

FORTUNE FAVORS GERMAN EAGLES

Serbs in Desperate Straits and Allied Forces Sent to Balkans too Weak to Hold Territory Already Gained

For nearly three months The Advance has been watching the trend of events of the war in Europe anxiously awaiting definite decision on some one of the many battle fronts so that it might be written that one or another campaign had come to a close and that another phase of the war had begun.

In the effort to open up the Dardanelles and so give Russian grain an outlet to the sea England has been able to maintain her precarious foothold on the Gallipoli peninsula, but she can report little or no progress.

In fact, since the end of the first month of the war, when the German armies were thundering at the gates of Paris, there has been no period when German arms have appeared so triumphant as they do today, nor has there been at any period when the Allies were confronted with such difficult problems as they face at this time.

It was in the Advance of August 10th that the story of the fall of Warsaw was told, and in that issue also it was pointed out that the Russians were trying to envelope and destroy or capture their opponents.

When the German drive began the Russian line stretched from the Gulf of Riga on the Baltic Sea southward to the Carpathians in Eastern Galicia. Its center bulged forward in a wide 'v' with the fortress of Novo Georgievsk, east of Warsaw as its vertex.

The little fortress of Ossowietz northwest of Warsaw was the point about which Von Hindenberg's attack centered. This fortress could not be demolished by the German siege guns because the surrounding country was too swampy to afford solid foundation for their emplacements even when these had been strengthened by piles driven deep into the mire.

movement and the delay at Ossowietz gave the Russian forces in the Warsaw salient time to escape. So precipitate, however, was their flight that the Germans entered Warsaw on August 21st almost without resistance and completely cut off in Novo Georgievsk the Russian garrison of 90,000 men.

This is practically the point to which the reader was brought in the last war story in this newspaper which appeared on August 27th. If the German offensive had ended there as every one seemed to believe it would, and if the Germans had fortified themselves on their new lines and the field of operations had again shifted to the West, the matter of following the events of the war would have been much more simple.

The Battle of Vilna At the close of the campaign just outlined the Russian army was divided into three separate units; one at Riga and to the South of the gulf of that name, one northward from the Roumanian frontier, and one central division between the northern and southern units.

In order to disguise this plan, strong offensives were launched up on the northern and southern army groups, in order to draw Russian reinforcements into both these areas. The strategy was successful and with reinforcements sent to the southward the Russians announced that they had checked the German drive toward Kiev to form a junction with Turkey, and with reinforcements sent to the northward, that all efforts of the Germans to capture Riga had proven futile.

The fortresses, Vilna, at the center of the German attack, held out until September 19th, which was perhaps just what the Germans had intended for it to do, for they had been busy with an enveloping movement by Hindenberg on the north flank and by Mackenson on the south which if successful would have meant the capture of the entire mass of the Russian central army of three hundred thousand men.

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Following the failure of the German attempt to envelop the Russian centre there was a comparative lull

WORTHY NEGRO BRAINED WITH AX

Lived Alone With Five Year Old Son Who Discovered His Father's Bleeding Form in Bed Where Old Man Slept

Moyock, N. C., Nov. 17, 1915. Sometime during last Sunday night, Ash Wilson, a colored man about fifty-five years old, was brutally murdered at his home in Backwoods, near the old swamp road. A negro who called himself Felton, and presumably from Camden County, is in all probability the murderer.

When Mr. Shores, with his bloodhounds arrived at Wilson's house, the little boy who was being cared for at a neighbor's, during the day, was sent for. He was asked if he knew how the man looked who had slept with his father that night.

With this information Mr. Shores sent the little bare-footed negro boy, who was so small that he had to be helped in the cart, to a neighboring house. Then the blood-hound was taken in the house. He smelled of the bed which Felton had occupied trailed out the back door, around the woodpile, by the axe, through the front yard and down the main road to North West Station where it is supposed Felton took the early morning train for Norfolk.

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HIGHLY RESPECTED NEGRO DEAD

Moyock, N. C. November 17th—Last Friday afternoon about three o'clock, Robert Styles, a well known and highly respected colored man, who lived on the land of Mr. David Cox, was instantly killed while fixing a pump at the colored school house near Moyock.

EDUCATIONAL RALLY AT CURRITUCK

Currituck, November 13—A meeting of all the patrons and pupils of the three combined districts was held Wednesday night November 10th.

The meeting was opened by singing America. Superintendent Isley delivered an address, after which the following ladies were selected to raise money for the school fund: Miss Eric Ross, Miss Carrie Lee and Miss Ruth Godson assisted by Mrs. A. L. Hall and Mrs. Clyde Mathias.

HERTFORD BRIEFS

Hertford, November 13—Mr. J. J. Evans, Fisheries Inspector of Currituck County, was in the city Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Shannonhouse have returned from Norfolk where they have been attending the Berryville Nuptials.

Mr. Leitch Winslow of Guatemala, South America is visiting Mrs. Cooke Winslow on Church street.

Jerry Wilcox of Elizabeth City was here Friday on business.

Mrs. F. A. Banks of Norfolk is here visiting her mother Mrs. R. Q. Skinner.

Miss Doris Maslin of Winston Salem, N. C. is her the guest of Mrs. J. C. Blanchard on Water Street.

Mrs. Henry Sto' has returned from Lancaster, Va. where she has been visiting her parents.

Mr. H. H. Parker of Gateville was in the city Friday trying to arrange their way to their home after attend tweek his team and the local team.

OVER ONE HUNDRED MEMBERS

Evangelist John W. Ham will speak on Sunday morning from the subject 'Regeneration and Its Symbols'.

On Sunday afternoon at three o'clock a mass meeting will be held in the church for both young and old, and again Mr. Ham will speak, his subject being 'Seven Pleasant Facts about Hell.' At seven-thirty in the evening, Mr. Ham will speak from the subject 'Summer is Ended and We Are Not Saved'.

These evangelistic services have been in progress for three weeks and during that time great interest has been manifested. In addition to the afternoon and evening services at the church a noon service is being held each day at the hosier's mill.

CHRIST CHURCH

Services at four o'clock this afternoon. On Sunday morning Mr. Ashby will speak on 'Confirmation'; Sunday night the consideration of the Old Testament Characters will be continued and the life and reign of Amaziah, the man of perverted ambition will be taken up.

Bishop Darat will visit the congregation on the night of Sunday, November 28th, an Mr. Ashby asks that all who think of joining of joining Christ church then will see him as soon as possible.

D H HILL CHAPTER ELECTS CHAPTERS

At the November meeting of the D. H. Hill Chapter, U. D. C. on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. G. Jacobs on Road street the following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. W. C. Glover president; Mrs. Edson Carr Vice President; Mrs. R. L. Simpson, second vice president; Mrs. J. Winslow, third vice president; Mrs. J. H. White, Recording Secretary; Mrs. O. E. McQueen, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. H. C. Pearson, treasurer.

W. J. Walker of Barco was in the city Tuesday.

BIG CATCH OF ROCK BY DARE COUNTY FISHERMEN

According to reliable reports received here Toler & Company and J. T. Guard, Dare county fishermen at Mashoes, each made a five hundred dollar catch of rock on Tuesday of this week.

The Northern demand for rock is exceptionally good this year and at present a barrel of rock is worth about as much as a bale of cotton—which may enable people in other sections to understand why it is difficult to interest Dare county folk in agriculture.

No less than two hundred boxes of rock were shipped to New York from Elizabeth City Wednesday. Practically all of these were caught by Dare county fishermen.

LITTLE GIRL HURT IN MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT

Maudie Sanders, about nine years old, the daughter of Mr. Charlie Sanders, who lives on Hunter street, was painfully injured Wednesday afternoon when she was struck by a motorcycle and thrown to the street, her head, it is thought, striking the curbing. There was a severe contusion on her forehead near the left temple and another on the back of her head.

The accident occurred at the intersection of Fearing and Poindexter streets shortly after one o'clock in the afternoon. The little girl with a number of playmates was on her way to the afternoon session of school and walking north along Poindexter street had made a few steps on the Fearing street crossing.

VERDICT FOR DEFENDANTS

The jury in the case of the American Potato Company vs Jennette Brothers & Company in Superior court here this week, brought in a verdict Wednesday morning in favor of the defendants. The Plaintiffs were attempting to recover for a carload of seed potatoes shipped the defendant company, which were refused on the ground that they were not up to contract.

MISS COVERT APPEARS IN CONCERT

Philadelphia, Pa., November 18—Friends of Miss Clara Covert who is pursuing her musical education here at the Combs Conservatory Music, will be glad to learn that recently she appeared with success in a concert given in the auditorium of the Conservatory.

Miss Covert played a Nocturne by Holmund in a manner which well merited the enthusiastic applause which she received.

She expected to appear in other concerts during the season.

FOR RUNNING AUTO WHEN DRUNK

George Mitchell, charged with running an au' when drunk, was fined twenty five dollars and costs in Police Court Sunday morning. He was arrested at two o'clock Saturday morning driving the auto recklessly on Poindexter street.

Thanksgiving the great at home day. If you can't be there a fine photograph will help.

Make an appointment with Zoeller or Phone 84 t & f 21 adv

Zoeller's Studio will be open Thanksgiving, why not have a sitting for that Christmas picture. Make an appointment or Phone 84 t & f 21 adv

MANTEO WEDDING AT EARLY DAWN

Miss Sibyl Gates, Daughter of Dare County Physician, the Bride of Prominent Farmer of Lenoir

Manteo, November 18—On Wednesday morning at the early hour of five o'clock all Manteo assembled to witness the marriage ceremony of one of the town's most gifted and accomplished daughters, Miss Sibyl Gates, to Mr. Wheeler Martin Fields of La Grange.

The marriage was solemnized in the Methodist Episcopal Church, which had been beautifully decorated with ivy, white chrysanthemum and ferns and was lighted with innumerable white candles. The wedding music was rendered by Miss Rennie Griffin, the bridal party entering the church to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march. Little Miss Margaret Griffin was ring bearer, carrying the ring in a basket of roses. The bride gowned in a handsome traveling suit of blue cloth and carrying a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and white orchids, entered on the arm of her father who gave her away. The groom entered with his best man, Mr. George Dunn of New Bern. Traumerie was played softly during the ceremony which was performed by Rev. C. W. Howard of Kinston, an uncle of the bride, after which the bride and groom left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march.

Mr. and Mrs. Fields left at once on the Trenton and arriving at Elizabeth City took the northbound train for Washington, D. C. from which place they will visit northern cities. They will return from their wedding trip on Thanksgiving Day and make their home at Fields Station, LaGrange Mr. Fields being one of Lenoir County's most progressive and prominent farmers. Mrs. Fields, the daughter of Mr. Franklin Gates, Manteo's popular physician, was the recipient of hundreds of wedding gifts many from a distance as well as from the town, as bride and groom have friends in many sections of the State.

Among the out of town guests were: Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Howard of Kinston; Mrs. Elizabeth Fields, mother of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. George Dunn of New Bern, Misses Helen Farnelle, Sinal Campen and Bethany Campen of Bayboro.

SPECIAL TRAIN THANKSGIVING

A special train and excursion fares to Norfolk are announced by the Norfolk Southern Railway on Thanksgiving Day for the accommodation of those who wish to see the football game between A. and M. College of North Carolina and Washington and Lee of Virginia. The train leaves Elizabeth City 8:15 Thursday morning, and returning, leaves Norfolk at 11:55. Very low fares are offered for this holiday, and special theatrical attractions are booked for the Norfolk theatres.

SAVINGS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

Attention is called to the statement of the Savings Bank and Trust Company which appears in this issue. This bank during the last year just closing has had remarkable growth and development and the statement is the best which has ever been published by them. The merger of the Mercantile Bank with this bank in February of this year has proven a success from every standpoint.

James Randolph is seriously ill on Southern Avenue.