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For Thirteen Days Battle On The Aisne Has Been In Progress

Germans Assailed the French Yesterday and Forced them to Yield Ground. French Were Re-Inforced and Re-Took the Lost Ground General Von Kluck Received Re-Inforcements. British Flag Hoisted Over Kaiser's Territory.

PARIS, Sept. 25.—The French official statement issued at 11 o'clock tonight have the following particulars regarding the progress of the battle of Aisne, now in its thirteenth consecutive day. First on the French left this morning, superior forces of Germans assailed the French in the vicinity of Noyon and forced them to yield ground. Later the French were re-inforced by fresh troops and re-took the lost ground. Fighting in this section has assumed a most violent character. On the right, the French issuing from Toile and Nancy came in contact with the enemy and forced them to retreat. The extent of this retrograde movement is ungiven. No development of importance has taken place in the centre.

KAISER WITHDRAWS TROOPS FROM CENTER.

The Kaiser today withdrew strong bodies of troops from the centre to reinforce the right wing. With this aid, General Von Kluck began a counter attack which the latest reports say is of a most desperate character. The German troops succeeded in gaining a foothold on the heights of the river Meuse but French troops strong places opposite which prevents further advance. On the German's left the French repulsed attacks on Nomeny.

BRITISH FLAG WAVES OVER KAISER'S PROPERTY.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—The British flag has been hoisted over Frederick Wilhelm's seat of government. The German town in New Guinea and its harbor were captured by an Australian force without any opposition.

RUSSIANS TROOPS ARE NOW NEARING CRACOW.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 25.—Russian forces are now but three marches from Cracow, the Austrian stronghold, here the enemy is concentrating in a supreme effort to resist the advance of the Czar's troops. On the north the Russians are preparing to sweep through Silesia to Breslau which must be taken before an advance on Berlin can be begun. To the southwest several fortified positions must be captured by the Russians who have seized and now hold all of Carpathian mountain passes and the towns of Stanislav and Kolontia which are at the junction points of all the railroads leading from Galicia to Hungary. Reports reached here tonight that the Montenegrins have taken Mostar, the capital of Herzegovina. An official statement today said that no fighting has occurred on the German front.

GERMANS STOP TRAFFIC IN EASTERN PRUSSIA

Copenhagen (via London), Sept. 25.—It is learned here from apparently good sources that the German government on Thursday stopped all traffic of civil passengers in East Prussia owing to the fact that a great battle was in progress and the Russian army was advancing and the Russian army was advancing and the Russian army was advancing.

SEEN NEAR SWEEDEN

London, Sept. 25.—A dispatch to the Standard from Copenhagen states that a fishing fleet has arrived at Falkenberg, Sweden, saw a fleet of thirty war ships in the Kattegat, a large arm of the North Sea, which has Sweden on the east and Jutland on the west. The nationality of the warships has not been divulged. They were steaming in a southerly direction toward the only entrance for large vessels to the Baltic from the North Sea.

The news has caused great excitement here. The sound is extensively mined and foreign war vessels run a great risk in steaming in them without a pilot.

CARDINAL SAYS GOD WILL PUNISH GERMANS.

PARIS, Sept. 25.—Standing in the smoke-filled interior of the Cathedral at Rheims, with tears streaming down his cheeks, Cardinal Luçon said "The barbarians have shelled and burned France's most glorious cathedral. This is a worthy pendant to the destruction of Louvain. Any ancient home of Christianity seems to excite German fury. God's vengeance on these sacrilegious barbarians will be terrible."

GERMANY ORDERED CATHEDRAL SPARED.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Statements from Berlin to the effect that orders were given to spare the Cathedral at Rheims are reaffirmed in the wireless dispatch received by the German Embassy here today from the Foreign Office in Berlin. The message is dated September 21st and reads "Headquarters—Attack against French and English armies makes progress. "Reims lies in French battle line and we regret being forced to answer their fire. The city suffered, but orders were given to spare the Cathedral."

U. S. MAN REPORTED EXECUTED BY FRENCH.

HAMMOND, IND., Sept. 25.—Adolph Hei, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Hei, of Linton, who, with his parents, was visiting in France when the war broke out, started to leave the country, when he was arrested by the authorities and shot according to reports received here. No reason is known for the action of the French authorities.

SEVENTEEN YEARS IN PRISON FOR MURDER.

LURAY, VA., Sept. 25.—Charles Sisk, the Blue Ridge desperado, who has been on trial at Madison Court-house charged with the murder of William Bodden about one year ago, was found guilty yesterday and sentenced to seventeen years in the penitentiary. This is the second murder charge brought against Sisk. He escaped from jail several months ago by sawing the iron bars and was recaptured by the local authorities.

THE COWGIRLS ARE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR

THOSE WITH 101 WILD WEST SHOW ARE THE VERY BEST

The cowgirls constitute a very important part of Miller Bros. & Arlington's 101 Ranch Wild West Show, which this city will see next Monday, Oct. 5. There are said to be nearly fifty of those natty, healthy, vigorous-looking girls, and they vie with the cowpunchers in performing daring and neck-risking feats on Indian ponies and "outlaw" horses. They are a picturesque lot, too, and even the Indians in their war paint and feathers do not attract any more admiring attention.

One of the most interesting features of the performance—made so, undoubtedly, by its strenuousness and incident danger—is the broncho-busting. The girls do not hesitate to ride the wildest horses, and it is seldom that any one of them is thrown. If an accident occurs it is rarely serious, for the girls are said to betray a remarkable facility in getting away from the hoofs of the horses when they involuntarily take a "header." Idgie Lindsay, a little cowgirl from Oklahoma, is one of the favorites with 101 Ranch audiences, but Bessie Herberg, Beatrice Brosseau, Martha Allen, the Parry Twins, Blanche McQuaghey, the cowgirl who throws the steer, and others among the cowgirls come in for a great deal of admiring attention because of their skill and daring in handling spirited horses.

Among the cowgirls are a number who are as skillful in throwing the lariat as are the cowpunchers, and the two best shots with the show are girls. Edith Tantlinger is an Oklahoma product and Princess Wenona is a Sioux. Both have won world's medals for crack shooting. In the group of Indian women are several expert riders. Little Sunshine, a Mohican girl, who has spent most of her life among the Sioux, is exceptionally clever in handling wild mustangs. The girls with the 101 Ranch show are credited with contributing greatly to its success, for in addition to their ability they give a grateful feminine touch to the exhibition. In conjunction with the cowboys, the Indians, scouts, Mexicans and Cossacks they give a performance that, according to report, is without a dull moment from start to finish. All the Wild West celebrities will be seen in the parade that takes place at 10 30 in the morning.

DENIES REPORT.

Salvation Army Officers make a Statement.

The Salvation Army, at its National Headquarters at 120-130 West Fourteenth street, New York city, emphatically denies what it characterizes as a most serious mis-statement of fact disseminated through the press and relating to the action of the charities commission of Los Angeles, Cal., in endeavoring to curtail its work. The Army officials wish it understood that none of the money donated to its funds for the work in the United States is sent to another country and the statement of a prominent firm of chartered accountants proves that not one cent of the \$13,818 contributed for charity was sent outside of the city of Los Angeles.

AUTOMOBILES STILL IN DEMAND IN THIS STATE.

(News & Observer.) The people of North Carolina continue to buy automobiles. Licenses issued by the Secretary of State have passed the 14,000 mark, a license bearing this number having been issued to Dick Smith of Ekin, Surry county, this day week. Since that time others have been issued, and the total

INDIAN TROOPS IN FRANCE

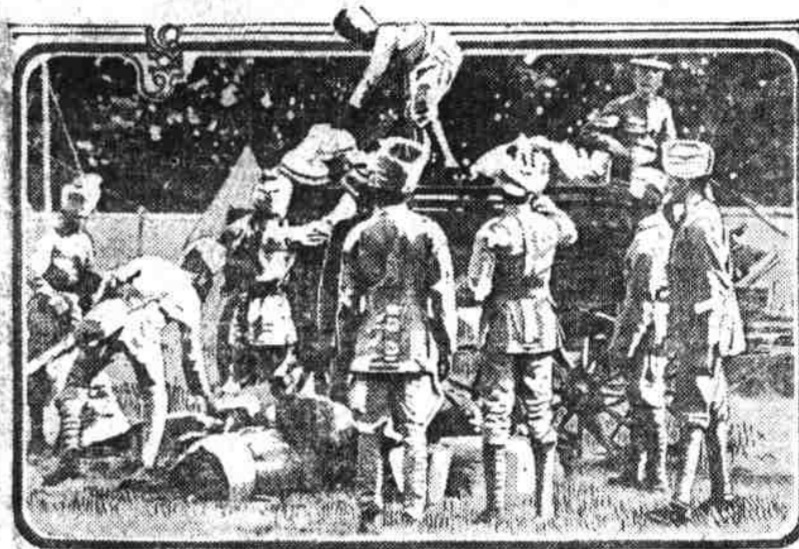


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NORFOLK SOUTHERN NOT TO TAKE OFF TRAINS

RUMOR TO THIS EFFECT WITHOUT THE LEAST FOUNDATION

For several days past there has been a rumor current in New Bern that the Norfolk Southern Railway Company was planning to discontinue the operation of train number 15 and 16. The former train leaves Goldsboro at 10 20 p. m. and goes to Chocowinity where it connects with the train enroute from Norfolk to Raleigh. Train number 16 is the one which leaves Chocowinity after the arrival of the train from Norfolk and makes the run to Goldsboro. The utter groundlessness of this rumor was demonstrated yesterday when local officials of the Norfolk Southern stated that there had been no talk of this action in the main office and in fact that the Goldsboro and Beaufort and the Raleigh division of the Norfolk Southern were in better shape than any other sections of the road and that a number of improvements were contemplated along these two routes. The operating expenses of the Norfolk Southern are far smaller than those of some of the larger roads and, naturally, they are not as hard hit by the present money scarcity as the larger roads and their business affairs are in excellent shape. Superintendent Leard was in the city yesterday and while in conversation with the local officials he gave out the statement that the officials of the road are viewing the situation very optimistically and are going right ahead with their plans for enlarging and improving their service.

ANOTHER ORDER.

Troops to Remain in Mexico Ten Days.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—General Funston has been ordered not to withdraw American troops from Vera Cruz during the next ten days. Secretary Garrison said the action was due to delay in adjustment of details as to the transfer of customs funds.

It was understood the President and Secretary of War Garrison have not yet considered the possible effect on the new Villa-Carranza rupture on the evacuation of Vera Cruz and the question will not be taken up until the cabinet meeting next Tuesday, and General Funston confirmed today the report of cutting the Mexico City-Vera Cruz rail and wire communication, saying he did not know why it was done or by whom.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 25.—Prominent men believe there is still chance to make peace between Villa and Carranza. The public is not informed of the split.

SAVES HIM FROM THE ELECTRIC CHAIR.

RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 25.—Governor Craig today commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence of Henry Smith, of Iredell county, convicted in August of murder in the first degree. The prisoner was shot twice by the deceased and Solicitor Clement and others. The sentence is null and void.

SECRETARY OF NAVY DISCUSSES WATERWAYS

HON. JOSEPHUS DANIELS HEARD YESTERDAY AT ALBANY, N. Y.

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 25.—At the annual great inland waterways from Massachusetts Bay to the Gulf of Mexico, Secretary Daniels of the navy department before the convention of the Atlantic Deepwaterways Convention.

"Not only will the waterways lend itself tremendously to the development of inland commerce and tend to bring down the rates of transportation," said Mr. Daniels, "but it also provides unusual facilities for self-defense in time of war. In any conflict between nations which have navies the all important consideration is to secure, if possible, immediate control of the sea and the power which possesses the superior navy is usually able to do this. In such case the navy of the weaker power takes refuge in some deep and well-defended harbor, where it seeks to wear out its enemy by fighting it in detachments and in other ways wearing down its strength. After this weaker power, having thus taken refuge in a safe harbor can maneuver its ships through inland channels to other exits it enjoys a great advantage.

"The submarine has long been considered a source of great effectiveness and if even the submarine along with the navy, could have free movement through an inland waterway, the power whose navy was bottled up would be in a position to make a longer defense until it could bring into play the resources of its country. It would be able to slip out at various exits and do damage to its enemy. If the ships of the inferior power were damaged in a general engagement they could utilize an inland waterway to distribute themselves among various ship yards for repairs all the quicker. The whole nature of a war would be greatly affected by available inland canals.

"Even in times of peace the canal is a very important factor to the navy and lends itself to preparation for national security. Large quantities of heavy materials are constantly required by the government for its navy yard."

A DULL DAY

But Few Cases in Police Court Yesterday.

Yesterday was another dull day in Police Court, there being only three cases on the docket. Willie Simmons, Lonnie and Willie George, all colored, were arraigned before the Mayor charged with throwing brick bats at two other colored boys. Willie Simmons was taxed with the cost in the case against him, and the cost was divided between the George boys.

All three of the defendants were mere boys, and the father of the George boys, who is a respectable looking colored man, was on hand to pay the cost for his children. When he paid Captain Bryan the cost which was two dollars and thirty-five cents, he remarked—"I will pay the cost now and finish up the case with the boys when I get home with them." And judging from his manner the boys will hardly be able to throw any more brick bats real soon.

MASS MEETING TODAY

Carteret Politicians Are to Gather in Session.

Beaufort, Sept. 25.—A political meeting will be held at the court house tomorrow at 1 o'clock. Circulars, containing the following call, have been broadcasted over the county "To the People of Carteret county "There will be held in the court house in Beaufort, Saturday the 26th day of September, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m. a mass meeting for the purpose of placing before the people of Carteret county a ticket made up from the best men in the county. A ticket to be made up of Democrats, Progressives and Republicans, men who are fitted to manage the affairs of the county who is opposed to bossism, ring rule and in favor of the people ruling, regardless of politics, is urged and requested to be present and help name a ticket for the best interest of the entire county."

Miss Huldah Bowden left yesterday morning for a visit to friends in Elizabeth City.

12 CENTS A POUND OFFERED FOR COTTON

LOCAL REAL ESTATE DEALER MAKES AN UNUSUAL OFFER

Twelve cents per pound is a pretty high price for cotton just at this time, yet that is just what a well known real estate agent of this city has offered to do and he stands ready to make good his offer at any time.

A. T. Dill yesterday told a Journal reporter that he believed cotton would at no late date bring twelve cents per pound and that he was willing to exchange real estate for the heavy staple upon that basis.

Mr. Dill handles both city and rural property and as he has a large demand at all times from the farmers for lots and farms which he has for sale he will probably dispose of them in this manner and will aid the cotton growers. Mr. Dill plans to place the cotton in a warehouse and hold it until the price increases.

LONG STAPLE 15 CENTS.

Ordinary Cotton Brings Nine Cents On Gastonia Market.

GASTONIA, Sept. 25.—The first Lewis long staple cotton sold on the Gastonia market this season was marketed this morning, Messrs. D. M. Jones & Co., purchasing three bales from Messrs. Elean McSwain and T. R. Bell of Cleveland county. The price paid was 15 cents. Fifteen bales of short staple on the local market today brought nine cents, this being by far the largest number of bales sold on any day one here this season.

Until today only 30 to 40 bales of cotton has been sold on the Gastonia market. The farmers of the county are holding their own cotton. So far as the Journal correspondent has been able to learn, not a single bale has been purchased at 10 cents by any Buy-a-Bale booster.

MANY APPOINTMENTS.

Chairman T. D. Warren Announces Long List.

(News & Observer.) Chairman Warren, of the State Democratic Executive Committee, announced yesterday a long list of appointments for Mr. Josiah William Bailey that will take him right up to the eve of the election in November.

Mr. Bailey will open his campaign at Durham on October 7th and will speak at Greensboro, Asheboro, Troy, Morganton, Asheville, Hendersonville, Charlotte, Lincolnton, Albemarle, Nashville, Pittsboro, Louisburg, Clayton, and wind up at Goldsboro on November 2nd.

Former Governor Glenn has a number of speaking dates in Forsyth county and will close the campaign in a Democratic rally in Winston-Salem the night before the election, a practice he has been carrying out for several years.

THE WEATHER.

The weather forecasts for New Bern and vicinity today is fair, with strong northeast shifting to northwest winds.

Charles R. Thomas left yesterday morning for Hillsboro, where he will spend a few days with his wife and then go to Raleigh to attend Supreme Court.