

New War Terror Has Wrought Havoc in France

Military Critics Believe that Armored War Car is Res- ponsible for Recent British Gains on Somme Front

BULGARS IN HEADLONG RETREAT

Great Gain in Balkans New Off- ensive by Italians Added to Gains on Western Front Arouse High Enthusiasm among Allies

(By United Press)

London, Sept. 16—British success coupled with great gains by the allies in the Balkans and the resumption of the Italian offensive all along the Isonzo front from Gorizia to the sea, has aroused the British public to a high pitch of enthusiasm.

How large a part in the British gains on the western front is due to the use of a new type of armored car, is not known but it is believed that this new war terror has wrought havoc among the Germans dubbed "Willies" by Tommy Atkins, the new cars present a terrifying appearance as they advance to action.

GERMANS RESISTING

Fighting desperately to save themselves from retreat on a mile front the Germans are hurling battalion after battalion against the storming British columns north of the Somme in an effort to check General Haig's advance.

The battle which began yesterday morning increased in furor toward the night. By illuminating bombs the men fought like demons with bayonets and grenades over the shell-torn country leading to Bagin.

Press dispatches from General Haig's headquarters early this morning reported that his men were still rolling steadily down the slope, having captured and established themselves firmly in the villages of Martinpich, Courcellette and Fiers, but that the German resistance was stiffening and becoming hourly more stubborn. With the Foreaux woods already swept through by British troops, however, the fall of Comblies appeared imminent.

HEAVY GERMAN LOSSES

German losses in the fighting of the last twenty four hours are reported as frightful, especially in the Bouleaux wood where the German resistance was most desperate and where Haig's advancing columns found in their path great mounds of the bodies of dead Germans.

The British gains, linked with the French advances earlier in the week complete the capture of what was the third line of the German defenses along the Somme, with the exception of the marvellously constructed trenches defending Thiepval. This position was outflanked by the British advance, which occupied Courcellette, and the fall of Thiepval, before the next forward movement of British troops appears certain.

German attacks on the French lines North and south of the Somme were repulsed during the night ac-

ording to the morning's official advices from Paris.

BULGARS IN RETREAT

Dispatches from Saloniki are to the effect that the Serbs are driving the defeated Bulgars in a disorderly retreat toward the Serbo-Greek frontier. In the direction of Monastir, Bulgarian losses are reported enormous, one regiment having lost 1500 men according to the official Serbian estimate.

The British have crossed the river Struma and are attacking Bulgarian villages along the Gudeil. Artillery duels are in progress on the Dorian front.

Russian and French troops are co-operating with the Serbs in the attempt to recapture Florina, the first Greek town to fall before the Bulgars in their invasion of Greece. Dispatches from Paris confirm the reports reaching here from Saloniki and add that the Roumanians are still making rapid progress in their invasion of Roumania.

NAVAL BATTLE IN BOTHNIA

Naval forces of the Germans and Russians are reported to have been engaged in action in the Gulf of Bothnia, according to a dispatch from Stockholm, which states that heavy firing was heard along the Swedish coast but that heavy fog obscured the battle.

KAISER TELEGRAPHS VICTORY

Emperor William, according to advices from Berlin, telegraphed the Empress, on her way to the eastern front, of a severe defeat to the Russo-Roumanians in the Balkans. The retreat of the Russo-Roumanian forces in the Dubradja region was admitted in advices from Bucharest last night.

ITALIANS SCORE SUCCESSES

In their new offensive on the Isonzo front the Italians have engaged the Austrians all along the line from Gorizia to the sea, and today's dispatches from Rome claim that the Austrians defense has been broken in several places. The Austrian losses in the first two days' fighting are said to exceed 10,000.

TO FORM GREEK CABINET

Dispatches from Athens state that M. Calogeropoulos has been entrusted with the formation of a few Greek cabinet.

Mrs. W. J. Griffin and daughter, Miss Margaret Griffin, passed thru the city today on the way to their home at Manteo after a visit to relatives at Cisco.

Betsey Enrols 30 Members

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 16—As the result of a flying visit to Elizabeth City, N. C., yesterday H. O. Nichols secretary and Garland P. Peed, membership secretary, succeeded in adding 30 new names to the roster of the Tidewater Automobile association. The addition of this large list from the North Carolina city places the membership above the 800 mark. Men who assisted the local officials in yesterday's campaign are confident that the Elizabeth City enrollment can be brought to 50 before another week goes by.

The Norfolk secretaries were assisted by L. R. Foreman, who will be secretary for Elizabeth City, and by Camden Blades. They left here by train yesterday morning, securing the 30 new members before returning in the afternoon.

Each of these men will be enrolled as non resident members. They will establish an Elizabeth City branch of the association, with headquarters and an information bureau.

In addition to the Elizabeth City members, Dr. George N. Masury of Virginia Beach, and George B. Todd of Norfolk have filed applications for resident membership. The new North Carolina members secured yesterday are as follows:

Dr. M. M. Harris, Darius White, W. P. Wood, J. A. Kramer, L. C. Blades, Chas. H. Robinson, F. M. Grice, Jr., E. F. Aydtlett, Jr.; Auto & Gas Engine works, Southern Auto & Marine works, C. R. Wilkinson, Dr. H. D. Walker, Dr. W. H. Peters, J. U. Lambert, W. C. Jackson, Dr. I. Fearing, J. M. Weeks, F. H. Ziegler and son, J. E. Commander, M. L. Clark, J. H. Aydtlett, W. B. Foreman, Charles Reid.

Died Early This Morning

(By United Press)

New London, Conn., Sept. 16 — Mrs. Annie Howe, President Wilson's only sister, died this morning at 6:45 o'clock.

The body will be sent to South Carolina for interment, the President taking the same train for the funeral from Long Branch.

THROUGH NAVIGATION BETWEEN LAKES AND HUDSON

(By United Press)

Albany, Sept. 16—Through navigation via the New York Barge Canal is being planned for Spring by State Engineer Frank Williams from Oswego to Lake Ontario and the Hudson river.

Williams is investigating today to get an idea of the cost. It was expected that the United States government would help in this work, but there is no present indication that it will.

EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETS

The Epworth League of City Road Methodist church will meet Sunday evening at 8:45. Mrs. Frank Midgett will have charge of the meeting. The subject for the service will be "Prayer."

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Vann of Lexington are in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Enlie Skinner on North Road street.

Secretary Ford of the Y. M. C. A. leaves today for the State Meeting of Secretaries at Charlotte.

Miss Alma Covert has returned from a visit to friends at Rocky Mount.

Mrs. George Bell has returned from a visit to friends in Norfolk

W. C. T. U. Meets On Wednesday

The W. C. T. U. will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. Clay Foreman on West Main street.

This is the first meeting after the summer vacation and is, therefore, a very important one. All members are urged to be present.

The State Convention of the W. C. T. U. meets in Wilmington on October 4th, and at Wednesday afternoon's meeting delegates will be elected to this convention. Other important business will also come up before the Union.

MEETS TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The D. H. Hill chapter, U. D. G. will meet Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. J. H. White on West Main street.

This is the first meeting of the fall and a very important one. All members are urged to be present.

Bond Imposes Just Sentence

(By United Press)

Raleigh, September, 16 — Judge Bond sentenced E. S. Thomas to a year at hard labor in the state prison for attempted assault on Miss Eula Nunn. The offense was committed on a Southern railway Pullman.

Bremen Again Looked For

(By United Press)

New London, Sept. 16—Activities on the pier of the eastern forwarding company have renewed belief that a German merchant submarine is nearing this port. The report is denied by officials of the company.

Blockade Again A Live Issue

(By United Press)

Washington, Sept. 16—The British blockade has again become a matter of first importance to the state department. Smoldering dissatisfaction with the whole blockade issue is felt. The demand for the application of the retaliatory measures authorized by Congress is insistent.

WHITE—HARPER

Joseph R. White and Miss Dulcie B. Harper, both of Norfolk, were married here today by Justice of the Peace J. W. Munden.

The groom is the son of Joseph White of this city and was a resident here until about five years ago. In the bridal party, which came to Elizabeth City by automobile, were Mrs. G. A. Benson and the bride's sister, Miss Mabel Harper.

Mr. and Mrs. Critchfield and Mrs. H. A. Collins of Pennsylvania motored to this city this week and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Critchfield on Broad street.

H. F. Lane of Tyner was in the city on business Thursday.

Mrs. T. E. Newborn of Jarvisburg and her brother, Mr. I. A. Forbes, were in the city on business Friday

and Newport News.

M. R. White of Winfall was in the city today.

North Carolina Troops To Border

Orders Received at Camp Glenn To- day Though De- tails are Still In- definite

(By United Press)

BELLS OF SCHOOL GO TING-A-LING

And This Year's Enrol- ment Will Overflow the Present Buildings And Deluge the Faculty

The public schools of Elizabeth City will open on Monday, September the 18th.

The opening exercises will be held at nine o'clock Monday morning in the High School auditorium, Rev. C. A. Ashby opening the exercises with prayer, which will be followed by addresses by Mr. I. M. Meekins, president of the Board of Trustees and Supt. S. H. Spragins.

Indications are that there will be an overflow enrollment.

The High School enrollment will doubtless reach or pass the two hundred mark, and a marked increase is likewise expected in the grammar and primary schools.

The entire faculty has arrived and the first teacher's meeting of the session was held this morning in preparation for the beginning of work on Monday.

Supt. Spragins is back again, Miss Catherine Albertson is again principal of the High School, Miss Hattie Harney of the Grammar School, while Mrs. Brooks is in charge of the Primary School this year, taking the place formerly filled by Miss Zoe Porter.

"The best year yet," is enthusiastically looked forward to by both students and faculty and the only distressing problem presenting itself thus far is whether or not there can be found room enough and teachers enough to take charge of the constantly increasing number of students in every department of the schools.

The private schools also open Monday, with the exception of those which have already opened.

Miss Bettie F. Pool opens her business and English school. Miss Clara Covert opens her Musical Studio, as does also Miss Elizabeth Baker.

Miss Anne Blount and Miss Ethel Jones at the High School will begin registering pupils. Mrs. M. C. Smith's private class-

Washington, Sept. 16—The North Carolina militia were ordered to the border today and will entrain as promptly as the necessary arrangements can be made and facilities for their transportation secured.

The North Carolina militia for several months now have been at Camp Glenn where they have been eagerly awaiting the desired summons to the Mexican border.

Restless from their long and enforced inactivity the boys are wild with delight at the prospect of more arduous action and have received news of the order with the highest enthusiasm.

Entertains 3 Governors

(By United Press)

Lebanon, Ind., Sept. 16 — Boone county, famous as the home of prize winning corn, today entertained three governors: Samuel M. Ralston of Indiana, a native of the county; Thomas G. Bilbo of Mississippi and Governor Pleasant of Louisiana. The southerners came to help the Indiana governor make the county's celebration a success.

Masons At Pittsburgh

(By United Press)

Pittsburg, Sept. 16—Thirty third degree masons to the number of 700 attended the annual session of the Supreme council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Jurisdiction of the U. S. here today.

The sessions are being held in the Masonic temple.

Many of the Masons were accompanied by their families, for whom a good time has been planned.

Frank Nixon of Sunbury was here Thursday on business.

es will begin work on Monday also. Prof. R. B. Creecy and his boys have been at work for a number of weeks, and he continues to add new pupils to his roll.