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JAPAN JOINS IN BATTLE OF NATIONS

**And Latest Reports Indicate That
Germans Have Been More
Successful Than at First
Admitted**

A great battle between the Austrians and Germans on one hand and the allied armies of England, France and Belgium on the other is daily increasing in violence and fury.

Though definite reports are still lacking it is admitted that the conflict is raging in full force and that Europe is now the scene of the greatest carnage, bloodshed and slaughter that the universe has ever witnessed.

Despite the fact that all news first received was favorable to the Belgians and their allies it is now admitted that the Germans have been sweeping forward carrying everything before them. The latest reports from England and France seem to be preparing the people for the possible defeat of the armies of those countries while confirmed reports from Berlin that have filtered through speak in no uncertain terms of German successes. A dispatch made public in Washington on August 23rd by a German charge d'affaires declares that the news of French successes in Alsace-Lorraine published in the Paris papers is very ludicrous to the Germans. The Germans admit that the forts at Loire are still holding out against the assaults of the German artillery but it seems that the attack upon these forts was kept up for a time as a mere feint while the German right wing was swinging around so as to put itself between the Belgians and their allies. This movement compelled the evacuation of Brussels, the capital of Belgium, without long drawn out opposition on the part of the Belgians. The forces of the Germans are now concentrated upon Antwerp which has been in a state of siege and is preparing desperate resistance to the German advance.

Meanwhile the center of interest is shifting from Belgium to the South along the French frontier where an intense battle has been raging since Sunday. Paris papers claim that the French and British have assumed the offensive along the battle line extending from Luxemburg to Switzerland. While the Germans have been pressing their foes in the west they have made no reply to the Japanese ultimatum demanding the withdrawal of Germany

BISHOP STRANGE DEAD

News was received here yesterday from Wilmington of the death of Right Rev. Robert Strange D D Bishop of Eastern North Carolina.

Bishop Strange was well known in Elizabeth City and the surrounding section and the news of his death is a personal shock to many warm friends and sincere admirers here.

His death occurred in that city ternoon at 12:45 at his home in Wilmington after an illness of nearly a year. The body now lies in state in St. James Episcopal church in that city where the funeral will be conducted this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock by Bishop Cheshire of Raleigh. The interment will follow in a Wilmington cemetery.

Bishop Strange was known throughout the State as a man of culture and scholarship with strong and clear convictions united with splendid charity. His earnest interest in missions and in the Laymen's Movement were observed and admired not only by his own people but by the churches of every denomination.

His personal magnetism won easily the friendship of those with whom he came in contact and his active interest in every movement for the uplift of humanity marked him with a greatness that will extend the influence of his life through many years.

Surviving him are his wife, two children and two half sisters in Wilmington and a brother in New York.

PLEASED WITH LOCATION OF NEW TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT

Mr James F Thompson Jr of Martinsburg, W. Va., travelling representative and expert cutter of the Singer Tailoring Co., arrived yesterday and will be with the Quality Tailors Shop today. Mr Thompson has already expressed approval of the location of the new store and with the business so far solicited. He is sure that the people of the city and section will be pleased with the work turned out by the new establishment.—Adv.

from China. The time limit of the ultimatum expired on Sunday and upon Germany's failure to send any answer to it Japan has now stepped into the battle of the nations. The Emperor of Japan has declared war on Germany and the German protectorate of China. Kiaow Chow is the object of the Japanese attack with land and sea forces. The Germans are preparing to resist the attack with desperate valor, it being their determination to hold out against the little brown soldiers to the last man.

APPLAUSE GREET'S POPLAR BRANCH

**The Tour of High School
Pupils Presenting Play
is a Decided
Success**

Poplar Branch, N. C., Aug., 21st—Miss Inez Reid, principal of the Primary department of Poplar Branch High School is taking the cast of pupils who presented the play "Anita's Trial" on quite an extended tour in this section. On Monday night the play was presented at Knotts Island, on Tuesday at Moyock, on Thursday at Manteo, and tonight at Point Harbor.

Especially enthusiastic reports have reached here of the reception given the Poplar Branch representatives at Moyock where \$21 was realized. The proceeds of the entertainment when given at Poplar Branch were forty five dollars.

Roper Briefs

Roper, N. C., Aug., 22nd—Mr R T Chesson and family are spending a few days at Ocracoke and Morehead City.

Mr Otis Armstrong of Elizabeth City spent a few days with Mr Wilbur Herrington last week.

Mrs R R Roper is spending a few days at Virginia Beach.

Mr H M Williams of Robinsonville is visiting his mother, Mrs. H J Williams.

Miss Esther Ball left Saturday for Elizabeth City to visit relatives.

Mrs F D Ellis and children of Gilmer, Va., are guests of Mrs B F Bailey.

Mrs Emma Lilly and daughter, Pattie, of Edenton are guests of Mrs Lilly's son, Mr Sylvester Lilly.

Prof. J G Dawson is visiting friends in this section.

Mr and Mrs T B Chesson left for Elizabeth City Thursday where Mrs Chesson will spend some time visiting relatives.

Mr B B Somer who represented the Jr O U A M at the State Council at Durham returned home Friday.

After completing her summer course at East Carolina Teachers Training School, Miss Lillie Sitterton returned home Wednesday.

Miss Rita Raughton of Creswell is visiting her cousin, Miss Violet Spencer.

After a visit to her cousin, Miss Esther Ball, Miss Annie Sawyer has returned to her home at Norfolk.

Mr C H Lamb of Crewell is visiting his son, Mr C M Lamb.

Mr W C Thompson and Mr. Teddy Blount motored over to Long Acre Friday.

After a few weeks visit to her daughter, Mrs. Will Cotton, at Norfolk, Mrs. J W Mitchell returned home Wednesday.

CLEARED NINETY DOLLARS

A phone message from Currituck received by the Advance Tuesday stated that the Poplar Branch High School pupils cleared ninety dollars on their tour with the Play "Anita's Trial" last week. \$117 was taken in and the expenses of the play were \$27. The pupils taking part in the play and the directors of the performance expressed great appreciation of the reception accorded them at each point at which the play was given.

BAPTIST PASTOR RESIGNS CHARGE

**J. T. Ragland of Poplar
Branch Will Not Remain
in Currituck After
This Year**

Poplar Branch, N. C., Aug., 21st—Rev. J. T. Ragland on last Sunday formally tendered his resignation of the pastorate of the church here to take effect on the first day of January, 1915. Mr Ragland states that he has decided to leave the Currituck field and that he will offer his resignation at each of the other churches on his first appointment with each of them.

During the nineteen months pastorate of Mr. Ragland on this field over one hundred members have been added to his churches.

OWENS-- SPRUILL

**Beautiful Wedding Solem-
nized in Church of The
Advent at Roper Last
Week**

Roper, N. C., August 22nd—A pretty wedding was celebrated at the Episcopal Church of the Advent at eleven o'clock Wednesday morning, August 19th, when Miss Ida Blount Spruill, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Spruill became the bride of Mr. Louis Latham Owens of Plymouth, N. C., the ceremony being performed by Rev. L. W. Blackwelder of Scotland Neck, a former rector of this Parish. The church was beautifully decorated with potted plants and cut hot house flowers. Preceding the ceremony, Schubert's Serenade was rendered by Misses Eula Spruill and Myrtle Peacock, accompanied by Miss Ida Peacock, organist. The bridal party entered the church to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, rendered by Miss Laura Smith of Plymouth a cousin of the bride. The ushers, Messrs E S Blount and L D Spruill, wearing conventional black, were followed by the Maid of Honor, Miss Millie Spruill, sister of the bride in a dainty creation of white crepe de chine trimmed in lace, with white gloves and lace hat; carrying a bouquet of pink bride roses tied with pink tulle. The bride entered leaning on the arm of her father, who gave her away, and was attired in a handsome touring suit of blue with hat and gloves to match carrying a white prayer book with a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley, her only ornament being an exquisite diamond brooch, a gift of the groom. They were met at the altar by the groom accompanied by his best man, Lloyd Horton of Plymouth, both attired in black and during the impressive ceremony "Humoreska" was softly played, after which the bridal party retired to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march.

After posing for a brief moment for the camera man and receiving the hurried congratulations and good byes of friends and relatives, the entire bridal party entered waiting automobiles for the short ride to Mackeys where the bride and groom departed on the northbound train to spend their honeymoon in Canada and Atlantic City. They will be at home after September 1st at Plymouth.

On Tuesday evening Mr and Mrs Wm T Spruill gave an informal reception to the bridal party and a number of friends and relatives at their old col-

GROWS TOBACCO IN CURRITUCK

**First Barn Put in Last
Week And is Now Pro-
bably Completely
'Cured'**

Point Harbor, N. C., Aug., 21st—The first barn of Currituck tobacco ever grown will be cured this week.

The frequently recurring low prices received for both Irish and sweet potatoes have led a number of Currituck's most progressive farmers to the conclusion that the time is not far distant when they will be grown on a much less extensive scale than at present. This raises the question as to what crop will take their place.

It has occurred to some that the answer will be found in tobacco culture and this is the why of the experiment. Two or three tobacco patches have been set out in this section this summer and Captain S. J. Payne has built a small barn in which he expects to cure the crop in his neighborhood. The barn is now in readiness and the tobacco will be put in tomorrow.

FORMER WANTED PASTOR MAKES SPLENDID RECORD

Friends of the Rev. O. N. Marshall, formerly pastor of the Man to Baptist Church, will be interested in the following clipping from Saturday's Wilmington Star.

"The Seagate Baptist Church, of which Rev. O. S. Marshall is the popular pastor, will be dedicated to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock. The service will be attended by a large number of Baptists from the city. The Church at Seagate has a large membership and has been very active in Christian work. It is a wide awake church and the members of the congregation are full of enthusiasm.

Mr. Marshall has only been pastor of the church a few months but in that time has made a splendid record.

MEETING AT POPLAR BRANCH

Poplar Branch, N. C., Aug., 21st—Rev. C. P. Jerome is conducting an interesting series of Revival services at the Methodist Chapel here this week. Large crowds are attending and considerable interest is manifest. The services are held at night.

Among the village folk present were noted Dr and Mrs Halsey, Mrs Ida Blount, Miss Augusta C Carstarphen, Mr and Mrs N W Spruill, Mr and Mrs J T McAlister, Misses Alleen, Ida, Myrtle and Hattie Peacock, Lillie and Ethel Barco, Lula and Annie Caloon, Isabelle McAllister, Anna Spruill, Annie Leary, Messrs J W Buchanan, Cyril Walker, Jas F Leary, and Milton Clagon.

Quite a number of out of town guests were present also.

MUTT AND JEFF AT ALKRAMA

**Season Opens at Popular
Theater With Gus
Hill's Latest
Attraction**

Opening at the Alkrama theatre on Friday August 28th for an engagement of one night only Gus Hill will present for the first time, the fourth edition of Bud Fishers great cartoon success, "Mutt and Jeff" entitled, "Mutt and Jeff in Mexico".

After breaking all established theatrical records for volume of business and pleasing audiences, this remarkable attraction, will offer an entire new entertainment for the coming season retaining nothing but the hits and those two character conceits, "A Mutt" and his little friend "Otuelo Montgomery Jeffries."

The fact has been conceded by the best newspaper authorities in the world, that "Mutt and Jeff" cartoons, and likewise the play of the same title, are the most remarkable successes in the history of the Press and Theatricals.

In a number of cities where this attraction has played four or five times in the last two years their last engagement was better than the first and the first was to the capacity of the theatre.

This seasons offering will show an entirely new scenic and electrical production, consisting of several sensational mechanical effects never before attempted in a musical comedy.

Every real cartoon success in the last thirty years has been under the direction of Gus Hill. His success with Mutt and Jeff is now the talk of the entire theatrical world and his judgment in selecting the cartoons as the material for the play has made him a fortune. No expense has been spared to make the new edition even more attractive than the original production. An entire new musical score has been furnished.

Elizabeth City Theatre goes and amusement lovers should not fail to see "Mutt and Jeff" at the Alkrama Theatre next Friday night. Owing to the fact that many will attend from Edenton and other points south of Elizabeth City and wish to return on the night express the curtain will go up promptly at 8.15.—Adv.

SUCCESSFUL REVIVALS ON BAPTIST FIELD

Poplar Branch, N. C., Aug., 21—Pastor J. T. Ragland is in the midst of his revival meeting season just now, having held such services at three of his churches already. At Coinjock and Whales Head he was assisted by Rev. C. R. Angell of Elizabeth City and at Rehoboth by Rev. L. T. Reed of Elizabeth City. At the last named church there were eight additions.

Mr. Ragland will hold a meeting here beginning on the second Sunday in September and at Powells Point beginning on Monday after the third Sunday in September. In these meetings he will be assisted by Rev. W. B. Haight of Belhaven.

MONTAGUE—EASTWOOD

Harbinger, N. C., Aug., 21st—Mr. Calvin Montague and Miss Lida Eastwood were married Sunday afternoon at four o'clock by justice of the peace E. V. Melson.