

## BRITISH RESUME OFFENSIVE

Push Their Lines to Outskirts of Guillemont in New Campaign Against Germans on Somme

## RUSSIANS BEGIN NEW OFFENSIVE

Subsea Bremen Reported to Have Sunk Through Accident; Fighting Among Torpedo Boats

By United Press. London, August 8.—The British forces, in the resumption of their Somme offensive last night, pushed their lines to the outskirts of Guillemont. The fighting is now raging about the railway station. The Germans last night heavily bombarded a position which was won by the Austrians around Pozieres but did not resume their counter attacks.

**Torpedo Boats Battle.**  
By United Press. Berlin, August 8.—An Austrian torpedo boat in its return from a successful raid on Wolfetto on August 2, was engaged by six Italian destroyers and a cruiser in the Adriatic sea. The Italian cruiser was damaged and returned southward. On the same day an enemy submarine damaged the torpedo boat Magnet.

**New Russian Offensive.**  
By United Press. Petrograd, August 8.—The Russians today captured Lelmeak, ten miles south and east of Stavitsk, in a new offensive along a seventeen mile front southeast of Lemberg.

**Bremen is Sunk.**  
By United Press. Bern, August 8.—The Berliner Tageblatt has announced that the super-submersible Bremen, which was to have arrived at an American port some time ago, was sunk through an accident to her machinery.

**Continue Stubborn Attacks.**  
By United Press. Berlin, August 8.—The allies continued their stubborn attacks between Thiépval and Somme last night.

**Fierce German Assaults.**  
By United Press. Paris, August 8.—The Germans recaptured the Thiaumont works north-east of Verdun this morning. A fierce battle is still raging around the redoubt. Following a night of terrific bombardment the Germans directed five attacks extending from Flourey to Thiaumont, in which large forces were employed.

The Germans were completely repulsed at Flourey but fought their way into Thiaumont, which the French recaptured last week.

**Preparing for Winter.**  
By United Press. Berlin, August 8.—Germany is making every preparation for another winter campaign, although the feeling exists in some quarters that peace may come before Christmas with the defeat of the Anglo-French offensive. Thousands of army overcoats are being stored here for shipment to the front.

**GUARDSMEN SHOT BY REGULARS**  
By United Press. Eagle Pass, Tex., Aug. 8.—Ralph Stanley was the first Kansan wounded in a gun fight last night between members of that regiment and the regulars. The regulars, incensed at removal of objectionable resorts, resolved to get even with the militia and seized each group of guards returning to camp and beat them.

## SUES OIL COMPANY FOR \$2500

A. G. McKain Alleges Grady Oil Company Owes Him That Sum as 5 Percent of \$50,000 Sale

## WAS AUTHORIZED TO SELL HE SAYS

McKain Had Purchaser Ready to Pay \$50,000 for Property When Company Refused to Give Title

Papers in a suit entered by A. G. McKain, cotton broker of Chickasha, against the Grady Oil company of Chickasha for \$2500 commissions alleged to be due him, were filed yesterday afternoon in the court clerk's office.

The style of the suit is A. G. McKain vs. Grady Oil company and E. C. Burton, president, and Ed F. Johns, treasurer. The plaintiff alleges that an agreement had been entered into between him and the officers of the oil company whereby he was authorized to sell the properties of the oil company for the sum of \$50,000, McKain to receive a commission of 5 per cent or \$2,500; that a telegram authorizing such sale was signed by Burton. This specified the product and leases of the company also and subject to ten days test run to equal 47.10 barrels per day gross; that subsequent to May 15 a purchaser which McKain secured stood ready and willing to pay to the Grady Oil company the price of \$50,000 but that the defendant failed and refused to furnish and deliver to purchaser good and marketable title thereto and failed and refused to carry out and perform terms of said purchase. Also that upon failure of said defendants to carry out and perform said contract and upon their failure to deliver to purchaser good and marketable title McKain demanded of the Grady Oil company the payment of \$2500 commission which the oil company failed and refused to pay. McKain asks for judgment, alleging he spent considerable money in the negotiation of the deal.

**TEXAS PROS.**  
By United Press. Houston, Tex., Aug. 8.—The pro caucus today decided to run M. H. Wolfe for chairman of the Democratic convention and Pat M. Neff as secretary.

## MEETING OF LIB. BOARD

The Library Board met yesterday evening in called session. All the members present: S. C. Durbin, president; Ed F. Johns, secretary; Mrs. F. E. Rhiddle, Mrs. Coryell, Mrs. Dwyer, and Jonas Cook. The resignation of Mrs. J. A. Thompson, librarian, was accepted with regrets and the president and secretary were instructed to prepare a letter of commendation of Mrs. Thompson's work, setting forth the length of time she served as librarian. Miss Fannie Whitaker, who has served as assistant librarian, was appointed temporarily until the next regular meeting of the board. The library was ordered closed from August 16th to August 17th, when all books will be cleaned and disinfected and the building thoroughly cleaned.

**LEAPS TO DEATH.**  
By United Press. St. Louis, August 8.—George K. Smith, secretary of the National Lumber Manufacturing association, today leaped down from the fifteenth story of the Boatman's bank building.

**CRUDE OIL AGAIN FALLS.**  
By United Press. Dallas, Tex., Aug. 8.—The Magnolia Oil company today announced another reduction in the prices of Corsicana light, Henrietta, Elberta, Thrall, Strawn and Moran crude oils to \$1.15.

## 94 PERCENT IN FAVOR OF STRIKE

Vote of 400,000 Trainmen Shows Almost Unanimous Sentiment in Favor of Big Tieup

## SLIGHT HOPE OF SETTLEMENT

Conference Resumed Today Between Brotherhood Representatives and Railroad Officials

By United Press. New York, August 8.—About ninety-four per cent of the membership of the four railway brotherhoods voted in favor of the strike it was formally announced today. The count of the vote of 400,000 trainmen on the strike proposition was completed Monday and was declared overwhelmingly in favor of the walk-out if the railroads refuse to meet the demands of the men.

At 10 o'clock Tuesday conferences of trainmen and managers was resumed. The trainmen, it is said, will continue to reject the managers' proposal for arbitration under the Newlands act, but may accept some other form of arbitration to avoid a strike.

## TATE'S FOE FAILS TO SHOW UP

Special to the Express. Ardmore, Okla., Aug. 8.—Texas Tate arrived in the city yesterday to get ready for his return match with Jack Hempell next Friday night, but when he arrived he found that Hempell had not put in his appearance but had refused to come and fulfill his date, according to previous agreement.

It is apparent that Hempell has a good reason for this move. From subsequent events after the fight of last Friday night the fans are now more than convinced that Tate was not only fouled deliberately in the second round. This statement is borne out by a statement from the physician who examined Tate immediately after the affair occurred as well as by several who were at the ring side and in close proximity to where it occurred. Hempell was called over the phone this morning by Manager Edwards of the Ardmore Athletic club and he refused to come back on a proposition of his own making when Edwards agreed to meet his terms. Hempell showed by his conversation over the phone this morning that he has no intention of meeting Tate again if he can run out of it. Hempell has not made a friend in this city by his tactics and Tate says he will have to fight him if they ever meet. Tate paid his respects to Corrigan, who refereed the match and intimated that it was a frameup to take the match away from him. Tate said that at the end of the first round Hempell for all his boasted condition, was winded and he believed that he deliberately fouled him to avoid a longer session. Tate says that Hempell will have to meet him somewhere as there is no reason for him to try and side step. He is willing to meet him any time, winner to take all, so it seems to be up to Hempell to make good.

**MR. NUNGESTER BETTER.**  
X. P. Nungester, who was injured in Friday morning's automobile accident, is reported to be doing very nicely at the hospital. He was sitting up for a while this morning and shows every evidence of improvement.

**NEWSPAPER PLANT BURNED.**  
By United Press. Corsicana, Tex., Aug. 8.—The Corsicana Printing company, publishers of the Corsicana Morning News, suffered a heavy fire loss this morning.

**WEATHER FORECAST.**  
For Oklahoma. Tonight and Wednesday, unsettled. Local Temperature. During 24 hours ending 3 a. m. today: Maximum, 102; minimum, 71.

## SHEPARD RECEIVES PRAISE

Annual Report to State Superintendent Wins Praise for Superintendent and Miss Zinn

County School Superintendent M. H. Shepard was particularly pleased this morning upon opening his mail to find the following complimentary letter from State Superintendent R. H. Wilson's office in relation to the annual report which was sent to the state superintendent of education from Grady county:

Oklahoma City, Aug. 7, 1916. Supt. M. H. Shepard, Chickasha, Oklahoma. Dear Friend:—

You know I have a great deal of admiration for the man who keeps his eyes on the main chance and remembers the promises he makes with himself. I remember reading a few years ago of a country boy who entered one of the big universities. The day he enrolled and was assigned a room he tackled a large "V" over his door. It soon attracted the attention of two other pupils and some of the inquisitive ones asked him what it meant. He would not tell. Others gazed him about it and called him "Henry the Vth." He bore these taunts patiently but kept his secret, as he called it. At the end of the four year term this boy was made the valedictorian of his class and then it was that he took his class mates into his confidence and told them the secret of the letter over his door which had remained there all the time. He said it was to remind him that he had promised himself that he was to be the valedictorian of his graduating class and he tackled the letter over the door as a perpetual reminder of that promise.

I remember that just about a year ago you were in the office and a number of county superintendents, old timers, had made their report. You said you had been working on yours but owing to conditions over which you had no control that you would be late in making your report. I remember you closed your conversation with these words, "Next year I will be the first to make my report."

The point I am making is this: I have just approved the first annual report for this year and it is the report of Grady county, signed on the back "M. H. Shepard, County Superintendent." Congratulations, but you almost missed. Two other reports have come in but like yours they had to be returned for minor corrections.

I know that part of this credit is due to your helper, Miss Zinn. But it is to your credit that you have selected a capable and efficient assistant. I know that both of you are glad this job is over. This enables you to give all your time to the schools of the county at the beginning of the term, just when you can be the most help to them. With kindest personal regards, I am Yours very truly, H. J. MILLER.

## APPLICATION FOR ROOMS FOR PUPILS

Applications for rooms in a single day from young women in four different states is the record so far at the College for Women. In Monday's mail bag there came a communication asking for reservation from Springhill, La.; another from Denver, Col.; another from Zybach, Tex.; and a number from different towns in Oklahoma. President G. W. Austin reports a record number of inquiries from all parts of the country, and the great rush season yet to begin. "All of which shows," he says, "that it pays to deliver the goods first of all, then advertise."

## WILSON ACCEPTS THE ISSUE

Is Willing to Make Fight for Presidency on Mexico as Campaign Issue if Hughes Desires It

## CAMPAIGN BEGINS ABOUT SEPTEMBER 1

President Prepares First Draft of Acceptance Speech of 4,000 Words Outlining Probable Issues

By United Press. Washington, August 8.—President Wilson will accept Mexico as the campaign issue if Hughes and his followers indicate a desire to make the fight for the presidency on that issue. Persons close to the president say the president today agreed to open the Democratic campaign around the first of September regardless of congress. The first draft of the speech of acceptance is completed and contains four thousand words. Among the features is this country's policy towards Mexico and other American republics, plans for continuing industrial preparedness to meet the economic situation after the war and a resume of the legislation which was offered and passed by the Democratic congress.

J. B. Sparks of Chickasha, through his agent, Ben F. Johnson, was allowed to clear up the tax rolls of 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915 on Sparks second addition to the City of Chickasha; Athol Williams was allowed elimination of her allotment on the 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915 tax rolls on the Williams second addition to the town of Tuttle; T. J. Davis in Harrison township was allowed the elimination of taxes to the amount of \$17.85 on government land not paid out; A. V. Thomas of Ninneka was allowed the elimination of 1915 taxes on allotment of his wife, Mrs. A. V. Thomas; Effie Long of Union township was allowed elimination of taxes on the 1903 and 1909 rolls on her allotment; C. C. Leonard of Chickasha was allowed the elimination of taxes for 1912, 1913 and 1914 on the allotment of Benjamin Hampton on the Kenwood addition to the City of Chickasha; Mrs. Powell was allowed elimination of \$300 valuation on the 1915 assessment on account of being an old soldier's widow.

## THOUSAND PIECES OF MAIL A DAY

A thousand pieces of mail are being sent out a day this week from the Oklahoma College for Women to girls of the state who either may be ready this year to select a higher institution which to attend, or who will be going to college within a short time. One of the folders, which were provided for with funds given by Chickasha citizens, is being sent to every girl in Oklahoma who received a diploma from the common school this spring. They have already been sent to those who received diplomas from the high school. "We want them all to know about the Oklahoma College for Women," President Austin says. "The only way to get the information to them is to send it. Money spent in this kind of extension work will surely bring big returns, both to the College and to the city."

## MEXICO GIVES IN.

By United Press. Washington, August 8.—Ambassador Arredondo today gave to Acting Secretary of State Polk the first direct notice that Mexico will include other subjects than military matters in the coming conference. He told Polk that the de facto government desires merely that its military status be put ahead of others because it is of a "more immediately pressing nature."

**TEXAS REPUBLICANS.**  
By United Press. San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 8.—Harmony marked the opening of the Republican state convention this morning. Seven of the nine contests were settled by seating both delegations. The delegates recommended that Dr. Frederick Terrell of San Antonio be nominated to oppose Congressman Slayden, Democrat.

**RURAL CLUBS ATTENTION.**  
The Oklahoma Congress of Farm Women invites all rural clubs of whatever nature to affiliate with them in district and county organization. Our object is to reach all rural districts and to help solve all rural questions. If interested address Mrs. A. B. Crouch, president, Tuttle, Okla., or Mrs. Florence Christian, 200 E. Central, Ponca City, Okla.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB BIG RALLY

Interesting Program to Be Carried Out at Shanon Springs on Occasion of Annual Meet

## OUT OF TOWN MEN TO SPEAK

Prominent Citizens of Chickasha Will Deliver Address and Affair Will Be Inspiring One

Saturday, August 12, will be boys' and girls' day in Chickasha, when the Grady County Boys' and Girls' clubs at Shanon Springs will engage in their annual rally. The following program has been prepared: Meet at the office of the Farm Bureau and Chamber of Commerce at ten o'clock a. m. Street car ride, swimming, lemonade and picture show free, furnished by Chamber of Commerce. All club members and their families are welcome. Come and bring your lunch.

**Program.**  
(Eleven o'clock a. m.)  
Welcome Address—Jonas Cook, president Chamber of Commerce.  
Response—State Agent Jas. A. Wilson.

Address—C. L. Chambers, JR. 466 1/2 Central.  
Sketch of the Life of Seaman Knapp—Miss Alice Gansaway.  
Club work at Acme—Elbert Cast.  
Dinner.  
Address to club members—Ben F. Johnson.  
Address—County Superintendent Shepard.

The different advantages gained by being a member of a Home Demonstration Club—Mrs. S. A. Hefner.  
Reading—Jessie Bruner.  
How to Raise an Acre of Corn—Mary Whalen.  
Reading—Solon Ayers.  
A Week at the State Fair—Wilton Reynolds.  
Club Work at Pleasant View—Charley Hiner.  
Address—Miss Emma A. Chandler, state home demonstration agent.  
Address—H. Embleton, poultry specialist.  
Swim in pool.  
Street car ride and parade.  
Picture show.

## MARKET DAY SALE

The Market Day sale on Monday was a good one considering that August is the dulllest month in the year for a sale. Geo. Wilson, the auctioneer, proved to all that were present that he will make good. This was his first attempt at taking charge of the sale. He was assisted by Bob Smith of Yukon. Fifteen head of livestock were put up for sale, but of these only three were settled for through the clerk. The rest were either not sold or sold privately.

"This makes it hard for the clerk," said Arthur Erland, clerk, "as he has to collect 50c per head on live stock which is not sold; if he fails to collect it, he must make the amount good. I merely state this so that the farmers will not think we are too close, or want to hold them up in any way; often the auctioneer has to spend several hours time on stock which does not sell.

The actual amount of cash which passed through the hands of the clerk was about \$200, which was a good showing as most of the items were small pieces of furniture, etc. Geo. Wilson, the auctioneer, was very well pleased with this, his first Market Day sale, and wishes to thank everyone for the support and encouragement given him. Mrs. Josephine Pool and brother Clark expect to leave tomorrow evening for Chicago where they will visit relatives until September.

## COUNTY BOARD IN BUSY MEET

Many Eliminations From Tax Payments Allowed at First Day's Session of Commissioners

## MATTER OF WOMAN DEMONSTRATOR UP

State Agent Refuses to Ratify Board's Appointment and Declined to Receive Recommendation

During yesterday's session of the board of county commissioners the following affidavits relating to erroneous assessments were acted upon: Mrs. L. V. Powell was allowed exemption to the amount of \$100; J. A. Arthur of Ninneka township was allowed a refund from school district tax to the amount of \$16.30; J. A. Whitener was allowed elimination from the 1915 rolls of personal tax on Ninneka township; D. B. Baldwin of Ninneka township was allowed exemptions to a reduction of \$2.09; J. A. Whately of Ripah Springs township, was allowed the elimination of personal taxes; J. O. Tenney of Chandler township was allowed exemptions on \$100 valuation or \$2.55; Andrew Swep of Hillsboro township was allowed exemptions to the extent of \$100 valuation or \$2.10; J. F. Thomas of Tuttle township was allowed a refund on mortgage tax on \$2800 or \$59.52; R. H. Phelps of Tuttle was allowed an exemption on the allotment of R. H. Phelps to clear up tax rolls of 1909, 1910 and 1911.

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**Ask for Bridges.**  
A petition was presented to the board of county commissioners to open up certain roads in the vicinity of Tuttle. This petition having been taken up and duly discussed, the parties presenting it, after due deliberation, decided to withdraw the petition, thereby leaving the matter as without presentation to the board.

D. E. Colby, county engineer, was instructed to make a survey for a bridge on the section line of sections 21-22-3-6. Dolly Baker appeared before the board and asked for a bridge on the section line between sections 6-22-5-6. Dolly Baker appeared before the board and asked for a bridge on the section line between sections 32-34-5-6. W. N. Callahan appeared before the board and asked for a bridge on the section line between sections 11-14-7-7. The above matters were all referred to J. A. Corzine, commissioner from the third district.

The matter of hiring a woman demonstrator for Grady county for the present fiscal year came before the board, the board having heretofore taken action and appointed Mrs. Geneva Sloan of Tuttle. On behalf of the state department Mrs. Eva Chandler appeared before the board and asked that the county commissioners make a reconsideration of the former appointment and to allow her to place in the county a non-resident to take charge of this work. The matter was taken up and after due consideration the board refused to rescind its former order in its appointment of Mrs. Geneva Sloan, whereupon Mrs. Chandler refused to accept that appointment.

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