

THE ALLIES PROGRESS CONTINUES

GENERAL VILLA REVOLTS AGAINST CARRANZA

French Occupy Town of Peronne After Fiercest of Fighting. German Attempt to Break through the French Center Failed Utterly. This Move Made to relieve Pressure on the Slowly Crumbling Right. General Von Kluck gets Re-Inforcements.

PARIS, Sept. 24.—An official statement issued tonight says "The battle is developing on the left but becoming quieter at the centre. The Allies have progressed considerably during the last twenty four hours on the western wing, occupying to the west of Peronne after the fiercest of the fighting, according to an official communication this afternoon. At the eastern end of the battle line in France there has been heavy fighting on the river Meuse, the Allies alternately advancing and retreating."

GERMAN ATTEMPT TO BREAK CENTRE FAILS.

The German attempt to break through the centre of the French line failed utterly. This move by the invaders was made as an attempt to relieve the pressure of the slowly crumbling right wing against the Allies are concentrating. The German army under General Von Boehm from Belgium has re-inforced Von Kluck and now holds the extreme end. North and west of his line is controlled by the French army under D'Amade while Britishers, supported by another French army, continue the driving movement along the Oise, endeavoring to dislodge General Von Kluck and drive a wedge through the German line at St. Quentin, surrounding Von Kluck and isolating him from Von Boehm. The son of Count Von Moltke, the German chief of staff, was killed today in the battle near Exeray. The top of his head was entirely blown off by a shell. A coat of mail was found under his tunic.

ONLY ONE SHOT WAS FIRED AT CATHEDRAL.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—The following wireless message was received tonight from Berlin: "The main army headquarters reports that only one shot was fired by the Germans at the Rheims cathedral and this was done to drive away the enemy's observation posts on the structure."

BRITISH SAILORS WERE ASLEEP IN THEIR BUNKS.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—At the time of the submarine attack on the three British cruisers in the North Sea, the majority of the British sailors were in their bunks. Not a shot was fired by the cruisers. The Iron Cross has been authorized to each member of the submarine that did the work. It is officially reported from Vienna that the Austrians have been concentrated in a new position for several days but have waited for an attack by the Russians. This proves the inaccuracy of statements by the Russian general staff that their troops have been victorious.

GREAT BATTLE MAY LAST SEVERAL DAYS.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—An official message issued tonight from Field Marshal Sir Joo French, giving details of the present battle of the Aisne and Meuse. The battle may last several days longer. Operations have assumed the character of a siege.

THE RUSSIAN CAPTURE

TOWN OF JAROSLAV

PETROGRAD (in Paris) Sept. 24.—An official communication issued by the general staff today formally announced the Russian capture of Jaroslavl on September 21, and adds that two days previous the Russians had occupied Staroitsso, Przeworsk and Lancut (to the north and west of Jaroslavl).

"The Russian cavalry is pursuing the retreating Austrians rear guard and inflicting heavy losses, although the Austrians destroyed many bridges," continues the announcement. "Every day the number of prisoners and seized cannons increases. The demoralization of the enemy is shown by the pillaging and panicky retreat. Prisoners unanimously assert that a majority of their officers are killed or missing and that the soldiers feel the loss keenly. "The newly formed Russian regiments have covered themselves with glory, fighting side by side with the veterans."

GERMAN CRUISER FIRES SHOTS AT MADRAS

CALCUTTA, (via London) Sept. 24.—The papers publish an official dispatch stating that the German cruiser Emden while passing Madras fired a few shells but that the damage to the city was slight. Madras, the seat of government and headquarters of the Madras army, is the third seaport of India, ranking after Bombay and Calcutta. The German cruiser Emden was recently reported as having destroyed six British merchant vessels in the bay of Bengal.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—A Madras dispatch to Reuters dated Wednesday says

"The German cruiser Emden appeared off Madras last evening and shelled the city. Two oil tanks were set alight and are still burning. The telegraph office and some houses on our harbor were also hit but the damage generally is slight. "On our guns replying the cruiser ceased firing, extinguished her lights and disappeared. "The whole engagement lasted fifteen minutes. There was little or no excitement and only three Indians killed."

AUSTRIA IS TRYING TO DECEIVE ITALIANS

ROME, Sept. 24.—The Massager publishes a telegram from Udine, Venezia, saying that Austria is trying to deceive Rome by denying that she has armaments along the Italian frontier.

"The line from Pontafel to Tarvis" says the dispatch, "is strongly fortified as is also the line between Travis and Raibal, especially Bradi Pass. All the valleys along the Carnis Alps leading from Austria into Italy, from Cervignane to Mount Paralba, are occupied by a large number of troops. Forts have been destroyed wherever necessary to give artillery full play, and roads and paths have been constructed and solid entrenchments erected. The operations have explained the population that these preparations have not been made against Italy but against a possible attempt by Italian volunteers to invade Austria."

BRITISH SOLDIERS CAN'T BE INTERNED IN HOLLAND

LONDON, Sept. 24.—The Hague correspondent of Reuters says it has been announced there that in conformity with international law the rescued British sailors from the cruisers blown up in the North Sea cannot be interned in Holland. They have been merely taken to Gaasterland for internment for a brief time pending their departure for England.

BUILDING IN ANTWERP DAMAGED BY BOMB

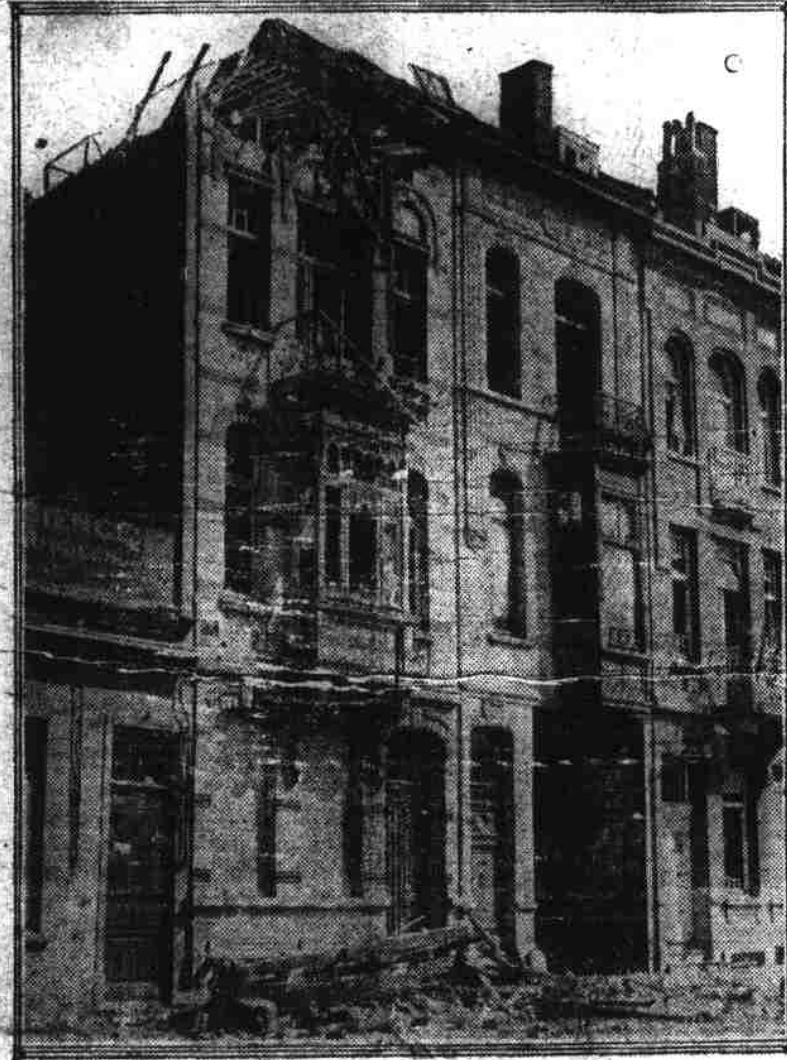


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OLD COLORED MAN SUCCUMBS TO INJURIES

WAS SHOT WEDNESDAY NIGHT BY HIS STEP SON.

Andrew Downs, colored, aged sixty five years, died yesterday morning about four o'clock from a wound inflicted by his seventeen year old step son who goes by the name of Luke Dowas. About seven o'clock Wednesday night a phone message was received in New Bern from Jasper stating the boy had shot Downs, and Deputies Sheriffs Bayless, Smith and Weatherington, at once secured an automobile and went to the scene of the tragedy, and placed the boy under arrest. After news of Downs' death reached New Bern, a preliminary hearing was arranged for the murderer, but he waived examination, and was committed to the county jail where he will remain until the October term of Craven Superior Court when he will have to answer to the charge of murder.

The report that reached New Bern stated that Downs was whipping his wife, when the boy took his mother's part. This caused the old man to turn on the boy, who secured a shot gun and emptied it's contents in the abdomen of the victim. It is stated that the public sentiment is in favor of the boy.

THIRTY THREE CHILDREN CALL HIM FATHER

CARTERET COUNTY NEGRO HAS A MOST UNUSUAL RECORD.

Ben Joyner, a negro who is as black as the proverbial Ace of Spades, who is fifty-eight years old and who bears the distinction of being the best guide in Eastern North Carolina, came to New Bern yesterday from his little log cabin on the banks of Lake Ellis went to the office of Register of Deeds and secured a license to marry an eighteen year old negress. Usually there would be nothing of interest to warrant a write up of this length but in this case the facts are so strange that they seem like fiction. Joyner has worked "double harness" on two similar occasions but both of his previous help-meets have long ago crossed over to a Better Land. However, he claims to be the father of thirty-three children and out of this number, twenty-seven are now living in Carteret and Craven counties and they are the pride, and joy of the old man's life, at least next to his fishing and hunting trips they are. Despite the fact that there is a vast difference in the ages of Joyner and his new bride they seemed perfectly happy when they stepped up in front of the local magistrates to have the knot tied which will make them as one until death, or the divorce courts, place them assunder. The chief event of importance in Joyner's life, or at least the one about which he talks the most, occurred while the renowned Christy Matthewson was on a visit to the Lake section two years ago. At that time Joyner had twirled around through the wilds of that section and of this he is remarkably proud and often prefaces his remarks with "About the time Marse Chris' Matthewson cum down in dis part ob de country," in fact the old man has dated almost every event of importance from the day of "Matty's" visit. After being married, the couple left New Bern enroute to their home beside Ellis Lake, where the call of the night hawk and the glow of the firefly are the two predominating amusements after the shadows of evening fall.

Latest Trouble Between the two Generals will not Interfere With United States Withdrawing Troops from Vera Cruz and the Status of the Embargo on Arms. If Villa's Revolt Results in Armed Revolution First Battle will Probably take place at Torreon.

Washington, Sept. 24.—It was officially stated at the White House today that the latest troubles between General Carranza and General Villa would not alter the plans of the United States as to withdrawing troops from Vera Cruz or the status of the embargo on arms. No date has been fixed for moving the troops.

EL PASO, TEXAS, Sept. 24.—If General Villa's revolt against the Carranza government results in armed revolution, the first battle probably will occur at the old battle grounds of either Torreon or Zacatecas.

General Villa, forced to abandon his expedition in assistance of the Maytorena revolt in Sonora, today prepared to rush his troops south from Jaurez and Chihuahua City to meet what was reported as a strong force of Carranza soldiers moving north from Aguas Calientes and Zacatecas. All was astir in Chihuahua the State which for four years and in almost as many revolutions, has furnished the greatest and most efficient force of fighting men.

According to official estimates Villa controls nearly forty thousand troops. Maytorena has mobilized

about five thousand troops in Sonora. They are mostly Yaqui Indians. Efforts, it is said, are being made by the Carranza element to enlist the services of the Mayos, a rival tribe, who outnumber the Yaquis in the west coast country. Villa also probably will be able to recruit many troops from Durango state, where he has operated frequently.

Carranza's forces comprise the unified force of General Pablo Gonzales, his eastern divisional commander, probably numbering about thirty thousand men, and those of the west coast troops under Obregon, which participated in the entry of the national capital.

It was asserted that all of the west coast forces with the exception of those led by Mayorena, would stand loyal to Carranza.

Since the lifting of the embargo about a week ago it is said General Villa has imported large quantities of arms and ammunition and sending financial and material assistance to Maytorena, who as Governor of Sonora, first rebelled against the new Mexican government.

HORRORS OF SLAVERY SAID TO EXIST IN PASQUOTANK

Judge Frank Carter Makes Some Sensational Exposures in That County. Cruelties Practiced on Convicts Said to be Fearful.

Judge Frank Carter of Asheville, well known in New Bern, has been holding court at Elizabeth City and according to the Independent, published at that place, he has discovered that the convicts there are being brutally treated and has started an investigation which it is believed will result in an upheaval in that town.

The following is taken from this week's issue of the Independent:

"An investigation of the conduct of the Pasquotank county convict camp or chain gang, started by Judge Frank Carter in the Superior Court of this county Tuesday afternoon has already verified the charges repeatedly made by this newspaper, and more. Judge Carter's investigation had to be halted yesterday morning to wait upon the report of the Southern Express Company and the Norfolk Southern Railroad who have been ordered to show the number of shipments of liquor received by the officers and guards of the chain gang from April 1913 to date. The investigation will be resumed at noon Saturday. Sensational developments are expected.

"The evidence already secured by Judge Carter, and the investigation only begun, indicates that the condi-

tion of the convicts and the brutality of their guards is even worse than the Independent had expected. The evidence so far shows

1. Excessive drinking upon the part of the guards while on duty; meaning that the convicts are not infrequently in the hands of irresponsible drunks armed with guns. A guard may shoot a convict upon provocation. It doesn't take much to provoke a brute under the influence of liquor. One case of a convict being shot by a guard has already cost the county hundreds of dollars.

2. "Convicts are often illegally whipped when the Supreme Court has specifically ruled that to whip a convict is an assault and the guard who whips a convict is amenable to law. Whipping convicts seems to have been a pleasurable pastime with chain gang guards and none has ever been called to account for it. Many convicts carry marks of whippings that may never heal.

3. "Many convicts are shackled with heavy irons. The irons work into the flesh of their ankles, producing hideous raw sores. These sores never heal."

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