

## ZEPPELINS CAUSE PANIC IN LONDON

### APPEARANCE AT ANTWERP CAUSES ALARM

A Wireless Message Received at the German Embassy in Washington Says that the Germans Have Completely Surrounded the French and British Armies.—All German Armies Are in Close Contact From Cambria to Upper Alsace.—German Cavalry Advances to Ostend.—Germans Destroy Louvain.

Washington, Aug. 28.—The German troops have completely surrounded the French and British army in northern France between the Sambre and Meuse rivers. The French east army was driven south, which prevented communication between their east and north forces. All German armies are in contact from Cambria to upper Alsace. The German cavalry advanced to Ostend. Louvain was destroyed because the Germans perfidiously attacked the German troops. The appearance of Zeppelins at Antwerp has caused a panic in London, was the substance of a wireless message received at the German embassy.

**Germans Claim Victories.**  
Berlin, Aug. 28.—The war office announces that the British army is holding Maubenge has been defeated. Also that French and Belgian Armies operating at South Namur were routed. The losses were heavy. The date was not given.

### BRITAIN PREPARES FOR THREE YEARS' WAR

Lord Kitchener in First Speech as Minister of War Asserts Reinforcements Will Flow Until Army Meets Extreme Needs of Nation.

London, Aug. 25.—Lord Kitchener in the House of Lords today in his first speech as Minister of War, drew an impressive and sobering picture of what the present conflict has in store for the British Empire.

Asserting the Government is now calling into being a field army which in six months may rise to 600,000 men, the Field Marshal warned his hearers the struggle will last three years or more and will strain to the utmost the resources of the empire. Lord Kitchener said:

"Over seventy battalions have, with fine courage, already volunteered for service abroad. When they are trained and organized in larger formations they will be able to take their places in the line.

"The hundred thousand men asked for in the first place have already been virtually secured.

"The empire with which we are at war has called to the colors almost its entire male population. The principle we, on our part, shall observe is this: That while the maximum force undergoes constant diminution, the reinforcements we prepare will steadily and increasingly flow out until we have an army in the field which in numbers will not be less in quality and not be unworthy of the power and responsibility of the British Empire.

"I cannot at this stage say what will be the limits of the force required, or what measures may eventually become necessary to supply and maintain it.

"The scale of field army which we are now calling into being is large and may rise in the course of the next six or seven weeks to a total of thirty divisions (about 600,000 men), to be continually maintained in the field.

"But if the war should be protracted, and if its fortunes should be varied or adverse, exertions and sacrifices beyond any which have been demanded will be required from the whole nation and empire. And where they are required we are sure they will not be denied to the extreme needs of the state by Parliament or the people."

### The North Carolina Will Go to Turkey.

Washington, Aug. 27.—The United States has informed the powers of Europe of its intention to send the armored cruiser North Carolina to Turkey to carry gold for the relief of Americans, according to an announcement by the State Department today.

While the North Carolina goes on a mission of financial relief, her presence in Turkish waters is intended to have a salutary effect with respect to the treatment of Christians and foreigners generally in the Ottoman empire.

## REPAIRS ON LUTHERAN CHURCH ABOUT COMPLETED

Dr. Geo. H. Cox, of Spencer, to Preach There Sunday Morning.

The repairs and renovations that have been under way in St. James Lutheran Church for the past few months are rapidly nearing completion. A few finishing touches remain. Services will be held in the auditorium next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, when the sermon will be preached by Rev. Dr. Geo. H. Cox, of Spencer. Dr. Cox is rightly regarded as the Nestor of the Lutheran pulpit in this State. In a word he may be described as among the youngest of old men. While having past many summers and may be said to be living on "borrowed time," yet the vigor of his thought and the forcefulness of his words have lost nothing through the years. He has served some of the most important fields in the Synod of North Carolina during a long period of active service. While in the city Dr. Cox will baptize four great-grandchildren. To few ministers of the gospel is such a privilege granted.

### ASSAULTED IN HOME.

Unknown Intruder Attempts to Choke Iredell Woman.

Mooresville, Aug. 27.—Between 11:30 and 12 o'clock last night during a copious downpour of rain a man entered the home of Roy Kennerly, five miles south of town in the Dulin place, and going to the bed in which was sleeping Mrs. Kennerly, placed his hands upon her and was in the act of choking her when she was awakened. She gave one bound and scream which frightened the man who broke away and ran out into the darkness and storm.

A negro, Abe Allison, who lives on the place 300 yards from the Kennerly home, has been arrested and taken to jail at Statesville.

The facts in this case are that Mr. Kennerly is employed by the county and is working with one of the forces in north Iredell, and was away from home. Mrs. Kennerly and three little children have been on the farm alone since the crops have been laid by. This was known to the community, and the negro arrested had talked about the bravery of Mrs. Kennerly and had predicted just what took place to Sherwood Harris, father of the young woman less than two weeks ago.

### LOST 30 SHIPS, HE SAYS.

British Sea Disaster Given by German Consul as Reason For Call on Japan.

Philadelphia, Aug. 27.—That the entrance of Japan into the European conflict is due to the destruction of an English fleet by German men-of-war in the Baltic Sea was the statement of Dr. Arthur Mudra, German Consul to this city, today.

He claimed to have received his information from official sources and said 30 British warships had been blown up in a German torpedo sortie.

In addition to receiving information from Washington, Dr. Mudra is advised of German developments by communication from Berlin. He said: "Information has reached us of operations in the Baltic Sea to the effect that the German torpedo flotilla attacked the English fleet and destroyed 30 British men-of-war. Right after this battle England induced Japan to issue the ultimatum to Germany. There is every indication that England, having lost so many of her war vessels, was concerned over her ability to defend herself and thereupon called upon Japan for help."

Dr. Mudra indicated that the news of the Baltic naval battle had been kept under cover by the English and French, but would soon become known in detail.

### Henry Blount Dead.

News and Observer.  
Henry Blount had been called across the river. Death came to this sunny-hearted North Carolinian about half-past two o'clock yesterday afternoon and he passed away quietly after an illness of some time. There will be deep grief among many at the news that he is no more.

The home of Mr. Henry Blount was in Wilson, but he was widely known throughout North Carolina as a newspaper man, writer of beautiful thoughts, and lecturer of note. He had been a gallant Confederate soldier and on the twelfth of March of last year he entered the Confederate Veterans Home in this city, increasing the number of its friends during his stay here. He had been in bad health for some months, having been so ill two months ago that for several days his death would not have occasioned surprise. But he rallied from the attack and was able to be up for a little while. Then came a relapse and his last illness was of about two weeks duration, death resulting from dropsy.

### Austria's Belts in Good Health.

Philadelphia, Aug. 27.—Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, according to a wireless dispatch received here from Vienna by the Austrian Consul, despite his eighty-four years and the sorrows of war, is in excellent health.

The dispatch pronounced also recent reports that the Emperor was ill.

## THE GERMAN FORCES OUTNUMBER ALLIES

### FRENCH WAR OFFICE ADMITS LINES MAY NOT HOLD.

British Troops Are Holding the Centre.—The Germans Are Staking Everything on a General Assault.—Denial That Lille Has Been Taken.—Hospitals Jammed and Doctors Rushed.—Newspaper Men Forbidden to Visit the Camp.

Paris, Aug. 28.—There is fighting all along the front. The government admits that the Germans out number the Allies. The British troops are holding the center. The war office admits that the French lines may not hold, believing that the Germans are staking everything on a general assault. The denial that Lille is taken is cheering news. The French field hospitals are jammed and the doctors are rushed. Concentration camp hospitals prevent the wounded from telling anything to aid the Germans. The newspaper men have been forbidden to visit the camps.

French and British armies on a battle line of 250 miles across still are strenuously opposing the advance of the German forces across the French frontier. The British troops are reported to be occupying a strong position and are supported by the French on both flanks.

While the Germans have occupied the French cities of Lille, Valenciennes and Roubaix, the officials report from the war office described hopefully, from the viewpoint of the allies, operations to the east. Apparent the French troops in the Voges district have resumed the offensive and have forced the Germans to retire on the St. Die side.

It is reported that British marines have occupied Ostend to prevent the Germans from getting a foothold on the English Channel.

The situation between Japan and Austria is described to Tokio, as "a rupture of diplomatic relations, not war."

### THIEF OPERATES IN DENTISTS' OFFICES.

Atlanta Dental Supply House Sends Out Warnings to Dentist in the South to Be on Lookout for the Thieves.

Local dentists have received messages from an Atlanta dental supply concern to the effect that a sneak thief is operating in the Southern States at the present time and warning them to guard against robberies of their offices, it being stated that the thief is making a specialty of operating in the offices of dentists. The warning from the Atlanta concern reads as follows:

"Again we are warning you to be on your guard against the sneak thief, who is now operating in dental offices in the South. Don't leave any gold or other items of value where he can get them. He has pass-keys, and locked doors are no hindrance to him. He steals gold and precious metal scrapes, teeth with platinum pins, forceps, instruments, etc."

**Miss Studie Smith Returns.**  
Miss Studie Smith, who has been visiting her brother, Mr. Thomas W. J. Smith, Jr., representative of the American Tobacco Company, at Stockholm, Sweden, since last March, arrived in Concord last night. She reached New York Wednesday at 10 o'clock a. m., on the Scandinavian Line steamer Osea II, which sailed from Christiania, Norway, on Monday, August 16. Miss Smith was met in New York by her sister, Mrs. J. D. Hatcher, who returned to Concord with her. The Osea II brought in 1104 passengers, of whom 784 came in the steerage. Nearly all were Americans. Mrs. Katherine Elkins Hitt, and her husband, William Hitt, were passengers on the Osea II, after being stranded in Europe on their honeymoon trip.

### Ball Game Here Tomorrow.

Tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, the Kannapolis baseball team will play the East Belmont team of the Gaston County League, at the Locke Mill Park. This promises to be the best game of the season, as both are fast teams. The following will be the line-up of the Kannapolis team: Clark 1b, Spry 2b, Irby 3b, Lindsey c, Graham rf, Osborne, cf, Alfred 1f, Willett catcher, Anderson p.

### Last Shipment of Dolls.

The last shipment of dolls from Germany landed at Norfolk a week before the war started, and no more will reach America before Christmas, according to Norfolk wholesale men. There will be a shortage in the toy market when Santa Claus time arrives.

### Jim Cameron Electrocuted.

Raleigh, Aug. 28.—Jim Cameron, a negro, was electrocuted in the penitentiary this morning for the murder of Archie Blue, of Moore county, clerk to the railroad commissionary. Cameron confessed.

## NEW SCHEDULE ON NORFOLK SOUTHERN

Effective September 1, Early Morning Service Will Be Improved.

Mr. George B. Underwood, the new traveling freight agent of the Norfolk Southern, has worked out a new schedule which has been approved by all the officials concerned and will become effective September 1.

The new schedule provides that mixed train No. 84 shall leave Charlotte at 8 o'clock in the morning and reach Mount Gilead at 12:50 p. m. Its stops are as follows: North Charlotte, 8:38; Ridgeview, 8:50; Allen, 9:26; Stanfield, 10:10; Oakboro, 11:20; Aquadale, 11:45; Norwood, 12:15; Mount Gilead, 12:50.

On the same date train No. 85 will leave Mount Gilead at 3 in the morning, Norwood at 3:32, Aquadale at 3:54, Oakboro at 4:17, Stanfield at 5:37, Midland at 5:53, Allen at 6:15, Ridgeview at 6:41, North Charlotte at 7:01, arriving at Charlotte at 7:20.

This arrangement will be a decided improvement, inasmuch as it will give Charlotteans an early morning train outward, something which has not been available since the service was curtailed several months ago. It also makes it possible for people living between here and Mount Gilead to reach here early in the morning and spend several hours more than heretofore in Charlotte.

### Stanly County News.

Albemarle Enterprise.  
J. A. Furr, of Kirkland, Texas, arrived last week to spend several days with his brother, R. N. Furr, of this place, and relatives in the county. Our readers recently enjoyed a published letter from Mr. Furr. His many old friends of this section are glad to have shaken his hand again.

The work of building a little city at Baden has advanced so rapidly, that it became necessary last week to lay off a large number of carpenters, in order to let the work of plumbing and sewerage go on. The large contract for this work will probably be completed in six weeks or two months, when it is expected the carpentering work will be resumed. Assurances are given out that this step has no relation to the war being waged in Europe, and would have taken place had there been no such war.

Our cotton mills lack only five hours per week in running full time running now. Sixty hours put in weekly. The knitting mills are putting in full time, even doing some night work. The knitting mills have enough dye on hand for immediate use and they have assurances from northern firms that some provision will be made to furnish them with dye if possible. Mills elsewhere that did not get in their orders for aniline salt, used for dyeing purposes, cannot obtain it now at any price.

### Court Cases.

The case of M. F. Teeter vs. the L. & N. R. Co., which was tried yesterday afternoon, resulted in a verdict of \$1,283.60 for the plaintiff. Teeter sued the railroad company for injury to a car load of horses shipped from St. Louis to Albemarle last fall. Teeter claimed \$1,900 damages for injury and delay. Caldwell and Keenan represented Teeter and F. M. Shannonhouse the L. & N. R. Co. The case of J. G. Smith vs. G. W. Belk was tried this morning. Belk bought a mule from Smith and set up a counter claim, alleging that the mule did not come up to representation. The case was decided in favor of the defendant Belk.

### The Poplar Tent Picnic.

A very large crowd attended the Woodmen picnic at Poplar Tent yesterday, notwithstanding the threatening weather. It is estimated that 1,500 people were present. The two speakers, Messrs. Lewis and Windley, could not be present. The big crowd simply spent the day having a good time generally, and everybody thoroughly enjoyed it. Of course there was a big dinner—that goes without saying. In the afternoon a game of ball between Rimer and Huntersville was stopped by the rain after the fourth inning.

### Feaver-Blackwelder.

Mr. M. L. Beaver and Miss Maud Blackwelder were married Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. M. J. Blackwelder, on Misenheimer avenue. Mr. Beaver is an employee at the Gibson Manufacturing Company, and is an excellent young man. Mrs. Beaver is an accomplished young daughter of the widow, Mrs. Blackwelder. Rev. G. A. B. Holderby officiated. Miss Margaret Holderby played the wedding march. Mr. and Mrs. Beaver will reside in Concord.

### Complaint From New Orleans Cotton Exchange.

Washington, Aug. 28.—The New Orleans cotton exchange has complained to the interstate commerce commission that that city is the victim of rate discriminations in favor of Wilmington, Mobile, New York and other cities.

## GERMANS TO MEET RUSSIAN INVASION

### ENERGETIC STEPS BEING TAKEN TO THAT END.

Additional Reinforcements From the Reserve Divisions Will be Rushed to the Front.—Will Engage the Russians in General Battle as Soon as Czar's Army Comes in Contact With First Line of Forts.—To Relieve German Refugees Driven From Their Homes by the Russians.—German Losses Heavy. It Is Admitted.

Berlin, Aug. 28.—Emperor William telegraphed the cabinet from the front directing immediate steps be taken for the relief of Russian refugees, who have been driven from their homes by Russian invaders. The Kaiser directs that they be cared for inside the German lines of defense "until the Russian invasion is checked and it is possible to return them to their homes." He stated that energetic steps be taken to meet the Russian invasion. Additional reinforcements from the reserve divisions will be rushed to the front. It is expected that the Germans will engage the Russians in a general battle as soon as the Czar's army comes in contact with the first line of forts. He declared that the Allies' lines had given away whenever the German infantry charged, using bayonets. The superiority of the infantry was shown at several points. The general of the staff admits that the losses are very heavy, but claims that they are not out of proportion.

### COTTON OR TOBACCO BASIS FOR ISSUE OF CURRENCY

Notes With Maturity of Four Months Acceptable.—More Money for the Farmers.  
Washington, Aug. 27.—Notes with a maturity of not longer than four months, secured by warehouse receipts for cotton or tobacco, will be accepted by the treasury department from national banks as a basis for the issue of additional currency which may be used to help farmers pick and market their cotton and tobacco crops.

### OIL IS ON FIRE.

Nine Hundred Thousand Barrels Are Burning in Oklahoma.  
Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 27.—Approximately 900,000 barrels of oil are reported afire in the Healdton and Cushing oil fields of Oklahoma tonight. The burning oil is flowing into several creeks and but little headway is being made in efforts to check its spread.

Lightning started both fires late today. In the Healdton field near Ardmore, 13 fires were started almost simultaneously. Tonight the fire zone in that district is three miles in width and about eight miles in length.

### War Causes People to Smoke More Than Usual.

New York World.  
A representative of the United Cigar Stores Company said yesterday that during the last four weeks, since the war began, the business of the company had been the largest in its history.

He asserted that the consumption of tobacco had been promoted by the nervous excitement under which the American people are laboring as a result of the war.

Also, he adds, the unusually large number of people out of work find more time to indulge the tobacco habit.

### Verdict of Coroner's Jury in Kannapolis Case.

Coroner Moore conducted a hearing in the case of Victor Fink, who died at Kannapolis last Saturday night, at that place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The following composed the jury:

J. F. Troutman, W. R. Blackwelder, B. B. Morrison, J. R. Verble, Ralph Kernerly, B. O. Linker.

After hearing the facts the jury returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death from some unknown cause.

### German Troops on Outskirts of Galatz.

Washington, Aug. 28.—The German embassy has received reports that German troops are on the outskirts of Galatz.

## FAMILY DO NOT BELIEVE CLAUDE DEAL IS SUICIDE

No Clue Has Yet Been Found.—Was Preparing to Enter Lenoir College.

Special to Charlotte Observer.  
Lendis, Aug. 27.—A letter from J. C. Deaton, who went to Wilmington Tuesday to help the brothers of Claude Deal make a thorough search for his body, says no clue has been yet found, but that it is not believed that it was suicide; that two crews are at work dragging the river and that every possible effort will be made to recover the body from the river. The letter, containing the note found under Claude's hat and mailed to his father by the chief of police, has never been received. The note was not signed, and it has never been received that his people might know whether it was in his handwriting.

The last letter received by the family was the last of last week. It was a cheerful letter saying, he would be home this week preparatory to entering Lenoir College. He said that his work was paying, and expressed the regret that he had not begun this work earlier during his vacation. He said he had been sick, the low climate having brought on a spell of malaria, but that he was then well.

A classmate at Hickory received a letter from Claude on Sunday, August 23, in which he spoke of the opening of the college, saying he expected to be there.

### THE FRENCH DESTROY MANY BRIDGES OVER MEUSE

Long Railways Intact, Making It Possible to Protect Any Portion of Line.  
Paris, Aug. 28.—A strong French force has destroyed many bridges crossing the Meuse. The German armies at Saar and Lower Moselle are reported to have effected a junction. The long railways remain intact, making it possible to protect any portion of the line under heavy pressure. Official advice from Limerick, in the French Congo, says the Germans attacked the frontier of the Belgian Congo. It was also stated that the British and Belgians were co-operating in the defense.

### Walked in Sleep, Broke Leg and Arm

Mooresville Enterprise.  
Somnambulistic perambulations are seldom indulged in, but at times one hears of strange doings by those reposing in the arms of Morpheus. On last Sunday night about 11 o'clock, the household of Mr. Daniel McLaughlin of the Prospect neighborhood was disturbed by the groans of one in distress, and upon investigation Theodore McLaughlin, 15-years old, was found lying prostrate upon the ground beneath the eaves of the piazza, in great agony. The boy was sleeping on the second story of the home, and had walked in his sleep through an open window to the edge of the porch roof, from which he tumbled. His left leg was broken half way between the knee and thigh and his left arm was also broken by the fall. The boy is doing as well as could be expected. It is not thought that internal injuries resulted.

### In addition to numerous other good reasons for holding the French Ambassador up for \$800, that German Major probably needed the money.

The reservists in the country are in a pickle.

## Sound Advice

### Start a Bank Account

If you were to ask the advice of the successful men in the world, the first thing they would tell you is to start a bank account.

You can deposit any amount you wish. We furnish you with pass book and checks. It is an easy matter to open an account at this bank.

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