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Battle Of The Aisne Settled Down To Stubborn Endurance Test

Three Million Men Engage Each Other Along Battle Line of One Hundred Miles. The Situation Remains Unchanged. Germans Hold Their Own In The Centre. Roumania And Bulgaria May Enter The War.

PARIS, Sept. 19.—The battle of the Aisne now known to be the supreme struggle of the war in France, has settled down to a stubborn test of endurance of strength between the opposing forces, numbering three million troops along a firing line of more than a hundred miles. An official statement says the situation remains unchanged. A counter attack against the first British division the right was repulsed. The weather is extremely bad, the rain falling continuously.

THE BRITISH DRIVE BACK GERMAN RIGHT.

PARIS, Sept. 19.—As in the battle of Marne, the British succeeded in driving back the German right wing under General Von Kluck. However, the Germans met this reverse by strengthing their center. The French war office in a statement this afternoon claimed that the French held all the heights north of the Aisne and have advanced beyond Oise. In the centre the Germans are holding their strong trenches while "in Lorraine our advance is regular."

ROUMANIA AND BULGARIA MAY GET IN THE FIGHT.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Advices received here tonight indicate that Roumania and Bulgaria may enter the war as the allies of Russia. It is also believed that the Italian government will be unable to withstand the demand that she join the allies against the Germans.

AUSTRIAN DREADNAUGHT IS BADLY DAMAGED.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—A dispatch from Venice this afternoon says that the Austrian dreadnaught, Viribus Units, was badly damaged in Adriatic naval battle but escaped from her opponents. There was no details as to the loss.

THE GERMAN FORCES HAVE SHELLED RHEIMS.

PARIS, Sept. 19.—It was officially announced late tonight that the Germans had shelled the Rheims Cathedral all day.

GREAT ARTILLERY DUEL CONTINUES UNABATED.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—The correspondent of the Express at Soissons, telegraphing via Paris, says

"The great artillery duel continues unabated and the position is the same as it was four days ago. The Germans have prepared elaborate trenches and barb wire approaches to protect the positions of their heavy guns behind the hill crest.

"A British officer said to me today 'If we held the same position we would soon be shelled with our ammunition based. We realize the serious task which faces the allies.'

"The infantry losses must be extremely heavy. The aeroplanes of the allies are doing splendid service. Last night one located a train filled with returning German soldiers and its pilot dropped a bomb to indicate the range. Our artillery then the train [illegible] a few minutes.

"We are [illegible] weather. Torrents of rain fall almost continually the trenches are full of water and as a consequence there is something like an epidemic of rheumatizm among the troops.

"It is reported that a German force with a general in command has been surrounded in the fort near Chateau Thierry.

"The allies are now massing enormous bodies of troops and everyhting points to the probability of one of the bloodiest battles of the campaign as a sequel to five days of fighhting."

THE AUSTRIANS FORTIFY A NEW DEFENSIVE POINT.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—A dispatch from Rome to the Exchange Telegraph Company says

"Dispatches from Vienna state that the Austrians on Friday fortified an extended new defensive front which will reach Cracow. General Bovcorigz will command the right wing with his center resting at Przemysl, the centre will be commanded by general Von Auffenberg with Tarnow as his base and the left wing will be commanded by General Dankl with the Germans supporting his extreme left.

"The entire Russian left wing, under command of Generals Ruzsky and Brusiloff is expected momentarily to begin an attack. The initial assault is expected against Przemysl."

GERMANS HAVE CONFIDENCE IN ULTIMATE OUTCOME.

BERLIN, Sept. 19.—Members of the general staff here in private conversation have manifested absolute confidence in the outcome of the battle in France, as their own army is steadily growing stronger and the lines of communication have been adjusted to permit a more efficient supply of provisions and ammunition.

The French army, according to official bulletins, is showing signs of having shot its bolt and has fought itself to a standstill, being unable to fill its depleted ranks like the Germans while Germans are slowly but surely gaining ground in the centre. The headquarters announcements still give no definite information, however, regarding the position of the battle line, contenting themselves with speaking of it generally as located between the Oise and Muese.

A shower of steel arrows, released by French aviators over a mile high in the air is the most modern terror of war, according to accounts of German wounded printed in the Mnuich Medical Weekly. The arrows are of pressed steel from 4 to 6 inches long and a quarter of an inch in diameter. They have a heavy pointed head and a skeletonized shaft. The arrows seem to have caused more surprise than actual damage. Only one man was killed by a head in the attack described, the others causing mostly flesh wounds.

WOODMEN TO UNVEIL MONUMENT AT ORIENTAL.

The New Bern and Bridgeton Camps of the Woodmen of the World have been invited to join the Oriental Camp in the unveiling of a monument to the memory of one of the departed brethren of the latter camp which will take place Sunday September the twenty seventh.

THREE OF TRANSPORTS UNDER SAILING ORDERS

WILL GO TO VERA CRUZ TO BRING FUNSTON AND TROOPS HOME.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Sept. 19.—After having been provisioned and fitted out here for a trip to Europe for the purpose of bringing home Americans stranded in Europe, which trip later was abandoned, three of the five army transports received orders to sail immediately for Vera Cruz. The sumner sailed tonight and the City of Memphis and Denver will leave in the morning. The Kilpatrick is enroute to Colon with several companies of Coast Artillery sent from Charleston to take up their station at the Canal fortifications, and also will go to Vera Cruz where she will assist the other ships in transporting General Funston's troops to Galveston. The City of Macon will remain here. Practically all of the supplies loaded for relief purposes were landed today and the medical corps officers and Red Cross nurses, who were to have made the trip to Europe, were ordered back to their post.

AMOS JONES SENTENCED.

Stole Sum of Money From Broad Street Store.

Amos Jones, colored, who was convicted at Superior Court last week on a charge of stealing an amount of money from Carter Tisdale, was yesterday sentenced by Judge R. B. Peebles to serve twelve months on the county roads.

Jones, who is only a boy about twelve years of age, entered Mr. Tisdales' place of business on Broad street and stole a little more than fifty dollars. He was arrested and given a preliminary before Mayor Bangert and in default of the required bond he was placed in Jail to await Superior Court The boy was finally induced to tell where all the money was except twenty three dollars, which has never been recovered.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.

Little Girl Met Horrible Death Yesterday.

News reached this city last night of a distressing accident which took place earlier in the day at Simpson, a small station on the Norfolk Southern road and located in Pitt county. According to the information received here, Lillian, the eight year old daughter of R. L. Lamb, the section master at that place, was killed when a shot-gun which her father kept around the house, was accidentally knocked down by another child, and the entire load of shot took effect in the little girl's body, killing her instantly. The family had only recently moved to Simpson from Norfolk, Va. The affair has cast a pall of gloom over the entire community.

POSTMASTERS OF FOUR STATES SOON TO MEET.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 19.—Discussion of the subject of bringing farm produce from the country to the city consumer by parcel post will be a feature of the convention of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Class postmasters from Virginia, Maryland, North and South Carolina, and Delaware in this city October 5, 6, and 7. Prominent officials of the Postoffice Department will address the convention.

NEW YEAR SERVVICE.

At Chesrer B'nai Sholem, this evening at 8 o'clock and Monday at 10 a. m. Rabbi Joseph Leiser of Allentown, Pa., will officiate.

CAPTAIN HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED

CAPTAIN GODFREY L. CARDEN TRANSFERRED TO THE CUTTER MOHAWK.

The following article taken from the Wilmington Dispatch will be of much interest locally on account of the fact that Captain Carden is well known in New Bern:

Capt, Godfrey L. Carden, who has been in command of the revenue cutter Seminole here for several years, has been transferred to the cutter Mohawk, a larger vessel, which has its station in New York harbor. This change is in effect now. Capt. Carden's successor to the command of the Sminole has not yet been announced.

The Seminole will probably return to Wilmington from Baltimore, where she has been undergoing repairs during the summer months, about the middle of October, said Capt, Carden who is attending Federal Court here.

Capt. Carden's first duties, as commander of the Mohawk, will be the guarding of the Kron Prinzzen Cecelie, a gold laden German ship in Bar Harbor, Me., which ran in to escape the British war vessels.

He says the Seminole will be much better equipped when the returns to Wilmington than when it left. Engines, of a different and a better type, have been installed. Their averagement will enlarge the coal bunkers, so that a great deal more coal can be carried at one time. The towing facilities of the cutter, also, have been changed, making this work much easier and safer.

Quarters for a ship's surgeon, too, have been installed, and a surgeon will be added to the official corps of the cutter. She will be of great assistance in many cases of rescue at sea and in a number of other ways.

The gymnasium outfit which was presented to the Seminole boys by Lloyd's, London, for the valliant rescue of a British ship, has been held up at Spaulding's factory during the summer, but will be shipped to Wilmington within a few weeks.

Alligators Galore in Sanders Creek

THE VARMINTS RANGE FROM FIVE TO TEN FEET IN LENGTH.

(By Uncle Nathan)

OCEAN, CARTERET COUNTY, Sept. 19.—A. C. Parker, W. N. Dennis and Steve Jones recently killed an alligator nine feet long. This monster caught one of Mr. Parker's hogs and carried it across Sander's creek and disappeared under the west bank. After digging for some little time his den was located, the earth removed from over it and a death blow administered to this huge gator.

Ed. Nickson and Lon Willis, of Salter Path, while floundering a few nights ago, discovered what seemed to them as being a very large fish of a strange specimen in the bottom of the creek. Nickson stuck his spear in this object and to his great surprise learned that he had gigged a five foot alligator. The alligator broke Nickson's spear and turned on the sporteman. Nickson at once seized an ax and struck at the alligator with a terrific force, but his aim was not good and he missed his mark, and becomming over-balanced, fell overboard. In scrambling to get back in the boat Nickson stirred the mud up so that the alligator came to the top of the water and the death blow was dealt.

David Whitford recently found an alligator nest on a branch of Goose creek, containing twenty four eggs, which he took in possession. He also states that there are a number of nests on the branches of this creek. It seems as if the alligatore have taken possession of Goose creek since the "blind tiger" was routed from the banks. Although the alligators will not do much damage as the tiger.

MARINE NEWS.

The two mast schooner C. C. Donoho arrived in port yesterday from Hyde county with a cargo of cattle and country produce.

The gas freight boat Alfonso, left yesterday morning for Beaufort with a cargo of merchandise.

The gas freight boat Grace C. Leonard, left yesterday morning for Slocumbs Creek with a cargo of merchandise.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE TO OPEN

"SCHOOLDAYS" WILL START AGAIN ON THURSDAY, OCT. 1.

The New Bern High School and graded school will open Thursday, Oct. 1, and it is expected that the enrollment will be one of the largest in the history of the school.

Prof. H. B. Craven, who is superintendent of this institution, together with the efficient corp of teachers that have been employed, make one of the best faculties to be found in any city school, and the outlook for this term bids fair to be the best in the history of the school.

Although every effort has been made to have the new twenty thousand dollar building that is under construction, completed by the opening of the school year, it is not thought that this will be done, but the contractors will rush the work to completion as soon as possible.

Hariett Green Now In The Asylum

MENTALLY DERANGED SHE HAD STRANGE HALLUCINATIONS.

Harriet Green, colored, was carried to Goldsboro yesterday where she will be placed in the State Hospital for the colored insane. The woman was in the custody of Deputy Sheriff J. F. Garrell, but as the laws requires a woman to accompany all female prisoners when they are being transferred from one place to another, Mrs Fannie Williams superintendent of the county home also accompanied her.

Several weeks ago the woman became violent, claiming that the spirit of some of her ancestors had communicated with her, and told her that an immense fortune was buried in James City and she was searching for it. Her people became alarmed at her actions and had her arrested and placed in the county jail, but apparently her mental condition improved and she was released. During the first part of the week she became violent again and was arrested and placed in jail the second time. This time her people were unwilling to take any more chances and preparations were made to get her in the asylum.

Edgecombe Negro Gets Long Sentence

FLETCHER WINSTEAD WILL SPEND FIFTEEN YEARS IN THE "PEN."

ROCKY MOUNT, Sept. 19.—Sentences were passed in Edgecombe county Superior Court at Tarboro today upon Fletcher Winstead and Will Holland, the two negroes who on the afternoon on Wednesday, July 8, last, attempted criminal assault upon Miss Nannie Daughtridge and her sister, near the home of the young ladies, about three miles from this city. Winstead attacked Miss Nannie Daughtridge, and was sentenced to a term of fifteen years in the penitentiary. Holland did not make any attempt to attack the younger girl, though he was a partner to the plan and he was given a sentence of five years in the State's prison.

Both defendants submitted, and the case did not go to the jury. There was no argument in the case, and only one witness. Officer Bartholomew of the local police force, who was one of the offixers who took the negroes to raleigh on the night following the attempted assault, went on the stand and told of the confession of Winstead, and the case was not pressed further.

A few hours after the boys had attempted their crime, both were taken by the officers, and were brought to this city? They were placed in the local jail, but later in the evening, the local police heard rumors that there might be danger from a mob which it was said was forming, and before anything could be done, or a crowd collected together, the boys were hurried away to the State's prison at raleigh for safe keeping. They were there until Thursday, when officers took them to Tarboro for the trial.

GRAPHIC STORY OF FALL OF LEMBERG

ENGLISH ENGINEER DECLARES APPROACH OF RUSSIAN ARMY CAUSED PANIC.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—An account of the capture of Lemberg, Galicia, as given by an English engineer who has arrived in Petrograd from Lemberg is contained in a dispatch to the Central News from its Petrograd correspondent.

"Panic broke out in the city at the approach of the Russian army," the engineer is quoted as saying. "The entire Austrian administration fled. No. defence was attempted. The Russians gave the demoralized Austrian military authorities three days to evacuate the city.

"On the third day as the appointed time approached, Russian scout aeroplanes appeared over the city, watching for the departure of the Austrians when the Austrians failed to leave the Russians made a show of opening a bombardment. Although no shells actually fell in Lemberg the cannonading terrified the citizens, of whom 35,000 bolted into the surrounding country.

"The large Jewish community was particularly alarmed, owing to stories in Austrian newspapers. Bankers emptied their vaults and made their escape with the money. Nobody was allowed to leave for Vienna by train unless they deposited 5,000 kronen at the railway station to show their ability to meet the enormously increased expense of living in the capital.

"Among the pitiful sights in Lemberg were numerous Austrian soldiers begging in the streets for bread. Many were seriously wounded. Other Austrain soldiers were seen carrying their uniforms under their arms in bundles, which they declared they were about to burn.

"The utter disorganization of the Austrian military administration is evident. The army proved itself an unwilling mass of men, of which large numbers were delighted to throw down their arms to the Russians.

"Exemplary order was established in Lemberg under Russian control."

Alex Curtiss' Sentence Has been Reduced

WILL SERVE TWO YEARS ON LENOIR CHAIN GANG.

The sentence of five years imprisonment which was imposed on Alex Curtiss who was convicted on a charge of being an accessory to the murder of E. W. Sarlandtt Sunday morning August the ninth, was yesterday changed by Judge R. B. Peebles to two years on the Lenoir county roads.

Curtiss, through his attorney Ex-Judge D. L. Ward, took an appeal from the five year sentence, but after Judge Ward succeeded in getting the sentence reduced to two years, the motion for an appeal was withdrawn, and he will be carried to Kinston Monday to begin his term.

A WISE MAYOR.

Puts The Taboo On Tent Ministrel Shows.

The law abiding citizens of New Bern are jubilant over the fact that no more tent minstrel shows will be allowed to exhibit in this city. For years past these aggregations have been coming to New Bern and exhibiting on a vacant lot on Broad Street. On almost every occasion there has been a great deal of rowdyism around the place, and the assistance of the police has been required in quieting the disturbance. A few days ago the advance agent of one of these attractions arrived in the city and made arrangements to give an exhibition, but after learning of it, Mayor Bangert gave the police instructions to prohibit them from erecting their tents at any point within the city limits.

WELL KNOWN FARMER LOSES HIS BARN.

Shortly before 1 o'clock yesterday morning A. McRoy, whose home is at Marl Swamp one mile from Vanceboro, had the misfortune to lose his barn by fire. In this building was stored about fifteen hundred dollars worth of tobacco and a quantity of feed. The origin of the fire is a mystery and there is a strong belief that it is of incedniary orgin. The total loss is about five hundred dollars.