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## TODAY WILL BE "BIG DAY" AT THE FAIR

## 5,000 GERMANS ANNIHILATED BY THE FRENCH

### THE FAIR GROUNDS OFFICIALLY OPENED YESTERDAY MORNING

**Attendance On The Opening Day Was Gratifying--Hundred Of Visitors Will Arrive To Attend Today's Events -- Children To Be Admitted Without Charge**

Without the blare of trumpets and the sound of tinkling cymbals the third Eastern Carolina Fair was officially thrown open yesterday morning. The weather, while not ideal, was so much better than that which prevailed last year, that the management have nothing to say along this line. During the previous night there came a sudden drop in temperature and overcoats and wraps were seen on almost every visitor. While, as is always the case, the attendance on the first day was not so large, there were several hundred paid admissions to the grounds, and those who attended were profuse in their praise of the event.

The exhibits in the various departments, and they are many and varied, claimed the attention of all, and these proved to be especially entertaining and interesting. The horse racing was one of the features of the day and several thrilling speed tests were held. The Midway was not in full blast yesterday on account of the late arrival of several of the attractions, but those which were open and doing business were well patronized.

#### Today—"Big Day"

Today will be the "Big Day" at the Fair. Officially it is to be known as "Children's Day" and children from all parts of North Carolina will be admitted to the grounds absolutely without charge and no tickets are required in order to gain admittance to the gate.

The New Bern public schools will observe today as a full holiday and will also give a half holiday to morrow. The grounds are to be opened at 10 o'clock and the shuttle train being operated between that point and the Union passenger station, will be in operation all during the day and until 11 o'clock at night.

There will be much for the children to see and every youngster in and around New Bern should be allowed to attend. There is nothing more educational than a Fair and the children gain real benefit from attending them.

#### Fair Open Tonight

Owing to the fact that the weather was rather "airish" and in fact uncomfortable, the train was not operated to the Fair grounds last night as had been intended. Tonight and tomorrow night however the train will be operated every hour and the public is extended a cordial invitation to attend and the price of admittance after 6 o'clock will be only 25c.

The Midway and the exhibit buildings will be open and in full blast tonight and those who attend may rest assured that they will see just as much as those who attend during the day, with the exception of the horse racing.

The free attractions will be given this afternoon at 3 o'clock and at 9 o'clock tonight and these are well worth the price of admission to the grounds.

#### Stores to Close

A large number of the local mercantile establishments, the banks and many manufacturing plants will close at 1 o'clock in order that the employees will have an opportunity of visiting the grounds. Every merchant and manufacturer who has not already decided to do this is requested to consider the matter at once and allow his employees an opportunity of seeing the Fair at

least one afternoon.

#### Races Yesterday

The races yesterday were witnessed by a large number of persons and it was the general opinion that they were the most exciting ever seen in Eastern North Carolina. There are sixty or more horses to be seen on the track during the week and this assures some fine exhibitions. The winners yesterday were as follows:

Horse	Driver
Mary E. (1 prize)	Jno. Smith
Lucy (2 prize)	Pete Draine
Nancy Patch (3 prize)	Schroeder and Johnson
Dan Hebron (finished 4th)	McKeel
FOUR YEAR OLD	
Dator (1 prize)	Bush
Hobson (2 prize)	Fisher
Claud B. (3 prize)	Johnson
Hal Wilkes	Exum.

#### Races Today

The racing program arranged for today will be even more exciting and thrilling than that of yesterday and not a single visitor to the Fair grounds should lose an opportunity of witnessing them. There will be two races of four heats each with prizes of \$400 in each race. The following horses will be seen in them:

Horse	Driver
Hal Wilkes	W. P. Exum.
Lucy	P. Draine
Mary E.	Joe Smith
Rubber Doll	C. W. Bush
Nancy Patch	J. M. Rayser
2:15 PACE AND TROT	
Dr. Wilkes	Jack Schroeder
Lady Gladwin	Bush
Appalachian Belle	Dail, W. H., Jr.
Mary Patchen	Brown
Frederick Belle	

#### The Shows.

Among the paid attractions on the grounds will be found the "Whirl of Death." In this three motorcyclists race three abreast at a speed of one hundred miles an hour, during which time they perform numerous "stunts" in which they literally flirt with death. Then there is the "Theatre de Tango" in this all of the modern dances are shown and it is really instructive. The reptile arena is also an attraction of note. In this will be found the deadly cobra, the monstrous python and the boa constrictor. Unlike other snake shows there is nothing repulsive about this and every one should see these big snakes. In the circus side shows, which is in fact ten shows combined into one, will be found all of the most famous freaks, including the world-famous pigmies, those little people who come from the jungles of South America. These pigmies perform the dances and religious ceremonies peculiar to their tribes and that alone will be worth the price of admission to the entire show. The theatre minstrel or modern plantation show has not been overlooked and for this has been provided one of the most beautiful theatres under canvas which is kept as neat and clean as a pin and is a fit place for the most refined. An attraction which is entirely new is "The National Sporting Club." In this will be given exhibitions of wrestling boxing and the many art of self de-

### NEXT SATURDAY DEMOCRATIC DAY IN CRAVEN CO.

Party Leaders Will Deliver Interesting Addresses at a Number of Towns and Villages

#### SEVERAL COUNTY OFFICERS ON SPEAKERS' LIST

Probable That a Big Mass Meeting Will be Held in New Bern On Next Monday Night

Next Saturday, October 31, will be a big day for the Democrats of Craven county. Chairman Stephen H. Lane has arranged to have public speaking at various points in the county and these speeches will be made by men who are known all over the State and who are in addition to this, most brilliant orators and thoroughly familiar with the principles of the Democratic party.

Chairman Lane has arranged to have the following speakers at the places named below:

Vanceboro, L. I. Moore and B. B. Hurst.  
Fort Barnwell, C. R. Thomas and S. H. Fowler.  
Dover, R. A. Nunn and R. B. Lane.  
Cove-City, E. M. Green and W. B. Flanner.  
Croatan, C. D. Bradhan and Walter Watson.

At Bridgeton, Friday night, October the thirtieth, a general mass meeting will be held at which a number of speeches will be made by prominent men.

While complete arrangements have not been made it is probable that a big mass meeting will be held in New Bern on Monday night, November 2, and at that time speeches will be made by a number of the most prominent Democrats in this section.

#### WHITE MAN ASSAULTED

John Spruill, Colored, Was the Offender

Becoming angry with a white man, from near Vanceboro, because he refused to let a friend buy colored water from him for whiskey, John Spruill, colored, struck the man in the face with the bottle inflicting a painful wound between the eyes yesterday.

Two men were standing in the alley near the Dill warehouse when Spruill went up to one of them and asked him if he did not want to buy some whiskey. The other man asked the negro to let him see the spirits, which he very willingly did, and when he took the stopper from the bottle and smelled the contents he learned that it was not whiskey, and when Spruill was told this he committed the assault and ran, but was later captured by policemen and placed in the county jail.

Dr. Lenster Duffy, was a professional visitor to Washington, N. C., yesterday.

Jack Pierce, left yesterday morning for a short visit to Stonewall.

fense and the performers will meet all aspirants for the honors. Each one of these attractions and many others not mentioned here will be open each morning from 10 o'clock until 11 at night.

#### Auto Races.

On Friday afternoon thrilling automobile and motorcycle races are to be held at the Fair grounds. Cash prizes amounting to fifty dollars have been set aside for the automobiles to be divided as follows: First prize \$25, second prize \$15, third prize \$10.

There will be two classes of motorcycle races, one for the single cylinder machines and the other for the two cylinder type or "twins." Prizes amounting to \$25 will be given to the winners in each class, fifteen dollars to the first and ten dollars to the second.

These races will prove a real feature and should be seen by every one.

### THE YSER CANAL A BLOODY STREAM AFTER BIG FIGHT

Two Thousand and Five Hundred Dead Germans Seen There After the Battle

#### THE VERY WATER ITSELF WAS BLOODY

Germans Made Desperate Attacks But the Allies' Resistance Was More Stubborn and They Won

LONDON, Oct. 27.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail in Northern France telegraphing last night regarding the fighting on the River Yser, says: "There were 2,500 German bodies in the Yser Canal this morning after the fighting in the night. Many of them were drowned and others were bayoneted. The very water itself was bloody while Dixmude's streets were strewn thick with the dead."

"These ghastly facts alone give some idea of the savagery of the fighting, the desperation of the German attacks and the stubbornness of the Allies' resistance."

"The night was a hell from dark to dawn. At almost every point of the line man was opposed by man, sometimes at a few hundred yards distance, but more often in close grips. Face to face men even wrestled and died by drowning each other in the canal's waters. The Germans had had orders to get through that night cost what it might."

"An officer of theirs who was captured said that the delay of more than a week in crossing this water had incensed the autocratic military mind in Germany. It must be crossed tonight if it costs thousands of men. That in effect was the order given and the German soldiers, all credit to them, did their best."

"Probably 5,000 of them gave their lives last night. They could not give more, yet they failed, but not because the Germans did not literally obey their orders. They crossed the waterway alright as they were bid, but once through they could not make good. They were mowed down with rifle shot, torn into human fragments by shells and bayoneted back yard by yard over their own dead into waters of the canal. Into very gray of the morning this bloody work went on so fiercely that there was hardly a trench or bridge guarding the whole line that did not imagine that he had been singled out for special attack."

"It is believed that some 5,000 Germans crossed the river Yser but hardly one of them got back. Those to the north and northeast of Dixmude, probably two thousand were met by a fine rally of the Belgian infantry and of the cavalry who had tethered their horses and were driven by main force at the bayonet's point to the river canal and into it. There must have been frantic scenes and the bodies seen in the water on the next day gave grim testimony of this."

"About three thousand German infantrymen got into Dixmude. They held it for a time, but with shell fire and rifle fire the place was riddled through and through. The Germans dashed out of the crumbling houses only to be wiped out by a sirocco of sharpshooters and shot into the streets."

"When Sunday morning broke the dead and wounded were everywhere. Dixmude was a cemetery, but in the woods not far away the Germans still lingered. They held a position under a desperate fire and eventually were killed. The Allies could not oust them and the Germans are still across the Yser."

"Their pressure may not be permanent and they may suffer the same fate as has overcome hundreds of their fellow soldiers during the week, who got over only to meet their death, but the Belgian and French lines, for the time being at least, have been drawn back about this point."

### GREAT SLAUGHTER TEUTON TROOPS IS REPORTED

#### JUST CAN'T KEEP THIS NEGRO IN JAIL

FOSKIE MITCHELL AN EXPERT IN ELUDING CAPTURE BY THE POLICE

Foskie Mitchell, colored, is a slick artist when it comes to getting himself out of the way when the officers are on his trail. Mitchell is a notorious "blind tiger," and is said to be an expert at getting money in false pretense, but neither of these things charges against him.

Monday night he went to a colored woman's house and gained entrance thereto by breaking the door down. After entering he beat the woman unmerciful and drove her away and took possession. Yesterday the woman swore out a warrant for him before Justice of the Peace Walter Fulford, in which the charges upon conviction are punishable by death. The warrant was placed in the hands of the sheriff, but before he could make the necessary arrangements for serving it, Policeman A. A. Ipock and Doughty, had located him in Bell Town and knowing that he was wanted for selling whiskey and obtaining money under false pretense, they decided to arrest him, but as they entered the front of the building Mitchell went through a window in the back, carrying with him the window sash, blinds and breaking every pane into small bits. After getting clear of the window wreckage, the negro made a hasty retreat in the direction of Duffy Town.

About the fifteenth of this month, Mitchell was arrested at the Union passenger station by Constable John Russell, but he made his escape through a window in the second story of the station, and had not been seen by any of the officers until yesterday.

### EXHIBITS AT THE FAIR ARE VERY CREDITABLE

SAID BY MANY TO BE THE BEST EVER SHOWN IN CRAVEN COUNTY.

The exhibits at the Eastern Carolina Fair this year are more varied and interesting than ever before seen at a fair in this county and naturally they are attracting attention.

Particular interest is being manifested in the exhibit made by the New Bern Public Schools. This consists of drawings, pen and pencil work, etc., done by the pupils and there is not an article that is not worthy of real praise.

In the needlework department which is one of the most conspicuous, is found articles of merit and which are proving of particular interest to the visitors.

One of the largest exhibits and one which doubtless appeals more than the others to the agriculturists, is one made by the State Department of Agriculture and which is in charge of Mr. Adkiss who was seen here at the last Fair.

In this department are shown the products of some of the Test Farms of the State and the intensive method of agriculture is fully explained by the experts in charge and the material results of this variety of farming are exhibited. Samples of the work of the corn and tomato clubs are also on exhibit and particular attention

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Advance Columns Were Simply Annihilated By The French Near Belgium—General Von Beselra Suicide — British Steamer Sunk While Bound to Montreal.

Paris, Oct. 27.—The advance columns of the German army, numbering five thousand men, were annihilated today by the French west of Yser, Belgium. The Germans attempted to carry the French positions by a furious infantry charge. The invaders were caught on an open plain within the range of the French guns and only a few hundred escaped. In the region beyond Nancy the invaders have been driven back toward Metz.

#### GENERAL VON BESELRA TAKES HIS OWN LIFE.

London, Oct. 27.—General Hans Von Beselra, commander of the German army which besieged and conquered Antwerp, committed suicide yesterday according to a dispatch received here today from Rotterdam.

#### STEAMSHIP MANCHESTER STRIKES A GERMAN MINE.

Lon. Oct. 27 the Steamship Manchester to Montreal, struck a mine on the west coast today and the captain and thirteen of her men were drowned. The admiralty has issued a warning in regard to the German mines north of Ireland and ships have been instructed not to pass within 60 miles of the coast.

#### GERMAN AMBASSADOR HEARS GOOD NEWS.

Washington, Oct. 27.—A wireless dispatch to the German embassy tonight claims that three British warships struck German shells at some point today.

#### U. S. HAVING MORE TROUBLE WITH ENGLAND.

Washington, Oct. 27.—The State Department today took up, officially, the seizure by the British of the cruiser, New Castle off the west coast of Mexico and the ships Lowther, Range and Bankiale which were sailing under American charters.

#### PORTUGAL WILL AID ALLIES IF NECESSARY.

London, Oct. 27.—King Manuel today offered the government the republic of Portugal to serve with the Portuguese contingent if that country decides to join the allies.

#### THE WEATHER

The weather forecast for New Bern and vicinity is fair today, with diminishing north and northeast winds.

#### IMPROVEMENTS AT THE UNION PASSENGER STATION

A two hundred and fifty candle power electric light has been placed under the shed in front of the white waiting room door at the Union passenger station, which illuminates the entire front of the building.