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For Twenty Days The Battle Of The Aisne Has Raged Unceasingly

Indications Now Are That The End Is Near and That The Allies Will Be Victorious—Four Tremendous Battles In Progress Last Night In The Eastern Theatre of the War. The Hour For Decisive Action On the Part of the Germans Has Arrived and If They Fail to Accept It They Will Be Defeated.

Paris, Oct. 1.—An official communication issued at midnight is as follows: "There is nothing special to report, except in the regions of Roye where a violent action has happily turned for us and in Argonne where we have made some progress. The general situation is very satisfactory."

BAIT OF THE AISNE CLAIMED AS FRENCH VICTORY

The battle of the Aisne is already claimed as a decisive French victory in official circles, even though the war office refrains from announcing it as such. Not until the entire German line is actually held by the Allies will the announcement of the triumph be made. Fresh activity has become apparent in the Roye region during the day where a violent battle was fought resulting in the further advance of the Allies in their offensive movement against the point of General Von Kluck's wedge-shaped line of fortified positions based on Noyon.

FOUR FOR ACTION FOR ENEMY ARRIVES

It is now generally accepted that the hour for action on the part of the enemy has arrived. Further delay will place the whole German line in such a position that only a superb strategy can save them from disaster. Gradually the action along the whole battle front has entered upon a slower and more deliberate stage consistent with grave consequences which will attach any important aggressive movement by either army. The Allies have desisted from further frontal attacks except where large supporting bodies of fresh troops are at hand to relieve the fatigued front line fighters.

THE ALLIES HUSBANDING ALL THEIR STRENGTH

All along the line the Allies are husbanding their effective fighting strength for the final effort which shall decide whether the right or the left wings of the invaders be able to wit draw to a new defensive position or remain to surrender or face annihilation. The battle has now reached its twentieth day. The casualties are so great that even the French officials have refrained from estimating them. With great armies both exhausted, the advantage will ultimately rest, military experts say, with that army which is able to throw fresh troops into the field at a crucial moment.

THE ALLIES HAVE MANY FRESH TROOPS

The Allies have fresh troops in abundance. Aside from the reserves which are now preparing to take their place in the first line of fighters, there are seventy thousand Indian troops now on French soil ready for any fray. There are those who venture the prediction that the end of the present battle will come on next Sunday or Monday with a complete success for the Allies.

FOUR TREMENDOUS BATTLES IN PROGRESS LAST NIGHT

Paris, Oct. 1.—Four tremendous battles involving six million men are in progress in the eastern theatre of the war. General Remondet has issued the following statement:

cross the Niemen river between Druskenitz and Grodno. Another German army is engaged with fifty thousand Russians in the forest of Augustowo. The great Russian central army under command of Grand Duke Nicholas, made up of a million men has been mobilized in Russian Poland to move against the main German army. This force today was reported as being in contact with the German advance guard which had been pushed forward to protect the line of communication at Cracow. Meanwhile there are about a million and a half Russians in Galicia in two columns. The northern column has completed the investment of Tarnow whose fall is soon expected. The second Galician army captured Krosno after desperate resistance.

GERMAN SHELLS KILL 500 RHEIMS CITIZENS

Paris, Oct. 1.—More than 500 members of the civil population of Rheims were killed during the bombardment of the city by the Germans, according to official figures compiled by the French government and made public today.

GERMANY WON'T ASK FOR AID FROM ITALY

Berlin, Oct. 1.—The International News Service learns from a reliable source that Germany will make no further efforts to induce Italy to alter her position of neutrality.

It is stated that the chief reason for this is the fact that Germany is confident that with only the assistance of Austria in keeping part of the Russian armies engaged she will be able to emerge victorious from the present conflict.

Rumors are current again that further peace proposals are to be made to the warring powers within a very short time. Whether these are to come from the United States or Italy it is impossible to learn.

GERMAN WARSHIP IS WRECKED IN GALE

Copenhagen, Oct. 1.—Reports current here for 24 hours that a German warship has been wrecked in the North Sea has been confirmed. Danish newspapers say, by the finding of many bodies on the shore south of Esbjerg. All wore the uniform of the German navy. The disaster is said to have occurred in a terrific gale that is sweeping the North Sea and Denmark. The wind at times has reached a velocity of 110 miles an hour.

ZEPPELIN FACTORIES WORK DAY AND NIGHT

Geneva, Oct. 1.—Two armored Zeppelins are under construction at the big Zeppelin factory at Friedrichshafen under a guard of a regiment of Bavarian troops and of a gunboat on Lake Constance.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS THIS AFTERNOON

The monthly business meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Centenary Methodist Church will be held in the church parlor Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

WEATHER REPORT

Forecast for Friday, Oct. 2, 1914: Partly cloudy, with light rain in the evening.

DAMAGE DONE BY SHELLS IN MALINES.



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GOVERNOR LOCKE CRAIG ISSUES PROCLAMATION

CALLS UPON PEOPLE OF STATE TO DO COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK

Raleigh, Oct. 1.—The following proclamation is issued by Governor Craig: Whereas, The people of North Carolina in recent years have made a remarkable record of industrial, educational, and moral progress. Today they are moved as never before with a passion for yet larger achievement. They believe "that which they have done is but an earnest of the things they yet shall do," and they press on with the determination that in everything that makes for greatness in a state, North Carolina shall take a foremost place in the sisterhood of American commonwealths. And,

Whereas, The realization of our patriotic ambition for North Carolina, as a whole, depends upon the achievement of the same ideal in the local community of the country, the town, the township, the school district, the little neighborhood ground around church or schoolhouse; and for progress in each, there must be, first, a knowledge of conditions; second, united work of all the people at tasks of immediate improvement; and, third, the organization of the people for persistent prosecution of all the larger processes of community betterment.

Therefore, I, Locke Craig, Governor of North Carolina, in response to widespread sentiment among our people as expressed by many organizations and societies, do hereby set apart the 3rd, 4th, and 5th days of December, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, to be known and observed throughout the State of North Carolina as "Community Service Day," and I appoint them as days wherein every man, woman and child in the Commonwealth shall lend a heart, hand, and brain to the service and development of North Carolina and of its every community and county and as days wherein the people shall meet, confer, and work together for advancement along the three-fold lines of investigation, united labor for the immediate improvement of the community and wise planning for its future.

I call on the leader of thought and progress in every community to assist in organizing and planning for these "Community Service Days."

I call on the Farmers' Union, the Chamber of Commerce, the women's club, our teachers and ministers, the press of the State, our lawyers, physicians, and all our citizens to

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ONE HUNDRED MEN GO OUT ON STRIKE

EMPLOYEES OF THE NORFOLK SOUTHERN SHOPS QUIT WORK

Resenting the dismissal of several of the men employed in the local shops of the Norfolk Southern railway company, one hundred or more of the employees yesterday went on strike.

These men were employed in the boiler making, machine, carpentering and blacksmith departments and only a few men, non-unionists, were left to do the work.

This action came as the culmination of a disagreement resulting from the fact that the company on Tuesday and Wednesday gave the men in the shops a holiday and then when several of the employees were sent for to come to work they demanded pay for time and a half and this was refused. They then stated that they would not work without such compensation and were summarily dismissed. Following this other employees walked out and at a meeting of the union held Wednesday night the steps taken yesterday were agreed upon.

Just what the culmination of the strike will be is not known. Several of the union hands are expected in the city this morning and the settlement will be left up to them.

TIMELY WARNING

Crooks Following Up Wild West Shows

The police of New Bern have been warned that a gang of professional snatches, thieves, pick-pockets and house-breakers may have followed the big 101 Ranch Wild West show from Norfolk. New Bern householders are warned to keep their doors locked while the big show is in town. Miller Bros. & Arlington, the owners of the big show, will co-operate with the local police in protecting the public from such crooks while here.

TO GIVE A BANQUET TONIGHT FROM 8 TO 10 O'CLOCK

Wesleyan adult bible class Centenary Methodist church will give a banquet to the members and friends tonight from 8 to 10 o'clock. A program and refreshments and a good time. Don't stop to dress up, come from shops and stores as you are. Each member can

GREENAMYER WANT TO GO TO PITTSBURG

WILMINGTON MAN ANXIOUS TO FACE HIS ACCUSERS IN PA.

Wilmington, Oct. 1.—It was reported today that Mr. E. Greenamyre, who was arrested a few days ago on telegraphic instructions from Pittsburgh charging that he is wanted there for larceny and embezzlement, is anxious to leave tonight for Pittsburgh to face any charges that may be brought against him. Mr. Greenamyre is under \$10,000 bond for his appearance before Justice Harris Monday at noon, by which time it was expected that the papers from Pittsburgh would be here.

It is understood that a motion is to be lodged before Justice Harris this afternoon to permit Mr. Greenamyre to go to Pittsburgh tonight and surrender to the authorities there rather than remain here until the arrival of a detective who is expected Saturday. If the motion is made it will very likely be granted by the Justice, provided he gives \$10,000 bond for appearance before Justice Harris one week from next Monday. This would give Mr. Greenamyre time to go to Pittsburgh and return to Wilmington.

It was learned today that a Pittsburgh detective spent last Friday and Saturday in Wilmington and when he returned stated that he would have the necessary papers fixed up and sent here to be served. The telegram to arrest Mr. Greenamyre on Tuesday came as a surprise to those who had knowledge of the detective's presence here last week and of his intention of sending papers before any move was made here.

Mr. Greenamyre has stated from the first that he would willingly go to Pittsburgh to face the charges. He does not care to wait for extradition papers, it is said.

Sheriff Cowan yesterday afternoon received the following wire from Mr. John H. Dunn, first assistant district attorney, of Pittsburgh:

"Detective F. H. Schmitt leaves today via Harrisburg. Will likely arrive Wilmington Saturday."

The charge of larceny and embezzlement against Mr. Greenamyre is said to be in connection with a note for about \$5,000 which has been discussed pro and con in advertisements in the local papers for the past few days, in connection with the franchise election.

ELEVEN CARLOADS OF TOBACCO SHIPPED NORTH

Eleven carloads of tobacco left New Bern yesterday bound to northern markets, where it will be manufactured for the consumer. Two carloads of this was shipped from the local market, while the remaining nine came from points between New Bern and Goldsboro.

The Famous Peanut Roaster Case Again

MAYOR BANGERT RENDERS DECISION IN KNOTTY QUESTION.

Mayor Bangert yesterday rendered his decision in the case against Simon Joseph, who was charged with allowing his peanut roaster to remain in front of a portion of the wall to the Star theatre building on Broad street. His case was tried last week, but the Mayor reserved his decision in order to make investigations. After taking in consideration every detail of the case, the Mayor rendered a verdict of not guilty.

A deed given by T. A. Green to Lucindy Stanley conveyed one half of the wall to the Stanley woman, for the consideration of a named sum of money. This made the wall a party wall and the part that was being used by the defendant is the property of Lucindy Stanley, the owner of the property that he rents.

SPECIAL SALE OF COTTON GOODS

STORES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO SELL FABRICS NEXT WEEK

Washington, D. C., Oct. 1.—As a means of enlarging the market for cotton, ladies prominent in official society in Washington have organized a movement for a nation-wide sale of cotton goods during the week beginning Monday, October 5. Telegrams have been sent to dry goods stores and department stores all over the United States urging them to put on special sales of cotton goods and all kinds of articles made of cotton during that week.

The movement is arousing a great deal of interest in the dry goods trade and indications are that it will be entirely successful and will result in the immediate marketing of large quantities of cotton goods and in stimulating large permanent demand.

In connection with the movement, the ladies have arranged for a national cotton show in the Red room of the Willard hotel in Washington, on October 7 and 8. At this show there will be displayed gowns made entirely of cotton goods, designed by Miss Genevieve Clark, daughter of the speaker, Miss Lucy Burleson, daughter of the postmaster general, Miss Callie Hoke Smith, daughter of Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia, Miss Sallie Williams, daughter of Senator Williams of Mississippi, Miss Mabel Stone, daughter of Senator Stone of Missouri, Miss Nancy Johnson, daughter of Representative Johnson of Kentucky, Miss Margaret McChord, daughter of Interstate Commerce Commissioner McChord, Mrs. Josephus Daniels, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, and Mrs. Duncan U. Fletcher, wife of Senator Fletcher of Florida.

The purpose of the display is to demonstrate the practicability of making artistic gowns for evening wear and for all other occasions in winter as well as in summer, entirely from cotton goods. Photographs of these model gowns are to be made for reproduction in the leading fashion magazines of the United States.

The Southern Railway company, which has undertaken to supply cotton stalks and thousands of cotton bolls for the decoration of the room, will also install an exhibit furnished by the American Cotton Manufacturers Association, showing samples of all of the thousands of kinds of goods made from cotton. There will also be exhibits of a large variety of manufactured articles in the making of which cotton is used. The cotton bolls used in decorating the room will be donated by Messrs. H. G. Hastings and Company of Atlanta.

The list of patronesses of the show includes Mrs. W. G. McAdoo, daughter of the president and wife of the secretary of the treasury, Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, wife of the vice-president, Mrs. Champ Clark, wife of the speaker, Mrs. Josephus Daniels, Mrs. Burleson, wife of the postmaster general, Mrs. Wilson, wife of the secretary of labor, Mrs. Houston, wife of the secretary of agriculture, Mrs. Lane, wife of the secretary of the interior, Mrs. Redfield, wife of the Secretary of commerce, Mrs. James R. Mann, wife of the minority leader in the house of representatives, Mrs. William Barrett Riddle, Mrs. Joseph Falk, Mrs. John B. Henderson, Mrs. Duncan U. Fletcher, Mrs. William Cummings Story, president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, president of the federation of women's clubs, and others.

HALF PINT OF LIQUOR PUTS TOWN IN DARK

Elizabeth City Independent—Half the town in darkness last Saturday night because of a failure of the electric light plant to operate, the trouble seems to have been caused by a half pint of liquor.

A freeman at the electric light plant inhaled too freely of the cheap liquor, neglected his work and let the water in one of his boilers go down. The boiler tubes burst out and part of the plant had to be shut down.