

The European War Day by Day.

Russia Reports Sea Work.

Sebastopol, Russia, Sept. 17.—Official announcement was made here today that Russian torpedo boats had sunk near Sinope, a seaport of Asia Minor, on the Balc Sea, an entire fleet of sailing vessels laden with munitions of war.

Vilna Falls to Germans.

Berlin, Sept. 19.—The German army headquarters announcement reads: "The army group of Field Marshal von Hindenburg: The extensive attack by Gen. von Eiehhorn against Vilna has been crowned with complete success. Our left wing has reached Molodochni, Smorgon and Werjany."

"Because of the uninterrupted progress of our encircling movement and simultaneous attacks by the troops of Gens. von Schlotz and von Gallwitz upon the enemy's front, the forces opposing us have been forced since yesterday to retreat as quickly as possible along the entire front. The strongly fortified town of Vilna fell into our hands. The enemy is being pursued along the entire line."

"The army group of Prince Leopold, of Bavaria, is also occupied in pursuing the retreating enemy and has reached the line running through Niedowioze, Derewnoje and Dobromyal. Enemy rear guards were defeated."

(Vilna is a town of about 170,000 population.)

Western theater: Southeast of Pray, on the Somme, a widespread explosion effected in and behind enemy positions were successful. During the battle immediately following, and which was successful by us, the French suffered sanguinary losses. A few prisoners were taken.

Directly to the west of the Argonne enemy divisions engaged in constructing trenches were dispersed by our artillery with heavy losses to them. Artillery combats continue along a large part of the front."

French Report Differs.

Paris, Sept. 19.—The French war department statement reads: "In Artois, in the Neuville-Roclin-court sector, there was fighting with bombs, infantry fire on a large scale and heavy bombardment during a part of the night."

"In the region of Faye, to the southwest of Peronne, the Germans, after having exploded a very powerful mine, delivered an attack which was repulsed by our infantry and artillery fire. A number of prisoners remained in our hands."

"In the region of Roye the night was marked with activity, but without the infantry being engaged. Our batteries directed their fire particularly at enemy machine guns and artillery positions to the rear of the front."

"Between the Oise and the Aisne to the north of Fontenoy the trench fighting continues, accompanied by some artillery fire."

"In the region of Berry-Au-Bac and in the Champagne to the north of the Camp de Chalons, the activity was continuously marked with artillery fire on both sides."

"Yesterday evening a German anti-aircraft battery was placed hors de combat to the east of St. Mihiel."

"In the Vosges there was a violent bomb and grenade conflict and cannonading in the valley of Sondernach."

Vilna at Heavy Cost.

London, Sept. 20.—The Times today publishes the following dispatch from a correspondent with the Russian forces, sent on Saturday from Dvinsk:

"I spent three days on this front, where a terrific battle is raging almost unceasingly. When attacks die away at one place they begin instantly at another. The nearest front is only 12 miles from Dvinsk, whose deserted streets resound with the detonations of heavy gunfire."

"The Russians are holding the Dvinsk front in an excellent line of trenches three deep, and despite constant fierce attacks, supported by concentrations of heavy artillery, they have held the enemy off thus far. Many times the first line has been taken by the enemy, then retaken by our counter attacks. The Germans are twice or thrice our strength and have enormous superiority in guns, as always, but hitherto they have gained no decisive advantage, each of their attempts being paid for with heavy loss of life."

"I find the morale of the Russians unimpaired. They are fighting in the same stubborn, determined manner, while the situation as regards the supply of ammunition and rifles is materially improved and the fate

of Dvinsk and the whole line along the Dwina river is undecided.

"The capture of the city will be effected only by heavy sacrifices. In the meantime the town has been evacuated in the same orderly manner seen at Warsaw and if the Russians ultimately leave the Germans will occupy the same empty shell as their former victories."

"The nature of the country here is ideal for defense and undoubtedly the Germans are paying two to one in losses. It is not apparent why the Germans attach so much importance to this sector, but if they are willing to pay the price they possibly can take it."

"A large proportion of the population of Dvinsk has fled. The evacuation was started by the German habit of dropping bombs, which killed many civilians."

"The character of the Russian defense is improving every week, and if the outside world thinks the Germans are driving this army before them, it makes a gross mistake."

British Ship Sunk.

London, Sept. 20.—Announcement was made to-night that the British steamer Horden had been sunk. The crew was landed."

The Horden was a vessel of 1,434 tons. She was built in 1906 and was owned by the Burnett Steamship Company, of Newcastle.

Russians Quitting Kiev.

Petrograd, Sept. 20.—A dispatch from Kiev quotes the director of the Southwestern Railways as saying that the evacuation of that town was "proceeding normally" and that there were on hand sufficient cars for this purpose.

An official statement says: "A fortified position of the enemy near Novoselytr, northeast of Ohi, was attacked on the front and the enemy was dislodged. Our troops in pursuit extinguished a fire on a bridge over the Styr which the enemy had lighted. Part of our forces again turned the enemy in their retreat and forced them to flee into the forest. We occupied the village of Kolki."

"On the west front between the River Stubela and the line from Dubno to Kromoz our troops attacked the enemy in many places and recaptured parties of prisoners, for we strove to take advantage of the confusion which had become frequent in the enemy's ranks."

"On the east front from engagements between the lines in the immediate vicinity of the river, near the village of Bukovitch, on the Strahon river, south of Pinsk, one of our detachments was seen holding back a German battalion with machine gun fire. It annihilated about two companies of the enemy."

"In the region of Kolki our cavalry charged the enemy's entrenchments and captured several machine guns and about 100 prisoners, receiving only insignificant losses in return. Near the village of Kukli, north of Kolki, a squadron of our men chased an Austrian squadron into the marshes, took 50 prisoners, captured a number of field kitchens and saved from the marshes some 50 horses. The rest of the horses perished."

"According to the testimony of Austrian prisoners there were cases during the recent operations wherein detachments of the enemy remained in one spot for several days unable to extricate their artillery from the marshes."

"On the Stockhold are reported cases of Austrians disguising themselves as peasants in order to cross the river for the purpose of installing machine guns."

Germans Pursue Russians. Berlin, Sept. 20.—Announcement was made by the war office here today of an attack by German forces on the Serbians. It was said the Serbians were driven back.

German forces are pursuing the Russian army which is attempting to escape from the enveloping movement in the Vilna region. The Russians are offering little resistance to the advancing Germans.

The statement follows: "Western theater: Enemy ships which bombarded Westende and Middekerke (on the Beigan coast) without result withdrew before our fire. Some of these ships were struck. Along the front there were no special incidents."

"Eastern theater: In the vicinity of the bridgehead at Dvinsk the enemy was forced to retreat from Novo Alexandrovsk (about 20 miles southwest of Dvinsk) to a position further to the rear. We took 550 prisoners. The enemy attempted to break through our lines at Orgon. The attempt was repulsed."

"The attack on the opposing forces which are retreating from the district of Vilna is proceeding farther to the south. Our troops are following the retreating enemy. We reached a line on the Nlemen. The enemy offered temporary resistance at a few points only."

"The army group of Prince Leopold has reached the Golozadz district at Dworzec and the region southeast thereof, while its left wing is approaching the Myschiska district."

"Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen: The enemy has been forced further back everywhere."

"Southeastern theater: During engagements of minor importance German troops took over 100 prisoners. On the northern banks of the Danube German artillery engaged in battle Serbian positions south of the river near Semendria (24 miles southeast of Belgrade). The enemy was driven off. His artillery fire was silenced."

This Morning's Reports

From the various European war fronts indicate that the expected general offensive of the allies on the West front has not as yet materialized, though sustained activity is reported as the rule on this front.

Petrograd announces the withdrawal of the Russian forces from Vilna in an easterly direction instead of southerly, as the Germans sought to force them to take, and which would have meant capture or annihilation at the hands of the Teutonic allies. The Russians are reported passing Oshmyany and Soly and battling for crossings of the Villya river under conditions favorable to them, and the escape from the German trap is expected."

The German forces have begun their attack on the Serbians and report great activity on that front. The evident purpose of this action is the forcing a way through Serbia to Bulgaria, the latter country having agreed for territorial concessions from Turkey to pass munitions of war through to the Turks from the German allies, the Turks being regarded as in serious straits on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

Serbia has declared the Serbian-Bulgarian frontier as a "war zone" and Bulgarian German and Austrian forces are concentrating along the Serbian frontier. This indicates that actions of vast importance may take place there at any moment.

Berlin unofficially announces the sinking of a large British transport from Egypt to the Dardanelles. No account of loss of life is given.

An unofficial dispatch from Odessa announces that "Russian ships have sunk a German submarine which has been operating recently in the Black Sea."

London reports: "The British steamer Linkmoor, 4,048 tons, built last year and owned in Shields, has been sunk. Her crew was saved."

Westminster Personal Items.

Westminster, Sept. 21.—Special: Dr. and Mrs. F. C. McConnell, of Atlanta, were here for a short while last week, visiting relatives.

Miss Hattie G. Lamborn visited her aunt, Mrs. F. C. Stribling, in Seneca last week.

Miss Elsie Stevens entertained the senior class of the Westminster High School last Friday evening.

Messrs. Shirley, Elrod, Cross and Stewart went to Pickens Sunday for the Fant-Durham meeting, which is in progress there.

Miss Edith McCarroll returned to her home at Greenville Saturday after spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. H. M. Fallaw.

D. E. Jones left Monday for Tampa, Jacksonville and other points in Florida to spend his vacation. He will probably be away for two weeks.

Paul Ballenger left this week for Atlanta. He expects to move his family in the near future and make his home there.

Hayden Cobb, of Rhodhiss, N. C., spent a day or two here with relatives the first of the week.

Mrs. C. S. Traylor and two interesting children, Charles and Mary, returned to their home at Jacksonville Monday after spending the summer here with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Traylor.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wilson visited in Charlotte Saturday.

J. M. Singleton and Higgins Singleton, having won scholarships offered by Clemson College, entered that institution last week.

The electric current was turned on last Tuesday evening and Westminster is at last enjoying electric lights. We are indeed proud of our well-lighted town with her 24-hour current.

Married, by Rev. H. M. Fallaw, Sunday afternoon, Miss Sue Davis and Alonzo Hare, of the Unity settlement.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kimsey, of Mount Airy, Ga., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Terrell Sunday.

H. H. Thompson, of Philadelphia, is spending several days here.

A merry party of young people spent Monday afternoon at the "Vineyard."

Mrs. Nimque Smith and daughter, Mrs. E. C. Nichols, of Hartwell, Ga., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. N. Carter last week.

Misses Daisy Hesse and Myrtle Brown, of Walhalla, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Davis.

Mrs. M. C. Bookout and little daughter Dolores, of King's Mountain, N. C., visited Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Barber the latter part of last week. Mrs. Corrie G. Smith, of Greenville, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Taylor.

Mrs. Oscar Harris and little daughter Adelle are visiting relatives at Townville.

FIRE AT SENECA LAST FRIDAY.

Cottage Destroyed, Entailing Other Losses—Personal Items.

Seneca, Sept. 21.—Special: The cottage on First South street, belonging to W. M. Neill was destroyed by fire last Friday afternoon. A barn belonging to Dr. E. A. Hines, on an adjoining lot, was also burned. The cottage was occupied by Mrs. Ford, and although the fire occurred early in the afternoon, she lost heavily of clothing, dining room and kitchen furniture besides \$25 in money.

Mr. and Mrs. Broadus Bagwell are visiting in Townville and other relatives in the county before leaving for Corona, Ariz., where they will go early in October to live.

The Presbyterian Sunday school tendered a sociable on the church lawn last Friday evening in honor of V. L. Norman, the retiring superintendent, who is leaving Seneca for Columbia. The occasion was a delightful one, the program consisting of addresses and songs. Mr. Norman and his estimable family will be greatly missed in Seneca, where they have been prominently identified with both church and social affairs. Mr. Norman has rented the Colonia Hotel in Columbia, and his many friends here wish for him unmeasured success in this change in his business.

The Ochsma Ina is now in charge of Mr. Jackson, of Greenville. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are being heartily welcomed in Seneca.

Joe McCarroll returned last week from Wyandotte, where he spent two months' vacation.

Misses Lillian and Jessie Lawrence and Miss Clara Beth Ballenger leave this week for Greenwood, where they will enterandler College.

Seneca ballplayers are preparing for their opening, which will be held the latter part of this week.

Rev. C. A. Blackburn, of Greer, visited friends here last week.

Dr. E. D. Doxie, W. T. Edwards and G. W. Griffith have bought new Buick cars.

Willetts family left on Wednesday for Clinton, where he entered the South Carolina Presbyterian College.

Thompson Harpe, of Baltimore, is visiting in Seneca here.

The Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church held an open meeting at the church Monday afternoon.

The family of A. R. N. Palmer is moving this week to Raleigh, where Mr. Palmer will work for the Southern as ticket agent.

W. D. Upshaw, of Atlanta, delivered lectures here on Sunday in the Methodist and Baptist churches and on Monday night at the auditorium. Mr. Upshaw has been lecturing throughout the State in the interest of prohibition.

Italian Volcanoes Active.

Paris, Sept. 20.—Multiple eruptions of the Italian volcanoes are now occurring, says a dispatch from Rome. Vesuvius, Aetna and Stromboli are all active, a singular phenomena never before recorded. None of the eruptions, however, is of a character to cause alarm.

Richland News Notes.

Richland, Sept. 20.—Special: Mrs. Mamie Foster McKie left early last week for her home in Cuba after spending the spring and summer at Richland. She will there join her husband, who has remained at his post of duty all the summer.

Miss Mary G. Shelor, of Calhoun, Ga., spent the week-end with her cousin, John W. Shelor. She left Sunday for Rabun Gap, Ga., where she will be engaged in teaching for the coming term.

Miss Belle Stribling went back to Winthrop College last week, where she will enter the sophomore class.

Chas. P. Ballenger, city engineer, and wife and twin baby boys, of Greenville, visited at the home of the former's father, Capt. J. J. Ballenger, Sunday. Also, Dr. and Mrs. B. O. Whitten visited the homefolks at the same time.

Cadet Corporal Bruce H. Stribling, Clemson College, ran up Saturday afternoon and spent the night at home, and back to Clemson Sunday.

J. T. Sewell, his father, and Mr. Cheek and Mr. Burton, of Lavana, Ga., were business visitors at J. P. Stribling's home Saturday. While there J. T. Sewell purchased two handsome registered Jersey cows from the "Stribling Farm."

Robert Davis closed his school at Norton last week and is at home for the present. The Richland Union Warehouse Company held their annual meeting Wednesday afternoon last, and will store cotton as usual this fall.

Miss Pauline Davis returned to her home here last Tuesday after spending several weeks with her cousin,

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"F" Subs, Discarded. Washington, Sept. 18.—Six of the "F" type of the submarine were yesterday ordered out of commission by Secretary of the Navy Daniels. The reason assigned is that they are unsafe.

Secretary Daniels said that it is now definitely certain that the F-4 sank while being tried out off Honolulu Harbor because of an explosion of her batteries. The report of the examining board to this effect, he stated, convinced him that the type is too dangerous to continue in service until a plan for making them safe has been devised.

To Deport American. London, Sept. 18.—An American calling himself Charles B. Pray, of Flint, Michigan, who came here in July, stating that he had escaped from a German detention camp, was sentenced to three months hard labor. He was arrested September 2 under an Alien registration act, charged with giving a false name. He will also be deported when his term is up.

Potash in Georgia. Eatonton, Ga., Sept. 18.—Rich potash deposits have been found on the farm of Robert Stubbs, about four miles from here. A short while ago a government geological survey was made through this section. Later Mr. Stubbs received a handsome offer for a few acres of his farm, and, surprised at the sudden rise in value, investigated and learned of the potash finds.

Serious Slide in Canal. Panama, Sept. 19.—A serious slide in the canal occurred yesterday north of Gold Hill on the east bank. The mass almost entirely fills the channel, so that the earth shows above the water where ships ordinarily pass.

The yardage involved amounts to more than 100,000 cubic yards. The general opinion is that it will be a week at least before vessels even of light draught can pass.

Miss Lottie Crow, of Gainesville, Ga. E. N. Foster has been employed as manager of the Richland gin this season, and the first bale was ginned early last week.

CITATION NOTICE. (In Court of Probate.) The State of South Carolina, County of Oconee.—By V. F. Martin, Esq., Judge of Probate.—Whereas, Mattie V. Stribling has made suit to me to grant her Letters of Administration of the estate of and effects of T. E. Stribling, deceased—

These are, therefore, to cite and

summons all and singular the legatees and creditors of the said T. E. Stribling, deceased, that they be and appear before me in the Court of Probate to be held at Walhalla Court House, South Carolina, on Thursday, the 23d day of September, 1915, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of September, A. D. 1915. (Seal) V. F. MARTIN, Judge of Probate for Oconee County, South Carolina.

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SUMMONS FOR RELIEF. The State of South Carolina, County of Oconee. (Court of Common Pleas.) Thomas Sprinkle, Plaintiff against E. M. O'Shields, Defendant. (Summons for Relief.—Complaint Not Served.)

To the Defendant Above Named: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the Complaint in this action, which was filed in the Clerk's office on the 13th day of September, 1915, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Complaint on the subscriber, at his office, on the Public Square, at Walhalla Court House, S. C., within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated this 13th day of September, 1915. R. T. JAYNES, Plaintiff's Attorney.

To E. M. O'Shields, Defendant: Please take notice that the Summons and Complaint in the above entitled action were filed in the office of the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas of Oconee County, South Carolina, on the 13th day of September, 1915. R. T. JAYNES, Plaintiff's Attorney. Sept. 15, 1915. 37-39

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND DISCHARGE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will make application to V. F. Martin, Judge of Probate for Oconee County, in the State of South Carolina, at his office at Walhalla Court House, on Friday, October 22d, 1915, at 11 o'clock a. m., or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard, for leave to make final settlement of the estate of Mrs. Lou Barron, deceased, and obtain final discharge as Administrator of said estate. W. S. BARRON, Administrator of the Estate of Mrs. Lou Barron, deceased. Sept. 22, 1915. 38-41