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DESPERATE CLASH ON NORTH SOMME IS IN PROGRESS

Allics Claim to Have Made Further Inroads In West

FRENCH DRIVING IN THEIR WEDGE

Bulgarians Report a Success In Macedonia—"No Important Attacks," Says Petrograd.

Desperate fighting has been in progress along the North Somme front, where the British have made inroads on the German positions. London reports heavy counter-attacks near the Stuff redoubt and declares that the division of the British army in the battle acquitted itself creditably. Further down the line the French have resisted the attacks of the enemy and are pushing further the wedge into the German lines in the region of Rancourt.

The new French advance, according to Paris, was scored by means of head-grenades.

In Macedonia the Bulgarians report a success, near the Serbian border, where a Serbian position was captured, after severe fighting. No important changes in the situation of the Macedonians in Rumania are reported.

Petrograd reports that there has been no important attacks on the Russians in the Caucasus.

LEADERS IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES

Ball Players Who Have Distanced Their Brethren So Far

Chicago, Sept. 30.—Leading players in the major leagues baseball clubs and their averages, including the games of last Wednesday, are:

Leading Batsmen—American, Tris Speaker, of Cleveland, .392; National, Chase, of Cincinnati, .334.

Leading Base Runners—American, Cobb, of Detroit, .65; National, Carey, of Pittsburgh, .58.

Leaders in Total Bases—American, Jackson, of Chicago, 283; National, Wheat, of Brooklyn, 259.

Leaders in Home Runs—American, Tip, of New York, 11; National, Williams, of Chicago, 12.

Leaders in Runs Scored—American, Cobb, of Detroit, 108; National, Burns, of New York, 99.

Leading pitchers taking part in 25 or more games are: American, Bost, of Detroit; National, Hughes, of Boston.

WILL HEAR ROOSEVELT SPLIT THE OZONE

Battle Creek, Mich., Sept. 30.—Republicans and Progressives from all over Michigan gathered here today to hear Theodore Roosevelt make his second speech of the Republican campaign.

The occasion was a big Republican rally and it was arranged for Colonel Roosevelt to speak in a huge tent. He is expected to begin speaking at 4 p. m.

FELL THROUGH RIVER BRIDGE

Statesville Man Badly Bruised When Bridge Collapses—Team Uninjured.

Statesville, Sept. 30.—While returning to his home near Harmony yesterday about noon, John Dalton, who was driving a two-horse team, was precipitated in the Yadkin river when the bridge he was crossing collapsed.

Dalton was not seriously injured, but was badly shaken up and bruised. His team was rescued and neither seem to be any worse for their accidental swim. The bridge on which the accident occurred is a wooden structure and was about twenty feet above the water. It is reported that the bridge has been considered unsafe for some time.

MORGAN IS OFF FOR ENGLAND TO ARRANGE LOAN

Big American Financier Sailed Today on Board The Liner New York

GREAT DEMAND NOW FOR BONDS

Ambassador and Mrs. Page Are Today Returning to London On The Same Steamer

New York, Sept. 30.—J. P. Morgan, financial agent of the British government in the United States, engaged passage on the American liner New York, which is sailing today. It is reported that Mr. Morgan is going to London to arrange for the flotation of another British loan of \$250,000,000, to be backed by American securities. Bankers who were questioned about the opportunity for floating the loan said that never before has there been such a demand for bonds.

Walter Hines Page, American Ambassador to Great Britain, and Mrs. Page, are passengers on the New York.

FEELS SHORTAGE OF LABORERS

New Bern Section Also Being Drawn on For Colored Boilers—Big Dipping Vat.

New Bern, N. C., Sept. 30.—Recently a large number of the colored laborers in this section have gone North to work on the docks and in railroad yards and, in consequence, the supply of local labor has been diminished and the farmers of this section are feeling the effects of this.

One Craven county farmer was in New Bern today endeavoring to secure cotton pickers and in conversation with a newspaper man he declared that it was almost impossible to secure sufficient help to get the fleecy staple out of the fields.

Good prices are being paid to the cotton pickers and there is plenty of work for all who care to do manual labor.

Somewhere between New Bern and Chicago, Ill., there is a concrete mixer that belongs to this county and which is badly needed here. The mixer was ordered to be used in the construction of nine miles of brick road in the county and until it arrives the work cannot be started.

The first work is to be done out on Trent road, where four miles of brick are to be placed. All is in readiness to begin as soon as the mixer has arrived.

A tracer has been started after the missing machine and the road building forces believe that it will arrive shortly.

Dr. M. G. Smith, of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, and who is in charge of the erection of the public dipping vats in Craven county, is going rapidly ahead with the work and expects to have a number of these completed and in operation within the next week or two.

Several of the vats have already been constructed by Dr. Smith and are now in operation and are proving of real worth. The stock-raisers of Craven county have taken kindly to this dipping vat question and are doing everything possible to aid in the work of erection.

WILSON DEALERS HANDLING CIDER

Three Were Fined in Mayor's Court—One Concern Took Appeal to Higher Court

Wilson, N. C., Sept. 30.—Many cider venders were in Wilson some days ago, but since the town has passed an ordinance that its sale would henceforth be unlawful the swillers who were accustomed to gather around the drinking places are becoming scarce. This checked the nuisance to some extent, but several dealers have taken chances and have faced the Mayor on the charges. Three of those who have recently appeared before "his honor" were fined \$50 and another concern took two appeals to the Superior Court, claiming that they were acting as agents for a township constable who manufactures the juice.

PROGRESS SHOWN TO THE BANKERS

The Agricultural Commission Makes Most Interesting Report

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 30.—Progress made by the agricultural commission of the American Bankers' Association since it undertook, five years ago, to extend to every state in the union the doctrine that safe and sound agriculture means safer and sounder banking, was reported by Joseph Hirsch, of Corpus Christi, Texas, a member of the commission, in an address before the convention of the Association here yesterday. Some of the things that have been accomplished in the several states he summarized along the following lines:

Today forty-two of the state bankers' associations have standing committees on agriculture.

Indiana, Illinois and Minnesota, have been foremost in the development of the consolidated rural and agricultural high schools and good roads movement.

North Dakota has excelled all other states in the union along the lines of diversification and the change from one-crop to an intelligent, self-sustained live-stock farming state.

In the state of Washington community bankers and business men's associations are being organized; California is conducting a vigorous campaign for the co-operative marketing of her products; Idaho has enrolled over eight thousand children in clubs which have raised products that amounted to over \$50,000 last year. Michigan conducted "Oat" and "Corn" weeks last spring, looking to better seed selection and cropping methods, and the state now has over 50 agricultural schools, due largely, it is stated, to activities of Michigan bankers.

Missouri has done remarkable work with county agents, and the bankers of that state have distributed thousands of dollars in prizes for the boys and girls clubs.

Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma all report notable progress. Iowa and Kansas bankers are doing a particularly notable work in the distribution of thousands of farm accounting books. The Iowa Association makes the interesting statement that although the farm and live-stock industries of the state exceed a billion dollars annually, it is estimated that less than ten per cent of the Iowa farmers keep books.

Pennsylvania and Ohio are making progress, with bankers in the latter state evincing a lively interest in the county agents and children's club work.

Vermont and New Jersey are starting work, and the bankers even in manufacturing Massachusetts are developing a large agricultural committee and organizing county leagues to combat the decrease in rural population and cultivation.

Southern bankers, it is said, have been particularly active, because of the need of agricultural development has come more closely home to the bankers of the South. Mississippi has done remarkable work in the eradication of the cattle fever tick, which has caused the South the loss of untold millions of dollars; and, together with Alabama, it has made progress in the development of boys clubs, in home demonstration work and in up-building of the livestock industry. The Virginia Bankers' Association sent twenty boys through an agricultural college course last winter and has found this such promising work that it is announced it is proposing to send a hundred boys and girls to college this winter.

Georgia bankers are doing similar work and in South Carolina many banks have advanced funds for the purpose of raising of thoroughbred cattle.

The Wisconsin bankers association has stressed the importance of pure bred grains and corn, has distributed 30,000 monthly bulletins relating to agricultural betterment and has organized the famous bankers-farmers excursion to the State Agricultural College.

Texas has been active in county agent work, and last year the Bankers warehouse capacity of the state by Association there conducted a cotton warehouse campaign, increasing the over 700,000 bales, and the committee is now conducting a state-wide campaign for increased live stock production.

"Last year," Mr. Hirsch said, "cotton states bankers, by a vigorous and concerted warehouse and gradual marketing campaign, are said, by eminent authority, to have added over \$100,000,000 to the value of the cotton crop, while this year, southern farmers, stimulated by a south-wide publicity plan undertaken jointly by Southern bankers and Southern newspapers, have saved million dollars in feed and food stuffs produced at home, and, at the same time, have automatically held cotton production down to barely the world's requirements, and, as a result, the value of the 1916 cotton crop will probably exceed the amazing total of \$1,000,000,000."

Mr. Hirsch dwelt on the energetic in which various other state associations of bankers had taken up the work in their own localities. He paid particular attention to their work of the county agent as a means of bringing the educative work to the farmer's door.

NEW INVENTION TO RENDER TORPEDOES HARMLESS.



•TORPEDO-CATCHER• ©KODAK FILM SERVICE

The picture shows a new torpedo catcher undergoing tests at the Naval Station at Newport, R. I. In the picture the torpedo is striking the net after it has been fired.

The catcher is an arrangement of half inch wire cables in net form on an "L" shaped sliding steel frame and when used by ships is hung at the ship's side about 25 feet away. As the torpedo hits the net its head is held, and the rear end of the torpedo comes above water allowing the propeller to spin harmlessly.

If the government accepts the new invention, as seems probable it will be the means of saving many torpedoes in practice as well as for protection for ships.

PHILLIES CLIMB INTO TOP PLACE

Gave The Dodgers Crushing Defeat in Today's Morning Game

New York, Sept. 30.—The Philadelphia club climbed into first place in the National League this morning by defeating Brooklyn 7 to 2.

The game was played in the forenoon, because Manager Robinson, of the Superbas, objected to playing a double-header in the afternoon. Luder's batting was a big factor in the success of the Phillies, although Rixey pitched a strong game. Peffer was hit hard throughout.

Score: R. H. E. Philadelphia 2 10 3 Brooklyn 7 5 1 Batteries: Rixey and Killifer; Peffer and Miller.

FAIR WEATHEHR ON TAPIS FOR NEXT WEEK

Washington, Sept. 30.—Generally fair weather will be in the Southwestern States during the week beginning tomorrow, the Washington weather bureau announced today. The report says that the temperature will be below normal for the beginning of the week, followed by warm weather thereafter. Temperature above the normal is indicated for the West Gulf States.

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MOONSHINERS ARE NEAR NEW BERN

Internal Revenue Men Are on Lookout For Operators of Stills

New Bern, Sept. 30.—That New Bern has one of the best hospitals in the South is the opinion of Mr. Grosvenor Dawe, noted lecturer of Washington, D. C., who has been spending several days in the city.

Mr. Dawe referred to St. Luke's hospital, over which he was shown yesterday, and which he declared was fitted out in a manner that compared most favorably with the large institutions in the North.

Mr. Dawe declared that New Bernians should feel proud of this institution and, should hold it up to the remainder of the State as an example.

United States Deputy Collector I. M. Tull, of Kinston, is spending a few days in this section attending to some matters in connection with the Internal Revenue Department.

Rumors have reached the ears of the Federal authorities that there are a number of illicit distilling plants in operation in this section and every effort is being made to break these up and to apprehend the operators.

Several raids have been made recently and a few of these have been successful. Others will be made before court convenes here and the officials hope to have a number of offenders before Judge H. C. Connor.

If the New Bern High School does not have a strong football squad this year it will be due to the fact that there are not enough pigskin experts here to make this possible.

The athletic association of the school is especially desirous of securing a strong team for the 1916-17 term and with this end in view they will soon begin organizing such.

Arrangements are being made to play games with a number of teams in nearby towns.

"HELLO, KID!" WAS COSTLY.
New York, Sept. 30.—Accused of hugging Ethel Quinn, twenty-one years old, of No. 213 Seventh avenue, and striking her in the face with his fist, breaking her eye-glasses, Matthew Simida, nineteen years old, who refused to say where he lived, was sentenced to the workhouse by Magistrate Cornell in Jefferson Market Court.

JURY ACQUITTED JAP FRANKS

Famous "Brother" Case Was Disposed of In Short Order By Jury

Raleigh, Sept. 30.—The jury that wilted the hundred times under the heat of the Jap Franks trial of a week, returned a verdict in his favor last night and acquitted him of stealing the meat of his more fortunate brother, Hallie Franke.

The verdict came late in the evening when all "the dope" was another night of it. It was 10:30 when the men filed in and reported. They had not wrestled very long. The issues were not so desperately difficult. The story of a black man against a white man was about all involved and the average white jury knows how to avoid embarrassment to the white.

It is to be set down in his favor that Franks offered something akin to an alibi and his accuser was Green Yates, a negro, who confessed that he stole the meat at the behest of Jap. Jap took the stand in his own behalf and while he did shone as a witness, he was a whiter witness than Green before and since taking punishment in the county jail.

Lying Green is therefore convicted by his own statement and Herman McCullers and Thornton McCullers, other blacks, are acquitted along with Jap. Judge Bond neither praised nor condemned the verdict. The first shot at it was a mistrial and everybody agreed that the defense did a better job the second time.

A movement to raise \$250,000 as an endowment for St. Mary's School, Raleigh, has taken definite and business-like shape through the church and the commercial organization here.

October 8 has been set for the date for beginning. Raleigh is not to raise the quarter million, of course, but will get up one tenth and the plans will be given fully later. Rev. Francis M. Osborne, of Charlotte, is at the head of the big enterprise and has come here to begin work.

The school has had little income from an endorsement but has continued to do big work. It is one of the big accomplishments of Bishop Cheshire's bishopric.

The State today chartered the A. Dallam O'Brien Company, of Wilmington, a company organized to do construction work, altering, decorating, furnishing and fitting. The capital paid in is \$500, that authorized \$250,000. The subscribers are A. Dallam O'Brien, Edwin P. Bailey, and M. H. O'Brien.

MOONSHINE STILL IN HEART ATLANTA

Corn Booze Was Being Turned Out Near The Terminal Station

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 30.—Discovery of a moonshine distillery in the heart of Atlanta, turning out corn liquor within a block of the Terminal Station, has convinced the police authorities that they have merely scratched the surface in arresting the negro blacksmith who was operating the distillery in question.

He installed the machinery in the basement of his blacksmith shop, arranged the flue so that the smoke would mingle with the smoke from his forge, and connected his pipes with the city water supply and his discharge with a city sewer.

A United States Revenue officer who descended into the basement through a trap door stepped into a cauldron full of boiling hot mashings and scalded both his feet. One thousand gallons of "beer" was seized and the distillery was taken out by the roots and hauled to the Federal building in an automobile truck, to be used as evidence in the blacksmith's trial.

On top of the discovery of this cleverly concealed distillery, a county policeman early yesterday morning, ran down a traveling corn liquor factory mounted on the back of an automobile and this apparatus is now in the hands of the county authorities, who prize it highly as a relic.

For several weeks the police department, in co-operation with the county police and the United States revenue officers, have been engaged in war on the purveyors of corn liquor, and have made it so hot for the mountaineers hauling the same into the city that those shrewd citizens have been obliged to exercise their ingenuity to the utmost.

WILSON IS HAVING HIS BUSIEST DAY OF THE CAMPAIGN

Will Address the Young Men's Democratic Club of New York

TO TROOP IN BY SPECIAL TRAIN

President Reviewed The Recently Returned Fourth New Jersey, That Had Been On Border Duty

Long Branch, Sept. 30.—President Wilson's program for today was the busiest arranged for him since coming to Shadow Lawn. This morning he reviewed the Fourth regiment of New Jersey infantry, at Seagirt, and this afternoon he will receive and address members of the Young Men's Democratic Club, of New York.

The New Jersey regiment recently returned from the border and on this account the President felt a particular interest in it. He reviewed the command on horseback.

Representatives of the Democratic National Committee arrived early today to complete the arrangements for the Young Men's Democratic club, of New York, who are expected to arrive by special train about 3 o'clock.

BITTER CRITICISM OF AMERICA

Berlin Press Thinks Citizens Being Sent to Fight For France

Berlin, Sept. 29 (via London), Sept. 30.—Practically all the Berlin newspapers contribute to the bitter criticism which is being made of America, which has joined the French army.

The news of the death of Kiffin Rockwell has precipitated a storm of criticism. The Post says that the presence of Rockwell in the enemy's camp cannot be regarded as an act of an individual, but declares that America sends its citizens to Europe's war theatre to fight Germany.

The paper says: "To what a depth regard for neutrality has sunk among our enemies in America. You can understand that if conditions are to be met they deserve to be labeled in the plainest way and not forgotten."

A Young Man

loitering around the river front and daily watching the progress of the work on the new Custom House had been out of employment for some months. In fact his finances had reached rock bottom—he had only twenty five cents left to his name. He was in a predicament as to how to best spend this "three-bits" 10 cents of it was to go for coffee and pie 5 cents for cigarettes and 10 cents for a few collars being held for laundry payment. He wanted work and decided to do without the cigarettes, coffee and pie and collars. He invested the whole twenty five cents in 25 word business local, for a position wanted. His ad. connected with a firm who needed this young man's services. He secured the position and says this quarter was the best investment he ever made. Such experiences are not unusual when you avail yourself of The Dispatch Business Locals. Confer with us.



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