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ANTWERP BEING BOMBARDED CITIZENS FLEEING

Lose No Time In Getting Out of the City When Germans' Big Seventeen Inch Guns Begin Firing--Refugees Go to Holland--Belgian Capital Moved to Ostend.

YESTERDAY'S WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

London, Oct. 7.—Bombardment city Antwerp by Germany's great seventeen inch guns begun today being continued with great vigor.

The Belgium government has been removed to Ostend according to late reports received here.

The bombardment was preceded by formal notification sent by the Germans who sent an officer under a white flag to warn the city officials.

Trains leaving Antwerp for Holland throughout the day crowded with refugees.

Press bureau official statement issued tonight says: "North of Oise and at Lens there is hard fighting. Elsewhere on line slight advances and retreat varied reports are generally satisfactory."

French army fighting with great dash and bravery. Germans attacking Antwerp have pushed forward positions against considerable resistance by the garrison.

Paris, Oct. 7.—Tonight's official statement says: "Except at two wings where Germans attacks been repulsed almost complete calm prevails along the front. On our left German cavalry stationed north of Lille been driven back between Chauines and Roye. Ground previously yielded been retaken on center. We have advanced at certain points on right."

London, Oct. 7.—An Ostend dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company states that numerous skirmishes occurred today between advanced posts near Ypres. German forces as sailed forth.

diminution in the casualties. Observers recently at the front declare the Allies are well content to play this waiting game; they now outnumber the Germans and for that reason can give their troops rest while the invaders must keep their men constantly in the trenches.

PREPARING FOR GREAT RAID BY THE AIRSHIPS

London, Oct. 7.—In a dispatch from the Hague the correspondent of the Daily Express says German newspapers reaching there indicate that Count Zeppelin is now at Wilhelmshaven, on the North Sea, with his staff. Wilhelmshaven is the point from which the great airship raid on the British Isles is expected to start. One of these papers publishes and interview with the Count in which he is quoted as saying that he had not forgotten England and would prove it very soon.

It is also reported, the Express correspondent continues, that Count Zeppelin was summoned recently by Emperor William to Mainz. His Majesty said to the Count that he relied on him for a great work and offered to make him commander in chief of the German air fleet. The Count smilingly refused, but said he would accept the title when he returned from England.

The Zeppelin staffs are working day and night at Wilhelmshaven and another station is being established at Emden for other types of airships.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDS FIRST MEETING

TWO NEW OFFICERS WERE ADDED TO THE BOARD

(By Miss Eula S. Cole.)

The Woman's Club held their first regular meeting of the season in the club rooms at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. S. H. Schott, first vice-president held the chair during the absence of the president, Miss Windley. It was a very interesting meeting and the members seemed delighted to get back and all ready for work.

Discussed adding two new officers, and auditor and publicity secretary, and the club nominated two members.

The club decided to take the Woman's Clubs magazine and place it in the reading room of the library; decided to have all the names of the members written and placed in the Club room and when the members paid to draw a line through their names with red ink, and if the dues are not paid by the January meeting their names shall be dropped from the roll.

Mrs. Dave Congdon was asked to act as temporary chairman of the civic department until a chairman could be elected.

Mrs. Dill read a very interesting letter by Mrs. Percy V. Pennybaker. It is in the Woman's Club magazine and every member should read it.

The programs are ready for the printer and will be ready for the next meeting. Mrs. Jves was given a rising vote of thanks for her work in getting it up.

Some business was left unfinished awaiting the return of the president.

Raymond R. Eagle returned yesterday from a business visit to Hertford.

D. W. Richardson, of Hertford,

BELGIAN SOLDIERS FIRING FROM TRENCHES.



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CONLEY'S LAWYER ASKS FOR EXPERT AID FOR L. FRANK

Conley's Lawyer Sending Letters to the Foremost Literary Men in the United States

SAYS THAT HUMAN LIFE IS IN BALANCE

Says No Educated White Man Could Have Written Death Notes Found Near Body of Girl

Atlanta, Oct. 7.—W. M. Smith, once attorney for Jim Conley and now the negro's accuser, today was preparing letters to be sent to the foremost literary men in America, whose opinion he wishes to obtain in confirmation of his statement that no educated white man could have dictated the notes that were found by the body of Mary Phagan.

Attorney Smith has declared that Conley wrote the notes without suggestion or dictation from Frank or anyone else. He says he is prepared to demonstrate this. He desires the opinions of the men of letters merely to corroborate and strengthen more striking proof which he says he already possesses.

The letter, which follows, is explanatory of his purpose:

"Human Life in Balance"

"Dear Sir—As one of the recognized authorities in English, it is desired to call your mastery of this science into an issue where human life hangs in the balance, where the cause of justice may err, where the innocent may forfeit life and honor for the unpunishment sin of the guilty."

"The problem herewith submitted to you also goes out to other master minds with a similar request that they aid us to see aright. Neither your expert opinion nor the consensus of expert opinions will be the controlling conclusion of this cause, but it is hoped that the judgment, individual and collective, of our English scholars will inspire great faith in the progress toward truth, to be accomplished by an appeal to research by masters in all lines of this investigation. This is mentioned that you may feel no hesitancy in full expression of your views with knowledge that your personal judgment alone will not carry the grave responsibility of life and death. However, we are facing a grave crisis in the administration of justice, and all the light that your life study can throw upon the matter we submit for your consideration will illumine where we are now groping in the dark."

"A little factory girl has been murdered in our community. Beside her body, when found, were two notes, inclosed you will find photographic copies of both notes."

"Two men have been suspected as the murderer—one a negro employee of the factory, named James Conley; the other a Jewish young man, superintendent of the factory, named Leo. M. Frank."

Admitted He Could Write

"When arrested, the negro James Conley denied that he could write, but later, proof of other writing by Conley having been found, Conley admitted he could write, and finally admitted that he wrote the notes found by the side of the dead girl. Conley contended, however, that he did not kill the girl, but that the superintendent had killed the girl and had induced the negro to write the notes, the superintendent dictating to Conley what should be written in the notes. At the trial of the superintendent, the negro was sworn and testified against Frank, the superintendent; the jury convicted Frank, who now is under sentence of death."

"A large number of people believe a mistake has been made, and that Frank did not dictate the notes and knew nothing about the notes, and that Frank did not murder the girl. These same people believe that Conley, the negro, murdered the girl and

BIG FERTILIZER PLANT MAY COME TO THIS CITY

Norfolk Southern Railway Company Wants to Know What Inducement New Bern Can Offer

SEVERAL OFFICIALS WERE IN THE CITY LAST NIGHT

Conferred With Members of the Chamber of Commerce At A Special Session

E. D. Kyle, traffic manager, H. S. Leard, general passenger agent and B. E. Rice, general industrial agent of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company were in New Bern last night and met with the Chamber of Commerce. At this meeting Mr. Rice read a letter which he received from a party in Philadelphia, Pa., stating that he was representing a fertilizer plant, which wanted a location for a plant capable of handling one thousand tons of crude potash daily. The plant would require five acres of land and railroad track enough to handle one hundred and fifty cars. This letter also stated that the company has a supply of potash in the crude form that would supply one thousand tons daily for forty years without being exhausted.

Mr. Rice stated that he had not made any reply to the letter yet as he wanted to know what New Bern could offer in the way of deep water, and also wanted the business men of New Bern to have an opportunity of getting this enterprise.

After the matter was discussed pro and con for some little time, the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce was instructed to communicate with this party at once and advise him as to what inducement New Bern could offer in the way of water and railroad transportation.

IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE AT WATER AND LIGHT PLANT

For several months improvements have been in progress at the water and light plant. A new combination Atlas engine and generator have been installed, and the work of lowering the pumps, in order to get them nearer the water level, is now in progress and it is expected that within a few weeks more the work will be completed. There will also be changes made in some of the switch boards.

NO SELECTION OF A BISHOP

The Council of the Diocese of East Carolina met yesterday at Washington for the purpose of electing a Bishop to succeed the late Bishop Strange. Ballots had begun yesterday afternoon and a contest there had been

BOSTON BRAVES ARRIVE AT PHILA. FOR FIRST GAME

The National League Champions Reach the Quaker City and Prepare for Battle

THE WORLD'S SERIES BEGINS ON FRIDAY

Ticket Sale Opened Yesterday and Thousands Were Sold to the Eager "Fans"

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 7.—The Boston Braves, National League champions, are in Philadelphia preparing for the opening of the world's series Friday when they meet the champion Athletics. The Bostonians, who ended their schedule in Brooklyn yesterday, planned a light practice this morning on the National League grounds, and this afternoon they were to view the work of their opponents in a game with New York—the farewell contest of the American League schedule.

Neither of the opposing managers has indicated who will be his pitching selection for the opening game, but a majority of the critics believe Bender, veteran Indian twirler, will be Connie Mack's choice and that he would be opposed by James who, they figure, is the best fitted of the Boston moundsmen to "repeat" during the short series if necessary.

Manager Stallings says he has not yet determined whether James, Tyler, Rudolph, or one of his other pitchers, will be given the honor of opening the series. He declared that Deal would fill the place at third base, left vacant by the injury to Smith.

The long line of men and boys nearly four blocks long waiting for the opening of the ticket sale today presented a sorry spectacle at day-break. Many of them had been in line for forty-eight hours, snatching only what sleep they could by reclining on soapboxes, camp-stools and chairs.

Fully 90 per cent of the nearly two thousand persons waiting for tickets, it was estimated, were boys, many of whom admitted their only object was to hold positions in the hope of disposing of them for a liberal compensation when the hour for the opening of the sale arrived. It is rumored that speculators have employed most of those in line to purchase tickets for them in an effort to circumvent the plans of the athletic officials and corner the market. Purchasers must give their name and address, and any doubt as to their identity, it was said, would result in the refusal to sell them tickets. Only two sets of tickets will be sold to each purchaser.

Miss Bessie Wallace left yesterday afternoon for a visit to Beaufort.

Mrs. A. B. Styron, of New York City, passed through New Bern yesterday enroute to Davis to visit her daughter.

POULTRY EXHIBIT WILL BE FEATURE OF COMING FAIR

Fine Fowls From All Over Eastern North Carolina Will Be Seen Here This Month

PARTICULAR ATTENTION PAID TO THE DISPLAY

Wednesday of Fair Week to Be "Children's Day." Firemen Also to Have A Day

The exhibit of poultry and live stock at the Eastern Carolina fair which is to be held in New Bern on October 27 to 30, will without any doubt be one of the most interesting and complete ever seen at any fair held in this State. Particular attention has been paid to these two departments and in consequence they are to be well worth paying particular attention to when you visit the fair.

The program of events, or each particular day is now being made up and will be announced within a day or two. Wednesday will be Children's Day and school children from all over Eastern North Carolina will be on hand. An address will be made by a prominent educationalist, probably Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State supt. of Public Instruction, and there will be other events of a nature which will delight the youngsters.

Friday will be Fireman's Day and the local hose wagon teams and teams from several other towns in this section will participate in each day's program each day there will be horse racing, free acts in front of the grandstand and many other events of a nature which will please all.

New attractions are continually being added to "The Gladway," which is the new name for the midway. There the seeker after the lighter amusements will find all that his or her heart desires at a price which will be very low. Your friends will be along "The Gladway" every day in the week and they will expect you to be there. If you don't come you will miss a lot of new wrinkles which you should see and in after days you will regret that you were not "among those present." Remember the dates—October 27, 28, 29 and 30, and make your plans now to come.

IN SUPREME COURT

Several Decisions Handed Down Yesterday

Raleigh, Oct. 7.—No decision was rendered today in the case of Hyman Supply Company vs. Kittrell from Benoir. The appeal was dismissed for failure to file record of brief.

Rice vs. Norfolk Southern, from Carteret, no error.

Steele vs. Grant, from Wayne, no error.

THE WEATHER

Fair weather with gentle northeast winds is the weather forecast for New Bern and vicinity today.

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