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TREND OF EVENTS IN WORLDS WAR

A Review of The Most Important Happenings Of The New Year

Of war and rumors of war the world has grown weary. When the news that all Europe was in arms first reached the United States the western world was electrified. Daily papers put up great bulletin boards which flashed the latest news from the front before the eyes of hundreds of eager watchers. Today perhaps half of the readers of this newspaper know that the Germans last week won a victory around Soissons that has broken the four months deadlock along the Rivers Aisne.

When the war began this paper endeavored to give its readers a review of the latest war news in every issue. As general interest declined and as winter began to hamper the movements of the contending armies the story of the war was told in these columns once a week or less often. Since the first of the year there has been no report of war news in the Advance at all. The last war story appeared in the issue of December 22nd and told of the descent of a German squadron upon the English coast which subjected these shores for the first time in centuries to hostile fire.

In order to grasp the trend of events a brief review here will perhaps be to the reader's advantage. There have now been six months of this fighting. During the first month fortune was with the Germans. As it closed September 4th Von Kluck's legions were thundering down upon Paris within sight of that city's tallest towers. The second month, however, saw the Germans deprived of much of the advantage of their dashing attack. By October 4th their army had been forced back upon the defensive until its most advanced outposts were not nearer than seventy miles to the French capital. Moreover, in the east the Russian armies had mobilized and were sweeping west in a rush so powerful that Germany was obliged to divide her armies in order to protect her eastern frontier. So it might be said that Germany and Austria were by this time reduced to a stage of siege. October, November and December saw no decided advantage gained by either side.

The most dramatic event of the first week of the new year was the destruction of the British battleship 'Formidable' which went to her doom somewhere off the Dover coast in the English channel with a loss of over 500 men.

During the second week of January Russian successes against the Turks overshadowed other news from the front, it being the claim from Petrograd that the Turkish invasion of the Russian Caucasus had been repulsed and the Turkish army practically annihilated or captured. A Rus-

BREAD DEMONSTRATION TO-DAY

Parker Brothers have an announcement in this issue which will be of great interest to the housewives of Elizabeth City and of the adjacent territory. Today at their store in the Hinton Building will be given a demonstration of "Holsom" bread and "Puritee Kakes" which this progressive firm has just taken the agency for and which will be delivered to customers in sanitary sealed packages.

The housewives' leagues of other cities have demanded of their bakers that their bread be put up in such a way as to secure absolute cleanliness and sanitation, and their demands have been met. Parker Brothers have been making every effort to secure bread in such packages from nearby bakeries ever since they have been doing business here and they are pleased to announce that at last they have secured this service from a Richmond concern. This bakery will have a number of ladies and other representatives here today, for today only, to demonstrate the manner in which this bread and cake is made and it goes without saying that the demonstration will be one of interest to every housewife in the community. The public generally is cordially invited to attend the demonstration.

Asian advance upon Turkish territory was immediately begun and is indeed supposed to be now under way but at the same time the Turks appear to have gained some advantage in Persia and to have occupied the important city of Tabriz near the Russian border. The Turkish base in their advance against Persia has been the ancient and once splendid city of Bagdad, even now the second city of importance in the Ottoman empire.

During the third week in January those who are still following closely the events of the war were thrilled by the sudden and unlooked for success of the German offensive in France referred to in the beginning of this article. After the capture of Brussels and Ostend the Germans began a tremendous offensive along the coast of Flanders toward Dunkirk, without, however, gaining permanent advantage. Since the failure of that offensive the Germans had been spending most of their energy in the direction of Von Hindenburg's drive toward Warsaw. Meanwhile the Allies in France had assumed the offensive but without being able to make any important gains. Following the French attack in the region around Soissons in the early part of last week Von Kluck lunged in a counter plunge that drove the French from that position and forced them to abandon their trenches along the Aisne all the way from Soissons to Vailly. This victory is the first of importance since the capture of Lodz in the campaign against Warsaw and has brought the Germans again within sixty miles of Paris and put them in a position where they can attack Rheims from the West. But sixty miles in fighting such as has marked the campaign in France is a long way.

HERTFORD HAS A CHAUTAUQUA

Three Days Entertainment Festival To Be There In February

Hertford, N. C., Jan. 28th—Local boosters are working hard to make the coming Chautauqua in Hertford a success, and the big advance sale of season tickets has been very encouraging. Contracts have been signed with the Radcliffe Attraction Co., of Washington, D. C., booking the Mid-Winter Festival for three days, February 8th, 9th and 10th, and an attempt will be made to conduct a farmers institute and a big educational rally during the week.

The entertainments, which will include lectures, vocal and instrumental music, impersonations, readings, etc., will be given in the graded school auditorium every afternoon and evening during the festival.

The following committee is in charge of the arrangements:

- George E. Major, Rev. F. M. Shamburger, W. R. White, J. R. McMillan, W. T. Brown, J. L. Tucker, Dr. Robt. W. Smith, Wm. B. Hudson, R. L. Knowles, W. F. C. Edwards, Dr. Thomas S. McMullan, B. F. Bray, W. E. White, D. M. Field, Wm. Madre, L. R. Crawford, Wm. G. Gaither and Geo. E. Newby.

ALKRAMA BOOKS ANOTHER COMPANY

The Alkrama Theatre has on its program for next week a play for each night by the Bijou Stock Company with vaudeville between the acts. This company has just finished a two weeks' engagement at Wilmington and another at Durham and from Elizabeth City will go to Suffolk for two weeks. The entertainment afforded by the company playing at the Alkrama a few weeks ago and the crowds attracted by their popular priced shows would seem an indication that next week's offerings may be expected to fill the theatre each night with a large number of pleasure seekers. The Bijou Stock Company comes with enthusiastic praise and high recommendations for clean shows from former cities visited.

DEATH AT HERTFORD

Hertford, N. C., Jan. 28th—Mrs. Will Umphlett, daughter of Mr. Thomas Walters of Hertford, died suddenly on Tuesday morning at her home near Hertford after a short illness, from pneumonia. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. F. M. Shamburger at the Hertford Methodist Church on Wednesday afternoon, interment being made in the local cemetery.

Mrs. Umphlett, who was formerly Miss Florence Walters, was well known throughout this section of the country, where she had a host of relatives and friends, to whom the news of her death has been a sad shock.

SPEAKS FROM COAST TO COAST

New York Now Has Tele- phone Connection With San Francisco.

Less than forty years ago, Alexander Graham Bell standing in a little attic at No. 5 Exeter Place, Boston, sent through a crude telephone, his own invention, the first spoken words ever carried over a wire, and the words were heard and understood by his associate, Thomas A. Watson, who was at the receiver in an adjacent room. On that day, March 10th 1876, the telephone was born, and the first message went over the only telephone line in the world—a line less than a hundred feet long. The world moves a long way ahead in the span of a man's life. On Monday afternoon, January 25th, this same Alexander Graham Bell sitting in the offices of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company at New York, talked to this same Thomas Watson in San Francisco, over a wire stretching 3,400 miles across the continent and part of a system that includes 9,000,000 telephones connected by 21,000,000 miles of wires.

In that same memorable year of 1876, Dom Pedro de Alcantara, Emperor of Brazil, visiting the first telephone exhibition at our first great national show, the Philadelphia centennial, picked up the receiver, listened as Professor Bell talked at the other end of the room, and, amazed at the wonder of the thing, cried out: "My God—it speaks." Had Dom Pedro lived to see the Pan American Exposition he could have heard Professor Bell talking to him, not merely from the other end of the room, but from the other end of a continent.

The Pan American Exposition itself, planned to celebrate the completion of the Panama Canal and the joining of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, will mark a still closer wedding of the East and West. When its gates are thrown open on February 20th, San Francisco will not only be nearer to New York through a shortening of its water ways, but will be in constant and instantaneous touch with it through the medium of speech. It is a curious fact, too, that this second great feat of engineering, this other canal, this even more intimate connection between the two seaboard, has been completed in the same year. Quietly, almost unnoticed, but steadily and bravely, while the gigantic steam shovels were cutting their way through the earth in the South, the engineers of sound and electricity were weaving their magic webs through the air and pushing on toward Golden Gate. Their work has been less spectacular, it has excited little attention, but these men have met obstacles as hard to overcome as the Culebra slide and they have conquered them. The long dreamed of Transcontinental Line is no longer a dream. New York can talk to San Fran-

MEN ATTEND DINNER

Nearly every man interested in Christ Church turned out last Friday night to the dinner given by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. The ladies' guild furnished a splendid menu.

B. E. Finney of Savannah, Ga., general secretary of the South for the brotherhood, spoke of his work and of the increasing interest men are taking in church work all through the South.

J. C. B. Ehringhaus, solicitor of this district, a member of the church, spoke of the bright outlook for the church and urged the men to take more interest in it, especially in the Sunday school.

W. S. Copeland, editor of the Daily Press and the Times Herald of Newport News, Va., captivated the audience with his bright and helpful talk on the Bible and Bible classes. Mr. Copeland began by saying that when a young man, he came to the conclusion that he could do more for civic righteousness by getting others interested in the Bible than in any other way. Since then he has been constantly engaged in teaching it. He pointed out that the great lessons of the Bible are: obedience, faithfulness and love. Mrs. M. B. Griffin sang a solo and the choir rendered an anthem.

Rev. C. A. Ashby, rector of the church presided. He referred to the fact that the Bishop of North Carolina, on his last visit stated that Christ Church was a men's church. In the last confirmation class there were three times as many men as women.

The young men of the church have taken charge of night services and keep them up.

EXAMINATIONS AT HERTFORD

Hertford, N. C., Jan. 28th—Mid term examinations are now under way in the graded schools. The total enrollment in the schools for the first half of year shows 280 and the indications are that the yearly enrollment will cross the 300 mark. There are 50 students in the High School, the classes in that department being larger than ever before.

This is the tenth year since the foundation of the present school system, and May will witness the graduation of the first class that has completed the entire school course from the first grade. The present senior class is the largest in the history of the school, there being 17 on the roll, all of whom will probably complete the course and graduate in May.

NEW YORK CAN TALK TO SAN FRANCISCO

Now that the continent is spanned by this vital cord stretching from ocean to ocean not only may New York speak to San Francisco; but any city that can get New York can get San Francisco also. After Dr. Bell had spoken on Monday to Watson in San Francisco President Wilson at Washington was called to talk across the continent to the president of the Panama Pacific Exposition. Then from Jekyll Island, far down the Atlantic coast, Theo-

'SWEET ALMA' COMES AGAIN

Big Musical Success That Scored Here at Alkrama Next Month.

The musical comedy, "Alma, where do you live," which attracted a record house at the Alkrama at its appearance here two years ago, is to come again one week after next. The opportunity of seeing and hearing again this popular musical comedy will be welcomed by theater goers and amusement lovers of all this section.

One of the features of this production will be the singing of Celia Mavis, the Australian Prima Donna, formerly with the J. C. Williamson force, who has the title role.

The "Alma" waltz was pronounced by press and public to be the greatest musical gem since the Blue Danube. It crowded Joe Weber's Theatre for an entire year and its music has been played millions of times by the various piano playing devices.

The opera is owned by Miss Adelaide French, the only woman theatrical manager in the world. Her able lieutenant in this patriotic enterprise was Edouard Durand, who played the role of Count Bolivaico in the original production abroad and who put the real French dash and vive into the piece which was once a French vaudeville.

NEW AUDITORIUM FURNISHED

Poplar Branch, N. C., Jan. 25—Thirty new seats have been placed in the new high school auditorium here, contributed by interested members of the community.

These seats were purchased Kramer Bros. & Co. of Elizabeth City. Others are soon to be installed. The list of those contributing \$1.65, the price of one seat is as follows: Mrs. St. Clair O'Neal, Mrs. Arizona Parker, Mrs. Robert Walker, Miss Hattie Dozier, J. J. Evans, Thos. J. Vans, John Aydlett, E. D. Bowden, C. H. Simpson, G. W. Meggs, Chas. Forbes, W. D. Barco, L. C. Baum, W. A. Docery, John L. Gregory, B. P. Clark, L. O. Eaton, T. D. M. Woodhouse, Dr. J. C. Baum, D. W. Woodhouse, J. T. White, W. H. Hampton, Major Woodhouse, Jas. Forbes, John Fisher, Willis Gallop, Mrs. S. J. Parker, C. H. Brock.

Others contributing to this fund are: Mrs. C. V. Spry, Woodland, Md., \$2.00, Thos. Thompson, 25 cents, Paul Beals \$1.50, B. P. Clark \$1.50, Neidie Midgett, \$1.00, Fletcher Spry, \$1.00, L. Morrisette, 75 cents, Leonard Woodhouse 50 cents, Ike Forbes \$1.00, Herbert Forbes, \$1.00, Jas. Forbes, \$1.00.

N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, spoke to Washington and New York and San Francisco, his voice leaping across four thousand miles of space instantly.