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AFTER SIXTEEN DAYS OF FIGHTING, BATTLE OF AISNE NEARS END

The Final Stage near at Hand and Indications are that the Allies will be Victorious. The Kaiser's Forces Gained no Ground Yesterday, and to stand still Means Ruin For Them. Belgians Renew their Activity and there is Sharp Fighting near Antwerp.

Paris, Sept. 28.—An official statement issued tonight says "Information received regarding the situation on the left is favorable. At the center our troops have withstood new and very violent attacks. We have advanced on the heights of the Meuse. On the right the situation is unchanged."

THE KAISER FAILS TO WEAKEN PRESSURE

Paris, Sept. 28.—The Kaiser failed again today to weaken the pressure on the right by smothering through the Allies' center. Persistent and most desperate attacks on the line between the Aisne river and Argonne were thrown back and the battle ended with the Germans retreating behind their fortifications. After sixteen days fighting the battle of the Aisne is now entering its final stage and every indication points to the fact that it will end in a decisive victory for the Allies. While all official statements emphasize the fact that the situation is unchanged, they state that the Germans are unable to make any progress and to stand still at this point is the same as defeat for the Kaiser, as it is imperative that he relieve General Von Kluck of constant pressure of the encircling movement of the Anglo-French forces. Dispatches from Amstreda state that the Belgians have renewed activities and that these are already showing results. Sharp fighting has occurred within four miles of Antwerp and at Termonde, sixteen miles east of Ghent. The Germans are bombarding Malines in revenge for a sortie made yesterday wherein the Belgians occupied Alost.

THE CZAR'S FORCES PUT TEUTONS ON THE RUN

Petrograd, Sept. 28.—An official announcement issued tonight says that the Germans had been routed in the battle of Sohoskin in Russian Poland. Large forces of Austrians are at present retreating from Przemysl after having abandoned their transports and artillery. They are heading for Sanek, thirty-eight miles southwest of Jaroslavl but there is a probability that the Russians may cut them off. Preznial still holds out though the Czar's forces are in possession of a large portion of the town.

STORY OF DESTRUCTION OF HUNGARIAN GUARD

London, Sept. 28.—A Petrograd dispatch to the Telegraph says that on Sunday the Russian Slavo appeared a spirited account of the destruction of the Hungarian guard, a cavalry division, in the battle of Grodek. It follows:

"A considerable force of Austrians fell upon the advance guard of General Brousaloff, which was composed of infantry, Cossacks and light artillery. The plan of the enemy was clear. He hoped to shatter our advance guard and then break through our center. Our infantry and artillery had strongly entrenched themselves and in reserve were several Cossack detachments. At first the Austrian infantry moved out for the attack. It was met with a deadly fire of machine and machine guns and the enemy layed and fell back. Then the cavalry was sent out. The bow of the Austro-Hungarian army, the Budapest guard division, formed of Hungarians, Bright-jacketed Hungarians, galloped furiously down in close order. It appeared all nothing could arrest their thunderous course, not even the solid ranks of the artillery."

SALVATION ARMY CONDUCTED SERVICE AT THE JAIL

Services were conducted in the county jail yesterday morning at ten o'clock by the Salvation Army and in the afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Tabernacle Baptist church.

bullets from machine guns.

"The Hungarians did not hesitate for a moment but continued to charge at our trenches. One rocket in the air and it seemed as if nothing would be left of our infantry."

"All at once the third of hoofs and the clatter of steel were heard and the Hungarians were met by a whirlwind of Cossacks. For two hours, the Austrian and Russian infantry watched the scene of terrible carnage."

"At the end of this time, of the fine Budapest guard division not one man was left and the whole field was strewn with the enemy's corpses, severed heads, hands and legs and dead horses."

"The commander of the division, General Froehlich could not stand the disgrace of defeat and shot himself on the battlefield. As was afterwards explained he had promised to bring to the Austrian Emperor on the latter's birthday, news of the complete destruction of the Russian army. By throwing his division onto the Russians an Austrian General was fully convinced that the next day he would be able to announce to the emperor the promised victory."

"Before the battle the Hungarians were ordered to don their parade uniforms."

London, Sept. 28.—In the past 48 hours there has been extraordinary activity wherever antagonists faced each other in the great theatre of war but none of the encounters apparently has been decisive. Official communications of yesterday stated that the attack on the German right has made a distinct advance and this version is supported by official Berlin advices which state that the allies have made extensive advances against the German extreme right.

By making desperate sorties the Belgians have retaliated against the threat of the Germans to bring up their siege guns before Antwerp.

Along the great western battle line the struggle still continues to be general with most determined attacks being made on each flank. Both sides evidently have realized today mass attacks in the center are futile in the present exhausted state of the armies.

Reports of actions come from almost every section of the Russian frontier. Emperor William is reported to be in East Prussia and the German offensive probably under his eyes has recommended against General Rennenkampf. Petrograd believes that this movement because of its limited front is a diversion to realize the threatened attack on Carcow and besides having taken some of the forts around Przemysl, the Russian cavalry is said to be pouring through the Carpathians onto the plains of Hungary. Although the success of that movement is officially denied from Budapest, which announces that the repeated attempts of the Russian cavalry to enter the country have been repulsed, hurried efforts are being made along the Austrian frontier to strengthen fortress garrisons.

Electric currents are a marked feature of the defensive arrangements. Wires have been laid over all the strategic points on the frontier and these connect with a powerful station at Riva.

FARMERS IN THIS SECTION FEEL EASY

THE "WAR SCARE" HAS NOT CAUSED THEM ANY GREAT ALARM

Reports reaching New Bern from the rural districts of Craven county, prove beyond a doubt that the farmers in this section are not worrying much over the "war scare" which has struck certain parts of the country. The last season was a most disastrous one for the farmers of this section and there is no denial of the fact that conditions now are not all that could be desired but in spite of this the agriculturists are holding stiff upper lip and are going right ahead with any plans they had made. No cotton is being sold for less than ten cents per pound and there is no need of such being done when there are so many offers to take it at that price. Much of the staple is being stored in the warehouse in this city and other points in the country and this will be held until the prices increase. Investigation shows that the local banks are loaning money to many and the panicky feeling is not evident in the city or the surrounding districts.

OFF TO PRESBYTERY

Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will leave this morning for Olivet church, eight miles north of Tarboro, to attend the Alberman Presbytery. Dr. Summerell, while pastor of the Presbyterian church at Tarboro, organized and built this church, after which he served it for three years without pay for his services.

At this Presbytery, every church is supposed to be represented by one Lay representative. C. E. Foy has been appointed to represent the New Bern church in this capacity.

Although Dr. Summerell will not return until Friday at midnight, no services will be omitted at his church. Prayer meeting will be conducted Thursday night by one of the Baptist ministers, and Friday night the services will be conducted by Rev. Euclid McWhorter, pastor of Centenary Methodist church. All evening services at this church will, in the future be at 7:30 instead of 8:00 as has been the custom during the summer months.

PRISONER RELEASED

George Hyman Takes the Debtors Oath.

George Hyman colored who has been confined in the county jail for the past four months was carried before United States Commissioner C. B. Hill yesterday and after taking the solvent debtors oath was released from custody. About four months ago Hyman and William Midgett were convicted before Judge Conner in Federal court for breaking into the local office of the Southern Express Company and stealing a number of packages of whiskey. Hyman was sentenced to be confined in the county jail for four months while Midgett got six months.

Some of the county officials were present when the oath was taken and as soon as Hyman was released by the Government officials he was taken in custody by them on another warrant the charges in which could not be learned at present.

DISTILLERY DESTROYED

Was Being Operated Near Greenville

A visitor from Pitt county who was in New Bern yesterday told of the capture Sunday night near Greenville by Sheriff Dudley of one of the largest illicit distilling plants ever found in that section. The still was located about twenty miles from Greenville and was a hand-made affair being composed of whiskey barrels and pieces of pipe but it was so constructed that it served its purpose in a most excellent manner and according to information which reached the sheriff from time to time hundreds of gallons of whiskey had been manufactured there. The operator of the still was not found but his arrest is expected later and in fact every effort is being made to apprehend him.

MARRIED LICENSE ISSUED YESTERDAY

License were issued by the Register of Deeds yesterday for the marriage of Miss Mary Edwards to J. M. Riggs.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE URGES "BUY A BALE"

IMPORTANT MEETING HELD LAST NIGHT BY LOCAL ORGANIZATION

A most interesting meeting of a number of the members of the Chamber of Commerce was held last night at which time ways and means for taking care of the cotton crop in this section of the State were discussed.

President C. J. Ives stated the object of the meeting after which M. M. Marks stated that many of the firms in the North were purchasing a bale of cotton at ten cents per pound and he made a motion that the Chamber of Commerce get up a circular letter to be printed under the name of any concern in the city and let the managers of these concerns sign the letters and send them to the manufacturers and jobbers urging them to buy a bale of cotton at ten cents per pound. This motion was seconded and adopted.

Secretary George Green read a circular letter gotten up and being sent out by S. Copland & Son to the jobbers with whom they do business, explaining the situation here and urging them to aid in bettering conditions by buying a bale at 10 cents per pound. This letter was heartily endorsed by the members.

Hon. Jas. A. Bryan, one of the city's leading bankers told of the movement the government is making to take care of the cotton crop in regard to the funds placed in the national banks and went into details in regard to the manner in which loans could be obtained.

J. B. Blades and E. K. Bishop also made interesting talk, the latter stating that in his belief the proper thing for the former to do was to store the cotton and borrow whatever money needed on this. He estimated that there are 10,000 bales in this section and that at least twenty-five dollars a bale can be secured on each of these bales. A committee composed of J. B. Blades, E. K. Bishop, Jas. A. Bryan and M. M. Marks were then selected to investigate conditions as to storing cotton and to report back to the Chamber of Commerce.

J. M. Howard read a letter from the National Grain Association of Nashville, Tenn, which they are sending out to the Chambers of Commerce all over the country, asking that they appoint a committee to send circulars to grain dealers in the west and northwest asking them to aid in the buy a bale movement, and made a motion that the local Chamber appoint such a committee. This motion met with favor and a committee composed of H. W. Armstrong, E. H. Meadows, Jr., and J. G. Dunn were selected for this work.

M. M. Marks next read a letter along this same line from the National Wholesale Shoe Association which they are sending out to all shoe manufacturers. Before the meeting came to a close H. W. Armstrong made a motion which was adopted that the Chamber of Commerce take up with the Southern Wholesale Grocery Association and the National Grocery Association the matter of using cotton bagging wherever possible instead of jute bagging.

Taken through out the meeting last night was one which will probably be of real worth to New Bern and vicinity in numerous ways and it is to be hoped that the plans suggested will be carried out without any delay.

FUNERAL OVER REMAINS OF B. M. THOMAS

The funeral services were held over the remains of the late Benjamin M. Thomas, who died at the age of 65, in his home, Mrs. J. M. Sawyer, number 77 New street, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. Euclid McWhorter and Rev. W. A. Cade and the interment was made in Cedar Grove cemetery.

Mr. Thomas' home was at South river, and was one of the most highly respected citizens of that section of the country.

MR. SOL WEIL DEAD

Prominent Citizen and Business Man Passes Away in New Hampshire

Goldboro, N. C., Sept. 28.—All of Goldboro was shocked today to learn of the death last night at midnight in Sabyms, N. H., of Mr. Sol Weil, of the firm of H. Weil & Brothers of this city. The remains will arrive in this city Tuesday and the funeral will be held Wednesday.

THE AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY TO AID THE FARMERS OF THE SOUTH

Will Purchase Cotton at Ten Cents a Pound, J. T. Penn, Their Local Representative, Receives Notice of This Plan just Announced. Their Purchase of Tobacco on the Local Market Has been Large since the Opening.

A plan by which the American Tobacco Company, of New York, the largest tobacco combination in America, will buy 100,000 bales of cotton at 10 cents per pound, was made public yesterday by J. T. Penn, the New Bern representative.

This is the most gigantic purchase by any firm or corporation since the buy-a-bale campaign began.

The plan is for the company to purchase at 10 cents a pound as many pounds of good middling cotton in the southern states as the aggregate number of pounds sold of certain of their well-known brands of plug and smoking tobacco and cigarettes between September 28 and November 30 of this year. Mr. Penn said this would reach 100,000 bales easily.

The brands to which this plan will apply are Red J. and Penn's Natural leaf plug tobacco, Bull Durham and Tuxedo smoking tobacco, and Sovereign cigarettes.

Letter Explains Plan

Here is the letter sent out to the company's customers:

"To Our Customers in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas (except El Paso and Pecos Texas district)

"In a desire to further aid in the cotton situation, we have concluded to make this offer:

"We will purchase, at 10 cents a pound, as many pounds of good middling cotton from each of our customers in the above-named States as the aggregate number of pounds of Red J. and Penn's Natural Leaf plug tobacco, genuine Bull Durham and Tuxedo smoking tobacco, and Sovereign cigarettes (counting each thousand of Sovereign cigarettes as equal to five pounds of tobacco shipped direct to such customer from September 28, 1914 to November 30, 1914.

"It is to be noted that this does not

apply to drop shipments made for the account of our customers, but only shipments made direct to stock of the customer.

"In carrying out this arrangement, we will, as soon after November 1 as the accounts can be audited, place an order with each customer for cotton, in accordance herewith, according to shipments made from September 28 to October 31, eliminating fractions of bales, so that our order may be in whole bales; and so as soon after December 1 as possible orders for bales of cotton covering the November shipments on the foregoing brands.

"Each of our customers through whom we place orders will be required to guarantee the grading and to have our purchases stored, and forward to us proper warehouse receipts.

"All orders subject to acceptance by our New York office. No representative or employee of this company has authority to change and circular, letter or price list issued by this company."

This action on the part of the American Tobacco Company is most commendable and shows conclusively that they are willing to render any possible aid to the farmers in the South. Their spirit along this line has been evidenced right here in New Bern since the opening of the new Dill Tobacco Warehouse. Mr. Penn says that about fifty thousand dollars has been paid out here for tobacco during the past three weeks and of this amount the American Tobacco Company has paid out sixteen thousand dollars, and in fact are the largest individual buyers.

As to the purchase of cotton in this section, the company will buy just as many pounds of the fleecy staple as there are pounds of their tobacco sold and there is every reason to believe that much of their brands will be disposed of as the farmers are firm believers in the old slogan to "help the bridge which carries you over."

CRUSADE AGAINST THE VAGS BEING WAGED

THIRTY COLORED MEN FACED THE COURT YESTERDAY

In addition to the disorderly cases at Police Court yesterday afternoon there were thirty colored men and boys arranged before Mayor pro tem William Ellis charged with being vagrants. Out of this number nine were convicted, thirteen discharged, and the remainder were set aside to ascertain if they are really employed where they claimed to be. The sentences ranged from five to ten dollars fine and cost, or from ten to thirty days on the county roads.

Maggie Slade, Dora Ward and Reuben Payne, all colored, were fined five dollars and cost, for being disorderly in the city limits. Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case against John Ward and Ed. Jones, both colored, charged with being disorderly.

PROMINENT PAMLICO CITIZEN IS DEAD

R. B. Hardison died at his home at Arapahoe Sunday at the age of eighty years. The funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon and the interment made in the cemetery at Arapahoe.

NEW TOBACCO BUYER IN THE CITY

W. Y. Malone, who has been buying tobacco at the local warehouse for Liggert and Myers Company since the market opened, has been transferred to another market and S. O. Riley, of Durham has arrived in the city to take his place.

MEETS TODAY

Neuse Atlantic Baptist Association to Convene

The Neuse Atlantic Baptist Association will convene this morning at the Tabernacle Baptist church, with delegates from probably fifty churches, and will last for a few days.

For several days the ladies of this and the First Baptist church have been busily engaged in securing homes for the delegates while in New Bern, and making all necessary arrangements for their entertainment while here.

TENNESSEE TO REMAIN

Cruiser Will Be At London as Depository of American Relief

London, Sept. 28.—The American cruiser Tennessee will remain in England indefinitely as depository of the American government relief funds. James L. Wilmeth, chief clerk of the United States Treasury Department, and Capt. Harry F. Dalton will have charge of the closing up of the affairs connected with the relief fund. Henry H. Besenbridge, assistant Secretary of War, and army officers will sail from Liverpool for home October 3rd.