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# TEN TOWNS AND VILLAGES AND OVER 3,500 GERMAN PRISONERS CAPTURED IN ANGLO-FRENCH OFFENSIVE

PLANS OF THE ALLIES CARRIED OUT WITH PERFECTION ON FRONT OF TWENTY MILES IN FLANDERS

Warneton Made After Three Weeks of Preparation

Sbrocz River But Germans Gain On Rumanian Front and In Wooded Carpathians.

(Associated Press War Summary.) The great assault of the Entente pardments of unprecedented violence, has begun in Flanders along a front f about 20 miles, from the gregion of Dixmunde to south of Ypres around

Starting with the first peep of day ointly by French and British troopshe Frenchmen holding the line north f Boesinghe and the British between hat town and Warneton-the end of the day's fighting found that all the intente plans had been carried out. The Frenchmen were holding two ines of captured German trenches and Field Marshal Haig's men three nes, in addition to ten or more towns and villages and more than 3,500

German prisoners. Notwithstanding the fact that the entons had massed almost countless imbers of guns and numerous divpreseen onslaught, and when the attle broke threw both men and guns arried out their operations with dash tacking forces that frequently they assed the objectives which had been assigned for their capture and press-

on and took terrain that had not been figured on for attainment. The casualties of both the British nd French armies were relatively ight, considering the intensity of the ghting on various sectors, while the ermans in addition to their men ade prisoner, suffered heavily in illed or wounded.

German Morale Below Normal. et, statements from the front say hat the morale of the allies is far below their normal.

majority of the positions taken the allies had been in the possesof the Teutons since they in-

the capture of Steenstraete was hed on beyond that town and peneplaced their deepest wedge the line of a depth of two miles. gain the French troops operating d to put down strong attacks by irmy of the German crown prince Hurtebiz and Cerny and to resume offensive themselves nad advance f line along the entire front. Russians Still Giving Battle.

Shrocz river continue to give to the Teutonic allies who crossed the stream and gained ing on Russian soil. At severpoints enemy detachments have forced out of captured positions, hich have been retaken by the Rus-

To the south the Russians have atto make a stand also in rn Bukowina, but were compelevacuate positions along the osh river and retreat East-The town of Zales Szizyky several other positions blocking foad to Czernowitz, the capital of wina, have been evacuated by

Further Teutonic Gains.

the Rumanian front and in the Carpathians the Germans gained further ground against int armies of the Russians and amanians except in the Casin and lusso-Rumanians still hold the up-

reed them to seek safety from Am- ments. fican shells in flight, without having red a shot in return.

AGLO-FRENCH JUNCTION

POINT IS COUNTER-ATTACKED British Front in France and Bel-July 31—(By the Associated (Continued on Page Seven).

Allied Attack From Dixmude to U. S. Army Men Believe Most Vul- British and French Troops Drive WILL TOTAL TWO BILLION nerable Point of German Front Has Been Struck

CUT DEEP WARSHIPS SHOULD GIVE AID LAUNCH ATTACK AT DAWN

Possibility of Holland Joining the Allies if the Drive Were Extended to Dutch Frontier Is

Washington, July 31.—The British French assault on the German right here because in the judgment of many American army officers it is directed at the most vulnerable point on the

sweeping the German line back from the sea along the entire Belgian the attack, which was carried out | coast, would be an immediate answer to the U-boat warfare. The main North Sea bases for U-boat operations would be stamped out. Reports from London or the front were still too meagre tonight to disclose the full

Naval Co-Operation Needed. Some observers here were inclined to believe that unless the drive is supplemntd by naval co-opration, with a landing behind the present German front, complete success is not

Many American officers believe the German right flank offers the only real opportunity to bring the struggle to decisive issues in a single cam-

continuing repetition of the deadly business on frontal attack, which in time would wear down the German resistance since the allied powers have the greater resources in men and

The possibilities of the new offens-

Would Holland Join Allies?

ive produced the suggestion today that to the Dutch frontier, the Netherlands government might join the alsources have indicated that the Germans feared some such action by their little neighbor. In that connection it has been noted that numerous small German steamers lying in the war have been captured or destroyed recently while attempting to return to Germany, and that several endid while that of the Germans divisions of German troops have been reported massed along the Dutch

> Some officers strongly believe that that the allies have been forced to accept the typ of warfare which the the Germans early in the war fell back to the Aisne and dug themselves in, the allies followed suit and the opportunity for field operations was quickly lost. The game was mapped out as the German staff wished it to be played.

> Quick Success In Field Warfare. with the allies' great forces and more certain of fairly quick success if trench fighting could be abandoned for the shift and strategy of field operations. The Germans, these off cers say, also know this, and if severe pressure is exerted on the righ flank, the German commanders are expected to seek relief by an assault or series of assaults elsewhere along the line. The only answr to such tactics would be to ignore enemy successes of this nature and keep pressing home with every available man or ship the drive at the right flank.

RAILROADS AND EMPLOYEES ACCEPT WILSON'S DECISION | dent.

Main Points of Dispute Settled by the Secretary of Labor.

Washington, July 31-The main questions in dispute between 40,000 employees of the Southeastern railroads than valley regions, where the retary of Labor Wilson, who today reson by both sides. gave a decision accepted by both sides. American torpedo boat destroyers and wages of inspectors, repairers, the running torpedo boat destroyers and wages of inspectors, repairers, The settlement affects hours of labor the European war zone have come train airbrake repairers, safety applihon two German submarines which ance maintainers, oilers and packers attackers attackers attacking merchant vessels and and other employees in the car depart. In Connection With Killing of Walter

John R. Gould, superintendent of motive power of the Chesapeake & Ohio, representing the roads, and A. O. Wharton, head of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor, representing the men, notified their principals that the remaining and minor have been jailed, in the case of aiding Late today it was reported would be settled by a decision of Sectit the Control of Section to th points in the controversy probably and abetting Frank Moore, negro, in at the Germans were counter-at- retary Wilson later today. Details were not announced.

Well Beyond German First Line on 20-Mile Front

Third Line Trenches Occupied at Some Points-LaBassee Ville Re-Captured-Germans Fight in Desperation.

July 31. (By the Associated Press) -An nance committee. flank has made a profound impression epoch-making offensive, launched by man lines between the river Lys and Complete success for the allies, been planned for the first day of this measure ready to report by the end battle which, in its early stages, gives promise of being the greatest conflict of

Roughly speaking, the British penetrated positions held by Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, between Bossinghe and Warneton, and at the time of the filing of this dispatch were in possession of the first three lines of throughout this front.

Strong Resistance Offered. In numerous places the Entente Allies encountered strong resistance and counter attacks from the desperate Teu-

Between Dixmude and Boesinghe, the attacking forces are reported to have secured the first two lines of the Gerthe most difficult terrain imaginable due to marshes and inundated areas, in which the section is blocked.

The German front line about the Ypres salient which had been held unquestioned by the enemy since the early days of the war offered little resistance today to the British advance, but beyond these trenches the Germans made a firm stand in an endeavor to

stem the onslaught. LaBassee Ville Reoccupied. The British again captured LaBassee Ville, on the Franco-Belgian frontier, which a few days ago they had occupied and then relinquished. The Germans made a heavy counter attack here in an attempt to regain the position, but the British flung them off and are consoli-

dating the ground won. Many prisoners already are finding their way back of the allied lines. The Entente allied attack worked havoc in the German lines and undoubtedly caus-

ed a heavy loss of life. The German front line trenches were entirely smashed to pieces and the wire into battle under cover of what was perhaps the greatest barrage fire seen during the war.

Guns Opened on Schedule Time. The great guns of the Allies opened up at the appointed time and for hours hurled an avalanche of shells into the enemy territory with drum fire inten-

A large number of tanks which were in the attack are reported to have done invaluable work during these trying The Entente allies are facing a large

concentration of German artillery and fresh groups of men which were rushed time ago that an offensive was contemplated in this region. In the last few days Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria has replaced many of his old divisions with fresh troops and others are being held in reserve.

Superiority in Artillery. great preponderance to artillery, which

The British naturally have made great concentrations of guns and men for this offensive, and the French troops are co-operating with them with their battle is expected.

TWO FAISON WHITE MEN JAILED: ONE RELEASED.

Heath by Negro.

(Special Star Telegram.) Faison, N. C., July 31.-James R. Norris has been released; George Knowles and Walter Pierce, white. killing Walter Heath here Saturday by the adoption of a resolution ex- 4:30 P. M., making it the hottest day to be determined by recommendation German army and that he is a gradu-

Additional Levies to be Placed on Intoxicants and Personal and Corporate Incomes

Senate Committee Plans to Have INVESTIGATION IS ORDERED Measure Ready to Report by the End of the Week

Washington, July 31.-Revision of the war tax bill so as to increase its total from \$1,670,000,000 to about \$2,-000,000,000 mainly by additional levies on intoxicants and on personal and corporate incomes was definitely British Front in France and Belgium, decided on today by the Senate fi

The detailed schedules and the they expected the bill to aggregate at Boesinghe at daybreak, has, with few least \$1,998,000,000 and not more than exceptions, accomplished all that bad \$2,008,000,000. They plan to have the The following new levies were defi-

nitely decided upon today: On corporation incomes-\$162,000, Incomes of individuals of \$15,000

and more-\$27,600,000. Distilled spirits-\$90,000,000. Malt and fermented liquors (beer)-

\$25,000,000. The committee considered the followthe German trenches at most points ing further revisions in providing for the remaining \$23,400,000 necessary to attain the minimum \$1,998,000,000. Increase of taxes on brandy for fortifying wines, to yield about \$10,-

> Increase of rates on wines, to yield bout \$2,000.000. Increase of consumption, or excise taxes on sugar, coffee and possibly

tea, together with a few new taxes. Reduction of the 15 per cent tax in

corporate undivided surplus to 10 or nally planned to secure much of the additional revenue from war excess

day was said to be strongly against

increasing the pending schedules, es-

timated to raise \$523,000,000 more than under the present law, or a total of \$748,000,000. To secure \$162,000,000 more from ncomes of corporations, joint stock rate on such incomes by 2 per cent., trebling their present rate and doub-

incomes of \$15,000 and above remain to be definitely fixed. The committee decided to add (Continued on page two.)

The new surtax rates on individual

### ABOUT 800 ATTENDING SOCIOLOGY CONGRESS

Sessions Begin at Blue Ridge, With Indications Are It Will Continue Dean Kesler Presiding

Judge Pritchard and Assistant Surgeon General Trask Are Heard -Addresses Made by Other Speakers of Note.

Asheville, N. C., July 31.-With an ed at home by sickness.

Delay in the arrival of Dr. W. A. Evans, Chicago, led to the advance- the Northwest and the Pacific slope. internal trouble if any comes from Boston, Chicago and Milwaukee. this war. We are talking about democracy for Europe, but unless we care more for home training we will need to protect democracy in America."

Assistant Surgeon General John W. Trask discussed "the work of the

United States public health service and need of greater activity in the promotion of health." Dr. Trask's address was followed (Continued on Page Ten.)

### Will Be No Exemption Just Because a Man Is Married

Evidence of Conspiracy Among Women Who Marry Men to Aid Young Men to Have Heart Stimulant Administered

Deputy Attorney General Conkling, of New York, Sends Curt Reply to Treasurer of Vegetarian Society.

New York, July 31 .- Evidence that lant which would cause their rejection of a dependent wife, will not be con-United States District Attorney Caffey wife is actually dependent on the hus today by Deputy Attorney General Conkling, represening the New York adjutant general. An immediate investigation was ordered.

Mr. Conkling obtained the information from a man whose name he withheld, but who told him that a physician of pronounced pro-German sympathies had arranged to treat two young men with the drug previous to their examination by the draft exemption

board of their district. Dr. Carl Osterhaus of the bureau of nformation for medical examiners said

reasurer of the New York Vegetarian Society, today wrote to Mr. Conkling asking whether members of the organtion because of conscientious scruples against war. He wrote that members of the society were opposed to killing

any living thing. Perhaps if you would devote a little more time to trying to be real he so-called Jones amendment, on Americans and be willing to sacrifice a little bit toward defending the honin reply, "instead of worrying about vegetarian societies and exemptions at this particular time, you might sleep better at night and have the feeling you had done something worth while."

> GOVERNMENT TO ERECT BIG WAREHOUSE AT RICHMOND.

Richmond, Va., July 31.-It was announced here today by officials of the that the government will erect an immense warehouse for the storage of war supplies just east of this city. It will cost \$400,000 and will be located on 15 acres of land which has been leased from the railway company for a period of 99 years. This is one of two warenouses which the government will here, will be placed at Harrisburg, Pa.

## END OF HEAT WAVE IS STILL NOT IN SIGHT

at Least a Few Days

Unusually High Records Reported Over Wide Area Yesterday But No Records Were Broken-Many Deaths Occur.

Washington, July 31 .- Little immeattendance of about 800 delegates the diate relief from the heat wave which sixth Southern Sociological Congress oppressed nearly the entire country to- ries camps are to be offered appointwas called to order at Blue Ridge this day is promised by the Weather Bursau. important to the British and French is morning by Dean J. L. Kesler, of Indications are that the hot spell will promotion later to commissions. Cou-Baylor University, Waco, Texas, who continue for at least a few days, and pled with the offer, acceptance of which giving their names as L. F. Dean and upon which the artillery work is depen- has been named chairman of the perhaps run into next week. In a f-w requires enlistment of the men at the Frank Farber and claiming to be memmeeting in the absence of Governor scattered localities is heat moderation a renewed assurance that after the sec- who were arrested here Sunday charg-C. H. Brough, of Arkansas, detain. forecast following thundershowers to- ond camps close promotions will all be ed with obtaining automobile accessotions not covered by the heat wave are army, National Guard and National ment order, confessed that they were

front is not up to the old standard, but by Judge J. C. Pritchard, of the reported over a wide area today but General Bliss, acting chief of staff, dithey still are strong and a desperate United States Circuit Court of Ap- few records were broken. In Philadel- rects commanders of officers' training confronted by a telegram from Superpeals. Judge Pritchard discussed "the phia, Kansas City and Concordia, Kas., camps to invite student officers failing intendent Gassett of the Toronto police home as related to church, school and the official record was 102. Official to receive commissions "to enlist in who accused them as deserters from state." "Failure of the people to temperatures of 100 were recorded at the foot service at the close of the the flying corps and asserted they had recognize constituted authority," said Omaha, Atlantic City and Alpena, Mich.; present course of training, with the stolen an army automobile. They are the speaker, "will be the cause of 99 at Washington and 98 at New York, understanding that they will be trans- being held for the Canadian author-

NEW YORK HAS TWO DEATHS AND NEARLY 50 PROSTRATIONS.

New York, July 31 .- Two deaths and which held New York's millions in its tember 1, 1917." grip. The weather bureau recorded a maximum temperature of 98 degrees at which each man will be appointed is It is said he was a lieutenant in the (Continued on page two.)

Whether Married Before or After the Draft Actual Dependency Must be Proven

RULING MADE BY CROWDER

Them to be Slackers Are Subject to Prosecution

LICENSE BUREAUS BESIEGED

Many Men Included in First Draft Hurry to Get Married

Washington, July 31.-Hasty marriages made since July 20, the date of young men were plotting to evade con- the army selective draft, in effort to scription by the use of a heart stimu- escape conscription through the claim by medical examiners was laid before sidered ground for discharge unless the band's daily labor.

Prompted by reports from many cities of marriage licence bureaus beseiged by men included in the first draft call, Provost Marshal General Crowder today ruled that "marriage is not of itself a valid ground for making claims for discharge."

Dependency is a matter of fact, not of law, General Crowder pointed out. ground. Only the exemption board can

pendency must be closely scrutinized. "Moreover." General Crowder declared, women who marry men merely to that it would be a dangerous step for

considered a prior claim but this course!

Fears of some officials that delay labor for National Army cantonments would postpone the mobilization were dissipated today by an announcement on the ground and that reports indicate

everything will be in readiness, or nearly so, in another month. No definite date for mobilization was ever fixed, but Secretary Baker has in-

dicated that every effort will be made to effect it about September 1. NEW YORK CITY'S MARRIAGE

The second, it is announced when 164 ceremonies were performed,

this morning. The reduced number ally and physically. I am aware that was due to the action of Thomas D. McCarthy, United States marshal, and growth of public sentiment. Wifhout a force of deputies, who appeared a prepared public sentiment among at early in the day and compelled every least a majority of the people such man of draft age who could not show his registration card to leave the

### OFFICERS WOULD HAVE CHANCE FOR PROMOTION

17,000 Men Now in Camps Who Will Not Get Commissions Offered Non-Com. Appointments.

Washington, July 31.—The 17,000 men conclusion of the camp, August 15, is bers of the British Royal Flying morrow or Thursday. The only sec- made from the ranks of the regular ries on a government ordnance depart-Army.

morale of the German troops along this ment on the program of an address Unusually high temperatures were A circular issued today by Major Americans. ferred on or about September 1, 1917. ities. to units of the National Army to be organized in their local, training

areas." "Camp commanders are authorized." said the circular, "to grant furloughs been living at Norfolk, Va., and has a to all enlisted men under these instruc- permit for that city, was arrested here close to 50 prostrations was the toll of tions, to take effect at the close of the today and jailed by United States Marthe second day of the intense heat wave present course, and to expire on Sep-

of the training camp commander.

Debate on Proposed Constitutional Amendment is in Largely Perfunctory Vein

BOTH SIDES CLAIM VICTORY

Senator Jones Says if Nation Is Not Made Dry Now It Will Become Party Issue

Washington, July 31 .- The Senate's discussion of the resolution for a prohibition amendment to the Federal constitution proceeded today in a vein largely perfunctory. A vote is to be taken late tomorrow.

In contrast to other notable prohibition fights in Congress in recent years there was only a small attendance during the day on the floor or in the galleries. Prepared speeches or contradiction his reasons for sup-

porting or opposing the resolution. Tonight both wers and drys were "may claim exemption on that two-thirds of those present for adoption of the resolution, which then an amendment was submitted to the

states for ratification. Hardwick, both of whom aid them to be slackers are liable to the Federal government to assume

Speaking for the resolution, Senadraft regulations which draw no dis- tor Jones, of Washington, declared inction between a dependent wife ac- that if an amendment were not sub-Secretary Baker advocated refusing ex- hibition would become a party issue. emption to any man married after the Senators Thompson and Sherman drawing, saying the draft should be were among others who supported the measure.

Senator Sheppard, author of the resolution, accepted an amendment by propose that before prohibition goes to property resulting from its enforcement. Senator Stone said that if this and Senator Harding's proposals were accepted, he would vote for the resolution.

Senator Lodge told the Senate that ne believed adoption of the amendment would be "the worst thing that could be done to advance temper-

entious convictions on this subject," said the Massachusetts senator. a large majority of the people are convinced that it is wise and that this will take time, and the steady legislation as this is certain to fail." Senator Jones declared that should Congress refuse to give the people an tion the Republican party to which he belongs would have to declare for

"The people of the entire state force upon particular communities laws which they do not approve. This is done for the general good," said Senator Jones. "Why should this principal stop at state lines? The con-

TWO MEN HELD AT ROANOKE FOR CANADIAN AUTHORITIES

Roanoke, Va., July 31.-Two men Earl Oslade and V. J. McAuliffe,

The police said they confessed when

German is Arrested Baltimore, July 31 .- Friedrich H. A. Hattmann, an alien enemy, who has shal Stockham to await instructions from Attorney General Gregory. Hutt-The non-commissioned grade to mann is in the automobile business.

ate of Heidelburg University.