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GET STRONG POSITIONS

ALLIES GET Foothold IN BULGARIA

Capture Strumitsa, Point of Strategic Value Permitting Defense of Railway—German Invaders Meeting With Greater Resistance in Serbia Than They Had Expected—Other War News.

Following is the Associated Press' review of the war situation as published in this morning's papers:

Maj. Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton has been relieved of the command of the British forces in the Dardanelles and called home to make a report to the War Office on the Gallipoli campaign. He is to be succeeded by Maj. Gen. Charles Carmichael Monro, who has seen wide service.

The Dardanelles operations have not been as successful as the British War Office and people would wish, and of late there has been much criticism because of the failure of the land and sea forces to make progress that seemed material to the ultimate aim of the expedition, which was to reach Constantinople.

Another important incident on the British side of the war is the resignation from the Cabinet of Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster leader, who was appointed Attorney General last May on the formation of the coalition ministry. Disagreements are reported to have arisen between Sir Edward and other members of the Cabinet.

While the Serbians and Montenegrins in northern and western Serbia are strenuously contesting the march of the Teutons and on the east the Serbians are fighting hard against Bulgarian attacks, the Anglo-French forces to the South are declared in unofficial reports to be making progress in their efforts to bring relief to their harassed Allies.

Report has it that Anglo-French troops already have occupied the important strategic town of Strumitsa in the extreme southwestern part of Bulgaria and that a landing has been made by them in Turkey—at Enos at the mouth of the Maritza river, a short distance southeast of the Bulgarian port of Dedegatch.

While Enos is a shallow water port and its environs are unhealthy owing to the marshy country the Maritza River is navigable at this season of the year by barges as far as Ardianople. A short distance westward an invading force would be in close proximity to the Bulgarian railroad line running north through the territory recently acquired by Bulgaria from Turkey to Adrianople, the junction point of the road running from Belgrade to Constantinople which the Teutonic Allies are trying to secure control of in order to aid the Turks.

Both Berlin and Vienna claim their troops and those of Bulgaria are making progress in Serbia, but this progress is slow. Vienna claims that several additional vantage points have been taken by the Teutons and that the Bulgarians in the North have gained ground in the mountainous country and farther South have advanced over Egri Palanka in their attempt to gain the Uskup-Nish Railway, the cutting of which would probably delay the progress of the French and British troops from Saloniki.

Artillery bombardments and fighting by means of hand grenades have been the sole methods of warfare along the French line; while on the Russian front the attempt of Field Marshal von Hindenburg to push through to Dvinsk has brought out the hardest fighting. Berlin asserts that good progress has been made by von Hindenburg to the south of Riga and that near Iloukist Russian positions extending over a front of nearly two miles have been captured.

Stubborn fighting continues in the Austro-Italian zone, with the Italians on the offensive. On the plateau of Doberdo the Italians in an attack reached the Austrian entanglements at some places but Vienna says were finally driven off.

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Cherryville Man Killed.

Newton Enterprise.

Charles Carpenter, of Cherryville, employed as repair man by the Southern in the Asheville yards, was fatally hurt in Asheville Monday and died in the hospital later. He was working on the pilot of an engine standing in the pit, and the engine was moved, catching him between it and the end of the pit. The remains were sent to Cherryville for interment.

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THE GRADE CROSSING.

Raleigh Times.

A Raleigh grade crossing recently cost another life—that of a small negro boy. The accident might have happened as well to a large rich citizen in a motor car. The elimination of all such dangerous crossings is, of course, a policy that can be carried out only at enormous cost. But it is doubtful whether the expenses incident to damage suits for deaths and injuries have not already amounted to more than the cost of such elimination would have been. In a few years the grade crossing will rank as a fad of corporate short-sightedness.

WAS COMPLETE SUCCESS

GASTON'S FIRST FAIR WAS A FINE ONE

More Than Twenty Thousand People Entered Grounds During Five Days—Saturday, Circus Day, Brought About Seven Thousand—Management Pleased With Financial Result—Splendid Promises for Next Year's Event.

Gaston county's first annual fair came to a close Saturday night. The records showed that more than 20,000 people entered the grounds between the opening of the fair Tuesday morning and midnight Saturday night. It was a decided success in every respect and the management is highly gratified at the results. Some of the exhibits were not as large as might have been desired but were as large as could have been expected. With the enthusiasm engendered among the farmers by this fair there is every reason to believe that the agricultural and livestock exhibits next year will easily treble or even quadruple those of this year. The same is probably true of the exhibits by local merchants and manufacturers.

Financially the fair was everything that was hoped for and more too. Besides defraying all of the operating expenses the receipts will fall only a hundred or two dollars short of paying for the entire amount spent in permanent improvements such as fence, barns, stalls, pens, grain, etc. The managers had entered into the proposition with a feeling that they would be perfectly satisfied if they should come within \$1,000 to \$1,500 of getting enough to pay for the permanent improvements. For next year's fair several more permanent buildings will be erected, large enough to accommodate all exhibits. This year the exhibits were made in large tents leased for the purpose.

Saturday was the biggest day in point of attendance, something like 7,000 passing through the gates. This was due, in large part, to the appearance on the grounds of Robinson's Circus. For the afternoon performance there were sold 4,200 general admission tickets and at night there were between 1,200 and 1,500, while probably 2,000 went into the grounds during the day who did not attend the circus. The circus was a very creditable one. There were lots of out-of-town people here, the colored race predominating. They came in on excursion trains on the C. & N. W. mostly. The circus manager said that the Gastonia crowd was the largest they had played to since they left Richmond, Va., some weeks ago.

FAIR NOTES.

In listing the names of the firms having exhibits in the tent devoted to booths for Gastonia merchants and manufacturers the reporter inadvertently omitted to mention the Robinson Shoe Company. This concern had an unusually attractive display of shoes, etc., their booth being exceptionally pretty in its decorations.

"I've got a pig at home that would have taken first prize over anything at the fair in his breed" said Mr. E. Hope Forbes, of the Crowders Creek community. To the Gazette man after he had inspected the pigs shown at the fair. "The pig exhibit was a splendid one," he added, "but I wish I had taken time to bring mine up. Somehow it just escaped me till it was too late to enter him." It is safe to assert that Mr. Forbes will be on hand at the 1916 fair not only with thoroughbred hogs but with other agricultural exhibits. Doubtless numerous other farmers, just like Mr. Forbes, had exhibition stock but kept putting off entering them until it was too late.

Mr. Oscar L. Rhyne is one progressive young farmer who has been thoroughly convinced that the county fair is a most excellent advertising medium for advertising one's wares, provided he has something worth while to show. He had some fine pigs on display. He did not bring them to the fair with any idea of selling any of them but simply to show them. A pig fancier from Mecklenburg came along and the animals caught his eye. Result Mr. Rhyne sold a sow and seven little pigs for \$100 and another pig for \$75. It's a dead certainty that Mr. Rhyne will have pigs and some agricultural products as well on display next year.

It was in every respect one of the best behaved crowds ever seen here. More than 20,000 were in the fair grounds during the five days and only one arrest was made. There were plenty of officers about and they kept a close watch. The offenders just weren't there. This is a splendid

NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Dallas Dots.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BALLAS, Oct. 18, 15.—The Music Lover's Club met last Friday evening at half past seven o'clock with Miss Sarah Hoffman.

The following was the program for the evening.

Piano solo, "Pasquinade," Gottschalk, Miss Muriel Bulwinkle.

Paper, "What America is doing for the advancement of Music To-day," written by Mrs. C. C. Cornwell and read by Miss Corinne Puett.

Piano solo, Love Song, Nevin, Miss Sarah Hoffman.

Piano solo, Last Hope, Gottschalk, Miss Mabel Bulwinkle.

Vocal solo, Little Pink Rose, Mrs. Cott Robinson.

Violin solo, With Sweet Lavender, Miss Corinne Puett.

Piano solo, "D. K. E. Waltz," Thompson, Mrs. J. W. Summey.

Plans were discussed for the special meeting of the club which will probably be held about the middle of November. These special meetings are held at the end of each quarter, and each member has the privilege of inviting some one outside of the club.

At the close of the business meeting the hostess served some delicious scuppernon ice cream and cake.

Misses Odessa Richardson of Monroe and Lucy Jordan of Gastonia were the guests of Miss Anna Puett Saturday and Sunday.

Supt. M. S. Beam brought down a number of his teachers in his automobile on Friday to visit the schools, the graded and the Farm Life school.

In the party were Prof. Ward, Mrs. Horton and Misses Farmer, Nixon and Roberts.

Late last night a message was received here from Lenoir that a change for the worse had taken place in the condition of Mr. Marvin Cornwell. Mr. Cornwell was operated on for appendicitis last week at Lenoir and it was thought his condition was very favorable until last night.

Messrs. P. A. Summey, J. W. Summey and Coit Robinson left at once in Mr. L. D. Gribble's car. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cornwell left for Lenoir this morning.

Rev. A. R. Beck and Mr. Waldo Beck attended the meeting of the Tennessee Synod of the Lutheran church at New Brookland church, near Columbia last week.

Cherryville Chat.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

McADENVILLE, Oct. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Ballinger, of Savannah, Ga., were the guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ray.

Mr. James Holt, of Charlotte, formerly superintendent here, was the guest last Wednesday of Mr. George L. Webb.

Mrs. Bettie Lowe, of Charlotte, visited friends here last week.

Mr. W. W. Lowe, of Huntersville, was here Sunday as the guest of Mr. Bud Funderburk.

Dr. Ralph Ray, of Gastonia, spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ray.

Mr. Will Ingle and son went possum hunting last Friday night and caught thirteen.

Mr. M. L. Dixon and family, of Clover, S. C., visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. M. H. Flack, of Forest City, is spending a few weeks here with her daughter, Mrs. Walter E. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ray spent Friday in Gastonia attending the fair.

Messrs. Jake Stafford, M. T. Stafford, Will Ingle, James Cashlon, Thomas Thompson, Bill Mauney and Mr. Bradshaw, who constitute McAdenville's regiment of possum hunters have 25 or more nice fat possums and will give the Confederate veterans of the town a "possum and later" dinner next Saturday. The string band will make music for the occasion and a great time is anticipated.

LORAY LOCALS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

WEST GASTONIA, Oct. 18.—Miss Ollie Gray, of Spencer, visited Miss Marge Dalton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Fite, of McAdenville, spent a few days this week visiting relatives here.

Mr. J. C. Dood spent Sunday in Shelby visiting relatives.

Miss Media Holcomb has returned home after spending a month visiting relatives in Asheville.

Mrs. F. J. Bradley, of Concord, is visiting Mrs. T. W. Bradley this week.

Miss Flossie Jenkins, of McAdenville, spent a few days this week visiting her brother, Mr. A. S. Jenkins.

Mr. Lee Corn, of Kannapolis, spent a few days here this week visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Gilliam, who have been visiting Mr. Gilliam's brother, Mr. J. Gilliam, returned to their home in Old Fort Sunday.

Miss Bessie Rankin, of McAdenville, visited relatives here this week.

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THE LATEST NEWS OF GASTONIA AND VICINITY

Personal Pickups, Short Paragraphs, Social News—Gathered By The Gazette Reporter And Put In Condensed Form For Busy Readers.

Personals and Locals.

—Mrs. J. P. Reid was a visitor to Charlotte yesterday.

—Mr. J. E. Simpson was a business visitor to Charlotte yesterday.

—Mrs. S. M. Robinson, of Lowell, was in the city shopping yesterday.

—Mr. J. W. Abernethy, of Alexis, was a Gastonia visitor yesterday.

—Messrs. Ed Adams, Clyde McLean and W. H. Adams visited friends in Clover, S. C., Sunday evening.

—Col. C. B. Armstrong left last night on a business trip to Philadelphia.

—Mr. J. H. Huffstetler and Mr. Harold Huffstetler, of the Union section, are in town today.

—Mrs. Lou Hill returned to her home in Newton today after visiting relatives here.

—Mr. D. G. Young, of Salisbury, spent Saturday in the city attending the fair.

—Miss Lillian Robinson, who has been the guest for a week of Mrs. E. O. Jennings, returned yesterday to her home in Salisbury.

—Mr. Thad P. Clinton returned yesterday to Clover, S. C., after spending several days attending the fair.

—Miss Eleanor Moore Reid, who is teaching in the Statesville Female College, spent Sunday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Reid.

—Mr. Charles Craig, who has been with A. H. Guion & Co., left yesterday for University to take a position as lineman with the Southern Power Co.

—Mrs. G. W. Abernethy, of Lowell, is spending the day in the city with her daughter, Mrs. H. F. Cash, of Tampa, Fla., who has been a patient at the City Hospital for some time.

—Mrs. G. H. Culbertson, of Sanford, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Walker, leaves today for Honea Path, S. C., to visit another daughter, Mrs. W. C. Branyon.

—Mr. Ellison, secretary of the Lancaster, S. C., chamber of Commerce, spent Friday here as the guest of Mr. E. O. Jennings and went from here to Greensboro to attend the Central Carolina fair this week.

—The fourth quarterly meeting will be held at the Avon Wesleyan Methodist church Saturday night and Sunday. The annual conference of this denomination meets in Asheville November 23rd.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Anthony, of Shelby, were the guests of their niece, Mrs. R. H. Plyler, during the fair week. It was Mr. Anthony's first visit to Gastonia and he was much surprised to find such a thriving little city. They enjoyed their visit very much.

—Mr. R. C. Hood died at his home at Olanta, Florence county, S. C., last Wednesday night after a long illness. Mr. Hood was about forty years of age and is survived by his wife, who is an aunt of Mr. R. B. Falls, of this city. Mrs. Hood was before her marriage Miss Esther Falls, of Falston, Cleveland county.

BETTER BABIES.

List of the winners in the Better Babies Contest Held Last Thursday—No Scores for Babies Under Six Months Old.

Below is given the report of the committee of physicians who awarded the prizes in the Better Babies contest held last Thursday for the benefit of the Gastonia Public Library. We are asked to say that it was impossible to give any scores for babies under six months of age, as the committee had no standard of weights for children under that age by which they could be judged. Following are the winners in the various divisions:

FIRST DIVISION.

First, Ruth McLurd Babington, 98.5.

Second, Mary Cornelia Morris, 98.

Third, James Whiten Rankin, 97.1, and Henry A. Shannon, R. F. D., 97.1.

SECOND DIVISION.

First, John Andrew Chandler, 98.2

Second, Will Stewart Atkins, 97.7.

Third, Jennelle Falls, R. F. D., 97.1.

THIRD DIVISION.

Second, Margaret Almond, 97.9.

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Third, Paul P. Sholar, Bessemer City, 97.6.

A Special Offer.

The Gazette will be sent from now until January 1, 1917, to anyone not now a subscriber, upon payment of the subscription price for one year, namely \$1.50. This is equivalent to receiving the paper two and a half months free.

Happy Thought.

"Your honor," said the arrested chauffeur. "I tried to warn the man, but the horn would not work."

"Then why did you not slacken speed rather than run him down?"

A light seemed to dawn upon the prisoner. "That's one on me. I never thought of that."—Case and Comment.

Town and County.

Born

To Prof. and Mrs. B. M. Weir on Thursday, October 14, 1915, a daughter.

To Continue Another Week.

The Gazette is requested to state that, by special request, the Salvation Army will continue its services at the Clara Mill hall for one week more. Last week there were twenty-seven conversions and very great interest was manifested in the services. These meetings begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock and close at 9. Everybody is invited to come and enjoy these meetings.

Have New Machine.

Messrs. L. Thompson & Son have just installed in their shop on South street a complete electrical shoe repairing outfit. The machine is the latest model put out by the United Shoe Repairing Machine Co., is driven by an electric motor and heated by gas. It represents the finishing touch in shoe repairing and enables the firm to do the best and quickest work that can be done anywhere in their line.

Negro Killed by Train.

Bub Jackson, a well-known negro of Clover, was run over and instantly killed at that place Saturday morning by an excursion train on the Carolina & Northwestern Railway, which was bringing a large crowd here to the fair and the circus. The train, it is understood, was crowded with excursionists which it had taken on at Chester, Yorkville and other points down the line and did not stop for passengers at Clover as there was no room for them. The negro made an effort to swing the train and was thrown under the wheels, his body being cut in two and badly mutilated.

Colored Floral Fair.

Gastonia's Colored Woman's Betterment Association will hold its third annual Floral Fair October 27th, 28th and 29th in Winona Hall on North York street. A special feature this year will be a canned fruit contest. The colored population deserves credit for the interest they are taking, as manifested in this annual Floral Fair, in stimulating interest among the members of their race in growing flowers, improving the appearances and conditions around their homes and in canning fruit and vegetables. The Gazette commends them for these worthy efforts and hopes their fair this year will be bigger and better than ever.

Superior Court.

The October term of Gaston Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases will convene here next Monday, October 24th, with Judge J. L. Webb, of Shelby, presiding. The term will continue only one week. The jurors are Messrs. J. G. Payne, W. H. McGinnas, W. L. Falls, E. B. Putnam, G. D. Harrill, C. G. Derr, W. N. Robinson, F. D. Phillips, R. C. Kennedy, U. L. Black, G. E. C. Pasour, T. H. Holland, Ezra Harris, R. Q. Ford, Phillip L. Carpenter, L. E. Dixon, Jesse Caldwell, Phillip S. Mauney, Sidney Thornburg, R. E. Gamble, W. H. Horsley, Hendrick Baird, J. P. Hord and J. T. Clontzger.

Mrs. Press Ballard Dead.

Mrs. Press Ballard, aged about 30 years, died Friday night at the home of her mother in High Shoals, where she had been visiting for some time. Death was due to pneumonia and followed an illness of only a few days. Funeral services were conducted Sunday morning at 9 o'clock at the High Shoals Baptist church by Rev. J. J. Beach, pastor of East Gastonia Baptist church, of which Mrs. Ballard was a member. The deceased is survived by her husband and one son. She had been a resident of Gastonia for a number of years and had many friends who will be grieved by the news of her death.

Gaston Convict Pardoned.

The following item is from The Raleigh Times of the 16th: "Will Norris, of Gaston county, convicted in the recorder's court May 18, 1915, of the crime of assault upon his wife, and sentenced to six months on the chain-gang, was today granted a conditional pardon. The defendant will be released on condition that he will be a good citizen and obey the law. The reason given by the governor for the pardon follows: The defendant seems penitent, and his wife is anxious to have him return home, believing that he will hereafter support her and make a good husband. This pardon is recommended by municipal Judge Jones who tried him, by Solicitor Bulwinkle who prosecuted him, by George W. Wilson, the present solicitor of the district, by Thomas L. Craig, O. F. Mason and many of the most prominent citizens of Gastonia. The defendant has been on the roads about five months."

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SOCIAL.

D. A. R. HOLDS CALLED MEETING.

At a called meeting of William Gaston Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy at the residence of Mrs. Andrew E. Moore final arrangements were made for the Gilmer-Sorrentino concert to be held here under the auspices of that organization Friday night, November 5th, was the date selected. The next regular meeting of the chapter was to have been held Thursday of this week at Dallas with Mrs. S. A. Wilkins but has been changed to Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock and will be held with Miss Maude Wilkins at the home of Mrs. H. B. Moore on West Air Line avenue. The program will be as follows: Current events, "John Paul Jones," by Mrs. Andrew E. Moore; reading from Robin Aron by Mrs. G. A. Sparrow; discussion on "The American Lady," led by Mrs. R. M. Reid.

FIRST MEETING OF THE U. C. CLUB.

The first meeting of the U. C. Club for the season was held Friday afternoon of last week with Mrs. G. C. Andrews at her home on West Air Line avenue. The club program for this year is a study of "Our Own Country," and the subject for Friday's meeting was "The American Mecca—Washington." Mrs. B. H. Parker read an interesting paper on "The Romantic Founding of Washington." Mrs. J. H. Henderlite's subject was "The Public Buildings of Washington." "The White House and Our Royal Family" was the subject treated in an excellent paper by Mrs. A. E. Wolz. These were followed by two three-minute talks, one by Miss Ida Pursey on "Mount Vernon" and one by Miss Birdie Duff on "Arlington." At the close of the program delicious refreshments were served, the hostess being assisted by Mrs. Chas. Ford.

MISS GILMER TO APPEAR HERE IN CONCERT.

Under the auspices of the William Gaston Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution Miss Josephine Gilmer, a talented young North Carolinian, who has spent a number of years abroad studying grand opera under some of the masters, and Signor Umberto Sorrentino will give a concert at the court house on Friday night, November 5th.

Miss Gilmer was singing in Italy when the European war began. She then returned to America and has since been touring in concert with Signor Sorrentino. She is a daughter of former Attorney General and Mrs. R. D. Gilmer, of Waynesville, and a niece of Bishop James Atkins. She is descended on her father's side from Jesse Franklin, who was Governor of North Carolina and United States Senator from this State, and on her mother's side from Robert Love, of Revolutionary fame. She was educated at Peace Institute and Saint Mary's, Raleigh. She studied first under Madame Ziegler of the Metropolitan Opera House for three years and was then sent abroad where she studied for several years in Milan, Italy, under Emilio Metello, the great tenor, who sang for 15 years with Patti in concert.

The following tribute is taken from a recent issue of The Asheville Citizen:

"Making what may be termed her debut before home audiences, Miss Josephine Gilmer, daughter of former Attorney General and Mrs. Robert Gilmer, of North Carolina, delighted a large audience at the auditorium last night, when she appeared in concert with the noted tenor, Umberto Sorrentino. The great volume of applause given to Miss Gilmer and Signor Sorrentino was not the outgrowth of home ties, so to speak, but was given strictly on merit. Frequent encores were demanded and many beautiful bouquets were sent up to Miss Gilmer by admiring friends.

"Miss Gilmer possesses a coloratura voice of great sweetness and artistic merit. She has a fine range, her breathing and phrasing bearing evidence of close and successful study. Many who were qualified to speak on the subject declared last night that Miss Gilmer has a great future before her.

"In a program of general excellence there is little wherefrom to pick and choose, but Miss Gilmer scored heaviest perhaps in the 'Jewel Song' from Faust. She was particularly effective too in the selection from Verdi's beautiful opera Aida 'O Terra Addio' ('Farewell to Earth') a number wherein Signor Sorrentino's magnificent voice was heard to best advantage.

"A pretty piece of sentiment which the audience quickly caught and appreciated was Miss Gilmer's extra number, 'My Mother.' The applause which greeted this effort was spontaneous and prolonged. Following the concert Miss Gilmer and Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer were surrounded by enthusiastic friends who showered their congratulations."

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