

Deadlock on Aisne Remains Unbroken

Spectacular Fighting and Terrific Slaughter Have Occurred Without Changing Posi- tion of Contending Armies

During the week that is just ending the American public has been held to an attitude of watchful waiting by the lack of any news of a definite or decided character from the scene of carnage in Europe.

The incessant roar of heavy artillery has almost made itself heard and felt across the Atlantic, so vivid are the pictures of the conflict of giants now shaking France to its foundations—but as to results there has been nothing to tell.

This does not mean that the war for the past week has been devoid of thrilling episodes and events of enthralling interest. Over the wires has come this week the account of an aeroplane fight above the housetops of Paris in which the Frenchman sent the German hurtling to earth and to death. Ships have been sunk on the high seas and England is especially serious over the loss of three of her armored cruisers which were destroyed with nearly two thousand men in the North Sea by German submarines. Accounts of the fighting in France have told how the soldiers have fought to exhaustion and at heavy cost in life on both sides. Fighting along the banks of a river swollen by recent rains water and mud have had to be contended with as well as bayonets and bullets. Dispatches have told of men fighting in trenches waist deep in water, of nine miles of dead bodies in trenches, of the English adopting the Jap's method of attack—charging as near as possible to the enemy's position and then there digging trenches to fight behind and to afford protection for reinforcements.

All of this has held the world's attention almost to the breaking point but none of it has told of decided advantage for either side. In all the clash of arms along the banks of the Aisne there has been practically of this newspaper went to press in the alignment of the contending armies. Still stretches the far flung battle line of the Allies from the Amiens across the Oise, then along the Aisne and across that river between Sedan and Laon, and from there due west through Verdun to the German frontier. Still stand the Germans in their trenches, solid apparently as the hills which are their bulwarks, from Noyon along the North bank of the Aisne then through the hills to the North of Rheims, due west to Metz, which is still

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MR. JNO. BROCK GOES TO REWARD

Was One of Most Highly Respected Citizens of Currituck

Powells Point, N.C. Sept. 22—John Brock died at his home about one mile from Powells Point Baptist Church last Monday afternoon at five o'clock.

Mr. Brock has been in failing health for two years but was until the time of his death able to go to Church and Sunday School. His last illness was short.

Mr. Brock was seventy three years of age and had been for sixty years a member of Powells Point Baptist Church and for forty five years superintendent of the Sunday School, a leader in church work and liberal toward every good cause.

Mr. Brock had four children living, one son died at the age of twenty one. All of these were the children of his first wife, Lethia Dozier, whom he married in 1868, and who died in 1877. Thirty four years ago he married Sallie Owens. Every member of his family have been loyal members of the Baptist Church. The children who survive him are C. H. Brock, C. A. Brock, and W. A. Brock all of Powells Point, and Mrs. Mollie Jard of Virginia Beach.

The funeral services were conducted at Powell's Point Baptist Church on Tuesday September the twenty second by Rev. N. P. Stallings who has been his pastor for seven years. Mr. Stallings spoke of him as "my best friend and a man whom I loved for his fidelity and devotion to Christian ideals." A large crowd attended the funeral expressing by their presence the loss felt throughout the community in the death of an excellent citizen and sincere friend. Interment followed the funeral services in the Poells Point Burying Ground.

Although a man of limited educational advantages, Mr. Brock possessed a liberal mind and notable attainment in culture as well as unusual strength of character.

LOST—Automobile top cover Wednesday night on some street in city. Finder please return to the office of the Texas Oil Company and receive reward. It pd.

TYRREL FARMERS WANT TEN CENTS

And Say That They In- tend to Help Them- selves Get It

Columbia, N. C. Sept. 22—A meeting was held last Saturday in the Court house here for the purpose of discussing the cotton situation.

The farmers of the county voted in favor of not less than ten cents for their cotton, and plans for making this price possible were discussed.

A committee was appointed to look after the interests of the cotton growers of the county. This committee consists of H. T. Davenport, W. W. Sawyer, J. G. Brickhouse, W. E. Spencer, and H. W. Liverman. Joseph E. Reynolds was made secretary of the meeting.

Meetings will be held every Saturday afternoon at three o'clock in the court house and every one interested in the cotton situation and the welfare of the section generally is urged to attend these meetings.

GOOD ENROLMENT AT OPENING

The Elizabeth City Schools show an increased enrolment for the new session.

The number enrolled in the Primary School is 487, in the Grammar School, 452, and in the High School, 132. The total number is 1,071, which is equal to the total enrolment of last year.

This statement is made without reference to the negro schools, only one of which has opened.

Superintendent Spragins says that he is much pleased with the way the pupils are getting into their work and that the outlook is bright for a successful session.

TO THE VOTERS OF CURRITUCK

I am still in the run for Register of Deeds.

It has been reported that I have withdrawn my candidacy. I do not blame anyone but myself for the rumor.

To my misfortune I have always been discouraged. Court week I learned that each faction had a man out for Register of Deeds. It then seemed useless for me to go any further with my canvas so I threw up hands. This is why the rumor started. My friends did not approve of it and still insisted that I remain a candidate. I appreciate this in them, and I shall remain a candidate and take what is coming to me with good feelings to all.

J. F. SUMMERELL,
31 n pt Point Harbor, N. C.

LOST 500 GALLONS OIL

The Texas Oil Company lost between five and six hundred gallons of gasoline Wednesday by the bursting of a pipe which connects the office with the big tanks on Goat Island.

SCHOOL SHOWS MUCH PROGRESS

At Poplar Branch High School Enrolment Doubles.

Poplar Branch, N.C. Sept. 22—The Poplar Branch School is going forward with the new session's work.

The number of High School students is now more than double the number last year and there are twenty three students from other districts this year against five last year, while still others are expected.

The music department, under the direction of Miss Katie Bray is almost overflowing. Thirty pupils have registered and others are coming in all the time. Interest in this department has increased greatly throughout the community this year.

On Monday evening at eight o'clock a delightful reception was given in the new school building to the new students. The patrons and students met together enjoying games, contests and music, and an altogether pleasant evening was spent.

FIRE ON RIVERSIDE

The home of Mr. Forbes on Riverside Avenue was destroyed by fire Wednesday morning. The fire originated in the roof of the building and had gained considerable headway before it was discovered. There had been no fire in the house since last spring and it is supposed that mice carried matches into the roof. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

WORTHY OF ATTENTION

Especial attention is called to the advertisement and statement of the Savings Bank and Trust Company in this issue. This progressive and growing bank carries a regular advertisement in every issue of this paper and readers will do well always to note what it has to say.

NOTICE!

All persons having claims against the Eastern Carolina Transportation Company, prior to August 12th, 1914, will please forward itemized statements of account to C. R. Pugh, Elizabeth City, North Carolina that same may have prompt attention.

WILL PREACH ON PROHIBITION VICTORY

Dr. Blackwell will preach Sunday night at the First Baptist Church on "The Dry Victory in Virginia and its Blessings to North Carolina Business, Homes and Churches."

HOME FOR RENT—8 room residence on Third Street. Electric lights, gas and water.—J. O. MEGGS.—710 North Road Street. 3t 1/2pd.

101 RANCH IS REAL WILD WEST

All in Show Have Been Rough Riders on Tex- as Plains

Seven young women, each an expert with the lariat, will pay their first visit to Elizabeth City on Thursday October the first of October when Miller Brothers and Arlington 101 Ranch Real Wild West comes to town for two performances at the old show grounds.

It is the first tour of this septette who are fresh from the celebrated 101 Ranch at Bliss, Oklahoma, the largest Range now in existence in the western country. They are members of the cow girl group—the largest with any exhibition.

Bessie Harberg, the leader of the seven is the popular type of a "cowgirl." The entire seven are lively, athletic young ladies with a superfluity of nerve and animal spirits, the development of the stock-raising southwest. In affairs where skill is the chief qualification, they all take equal chances with their cowboy brothers, and the bevy of rompers is included in the feast of new events that the Miller Brothers and Edward Arlington have prepared for this season.

In one of the events during the performance the seven girls appear with the cowboy lariat throwers. Chester Byers, who holds the medal from the last Winnipeg frontier celebration, and Lowrey Durwell conceded to the neatest trick roper of the prairie, are among the men pitted against the young women. The Tango Lariats show the young women wielding the long ropes in figures of the latest dances while they themselves accurately dance the various steps. Advt.

TO THE VOTERS OF DARE COUNTY

I take this method of announcing myself an Independent Candidate for Sheriff of Dare County.

I shall make a canvass of the entire County before election day and fully explain my position to the people.

Until then I content myself by saying that if elected I will devote my entire time and efforts to faithfully performing all the duties of the office, and will pay all money collected to the Treasurer as early as practicable, and publish monthly reports of same in the public press.

Respectfull,
J. D. HAYMAN

BLACKWELL MEMORIAL

Rev. I. N. Loftin will preach on Sunday morning from the subject "Things that cannot be shaken." On Sunday evening the subject of his sermon will be "A people's immortal prayer and it's answer."

Free Pants offer expires Positively to-morrow.
—The Quality Tailors— Main

CONVICTS WORK WITHOUT IRONS

This and Resignation of Guards Immediate Re- sult of Judge Car- ter's Investi- gation

Following his recommendation to the grand jury on Monday of this week that they inform themselves as to the conditions on the county chain gang, such complaints and reports reached Judge Carter's ears as to make him feel that an investigation of these reports was necessary.

He began this investigation last Tuesday. All the men on the chain gang were brought into the court room and privately examined by the Judge who took them into a room and received their unsworn testimony with no witness except the court stenographer. This examination of the prisoners began at half past two o'clock Tuesday afternoon and continued until five o'clock. When the last prisoner had been examined the Judge came back to the bench and called Mr. G. M. Scott, chairman of the county board of commissioners, to the witness stand.

"Have you ever heard", the Judge asked Mr. Scott, "of any drinking among the guards of county chain gang?"

Mr. Scott replied that certain rumors that there was some drinking among those in charge of the chain gang had reached him.

"Did you investigate these rumors"? pressed the Judge.

Mr. Scott admitted that he did not.

Judge Carter then wanted to know if Mr. Scott was aware that many of the prisoners had running sores on their legs where the shackles were fastened about their ankles. Mr. Scott replied that he did not.

"Were I to tell you then" pursued the Judge, "that numbers of these men have such sores would you see to it that the practice of shackling men like this is stopped," Mr. Scott replied that he would certainly try to do so.

"Would you be able to stop it"? questioned the Judge.

"I do not know" was the answer. I should certainly try and I think that I could stop it."

"I must say this, Mr. Scott," was the Judge's conclusion, "There are a great many things in this county that you do not know and ought to know."

Mr. Scott defended himself by stating that the present chain gang supervisor was elected over his protest and upon Mr. Week's election he had resigned his position as manager of the road. The Judge interrupted Mr. Scott here to say that Weeks was the best man among those in charge of the chain gang. Mr. Scott then continued, saying that he was opposed to the chain gang system any way and that after Mr. E. S. Scott had been elected his successor as road manager

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