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BATTLE NOW RAGES AT HEIGHT OF FURY

Lines Stretch From Southern Netherlands to Northern Switzerland and Involve Millions of Men.

The biggest battle in the history of the world is now being fought in Europe. The battle line of the contending forces is 266 miles long, stretching from the southern boundary of the Netherlands, or Holland, through Belgium, and along the German frontier to the northern boundary of Switzerland.

With so long a battle line it will be seen at a glance that success at one point may be overbalanced by loss at another point and that a decisive result from the various engagements may not be expected immediately. Dispatches from Paris and London dated August 15th stated that it would appear whether Germany and Austria or their allied opponents will hold the advantage of the first fight.

One of the most startling developments since the last issue of this newspaper went to press was Japan's ultimatum to Germany informing the latter country that she must get out of China during the present week or accept the alternative of war with Japan. This ultimatum is of intense interest to the United States because this nation would view with alarm any movement on the part of Japan toward destroying the integrity of China and damaging American interests in that country.

In reading reports of engagements between the contending armies in Belgium and on the western German frontier it should be borne in mind that these accounts are sent to this country from London, Brussels, or Paris, and that their tendency is to make the most of every French success and the least of every German advantage.

CITY WATER UNFIT FOR DRINKING

Dr. C. B. Williams, City Health Officer, reports that the analysis of Elizabeth City water shows it unfit for drinking owing to the presence of colon bacilli. Dr. Williams advises the people of Elizabeth City who use this water for drinking purposes to boil it until a statement is issued that the water is pure.

MANN'S HARBOR NEWS

Manns Harbor, N. C., Aug. 13.—The telephone line will soon be completed and will join Manns Harbor to Stumpy Point and East Lake. Manns Harbor was visited this week by Mr. Zeary of Currituck who was soliciting subscriptions for the new railroad which is proposed for Currituck county, thru the county to Powell's Point. The Manns Harbor people expressed their approval of this new project by hearty cooperation. They believe that it will greatly facilitate the shipping of fish from this point.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

At a meeting of the Confederate veterans of the Wm. F. Martin Camp Friday afternoon D. B. Bradford was re-elected Commander, J. C. Spence first lieutenant, N. C. Burgess of Shiloh second lieutenant, Jas A. Matthews third lieutenant, J. H. Burgess, adjutant. Resolutions in regard to the death of three members of the Camp which had occurred during the past year were drawn up. Also a petition requesting the State legislature to amend the pension law for widows of Confederate veterans so that the time limit of marriages be extended to 1880 instead of 1868.

MIRIAM SAMPLE DEAD

Miriam Sample, the daughter of Mrs. Mae Sample, died Sunday morning at her home on First street from a six weeks illness of typhoid fever. The little girl was thirteen years of age. The funeral was conducted yesterday afternoon from the home and interment followed in Hollywood Cemetery.

SPLENDID MEETINGS JUST CLOSED

Meetings have just closed at Ramoth Gilead and Berea which had been conducted by Rev. W. E. Flannigan of Norfolk. In both meetings the churches were inadequate for the large crowds that attended and not even standing room was available at some of the services. Twenty new members were added to the church of Berea and fourteen to Ramoth Gilead. east. It is believed that she is massing her forces to that end in Poland, which juts in between Germany and Austria like a the wedge.

BETTER SCHOOLS FOR CURRITUCK

Direct and Earnest Appeal Made to the County By Public Spirited Citizen

Moyock, N. C., August 8th, 1914. EDITOR THE ADVANCE:— With your permission I as a citizen of Currituck county will appreciate the insertion into your paper of an article relative to our schools. The purpose of this article is to impress upon the people of our county the inadequacy of the present system of training their children and to emphasize the necessity of an educational rally to make the people enthusiastic for developing a system of rural schools through the entire county. It is also the purpose of this article to secure the loyal support of every citizen in Currituck county, whether he be a school official or not, to take an active interest in doing effective work towards securing better schools! and to further emphasize upon every man in Currituck county the necessity of placing men in charge of the school affairs who will work in harmony. When we put men in charge of our schools who are not instilled with prejudice and hatred for one another, and who do not use the county office as tools to avenge personal wrongs, but who are broadminded, farsighted and constructive in their work, then we shall see progress being in every school of our county.

Throughout North Carolina, generally speaking, education is making rapid strides. However, several counties in this state are far behind in the development of rural schools. Currituck county, as a whole, can be included in the class that is doing very little effective school work. This statement is being made with no intention of attempting to discredit the successful work of any man or set of men who have the school at heart and are doing their best for the development of our schools in Currituck. But any intelligent, fairminded man who compares the poor, ineffective work done towards building up the school system here with the excellent work done in the rural schools of counties in the central and western North Carolina realizes that Currituck county is doing its children an injustice. They are not given the advantages that are due them. Consequently Currituck county is developing a type of manhood and womanhood which is inferior to what it would be if we had a more effective system of training our boys and girls to be better and more useful men and women.

The necessity of an education cannot be too greatly emphasized, even at this time of enlightenment and civilization. Our people have not entirely awakened to the importance of training their children in a modern school house under efficient teachers. If this had been realized conditions would be better. Of course, quite a number of families are sending and have been sending their children away to high schools, colleges and universities upon realizing that they will be put in the back ground unless they have an education. But what are the boys and girls to do who haven't good schools at home and who are not in a position to attend school elsewhere? These are in the majority. The welfare of our country depends upon how the majority of the people is cared for, not especially the

EXCURSION TO VIRGINIA BEACH

With Afternoon and Evening Schedule Will Doubtless Prove Very Popular

The Norfolk Southern has scheduled a new and very attractive variety of excursion for August 26th. The Excursion train will leave Elizabeth City at two fifty five in the afternoon, arriving at Virginia Beach, its culmination, at five o'clock. Returning it will leave Virginia Beach at eleven p. m. The fare for the round trip will be one dollar. Parlor car service will be available, and everything will be done to make the trip one of comfort and pleasure to everybody on board. Good order will be maintained, and it is believed that this afternoon and evening trip will prove a pleasant change from the usual all day affair and give an opportunity for a comfortable outing to many. Special supper will be served at the Casino on the Beach for fifty cents.

few. We are living in a democratic country where equal rights and privileges are given every man, not an oligarchical country where a few enjoy the luxuries of life with its refinement and culture at the expense of many. Not a country in which a man can throw a whole nation into war because his cousin was killed and sacrifice the lives of thousands who must die because they are made to do so.

It was the purpose of our government when originally constructed that each person should have an opportunity to secure an education if he so desired and to make the best of himself in life. The intention of our government is not being carried out in Currituck on account of the lack of educational facilities. The boys and girls of today will become the men and women of tomorrow. We want the children here to be come thrifty, law-abiding and honest citizens. The school house is generally recognized, in addition to the home, to be the place where the best type of citizenship is capable of being produced. Then it naturally follows that the grade of citizenship will be determined by the kind of schools we maintain. The schools being the determining factor in reproducing the type of men we need for promoting the welfare of our county, why not have the right kind of schools so they can do their most effective work in our social structure.

Our county is not getting its pro rata share of financial support from the State and other sources of revenue, which is largely due to the lack of experience and initiative on the part of the people here who are in position to render valuable service for the moral and material up-building of the county if they would only take time and devote the proper energy. The State government through the county organization collects taxes from our people for the support of the State and National governments. In return for this money paid out the constitution of North Carolina not only guarantees protection but it also provides that the State Legislature may pass laws relative to the education of each child in every State. Do we get our share of the appropriations made by our State Legislature? The in-

TRENTON BUYS THE OLD LINE

And Sails Forth With Good Will of Former Company and All Patrons

The Eastern Carolina Transportation Company has been bought out by the new Johnson Line and the steamer Trenton is carrying the passengers, mail, and freight of the former line from Elizabeth City to Manteo. Martin Johnson and D. R. Scott are the owners and operators of the Johnson Line. The old and new lines are now merged and will operate under the name of the Eastern Transportation Company. The new company will increase its number of stockholders and put its increased capital into further promoting and improving the service given. The Trenton has already won many friends and its equipment and crew have been spoken of favorably by patrons throughout the summer. Captain Johnson has long been popular on the Manteo run and carries into his new enterprise the good will of many friends.

FUNERAL SERVICES FRIDAY

The funeral of Watts Walker, the fifteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Walker, who was drowned last Wednesday afternoon in the Pasquotank River while in swimming with a number of playmates was conducted Friday morning at eleven o'clock by Rev. L. T. Reed and Rev. J. B. Ferebee at the home on Dyer street.

Beautiful floral offerings expressed the sympathy of many friends, and interment in Hollywood Cemetery followed the services at the home. The pall bearers were: Marian Love, Grayson Morris, William Baker and Graham Evans.

PICNIC GREAT SUCCESS

The picnic at Salem church was a great success last Wednesday. Tremendous crowds from the city and surrounding section attended and an excellent program was rendered by members of the Salem Sunday School. Altogether there was the biggest crowd present and the best entertainment given that Salem has known for years.

MEETING AT SHAWBORO

Shawboro, N. C., Aug., 17th—Dr. L. T. Reed of Elizabeth City held a meeting last week at Providence Baptist church at Shawboro. Good crowds attended throughout the week and considerable interest has been manifested and much good done in the meeting.

REVIVALS AT RIVERSIDE AND SALEM

Rev. W. T. Hall of Richmond will assist the pastor C. R. Angell in revival services at Riverside next week and at Salem the week following. Mr. Hall is pastor of one of the largest Richmond churches and a very successful evangelist as well.

BOY SCOUTS TO GO ON CAMPING TRIP

Hertford, N. C., Aug., 17th—The Hertford Troop of Boy Scouts of America, who have been having a vacation during the hot weather, will soon be in harness again. A camping trip down the river is being planned for the near future.

YOUNG MAN STRANDED HERE

And Sheriff Gets No Response From Relatives Or Officers at Columbia S. C.

A young white man giving his age as twenty five years but looking younger surrendered to Sheriff Reid on last Thursday afternoon, claiming to be S. R. Coleman of Columbia, South Carolina and stating that he was wanted there for check flashing. The young man was immediately locked up and a telegram was sent to the Sheriff of Richland county at Columbia, S. C. Some hours later Sheriff Reid received word that the message could not be delivered because the addressee was out of the city being on a summer vacation somewhere in North Carolina. Sheriff Reid then asked Coleman to whom another message might be sent and was given the name of another Coleman whom the young man claimed to be his brother. This message was delivered but brought no response. Having no charge upon which he could hold the stranger in further custody, Sheriff Reid released him yesterday morning and he was still in town yesterday afternoon. Interviewed by an Advance reporter he said that his father is sheriff of Richland county, S. C., and that he left home some time last month coming straight to Wilmington in this State. Replying to questions put to him by the Advance man he showed an intimate knowledge of South Carolina from Columbia to Wilmington.

Coleman, if that be his name, is slim and tall with black hair and black eyes. His brows are heavy and arched, the right, however, being straighter than the left. He is nervous and silent except when questioned. He claims to have a friend in Norfolk and a married sister in Richmond, Virginia. He says that he wants to get from here to Norfolk and is sure that there he can get aid which will enable him to reach his people in Richmond. Sheriff Reid is of the opinion that the man is telling a straight story about his name and his people at Columbia but judges from the fact that no answer was given to telegrams sent there that his parents have cast him off.

MR. BEN CULIPHER DEAD

Fort Landing, N. C., Aug., 14—Mr. Ben Culipher, the oldest citizen of South Shore, died yesterday at his home after an illness of many months. Mr. Culipher had been a faithful member of the Methodist Church for years and had lived a splendid life, setting an example that many might well follow. In his death the community loses a true friend and a spiritual guide. Mr. Culipher leaves a wife, three sons, and one daughter to mourn their loss, besides a host of friends.

TEACHERS INSTITUTE CLOSSES

Hertford, N. C., Aug., 17th—The final week of the Perquimans County Teachers Institute will start on Monday. About twenty five teachers were in attendance during the first week. The institute is being conducted by Prof. S. L. Sheep of Elizabeth City assisted by Miss Rose Kee.

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