japan. Miss Constance Cline will have charge of the daily mission study class. Mrs. John M. Cook is the delegate from the St. James Society.

## Great Battle Line Continues Scene of Desperate Fighting.

So far as can be gleaned from official announcements the great battle line along the French frontier and in Belgium continues to be the scene of engagements between the opposing armies.

The nature of these engagements and their result have not been made public beyond the admission by the French war office that in the north the French and British lines have been moved back a short distance, as has the French right in the region of St. Dies.

The French troops on the offensive between Nancy and Vosges are said to be making headway.

From Antwerp comes the announcement that the Belgian troops have compelled the fourth German division, advancing southward, to retrace its steps. It is added in the official statement that the fourth Belgian division at Namur has fulfilled its task of arresting the German column and allowing the Belgians to retire on the French line.

London reports that Togoland, the German possession on the African west coast, has surrendered unconditionally.

A Bucharest report says that Tarnopol, an important town in Galicia has been occupied by the Russians while the Russians claim they have driven the Austrians back to the river Zlota Lipa.

## Belgians Stop German Advance and Force Them to Retrace Steps.

London, Aug. 27.—The following official announcement has been made at Antwerp, according to the Renter correspondent:

“The Belgian operations have succeeded in the double object of diminishing the German entrenchments and drawing the German troops on the line between Malines and Brussels and thus reducing pressure on the French positions. We have compelled the fourth German division, which was advancing southward, to retrace its steps. The fourth Belgian division at Namur has fulfilled its task, arresting the German column and allowing the Belgians to retire on the French line.”

“The Namur forts are still holding out.”

## War Caught Some Farmers With Cotton.

Statesville Landmark.

The suddenness of the war has caught a number of Catawba men with cotton on hand that they could have sold a month ago at 14 cents a pound. One man, we learn, has 200 bales. The greater part he bought during the ginning season last winter and paid from 12 to 14 cents for it. Another man who also put money in cotton during the ginning season has about 100 bales. Besides these, a number of farmers have a few bales of their own crop on hand.—Newton Enterprise.

## Some Fredell Folks were also caught in the same fix. The Landmark hears of one who has lost several thousand dollars by the fall in the price of cotton.

The Thomasville Davidsonian, August 21, says: Rev. D. M. Litzker, pastor of the Main Street Methodist Church, is spending the latter part of his vacation in New York State. This week he is the guest of his brother-in-law, Mr. Greer, of New York City, on a delightful boat trip (fishing trip included) up the St. Lawrence river, passing through the beautiful “Thousand Islands” on up into Canada.

## Germany Orders Boys in Training.

London, Aug. 26.—The official news bureau says:

“The German papers of August 22 and 24 publish orders that boys of from sixteen to nineteen years of age shall be put through a course of military and military training. Retired officers are to be engaged as instructors.”

After some men start they are too lazy to stop.

## 8,000,000 RUSSIANS ARE NOW UNDER ARMS

**WILL ATTACK BERLIN WITHIN THREE WEEKS.**

Plans of the Russian Army is Complete.—The Troops Are Divided Into Four Armies of 2,000,000 Men Each.—One Behind the Other to Fill Up the Gaps After Each Engagement.—Excellent Arrangements for Feeding the Army, and It Will Not Be Necessary to Live Off the Country.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 27.—It is officially admitted that the plans of the Russian army are complete. It will attack Berlin within three weeks. It is also stated that there are now eight million Russians under arms. The troops are divided into four armies of two million each. It will be placed in the field from the inland mobilization centers, one behind the other, filling the gaps in front after each engagement.

## Arrangements for Feeding Army Complete.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 27.—The war office declared that the commissariat has excellent arrangements for feeding the army. It will not be necessary to “live off the country.” The main Russian advance is expected to approach Posen from the south.

## FOUR DAYS' BATTLE OF AUSTRIANS AND SERBIANS

**Servian Loss Is Enormous Owing to Taking of the Austrian Position by Storm.**

Nish, Aug. 27.—Official announcement is made following the four days' battle of victories, the Serbians driving the Austrians toward Lozenica. The Servian commander is making every effort to cut off the Austrian retreat. Since the last reports two thousand additional prisoners have been taken and fifty captives are admitted that the Servian loss is enormous, owing to taking the Austrian position by storm.

## “GERMAN LOSS THREE TIMES OURS; OURS IS STAGGERING”

**So the French War Office Announces.—Germany Trying to Force the Withdrawal of Allied Centre.**

Paris, Aug. 27.—The admission that the flanking forces of the two army German corps are operating against the extreme left indicates that the Germans are trying to force the withdrawal of part of the allies center and through reserves to take care of the left.

The war office announces that the German loss is “three times ours; ours is staggering.”

## GERMANS WITHDRAW FROM EASTERN PRUSSIA AND GALICIA, LEAVING QUANTITIES OF STORES AND MUNITIONS.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 27.—The Russian war office announces that the Germans are withdrawing from Eastern Prussia and Galicia toward the Vistula river, leaving quantities of stores and munitions. The first German corps withdrew toward Dansie.

## Richards and Manning Will Be in Second Race.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 26.—It was a neck-and-neck race for the governorship between Manning, Cooper and Richards. Indications at an early hour tonight are that Richards and Manning will make the second race for the office. A big surprise of the campaign was Clinescales' small vote. It was thought both he and Mendel Smith would poll more strength.

Peoples will be the next Attorney General. It is thought he will serve a second term. Indications are that he has defeated Brice, of Chester, by a substantial majority.

## Could Stop the War by a Grain Embargo.

New York, Aug. 26.—The United States Government could stop the European war by placing an embargo on food products, it was asserted today at District Attorney Whitman's “John Doe” investigation into the increased cost of living since the conflict began. James Ward Warner, president of the New York Produce Exchange, and George Zabrinak, resident manager for Minneapolis flour manufacturers, each said the end of warfare abroad must result if American ceased exporting to the belligerent Nations.

## Mr. Sams' Address This Morning.

Prof. E. E. Sams, of Raleigh, supervisor of teachers' training in North Carolina, was here today and made an address at the Teachers' Institute, his subject being, “The Relation of the Teacher and School to the Community.” A large number of teachers was present, and all were indeed fortunate to have the opportunity to hear such an address. It has been highly spoken of by all who heard it.

## COURT CASES.

**McCurdy Gets \$250 Damages.—Several Cases Compromised.**

In the case of G. C. McCurdy vs. the Southern Railway Company for damages the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for \$250. The defendant took an appeal in this case and also in the Earnhardt case.

The case of M. F. Teeter vs. D. N. Tyson, of Stanly county, was tried yesterday. Teeter sued Tyson for \$282.50, the price of two mules he had sold him. Tyson set up a counter claim that the mules did not come up the guarantee, and the jury gave him \$60.

The case of W. A. Joyner vs. W. G. Newell, difference in accounts, was then taken up. It was concluded today, the jury giving Joyner a judgment for \$33.42.

The case of Chas. F. Liye vs. L. E. Liye was dismissed by agreement.

The following cases were compromised: M. F. Teeter vs. J. C. Horner. Caldwell and Wedington, administrators of Alice Webster, vs. Mr. Gilead Cotton Oil Company.

The morning's session was taken up by the case of M. F. Teeter vs. the L. & N. R. Co.

## FORMAL NOTICE OF BLOCKADE.

**American Consul Decides to Remain at Kiao Chau.**

Shanghai, Aug. 27.—The admiral commanding the Japanese fleet from the flagship Suwo formally notified the German Governor of Kia Chan of the blockade of the province. He gave the American consul twenty-four hours to decide whether to remain or leave. He remained.

## Norfolk Southern Cutting Down Expenses.

Charlotte Observer.

The Norfolk Southern Railroad has announced the discontinuance of its uptown ticket and commercial freight offices opposite The Observer and also the abolition of the office of commercial agent here. Mr. Lawrence B. Johnson, who has been holding this position ever since the office was established here, is therefore now making arrangements for another connection.

The business derived by the Norfolk Southern in this territory, it is claimed, has been hardly adequate to justify the maintenance of a separate commercial agency staff here and hence its consolidation with another office. A similar course, it is stated here, will be pursued in Fayetteville, where the policy of consolidation will reduce operating expenses and at the same time hold up efficiency.

## Colony Watterson on the Bull Moose.

New York American.

Col. Henry Watterson, who is visiting at Brighton Beach hotel, said yesterday:

“The Bull Moose stands halfway between hell and the iron works—the devil and the deep blue sea, you know. He can swim and eat live coals as the case requires; be a woman or a man at will. In Roosevelt he is masculine, Perkins feminine and in Pinchot neuter. All things by turn and nothing lon, his votaries worship at the shrine of Teddy, the Forked Tongue and the Tiger Heart whilst Teddy rides him for all he may be worth.”

## Next Year's Cotton Crop.

Charlotte Observer.

When the European war adds very materially to the price of wheat, and cuts off a very material proportion of what would be a fair price for cotton, it very much concerns the farmer in both directions. It is important that the farmer begins now to think about his crop for next year. If cotton is to be carried for a year or two to come, it is important that the farmer make something else beside cotton. It is time for him to begin to think about how to make a crop with less cotton and more foodstuffs.

There is nothing to keep those Texas prohibitionists from going on a thirst strike.

## Means Cannon.

The marriage of Miss Emma Cannon, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cannon and Mr. Geo. B. Means, second son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Means, of this city, was solemnized on Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride at Poplar Tent.

## Dakotas Stop Business to Harvest Bumper Crops.

Fargo, N. D., Aug. 27.—Many business houses throughout the Dakotas are closed today. Professional offices and some banks even have closed their doors in the smaller Dakota towns. The reason for this unprecedented situation is that business men, bankers and professional men are needed to harvest the bumper wheat crop of the Northwest. Many closed their places of business to help farmers harvest the crop.

The alleged responsibility of being seated white will assure Jack Johnson of being recognized by his friends if he ever comes back.

## LAST DAY OF STATE FARMERS' CONVENTION

**Day Devoted Principally to Consideration of Community Life.**

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 27.—This, the last day of the State Farmers' Convention at the A. & M. College, was devoted principally to the consideration of “Community Life” in its various phases, to be followed this afternoon by the election of the officers for the next year and adjournment.

Dr. D. H. Hill, of A. & M. College, presented the general plan for community development and organization much as it is now being applied in the Salemburg Sampson county community that is being developed as a model for the state. Dr. W. S. Rankin discussed possibilities of community action along health lines; C. R. Hudson discussed possibilities of community action along productive lines. Prof. C. L. Croghan presented community interests from the education view point and Dr. C. H. Poe, editor of The Progressive Farmer, presented possibilities of community action in social life and recreation.

The association at noon heard W. R. Meadows, government marketing expert, on advantages of standard cotton grades. Also an address by Former Judge R. W. Winston on “The Case of the Farmer” in which he paid the highest tribute to the farmer and his mission and importance in life. The convention heard with great pleasure and profit an address by Hon. James R. Young, commissioner of Insurance, on “Land and Loan Associations,” a subject that he has developed to such an extent as to demand national attention.

## The Government's Merchant Marine Bill.

Baltimore Sun.

There will be no objection in any quarter, we assume, to dropping the bill to enable the Government to establish the nucleus of an American merchant marine, if private capitalists make it plain that they will take up the project themselves and put our flag on the seas. The Administration's proposal was a response to the country's cry for help, and was predicated on the idea that private capital was unequal to the task. It was inspired by an emergency and was intended to meet an extraordinary situation. It has not been abandoned and should not be abandoned until it has been demonstrated that there is no need of it. That can probably be determined in a comparatively short time, and we shall know exactly how far the Government may be justified in coming to the rescue of our commerce.

## United Press Correspondent to the Front.

Washington, Aug. 27.—Frederick Palmer, the famous war correspondent and author is to go to the front with the British forces to represent the United Press and other press associations. The British government sanctioned the selection of one American.

## Diplomatic Relations of Austria-Hungary and Japan Severed.

Washington, Aug. 27.—The Austrian ambassador has notified Secretary Bryan by wire from Manchester, Mass., that diplomatic relations between Austria-Hungary and Japan have been severed. The American ambassador at Vienna will act for Japan.

## New German Success Reported.

Paris, Aug. 27.—Former War Minister Messimy departed to the front, turning over his portfolio to his successor. A new German success in the northern part of the departments of the Meuse and Meurthe et Moselle is reported.

## GERMAN CRUISER IS BLOWN UP

**HOSTILE FLEET ATTACKED AND DYNAMITED IT.**

**Most of the Crew Were Saved.—Dispatch to German Embassy Says Defeat of Russians by Austrians is Expected to Cause Swift Austrian Advance Northward.—Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse Also Sunk.**

Washington, Aug. 27.—A dispatch to the German embassy says that the Russian defeat at Krasnik was “caused by an attack of the irresistible Austrian infantry. The defeat of the Russian main force in Russian Poland is expected to cause a swift Austrian advance northward.” The German cruiser Magdeburg was blown up in the Bay of Finland. The hostile fleet attacked, grounded and dynamited it. Most of the crew were saved.

## Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse Also Sunk.

London, Aug. 27.—It is announced to the House of Commons that the Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse was sunk off the west African coast by the British cruiser Highflyer, whose loss was only one killed and five wounded.

## DEWITT MAULDEN IS CAPTURED NEAR HAMLET

**Drove Off and Traded Horse and Buggy Belonging to Brown Bros.**

DeWitt Maulden was captured yesterday about ten miles below Hamlet, and was brought to Concord this morning on train No. 8 by Mr. J. S. Braswell, chief of police of Hamlet. Maulden is the man who about three weeks ago stabled a horse and buggy from the stables of Brown Bros. here. He was not heard from again, and Brown Bros. offered a reward of \$25 for the return of the horse and buggy. Maulden says he went from here to Albemarle, where his people live, and drove the horse, hitched to the buggy, from there to Columbia, S. C. In that city he swapped the horse and buggy for a pony, getting 50 cents to “boot”. He then sold the pony for \$10.00. The Messrs. Brown values their horse and buggy at \$250.00. Maulden is now in jail here.

## The Special Cotton Conference Tomorrow.

Raleigh, Aug. 27.—Governor Craig has telegraphed the prominent cotton men of the State to come to Raleigh tomorrow to the special conference to prevent the necessity to sell cotton at sacrifice prices. He may abandon the plan of the Atlanta conference in September.

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