

WEATHER FORECAST

North Carolina: Rain this afternoon and much colder; Saturday fair and colder. South Carolina: Fair, colder to night and Saturday.

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HAIG'S MEN AGAIN RUSH WEARY HUNS

Attack on a Six Mile Front Was Launched This Morning.

THE BRITISH STEAM ROLLER IS MOVING

Battles Are Becoming More Frequent Despite Unfavorable Weather—Drive Down Hill Faster Than Up—After Whole Ridge.

The British steam roller "goes up hill very slowly but it is now going down hill and battles are following each other more and more rapidly," said Major General Maurice, director of operations at the British war office yesterday.

Tuesday's push was launched after a four-day pause, the last previous drive having been carried out the preceding Thursday. Previously intervals of a week or more had elapsed between the British attacks.

Good progress was reported early by Field Marshal Haig along the six mile front northeast of Ypres, on which today's assault is being delivered. Apparently the objective is the remainder of the ridge commanding the Flanders plain over the dominant points of which the British have already passed and are driving downward.

Another notable fact in connection with the present series of drives is that each is now apparently being made regardless of weather conditions. One day for airplane observation was enough for the British in this instance to get their ranges, launch their guns, drop their barrage and push to the attack through the mud and renewed rainfall.

Military observers in this connection noted the British high command with the belief that it is probably of the nature of a final drive in Flanders.

Another consideration pointed to is the reported weakening state of the German army morale, an opportunity to be seized with all possible promptness if the utmost advantage is to be taken of it.

There is no indication that the French forces on the British left, which pushed forward approximately a mile on the edge of Houthulst wood in Tuesday's attack, are participating in today's advance. Their task for the moment seems to have been completed by the bringing up of their lines to a point where efficient protection would be given the British left flank in the removal of the Ypres salient.

Official dispatches from British headquarters reported that the British on an early hour had pushed several hundred yards into the German lines, the advance along one wide sector averaging nearly half a mile.

On Passchendaele ridge Haig's troops had found their way within three hundred yards of the German front line.

The Germans seem to have sensed the approaching battle, although they probably were ignorant as to just how the blow would fall, as today's British drive was directed on the front line of the Ypres salient.

This area is south of the front actually attacked. As a preliminary measure, the German shells stopped gas shells on the British front nearly two hours before the attack was launched.

Numbers of prisoners already had been taken by the British when the bombardment of their morning positions.

Satisfactory Progress. London, Oct. 12.—The British troops in Flanders attacked the Germans this morning on a front of about six miles, according to reports. They are reported to be making satisfactory progress, especially heavily during last night.

The official report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters today reads: "We attacked on a front of about six miles northeast of Ypres. Our troops are reported to be making satisfactory progress, especially heavily during the night."

Field Marshal Haig's latest effort is being made in the same region as the attack of Tuesday, in which the British, in cooperation with the French, drove back the Germans along a front of seven miles and captured

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ADMIRAL MAYO RETURNS HOME FROM ENGLAND

Head of Atlantic Fleet Conferred With Naval Officers of Allies.

SECRETARY DANIELS ISSUES STATEMENT

Visited the American and British Fleets Now Doing Service in War Zone—No Information Given Out.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 12.—Admiral Mayo, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, and his staff have returned from England, where they participated in a naval conference with the Allies. This announcement was authorized today by the Navy Department.

The statement authorized by Secretary Daniels follows: "Admiral H. T. Mayo, United States Navy, and his staff have returned from England. The purpose of the visit of Admiral Mayo to England was to permit him to confer with officials of the Allied navies, to become intimately acquainted with the situation as it is at present, what had been done before, and to discuss the plans for the future.

"The British admiralty extended every courtesy and every facility to promote the success of the mission. "Admiral Mayo will proceed immediately to Washington, and will there make a full report to the Secretary of the Navy.

"Admiral Mayo visited the English fleet and our own forces in British and French waters in order that he might familiarize himself with the conditions under which the Allied forces are operating."

The fact that Admiral Mayo had been sent to England for a conference with Admiral Sims and the British and French was disclosed to press at the time of his departure with the request of the government not to mention the trip in published statements until an authorized statement was issued. Except in one or two instances, the request was generally carried out by the American newspapers.

No details of Admiral Mayo's conferences has been made public nor is the nature of his instructions known.

More Ships Needed. Washington, Oct. 12.—In its requisitioning of ships of October 15, the shipping board is considering taking over all American vessels of more than 1,500 tons dead weight capacity instead of 2,500 tons as first announced. The great need of trans-Atlantic tonnage, it was said today, has made this step necessary.

M'ADOO PLEADS FOR HARD WORK

Only by Strenuous Campaigning Can Liberty Loan Be a Success.

Washington, Oct. 12.—Only by the most strenuous campaigning during the next 13 working days, the Treasury Department announced today, can the Liberty loan reach the subscription goal officials are hoping for.

"Revelation by publication of official reports from all Federal Reserve banks that only \$325,465,000 in subscriptions has been reported to them," reads the announcement, "caused committee chairmen to send out hurried rallying calls today to their army of salesmen. This amount is less than 7 per cent of the total of \$5,000,000,000 subscription it is hoped by Secretary McAdoo will be rolled up by October 27.

"Only by the most strenuous campaigning, it is realized, can the desired goal be reached in the remaining 13 selling days. The most hopeful sign in the situation is the virtually unanimous declaration of district chairmen that the official figures fall far short of representing actual sales made."

GOVERNMENT MAY BE REQUESTED TO HELP RAILROADS

Money is Needed to Enable Them to Cope With Heavy Traffic.

INCREASED FREIGHT RATES ONE METHOD

Earnings Almost as Much as Last Year, But Operating Expenses Have Increased Out of Proportion

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 12.—Reports that the railroads are considering informally asking the government to help them, in some way, to obtain money with which to maintain and enlarge their present plants and equipment to enable them to cope with the high tide of traffic, are regarded by officials here as forecasting a concerted move soon toward that end.

What form this move will assume apparently has not yet been decided by the roads themselves. It is reported that they have under consideration several courses.

One possible method is a renewed petition for a general increase in freight rates. Another is to request the government to lend the railroads money, on railroad securities. For this, however, special legislation would be necessary.

Other plans, details of which have not been revealed, are said to be under consideration.

Railroads are earning very nearly as much as last year, which marked the high tide, but within the last two months operating expenses have shown an increase said to be out of all proportion to the increase in gross receipts.

Railroad executives say that as the government has a practical monopoly through Liberty bond issues, of the investment funds of the country, they have found it almost impossible to obtain funds.

Discussion. New York, Oct. 12.—Coincident with the announcement yesterday that passenger train men on eastern railroads would shortly present demands for increased wages, executives of eastern trunk lines arranged to meet in New York today and discuss plans for making another plea to the interstate commerce for higher freight rates. The new demands of the railroad brotherhoods for more pay will be a factor in the roads' petition, it was said.

The eastern railroads hope, it is said, that the western and southern roads will also renew pleas for high rates.

DRAFTED MEN GO TO CAMP SEVIER

Men From Camp Jackson to Fill Ranks of 30th Division.

(By Associated Press.) Greenville, S. C., Oct. 12.—Drafted Tennessee men to the number of 3,704 from Camp Gordon, at Atlanta, drafted North Carolinians to the number of 3,704 and drafted South Carolinians to the number of 2,592, from Camp Jackson, at Columbia, are to come to Camp Sevier to fill the ranks of the thirtieth division, headquarters has been advised. It is probable that an active recruiting campaign will be put on to secure the 3,000 or 4,000 necessary to fill the ranks. The number to be brought from each State was determined upon a basis of Congressional representation. The movement is expected to start about the 18th of October.

COALITION CABINET FORMED IN CANADA

(By Associated Press.) Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 12.—Three members of the new union government for Canada which it was agreed to form during an all night conference between the leaders of the two major parties, were sworn in at one o'clock today. Their portfolios were announced:

Premier and Secretary of State, for External Affairs, Sir Robert Borden (Conservative). Minister of Militia, Major General Newburn (Liberal). Minister of Overseas Service, Sir Edward Kemp (Conservative). Immigration and Colonization, J. A. Corder (Liberal). Interior, Arthur Meighen (Conservative).

Agriculture, T. A. Cresser (Liberal). Customs, A. L. Sifton (Liberal). President of the Privy Council, N. W. Rowell (Liberal). Railways and Canals, J. D. Reid (Conservative). Secretary of State for Mines (new), Martin Burrell (Conservative). As Minister of Overseas Service, Sir Edward Kemp, succeeds Sir George Perley, who becomes Canadian high commissioner at London in which capacity he has been acting temporarily.

Frank Cochrane was appointed chairman of the board of directors of the Canadian Northern railroad.

MAKE THIS YOUR PERIOD AND WIN BRISCOE AUTO

Winners of Valuable Prizes Are Now in the Making and This Period Will Go a Long Way Toward Determining Who They Will Be—Your Success May Depend on What You Do This Period.

THE PRIZES.

- \$775 Briscoe Automobile. Ford Touring Car. \$200 in Gold. \$100 in Gold. \$93 Furniture Suite. \$75 Columbia Grafonola. \$50 Merchandise Order At J. W. H. Fuchs' Department Store. \$25 Wrist Watch. Two \$60 Diamond Rings.

Ten per cent commission to all non-winners, who remain active on money for new subscriptions.

One of the most important periods of the contest started last Monday morning, and will close two weeks from tomorrow night—Saturday, Oct. 13, 1917. After this period is over there will only be two more weeks of the contest. At that time a Briscoe automobile, Ford Automobile, \$200 in cash, \$100 in cash, \$93 furniture suite, \$75 Columbia Grafonola, \$50 merchandise order, \$25 wrist watch will be awarded the people who have secured the most votes in the contest, and two \$60 Diamond Rings will be awarded for special watch during certain periods. All others who remain active until the close will receive ten per cent commission on all new subscription money turned in by them during the campaign.

The winners of these valuable prizes are now in the making and this period will go a long way toward determining the winners. The preliminary test of strength will be this period. All who are going to try to win will have secured a great majority of

their votes by the time this period is over. Those who have not made a start toward securing subscriptions and votes should start at once—today—and do all they can this period. Your opportunity of success may depend upon what you accomplish this, the second period of the contest.

Each \$15 club completed this period will give 140,000 extra votes. A great majority of the candidates have a right idea about this vote offer. They believe in taking advantage of every vote offer made to the limit. If you have completed a club then hustle for another one. If you have started one then hustle to finish it. You get the 140,000 extra votes. Each candidate is entitled to as many of these big vote ballots as she can secure by the close of the second period.

The contest manager has been continually urging the candidates and their friends to make a house-to-house canvass, taking a street at a time, and calling at every house, every store, every shop or factory, and up on every person possible. The candidates who follow this advice will be the ones who will get the votes and subscriptions. No matter how many candidates have canvassed the same street, rural route, or town make the territory just the same. You will find that you will get subscriptions where others have failed. It is all in the way you approach the people, your personality, and the way you talk. In many of the outside towns practically nothing in the way of subscription getting has been done. There are a great many streets in the city of Wilmington where not a single candidate has been seen or heard from. Now make this period your period and win.

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A BLOOD THIRSTY DANVILLE NEGRO

Killed Wife and Policeman and Was Himself Killed by Mob.

(By Associated Press.) Danville, Va., Oct. 12.—Walter Clark, a negro who murdered his wife in their home this afternoon and afterward barricaded himself in a house in Wilson street, where he shot and killed Policeman W. M. McRae, who attempted to arrest him, and then probably fatally wounded Deputy Sheriff Boisseau, was killed when he attempted to escape from the building in which he had taken refuge.

Fire was set to the building and the negro was forced by smoke and flames to leave the structure. The negro's body was riddled with bullets.

Andrew J. Parkinson and William Wells, who were wounded while the fusillade was raging, have been removed to the general hospital as has also Boisseau, who is probably in a dying condition.

Mobs soon dispersed after the negro was killed. Clark's body was placed on the truck of a Danville fire department and taken out of the city. The building in which the negro took refuge was destroyed.

Ten thousand persons surrounded the house in which was the negro. The body of the dead policeman could be seen at the house. A terrific fusillade ensued, scores of guns blasting away. Mayor Harry Wooding and the judge of the corporation court soon arrived on the scene. Meanwhile dynamite had been brought to blow up the house. Fire, however, proved effective enough to bring the negro to the front, where he was killed.

McRae was killed after Clark demanded to see the warrant for his arrest. The officer turned his head momentarily and was shot. Deputy Sheriff Boisseau hastened to the scene and was covering up the dead policeman when he was shot.

TIED UP GERMAN FLEET.

(By Associated Press.) London, Oct. 12.—The inactivity of the German fleet in the Baltic sea recently when there were obvious opportunities for attacking Russia, according to a dispatch to The Daily Chronicle from Amsterdam, was due to the mutinous outbreak in the German navy. The outbreak affected at least six important units of the fleet, putting them out of action and causing the authorities to doubt the discipline and loyalty of the crews of other large ships. It was impossible, the dispatch says, to take stern measures on a large scale against the offenders, because that would have increased the evil.

TEUTONIC TROOPS TRY FRATERNIZING

However, the Spirit Among the Russian Troops Shows An Improvement.

(By Associated Press.) Petrograd, Thursday, Oct. 12.—Austro-German troops are renewing their attempts to fraternize with the Russians, but so far every effort has met with failure, according to a statement issued by the Russian war office based on reports from the front. The general situation is quiet although some of the armies as well as some of the Cossack units still act with some suspicion towards the commanding staff. The question of peace is said to agitate the great mass of the Russian soldiers.

At some places there is agitation against capital punishment, but at the same time demands are made that punishment in the rear of the fighting front be enforced with greater strictness. The cases where orders are discussed or not carried out, are comparatively rare, the soldiers who refuse to obey orders usually being brought to trial. The war office announces with regret that the evil influence of the gendarmes and police still harbors itself. So far no measures have been taken to isolate those elements.

Complaints of want of discipline among new recruits are still numerous. The authorities of the bodies elected by the soldiers themselves is increasing daily. The soldiers are reported to often express desires for instructive literature and lectures.

On the Rumanian front, the idea of a strictly socialistic government has not gained popularity. The general opinion of the army is that a coalition government which would unite all factions should be formed.

LAKE HURON STORM MOVING EASTWARD

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 12.—Southeast storm warning were ordered displayed today from Norfolk to Nantucket. Weather Bureau reports indicate that a storm over Lake Huron was moving eastward. Increasing south-wind, shifting to strong north-west early tomorrow, are indicated along the Atlantic coast.

NAME SEQUESTERATOR FOR THE BOLO MONEY

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Oct. 12.—The military court of inquiry into the activities of Bolo Pasha, has appointed a sequesterator for the money Bolo advanced to Senator Charles Humbert, owner of The Journal. The money amounts to 6,000,000 francs, which the sequesterator will deposit with the Deposit and Commitment office, a section of the ministry of finance. The sequesterator was appointed at the request of Bolo, Senator Humbert not opposing the move.

ANTI-PATRIOTIC PROPAGANDISTS HIT RED CROSS

LAFOLLETTE TO TELL COMMITTEE WHAT HE MEANT

Invited to Appear Next Tuesday and Make a Statement.

WANT INFORMATION ABOUT LUSITANIA

Will be Called Upon to Substantiate Declaration That Bryan Warned President of Munitions on Ship.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 12.—Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, was today invited by the Senate committee investigating his alleged disloyal speech at St. Paul to appear next Tuesday before the committee for a hearing regarding assertions in his address.

The hearings probably will be public and will be confined to the statement of facts in the speech, particularly regarding Mr. LaFollette's statement that former Secretary Bryan appealed to President Wilson to keep passengers off the Lusitania because of ammunition alleged to be in her cargo.

The committee advised the Senator that its investigating authority does not extend to this right to make the Non-partisan League speech nor into the motives of his critics.

To the letter sent to the committee yesterday by Senator LaFollette asking a hearing and suggesting extension of the investigation, Chairman Pomorene today replied:

"Referring to the request contained in your letter, the sub-committee begs to advise you that it does not concede that its powers extend to an inquiry into your right to make the speech delivered by you in St. Paul—that question being reserved by the full committee for its consideration; nor does it believe itself authorized to inquire into the motives or animus of those making attacks on you.

"The sub-committee desires, however, to afford you an opportunity to be heard and to inform the committee with reference to the accuracy of various statements contained in the speech referred to, and to that end you are invited to attend at the ensuing session of the committee in the capitol next Tuesday."

Senator LaFollette is expected to be the first witness on Tuesday and to submit much data towards substantiating his statements. Other witnesses may be called later, but the first and most important question which the committee plans to investigate is the authority of Senator LaFollette in his statements regarding the Lusitania. The committee is awaiting the statement from Mr. Bryan regarding the incident. It has not been determined whether Mr. Bryan will be asked to appear.

"Every criticism should be carefully investigated, and if found to be justified the cause for criticism should be removed either in the chapter at division headquarters or at national headquarters. In all cases the Red Cross or innuendo against Red Cross of interested persons. Very important that division headquarters and each local chapter be made to understand that reputation and standing of the Red Cross locally is in the hands of local officers, and interested workers and members, and that every criticism or innuendo against Red Cross should be immediately challenged and followed up. The Red Cross is being run as an open book; it has no secrets, it is making a sincere effort to serve mankind and is doing it as carefully and economically as it knows how. Its accounts are to be audited by the War Department and utmost effort is being made to give publicity to all its activities."

RUSSIA DEMOBILIZES SUPERFLUOUS TROOPS

(By Associated Press.) Petrograd, Oct. 12.—The demobilization of superfluous troops attached to the Russian army has begun. The classes called for the years 1895-1896 which include the men 43 and 44 years old, are the first to be relieved from duty. The men are being sent to their home villages in special trains, committees at the various towns on the way assisting in their return.

FAIR WEATHER FOR SATURDAY'S GAME

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Oct. 12.—The official weather forecast today for tomorrow's world's championship game between the New York Nationals and the Chicago Americans, in this city, reads: "Saturday fair, with slowly rising temperature."

This prognostication does not necessarily mean warm weather, as the temperature was distinct, cold today with an occasional stray flake of snow in the air.

FALLING BEHIND IN SELLING BONDS

Must be Subscribed at Rate of \$333,000,000 a Day to Come Through.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 12.—Within 14 working days, the American people must subscribe to the second Liberty loan at an average rate of more than \$333,000,000 a day if the \$5,000,000,000 hoped for by the government is to be obtained.

If the minimum of \$3,000,000,000 set by Secretary McAdoo is not to be raised, subscriptions must average about \$191,000,000 every business day until the end of the Liberty loan campaign on October 27.

To date total subscriptions are \$325,465,000, or at the rate of only about \$33,000,000 a day, whereas, if the maximum of \$5,000,000,000 is to be raised, subscriptions must average more than \$368,000,000 a day.

The figures represent total subscriptions actually reported to all Federal Reserve banks except Minneapolis. This district has not yet reported.

A Weekly Issued to All the Chapters Throughout the United States.

TRY TO EMBARRASS THE SPLENDID WORK.

It Appears That a Campaign of Criticism and Innuendo Has Been Launched Against Red Cross—Information Wanted.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 12.—Declaring that efforts to disparage the work of the American Red Cross are being made in various sections of the country as part of the anti-patriotic propaganda, General Manager Harvey D. Wilson today telegraphed all Red Cross division managers to begin a nation-wide campaign to trace the movement to its source and combat it.

"It is evident that rumors and innuendoes, critical of and calculated to embarrass the Red Cross, are being industriously circulated as part of an anti-patriotic propaganda," the telegram reads.

"Insofar as such statements or questions are merely efforts to obtain information, they should be earnestly and sincerely met, but many of the stories, utterly unwarranted in fact, emanate simultaneously from too many different parts of the country to be merely accidental.

"Suggest to advise all chapters to tell all workers officially and advise local press and every one with whom they come in contact of the character of the movement, which is on foot, and the members and public generally to proceed on the theory that nothing against the Red Cross should be believed until investigation. Ask each chapter to send to division headquarters account of all such rumors and criticisms being circulated, as well as Cross will bring facts to attention come.

"Every criticism should be carefully investigated, and if found to be justified the cause for criticism should be removed either in the chapter at division headquarters or at national headquarters. In all cases the Red Cross or innuendo against Red Cross of interested persons. Very important that division headquarters and each local chapter be made to understand that reputation and standing of the Red Cross locally is in the hands of local officers, and interested workers and members, and that every criticism or innuendo against Red Cross should be immediately challenged and followed up. The Red Cross is being run as an open book; it has no secrets, it is making a sincere effort to serve mankind and is doing it as carefully and economically as it knows how. Its accounts are to be audited by the War Department and utmost effort is being made to give publicity to all its activities."

WOULD HAVE WILSON TO VISIT EUROPE

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Oct. 12.—The suggestion that President Wilson visit Europe is being made for information in its leading editorial today. It says the Allies need the President's counsel, that his influence would be powerful in establishing unity in regard to the democratic ideals and that such a visit would be of advantage also to America.

VIRGINIA DEMANDS TAXES FROM RYAN

(By Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Oct. 12.—Suit has just been instituted in the Circuit Court of Nelson county by Aubrey E. Strode, Edward Meeks and Volney E. Howard, attorneys for R. K. Anderson and 32 other tax payers of Nelson county, against John T. Fitzpatrick, treasurer of Nelson county; the United States Fidelity Company; G. W. Kemper, former treasurer of Nelson county; the National Surety Company; the Board of Supervisors of Nelson county, and Dr. W. M. Tunstall and Forest Coffee, members of the Board of Supervisors, to compel the present treasurer and the former treasurer of that county to account for and pay to Nelson county the sum of \$239,259 taxes alleged to be due the county by Thomas F. Ryan, the New York financier. The suit is the result of a compromise agreement, now pending, in another suit recently instituted in the same court against Mr. Ryan and the authorities of Nelson county. An injunction has been granted to prevent any other settlements to relieve the county treasurer from liability for the taxes.