

WEATHER. North and South Carolina—Generally fair tonight and Saturday; frost tonight, probably heavy.

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BRITISH TROOPS ARE GRIMLY HOLDING ON TO MESSINES RIDGE

The Enemy Is Struggling Desperately to Increase His Gains HAIG PUTTING UP A BRILLIANT DEFENSE

Terrific Assaults Beginning to Tell On Germans—American Marines Have Landed At Vladivostok.

With the British hanging grimly on to the great butt of Messines ridge, their bulwark in Flanders, the Germans to the south are pushing their wedge on deeper into the British lines...

The British task here patently is to prevent the sides of this salient from being materially widened out, as the tip cannot be pushed in much further without grave danger to the attacking forces from flank attack...

Northwest of Armentieres, abandoned yesterday by the British, the line was straightened out by their withdrawal from Ploegsteert, whence they fell back, fighting, to the vicinity of Neuve Eglise, close to the southern end of Messines Ridge...

On the center of the battle front between Estaires, Lestrem and Loigne there has been bitter fighting. Along the river Lawe, between Lestrem and Loigne, the Germans made incessant attacks only to be repulsed with severe losses by the fifty-first division...

American marines have landed in Vladivostok with the British and Japanese and their presence is expected to have a reassuring effect on Russian feeling. Although no official confirmation has been received in Washington, the step was not unexpected.

IRISH CONVENTION LAID FOUNDATION FOR SETTLEMENT

Chairman of the Convention Throws More Light On the Situation

REPORT DOES NOT TELL ALL THE STORY

Conclusions of Majority Offset by Report of the Opposition, Says Horace Plunkett

London, April 12.—The Irish convention laid the foundation for an agreement on the Irish question which is unprecedented in history...

The convention did not find it possible to overcome the objections of the Ulster Unionists, says Sir Horace Plunkett, chairman of the convention, says in a letter accompanying the report of that body.

After every possibility of an agreement had been explored, Sir Horace writes, he was instructed to draft a report which would be a narrative of the convention's proceedings, with a statement for the government's information of the conclusions adopted unanimously, or by a majority.

In his letter which is addressed to Premier Lloyd-George, the President says the customs question became one of the vital points and that upon a decision regarding it depended the extent of an agreement which could be reached.

The principle of representation for Ireland in the imperial parliament was insisted upon by the Southern Unionists, says Sir Horace, and the Nationalists conceded it.

BOMBARDMENT OF PARIS RESUMED

Paris, April 12.—The Germans renewed this morning the bombardment of Paris with their long range guns.

MORE FACILITIES FOR SOUTHERN HARBORS

Plans For Speeding Up Work Discussed With Chairman Hurley

Washington, April 12.—The Southern Commercial Congress today received the approval of Chairman Hurley, of the Shipping Board for its plans to speed up the delivery of pine timbers and to recruit labor needed in Southern shipyards.

After the immediate task of stimulating production is under way, the committee will hold further conferences with Chairman Hurley to discuss the location of other yards in the South, more contracts for wooden ships and the development of concrete ship building in the South where moisture and cold will not interfere with the work at any time of the year.

Senator Fletcher, of Florida, chairman of the committee which was appointed at the meeting in Baltimore last month, headed the delegation which saw Mr. Hurley.

WON'T ISSUE WARRANT

Father Wanted to Prosecute, But Young Woman Said "No." No warrant will be issued against Roger Miller, the soldier driver of the automobile that collided with and slightly injured Miss Cora Lee Henry, a daughter of Mr. J. F. Henry, of East Wilmington, who is visiting in the city at 817 Meares street...

HEAVY FROST PREDICTED

East Carolina, Excepting Cape Fear Section, Has Snow Today. Fair weather is forecasted tonight and a heavy frost is probable, although it is not expected to be of killing proportions, according to a statement given out from the local weather bureau early in the afternoon.

FUNERAL HELD THURSDAY

Remains of Beloved Citizen Laid to Rest at Hampstead. Funeral services for Mr. E. H. Sanders, whose death occurred here at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, were held from the Latter Day Saints church at Hampstead Thursday afternoon and were in charge of Elders Stephens and Waldron.

Will Have a Canteen

The National Special Aid unit of Sunset Park will have a "Canteen" Saturday afternoons near the entrance to Sunset Park, at which cold drinks, sandwiches and cakes will be sold.

NO WORD OF LANDING OF AMERICAN MARINES

Washington Without Official Advice From Vladivostok Operations

Washington, April 12.—No word of the landing of American marines at Vladivostok to aid British and Japanese forces already there as told in press dispatches had reached the State or Navy departments early today.

The addition of American forces is expected to reassure Russian government officials, who for a time after the Japanese landed appeared inclined to believe Japan planned an invasion of Siberia.

OREGON FIRST STATE TO EXCEED ITS QUOTA

Oversubscribed Its Allotment of Liberty Bonds. Winning Cities

Washington, April 12.—Oregon is the first State to report officially an over-subscription of its Liberty Loan quota and consequently will stand at the head of the nation's honor roll by States.

Portland, Ore., and Toledo, Ohio, are claimants for the first honor flag for cities of between 100,000 and 250,000 population and are the largest cities to report having reached their goal.

HEAVY ARTILLERY ON THE FRENCH FRONT

Paris, April 12.—Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night in the vicinity of Hangard-En-Santerre, on the front North of Montdidier, the War Office announced.

RATES ON COTTON HAVE BEEN MODIFIED

Washington, April 12.—Modification of cotton transportation rates from Southern producing points to Ohio and Mississippi river crossings, Gulf ports and South Atlantic ports to Eastern cities, were contained in a supplementary decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission today in the case of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange versus the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company.

FURLOUGHS ARE POSSIBLE

Crops Must Be Made, But Service Not to be Interrupted in Any Way. Regulations for extending furloughs to enlisted men for farm work during the planting and harvesting seasons have been issued to local exemption boards from the office of Provost Marshal General Crowder, in accordance with the act of Congress of March 16, this year.

FROST WARNINGS ISSUED TONIGHT

Columbia, S. C., April 12.—A warning was issued by the local Weather Bureau today that there would probably be a heavy frost tonight in this vicinity.

NO GREAT CHANGES IN SHIP SCHEDULES

Vessels In Southern Trade to Run As Usual For About Ten Days

Washington, April 12.—No great disarrangement of schedules and management of the four Atlantic and Gulf steamship lines—Clyde, Mallory, Merchants and Miners, and the Southern—to be commandeered and operated by the Railroad Administration, will be made for a week or 10 days, officials said today.

Plans to use the ships to relieve the railroads of much of the traffic now being carried over the congested rail routes are contemplated.

President Wilson's commandeering of coastwise steamship lines was believed by some officials today to foreshadow a taking over of all American sailing vessels.

SEVERE FIGHTING IS REPORTED BY BRITISH

British Pressed Back In Vicinity of Neuve-Eglise, Says Announcement

London, April 12.—Attacking yesterday in the neighborhood of Ploegsteert, the Germans pressed back the British to the vicinity of Neuve-Eglise, it is announced officially.

On the remainder of the Northern battle front there is little change, North of Festubert the British regained ground by a counter attack.

The announcement follows: "Severe and continuous fighting took place last night in the neighborhood of Merville and Neuve Eglise, in both of which localities the enemy is continuing his pressure and has made progress."

"On the remainder of the Northern battle front the situation is substantially unchanged. A part of our positions into which the enemy forced his way North of Festubert was regained by a counter attack."

FURTHER ADVANCE IN PALESTINE

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OFFENSIVE STARTS IN PALESTINE

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BATTLE SETTLES DOWN TO GRIM CONTEST OF KILLING THE MOST MEN

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PRESENT FIGHTING IS CRUCIAL STAGE OF THE STRUGGLE

GERMAN SHELL HITS FOUNDLING ASYLUM

Three Persons Killed and 11 Wounded in City of Paris

Paris, April 12.—A shell fired by a German long range cannon yesterday struck a foundling asylum in the Rue de La Creche in the Montjoue district on the southern outskirts of Paris and three persons there were killed and 11 wounded.

The shell entered on the ground floor and burst in the middle of a ward. Had it come half an hour earlier it would have made many more victims, for it was visitors' day and friends of the patients had just left.

Another shell struck an open air bowling alley and killed a man and a boy and wounded 10 other persons.

PAIR OF FREE LOVE BELIEVERS ARRESTED

Chicago Professor and Wife of a Soldier Taken By Federal Officers

Chicago, April 12.—Hinton G. Clabaugh, chief of the local bureau of the Department of Justice, today announced that his agents last night took into custody Dr. William Isaac Thomas, of the faculty of the University of Chicago, known as an authority on sociology, and a woman said to be the wife of a Texas man now in France with General Pershing.

Mr. Clabaugh said he had turned over to District Attorney Clyde evidence for the institution of charges of violating the Mann act and the act forbidding false registration at hotels.

Both were taken before Mr. Clyde last night and are quoted as having attempted little if any concealment.

"I love her and I don't care if the whole world knows it. My arrest is a tremendous injustice." Mr. Clabaugh further quoted the woman as saying: "Dr. Thomas was kind to me. After my husband left for France Dr. Thomas was most solicitous for my comfort. I just liked him at first; later it grew into love."

WALLIS INSPECTOR AT NORFOLK PORT

Washington, April 12.—Secretary Wilson today appointed Joseph Wallace immigration inspector at Norfolk succeeding W. R. Morton, who has been transferred to St. Johns, N. B. Wallace, who has been assistant immigration inspector at Jacksonville, Fla., is to assume his new office at once.

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QUESTION OF WHICH CAN LAST IT THROUGH

Every Inch of Ground Fought Over Is Running Red With Blood—Battle May Last Several Weeks Yet.

With the British Army in France, Thursday, April 11.—Determined enemy attacks continued today against the British defenses at Givency, which has changed hands numerous times since the initial enemy onslaught on Tuesday.

On the extreme right the Germans today were pounding away against the British defenses at Givency, which has changed hands numerous times since the initial enemy onslaught on Tuesday.

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