

WAR NEWS

London, Sept. 4.—As the lines around Paris tighten and the German forces draw closer to the French capital, the official statements regarding the progress of the war grow briefer and are more and more lacking in details.

So far as the public is concerned little actually is known as to how the armies in the field are faring. Most of the information made public from official quarters is of a negative character as for instance the announcement of the French war office that there has been no contact with the German forces in the region of Compiègne and Senelia since Wednesday and that the situation in the northeast has not changed.

Nearing Their Goal.

The two towns are respectively 45 and 32 miles northeast of the French capital and they appear to mark the points nearest Paris to which the German advance guards have approached.

With the removal of the government to Bordeaux all efforts around Paris have been directed to preparations for the threatened investment of the capital by the Germans. In addition the French authorities have ordered aeroplane patrols to guard against any further raids by German aviators.

A number of French aeroplanes are continually flying in the neighborhood of Paris and others kept in readiness to attack any of the German airmen who appear in the sky.

The attitude of Turkey is awaited with anxiety and a Petrograd (St. Petersburg) despatch says she is mobilizing on the Persian boundary, but slowly.

Another list of British casualties officially reported at London, number casualties at 5,225, of whom 470 are killed and wounded, and 4,758 are missing. The list shows a large percentage of officers.

German Try to Drag Swedes In.

London, Sept. 4.—Telegraphing from Stockholm, the Star correspondent says:

"Great anxiety is felt in the Swedish capital because of efforts Germany is making, as shown by articles in the German newspapers, to induce Sweden to abandon her attitude of neutrality and take the field as an ally of Germany. The object sought is to weaken the Russian attack in East Prussia by means of a Swedish attack on Finland."

French May Surrender Paris.

London, Sept. 4.—In a dispatch from Rouen, France, a correspondent of the Chronicle says he has learned that the French authorities in Paris are considering the surrender of the city to the Germans in order to avoid the destruction of property from artillery fire.

This will only be done, the correspondent declares, in case the outer line of the defenses of Paris are passed by the invaders.

British, French and Belgian wounded are being transferred from Paris to other cities, and the great exodus of the populace of the French capital to the South continues.

Reference to the titanic struggle between the German army under Crown Prince Frederick

William and the forces of France, which took place between Rheims and Verdun Wednesday, is made again today from Berlin.

If the Berlin statement proves correct—that three-quarters of a million troops were fighting in that region Wednesday in the "greatest battle of history," it would explain much of what has been happening in the western field.

Explain French Retirement.

To bring the troops in that region to anything like the number of 750,000, enormous French forces must have been concentrated at the expense of the French left flank, where the Germans have been making progress with their brilliant dash on Paris. The battle along the Rheims Verdun line has been claimed, in an earlier message from Berlin, as a victory for the army of the Crown Prince, who is reported to have had the assistance of Emperor William, who was present.

That nothing further concerning such a historic fight, now two days old, has come through from any source is regarded as remarkable, even in these days when virtually all springs of information are under official seal.

The French official communications continue to show an utter absence of pessimism, and they are generally regarded as indicating that the situation of the allies is far from being as bad as might be conjectured by superficial observers judging from the stereotyped announcements of retirements. Some correspondents go so far as to suggest that the invaders of French soil have been fought to a standstill.

Germans Fighting With Backs to Paris.

Paris, Sept. 7.—In the fighting which is going on today to the east and north-east of Paris, the German forces have their backs toward the capital. French troops are harassing their march. From time to time the Germans turn and engage the French at their back. French shells fall continually in the German rear.

Observers consider it obvious that the Germans could not attack Paris while the French armies were intact and are continuing their wide turning movement under perilous circumstances.

Official announcement was made by the War Office that the German advance on Paris from the east has been checked. More than 1,000,000 troops are reported to have taken part in the fighting. Before this announcement was made, word had been received that the allies had carried out a double flanking movement, Gen. Joffre moving against the German right wing and Sir John French against the left.

Lieutenant Colonel Rousset, military critic of La Liberté, said today that the German armies had placed themselves in a position to the east and northeast of Paris, which might become hopeless in case they suffered a check.

From official communications given out in Paris today it is learned that the engagements which began Saturday and Sunday to the east and northeast of the French capital, developed today into one of the most important battles of the campaign.

Clinch Valley Baptist Association.

The Clinch Valley Baptist Association will convene in annual session, in the new church at Appalachia, Thursday of this week at 3 p. m. On next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the building will be dedicated, Rev. Joseph T. Watts, of Richmond, preaching the sermon. Dr. Geo. W. McDaniel, and R. D. Garland, both of Richmond, are expected to be present.

Ample provision for the large number who are expected, is already arranged for by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Craft.

A cordial invitation to attend the meetings is hereby tendered the public generally throughout this entire section.

100th Annual Campmeeting.

Largest Crowds and Best Preaching in the History of the Camp-ground.

Beginning Friday the 100th anniversary of the Campmeeting began with the largest attendance and the largest number and the most famous preachers that ever attended Campmeeting at this place. A series of sermons in the old-time spirit which were models in pulpit oratory were preached. Such gatherings as these serve to bring together the best that there is in the church and represents to the people what an agency for good the Christian church is.

Again, if those who attended campmeeting one hundred years ago could have been present and have seen the crowds gathered at campmeeting this year, they would have been surprised at the great change made.

Perhaps the pious men and women would have been somewhat shocked at the seeming irreverence of many of those present and would have hardly known how to act among their brethren and sisters of today.

We imagine that it would have been an eye opener to those who attended one hundred years ago, as they came in their ox carts, riding doubled, in the covered wagon and so on, to have seen the automobile and motorcycle come in, with what then would have been considered an unearthly noise. Then the hundreds of fine buggies and carriages to take place of the oxcart and the wagon. We cannot keep from smiling when we imagine one of the good old sisters coming in with her immaculate hoops sitting down by her sister of today with her narrow and "slit dress" rawed off at the top end. Then the surprise that would come to one of the reverend fathers as he took his position beside one of the "made up" gentlemen of today chewing his gum with that knowing look.

A hundred years, while a short time in the history of the world brings many changes. From those good old days when the campmeeting was organized down to the present time have come many blessings and of course many heart aches. The country and state as well as the churches have made rapid strides and have passed through many trying periods which have brought out a stronger church and a better people, while we do not claim perfection, we feel sure that every citizen of the county can point with pride to the progress made by State and church. What the next hundred years hold in store for the county, no one knows or hardly can dream, but when the record is written and reckoning made, the sterling citizenship of our county will be found at the top with an account to render of the talents entrusted to them that will please the master—Jonesville Star.

Two Virginians Get Government Places.

Washington, Sept. 2.—Special Internal Revenue Commissioner Osborne today advised representative Glass, that J. H. Richardson, of Martinsville, has been appointed as a deputy collector to fill the position made vacant by the death of H. N. Richards, and that G. F. Jones, of Big Stone Gap, has been appointed a deputy collector in the place of Deputy Collector Dodson of Wise county, resigned.

Civic League.

The Woman's Civic League held its monthly meeting at the residence of Mrs. H. A. W. Skeen, on Friday, Sept. 4th, at 4 o'clock, Mrs. R. T. Irvine, the president, in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Mrs. Robert B. Alsover, our first vice-president, reported a balance of \$32.49 in the treasury. Mrs. Irvine read a letter from Dr. J. P. McConnell, president of the State Normal School at Radford, wanting her or some member of the League to attend the Woman's Conference to be held there.

It was moved and carried that we appoint a committee of two ladies to visit the school several times each month, to ascertain conditions, not in a spirit of antagonism, but one of mutual benefit and helpfulness. The ladies for September are Mrs. E. E. Goodloe and Mrs. R. B. Alsover. It was suggested Mrs. E. E. Goodloe write to the State Board of Health and get information regarding the disposal of garbage, and the league to get out a pamphlet and place them in each home in the Gap.

Question of payment of dues discussed and voted on, and it was decided to adhere to old custom of non-payment of dues.

Four new members were reported, Mrs. C. C. Long, Mrs. Peter Wolfe, Mrs. C. L. Nash, Mrs. B. E. Rhodes.

Mrs. H. E. Benedict was made chairman of membership committee. Mrs. Skeen, S. A. Bailey, Mrs. R. McCorkle and Mrs. Peter Wolfe are members of this committee. It was decided to have the League meet from house to house instead of the school house. Question of planting trees along Wood Avenue discussed. It was moved by Mrs. Wolfe that a committee be appointed to see Mr. Catron in regard to sewerage from houses in front of Monta Vista hotel. It was decided to continue the League treasurer this winter.

League will meet with Mrs. G. N. Knight the first Friday in October at 4 o'clock.

Those present were Mesdames Irvine, Peter Wolfe, H. E. Benedict, S. A. Bailey, Ralph Taggart, Marvin Kelly, W. T. Goodloe, E. E. Goodloe, R. B. Alsover, M. R. McCorkle, G. N. Knight, L. O. Pettit. Our hostess served dainty light refreshments.

Mrs. L. O. Pettit, Recording Secretary.

Malaria Catechism

United States Health Service Co-operates with State Board of Health in New Publication.

Richmond, Va., September 4.

The latest addition to the State's health literature is a catechism on malaria, the first copies of which were received today from the Public Printer. The new bulletin is intended to be taught in the schools of malarial districts and is in the same form as the State Board of Health's catechisms on Tuberculosis and on the general principles of public health.

In the preparation of this bulletin, the State availed itself of the advice and assistance of Drs. H. C. Carter and R. H. von Ezdorf, surgeons of the United States Public Health Service who have made a special study of malaria in the South. The catechism is in substance a digest of a more elaborate and comprehensive one prepared by Dr. Carter and was carefully revised by him and Dr. von Ezdorf before being sent to the press. Copies will be sent to all persons whose names are on the mailing-list of the State Board of Health and can be had free of cost, by all who will write for it.

Must Be Careful

Health Authorities Urge Special Precautions Against Late Outbreaks of Typhoid.

Richmond, Va., September 4.—With the prospect of hot weather for at least three weeks more, the State Board of Health today issued a summary of the typhoid situation in Virginia and made a special appeal for sanitary precautions during September.

Preliminary reports for typhoid in August, received thus far at the offices of the board indicate a probable increase over the figures for July. This, however, is usual and was fully anticipated. Officers of the board believe that if the people continue their precautions against typhoid until the end of the heated season, they will establish a new low record for the State.

One particular cause for gratification in State circles is the fact that only two typhoid outbreaks of serious proportions have been reported to the State Board of Health during the summer. One of these was not serious and the other was handled as promptly as possible. In most communities where scattered cases of typhoid were found, investigation showed that the disease had been carried by flies. Both the larger outbreaks were water-borne, and occurred in localities where the board had previously made urgent recommendations for improvements in view of the known dangers of the water.

In its weekly bulletin, the Board of Health reviews these conditions and adds: "For some reason, many people seem to think that with the coming of September, typhoid fever ceases to be as serious a menace as during the early months of the year. Precautions are relaxed and vigilance gives place to carelessness. The records of health work in the State show this idea is entirely fallacious. Hot weather often continues unabated until almost the end of the month and typhoid is as bad during September as at any time during the year. All the conditions which favor its spread remain as during midsummer, and precautions should be taken accordingly. The board cannot too strongly urge on farmers and householders the necessity of so disposing of filth and body wastes that they cannot in any way be reached by flies or domestic animals or get into food and drink. This rule should be followed all the year but it is particularly important during the season when typhoid is to be found in many communities."

Annual Meeting Fair Elections Society.

The annual meeting of the Fair Elections Society of the Ninth Congressional District of Virginia is hereby called to meet at Hotel Bristol, Bristol, Virginia, at two o'clock p. m. on Monday, September 14th, 1914.

Attention is called to the fact that in addition to the Congressional election to be held in November, the Prohibition election is to take place on September 22nd, and it is very important that active steps be taken to see that both of these elections are fair and in accordance with law. It is hoped that the meeting will be fully attended.

J. F. Bullitt, President.

The Good Times Club Entertains.

The Good Times Club entertained a large number of their friends Friday night at the hospitable home of Mrs. R. M. McCorkle.

The whole lower floor, which was thrown open to the guests, was beautifully decorated with ferns and potted plants, while the lawn was decorated with Japanese lanterns.

In the Forest Study contest Miss Lillian Wolfe won first prize, a beautiful album for kodak pictures.

At the close of the contest Mrs. McCorkle served delicious pineapple sherbet and cake.

Those belonging to the club who were present were Misses Thelma and Mary Baker, Matt Brown, Margaret Carnes, Grace Long, Kathleen Knight, Mary Skeen, Fannie and Louella Johnson.

Those invited who were present were Misses Maude Ould, of Norton, Nina and Hannah Kibler, of Glamorgan, Henrietta Rash, Ora McFarlan and Ethel Garrett, of Middleboro, Bess Young, of Stonega, Florence McCormick, Gladys Wolfe, Nettie Willis, Kattie Horton, Kate Brown, Mary Carnes, Mable Willis, Corrie Long, Gladys Lyle, Lillian Wolfe, Edith and Ethel Van Gorder, Bertha and Ethel Kennedy, Messrs. Tom Cochran, Henderson Horsley, Billy Baker, Herbert Brown, Billy Mathews, Bill Lassiter, Walter Nickless, James Kelly, John Groseclose, J. E. Johnson and Mr. Morton.

Wedding Announcement.

Engraved cards, bearing the following announcement, have been received by a number of Big Stone Gap people. The bride has a great many friends here who will feel an interest in her wedding, she having taught last year in the East Stone Gap Public School.

Dr. Thomas Hendricks Worrell and Miss Esther Antonette Sneed announce their marriage Friday, August the twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, Christiansburg, Virginia. At Home, Hillsville, Virginia, after September fifteenth.

News from the Links.

On last Saturday a large number of the members and invited guests of the Mountain Golf Club had one of the most delightful tournaments that has been played on the links this summer.

A crazy mixed foursome, in which Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fox, won by making a score of 56. Each player drew from their bag one club in which they played the nine holes. Delightful refreshments were furnished by Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Kyle Morison.

The remaining players that are left in the Handicap Tournament for the Spalding Handicap cup will play off this week. D. B. Sayers and Henry Bullitt, M. H. Graber and J. M. McLenore, for the semi-finals and the finals will be played off at an early date. Much interest has been taken in this tournament.

Confirmation Service.

On last Thursday night Bishop Beverley D. Tucker, of the Episcopal Church, held the Confirmation Service at Christ Church. Owing to extenuating circumstances the class was small this year, only Miss Nellie Horsley being confirmed. The Bishop preached a most helpful sermon on the Love of God, and pointed out the wonderful part of this love as being that He loves us even as we are—not for what we are, but for what He sees in us and knows that we can become.

After the service an informal reception was given to the Bishop at the rectory by the Woman's Guild.

The next day Bishop Tucker went to Keokee where he held service that night and preached to a large and attentive audience.