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Germans Against Allies Fight To Standstill Both Sides Claiming Advantages As Result Of Last Five Days Carnage

The battle along the Aisne beginning six days ago is still in progress at this writing and probably the most terrific struggle of the war up to this time is now at its height without decided advantage for either side.

It is certain that the Germans retreat has halted suddenly, that the Allies in repeated attacks have not been able to weaken their resistance, that both armies have entrenched themselves along the line indicated in the last issue of this paper and are bombarding each other with heavy artillery with deadly effect.

The historic city of Rheims where Joan of Arc saw the consummation of her dreams in witnessing the triumphal coronation of her sovereign Charles VII is part of the battle line of the Allies and is being heavily bombarded by the Germans at incalculable loss. It is reported from Berlin that orders have been issued to spare the ancient and renowned cathedral of Rheims, but from Paris comes the report that this relic of another age has already been struck and completely wrecked by the German shells. This cathedral was erected in the 13th century and is regarded as the most perfect example in grandeur and grace of Gothic architecture. In this cathedral was crowned each successive sovereign of France from Phillip I to Charles X.

Reports from the front since the last issue of this paper went to press indicate that the impression given by the dispatches at that time that the Germans had abandoned the Alsatian frontier were erroneous. So the entire German battle line is still a broad V, extending from Metz southward to the Swiss frontier and eastward to Noyon on the River Oise. Nearly all the serious fighting however has occurred and no doubt the largest number of troops is to be found on the eastern arm of the V. Both southern and eastern arms now swing on Metz as a pivot and if the Germans are successful on both wings the centre may be expected to move forward to the position of La Fère-Francois which was held by the Germans when their retiring movement began about two weeks ago.

It is now claimed at Berlin that the German retirement was made necessary not by the offensive movement of the Allies but by the need of establishing better communication with their base.

Summing up the situation at the present writing it may be said that the English dispatches indicate that the Allies are

CITY SCHOOLS BEGIN SESSION

The Elizabeth City Graded Schools opened yesterday morning for the regular work of the coming session. No definite announcement as to enrolment has been given out but judging from appearances the attendance this year will be larger than ever heretofore.

Following the morning exercises Superintendent Spragins made a short address in which he asked that teachers and parents co-operate this year to make self help the key note of the pupils work. He suggested that parents some time do their children real injury by giving them help too easily and that even the teacher should regard himself as a guide to knowledge and attainment rather than as one who merely hands these things to the children.

Pupils were then assigned to their various rooms and the routine work of the session taken up.

Quite a number of patrons and school trustees were present for the opening exercises.

ITTLE CHILD DEAD

The two year old child of Mr. Robert Lowry of Salem township died Sunday night of spinal meningitis. The funeral will be conducted this afternoon by Rev. C. R. Angell at Salem Baptist Church.

still gaining ground on the Germans but slowly. French advices seem to indicate that the two armies have fought each other to a standstill, while the Germans claim that the Allies are again on the defensive. This paper expects the next news to be either that the English have flanked the German right and forced its retirement or else that the Germans have moved forward in the neighborhood of Rheims. The news from the German eastern frontier over which the Russian hordes continue to pour in increasing number is unimportant. There are reports of minor engagements on the seas in which honors are about even, both Germans and English having met with some success.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Buxton of Newport News returned home yesterday after a short visit to Mr. Buxton's sister, Mrs. J. H. White on Main Street. Mr. and Mrs. Buxton were accompanied by their three children.

SUPERIOR COURT IS IN SESSION

Civil Docket Will Be Reached Wednesday If Calendar is Adhered To.

Superior Court convened here yesterday with Judge Carter on the bench. Yesterday and today were to be given over to the criminal docket and divorce cases. For the rest of the week the calendar is as follows:

Wednesday, September 23rd—J. C. Thompson vs Roper Lumber Company. W. T. Old, receiver, vs. Leroy Steamboat Company.

Thursday, September 24—W. H. Weatherly vs. J. Q. Cartwright.

Friday, September 25—Mercantile Finance Company vs. Evans and Meekins. A. B. Seeley and Sons vs. C. Holmes. C. E. Kramer vs. Hathaway and Hollowell. J. H. Duke vs. Norfolk Southern Railroad Company. Yark Sessoms vs. Tony Spruill. Aydlett Bros. Company vs. A. L. Aydlett.

Monday September 28—R. C. Barcliff vs. Norfolk Southern Railroad Company. Cicero White et al vs. James H. Perry John W. Martin vs. C. C. McDonald.

Tuesday, September 29—Dare Lumber Company vs. Fidelity and Casualty Company. D. B. Munden vs. G. R. Bright. Bessie Sadler vs. Willie Nixon. Wilson Walker vs. A. L. Aydlett. E. A. Beals vs. Abner Sawyer.

Wednesday, September 30—Nathan Riddick vs. H. D. Pendleton and H. B. Winslow. E. D. J. Doyle vs. Charles W. Bush. W. B. and E. Copper-smith vs. Joseph Godfrey and wife. Elizabeth City vs. W. J. Woodley. Elizabeth City vs. Crystal Ice and Coal Company.

Thursday, October 1—Moo-gram Company vs. Lavenstein Brothers. Samuel Godfrey vs. Atlantic Horse Insurance Company. Katie Moore vs. Moses Sawyer. Royal Typewriter Co. vs. W. L. Cohoon. R. E. Quinn and Company vs. A. C. L. and N. S. B. R.

Friday, October 2nd.—J. M. Hilson vs. Elizabeth City Milling Company. A. G. Burrow vs. Peter Mullen. Frank E. Fletcher vs. C. W. Overman. Joseph G. Owens and wife vs. J. W. Munden. W. H. Weatherly Co vs. L. P. Lopes Company. Julius Molmes vs. Lavenstein Brothers. Williams and Smith vs. Atlantic Horse Insurance Company. Clara Bryan vs. Benonie Pailin.

NEGRO MAN DROWNED

A negro, Solomon Thompson, whose home is at Okisko, was drowned in the harbor here last Thursday night; stepping off a lumber barge in the dark, which was towed by the Roanoke. He was employed in the lumber woods at Mill Dam Creek in Camden county.

MANTEO LIKES NEW MINSTRELS

Weaver's Bunch Makes a Hit With Amusement Lovers at Dare's Capital.

Manteo, N. C. Sept. 19—Featuring "Happy Jack Douglas and the Louisiana Quartette," Weaver & Harding's big Jubilee minstrel show was staged at Manteo September 17th and 18th. This is one of the first good shows that have made their appearance in Manteo for some time—the public's temper having been worn to the edge of late by several bum shows—consequently drew a capacity house. The troupe maintains its headquarters at Norfolk and consists of L. Waldorf, Musical Director; K. L. Zeigler; Beeton Hopkins; W. M. Williams; L. F. Mann; Jordan Ward; and Sam Harris; also several others.

The program Thursday night was so well received that only a few variations were made in the program for the following night. Opening with the chorus, "Old Black Joe," the entire performance received immense applause. Within the law" was well rendered by Harding. Several negro dialogues were well rendered and also some pleasing selections of popular and familiar songs; including "Sing me the Rosary," "You Can't get Away From It," "The Garden of My Heart," "Old Oaken Bucket," "Come After Breakfast, Bring Along Your Lunch, and Leave 'Fore Supper Time," "The Trail of a Lonesome Pine," "There's a Girl in the Heart of Maryland" Weaver's violin music was excellent as well as L. F. Mann's cornet and accompaniment.

Weaver's show has only been organized a few weeks, but it is promising. In the next few days the troupe intends performing at South Mills, Roper, Williamston, Robesonville, Plymouth and other points.

The Band serenaded the town Friday and played for the High School; they donated a large percentage of the proceeds to the Manteo High School.

REED RESIGNS AT CORINTH

Rev. L. T. Reed at the Saturday morning service at Corinth Baptist church tendered his resignation as pastor there, to take effect the first of next month. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell who is now supplying the pulpit of the First Baptist Church has been preaching in a series of revival services at Corinth for the last week and the meeting closed Sunday with excellent results.

NOTICE: Miss Elizabeth Baker's Music Studio opened Monday September 21st. Pupils please register for lessons at once. New England Conservatory Method, Boston, taught. T. & F. Sep. 22—Oct 11.

MOYOCK MAN HAS GOOD CORN

Expects Eighty Bushels to Acre and Cotton Yield Of a Bale Per Acre

Moyock, N. C. Sept. 21—Mr. F. B. Simpkins has an excellent crop of cotton and corn. His cotton will probably yield as much as a bale per acre while the corn will average at least eighty bushels per acre. Mr. Seips who is largely interested in the Provident Land Company secured samples of this cotton and corn to carry back to Ohio to show the people there the agricultural progress being made in Currituck County.

MAKING SURVEY FOR RAILROAD

Moyock, N. C. Sept. 21—Mr. Bonney, the Civil Engineer, for prospective Currituck and Dare County Railroad Company with the assistance of Messrs D. W. Bagley and A. W. Flora are making a survey of the proposed railroad route through Currituck County. Mr. Bonney began the survey at Moyock about the first week in September having reached Poplar Branch at the present time.

EXCURSION FARES FOR CIRCUS

On Monday, September 28th, the Norfolk Southern will offer special excursion rates to Norfolk return on account of Ringling Bros. Show and 101 Rauch Will West Show.

There are also special attractions advertised at the Norfolk theatres for hat date and all who take advantage of the special rates can no doubt find entertainment according to their liking.

These special tickets will be honored on all Norfolk Southern trains September 28th. The last train returning from Norfolk leaves a 9 o'clock of that evening.

\$15000 BONDS

Bids will be received by the Elizabeth City Hospital Company until October 15th for \$15,000 worth of 6 per cent Bonds dated October 1st, 1914; Interest payable semiannually April 1st and October 1st.

The said bonds are of \$500 denomination and numbered, beginning at No 1 and so on consecutively to no 30 inclusive. Bonds no 1 and no 2 fall due Oct. 1st 1919—payable in gold coin of U. S. A. and \$1000 becomes due and payable Oct. 1st each year thereafter until all are retired.

The above bond issue is amply secured by First Mortgage upon the Hospital Company's property. No bid entertained below par.—Address all bids to either Dr. O. McMullan, President or D. B. Bradford, Treasurer.

IS OPPOSED TO THE CHAIN GANG

Not to One Here But to The System. Would Work Prisoners on Road, However

In his charge to the grand jury at the opening of court yesterday morning Judge Carter laid special stress on the duty of the jurymen to ascertain the conditions of the County jail and of the county chain gang. "I have to sentence men to this chain gang," Judge Carter said, "both from your own and other counties and I want to be assured, as far as I can, that it is properly maintained and conducted."

In making his charge Judge Carter took occasion to say that the county chain gang in his opinion was an inhuman institution. To send a man where he will be put to work in stripes and chains and under a gun he characterized as brutalizing in the extreme and the system itself a very training school for crime. A man sent to the chain gang in Judge Carter's opinion seldom if ever is a decent citizen again.

Judge Carter did not mean, he went on to say, that he was opposed to working county prisoners on the roads. But in his opinion, putting the prisoners on some sort of honor system would give better results from the standpoint of the amount of work done and at the same time would do the men sent to the chain gang good instead of evil. Some prisoners, of course, he said, would not be amenable to the system but most would and others could be dealt with through some other agency.

If Judge Carter's ideas were adopted prisoners sent to the roads would not be required to wear stripes, would be unfettered, and the man who supervised their work would not stand guard over them with a gun in his hand. This is in line with the prison reform movement and is said to have been found entirely practicable.

The judge's charge was very impressive and in speaking of visiting prisoners he said that there is Divine assurance that he who interests himself in the needs of these unfortunates will not go without his reward.

ANGELL IN CAMDEN MEETING

Rev. C. R. Angell held a meeting at Geneva Baptist church in Camden county last week. Reports indicate an interesting and helpful meeting. Fourteen were received for baptism and quite a number renewed their fellowship with the church. A Sunday School was organized, five new deacons were elected and the work well set on its feet generally. Good crowds attended and much interest was manifest throughout the meetings.