

Reports from Europe Say That The Germans Are Still Gaining Ground

Their Troops Are Pressing Forward Across Meuse and it is Believed That Fighting Along Whole Line of Allies is in Progress. The Russians Have Occupied Lyck, An Important German Town in East Prussia.

Heavy War Tax Has Been Placed on Liege

LONDON, Aug. 21.—An announcement was made from the French War Office this afternoon that the German forces continue to press forward across the Meuse at Huy in great force. This confirms the belief here that the German assault along the whole line of the Allies is under way. Germany's problem is to overwhelm the Allies with one blow then turn her attention to the oncoming Russian hordes. The Caesar's great machine is already in motion and like the Germans, the Russians generals do not consider the sacrifice of men if their object is attained.

AUSTRIAN AND PRUSSIAN FRONTIERS ARE PIERCED
ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 21.—The War Office announced this afternoon that both the Austrian and Prussian frontiers have been pierced and the advance is well in progress. It is asserted by responsible authority that the Russian army of invasion is composed of twenty army corps. About eighteen thousand men of these may be under the direct command of Grand Duke Nicholas.

THE RUSSIANS ARE ON GERMAN SOIL.
ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 21.—A Russian official statement today confirmed the occupation of Lyck, an important German town in east Prussia, fifty seven miles from Gumbinnen which was taken several days ago. This would tend to show that the advance of the Russians is steady and must soon make itself felt upon operations in Belgium and Alsace Lorraine. Lyck was stormed after a battle of two days and the Russians admit heavy losses. The Germans returned in good order but were forced to leave behind a quantity of stores. The initial attack was made by the Germans and the infantry continued the fight for forty hours then large reinforcements arrived and the place was stormed. The Russian War Office also declares that Melkenen and Kovallen were also taken.

GERMANS CONTINUE TO ADVANCE IN BELGIUM.
PARIS, Aug. 21.—Despite great secrecy surrounding all military movements the fact that the German advance in Belgium continues is established as a fact. From bases on the Meuse five large columns are moving steadily south and west and a decisive battle cannot be long delayed. In fact some authorities maintain that it is now progressing. Lieutenant Colonel Roumet, a retired military officer of excellent reputation, says that the battle has begun all along the front of Meuse. He estimates the opposing forces at two and a half million men.

FRENCH OPERATIONS IN BELGIUM ARE CHECKED.
PARIS, Aug. 21.—French operations in Belgium seemed to be checked today. The complete movement is upper than that action is swept across the attack on Mass. The army cannot take place and could not advance beyond the Meuse.

WAR TAX PLACED ON THE CITY OF LIEGE.
LONDON, Aug. 21.—A dispatch from Rotterdam says that the Germans have imposed a war tax of fifty million francs on Liege.

OFFICIALS AT WASHINGTON ARE SAYING NOTHING.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Officials here were silent today with reference to the inquiry of the Chinese government as to whether the United States would undertake the transfer of Kiao Chow from Germany to China.

It was predicted in official circles, however, that the United States would not assent to the proposal unless it had previously been assured that such a course would be accepted by both Japan and Great Britain. It is believed here that China's inquiry was made to sound the United States government on behalf of Germany. Only two days ago Haniel von Haimhausen, the German charge d'affaires, expressing what he termed his "personal view", suggested that the territory might be ceded to China and a war averted. The Chinese Minister here also has been in conference with Secretary Bryan seeking to learn whether the influence of the United States could be exerted to prevent an outbreak of hostility at the doors of the Chinese Republic.

AUSTRIAN FORT BOMBARDED BY BRITISH GUNBOATS.
LONDON, Aug. 21. A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Cetinje under yesterday's date says an English fleet supported by French warships in conjunction with Montenegrin batteries on Mount Lovchen on Wednesday bombarded the Austrian fortifications at Cattaro, greatly damaging them.

The correspondent adds that in an engagement between Montenegrins and Austrians in Bosnia the latter suffered 200 casualties.

The British war information bureau has not confirmed the reports.

GREAT BATTLE IS NOW BEING PREPARED IN BELGIUM.
PARIS, Aug. 21.—The Petit Parisien's review of the war situation today says:

"A great battle is preparing. Belgium is the theater of the most formidable shock in history the duration of which escapes prophecy. Regained in the South at Dinant by the French the Germans have been making since Tuesday a vigorous offensive movement towards the north, which on Wednesday forced the Belgians after a feeble resistance to fall back on Antwerp. The Belgian government will claim a triumph, whereas from a strategic point of view the movement was of mediocre importance. The French armies also have taken up their respective positions and it is certain that our general staff is far from being taken unprepared by our adversary's tactics. The staff has long foreseen them and is prepared to deal with them under the best auspices."

the expiration next Sunday of her ultimatum to Germany demanding the withdrawal of German warships from the orient and the evacuation of Kiao Chow.

The strictest prohibition has been placed on the publication of any information concerning the movements of Japanese ships and troops. All correspondence is censored and the newspapers are closely watched. The activities at the German embassy where personal effects are being packed for shipment are the only indication of what the answer of Germany will be. Meanwhile notwithstanding the most sensational reports of the treatment of Japanese in Germany there is no evidence of anti-German feeling here. On the contrary the authorities have given notice that all Germans remaining in Japan must be treated courteously.

German professors are expected to remain at their posts unless they are needed for service at home. The war and navy departments are preparing for a move on Kiao Chow where, contrary to current reports, the fortifications are really formidable. Since the outbreak of the European war thousands of Chinese coolies have been employed in strengthening these defenses. It is believed here that the taking of Kiao Chow will not be an easy task.

The Japanese newspapers and leading Japanese express surprise at the tone of the American press that attributes sinister motives to Japan in sending an ultimatum to Germany. They state that this action was taken only after weeks of conversations with Great Britain and was at the request and with the approval of Japan's ally.

Premier Okuma and foreign minister Kato have made repeated and categorical denials that Japan has designs on Samoa and the Philippines or other territory.

Baron Eicchi Shibusawa, president of the American Japan Association and Bupi Nakano, vice president of the same organization and president of the Tokio chamber of commerce, are heading a movement intended to reassure China of Japan's pacificatory intentions. M. Nakano will leave for China soon, it is announced.

CHINA WANTS TO KNOW WHAT IS ATTITUDE OF U. S.
PEKING, CHINA, Aug. 21.—China today inquired of the United States what its attitude would be toward the cession by Germany to the United States of territory of Kiao Chow for immediate cession, hereafter back to China.

The inquiry of the Chinese government was made to the American charge d'affaires and it was understood to be based on intimations from Germany that such a course might solve the problem. The Chinese government is not sure that such a program would meet with the approval of Japan or Great Britain and the opinion is freely expressed that it will not.

CAUSED DEATH OF CONVICTS

GOVERNOR SAYS FOUR FATALITIES AT WHITNEY DUE TO NEGLIGENCE.

RALEIGH, Aug. 20.—Governor Craig gave his findings this evening in the inspection of the convict camp at Whitney, taking the view that in cases of four deaths had serious injuries there, the foreman were guilty of culpable negligence when directing convicts to perform dangerous work. He finds that injuries to other convicts at the camp were purely accidental. This, the governor says could be done with reasonable safety and the State will guard with care the life and limbs of the prisoners. Since his visit to the camp, an experienced man has been employed whose sole duty is to look after the safety of the convicts, prevent them from working under dangerous conditions and a capable prisoner has been assigned to assist him. The first object of the management being to treat the prisoners humanely, and throw them around all possible protection.

THE BEREANS ENTERTAIN

Tabernacle Young Folks Have Grand Time.

Yesterday evening the Berean Class of the Tabernacle Baptist Sunday school entertained the Philatheas. The young men composing the Berean Class had laid in store at the church a number of nice water melons for the occasion and after a number of games had been indulged in, the water melons were cut out on the church lawn and served in the old fashion manner. In addition to the membership of the two classes, a number of visiting friends enjoyed the feast. Every one present expressed themselves as having thoroughly enjoyed the evening and expressed a hope that the Bereans would soon give another entertainment.

NEGRO IN JAIL

Daley Man Cht Up Capers Near Thurman Last Night

Sheriff Lane and Deputies John Huff and Shroder last night went to the Peoples Brick Company's plant near Thurman and placed Daisy Mann, colored, under arrest on a warrant charging him with forcible trespass and creating a general disturbance. Mann had been employed around the plant and for some reason became dissatisfied and started a row with D. E. Edwards, the superintendent. The authorities were notified and at once went to the scene, took Mann under arrest and brought him to New Bern where he was placed in the county jail.

THE GERMAN TROOPS IN CHARGE OF BRUSSELS.

GHENT, BELGIUM, Aug. 21.—German hussars and Uhlans arrived this morning on the shooting grounds at the gates of Brussels, whither the burgo-master went to parley with them. In the afternoon German officers occupying an automobile crossed Grand place (the market place) going to the city hall, while detachments of Germans went through various parts of the city. The telegraph office and railway station were closed for the greater part of the day. Many of the inhabitants of Brussels are leaving for Ghent and Ostend.

The general opinion is that the Germans will only pass through the city, or at the most make a very short stay. The only signs of animation in the place are caused by the arrival of peasants, who are abandoning the surrounding villages. The German troops have established themselves on the shooting grounds. They are understood to have said that they had been cut off from the rest of the army.

DEFENSE OF ANTWERP.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—The correspondent of the Times at The Hague telegraphing today, says: "The preparations for the defense of Antwerp extend over an enormous area. All classes in the city are joining in the work day and night, but there is no sign of panic or confusion. The gates driven through the walls of a peace loving people are closed, while the work of preparation goes doggedly forward. Antwerp itself offers a strange contrast. At almost every window appear English, Belgian and French flags, and a festive air to the city which according to the pilotage of Colonel Childs.

AN IMPORTANT LETTER LOCATED

RISES LIKE A GHOST TO ACCUSE INNES NOW UNDER ARREST.

ATLANTA, Aug. 21.—As if the ghost of Beatrice Nelms had risen to accuse him, Victor Innes was linked unmistakably with the sinister tragedy of the Nelms sisters today by an amazing letter written by Beatrice to her brother Marshall a few days before she left on the fatal Western trip.

Beatrice confessed in her letter that Eloise was going West to meet Innes and his "aunt," lured by the promise that Innes would take her to a foreign country to live. The purpose of the trip to Texas and the part of Innes in the venture is thus revealed beyond dispute.

The letter was sent from Atlanta June 7. It reached the boarding house of Marshall Nelms in San Francisco only after he had come home, alarmed by the disappearance of his sisters, to aid in the search. In his continued absence, it was re-dispatched to him in Atlanta by his boarding-house keeper, and brought to light only today, after two months delay and two journeys across the continent.

Considered Strong Link

Mrs. Nelms and her attorneys consider the letter one of the strongest bits of evidence yet obtained as to the connection of Innes in the affair. It will be held for introduction in court, suggesting as it does the whole story of Mrs. Dennis' subjection to the Western lawyer, and his light promises to her. Beatrice Nelms, apparently a very frank and rational young woman, spoke her plain opinion of the affair. The letter bears the hint that the entire family had struggled with Eloise against her slavery to Innes, but in vain, succeeding only in obtaining her promise to allow her little son, Nelms Dennis, to remain in Atlanta for a year after her departure.

The letter chided Marshall on the gloomy tone of his letters, Beatrice declaring that they caused her to believe him in love. With that as a text, she wrote:

"Sister is doing enough of that for the whole family. I am worried as to the outcome of this unusual mixed-up proposition. It does not seem real to me, but maybe it will come out to the good. She and I have leave for Texas next Wednesday to meet him and his aunt. From there they go to a foreign country to live. I have finally gotten her to consent to leave Nelms with us until I can carry him there next year.

"Now, don't you say anything about this to anyone, for it might get her in trouble. You see, everything is not smooth sailing as yet by any manner of means until they are located." The letter was postmarked June 7. It was returned to Mrs. Nelms by Mrs. M. Montgomery, No. 1453 Hyde street, San Francisco, where Marshall Nelms boarded.

It is believed by investigators that Beatrice made the trip to Texas of her own accord, and out of the independent impulse that she would see her sister fairly treated. Perhaps her presence was unexpected, or perhaps she established a stubborn resistance to the plot of the sharpers who preyed on her sister, and she was put out of the way.

Corn Club Boys Call On Governor

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF NORTH CAROLINA GREETED THEM

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 21.—The forty members of the North Carolina Boys' Corn Clubs here with the convention of farm demonstrators this week were callers in a body at the executive offices of Governor Craig and were warmly greeted by him.

In an impromptu speech, the governor told the boys that he was especially glad to greet them as leaders in the great agricultural advancement that is county-wide, and as soldiers of industry rather than military soldiers, destruction of human life and property in other parts of the world. He wished them, in the name of the State the highest success in their agricultural effort success in which means so much for the progress of the State and the nation. The boys visited other State departments to meet State officers and also were shown the State museum, the Hall of History and other places of interest under the pilotage of Colonel Childs.

ANNIVERSARY OF STORM NEAR

SEPTEMBER 3, MARKS FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE FLOOD AND STORM

A year ago next Wednesday, or on September 3, will be the first anniversary of the most destructive storm which ever visited Eastern North Carolina, a storm which it is estimated caused damage aggregating more than five million dollars. The day of the storm will be remembered by the people along the coast and especially in New Bern and Washington where its effects were worst felt. Never had the oldest inhabitants seen anything to equal it and reference to the history of the section fail to chronicle anything similar. Regardless of the fact that no help from the outside was asked for or accepted in the short space of twelve months almost completely recovered from the effects of the storm and its anniversary will find conditions probably even more prosperous than they were before. Many have feared that there will be another storm this year but those who have followed the observations of the weather bureau firmly believe that such will not be the case. However when the 3rd arrives there will probably not a citizen of New Bern who will not recall the same date last year and its fearful consequences.

BERLIN GUARDED BY OLD MEN AND BOYS; FIGHTERS AT FRONT.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—Hardly an able-bodied German remains in Berlin and the city is guarded by old men and boys, according to some Chinese physicians who reached here today from Berlin via Rotterdam. "Every man that could bear a musket has gone to the front," the doctors said. The bridges are guarded by boys less than 15 years of age, who stand with fixed bayonets. "The Friedrichstrasse bridge was damaged about two weeks ago by a Russian bomb."

RAILROAD OFFICIALS HERE.

Makes a Suggestion to Business Men of the City.

S. H. Leard, General Passenger Agent of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company was in the city last night and while here he conferred with the secretary and other officers of the Chamber of Commerce in regard to working up interest among the business men of the city and getting them to set aside some special days to get visitors here.

Something like a "Dollar Day" of "Merchants Day" was suggested by Mr. Leard and he assured these gentlemen that if this is done that the Norfolk Southern will give reduced rates from all points on their lines to this city.

The matter was left up to the Retail Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and they are to call a meeting for next Monday at which time the matter will be more thoroughly discussed and plans made for carrying out Mr. Leard's suggestions.

IN POLICE COURT.

Several Cases Disposed of Yesterday.

Peter Fisher, a colored hack driver, was arraigned before Mayor protem William Ellis at Police Court yesterday afternoon charged with carelessly driving a vehicle in the street, to which he pleaded not guilty, but the evidence was such that a verdict of guilty was rendered. Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case and pay for having the bicycle repaired that he ran into.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case against Hanks Peterson, colored, charged with being disorderly. John Thomas, Linster Harris, Robert Hardison, Dan Harris and Dan Jefferson, all colored, were arraigned on a charge of being disorderly. The nature of the case was throwing watermelon rinds and cursing in the street. All pleaded not guilty, but a verdict of guilty was rendered and each offender was taxed with the cost, or serve a term on the county roads.