

GERMAN WAVES GOOD TARGETS FOR FRENCH

Division After Division is Thrown Into the Battle

Von Hutier, Commanding the Crown Prince's Army Attacking French, is Using His Men With Apparent Recklessness.

With the French Army in France, March 30 (By The Associated Press).—The heavy bombardment which was in progress last night when the correspondent left the front, developed today in a general battle along the French line from Moreuil to beyond Lassigny. Here one of the crown prince's armies, under Von Hutier, made a series of smashing assaults aimed at various points and extending 25 miles.

The French reserves came into action with the greatest vigor, offering the sternest resistance. Von Hutier is utilizing the method of attack which was successful at Riga, but this time he finds himself confronted by troops who are prepared to meet all his ruses. He is throwing division after division into the battle with what appears to be recklessness but this principle of risking an entire force in order to attain an object can only be successful when the adversaries are inferior in quality or overwhelmed by numbers.

The French line is displaying splendid resistance, and while the Germans are expending an enormous part of their strength, the French troops retain the virile power to making a strong counter stroke in which they will be aided by their reserves which, up to the present, have for the most only been held in readiness to step into the arena when the enemy shows signs of weakening.

The Germans appear to have found time to bring up large numbers of guns and trench mortars. Nothing definite has yet been accomplished since today's onslaught began.

The French troops are fighting conscientiously and cheerfully. It is possible that some small fluctuations in the line will occur in the course of the day, but only at the seaward coast. The Germans who have again adopted the dense wave formation during an attack, offering splendid targets to the famous French field guns and machine guns.

A large number of American transport sections are taking an active part in bringing up supplies. Behind the lines, especially farther north, French and British troops are working in perfect harmony. During the rapid retreat in the first days of the battle many British units became separated, but never lost discipline. The larger units now are under reorganization, preparing to take their places again in the battle line.

POLICE ATTACKED WHEN THEY GO TO ARREST DESERTERS

Angry Crowd Causes Serious Disorders at Quebec, March 28.—Serious disorders occurred here tonight when a squad of Dominion police engaged in apprehending deserters under the provisions of the military service act was attacked by a crowd of civilians.

The disturbances rapidly assumed alarming proportions and at a late hour tonight were still in progress. City policemen were ordered to the assistance of the Dominion police and with unparalyzing use of their clubs, battered their way through the densely packed throng and succeeded in reaching them. A hard time was experienced by the policemen in reaching the police station with their prisoners as the crowd impeded them at every turn.

HOOVER WIVES ASSOCIATES.

Tells British, French and Italian Ministers About Wheat.

Washington, March 30.—Food Administrator Herbert Hoover today sent the following heartening telegram to Victor Boret, French minister of food; Lord Rhodes, British minister of food and Signor Crespi, Italian minister of food: "At a special meeting in Washington 500 leading hotel men from all parts of the country today pledged themselves to abolish absolutely the use of wheat products in their hotels until the next harvest in order that through their savings and their example, shipments of wheat to the allies may proceed without interruption."

Made Him Impersonate Emley.

Mexico City, March 30.—Mall advices tell of a feat at San Baltasar, a small town in the State of Puebla, at which the president of the village, Juan Garcia, was lured by enemies into impersonating an emphy; that was to be hanged as the climax of the celebration. They then hanged him in reality. Prior to the hanging gaily decked Indians of the district, known as "chuchus," danced in the plaza until they and the assemblage were worked into almost a frenzy of excitement. In the tumult that attended the execution the struggles of the emphy went almost unnoticed.

Sue C. & O. for Taxes.

Richmond, Va., March 30.—Claiming that the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad has failed to make its return on property in Virginia district, Henrico county, for taxation, the supervisors of that county have brought suit for taxes before he state corporation commission.

Resumes Rank of Colonel.

Washington, March 30.—Brigadier General Charles L. Phillips, who has been in command of troops at Camp Wadsworth, S. C., was honorably discharged today from his command in the national army. He returns to his regular rank of colonel in the coast artillery.

Enjoy An Outing at the Beach.

today. Cars every half hour in the afternoon.—Adv.

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CAREER OF EMPIRE STEEL CO. NEAR END

Promoters Being Rounded Up by State Insurance Department—Branded Fraudulent Concerns.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, March 30.—With W. W. Jordan, one of the agents of the company, under arrest in Rocky Mount and the deputies of the state insurance department in close pursuit of J. P. Armfield, financial agent of the company, it appears that the promoting career of the Empire Steel Co., with North Carolina home office represented to be in Raleigh, seems to be about spent in this state. Insurance Commissioner Young was advised this morning by Deputy Commissioner W. A. Scott that he had located Armfield on westernmost Southern train No. 21 going to Asheville and that he had telegraphed the sheriff of Buncombe county to arrest Armfield on his arrival in Asheville.

Investigation of several sections of the state, especially Raleigh and Rocky Mount, are keenly interested in the apprehension of the promoters of the concern, which was chartered in this state some months ago and paid into the state treasury \$300 corporation fees to get the North Carolina home office through which to appeal, it seems, to the people of the state for the prosecution of this fraud. The company had been held up by the state insurance department from selling stock as a foreign corporation in violation of the state "Blue Sky law."

The trial of Young at Rocky Mount is set for Monday and the state insurance department will send J. M. Broughton, Jr., there to assist in the prosecution of the defendants. Mr. Broughton represents a number of the Raleigh purchasers of the stock alleged to be really fraudulent and at the same time he was the past year the president of the Raleigh chamber of commerce, which was induced to give assistance to the furtherance of the schemes of the Empire company as a prospective Raleigh corporation with a big plant in prospect.

CAPT. ALBERT T. BARR DISAPPEARS FROM CAMP

Has Been Missing from Sevier Since Thursday Night—Is Native of North Carolina.

Greenville, S. C., March 30.—Soldiers and members of the military police have been searching the city and surrounding country since yesterday for Capt. Albert T. Barr, 119th infantry, 30th division, who mysteriously disappeared from Camp Sevier Thursday night.

An examination of his company accounts showed that they are correct, officers say. He is married, his wife at present residing in this city. Captain Barr is a native of North Carolina and is about 38 years old. He is a son of the late J. P. Barr, Va., a prominent railroad official, who was president of the Jamestown Exposition.

COLUMBUS NEGROES LEAVE

Fifty Selectmen GR For Camp Grant.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Whiteville, March 31.—Fifty colored drafted men left here today on a special train for a training camp in Illinois. This is the first quota of colored men to leave Columbus county.

The school children of this town have ordered a service flag. Thirty three stars will be displayed. The old stables formerly owned and operated by J. T. McKensie have been torn down and a large brick tobacco warehouse will be erected as soon as the brick can be obtained. This warehouse will make three or four blocks.

Mr. A. S. Chadbourne left Friday for Baltimore, Md., where he is to be treated at hospital there. An Easter Egg hunt was given by the society of the Presbyterian church Saturday evening in the grave of Mr. Smith.

The local home guard held its regular drill last night. The men seem to be getting better each time. Fifteen white men will leave here Monday for Camp Jackson. Dr. H. B. Maxwell left Monday for Fort Oglethorpe. He was commissioned some time ago as first lieutenant. There remains here now only one doctor for Whiteville and Vineland. Some time ago there was five.

The epidemic of German measles, and measles and whooping cough here has not been checked, but there is a decrease over a few weeks ago. Mrs. R. C. Sadler has returned from Baltimore, where she has been on a visit to her husband at one of the camps, there Lieutenant Dr. R. C. Sadler.

FORMER OFFICER INDICTED.

John Sturdivant, Ex-Deputy Marshal, Held for Blockading.

Raleigh, March 30.—Former Deputy United States Marshal John Sturdivant has just been held here on the charge of blockading whiskey and has given \$500 bond for appearance in the federal court next term. He is charged with being implicated with Taylor Pool in blockading. He resigned from the field force of Marshal Dorch last fall and has since been working in Norfolk. The still was being operated about three miles from Sturdivant's home in this county.

EASTER CAR SERVICE.

Tidewater Will Accommodate the Expected Crowds Today. Increased car service will be put on today in behalf of the Easter crowds. After 9 o'clock all Red Cross cars will go through to the hospital, without change at Fourth and Red Cross. Belt line cars will be operated to the junction on Princess street instead of turning back at Ninth and Princess; and the regular Sunday afternoon half-hour schedule will be observed on the suburban line to the beach.

Madame Storch Dies Suddenly.

New York, March 30.—Madame Despina Davidovitch Storch, the young Turkish woman who was charged with being the leader of a band of German spies taken into custody in this city a fortnight ago, died suddenly today in her quarters on Ellis Island, it was learned tonight.

College Games.

At Wake Forest—Wake Forest College, 5; Holy Cross, 16. At Winston-Salem—University of North Carolina, 7; Guilford, 5.

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LIBERTY BOND BILL IS PASSED BY THE HOUSE

It Adopted Unanimously in Virtually the Form Drafted and Approved By Secretary McAdoo.

Washington, March 30.—The Liberty loan bill was passed unanimously by the House tonight in virtually the same form as when reported from the ways and means committee which framed it in accord with recommendations of Secretary McAdoo. It now goes to the Senate which is expected to pass it Monday.

The only section of the bill to which there was serious objection was the one providing that in determining the value of shares of national or state banks for taxation by state or local authorities the value of government bonds be deducted. It finally was amended to apply only to bonds issued during the war.

A motion by Representative Dominic of South Carolina to have the section eliminated was voted down. Those supporting the motion argued that the provision gave banks an advantage over private bondholders while those opposing it maintained that banks should be encouraged in the purchase of the bonds as they already held large amounts of the first and second issues.

While no other determined fight against any section developed the general plan of raising huge sums by bond issues without increasing taxation was attacked by Representatives Keating of Colorado and Huddleston of Alabama, democrats, and Green of Iowa, republican. Answering these arguments, Majority Leader Kitchin said he believed taxes should be increased 25 per cent and probably would be, but "possibly" not at this session of congress.

The bill as passed gives Secretary McAdoo authority to issue \$8,000,000,000 in certificates and debentures; to issue \$4,500,000,000 more of Liberty bonds in addition to the \$3,666,000,000 now authorized but unused; fixes the interest rate on the third bond issue at 4 1/4 per cent and authorizes the loan of an additional \$1,500,000,000 loan to the allies.

NO MORE MEATLESS MEALS.

Food Administration Removes Them For Next Thirty Days. (Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, March 30.—Food Administrator Henry Page scooped today from United States Food Administrator Herbert Hoover a wire announcing that meatless days have been suspended for 30 days beginning tomorrow.

This action was considered at the recent conference of food administrators at Washington and is due to unusually large run of hogs and cattle being marketed as a result of a period of heavy feeding made necessary in the middle west in order to utilize the large proportion of soft corn in that section.

The limited capacity of overseas transportation is also a reasonable part for the temporary suspension of meatless day. It is hoped and expected that temporary removal of meat restriction will facilitate very largely the saving of breadstuffs which is more necessary than ever because of large actual shortage in supply of wheat.

TROOPS BELIEVE BATTLE MAY BE LONG STRUGGLE

(Continued From Page One) fantry action. Further south on the British right there was hard local fighting about Metzere and Demmen but the most important action seemed to be taking place on the French left where it was reported the Germans were pushing their furious attacks.

Along the rest of the battle front comparatively inactivity continued so far as infantry fighting was concerned. BRITISH TRAPPED, WITHDRAWN UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS. British Army Headquarters, in France, March 30.—(By The Associated Press)—A spectacular British maneuver at Reuix, after its capture by the Germans on Thursday, became known today. When the place was enveloped the body of defending troops was cut off and clinging tenaciously to the village in the face of bitter punishment. Under cover of darkness on Thursday night, these gallant men were successfully withdrawn through a gap found in the German line.

GERMANS HAVE TAKEN SIX MORE VILLAGES

(Continued from page one.) tacks against Montdidier are said to have failed. Aytte, the statement says, has been cleared of enemy forces.

The situation north of the Somme is unchanged, it is said. The Leon cathedral, which has been considerably damaged by the continuous bombardment, is threatened with destruction from the fire of the French guns.

GERMANS ARE CHECKED AT THE OUTSKIRTS OF DEMUIN

London, March 30.—The Germans forced their way into the village of Demuin this morning, but were held up at the western outskirts of the village, according to the statement issued by the war office tonight, which also reports strong enemy attacks on the line a short distance south of Arras.

WAR PROGRAM FOR LABOR IS DRAFTED

(Continued from page one.) functions and powers should be as follows:

To bring about a settlement, by mediation and conciliation of every controversy arising between employers and workers in the field of production necessary for the effective conduct of the war.

To do the same thing in similar controversies in other fields of national activity. The board shall refuse to take cognizance of a controversy between employer and worker in any field of industrial or other activity where there is no agreement between the parties of settlement which has not been invoked.

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By ALLEN NAUHL, General Development Agent, Atlantic Coast Line.

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If education is a good thing, then all people should have it. North Carolina schools will some day be the centers of the best wisdom. This state is rapidly liberating intelligence through her public schools and colleges. Every new resident can find the educational facilities to suit his desires.

A great interest is now being evinced in rural schools. There is a combined effort of all the people through-out the Wilmington section to make their schools second to none in the United States. A liberal policy has been adopted by the board of education. Our people now realize that it is only through the coming generations that our development must come, and believe that the public school must develop the power to think, give an appreciation of the true, the noble and the beautiful; secure mastery of expression; and, above all, develop a clear discrimination between right and wrong.

Our people are striving to increase human wealth in the Wilmington section of eastern North Carolina. It can best be secured through the education of the child—head, heart and hand—using the most progressive and best tried means known to the world. The measure of the school is to be found in the kind of men and women that it sends into the world's activities.

It was Bismarck who said, "What you wish to put into the state, first you must put into the schools." In the United States we have developed that every intelligent child shall have the opportunities of education. Education creates wants. Where conditions are so severe that these wants cannot be supplied, there is discontent. We have therefore the best and most intelligent boys and girls leaving our farms and going to the cities.

There is one way to stop this tendency, and that is to place them where they can see profitable returns for their labor. We have educated them to want things, and those wants must be supplied. I know of no place where honest and intelligent labor on the farm can be rewarded with better returns than in eastern North Carolina.

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Here they can produce enough to live and enjoy many of the luxuries of life. Can these wants be supplied on the farm? That depends on the farm, and on the man. The farm must be advantageously situated and the man industrious and intelligent, with reference to his business. When nature distributed her gifts she did not put all of the good things in one place; but she put so many of them in Eastern North Carolina that it is a place where live, intelligent farmers and those who would "get

back to the land" should prefer to live. Illiteracy is a curse. As illiteracy decreases in a country, the wealth producing and retaining power of its people increases. Herein lies the explanation of our small per capita country wealth. Unschooling and unskilled labor produces little and retains little. It was the distinguished North Carolinian, Clarence Fox, who said, "The people who read are the people who lead."

Bladen's Colored Selectmen. Elizabethtown, March 30.—Fifty-eight colored selectmen entrusted here at 6:45 this morning for Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill. This is Bladen's first quota of the first call for colored men. They all seemed in high spirits. Nine white men will go to Camp Jackson Tuesday, April 2.

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