

STILL FIGHTING FIERCELY.

German Forces Unable to Capture Antwerp, Although Big Fire Hinders Defenders.

IN EAST GERMAN AND RUSSIAN ARMIES ARE SAID TO BE GRAPPLING IN ONE OF THE MOST DESPERATE BATTLES WORLD HAS EVER SEEN—IN FRANCE THE SITUATION IS LITTLE CHANGED, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL REPORTS — DESPATCH FROM PARIS SAYS GERMANS ARE RETREATING AND DESTROYING EVERYTHING IN THEIR WAKE.

ANTWERP IN FLAMES.

Germans Destroying Belgian Metropolis by Terrific Bombardment.

Ostend, Oct. 9.—It is reported this morning that German shells and bombs have set fire to Antwerp. The bombardment continues with terrific effect. The Belgian gunners defending the city are replying vigorously. The flames started in the district between the palace of justice and the South railroad station, but the emergency firemen controlled the fire. The Borgarhout suburb is burning. The suburbs of Linth and Bouchot between the Nethe river and the inner circle of forts have been practically destroyed. The Belgian army under King Albert is harassing the Germans from the west. There is also fierce fighting along the river Scheldt. The German cavalry circling to the northeast is nearing the Dutch frontier, and Ulpans have been seen east of Ostend. A German aeroplane circled over Ostend today apparently scouting for information. It is reported that Ulpans have razed the village of Warneton, near Ypres. Ostend is now the seat of the Belgian government. It is intimated that the Germans will meet with chagrining surprise at Antwerp but the nature of the surprise is not revealed.

Russians Capture Przemysl.

London, Oct. 9.—An unconfirmed report says Przemysl the great Austrian fortress, has surrendered to the Russians.

Another Antwerp Fort Captured.

Berlin, Oct. 9.—(Via Amsterdam)—(Official.) Fort Heyndonck, before Antwerp, has been captured. The Germans are making progress near St. Mihel and in the Ardennes region. The enemy's aviator dropped a bomb on the Dusseldorf airship shed, the roof of which was demolished.

War Situation Practically Unchanged.

Paris, Oct. 9.—The official statement issued at 3 o'clock this afternoon says: The general situation is unchanged on our left. Two cavalry forces are operating continually north of Lille and Labasse. The battle continues on the line marked by regions of Lens, Arras, Bray Sur Somme, Chaulnes, Roye, and Lassigny. At the center from the Oise to the Meuse there have been only minor engagements. On our right, in the Woeyre region, there has been an artillery battle along the entire front. In Lorraine (Vosges) and in Alsace, there is no change.

Austrians Taking Offensive.

Vienna, Oct. 9.—(Official)—The Austrians are taking offensive in Galicia, driving the Russians back, recapturing Rzeszow on the Wislok river west of Jaroslavl. Violent attacks on Przemysl have been repulsed.

Fighting North of Lille.

Paris, Oct. 9.—It is officially announced that the cavalry of the allies and Germans are now fighting north of Lille. This indicates that the allies' cavalry is pressing the Germans back.

Germans Lose Another Island.

Melbourne, Oct. 9.—It is reported that another German island in the south Pacific has been seized by the Australian naval forces.

Little News From Berlin.

Berlin, Oct. 9.—A late corrected official report says: At the west no facts of decisive importance can be obtained. Small progress has been made near St. Mihel and in the Argonne. Before Antwerp fort Brindonck has been taken and the attack on the inner fort line has been begun. The town is now being bombarded. At the east the Russian force marching from Domesa has reached Lyck, East Prussia.

Big Battle on Vistula.

Petrograd, Oct. 9.—The great battle between the Russian and Austro-German armies is in full swing along the Vistula river north of Cracow today. It is reported that ten Cossack regiments have raided the country south of Tarnow and southeast of Cracow, indicating that the great

WANT MARKETS BUREAU.

Warren-Shirley-Gasque Bill Provides for State System.

Columbia, Oct. 9.—Leading agriculturalists are agreed that the curtailment of the cotton crop in 1915 is a necessity and that in view of this fact it will be well for the farmers to substitute grain and food crops generally for the staple. With this in mind, Mr. Warren of Hampton, Mr. Shirley of Oconee and Mr. Gasque of Florence introduced in the house yesterday a bill to create a State agency for the marketing of farm products and appointing marketing agents.

At various times farmers have complained that if they planted anything besides cotton they could not find a market for it near at hand. The State marketing agency is designed to do away with this condition.

The bill was referred to the select committee appointed by the house on Wednesday.

The Warren-Shirley-Gasque bill follows in full:

"Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of South Carolina:

"Section 1. That there is hereby created in each of the counties of the State the office of marketing agent, who shall be appointed by the governor on the recommendation of the commissioner of agriculture and the delegation from the county in which such marketing agent shall serve, or a majority of such delegation, or a special fitness of each applicant to be carefully investigated by the commissioner of agriculture. The said marketing agent when so appointed shall enter into bond in the sum of \$2,000 to the commissioner of agriculture and his successors, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties and shall take the oath prescribed by the constitution. That the term of office of the said marketing agent shall be two years, subject to removal for cause by the governor, with the consent and approbation of the commissioner of agriculture.

"Sec. 2. That the duties of said marketing agent shall be to keep a register of the farmers of the county, to procure from each an estimate of the products likely to be placed upon the markets by each, to enter the same on said register, to compile from said register, as occasion may demand, the total amounts of the various products likely to be placed upon the markets in the future and on what dates and transmit this information to the various markets for same, wholesalers, retailers and consumers and to the department of agriculture of the United States, the department of agriculture, commerce and industries at Columbia, and to such other persons and places as may be deemed necessary and to request prices for said products and in this manner and by any other manner, means and methods as may be required by the commissioner of agriculture, procure the best prices to be obtained for the farm products of the State. That it shall be the duty of said marketing agent to disseminate the information he shall get as to markets and prices to the farmers and producers of the county in which he is located by whatever means possible. That the prices shall each week or as often as practicable be published in any paper having circulation in the county wherever the same can be done without cost or by posting the same in conspicuous places throughout the county. That it shall be the duty of said marketing agent to assist the producers and farmers in marketing without cost the products of the county to the best advantage and highest prices obtainable. That it shall be the duty of said marketing agent to close contracts between the producers and farmers of his county and the buyers. It shall further be the duty of said marketing agent to cooperate with and obey the instructions of the commissioner of agriculture. That it shall be the duty of said marketing agent to assist the farmers of his county in purchasing fertilizer, seeds or other agricultural supplies under instructions of the commissioner of agriculture. It is the purpose of this act to require said marketing agent to enable the farmers of the State to deal directly with the manufacturer and consumer so far as it is practicable.

"Sec. 3. That pernicious trafficking by said marketing agent in products about which his duties pertain or in any contract or contracts being handled by or through him is hereby declared to be a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding five years at hard labor in the discretion of the court.

"Sec. 4. That any person aggrieved by any failure of any marketing agent to faithfully discharge his duties or by his malfeasance in office shall have the right to sue the bond of said marketing agent provided permission shall first be obtained from the attorney general.

"Sec. 5. This act shall become effective on February 1, 1915."

Mr. and Mrs. E. Taylor Keels have returned to Jacksonville after a visit to relatives here and at Bishopville.

MASON-CROWSON WEDDING.

POPULAR YOUNG PEOPLE OF SUMTER UNITED IN MARRIAGE.

Ceremony Performed at Handsome Residence of Bride's Parents in Presence of Families and Intimate Friends, and Brilliant Reception Follows.

Of State-wide interest was the wedding of Miss Eleanor Mason to Mr. W. J. Crowson, Jr., on Wednesday evening, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Mason, at their magnificent country estate just outside the city.

The long avenue leading to the house was brilliantly lighted, the electric bulbs being artfully concealed in festive Japanese lanterns, while through the green setting of fine old trees gleamed a welcome from the stately white columns of one of the loveliest colonial homes in the State.

In the presence of the families and a few intimate friends, the marriage was solemnized in the music room, at the end of which was improvised an altar of ferns and palms, amid which twinkled innumerable pink tapers. Before this altar, the officiating minister, the Rev. D. M. McLeod, took his place when the orchestra struck up Lohengrin's Wedding March while from down the stairs came the attendants, grouping themselves in a picturesque semi-circle to await the bride and groom, the bride's maids and grooms men being Miss Pauline Blanding with Mr. Moultrie DeLorme, Miss Lucile DeLorme with Mr. B. F. Scott, Miss Helen Bates with Mr. E. Murr Hall and Miss Estelle Crowson with Mr. Riley Bradham, the maids being gowned in white lace with Nile green basque girdles and carrying pink Killarney roses. Next came the bridesmaids, Mrs. E. K. Friar and Mrs. Robert T. Brown, in their own wedding gowns carrying pink roses, followed by the maid of honor, Miss Susie Dick, in a pink velvet gown carrying pink roses. The best man was Mr. M. M. Crowson, brother of the groom. They entered through the folding doors of the dining room. The bride was preceded by two dainty little flower girls, Misses Edna Mason Friar and Jessamine Crowson Scott, in white lace with pink sashes and carrying baskets of rose petals which they strewed in the path of the bride, who was radiantly beautiful in her wedding gown of crepe meteor with artistic draperies of real lace, the court train being draped from the shoulders and the veil arranged in becoming Normandy cap fashion with a wreath of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of bride roses and lilies of the valley. While they plighted their troth, using the impressive ring ceremony, the orchestra softly played "A Perfect Day."

Mrs. Crowson is the youngest daughter of Mr. C. T. Mason, an inventor of prominence and president of the Sumter Telephone Manufacturing Company. She is one of the most popular members of the younger set and is a very talented musician.

Mr. Crowson is one of the most prominent of the young business men of the city, being Assistant Cashier of the Bank of Sumter and identified with a number of other business enterprises of this city.

Among the out-of-town guests here for the wedding were: Mrs. Bates and Miss Helen Bates of Baltimore; Mr. M. C. Crowson, of High Point, N. C., and Mr. William Arthur of Columbia.

The Reception.

Following the ceremony a brilliant reception was given by the parents of the bride to several hundred invited guests. The stately and beautiful home was simply but effectively decorated with banks of ferns and palms, bowls of pink roses and pink shaded lights, the orchestra rendering ravishly beautiful music throughout the evening.

Greeting the guests at the door were Mrs. George W. Dick, in black lace, and Mrs. C. G. Rowland, in white crepe de chine. In the receiving line besides the bride and groom and other members of the bridal party were Mr. Charles Mason and Mrs. Mason, in black chiffon and cream lace; Mr. W. J. Crowson, Sr., and Mrs. Crowson, in black lace; Mr. Stewart Mason and Mrs. Mason, in green crepe de chine; Mr. H. M. Cowson and Mrs. Crowson, in black messaline; Mr. F. Leon Scott and Mrs. Scott, in pink taffeta, and Mrs. Bates in black and silver lace.

Punch was served from a flower-wreathed bowl in the library by Misses Nadine Norman, Theo. Gregg and Leonora Willford.

In the beautifully appointed dining room, the bride's chosen color scheme of pink and green was further carried out in the "bride's" table with its lace cover over green, the silver basket filled with gorgeous pink roses half veiled in a mist of green tulle bows and streamers and in the pink-lined shades of the candleabra. Brick cream, fruit cake and champagne, with pink and green mints, were served, Mesdames B. K. DeLorme, E.

C. Manning and R. S. Hood graciously presiding.

The popularity of the young couple was evidenced by the hundreds of beautiful and valuable presents displayed in the gift room, which was in charge of Mrs. Emma Mason and Miss Julia Rowland.

Mr. and Mrs. Crowson left on the 9.30 train for a ten-day stay in New York, after which they will be at home to their friends on Calhoun street.

SUMTER TEAM JUBILANT.

Defeated Camden in One-sided Contest by Score of 32 to 0.

In a one-sided contest at Camden yesterday afternoon the local high school football team defeated the Camdenites by the score of 32 to 0. The game was in Camden territory, nearly all of the time and no time did the Camden players threaten their opponents' goal. The Sumter boys found their opponents easy and did not exert themselves to their utmost.

The first goal of the Sumter players came in three minutes after the referee's whistle sounded for the kick-off. Sumter won the toss-up and elected to receive the ball. In four plays they carried the ball over the line. From then on it was merely a matter of how large the score would be, for the Camden boys seldom got the ball and were unable to gain, after it went into their possession. The Sumter team worked together well, the charging of the line and the excellent offensive work of the backs being responsible for the superiority of the Sumter team. However, the team has much to learn of the game and Coach Woods will use the next week in improving the defects which showed up in his team.

Five touchdowns were made by the Sumter boys, Burns 1, Spann 2, Yates 1, Bradham 1; goals, Flowers 1, Flowers 1.

The line up of the team was: C. Shaw; guards, Shaw, G. Allen, Hurst; tackles, Dick, Yates, Durant, Mims; ends, Flowers, Brown; quarter, Spann; half backs, Bradham, Capt. Burns; full, Boyle and Monaghan.

The next game of the high school boys is with Darlington on next Friday afternoon in Sumter. The Darlington team is said to consist of practically all of the players of last year and with a squad of thirty men to pick from is reported to be one of the best teams which that school has put out in several years. It has won a game from McColl and will come to Sumter to take the "goat" away from the Sumter High school. As it is played on their own grounds the Sumter boys seemingly have the initial advantage, but they are assured of a hard game.

WILL START INQUIRY.

Commerce Commission to Probe Petroleum Trust.

Washington, Oct. 9.—An investigation into the production, transportation and marketing of crude petroleum was instituted today by the interstate commerce commission.

The action was taken in compliance with a senate resolution requesting the commission "to make a thorough investigation of the conditions prevailing and that have prevailed in the States of New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Oklahoma and Ohio or elsewhere."

CONVICTED OF WIFE MURDER.

Thomas Ammons of Marion Sentenced to Penitentiary for Life.

Marion, Oct. 8.—Thomas Ammons, 22 years of age, was convicted of murder with a recommendation to the mercy of the court and in the court of general sessions here today was sentenced by Judge DeVore to serve a life sentence in the penitentiary. Ammons was found responsible for the death of his wife and infant. He was charged with killing his wife and burning the house in which they lived at Raines during the month of September.

Charles Cook, charged with the murder of Doc Johnson about one year ago, was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to serve seven years in the penitentiary.

The Calder and Rogers cases were postponed until the next session of the court.

The court was adjourned sine die this afternoon.

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ATTACHES CIRCUIS IN SUIT.

Action Taken in \$25,000 Stevens Suit Against Barnum-Bailey Circus — Bond Given.

Columbia, Oct. 10.—Attachment papers in the suit brought by Mrs. S. J. Stevens of Columbia against the Barnum & Bailey circus were served yesterday on the property of the Ringling circus by John C. McCain, sheriff of Richland county.

The action follows the filing of a suit last year by Mrs. Stevens against the Barnum & Bailey company in the sum of \$25,000 for alleged discourteous treatment by an employe of the company while attending the show. The case has been docketed in the Richland court and attorneys for the Ringling show yesterday gave bond in the sum of \$25,000.

"We just attached this show. The same people own the Barnum show. The officials of the Ringling circus gave bond in the sum of \$25,000," said William H. Lyles, of counsel for Mrs. Stevens.

CHADWICK AT STATE PRISON.

Slayer of Duncan Deputy; Taken at Brevard, is Lodged in Penitentiary.

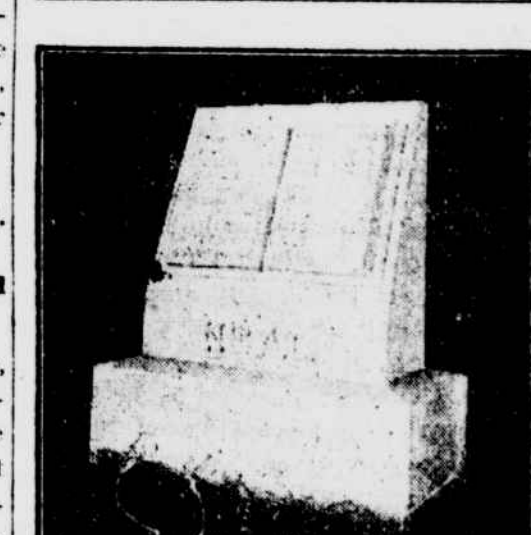
Columbia, Oct. 9.—W. S. Chadwick, mill operative, who killed J. F. Lindsay, deputy sheriff, early Monday in the Duncan mill village, Greenville, and was arrested Wednesday afternoon at Brevard, was brought to Columbia last night by Hendrix Rector, sheriff of Greenville county, and lodged in the State penitentiary for safekeeping.

Chadwick crossed the mountains afoot by way of Sassafras Gap, according to Sheriff Rector. The Greenville sheriff said he drove up into the "Dark Corner" of Greenville county and, learning there of the course Chadwick was pursuing, made for Brevard by way of Hendersonville. The actual arrest was made, he said, by Deputy Sheriff Harris of Transylvania county, North Carolina. Chadwick was taken as he entered the Brevard railway station, presumably with the intention of leaving on a freight train.

Sumter with 15,361 bales ginned came fifth in number of bales ginned in the counties of the State. Orangeburg, Barnwell, Marlboro and Clarendon come first, second, third and fourth in the order named.

The circuses do not seem to fear the hard times in the South, for two of them are coming to Sumter the latter part of this month, the Sparks shows on October 23rd and the Robinson shows on October 27th.

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