

**WEATHER.**  
North and South Carolina: Probably local rains tonight; Wednesday fair and cooler.

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## GERMANS SUFFERED A SEVERE DEFEAT

### MONDAY'S BATTLE A COMPLETE VICTORY FOR ANGLO-FRENCH

**Entente Again Shows Ability to Stop Enemy When it is Necessary**  
**GERMANS SUFFERED A SEVERE DEFEAT**  
Thirteen Divisions Used, Only to be Held in Their Tracks. French Hold Every Part of Their Position

Today's reports from the Flanders battlefield only serve to emphasize the completeness of the victory won by the Anglo-French forces yesterday in withstanding the tremendous assault by which the Germans hoped to break into the Allied hill positions southwest of Ypres and begin cutting their way on toward the channel ports.

The situation seems to have been one of the Entente high command deciding once more to make a stand after having forced the Germans to use up tens of thousands of men in fighting their way desperately forward as far as they have. The decision made, the stand was taken, and the Germans were stopped, as they have been previously on other fields since the great offensive opened on March 21. The enemy, it is estimated, threw as many as 13 divisions or about 175,000 men into the attack on this 12-mile front, but despite continued French assaults was held almost in his tracks everywhere. At a few points there was a slight enemy penetration but the line was largely rectified late yesterday. During last night the French, in dashing counter blows, drove the Germans from the remainder of the small stretches of ground they had gained in their initial drives of the day.

A most welcome feature of the current news from the front is the announcement that the French, on the crucial part of the line, at Loere, have not lost any part of their hold on this dominating ground. They now have undisputed possession of Loere itself, for the first time in several days, and apparently have killed off all the enemy efforts to edge in around that place and force its abandonment.

The importance of Loere lies in the fact that it guards the approach to Mount Rouge, one of the most valuable hills of the defensive line, which cannot be taken in flank as long as Loere remains in Allied hands. Similarly, the Allied troops have stopped the drive towards Scherpenberg by holding at La Clytte, where the Belgians dealt with them successfully and prevented any breach in the line toward the sea.

All the evidence points to the probability that the Germans suffered their heaviest casualties of any day of the fighting on the North front, as wave after wave of the attacking forces was mowed down by artillery and infantry fire. They were so exhausted by their fruitless efforts that they remained virtually inactive all night, while no reports have come through today, indicating any resumption of major activities on their part.

South, on the Somme front, the British carried out a local operation last night, further improving their position before Amiens by advancing their line somewhat East of Villers-Bretonneux.

Throwing in thousands of new troops the Germans are making a desperate effort to drive back the Allied lines in Flanders and capture Ypres and the hill positions in the Southwest. Many attacks in strong force, aided by powerful artillery fire, have been futile and the Allied soldiers are standing firm while inflicting severe losses on the enemy.

Against the British around Voormezele and the French in the region of Loere, the Germans are making their heaviest strokes, but each assault has been thrown back brilliantly. Especially bitter is the fighting in and around the villages of Voormezele and Loere, which are still held by the British and French.

From the 12-mile front between Halluin and Zillebeke the enemy has extended his attacks to the North of Ypres against the Belgians along the line. But he is meeting with no more success here than elsewhere in Flanders, the Belgians hurling the Germans from positions they had occupied by counter attacks.

Ypres is yet to be attacked directly from the East, but from the intensity of the enemy assaults South and Southwest, it is evidently the Germans desire most to take the hill positions West of Mont Kemmel. To hold these hills would not only men-

**BRITISH CASUALTIES FOR APRIL.**  
London, April 30.—British casualties reported in April reached a total of 52,475, divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds: Officers, 1,621; men, 7,723. Wounded or missing: Officers, 7,447; men, 35,684.

Although the complete reports of casualties sustained in the recent heavy fighting in France and Belgium apparently have not yet been made, a marked increase is shown in the April figures. The total in March was 14,090, the smallest in several months.

### HOLLAND AND GERMANY NOT YET FULLY AGREED

**Germany Demands Right to Send War Materials Over Limbourg Railway**

Amsterdam, April 30.—Germany demands from Holland, says the *Vossische Zeitung* of Berlin, the right to send war material over the Limbourg Railway to Antwerp, the right to send foodstuffs for shipment from Antwerp and the renewal of trade relations to the importation of sand and gravel. "As Holland," the newspaper adds, "recently yielded to Anglo-American pressure, she must grant these conditions to redress the balance."

From the above dispatch it is apparent that Holland and Germany have not yet reached an agreement concerning transport through Holland. A dispatch from The Hague to the London Daily Mail on Monday reported that Holland had yielded to Germany's demands concerning transports and the supply of sand and gravel. It was added that it was understood that the amount of sand and gravel would be limited and would be for non-military purposes only. There has been no official confirmation of the reported agreement.

### CONTRACTS FOR ARMY SHOES ARE AWARDED

Washington, April 30.—Contracts have been let for the manufacture of 3,500,000 pairs of metallic fastened field shoes for overseas use at an average price per pair of approximately \$7.75, and for the manufacture of 2,000,000 pairs of field welt shoes at \$6.50.

ders and Eastward toward Dunkirk, but would virtually compel the evacuation of Ypres.

German progress Westward from Voormezele would, if carried to any depth, outflank the hill positions West of Mont Kemmel, which must be taken separately. The attacks against the French at Loere are an attempt to get between Scherpenberg and Mont Rouge, but these also have been disastrous.

On the Picardy battlefield, where American, British and French troops await the next enemy move, only the artillery has been active. The Germans have not repeated their local attacks against the French at Hangard.

Declaring that rumors of a change of government in Russia "do not sound altogether improbable," the Berlin foreign office has asked the German ambassador at Moscow to report concerning disorders in Petrograd and the alleged monarchist restoration. According to reports received in Berlin, the Russian Constitutional Democratic leaders—Milkoff, Guchkoff and Rodzenkoff and General Alexieff, former Russian commander-in-chief, are in Petrograd, aiding in the restoration movement. Further reports on conditions in Russia are lacking.

Viborg, 75 miles Northwest of Petrograd, and the last stronghold of the Finnish rebels, has been captured by the government forces, presumably aided by the Germans who occupied Helsingfors some days ago. The Red Guards, who have had the assistance of the Russian Bolshevik government, resisted desperately and it is believed that nearly the entire force of 1000 rebels was slain by the White Guards.

### GERMANS SUFFER THEIR BLOODIEST DEFEAT

**Attack After Attack of the Enemy Smashed by British and French**

London, April 30.—The correspondents with the British army agree that the enemy yesterday suffered nothing less than a disastrous defeat. It was the first phase of the battle in his desperate attempt to capture the line of hills held by the Allies which endangers his possession of Mont Kemmel. The Germans have probably used 13 divisions from the East of Ypres, Southward on the line of battle, with two more Northward, and the violence of the gunfire was never greater or more unceasing at any period of the war.

The successful Allied defense made the day the bloodiest yet experienced by the enemy, as attack after attack was smashed by artillery and infantry fire. The Germans had already suffered heavily on Sunday, when their concentrations of troops were caught and shattered by gunfire.

Their waves yesterday were mowed down and the British wings and French center neither bent nor broke.

### FRANK MULHOLLAND TO SPEAK HERE THURSDAY

**Address Will be Delivered at the Academy—Will Use the War as His Theme**

Frank Mulholland, a former president of the International Rotary Club, who speaks at the Academy of Music on Thursday night at 8 o'clock on the war, will be entertained at dinner by the Rotary Club Thursday at noon, a committee having already been named to meet his train and arrange for the affair in his honor. The dinner will be served in the banquet hall of the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Mulholland comes here to speak on the war under the direction of the Chautauqua, although the date of his lecture is three days prior to the opening of the Chautauqua program. Announcement of his coming was made by Mr. Hicks, a member of the Chautauqua force now in the city, at the Tuesday afternoon special meeting of the Rotary club, which he attended as an invited guest.

### EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA STARTS A PEACE MOVE

**This Latest Effort is Directed to Italy, Says a Basel Dispatch**

Stockholm, April 30.—The Catholic International Press Agency announces, a dispatch from Basel says, that Emperor Charles of Austria is making a fresh peace offer, appealing to Italy to consider it in her own interests.

Although it has been predicted frequently that if the present German campaign should fail a "peace offensive" would be inaugurated by the central powers, there has been no previous intimation that a new move of this nature was being made. Unless confirmatory advices are received through the usual channel of news from Switzerland this dispatch may be accepted with reserve. Ordinarily news originated in Switzerland is forwarded to this country by way of Paris.

### EIGHT THOUSAND MEN REACH CAMP JACKSON

Columbia, S. C., April 30.—Over 8,000 selectmen have arrived at Camp Jackson during the past four days as part of the movement of nearly 10,000 men scheduled to arrive here during the five-day period which commenced last Friday.

### WASHINGTON MEN BUY CONTROL OF EVENING DISPATCH

Parker R. Anderson and Associates Purchase Majority of Stock

### CHANGE BECAME EFFECTIVE TODAY

W. B. Cooper, T. E. Cooper, J. O. Reilly and T. W. Davis Sell to P. R. Anderson, S. Bieber and F. P. Morse

The controlling interest in the Dispatch Publishing Company was purchased today by Parker R. Anderson, Sidney Bieber and Frank P. Morse, of Washington, D. C. The stock bought today was the holding of Thos. E. and W. B. Cooper, T. W. Davis and James O. Reilly.

At a meeting of the stockholders the following officers were elected: Parker Anderson, president and manager; Sidney Bieber, secretary-treasurer, and Frank P. Morse, vice-president. After the sale was consummated the following statement was issued by the former owners of the paper:

To The Dispatch Readers: We have sold our entire interest in the Dispatch Publishing Company to Messrs. Parker R. Anderson, Sidney Bieber and Frank P. Morse, of Washington, D. C. These gentlemen are experienced newspaper and business men, Mr. Anderson being well known throughout the Carolinas, and Mr. Bieber is a well-known business man of Washington, D. C., and Mr. Morse is well known to the newspaper field in Washington, being Sunday Editor of the Washington Post.

It is with pardonable pride that we say that since taking charge of the Dispatch the circulation has been increased from approximately two thousand to approximately fifty-five hundred, and we have high hope of seeing the paper continue until its circulation will be ten thousand. Since purchasing The Dispatch we have made special endeavor to push the progress of the city and improve the paper to a point where it is now beyond experimental stage and is a power for good in the community.

Wilmington has never had a brighter future than she has today, nor The Dispatch a greater prospect, and we bespeak for the new owners the good will of the community and the success of the enterprise.

THOS. W. DAVIS,  
W. B. COOPER,  
JAS. OWEN REILLY,  
THOS. E. COOPER.

### BELLAMY ENDORSED TO SUCCEED DORTCH

**This Will Be Urged in Event Dortch Resigns to Run for Congress**

The Dispatch learns today that friends of George E. Bellamy, of New Brunswick county, have written Senators Simmons and Overman endorsing Mr. Bellamy for appointment to succeed Col. W. T. Dortch, of Goldsboro, as United States Marshal, should the latter resign to run for Congress in the Third Congressional district.

Mr. Bellamy admitted to a Dispatch reporter this afternoon that his friends had asked him to become a candidate for the place and that he was willing to accept the honor if the two Senators decided to recommend his appointment. Mr. Bellamy is in Wilmington, where he is looking after the income tax returns. For the past six months he has been serving in this capacity. He is a staunch Democrat and one of the best known men in Eastern North Carolina.

It is not known whether Col. Dortch will resign his position, but it is understood from Washington that he must tender his resignation if he definitely decides to make the race for Congress. The only other man mentioned so far to succeed Col. Dortch is Allan J. Maxwell, of Raleigh, now serving as chief clerk to the corporation commission. Some of Mr. Maxwell's friends say he does not want the place, preferring to remain on his present work, where it is known he is serving his State to the entire satisfaction of his superior officers.

### SEASON OPENS SATURDAY

The City Baseball League will open the season with a double header Saturday afternoon at the Robert Strange playgrounds. The initial game will be played early in the afternoon and the second immediately afterwards. No admission is charged and all are invited to witness the exhibitions.

### SHARP DIVISION IN ROTARY CLUB ON SCHOOL BONDS

President J. C. Williams Favors Issue and Will Support Bonds

### OTHER MEMBERS ARE VERY MUCH OPPOSED

Matter Was Discussed From Every Angle at Special Meeting of Club Tuesday Afternoon

Rotary is divided on the school bond question. The matter was discussed from every conceivable angle at the Tuesday afternoon special meeting of the club, held at the Y. M. C. A., in the form of a luncheon, and argument for and against passage of the bonds offered, accompanied by statements from the individual member as to how he would vote.

Perhaps the strongest address of the afternoon was that of President J. C. Williams, who concluded with the statement that he was opposed to the club taking any stand today on the question unless it can comply with the request of the Board of Education and support the measure. He admitted that he knew nothing about lumber, cement, lime and nails and while evincing no surprise at the increase in price of these materials he wanted to know if education was going to be allowed to remain at a standstill for the next ten years because materials had advanced in price. He concluded with the statement that he was going to stand with the Board of Education on the question because they were specialists in their lines and knew what was needed.

He was inclined to think that the club had had entirely too much to say concerning taxation and what the educating of the present generation was going to cost, and too little to say about what this means to the present and future generations. "I am afraid we are fixing to paint a black eye on the city this afternoon that will stand for a long time to come," he said.

Continuing, he stressed the fact that there are 8,000 school children in this district and that with 5,000 of them in school the buildings were overflowing. If this condition does obtain he was unable to see why additional school buildings were not needed. President Williams was inclined to think the argument offered by Mr. Roger Moore in opposition to the bond issue was misleading. He stated that Mr. Newcomb, member of the board, had specifically stated that no effort would be made to build a high school building at this time and he failed to see why argument as to the advance prices of material to go into the high school building should enter into the argument.

Vice President Marsden Bellamy expressed himself as opposed to the school bond issue and similar stands were taken by Messrs. Rorer and Louis T. Moore, Mr. C. C. Covington and others. Their principal objection was based on the grounds that this is not the proper time to shoulder additional burdens. Mr. Louis Moore feeling that the Cary plan (holding afternoon school sessions) could be adopted here with the desired results. Mr. Bellamy stated that he expected to vote for the special 10-cent tax on the \$100 to provide increased salaries for teachers, but that he would vote against the school bond issue.

Quoting Captain Thomas D. Meares, Mr. Louis T. Moore, secretary of the club, stated that the necessary increase of taxes after June 1 would approximate 40 cents and that it might go to 50. This, he said, was in order to meet the increase in salaries demanded by the street hands, police and firemen and to increase these departments to take care of the increased population. Mr. Roger Moore would favor a 20-cent tax levy in order to provide proper salaries for the teachers, but is opposing the bond issue.

Mr. Roger Moore was inclined to think that the government will take care of the influx of laborers so far as housing and school facilities are concerned but digressed from the subject to say that he thought a big corporation should be formed here to build houses to take care of the workmen that are coming.

### NAME TEAM CAPTAINS FOR WHIRLWIND DRIVE

**Will be Inaugurated Wednesday Afternoon—No Let-up for Remainder Week**

J. B. Rice, A. O. Schuster, C. L. Dickinson, C. Van Leuven, J. A. Orrell, L. T. Moore, H. B. Branch, George Honnett, W. W. Love, E. G. Hancock and William Struthers, Jr., were named as team captains to have active charge of the whirlwind finish of the third Liberty Loan campaign, to be inaugurated Wednesday afternoon and continued throughout the remainder of the week, at the Tuesday meeting of the central committee, held just before noon in the directors' room of the People's Savings bank. The names of the team workers will be announced Wednesday.

The whirlwind finish of the campaign will be inaugurated Wednesday afternoon and there will be no let-up until New Hanover county has gone over the top. Members of the central committee and Liberty Loan workers in general are plainly discouraged over the response made to their efforts thus far but they are determined to market the county's quota of bonds. The honor roll will be published a little later in the week, showing who has and who has not bought bonds.

### THREE OF CREW KILLED BY SUBMARINE FIRE

**The American Steamer Chincha Fought Off U-boat January 18**

Washington, April 30.—Three members of the crew of the American steamer Chincha were killed, the Navy Department announced today in the ship's fight with a submarine, March 21. Previous reports said several men were injured, but made no mention of any being killed.

The Chincha beat off the submarine after firing about 30 shots. One shot from the submarine struck the Chincha aft, killing Seaman A. S. Edwards, of Augusta, Ga., and two others were named.

On January 18 the Chincha escaped from a submarine and the armed guard was commended by Secretary Daniels, for its excellent work at the time.

### INCREASE SHOWN IN SUBSCRIPTIONS TO LIBERTY LOAN

Monday's Intensive Canvassing Boosted the total Amount to \$2,403,442,400

### UNUSUAL GAINS WERE RECORDED YESTERDAY

Atlanta, Which Has Stood Lowest, Made an Increase of \$20,000,000—Chicago Most Subscribers

Washington, April 30.—Intensive canvassing of the final week of the Liberty Loan campaign was reflected today in the Treasury's report of \$2,403,442,400 total subscriptions, an increase since last night's report of \$120,140,550. This increase covers only part of yesterday's business.

The Atlanta district which has stood lowest in the percentage column showed a sudden increase of about \$20,000,000.

Other districts recorded unusual gains yesterday. The Cleveland district reported a gain of \$26,000,000. In the Kansas City district, total subscriptions now are 10 per cent above the district's quota.

The Chicago district leads all others in number of individual subscribers.

New York Subscribes \$587,700,000  
New York, April 30.—A total of \$587,700,000 had been subscribed to the Third Liberty loan in the second reserve district, the committee announced today. The overnight gain was \$23,510,000.

### CASUALTY LIST OF TO-DAY CONTAINED THE NAMES OF 58

Two Killed in Action, Two Died of Wounds, Six of Disease

### AMONG THE DEAD ARE TWO CAPTAINS

Cepatin Jett Killed in Action and Captain Chambers Died of Pneumonia—3 Lieutenants Wounded

Washington, April 30.—The casualty list today contained 58 names divided as follows:  
Killed in action . . . . . 2  
Died of accident . . . . . 2  
Died of disease . . . . . 6  
Wounded severely . . . . . 6  
Wounded slightly . . . . . 42  
Missing in action . . . . . 1

Captain Richard Laurence Jett was reported killed in action. Captain Charles A. Chambers died of pneumonia and Lieutenants Robert D. Coys, Rufus B. Crain and Francis Worthington Hine were slightly wounded.

In issuing the list the department announced that Lieutenant Thomas J. Mooney was previously reported as having died from accident, due to an error in cabling. Lieutenant John W. Morris, previously reported wounded severely, reported a prisoner and unaccounted for.

The list follows:  
Killed in action: Captain Richard Laurence Jett, Private Herbert G. Raymond.  
Died of accident: Private Elridge Cope, William W. Washington.  
Died of disease: Captain Charles A. Chambers, Private Orris Pearl Mudgett, Preston Noel, Clarence Everett Brown, James Bates, Ray L. Sieber. Severely wounded: Sergeants Thomas J. Curtin, Gerald S. Patton, Privates Michael F. Davis, Leonard F. Sylvia, John Levi Smith.  
Slightly wounded: Lieutenants Robert D. Coys, Rufus B. Crain, Francis Worthington Hine; Corporals Frank N. Gannon, Burpee West, Jr., George Zebrosky; Wagons William Brown, Thomas E. Parris; Privates Albert O. Abraham, John R. Barrett, Charles R. Clinkenbeard, Thomas J. Corrigan, George W. Currier, Lloyd E. Devel, George H. Dustin, John F. Egan, Wilfred T. Foster, Gordon E. Fuller, Donald M. Hair, Eugene Joubert, Henry W. Kennedy, John M. Kenney, Guy L. Lancaster, Edmond P. Leroux, John F. Lindsay, Charles A. McDonald, Max Markman, Shelby A. Miller, Roger J. Noffs, John R. O'Brien, Edward J. Parker, Arthur Pickup, Walter L. Redden, Louis E. Shaver, Jeremiah F. Sheehan, Vaughn H. Silva, Charles Webb, Louis J. Wolfe, Philip Wright, Morton C. Higgins.  
Missing in action: Private Arseno Bergeron.  
Private Jesse M. King, previously reported died of gunshot wounds, now reported slightly.

### METHODIST EXTENSION BOARD IN SESSION

**Report Shows That Receipts for Past Four Year's Totals \$2,335,144**

Atlanta, Ga., April 30.—The Board of Church Extension, one of the principal agencies of the Southern Methodist church, met here today to put the final touches to its report to be presented to the quadrennial conference of the church, which opens on Thursday. According to the Rev. W. F. McMurray, of Louisville, Ky., corresponding secretary of the board, total receipts for the past four years amounted to \$2,335,144, a gain over the preceding quadrennium of \$563,919. The loan fund capital had been nearly doubled and amounted to \$1,106,326. It was pointed out that the total increase has almost equalled the entire loan fund capital gathered during the entire preceding 40 years.

The board aided in building 1,244 churches during the quadrennium, investing in these buildings \$1,357,396. It also aided in building 566 parsonages.

At its meeting today the board had before it applications for loans to churches and parsonages amounting to \$458,221 and applications for donations to churches and parsonages amounting to \$226,030. It had at its disposal for appropriations \$424,966.

It was stated that Bishops James H. McCoy, of Birmingham, and Joseph S. Key, of Sherman, Texas, would be unable to attend the conference. A majority of the other members of the college of bishops already have returned.