

Battle of Nations Develops In Balkans

Fighting Along 150 Mile Front Increasing in Violence and Fury and Great Events Are Expected

GREAT PRESSURE ON ROUMANIA

Allies Are Putting Forth Utmost Efforts to Bring Her Into The War

(By United Press)

London, August 23—The Germans made a powerful attack last night against the trenches of the Allies along the Somme battle line, south of Estrees and west of Saye Court, penetrating the French lines at several points.

The attack was preceded by an intense volley of fire, lasting several hours, on the north of the Somme.

The Germans maintained their fierce bombardment of the first line of French trenches north and south of Maurepas but there was no infantry attack.

BIG EVENTS IN BALKANS

A great battle of nations, with troops of nearly every belligerent involved, is developing gradually and slowly but no less certainly in the Balkans, as the fighting along the 150 mile front increases in extent and fury.

At Athens dispatch states that the Turks are pouring reinforcements into Bulgaria. At least one Turkish division is en route to join the Bulgars along the battle line, while another will be used, it is thought, to replace the Bulgarian troops that are threatening Rumania, in the hope of preventing that country from coming into the war on the side of the allies.

UNPARALLELED IN HISTORY

Never in modern history have so many nations joined action on one battle front. Forced in the beginning to yield advanced positions the allies have now strengthened their lines and have launched a strong offensive in the Valden valley to the northwest of Saloniki. French artillery has checked the momentum of the Bulgar advance.

CROSS HUNGARIAN BORDER

Russians operating near Jablonitzka pass have captured heights north of Koverla mountain, just south of the Hungarian border, according to an official announcement from Petrograd received this morning. Gas attacks by the Germans at Krevo are reported repulsed. It is stated also that the Russian fleet co-operated with land forces in repelling the recent Turkish offensive along the Black Sea.

GENERAL HAIG'S REPORT

"In two desperate night attacks" says General Haig's morning report, the Germans sought to wrest from the British the newly won positions south of Thiepval, which now menace that German stronghold. Both attacks were finally repulsed though the Germans gained a temporary footing.

HEAVY RUSSIAN LOSSES

Berlin reports that the Russians lost five thousand in killed alone northeast of Stanislaw, between August 14th and 17th, against a total German loss of eighty. Berlin charges that the beautiful women and great sums of money are

WOULD AVOID FUTURE TROUBLE

While Realizing that Eight Hour Concession Must be Made Railroads Try to Save as Much as Possible

Washington, August 23—Concentrated effort on the part of railroad executives to save their beloved "principle of arbitration" featured today's developments in the negotiations now going for the settlement of the threatened railroad strike.

Fighting to the last ditch against the abandonment of this principle with what they term "The final barrier against labor aggression" the railroad presidents have asked President Wilson to define some concrete proposition which will in the future avoid the recurrence of labor differences.

Apparently convinced that the settlement of the present problem must work out on the President's fundamental proposition—the concession of the eight hour basis—the roads are trying to save as much as possible from the wreckage.

They want protection against further strikes and the assurance of an increase in revenue sufficient to meet the added expense which they claim would attend their acceptance of the eight hour day.

President Wilson responded at once to their petition and called into conference chairman Newland and Adamson of the Congressional and Commerce Committees to make inquiries into the jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission in regard to the matter.

F. F. Spencer Jr. of Fairfield passed through the city today en route to Morehead City and New Bern.

WANTED: for publication tomorrow, a list of the merchants who will co-operate with The Advance in its efforts to bring an unusually large number of shoppers to the city on Saturday September 2nd.

NEW ARRIVAL—of our Fall suits purchased by our New York representative just to hand and now ready for your inspection. We have also just received a large shipment of Ladies Wigs and New Hats. adv

being used by the Allies in Bucharest in the effort to draw Rumania into the war.

WILL REPRESENT AMERICA IN TURKEY



Abram L. Elkus of New York, appointed ambassador to Turkey to succeed Mr. Morgenthau, and Mrs. Elkus. The new ambassador is a lawyer and one of the leaders of American Jewry as well as in philanthropy and social welfare work.

ARABS WHO FIGHT TURKS



This is a view of Arabs in a typical encampment near the Red sea, where they have rebelled against the Turks, and are making headway in their fight for Arabian independence.

ENTERTAINS C. M. B. CLASS

Mrs. S. C. Newbold entertained the C. M. B. Class of Blackwell Memorial Sunday School at her home on Fearing Street. The home was attractively arranged with a profusion of cut flowers.

While the majority of people have been seeking recreation at various places during the summer this class has been finding the genuine rest and pleasure that comes from ministering to others and the report read showed eighty-nine visits made among the sick and in the interest of Sunday School work.

Miss Beulah Bowden taught the fourth chapter of the book now being studied by the class, after which a delicious salad, sandwich and feed tea course was served by the hostess.

Those present were: Miss Minnie Gaskins of Windsor, Mrs. Mary H. Britte, Mrs. S. W. Hastings, Mrs. R. E. Bufkin, Mrs. Otelle Godfrey, Miss Sophia Morrisette, Miss Mary Hastings, Mrs. J. E. Goodwin, Mrs. Mary E. Trueblood, Miss Beulah Bowden, Mrs. C. J. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Venters and Mrs. C. E. Overman.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Newbern of Jarvisburg were in the city today.

Alkrama At Edenton

A branch of the Alkrama Theatre will open at Edenton Thursday night with a five reel feature picture.

The building occupied by The Alkrama has been renovated and remodelled inside and out and a new moving picture machine of the most modern type has been installed.

Other improvements are planned for the branch movie and it is believed that the same success that has characterized the Alkrama here will mark the establishment of the Edenton theatre.

Fox Trotters At Chicago

(By United Press)

Chicago, August 23—Life is just one foxtrot after another. It is that way at an early hour and will continue so until September 2. The reason being that 459 members of the American National Association of Masters of Dancing—including Lewis Fretlow, 75 years young—are out-stepping around the Blackstone hotel getting ready for their 33rd annual convention. Don't forget Fretlow. When it comes to the conception and execution of steps that stagger, he's very heavy in the head and light as a feather in the feet. He has done wonders, they say, taking the heaviness out of aspiring feet and putting it in the very light heads that accompanied them. The masters used to meet about the time the first robin was poking his nose over the Mason-Dixon line, but their pupils objected; said they must have the very latest steps well in foot before the very earliest weeks of the winter dancing season. About the only step these 459 debonaire gentlemen didn't invent is the lockstep. But nobody cares because that's going out.

OFFERED PRESIDENCY OF VIRGINIA LEAGUE

T. P. Sullivan familiarly known to baseball fans all over the country as Ted Sullivan of Chicago, who has recently made his home in Camden County, was in the city today and stated to a representative of this newspaper that he had just received the offer of the Presidency of the Virginia Base Ball League.

Mrs. M. V. Gilbert is improving after a week's illness at her home on Pennsylvania Avenue.

ONLY TEN WEEKS FOR CAMPAIGNING

Raleigh Correspondent Also Reminds North Carolinians of Inadequacy of Flood Fund

(Special Correspondence)

Raleigh, August 22—With only ten weeks intervening between now and election day, Chairman Warren, of the Democratic State Committee, has adopted a hurry-up slogan, and is endeavoring to impress upon the local party managers and leaders in all the counties the necessity of getting the campaign formally started every where without further delay.

Every intelligent person knows how dangerous delays are, yet in some counties there has been a disposition to put off things that should be looked after and carefully looked after, at once. The local speakers who have been disposed to balk at hot weather will now find the first fall month peeping at them just around the next corner—and they are expected to "get a move on them" without further delay and proceed to swat the enemy at every little meeting place available—wherever a few may assemble themselves together. It is at these little meetings, where one's neighbor tells him the truth and developments which ordinarily would not come to his knowledge, that the bed rock, the ground work, of the year's campaign is laid. That is Chairman Warren's opinion and it certainly sounds like the real thing. Closely connected with these little meetings is the opportunity thus presented for the precinct committeemen to get in some good work and pass it on to the county chairman—one of the most desirable and effective, not to say indispensable results being the proper polling of the voters of every precinct, as the State chairman has been urging already. That is the way to start up the political machinery and get it in good working and running order.

CURRENT MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

The total of flood subscriptions in North Carolina now exceed \$40,000, but the reports from the damaged counties indicate that it will fall far short of meeting the situation, and if the amount were \$400,000 every dollar of it could be used in relieving actual distress. So, do not weary in well doing.

That the State Bank officials are firm in their attitude concerning their right to collect charges for cashing checks on other banks was accentuated at a meeting of the North Carolina bankers held in Raleigh, about one hundred being present at the conference. Action was taken to secure the permanent suspension of the Post Master General's order requiring the collection of items at par through post offices, and a steering committee was provided for to promote the carrying out of plans adopted in a set of resolutions.

The report goes the rounds of the newspapers to the effect that William Jennings Bryan is to quit Nebraska and locate on his farm in Western North Carolina "with the intention of running for United States Senator" sounds more amusing than otherwise. As a Tarheel "Westerner" Mr. Bryan would not be eligible to contest for the Senatorship in 1918 and 1920. It is a long ways ahead for a man of Mr. Bryan's age and political prospects. Simmons and Overman are not reported to be losing any sleep on account of it.

Miss Ruby Williamson of Norfolk who has been visiting Miss Jennie Cohoon on Burgees street returned this morning to her home

AMERICANS IN ITALIAN RANKS

Quite A Number of One Time Residents of This Country Killed or Wounded in Attack on Gorizia

By JOHN E. HEARLEY

(United Press Staff Correspondent) With the Italian Army, Gorizia, August 23—Many Italian-Americans were in the army which recently occupied Gorizia and which is now storming the Austrian positions southeast of the city. Quite a number of Americans were among the killed and wounded in the engagements.

King Victor Emanuel is constantly at the front encouraging his troops and disregarding personal risk. He is now in Gorizia while the city is subjected to heavy bombardment from the Austrian artillery on heights surrounding the town.

Gorizia is now under martial law but about seven thousand inhabitants, still left in the town, are resuming normal life and are becoming accustomed to the constant bombardment.

The Italians are fortifying the town against attack, it being believed that the Austrians are preparing to make an effort to recapture the city.

General Candoraz has advanced his line gradually in the face of almost insuperable obstacles. The Austrian positions surrounding Gorizia are defended by rows of electrically charged barbed wire.

Hughes In 'Naughty Reno'

(By United Press)

Reno, Nev., Aug. 23rd—Charles Evans Hughes was scheduled to make his only set speech in Nevada here tonight and the famous divorce town was thronged with visitors from miles around waiting to catch a glimpse of the Republican nominee. Governor Hughes is en route here direct from Los Angeles, which place he left yesterday morning. After tonight's address the candidate will invade the Mormon State of Utah, making set speeches in Ogden tomorrow afternoon and in Salt Lake City tomorrow night. Then he goes on east.

Of Interest To Friends

The following from the pen of Editor H. L. Story of The Albemarle Observer at Edenton will be of interest to the many friends of Rev. Josiah Elliott in this city and section.

"Almost every subscriber we have regardless of denomination will be interested to learn of the condition of Rev. Josiah Elliott of Hertford. We had heard that he was seriously ill and we ran over to his home yesterday afternoon, Thursday, August 17, to see him and find out his condition. We were much gratified to find him sitting up in a chair dressed and looking almost as well as usual.

However, he is very weak and his physician advises that he do as little preaching and other work as possible this summer. He talks well and but for his weakness, he would be out and going as usual."

Russell E. Snowden of Shawboro is visiting his brother J. H. Snowden on Church street