

Battle Of The Aisne Settled Down To Stubborn Endurance Test

Three Million Men Engage Each Other Along Battle Line of One Hundred Miles. The Situation Remains Unchanged. Germans Hold Their Own In The Centre. Roumania And Bulgaria May Enter The War.

PARIS, Sept. 19.—The battle of the Aisne now known to be the supreme struggle of the war in France, has settled down to a stubborn test of endurance of strength between the opposing forces, numbering three million troops along a firing line of more than a hundred miles.

THE BRITISH DRIVE BACK GERMAN RIGHT.

PARIS, Sept. 19.—As in the battle of Marne, the British succeeded in driving back the German right wing under General Von Kluck. However, the Germans met this reverse by strengthening their center. The French war office in a statement this afternoon claimed that the French held all the heights north of the Aisne and have advanced beyond Oise.

ROUMANIA AND BULGARIA MAY GET IN THE FIGHT.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Advices received here tonight indicate that Roumania and Bulgaria may enter the war as the allies of Russia. It is also believed that the Italian government will be unable to withstand the demand that she join the allies against the Germans.

AUSTRIAN DREADNAUGHT IS BADLY DAMAGED.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—A dispatch from Venice this afternoon says that the Austrian dreadnaught, Viribus Unitis, was badly damaged in Adriatic naval battle but escaped from her opponents. There was no details as to the loss.

THE GERMAN FORCES HAVE SHELLED RHEIMS.

PARIS, Sept. 19.—It was officially announced late tonight that the Germans had shelled the Rheims Cathedral all day.

GREAT ARTILLERY DUEL CONTINUES UNABATED.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—The correspondent of the Express at Solissons, telegraphing via Paris, says "The great artillery duel continues unabated and the position is the same as it was four days ago. The Germans have prepared elaborate trenches and barb wire approaches to protect the positions of their heavy guns behind the hill crest.

"A British officer said to me today 'If we held the same position we would never be shifted while our ammunition lasted. We realize the serious task which faces the allies.'

"The infantry losses must be extremely heavy. The aeroplanes of the allies are doing splendid service. Last night one located a train filled with retreating German soldiers and the pilot dropped a torch to indicate the range. Artillery blew the train to atoms in a few minutes.

"We are having frightful weather. Torrents of rain fall almost continually. The trenches are full of water and as a consequence there is something like an epidemic of rheumatism among the troops.

"It is reported that a German force with a general in command has been surrounded in the fort near Chateau Thierry.

"The allies are now massing enormous bodies of troops and everything points to the probability of one of the bloodiest battles of the campaign as a

THE AUSTRIANS FORTIFY A NEW DEFENSIVE POINT.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—A dispatch from Rome to the Exchange Telegraph Company says "Dispatches from Vienna state that the Austrians on Friday fortified an extended new defensive front which will reach Cracow. General Bovyozig will command the right wing with his center resting at Przemysl, the center will be commanded by general Von Auffenberg with Tarnow as his base and the left wing will be commanded by General Dankl with the Germans supporting his extreme left.

"The entire Russian left wing, under command of Generals Ruzsky and Brusiloff is expected momentarily to begin an attack. The initial assault is expected against Przemysl."

GERMANS HAVE CONFIDENCE IN ULTIMATE OUTCOME.

BERLIN, Sept. 19.—Members of the general staff here in private conversation have manifested absolute confidence in the outcome of the battle in France, as their own army is steadily growing stronger and the lines of communication have been adjusted to permit a more efficient supply of provisions and ammunition.

THE GERMAN FORCES ARE FIGHTING ON DEFENSIVE.

The Germans, fighting on the defensive, have succeeded in keeping their lines intact and they have gained also another day in which the Crown Prince's Army has made good its withdrawal from the Eastern frontier. From the six days it has already consumed, the battle, it is said, may last for two weeks. It is said that it will take several days for the French guns to get placed in position. Meanwhile, it is confirmed that the Belgians are more than keeping busy the two corps left in that country by the Germans.

THE INVADERS TROOPS ARE LEAVING ANTWERP.

PARIS, Sept. 18.—An Antwerp dispatch from Antwerp states that the invaders have been leaving since last Friday, from thirty to fifty thousand in all having been withdrawn to aid the line hard pressed in France. The London War Office stated tonight that "The situation at the front is unchanged. The cavalry has been active but no definite results are yet maintained. There has been practically no change for the past thirty-six hours.

THE MONTENEGRINS CAPTURE GRADZA.

ROME, Sept. 18.—A dispatch from Cotting tonight states that the Montenegrins today captured Gradza, only thirty miles from Saraj va.

NO DECISION YET MADE IN FAMOUS BATTLE.

BERLIN, Sept. 18.—(via London)—The following official announcement was made at the headquarters of the general staff the evening of September 17.

"No decision yet has resulted in the battle between the Oise and the Meuse but certain signs indicate that the power of resistance of the enemy is relaxing.

"Endeavor of the French troops to break through the German right wing collapsed without any great efforts on the part of our troops.

"The center of the German army is gaining ground slowly but surely. "On the right bank of the Meuse the allies from Verdun have been cash repulsed.

CROWN PRINCE WILLIAM WANTS WOOLEN SOCKS.

BERLIN, Sept. 18.—Crown Prince Frederick William today telegraphed to the Zeitung Am Mittag as follows: "Please collect and forward as early as possible woolen underwear and socks for my soldiers. Greetings. (Signed) "WILHELM X. Crown Prince."

It was only a few days ago that the Crown Prince, who evidently has the comfort of his soldiers always in mind, telegraphed to a Berlin newspaper asking it to collect and forward tobacco and cigars for his men.

IMPORTANT EVENTS ARE EXPECTED IN BELGIUM.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Ostend says that important events are expected in North Belgium in the next few days which he is not allowed to disclose. He says there is little doubt that there are three German army corps, about 150,000 men, in Belgium, and adds it is reported that the German military authorities have advised the civil population of Liege to leave the town.

Alligators Galore in Sanders Creek

THE VARMINTS RANGE FROM FIVE TO TEN FEET IN LENGTH.

(By Uncle Nathan) OCEAN, CARTERET COUNTY, Sept. 19.—A. C. Parker, W. N. Dennis and Steve Jones recently killed an alligator nine feet long. This monster caught one of Mr. Parker's hogs and carried it across Sanders creek and disappeared under the west bank. After digging for some little time his den was located, the earth removed from over it and a death blow administered to this huge gator.

Ed. Nickson and Lon Willis, of Salter Path, while floundering a few nights ago, discovered what seemed to them as being a very large fish of a strange specimen in the bottom of the creek. Nickson stuck his spear in this object and to his great surprise learned that he had gipped a five foot alligator. The alligator broke Nickson's spear and turned on the sportman. Nickson at once seized an ax and struck at the alligator with a terrific force, but his aim was not good and he missed his mark, and becoming over-balanced, fell overboard. In scrambling to get back in the boat Nickson stirred the mud up so that the alligator came to the top of the water and the death blow was dealt.

David Whitford recently found an alligator nest on a branch of Goose creek, containing twenty four eggs, which he took in possession. He also states that there are a number of nests on the branches of this creek. It seems as if the alligators have taken possession of Goose creek since the "land tiger" was routed from the banks. Although the alligators will not do much damage as the tiger.

WOODMEN TO UNVEIL MONUMENT AT ORIENTAL.

The New Bern and Bridgeton Camps of the Woodmen of the World have been invited to join the Oriental Camp in the unveiling of a monument to the honor of one of the departed brothers of the latter camp, which will take place Sunday September the twenty seventh.

CAPTAIN HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED

CAPTAIN GODFREY L. CARDEN TRANSFERRED TO THE CUTTER MOHAWK.

The following article taken from the Wilmington Dispatch will be of much interest locally on account of the fact that Captain Carden is well known in New Bern:

Capt. Godfrey L. Carden, who has been in command of the revenue cutter Seminole here for several years, has been transferred to the cutter Mohawk, a larger vessel, which has its station in New York harbor. This change is in effect now. Capt. Carden's successor to the command of the Seminole has not yet been announced.

The Seminole will probably return to Wilmington from Baltimore, where he has been undergoing repairs during the summer months, about the middle of October, said Capt. Carden who is attending Federal Court here.

Capt. Carden's first duties, as commander of the Mohawk, will be the guarding of the Kron Prinzessin Cecilie, a gold laden German ship in Bar Harbor, Me., which ran in to escape the British war vessels.

He says the Seminole will be much better equipped when she returns to Wilmington than when it left. Engines, of a different and a better type, have been installed. Their average will enlarge the coal bunkers, so that a great deal more coal can be carried at one time. The towing facilities of the cutter, also, have been changed, making this work much easier and safer.

Quarters for a ship's surgeon, too, have been installed, and a surgeon will be added to the official corps of the cutter. She will be of great assistance in many cases of rescue at sea and in a number of other ways.

The gymnasium outfit which was presented to the Seminole boys by Lloyd's, London, for the valiant rescue of a British ship, has been held up at Spaulding's factory during the summer, but will be shipped to Wilmington within a few weeks.

Edgcombe Negro Gets Long Sentence

FLETCHER WINSTEAD WILL SPEND FIFTEEN YEARS IN THE "PEN."

ROCKY MOUNT, Sept. 19.—Sentences were passed in Edgcombe county Superior Court at Tarboro today upon Fletcher Winstead and Will Holland, the two negroes who on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 8, last, attempted criminal assault upon Miss Nannie Daughtridge and her sister, near the home of the young ladies, about three miles from this city. Winstead attacked Miss Nannie Daughtridge, and was sentenced to a term of fifteen years in the penitentiary. Holland did not make any attempt to attack the younger girl, though he was a partner to the plan and he was given a sentence of five years in the State's prison.

Both defendants submitted, and the case did not go to the jury. There was no argument in the case, and only one witness. Officer Bartholomew of the local police force, who was one of the officers who took the negroes to Raleigh on the night following the attempted assault, went on the stand and told of the confession of Winstead, and the case was not pressed further.

A few hours after the boys had attempted their crime, both were taken by the officers, and were brought to this city? They were placed in the local jail, but later in the evening, the local police heard rumors that there might be danger from a mob which it was said was forming, and before anything could be done, or a crowd collected together, the boys were hurried away to the State's prison at Raleigh for safe keeping. They were there until Thursday, when officers took them to Tarboro for the trial.

A WISE MAYOR.

Puts The Taboo On Tent Minstrel Shows.

The law abiding citizens of New Bern are jubilant over the fact that no more tent minstrel shows will be allowed to exhibit in this city. For years past these aggregations have been coming to New Bern and exhibiting on a vacant lot on Broad Street. On almost every occasion there has been a great deal of rowdiness around the place, and the assistance of the police has been required in quieting the disturbance. A few days ago the advance agent of one of these attractions arrived in the city and made arrangements to give an exhibition, but after learning of it, Mayor Bangert gave the police instructions to prohibit them from erecting their tents at any point within the city limits.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE TO OPEN

"SCHOOLDAYS" WILL START AGAIN ON THURS. DAY, OCT. 1.

The New Bern High School and graded school will open Thursday, Oct. 1, and it is expected that the enrollment will be one of the largest in the history of the school.

Prof. H. B. Craven, who is superintendent of this institution, together with the efficient corps of teachers that have been employed, make one of the best facilities to be found in any city school, and the outlook for this term bids fair to be the best in the history of the school.

Although every effort has been made to have the new twenty thousand dollar building that is under construction, completed by the opening of the school year, it is not thought that this will be done, but the contractors will rush the work to completion as soon as possible.

Hariett Green Now In The Asylum

MENTALLY DERANGED SHE HAD STRANGE HALLUCINATIONS.

Hariett Green, colored, was carried to Goldsboro yesterday where she will be placed in the State Hospital for the colored insane. The woman was in the custody of Deputy Sheriff J. F. Garrell, but as the laws requires a woman to accompany all female prisoners when they are being transferred from one place to another, Mrs. Fannie Williams superintendent of the county home also accompanied her.

Several weeks ago the woman became violent, claiming that the spirit of some of her ancestors had communicated with her, and told her that an immense fortune was buried in James City and she was searching for it. Her people became alarmed at her actions and had her arrested and placed in the county jail, but apparently her mental condition improved and she was released. During the first part of the week she became violent again and was arrested and placed in jail the second time. This time her people were unwilling to take any more chances and preparations were made to get her in the asylum.

Alex Curtiss' Sentence Has been Reduced

WILL SERVE TWO YEARS ON LENOIR CHAIN GANG.

The sentence of five years imprisonment which was imposed on Alex Curtiss who was convicted on a charge of being an accessory to the murder of E. W. Sarlandt on lay morning August the ninth, was yesterday changed by Judge R. B. Peebles to two years on the Lenoir county chain.

Curtiss, through his attorney Judge D. L. Ward, took an appeal from the five year sentence, but after Judge Ward succeeded in getting the sentence reduced to two years, the motion for an appeal was withdrawn, and he will be carried to Kinston Monday to begin his term.

Voiced Friendship For United States

AS FIRM AND IMMOVABLE AS HISTORIC PLYMOUTH ROCK SAYS VISCOUNT KANEKO.

TOKIO, Sept. 19.—A notable demonstration of friendship toward the United States was made tonight at a dinner given by the Japanese association, which was attended by Takaaki Kato, the Japanese foreign minister and George W. Guthrie, the United States ambassador.

Viscount Kentaro Kaneko, president of the association, scored persons who, he said, were trying to estrange the United States and Japan. "Japan not only will not attack the Philippines," said Viscount Kaneko, "but she never had any idea of disturbing the tranquility of the territorial waters of the Philippines. Our friendship will be as firm and immovable as historic Plymouth Rock."

Other speakers stressed an alliance between the United States and Japan for the preservation of peace in the Pacific.

QUICK LUNCH AT THE JAMES HOTEL.

Since the James Hotel opened under new management a few weeks ago several changes have been made, which adds greatly to the accommodation and pleasure of the guests. In addition to being run on both American and European plan, the management has arranged to serve the people with a quick lunch at any hour during the day, at the usual price charged by the cafes.

GRAPHIC STORY OF FALL OF LEMBERG

ENGLISH ENGINEER DECLARES APPROACH OF RUSSIAN ARMY CAUSED PANIC.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—An account of the capture of Lemberg, Galicia, as given by an English engineer who has arrived in Petrograd from Lemberg is contained in a dispatch to the Central News from its Petrograd correspondent.

"Panic broke out in the city at the approach of the Russian army," the engineer is quoted as saying. "The entire Austrian administration fled. No defence was attempted. The Russians gave the demoralized Austrian military authorities three days to evacuate the city.

"On the third day as the appointed time approached, Russian scout aeroplanes appeared over the city, watching for the departure of the Austrians when the Austrians failed to leave the Russians made a show of opening a bombardment. Although no shells actually fell in Lemberg the cannoning terrified the citizens, of whom 35,000 bolted into the surrounding country.

The large Jewish community was particularly alarmed, owing to stories in Austrian newspapers. Bankers emptied their vaults and made their escape with the money. Nobody was allowed to leave for Vienna by train unless they deposited 5,000 kronen at the railway station to show their ability to meet the enormously increased expense of living in the capital.

"Among the pitiful sights in Lemberg were numerous Austrian soldiers begging in the streets for bread. Many were seriously wounded. Other Austrian soldiers were seen carrying their uniforms under their arms in bundles, which they declared they were about to burn.

"The utter disorganization of the Austrian military administration is evident. The army proved itself an unwilling mass of men, of which large numbers were delighted to throw down their arms to the Russians.

"Exemplary order was established in Lemberg under Russian control."

Democratic Handbook is Now in Readiness

CHAIRMAN T. D. WARREN SAYS THAT VOLUME IS READY FOR MAILING.

(News & Observer.)

"The Democratic Handbook will be out tomorrow," said Democratic State Chairman Thomas D. Warren last night, "and copies will be mailed at once to county chairman and other workers in all sections of the State. We have had fifteen thousand copies printed and we expect to put a copy everywhere we think it will do some good to the cause. Any one wanting a copy of the handbook can get one by calling on his county chairman or by writing to headquarters here at Raleigh.

"We are going to make October a live month in politics," Mr. Warren continued. "To this end I am trying to get the county organizations to get busy and get out all the local speakers possible. This will be necessary in order to get out the vote and that is of course the big problem. I urge Democrats everywhere to aid in the work of persuading fellow Democrats on election day to cast their ballots.

"The registration books will be open October 1 and will close October 24. We have printed and circulated a leaflet giving full information as to registration."

State headquarters continues to be a very busy place. Chairman Warren, Secretary Collier and the three stenographers are kept up to their ears in work all the time. One undertaking that has taken a good deal of time has been the securing of the names of the Democratic candidates in the counties of the State that have held primaries or conventions and complete lists have already been secured including the precinct committeemen. A large majority of the counties have already put out their tickets.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.

Little Girl Met Horrible Death Yesterday.

News reached this city last night of a distressing accident which took place earlier in the day at Simpson, a small station on the Norfolk Southern road and located in Pitt county. According to the information received here, Lillian, the eight year old daughter of R. L. Lamb, the section master at that place, was killed when a shot-gun which her father kept around the house, was accidentally knocked down by another child, and the entire load of shot took effect in the little girl's body, killing her instantly. The family had only recently moved to Simpson from Norfolk, Va. The affair has cast a pall of gloom over the entire community.

TUG IS DAMAGED BY CONCUSSION

FIRING OF BIG GUNS ON TEXAS ALMOST PUTS ALICE OUT OF COMMISSION.

NORFOLK, Sept. 18.—When the naval tug Alice, which accompanied the battleship Texas up Chesapeake Bay, returned to the navy yard she looked as if she had been fired on by the big ship. Her bulkheads were buckled, the glass in her pilot-house was smashed and their drinking glasses on board. Her seams also opened on the way back to the yard.

The Alice was lying alongside the Texas when the big ship fired her fourteen-inch guns off Tangiers Sound. The big guns, the first time they were given a thorough test, were fired directly over the Alice, and the concussion was so great, the smaller craft came near being seriously damaged.

The Alice encountered severe storms on the way back to Norfolk and her seams opened. She is supposed to have been so badly shaken up by the concussion of the Texas' guns, that her hull was damaged and she was in no condition to weather the storm.

The tug Hercules blew out a cylinder-head and the Massasoit struck a submerged log in the Elizabeth river. This series of accidents practically put the entire fleet of naval tugs out of commission and the government was forced to seek help from the outside.

The Clark Towboat Company chartered two of its tugs to the government and they are now doing the work heretofore performed by the naval tugs.

The battleships Rhode Island, Florida, Texas and Minnesota despite a severe northeast storm on the outside are engaged in target practice off the Virginia Capes. The ships will be joined by the Maine, Missouri, and Prairie which arrived in Hampton Roads yesterday.

The battleship Wyoming which will today become the flagship of the Atlantic fleet under the command of Rear Admiral Fletcher, will fire at the sunken bulk of the old battleship San Marcos in Chesapeake Bay next week. The Wyoming is now at New York.

Unknown Man Loses Life in The Harbor

WATCHMAN THREW PIECES OF LUMBER TO DROWNING MAN BUT HE WENT DOWN

NORFOLK, Sept. 19.—After struggling in the water for several minutes and being unable to reach several pieces of lumber thrown towards him by J. N. Apperson, watchman for the Southern Railway, an unidentified man was drowned in the waters of the Elizabeth river in the slip between the Southern Railway and Atlantic Coast Line piers at the foot of Jackson street about 7:55 o'clock last night. While the body has not been recovered, a derby hat supposed to belong to the drowned man was fished from the water by Apperson about 75 feet from where the drowned man went down.

While Apperson, the only person to see the man struggling in the water was unable to distinguish whether he was white or colored, he said last night that he thought the man was the same one he had chased from the Southern Railway pier about 15 minutes before. The body had not been recovered at an early hour this morning.

Whether the man fell or jumped into the water is a mystery. Apperson said that he was in the office of the Southern Railway Company using the telephone when he heard cries coming from alongside the pier. He rushed outside and saw the man paddling at a lively rate in the water trying to keep himself afloat. The man was about midway between the two wharves and as there were no barges alongside, Apperson could not get close to him. He threw several pieces of lumber towards him and was getting ready to jump over board when the body dropped out of sight. He telephoned to police headquarters and reported the occurrence.

AMOS JONES SENTENCED.

Stole Sum of Money From Broad Street Store.

Amos Jones, colored, who was convicted at Superior Court last week on a charge of stealing an amount of money from Carter Tidale, was yesterday sentenced by Judge R. B. Peebles to serve twelve months on the county roads.

Jones, who is only a boy about twelve years of age, entered Mr. Tidale's place of business on Broad street and stole a little more than fifty dollars. He was arrested and given a preliminary before Mayor Bangert and in default of the required bond he was placed in jail to await Superior Court. The boy was finally induced to tell where all the money was except twenty three dollars, which has never been recovered.