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TEUTONS LAUNCH NEW OFFENSIVE

Are Entering Roumania On Northwestern Frontier And Have Taken Strategic Points

London, Sept. 21—Advance by the British south of Ancre last night is the announcement of General Haig's morning report. The fiercest resistance was encountered in the British attack and following the advance the Germans made strong counter attacks against the New Zealand troops on the British front but were repulsed with heavy losses.

The French made two successful attacks northeast of Verdun last night, capturing trenches south of Thiamont and advancing a hundred yards toward Vaux in the Chapitre woods. The Germans are making no counter attacks along the Somme on account of the bad weather.

Jackals and hyenas, creeping down from the mountains along the Serbian frontier, are feasting on the bodies of Bulgars slain by the Serbs in the fierce fighting northeast of Lake Oatreno. Three hundred corpses piled in a heap in one ravine were found stripped of their flesh by jackals and hyenas and by the thousands of vultures that hover over the battle field all during the day. The Bulgars had been mowed down by machine guns. The Serbs advancing after the battle found only skeletons and torn bits of uniforms.

The cooler weather is aiding operations along the Balkan front. Dispatches from Paris state that the French and Bulgars advanced three miles last night toward hill 15, taking fifty prisoners.

Gains by the French troops in the Balkans are also claimed by Paris near the frontier to the southwest of Monastir.

Paris dispatches also report vicious counter attacks on the advancing Serbs by Bulgarian troops. The Bulgars entered the village of Borshies but were driven out by the Serbs in violent fighting. East of the Cerna river the Bulgars countered strongly against Kamakchan mountain captured by the Serbs earlier in the week but were driven off.

ROUMANIAN RESISTANCE FIRM

The Russo-Roumania forces are admitted, in dispatches from Sofia, to be maintaining their strongly fortified positions in the Dobruja region in the face of heavy Bulgarian attacks. The fighting in this region is increasing in violence and both sides are fighting with the greatest stubbornness. In Macedonia the battle around Florina is developing favorably to the Bulgars, according to news from the Bulzar capital. The allied counters in this region, says Sofia, have been repulsed with great loss.

Bucharest claims that the Roumanians have taken the offensive on the Dobruja front.

NEW BALKAN OFFENSIVE ON

According to Berlin the Austro-Germans are advancing to a new invasion of Roumania on the northwestern frontier. The official statement claims that the Teutonic forces have already occupied heights on the frontier on both sides of the Vulcan pass south of Petrosney. Berlin states also that the Roumanians have been thrown back after an advance of ten miles into Transylvania and that in the Dobruja front the battle is deadlocked.

AT ALKRAMA TONIGHT

A picturization of the popular novel "Audrey" will be presented at the Alkrama tonight.

SCHOOL MUTINY IN WAKE COUNTY

Parents Refuse To Believe The Leopard Spots Aren't There And Completely Segregate The Medlin Family

(Special Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 19 — Four children of the Medlin family who are "accused of having negro blood in their veins," have stopped the Mount Vernon public school in House Creek Township, Wake County, located four miles from Raleigh—and this in face of the fact that both County Superior Court and the State Supreme court have decided recently that there is no taint of negro blood in the Medlin children according to the evidence produced at the trial of the case in court.

The neighbors of the Medlin family think the court does not know itself, or that they know more than the court. So the parents of all the white children accompanied their children to school on the opening day of the new school term, and when the school superintendent declined to bar the Medlin youngsters all withdrew their children from the school. At present they have the teachers and county superintendent Giles "up a tree," and there's no school going on at Mount Vernon. The county board of education at last accounts had taken up the matter, and is now wrestling with the question of what is to be done under these remarkable conditions.

PAPER MILLS FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Newspaper publishers and other large consumers of paper will be interested in the efforts that are making to establish wood-pulp paper mills in North Carolina. The State Forester is preparing a wonderful exhibit for the State Fair at Raleigh, the third week in October, showing the possibilities of North Carolina in the field of production of wood pulp and of high-grade paper from our native woods—proving that this State can manufacture paper and can establish splendid paper producing mills here if the proper efforts are made.

The State Fair management this year is particularly stressing the economic value of the Fair to the people of the State. The Better Babies Contest will be under greatly improved conditions, and will be under the direction of the Woman's Club of Raleigh, and all parents are requested to communicate with the club for full information.

The Fair, through the North Carolina State Board of Health, will put on a motion picture exhibit equal to that of any first-class theatre as a free attraction. The black tent will comfortably seat from three to four hundred people, and there will be ushers and music, and the films will be fine in every respect, ranging from Charley Chaplin and comic cartoons to illustrations of the origin and treatment of typhoid fever, flies, tuberculosis, etc.

RISKY THING TO ELECT REPUBLICANS TO OFFICE

Apropos of the misleading "criticisms" of the "Butler crowd" and the Republican spellbinders now stumping the State, of the Democratic State administration of affairs, it is pertinent to show how the sixteen counties of the State which have been under Republican rule the last two years or more have fared. Take the tax rate levied in the State managed by Republican boards of commissioners in 1914, the last year for which complete figures are available. The tax rate levied by these sixteen counties and by the other eighty-four counties in 1914 is shown on page 282 of the

To Speak To Grain Dealers

(By United Press)
Asbury Park, N. J. Sept. 21—Great importance is attached by Democrats to President Wilson's address next Monday before the National Grain Dealers Association at Baltimore.

What the President had to say on the occasion and the manner in which his words are received, party leaders believe, will have a strong influence in the two most important voting strongholds of the entire country.

Grain dealers, are of course, in intimate touch with the farmers of the country, and are also among the foremost shippers of the country to whom the railroads will have to "pay the freight" as a result of the President forcing the eight hour legislation through Congress.

Appreciating the importance of Monday's address, President Wilson has already begun work upon it. It is expected that he will open up a counter attack upon Hughes for the first time on the eight hour issue, and he will leave Baltimore on his western trip immediately after Monday's speech.

annual report of the State Tax Commission for 1915. This shows that the average tax levy in the sixteen counties managed by Republicans (including the State tax, which is the same in each county) is \$1.019 on each hundred dollars' worth of property. The average tax rate in the eighty-four Democratic counties was 96.7 cents on each hundred dollars' worth of property. So if Mr. Butler's premise is correct, and the governing party is responsible in each case for the increase in taxes for public improvements, the citizens of those sixteen counties should retire their Republican boards of county commissioners and put Democratic boards in charge. And notwithstanding the lower average tax rate in the Democratic counties, those counties in the State that have made most progress in public improvements will be found in the Democrat's list of counties. Not one in the list of Republican counties has made a conspicuous record for building public roads and other public improvements.

Comparisons of Democratic and Republican records in this latitude always show up the Republicans in a bad light—to say nothing worse. When it wasn't incompetency it was corruption that featured Republican direction of public affairs and their past performances, and the great majority of voters know how risky a thing it would be to ever give them another trial in this State.

ALL THAT WAS EXPECTED

Democrats here who talk about the Maine election last week invariably express satisfaction over the result. The Republican plurality is much smaller than it has been in any presidential election year in a generation, with the single exception of 1912, when the Republican vote was split between Taft and Roosevelt. If the same ratio shows up in the doubtful States, Wilson will defeat Hughes badly in the electoral college. The Democrats who were in office in Maine were elected in an "off year" when local and State issues controlled the voting. This year national issues overshadowed all other issues and Maine ought to have given the Republicans a majority twice as large as they received, and would have received if the Democrats had a less popular candidate for President in the field. For Maine is normally Republican by from 20,000 to 30,000 in a Presidential election, when national issues, the tariff especially, influence the voters above local questions, and policies of State government. Cutting down the normal Republican majority there was all the Democrats expected.

SHOTS MAN AND MAKES GETAWAY

Police And Dogs Give Chase To Unidentified White Man Who Escapes On Train

Oscar Rodgers, colored and about thirty years of age, familiarly known among his associates as "Baby" was shot through the leg just below the thigh last night by an unidentified white man. The shooting occurred on Pennsylvania Avenue in the neighborhood of the residence of Dr. O. McMullan.

According to "Baby's" story he saw a white man drinking from a bottle on the street and stopped to look. The stranger resented the inspection and said:

"What are you doing here?"
"Nothing boss," replied the negro. Whereupon the stranger pulled a gun and fired. He kept firing as "Baby" sought healthier surroundings, and one of the shots took effect in the darky's leg.

Bloodhounds were taken to the scene and trailed the gunman from Pennsylvania avenue to the back of Mrs. Lowry's residence on Pearl street. From there the hounds followed the scent to Burgess street, from Burgess to second and from second to the railroad where a freight had just passed and which the fugitive is believed to have boarded.

Mrs. Lowry, questioned by the police, said that somebody came to the house last night and wanted to get in but that she would not open the door. She thought there were two persons.

TAKES PARTY OF GIRLS TO ENTER SCHOOL

Rev. M. B. Cox of Manns Harbor was in the city today on his way home from Littleton where he had just chaperoned a large party of young ladies from his county to enter school at Littleton college.

The members of his party were: Misses Pecola Fulcher, Ruby Mann, Hattie Benney, Willie Sutton and Ida Mann, of Manns Harbor; Misses Edith Meekins and Josey Meekins of Stumpy Point and Miss Mary Midgette of Mashoes.

Shooting Too Good For 'Em

(By United Press)
London, Sept. 21—"I am not a blood thirsty man but I say that shooting is too good for them," declared Bishop of London today in denouncing white slavery in a speech on public morals.

AT BURNT MILL CHURCH

Herbert Peale will speak at Burnt Mill church in Camden County Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, supplying for the pastor, Rev. E. F. Sawyer.

INFANT BOY DEAD

The infant boy of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gregson, on Road street, died this morning at seven o'clock and was buried this afternoon at three o'clock in Hollywood cemetery.

STEVENSON—OUTLAW

Arthur B. Stevenson and Miss Claudia Outlaw, both of Nixonton township in this county, were married Wednesday evening at six o'clock by Justice of the Peace, J. W. Menden at the residence of the groom's brother, Mr. George Stevenson, on Parsonage street.

WOMEN TO VOTE ON CONSCRIPTION

Probably The First Time In The History Of The World Given This Privilege

(By United Press)

Melbourne, Australia, Sept. 21 — The Australian House of Representatives adopted conscription today by a vote of 47 to 12.

The wives and mothers of Australia will now within a few weeks go to the polls and vote on the question of whether or not they wish to send their men to the war. Probably this is the first time in the history of the world when the women have been allowed a voice in such a matter.

As soon as the senate passes the measure it will be submitted to a referendum by the people. It is the general belief that the women of the country will vote for conscription.

To Stir Up Ill Feeling

(By United Press)
London, Sept. 21—"German propagandists are attempting to stir up bad feeling between the United States and Great Britain by means of the circulation of false charges regarding British censorship" officials in the British Foreign Office told a representative of the United Press here this morning.

"The German Wireless News Agency, and indeed the whole system of the German propaganda, loses no opportunity in the endeavor to create ill feeling between Great Britain and her friends," said the speaker.

W. C. T. U. Held Good Meeting

A very interesting meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of the President, Mrs. Clay Foreman, on Main street. About thirty members were present and a report of the treasurer was made showing that over one hundred dollars had been expended this year for the advancement of the work.

The Flower Mission Superintendent reported 745 bouquets, 45469 of literature distributed this year, and 9 cottage prayer meetings held. Other important business was discussed and Mrs. Roscoe Turner was elected delegate to the State Convention which convenes in Wilmington Oct. 4th to 6th. After the meeting delightful refreshments were served by the hostess and all enjoyed a social hour.

EUREKA LODGE INSTALLS OFFICERS

The following officers were duly installed for the ensuing year in Eureka Lodge number 317 A. F. and A. M., Tuesday night:
W. P. Wood, Senior Warden.
H. G. Kramer, Junior Warden.
A. G. James, Treasurer.
J. H. Snowden, Secretary.
P. G. Sawyer, Senior Deacon.
J. U. Lambert Junior Deacon.
R. V. Iamb and
R. Emmett Wynn Stewards.
J. C. Bembury Tiler.

Oyster season is here and Goodwins restaurant on Matthews street is the place to get the best. J. E. Goodwin, Prop.

TRACTION STRIKE NEARS CRISIS

Ultimatum of Leaders Expires Tonight, No Wavering on Either Side

(By United Press)

New York, Sept. 21 — The protracted traction strike situation in this city approaches a crisis.

The ultimatum of the labor leaders expires tonight, and there is as yet no sign of wavering on either side.

Feeling is running high and a sympathetic strike of half a million workers has threatened to support the carmen.

Union Meets At Shawboro

The next Union meeting of the Camden-Currituck Baptists will be held at Providence Baptist church, Shawboro, on October 27, 28 and 29th.

FRIDAY

- 11:00 A. M. Introductory sermon—N. H. Shepherd.
- 2:00 P. M. Devotional services—Milton Toxey.
- 2:15 P. M. The duty of Baptists to inform themselves concerning their Denomination and its work.
- a. 2:15 P. M. The distinctive Doctrines.—J. K. Henderson.
- b. 3:00 P. M. The work—E. J. Harrell.

SATURDAY

- 10:00 A. M. Devotional services—W. H. Pritchard.
- 10:30 A. M. Conscience in service—S. N. Hurst.
- 11:15 A. M. Discipline—Its laxity and remedy—W. J. Byrum.
- 2:00 P. M. Devotional services—M. P. Jennings.
- 2:15 P. M. New Testament methods of Evangelism—N. P. Stallings.

SUNDAY

- 11:00 A. M. Missionary sermon—D. P. Harris.
- Churches are urged to send large delegations.
- Assigned speakers will lead the discussions, and other brethren are urged to participate in the open discussion.

DOG AND NOT A MAN

Early Wednesday morning the police court telephone bell jangled excitedly and one of the police hastening to answer was urged to come at once to Pearl street.

"There's a dead man right in the street" quavered the voice.

"Dead or dead drunk?" queried the policeman.

"Oh! he is dead, sure," was the insistent and plaintive answer.

"We'll be there right away, then." And as the necessary men were being dispatched for the tragic scene, the phone rang again.

"I beg your pardon," said the same voice, "it isn't a man, it's a dog. But I do wish you would come and get him just the same."

And so the police fled out to pay their last tribute of respect to Bruno instead of Hooligan.

WANTED—We want a district life insurance agent for this territory. The right contract for the right man. You must be honest and you must be a hustler. White Marlon Pich, General Agent, Missouri State Life Insurance Company, Columbia, S. C. Sept. 21, 1916