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GERMAN ATTACKS FRUSTRATED

Make Futile Efforts With Heavy Casualties to Wrest Ground From British Who Threaten Railway Line. Baden Raided by French. More Than 15,000 Tons of Explosives Dropped on German Towns.

Since the middle of last week the German armies in Flanders daily have been trying to wrest from the British the territory taken from them in the recent big offensive of Field Marshal Haig.

As on previous days, Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria on Wednesday unleashed large numbers of his troops in an attempt to recapture terrain on the Ypres sector where the British are seriously threatening his communication line with Ostend and the submarine base at Zeebrugge. Ever watchful the gunners of Haig again wrought havoc among the attacking waves and dispersed the Germans with heavy casualties and retained all their positions intact.

There still is no indication of the time set by Field Marshal Haig for the renewal of his efforts to press on toward and cut the Ostend-Lille railway but he is steadily keeping up his pounding of the German trenches with his masses of artillery of all calibres.

Although the German war office asserts that in Tuesday's fighting along the eastern bank of the Meuse in the Verdun sector the Germans captured a comparatively long line of French trenches, the French official communication makes no mention of this and asserts merely that spirited patrol engagements and artillery engagements took place.

While British and French airmen continue their bombardment of the German submarine base at Zeebrugge and points of military importance behind the lines the French-aviators are keeping up their attack on German towns and cities in reprisal for the shelling by German aircraft of the open town of Bar-le-Duc. More than 15,000 pounds of explosives are reported to have been dropped on numerous German settlements, among them the famous town of Baden, famed as a health resort.

Likewise the Italians are giving the Austrians little respite from aerial incursions, again having dropped four tons of projectiles on military objectives at Pola, the great Austrian naval base on the Adriatic and bombed other points of military advantage. In addition the Italians have repulsed decisively another Austrian attack on the western slopes of Monte San Gabriele in the Gorizia sector.

Great Britain's loss in merchant vessels through attacks by submarines and by striking mines last week was the lowest since Germany started her intensified submarine warfare in February. Only thirteen merchantmen met with disaster last week as against fifteen the week before, which was the previous low record.

The embargo placed by Great Britain on the exportation of all supplies to Holland and Scandinavia was made on the insistence of the American government so that its own embargo against the neutrals, aiming at cutting off shipments of all kinds to Germany, should not be nullified.—Associated Press Summary for Wednesday.

NEARLY 4,000 PRISONERS TAKEN IN MESOPOTAMIA

London, Oct. 2.—Nearly 4,000 prisoners were taken by the British army in Mesopotamia which captured Ramadiah, it is announced officially. The announcement follows:

"At present it is impossible, owing to the extent of the area over which the fighting of Ramadiah occurred, to give a definite and complete list of our captives. We have, however, taken 13 guns and 12 machine guns. Approximately 200 Turkish killed have been buried and about 600 wounded and 3,200 unrounded, the latter including 200 officers, have been brought in."

Woodard-Evans.

Mr. Leonard Woodard, of the Princeton section, and Miss Ivy Evans were married October 2, 1917, at the home of Mrs. Nellie Wilkins. Squire Jesse Daughtry performed the ceremony.

The first New York City directory, published in 1786, had but 82 pages. The most recent issue of this directory weighs several pounds, has over 2,500 pages and contains 1,400,000 individual entries.

THE NEWS UP CLAYTON WAY.

Baptists of Clayton Having a New Church Building Erected. One of Clayton's Most Popular Young Women to Wed. Young Men Home From Camp on a Sad Mission. Personals and Others Items.

Clayton, Oct. 3.—Mrs. Will R. Smith and children, of Selma, are visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. Miller White and little daughter, Susan, of Goldsboro, are here spending a few days with friends.

Misses Sarah Creech and Mavis Richardson, of Selma, were in town a few hours Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Gulley and Miss Barbara Gulley spent Monday morning in Raleigh.

Messrs. Luther and Leaman Barnes who are in training at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., are here this week. They came to attend the funeral of their sister which was held at their home Monday morning. These boys were drafted and say the boys who went from here are getting along very nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Wallace returned last Sunday from New York where Mr. Wallace went to purchase the fall and winter stock for Ashley Horne & Son.

Mr. T. M. White, of Goldsboro, was here Tuesday on business.

Mr. R. B. Whitley, of Wendell, was in town one day this week.

Mr. R. A. Wall and Lawyer J. R. Williams made a business trip to Smithfield Tuesday.

Mr. W. D. Avera, of Smithfield, was here on business one day this week.

Mr. Robert Boone returned Monday from Selma where he has been visiting for a few days.

Mr. D. M. Hall went to Smithfield Tuesday.

Mr. W. B. Driver, of Selma, spent Sunday here with Mrs. R. J. Honeycutt.

Mr. Hugh Ferrell spent Tuesday in Raleigh on business.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Williams are spending today in Raleigh.

Mr. Bailey Williams, of Shotwell, made a business trip here Tuesday.

Mr. V. Duke Duncan, who for the past few months has been at St. Paul, Minn., arrived last week to visit his people here. The ball team on which he was playing has just finished its second place in the American Association race for pennant.

Mr. Edgar Lynch, of near Durham, visited his sister, Mrs. Hawley, last week.

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Jenkins spent last week at Roseville where Mr. Jenkins assisted in a revival meeting.

The approaching marriage of Miss Ruby Penny to Mr. G. H. Johnson, of Enfield, takes place tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon in the Methodist church at 3 o'clock. This marriage was to have been at the Baptist church, but since invitations were sent the church has been torn down.

Last Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, the members of the intermediate classes of the Baptist Sunday school gave a very interesting program. This was prepared by Mrs. B. A. Hocutt and a few other ladies to observe Baptist State-wide Go-to-Sunday-School Day.

Work on the new Baptist church is progressing. Clayton Baptists will feel proud to know they have a new building and one which will be a credit to Clayton. The old church has been torn down and services are being held in the school building.

TEN KILLED BY LONDON RAID.

Populace Taking Attacks as Matter of Course. London Press Strongly Critical of Government for Failure to Meet Air Warfare.

London, Oct. 2.—In last night's air raid 10 persons were killed and 38 injured. The statement reads:

"Lord French reports that the latest police reports state that in last night's air raid the casualties in all districts visited by the raiders were: killed, 10; injured, 38."

Bombs were dropped in the southwestern districts of London during last night's air raid. One of them struck the pavement in a small square and another fell in the rear of some working class dwellings, smashing windows. The occupants had taken shelter in a school basement thus escaping injury.

Order your egg in advance, sister. A record price is predicted for next winter.

BUSINESS IN SHORT ORDER

Less Than Three Minutes to Pass on Big Urgent Deficiency Bill Taken Up by Senate. Bill Totals Nearly Eight Billion Dollars. Said to Be the Largest Measure of Its Kind in History.

Washington, Oct. 3.—Within less than three minutes today the Senate adopted the conference report on the war urgent deficiency appropriation bill carrying \$7,757,434,410 in cash and authorized contracts. Tomorrow the House is expected to adopt it and send it to President Wilson.

The measure is said to be the greatest of the kind in the history of any government. It emerged this afternoon from conference between the two houses in which items involving over \$780,000,000 had been in dispute and went through the formality of a roll-call.

The bill carries \$5,355,976,016.93 of direct appropriation and authorizes the government to enter into contracts for \$2,401,458,383.50 more, almost entirely for war purposes, including the navy's great destroyer program. In conference, subsistence of the army, for which the House had voted \$175,000,000 and the Senate \$32,000,000 was provided for in a compromise of \$250,000,000. For army transportation, for which the House had voted \$350,000,000 and the Senate \$413,000,000, the conferees substituted \$375,000,000. For regular quartermaster supplies \$125,000,000 was agreed to after the House had voted for \$100,000,000 and the Senate \$163,000,000.

Probably the largest appropriation in the bill is for the ordnance department of the army, which gets \$695,100,000 for purchase, manufacture and test of mountain, siege and field cannon and \$225,000,000 more of contract obligations authorized, together with \$663,000,000 of cash and \$777,000,000 of contract obligations authorized for ammunition.

When Chairman Martin of the appropriation committee called up the conference report late today, Senator Robinson asked what had been done with the proposed \$500,000 appropriation for an employment bureau in the Department of Labor. Senator Martin replied that the conferees regretfully had felt compelled to cut it to \$50,000. Then the report was adopted.

AT THE CAPITAL OF BOON HILL.

Girl in Hospital as Result of Dropping Crochet Needle. Officers Get a Still Near Southern Railway. Personal and Others Items of Interest.

Princeton, Oct. 3.—Miss Mary Gray Robertson, of Raleigh, is visiting Miss Agnes Massey.

Miss Tempie Hinton is spending a few days with friends in Goldsboro.

Mrs. J. B. Strachan has returned home, after visiting friends at Clayton and Louisburg.

Mrs. Esther DeArmon has been visiting friends in Goldsboro.

Mr. F. W. Veto and family have moved to Canton, N. C., to live, after spending one year in Princeton.

Mr. Joé Amerson and family have moved to Wilson to live.

Miss Rochelle Hinton is visiting friends in Goldsboro.

The many friends of Miss Clara Pierce will regret to learn that she is still at the hospital in Goldsboro, on account of an unusual and seemingly very small accident. She dropped her crochet needle and in trying to catch it, the needle was stuck in her knee joint, and it is feared now that it may be necessary to amputate the limb at the knee. The needle point was broken off in the joint, and the broken piece has not been removed. Miss Clara is the daughter of Mr. Roger Pierce, and a pretty girl of 12 years.

Miss Mary Faulkner, a trained nurse of Raleigh, spent last week with Miss Rochelle Hinton.

The officers made a hurried call about two miles west of town Tuesday evening just before dark, and found a red hot whiskey still which was within a few hundred yards of the Southern Railway about half way to Pine Level. There were two men at the still when it was first located and it is said these two men left so fast they had to turn sideways to keep from flying. The still is an unusually nicely made and conveniently arranged one.

Mrs. J. F. Nowson, of Norfolk, Va., is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. L. Benton, this week.

SELMA'S WEEKLY NEWS NOTES.

Interest in "Dollar Day" Growing. Death of Mrs. F. M. Weeks. Death of Mrs. Walter D. Wall in Wilders Township. Elder J. T. Coats at Primitive Baptist Church. Other Locals and News Notes.

Selma, N. C., Oct. 4.—Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Noble and Miss Anne Noble spent Sunday in Raleigh with friends.

Miss Hazel Hamilton returned Sunday to her home in Durham, after spending some time here with her mother.

Messrs. J. A. Jones and W. A. Strickland went to Raleigh Sunday morning.

The many friends of Mr. D. T. Worley, who has been very ill for a few days will be glad to learn that he is improving.

Mrs. J. H. Howell, of Goldsboro, spent Wednesday in the city visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Sallie Upchurch, who has been in Rex Hospital for treatment, returned home Wednesday, much improved in health.

Mr. W. B. Roberts went to Wayne County Tuesday afternoon to attend the funeral of his aunt.

Dr. M. Hinnant, of Micro, was here Monday for a few hours on business.

Quite a number of the Selma people attended the Primitive Baptist Association at Old Union church last Sunday.

Drs. J. B. Person and Geo. D. Vick have moved their office this week into the handsome new office building on the corner of Raiford and Anderson streets. These new offices are equipped with all the modern conveniences, and the public may expect even better service from these two popular physicians.

Mrs. W. M. Weeks died at her home here Tuesday night after several days illness. The interment was in the family burial ground at the home of her father, Mr. Ashley Wallace, near Smithfield, Wednesday evening.

Besides her husband, her father, and several children survive her.

We are in receipt of information, telling of the death of Mrs. Walter D. Wall in Wilders township last Sunday. Mrs. Wall had been ill for several months, and only a few days ago an operation was performed in the hope of saving her, but to no avail.

Mrs. Wall was the daughter of Representative J. W. Barnes, and besides her husband, her father and several brothers and sisters survive her. Two of her brothers, Messrs. Lemmon W. and Luther M. Barnes, are in the National Army at Camp Jackson. The funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon and the interment was in the family cemetery.

The Dietries, the first of a series of Lyceum entertainments, was given at the school auditorium last Monday night. The attraction, was witnessed by a good sized and appreciative audience. Announcements of future numbers will be announced later.

Interest and enthusiasm in Selma's Dollar Day are gaining momentum as the day draws nearer, and all indications now point to a very successful day for both merchants and buyers. The advertisements of the merchants show that some real bargains are being offered, and people from all sections of the surrounding country have signified their intention of coming. Don't forget the date, Thursday, October 11th.

Mr. Geo. H. Morgan leaves this afternoon for Petersburg, Va., where he expects to work on the Army Cantonment near that place.

Elder J. T. Coats, one of the leading ministers of the Primitive Baptist church, spent Thursday night in the city and conducted services at their church here. He was enroute to the Association at Old Union church.

Mr. W. L. Stencil spent Sunday in Raleigh with his sister, Mrs. Sallie Upchurch, who was in Rex Hospital for treatment.

Mr. D. E. Crocker, who has been in Philadelphia for some time, is home to spend some time with his parents.

OXFORD, N. C., MAN KILLED BEHIND FRONT IN FRANCE

Washington, Oct. 2.—General Pershing cabled the war department today that Corporal Ernest F. Hart, signal corps, was killed behind the front in France yesterday by the premature discharge of a hand grenade at practice. Corporal Hart's father, B. W. Hart, lives at Oxford, N. C.

AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER.

More Men to Leave for Camp Jackson This Week. Cotton Selling High on Benson Market. Power Company May Extend Line to Benson. Many Local Items of Interest.

Benson, N. C., Oct. 4.—Miss Irene Young, of Cary, has been spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Smith.

Elder L. H. Hardy, of Atlantic, N. C., spent last Thursday night with friends in Benson.

Miss Louise Temple, of Sanford, has accepted a position with the Citizens Bank & Trust Co., of our town.

Mr. M. C. Barbour, of Elevation township, was a visitor to our city Tuesday.

Mr. James P. Benson, of Raleigh, a son of Mr. C. H. Benson, passed through here yesterday on his way home from a short visit to his father.

Mr. John R. McLamb left Monday for Petersburg, Va., where he has accepted a position.

Mr. M. T. Britt and Rev. G. W. Rollins went down to Lumberton yesterday for a short business trip.

Mr. J. A. Orr, of Huntington, W. Va., was in the city yesterday on business matters.

Miss Sybil Goodrich has accepted a position with the A. C. L. Railroad Company at Smithfield.

Mr. J. F. Woodall is spending a few days this week in Richmond on business matters.

Mr. Rich Benson, a Civil War Veteran of Elevation township, was in the city for a short while yesterday.

Mr. D. T. Barefoot has accepted a position with A. B. Hudson as salesman in Mr. Hudson's store.

Mr. J. E. Hobbs, who has been living on his farm in Elevation for the past Summer, was in town yesterday.

Mr. M. T. Britt, Rev. G. W. Rollins, Dr. E. E. Parker and others are in Smithfield on business today.

Dr. S. P. J. Lee, of Peacock's Cross Roads, spent yesterday in town on business.

Mr. W. R. Coats, of Four Oaks, was here yesterday on business matters.

Mr. Robert C. Barbour, of Elevation, was here yesterday for a short while.

Mr. George Jeffrey, of Youngsville, has accepted a position with the Peacock Drug Company.

Mr. Joe Stewart, of Coats, was a visitor to Benson yesterday. Mr. Stewart says that cotton crops around Coats are very short this year.

Mrs. W. H. Rowland has moved from the Central Hotel Building to a private residence and the hotel will be run by Mr. B. D. Creech as a boarding house.

The Baraca Class of the Baptist church has recently purchased a piano to be used in their class room.

It is rumored here that the Carolina Power and Light Company which is running its lines to Four Oaks to install light at that place, will possibly continue its line to Benson. This is to be hoped for, since for the past several days and nights the people here have only had light for four or five hours each night, and it is not very pleasant to have to get up at eleven o'clock at night to find that you have to look everywhere for a lamp when you are paying \$1.75 as a minimum for light services.

The Benson Cotton market is one of the best to be found anywhere, as the prices this week have been from one-half to three-fourths of a cent higher in the pound each day than the prices were at the towns surrounding Benson. Several hundred bales have been marketed here this week and it was selling yesterday when the market closed at around 26½ cents per pound.

Among the Benson boys who leave for Camp Jackson tomorrow are Messrs. W. H. Slocumb, Paul Lee, Edgar Barbour and Zack Thornton. So far a large number of those who have been sent to camp from this end of the county have come out of Banner township, and several from Benson.

Many Kinds of Mistletoe.

There are more than 400 different varieties of mistletoe, most of these being tropical and parasites. Many of these varieties are known in the United States, from the New Jersey coast, both west and south.

People who read ads are looking for something they want to buy. The wise merchant meets them half way by seeing that His ad is there to be seen.

MITCHEL ON FUSION TICKET.

Roosevelt, Hughes, Morgenthau, Taft and Other Noted Men Give Words of Support. New York Mayor Tells Crowd of Supporters That He Feels Duty-Bound to Run. Three Others Are in the Race.

Mayor John Purroy Mitchel, Democrat, defeated in the Republican primaries for re-nomination, announced publicly from the steps of the city hall in New York Monday that he would run as the fusion candidate on an issue of straight Americanism, says a New York dispatch.

The large gathering of citizens who came before him to demand that he remain in the mayoralty race heard words of support expressed in Mr. Mitchel's behalf by Theodore Roosevelt, Charles Evans Hughes, Henry Morgenthau, Oscar Straus and George B. McGuire, vice-president of the State Federation of Labor, and heard read a letter of approval from William Howard Taft and a telegram of approval from Charles Edward Russell.

Mayor Mitchel described what he believed his three rival aspirants stood for. He alluded to John F. Hyland, Democrat, as the "nominee of Murphy and of Hearst, the candidate of Untermyer and his kind, who out of association with Dumba, with Bernstorff and their like raise their heads to spit venom at all those who have taken a strong and active stand with America and against Germany."

He said Mr. Hyland was "the hope of Tammany Hall."

Morris Hillquit, Socialist candidate, Mr. Mitchel described as a pacifist—"the avowed opponent of this war for liberty and justice, the avowed opponent of military service, the avowed opponent of American preparedness, the avowed advocate of national prostration and helplessness."

Regarding William M. Bennett, former state senator, who defeated the mayor in the Republican primaries, Mr. Mitchel said he had been "unexpectedly projected into a candidacy through the laziness and neglect of the great body of his party by the resentment over insufficient patronage on the part of a small group of machine politicians and by the protest against pro-American city government by enemy sympathizers."

"As an American citizen," the mayor said of himself, "hating disloyalty and treason and dedicated to the support of President Wilson and the government of the United States in the successful prosecution of this war to a victorious issue, my duty admits of no debate. My answer to you is that I will run. I will make the fight against Hearst, Hyland and the Hohenzollerns; against Murphy, Cohalan, O'Leary and all the Tammany breed; against the corruptionist and against the disaffected; against the secessionist and the obstructionist."

N. C. APPORTIONMENT IS TWENTY-SEVEN MILLIONS

Richmond, Va., Oct. 2.—Apportionment of liberty loan bonds to each State embraced in the fifth regional district was completed tonight by Governor George J. Seay, of the Federal Reserve bank of Richmond, and letters announcing the amounts banking centers throughout the district would be expected to subscribe to the second issue of the loan were mailed out to banks, trust companies and other subscription agencies. Secretary McAdoo has allotted to this district four per cent of the entire \$3,000,000,000 issue. The various States in the district will be expected to subscribe, in order to secure the amount "imperatively demanded" as announced by Mr. McAdoo as follows:

District of Columbia	\$20,000,000.
Maryland	\$65,000,000.
North Carolina	\$27,000,000.
South Carolina	\$20,000,000.
Virginia	\$45,000,000.
West Virginia	\$23,000,000.
Total	\$200,000,000.

The apportionment for this district or four per cent of the total, is \$120,000,000, but Governor Seay expects the full \$200,000,000 to be raised and on this basis has made his allotments.

Only those ewe lambs that can not be used for breeding should be sent to market for slaughter.

The dollar is all powerful in all walks of life, the only trouble being that some walks seldom see it.