

Grand German Defensive To Meet Allied Thrusts

Situation on all Fronts Very Satisfactory to Teutons Claim Dispatches From German War Office

INVASION OF ROUMANIA PRESSED

Silistra Recently Captured Regard- ed Key to Bucharest Which May be the German Objective

(By United Press)
London, Sept. 13—The combined grand offensive of the allies will be met by a combined guard defensive of the Central Powers when "the proper time comes" according to today's dispatches from the German war office.

A great war council is now in session at the Kaiser's headquarters for the purpose of unifying the direction of all the armies of the central powers and all of the movements of each division.

Reports from the various fronts of the German armies are regarded not favorable by the war council, which point out that the Russians have been halted at Hultz, that the German-Bulgarian invasion of Roumania continues, while the Bulgarians have been able to successfully resist the allied attacks in Greece. The capture of the Roumanian stronghold of Silistra is regarded as of especial importance since this fortress protects the Roumanian capital, Bucharest. It is also stated at Berlin that Russian assaults on the Bokovina front have been repulsed with heavy losses to the attackers.

FRENCH CLAIM GOOD GAINS

Advices from Paris received this morning state that General Foch appears nearer a striking victory than at any time since the launching of the offensive along the Somme. At Combes the main support of the whole German line from Bapaume to Peronne has been under fire and in yesterday's advance two sides of the position were surrounded and Peronne was cut off from direct communication with Combes. The capture of both Combes and Peronne is predicted within a fortnight if General Foch's blows north of the Somme do not lose their effectiveness.

Continuing their drive toward Peronne and Combes this morning the French captured the village of Bouchavesnes, midway between the two despite the desperate resistance of the defenders. Early today the French pressed further eastward in a brilliant bayonet charge capturing the Bois Labe farms near Peronne and the Baupume-Bethune heights. The positions captured mark the collapse of the last and third line of defense between Peronne and Combes. The French gains of this morning are admitted in latest advices from Berlin.

Athens dispatches state that King Constantine has accepted the resignation of Premier Zaimis and that the formation of a pro-ally cabinet has begun. That Greece will join the allies soon is confidently expected.

From Bucharest it is reported that the Austrians continue their retreat in Transylvania and that the new Russian-Roumanian offensive

Ousted Senator Tries Race Again

(By United Press)
Chicago, Sept. 13—Ousted from the United States senate for the way he obtained his election, former Senator William ("Billy") Lorimer was a "comeback" candidate for the congressional nomination on the republican ticket in the state primaries here today.

The appearance of the ousted senator's name on the ballot was the signal for the renewal of the political war on Lorimer. He is opposed to the nomination by three other candidates.

Lorimer recently was acquitted of the charge of conspiracy to wreck the LaSalle street Trust and Savings bank. He has promised to pay all depositors who lost money in his bank's crash.

Candidates for all state offices were to be nominated by all parties today. Every one of the present office holders is a candidate for reelection.

Candidates for Governor are: James Traynor, Chicago; W. R. Brinton, Dixon; Edward F. Dunne, member, all democrats; and Morion D. Hull, Chicago; Frank O. Lowry, Oregon; Frank L. Smith, Dwight; John A. Wheeler, Springfield; Al Republican, and Seymour Steadman, socialist.

FUNERAL OF MRS. FRALEY

The funeral of Mrs. Milla Fraley, whose death occurred Monday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Maude Hall, on North Road street, will be conducted from Mrs. Hall's residence, Friday afternoon at three o'clock by Rev. L. L. Cunningham, pastor of the First Methodist church. Interment will be made in Hollywood cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fisher will arrive Thursday evening from Kane, Pa., to attend the funeral, as will also Mr. and Mrs. William Fraley of Fort Worth Texas and Mr. Sam Fraley of Mexico, Mo.

Mr. John Fraley of Tarboro has arrived and Mr. and Mrs. Mills Casey of Altoona, Pa., will arrive today.

In the Dubradja region is making satisfactory progress.

In the Balkans, according to advices from Paris, the Italians have joined in the general Macedonian offensive now being pressed against the Bulgarians. Continued advance by the Serbs is reported in spite of severe Bulgarian resistance.



Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church, where the Baptist State Convention will hold its annual session in December.

BEGIN DISCUSSION WATERWAYS TODAY

A Thousand Delegates From Atlantic Coast In- spect Canals, Hear Ad- dresses And Discuss Plans

(By United Press)
Philadelphia, Sept. 12—The plan of a system of inland waterways to insure the transportation of freight and passengers in the Eastern part of the United States in case of a general railroad strike will be considered by the annual convention of the Atlantic Deepwaterways convention that opened here today.

An inland waterways system connecting all navigable rivers, lakes and canals, delegates pointed out, would serve the dual purpose of redoubt for the navy in time of war and of a means of transportation during the labor troubles.

Although Congressman J. Hampton Moore, president; Rear Admirals William S. Benson and A. W. Grant; Major Generals William M. Hines and Tasker H. Bliss and Brigadier General E. M. Weaver and others confined their remarks to plans for the Atlantic coast, other speakers later will urge similar plans for the Gulf and Pacific coast states.

About a thousand delegates from Atlantic coast towns and cities are here. The convention will last four days, during which, it is expected, addresses will be delivered by U. S. Senators and Congressmen of the Rivers and Harbors committee and the Commerce Committee.

Navy Secretary Daniels is to speak before the convention Sept. 16th at the League Island Navy Yard.

Tomorrow the delegates will move their convention to Trenton and the following day to Chester, Wilmington and Delaware City to examine canals.

At Delaware City Thursday President Wilson is expected to address the delegates after an inspection tour of the Chesapeake and Delaware canal, "the Kiel of America," as the delegates call it. If the President cannot come, someone will be present to represent him.

One of the most important phases of the convention will be taken up at Delaware City; the transformation of the Chesapeake and Delaware canal into a body of water large enough to float the largest battleship built, building or contemplated. This would afford a quick

Indoor Baseball At Y M C A Gym

Indoor baseball began last night at the Y. M. C. A., the Hustlers and Boosters beginning the season's athletic activities in a fast game in which the Boosters carried off the honors.

Other games are to follow this one quite soon and the basket ball team will begin practicing for the season's games shortly.

The line up for last night's game is as follows:

HUSTLERS	Position	BOOSTERS
Miles Clark	C	Larry Cooper
Duke Cropsey	P	Leslie Belangia
Ed. Griffin	S. S.	Grover Jackson
Harry Bundy	1st B.	W. Woodley
Evans Blades	2nd B.	R. Tatum
Tommy Hughes	3rd B.	W. Weatherly

Alleged Slaver Out Under Bond

Francis L. Dell, travelling salesman, arrested in Edenton under the Federal White Slave act by U. S. Deputy Marshall J. R. Williams of this city, was given a preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner T. B. Wilson Wednesday afternoon and bound over to the October term of Federal court under a \$500 cash bond.

Dell had registered at an Edenton hotel with a woman as his wife who turned out to be Mrs. Loretta McKernon of Washington, D. C.

Mr. McKernon was the prosecuting witness.

COTILLION CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The Elizabeth City Cotillion Club last night elected officers for the coming season as follows:

Cecil Garrett, president; F. K. Kramer, vice president; S. G. Etheridge, secretary-treasurer; and R. L. Commander, Floor Manager.

PRAYER SERVICE TONIGHT

The prayer service tonight at the Blackwell Memorial church will be one of unusual interest to all members of the church and Sunday school, taking up plans for the celebration on September 24th of the statewide "Go to Sunday School" Rally Day.

and safe passage for the sea does from the important Chesapeake Bay from whence it would go to the defense of Baltimore and Philadelphia via the Delaware river.

Begin Preparations For Gathering Baptist Hosts

Elizabeth City Getting ready for Entertainment of Big- gest Convention Crowd in Baptist History

STATE'S FOREMOST LEADERS TO SPEAK

And Body in Session will Represent Nearly Three hundred Thou- sand of Baptist Brotherhood

The initial plans for the reception of the Baptist host of North Carolina in this city on December 6th were made last evening when the Board of Deacons of Blackwell Memorial Baptist church met to discuss the preparations necessary for this event.

Communications received by the officers of the church from such Baptist leaders as Rev. John A. Oates of Fayetteville, Dr. Chas. E. Brewer of Meredith College, and Dr. Walter Johnson of the State Mission Board, indicate that the largest attendance in the history of the convention will assemble here at the convention date. The number of Baptists represented by the convention is nearly two hundred and seventy five thousand and, not only Blackwell Memorial church and the First Baptist church, but the entire town looks forward to the event as one of unusual importance. Indeed, Elizabeth City greatly congratulates herself in that she is to be honored as hostess of so large and important a gathering, realizing that the bringing to the city of such an assembly of leaders in educational and religious work is a coveted honor as well as a happy responsibility.

The invitation going to Charlotte last year for the 1916 meeting of the Baptist State Convention was extended by Blackwell Memorial church, the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor, a fact which in itself gave evidence of the wide interest here in having the convention in this city this year.

A day of excursion will be run from Charlotte by the Norfolk Southern railroad on December the sixth for the convenience of the convention crowd and this train is expected to bring a tremendous delegation not only from that city but from connecting and intermediate points.

Rev. John A. Oates of Fayetteville is president of the Convention and Mr. E. F. Aydtlett of Elizabeth City is vice president.

The introductory sermon of the Convention will be preached by Rev. C. B. Waller of Asheville.

The various phases of Baptist work in the State will be presented by such leaders as Dr. W. L. Poole, president of Wake Forest college; Dr. Chas. Brewer, president of Meredith College; Dr. R. T. Vann, secretary of the General Education Board; Dr. Walter Johnson, secretary of the State Mission Board; and leading Baptist pastors from all over the State will be heard.

Rev. I. N. Loftin left today for Petersburg. He will return Friday and fill his pulpit as usual here Sunday.

On Watch For Leroy T White

(By United Press)
Windsor, N. C., September 13—Guarding against the possible return of Leroy White to the scene of his crime, two of his wife's brothers are at the house on the lookout for the fugitive. A reward of \$800 has been offered for White's apprehension and if he is taken and brought into this section an attempted lynching is expected.

Sued For \$10,000

(By United Press)
Draham, September 13—Following the indictment of Y. E. Smith, wealthy cotton manufacturer, and formerly a member of the State legislature, charged with assaulting Mrs. John M. Wyatt, a young Alamance county's wife, Mrs. Wyatt has sued Smith for \$10,000.00.

Electricity In Modern Warfare

(By United Press)
New York, Sept. 13—The part electricity plays in modern warfare from its use as a searchlight to its use in firing big naval guns, will be the big feature of the annual National Electrical exposition at Grand Central Palace here October 11 to 21.

Exhibits showing the hundreds of ways electricity is employed in sea and land fighting are being prepared by experts of the Army and Navy departments for the exposition.

Because these changes have taken place gradually, the exhibits will show the old methods of doing things as compared with the new electrical ones. Working models of both will be set up side by side.

Also there will be displays showing the effects of electrical appliances upon the development of transportation, surgery, industry, communication, artificial lighting and hundreds of other things.

To Penitentiary From Currituck

George Mitchell, Robinson and Ferebee, all negroes were taken to the state penitentiary today to serve the terms imposed upon them in the last week's term of superior court at Currituck.