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Their continued warm Tuesday and Wednesday except possibly showers Saturday and Sunday.

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GERMAN OFFENSIVE HAS BEEN RESUMED

Attacks Launched Against The French at Two Points On Western Battle Front

One Blow Is Struck From Voormezele to Loere, Southwest of Ypres, And the Other on a Thirty-Five Mile Front From Pinon to Rheims, Known as the Aisne Sector—Fighting Severe at Various Points.

AMERICANS LIKELY ENGAGED

Pershing's Men Probably in Both the Battles—Italians Launch Blow Against Austrians in Mountains Near Lake Garda and Achieve Notable Success—Possible For Them to Outflank Enemy Position in North Italy.

Germany's great offensive on the western front has been resumed. With only brief artillery preparation, two blows have been struck by the Teuton armies which have been reorganized since disastrous losses were inflicted on them by the French and British during the Flanders and Flanders battles in March and April. One attack was on a thirty-five mile front from Pinon, north of Soissons, to Rheims. This is known as the Aisne sector.

Chemin des Dames Ridge Lost. In Flanders the Germans have gained virtually nothing, but further south the British official statement claims that the German crown prince's troops have carried the whole ridge of the Chemin des Dames and now are fighting on the Aisne river.

The German attack in Flanders is against positions taken by the French in March and April. Here, however, the German crown prince hurled his men against the French positions only to see them crushed and beaten. Last year 75 divisions were engaged in the German attacks along this line.

Recalls Fearsful Battle. In the Aisne front the present battle recalls the fearsful fighting of last year along the Chemin des Dames. For weeks the German crown prince hurled his men against the French positions only to see them crushed and beaten. Last year 75 divisions were engaged in the German attacks along this line.

Line-Strengthening Move. The attack here is really in the nature of a line-strengthening operation. It is being launched from Leon as a center and is aimed at the elbow in the line formed during the fighting in March and April. Here, however, the German must face permanent works which have been occupied by the French for long periods and which can be defended quite easily.

United Command Forewarned. Evidence that the allied supreme command was forewarned of the German attack may be found in the fact that British troops are fighting here. Up to the present it had been believed that the British forces did not hold much south of the Somme, east of Amiens.

The German crown prince is in command in this sector and this may indicate serious efforts to break the allied line. Crown Prince Rupprecht, of Bavaria, is the nominal commander in the Aisne sector and the German crown prince, for dynamic reasons, will strive to outdo whatever success was attained by his colleague farther north.

GERMAN ATTACK FAILS ON LOCRE-VORMEZELE SECTOR

With the British Army in France, May 27, 2 p. m.—(By the Associated Press.)—Launching a heavy offensive today against the French in the Loere-Vormezele sector, the Germans failed of their objectives at virtually all points. At some points the attacking patrols were driven in but vigorous counter attacks threw the Germans back at most places. Virtually the entire French line was re-established.

Hard fighting at this hour still continued on the northern part of the battle front. Just north of Henehousche the Germans forced their way into the French line for a distance of 800 yards and also got into the front line at another point in this region. At both these places the enemy was fighting desperately to his newly-acquired positions, but the French were holding with the situation which appeared to be satisfactory at the latest report. One hundred prisoners already had been sent back to the French camps.

AMERICANS TRAIN IN ALL KINDS OF FRENCH WEATHER

They Do Not Stop for the Hot Sun, Dusty Roads, Drenching Rains or Sticky Mud.

BRITISH DUB THEM 'YANKS'

But No Matter What They Are Called, They Are Proving Themselves Apt Pupils.

American Headquarters on the British Front, Friday, May 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The work of the new American army in France is going on with the greatest vigor in all weathers—under the hot sun and along dusty roads and in the drenching rain through the French mud, the sticking qualities of which the Americans have quickly learned.

The British officers, commissioned and non-commissioned, who are instructing the troops are working quite as aptly as their pupils, and are finding the new men the "Yanks" they generally call them, as keen as were the earlier arrivals. "They're quite up to it," was the verdict of a killed Scotch instructor regarding the Americans in his class.

The field schools, now largely given over to American pupils, represent the highest perfection in institutions of their class. The trenches, the targets, the tactics and the methods of instruction are all the latest developments of actual fighting experience.

In every area where the units of the new army are quartered the men are mingling freely with the "Tom-Mies" and are learning much from the greater experience of the British. The latter, so prone to give a familiar name to everything, were puzzled as to how to deal with the newcomers, but they finally fell back on the appellation "Yank," which threatens in this zone at least to be fixed on the American whether they like it or not. Thus far there have been no objections.

As fast as new units arrive and get settled, hard training work is taken up. The program differs little from that followed by the first divisions that reached France. The men are out on the road every day while large contingents of the British instructors have been distributed among the British field schools, where the latest points in tactics, trench fighting, grenade operations, musketry and bayonet practice and machine gun fire are taken up.

The American army man's pack in this zone will be lighter in his subsequent training. It was found that with some articles made necessary by close co-operation with the British, the packs had grown beyond practical dimensions for long marches. All superfluous have now been removed and everything else reduced to a minimum. The effect is observable in the lighter step and greater endurance of the men.

FIFTEEN AMERICANS ARE AWARDED THE BRITISH CROSS

Headquarters of the American Troops With the British Army in France, Saturday, May 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—The British military cross has been awarded to eleven American officers and four men. Most of the officers took part in the defense of the Luze valley during the great German attack in March, being incorporated in the improvised army of Major General Garey which held back the Germans for six days after they had broken through the British lines in the region of Y. Quentin. The four privates are cited for heroic conduct on the night of Feb. 23. At great risk they removed a burning car of munitions from an ammunition dump and placed it under a sandpile. Dousing the car and extinguishing the flames.

Those cited are Col. J. N. Hodges who commanded the American engineers with Major General Carey, Captain Henry C. Galster, Lieutenants Daniel Berney, Frank A. Evans, Percy G. E. Hamlin, William A. Jacques, Cornelius T. McCarthy, Roy R. McHenry, John W. Sherrick, William Augustus Williams and William F. Williams. Privates Thomas L. Arbuckle, Richard Parkinson, Jr., Raymond G. Ricketts, and Arthur P. Terrell.

Col. Hodges had previously been decorated with the distinguished service order.

AIRPLANES SERVE AS ESCORT FOR BODIES OF DEAD AIRMEN

Waco, Tex., May 27.—Accompanied by 22 army airplanes as escorts, the bodies of 22 men north of Waco, the bodies of Lieut. William Kuen and Private William Snyder, killed in an air accident near Richfield Saturday, were started on the journey to Philadelphia for interment today. The air planes, piloted by former comrades of the dead airman, flew low over the moving train, dropping flowers upon the coaches en route.

German Missions Hanged. Moscow, Saturday, May 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—Two divisions of German troops in the Dvinsk region refused to obey orders to proceed to the French front. Prince Leopold of Bavaria came to investigate and many multitudes were hanged and dozens condemned to hard labor for life.



These are three prize members of a company of engineers now on the battlefield. Their countenances indicate war has no terrors for them. American negroes have been proving their mettle as soldiers. Cabin dispatches report that two of them were recently awarded the Croix de Guerre for bravery in routing a German raiding party consisting of twenty-five men.

RELATIONS WITH CUBA NOT BROKEN

Mexico's Withdrawal of Minister Does Not Constitute a Break, It Is Stated.

WASHINGTON IS MYSTIFIED

Officials and Diplomats Trying to Find Real Cause For Mexico's Action But Have No Additional Information.

Washington, May 27.—Official announcements today from the Cuban state department and the Cuban legation here that Mexico's withdrawal of her minister at Havana does not constitute a break in diplomatic relations between the two countries have only added to mystery of officials and diplomats who are looking for Mexico's real motive.

The withdrawal of a minister is a measure short of a break in diplomatic relations; the same way as the latter is a measure short of war.

So far the American government's only information is the text of the official statement of the foreign office, forwarded by Ambassador Fletcher. The Mexican ambassador in Washington has not communicated with the state department at all on the subject.

It is admitted that the United States as being in a large measure responsible for Cuba's foreign relations is watching the situation very carefully. Meanwhile it was stated officially today that relations between the United States and Mexico were entirely unchanged.

ASKS THAT CUBAN CHARGE NOT BE RECALLED AT ONCE

Havana, May 27.—The Cuban state department today dispatched a circular cablegram to the Cuban diplomats in all foreign countries advising them that diplomatic relations between Cuba and Mexico had not been ruptured.

Dr. Guillermo Patterson, the Cuban assistant secretary of state, today announced that a cablegram had been received from the Mexican government asking that the Cuban charge d'affaires at Mexico City, Senor Santamaria, be allowed to remain for the present at the Mexican capital so as to participate in negotiations for the settlement of questions pending between Cuba and Mexico.

ADMITS THERE WILL BE COAL SHORTAGE THIS PRESENT YEAR

Washington, May 27.—The fuel administration "does not make any concealment of the prospect that there will be a coal-shortage during the present coal year," said a statement tonight in which the public again was urged to order its coal for next winter during the summer.

"The requirements for the year for bituminous coal was ascertained by the administration experts," said the statement, "indicates that the production will fall considerably short of the necessary amount. The fuel administration is devoting its efforts toward removing as far as possible the deliveries of coal for domestic purposes and essential war industries from the freight congestions on the railroads that are sure to come with the winter season."

When, How and Where Boys Twenty-One Years Of Age Must Register

All male persons (citizens or aliens) born between June 6, 1896, and June 5, 1897, including, except officers and enlisted men of the regular army, navy and marine corps, and the national guard and naval militia while in federal service, and officers in officers' reserve corps and enlisted men in enlisted reserve corps while in active service.

When On Wednesday, June 5, 1918, between 7 A. M. and 9 P. M.

Where At office of local board having jurisdiction where the person to be registered permanently resides, or other place designated by that local board.

How Go in person on June 5 to your registration place. If you expect to be absent from home on June 5, go at once to the office of the local board where you happen to be. Have your registration card filled out and certified. Mail it to the local board having jurisdiction where you permanently reside. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your registration card for the return of your registration certificate. Failure to get this certificate may cause you serious inconvenience. You must mail your registration card in time to reach your home local board on June 5. If you are sick on June 5 and unable to present yourself in person send some competent friend. The clerk may deputize him to prepare your card.

Information If you are in doubt as to what to do or where to register consult your local board.

Penalty for Not Registering. Failure to register is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for one year. It may result in loss of valuable rights and privileges and immediate induction into military service.

PRESIDENT STOPS ADJOURNMENT TALK

Insists Upon New Revenue Legislation at Present Session, and Congress Agrees.

ADDRESSES JOINT SESSION

Suggests That Most of the New Taxes Probably Will Fall Upon Incomes, Excess Profits and Luxuries.

Washington, May 27.—President Wilson ended discussion over whether congress shall stay in Washington this summer to enact new revenue legislation by appearing today before the House and Senate in joint session and calling upon members to put aside politics and all other considerations to provide money for growing war expenditures and to advise the country in advance of the tax burdens it must meet.

OVER-SUBSCRIPTION ABOVE \$33,000,000

Returns From Red Cross Mercy Fund Campaign Continued to Come in Last Night.

ONLY ONE DIVISION FAILED

All Except the Central and Every State Except Illinois Went Over Its Quota—North Carolina Subscribed \$25,477.

Washington, May 27.—Germany's challenge of frightfulness in France has been answered by the American people with an outpouring of \$133,306,630 for the second war mercy fund of the Red Cross. This was an over-subscription of \$33,306,630, with returns still coming in from some districts late tonight.

Greater New York, which early in the night had reported only \$27,000,000, turned in final subscriptions at midnight of \$33,343,730. The Atlantic division outside of Greater New York and the Pennsylvania and mountain divisions also reported substantial increases after first totals were made public.

Every Red Cross division except the central and every state in the Union except Illinois went over its quota. The foreign division rolled up the greatest percentage against its quota. Potomac division \$4,387,621; District of Columbia, \$1,091,000; Maryland, \$1,781,840; Virginia, \$1,502,828; West Virginia, \$229,049.

Southern division \$4,387,621; Florida \$68,945; Georgia \$1,000,551; North Carolina \$825,477; South Carolina \$870,000; Tennessee \$1,122,648.

52 STATE COLLEGE MEN WIN THEIR DIPLOMAS

Service Flag Shows 850 of Student Body and Alumni in War Service—Mr. Ousley Speaks.

(Special Star Telegram.) Raleigh, May 27.—The presentation of diplomas to 52 graduates and of a service flag that shows 850 men of the student body and alumni in the world war service were the overshadowing features of the commencement finals tonight for the State college of Agriculture and Engineering.

Announcements of awards and honor work by President W. C. Riddick showed a splendid work for the school year in spite of the disturbances necessarily attendant on the war conditions.

The annual address for the finals was by Assistant Secretary Clarence Ousley of the United States Department of Agriculture, who talked inspiringly of this critical world-war period and the part that agriculture and mechanics must play both in winning the war for democracy and for restoring normal conditions after the war.

The service flag for the college was accepted by Lieut. Governor O. Max Gardner.

BIG INCREASE IN BOTH FREIGHT AND PASSENGER RATES

Is Indicated That the Average Will be More Than Twenty-Five Per Cent.

PASSENGER FARE 3 CENTS

This is Effective June 10 While New Freight Tariffs Go Into Effect June 25.

Washington, May 27.—Examinations today of Director General McAdoo's order raising freight rates on a basis of 25 per cent and passenger fares to three cents a mile and abolishing all lower increase would be higher than 25 per cent.

Many changes and readjustments will be made by the railroad administration either on its own initiative after receiving suggestions from shippers and state or local authorities, or by order of the Interstate Commerce Commission which has power to review and modify the schedules. This will not prevent the new rates from going into effect, however—passenger fares on June 10 and freight charges on June 25—for the commission today gave its approval to the rate order without hearings. This action was perfunctory and is not intended to cut off later complaints and hearings on them.

State railroad or rate commissions have no authority to change the rates, the railroad administration holds, even though many provisions of the new order more than double charges for short hauls within states. The director general today explained in a telegram to chairman of state commissions, however, that he will welcome suggestions for readjustment of rates on intrastate traffic and these will be referred to the interstate commerce commission for its consideration in passing on specific complaints. State commissions also may enter formal protests direct to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

These complaints are expected to result in hundreds of modifications affecting specific commodities or classes, and rates between certain communities, but probably will not reduce to any great extent the total revenue to be derived from the sweeping increases which is estimated at from \$800,000,000 to \$900,000,000.

The additional charges must eventually be absorbed in higher prices of commodities. It was noted today by shippers' interests, and this effect may be noticeable, particularly for coal, brick, lumber, meats and grain and for materials shipped to markets only a short distance. Analysis of the new schedules showed that for hauls of from five to fifty miles, particularly in states which have their own intrastate classification rates, will be raised in varying amounts ranging from 25 to 150 per cent.

Some comfort for summer vacationists was derived from assurances of the railroad administration that excursion rates would be re-established, though on a higher basis. The director general's order provided for the discontinuance of all existing excursion rates and many other lower rates and special passenger privileges. Local excursion fares to summer resorts will be raised generally about 20 per cent. Long distance excursion rates in the east will be ten per cent less than the regular three-cent rate. In the west these fares will be approximately 20 per cent above the existing rate.

It was reported here during the day that commercial travelers organizations would protest against the three-cent passenger rate which is from 1-2 to 3-4 cent higher than present mileage rates. They will ask, it was said, for sale of mileage books at a lower rate on the ground that they are wholesale purchasers of mileage.

Mrs. Wm. Deering Dead. Miami, Fla., May 27.—Mrs. Wm. Deering widow of the former harvester machinery manufacturer of Chicago, died today at her winter home near here. Mrs. Deering was born in Maine 84 years ago. The body will be sent to Evanston, Ill., where funeral services will be held. Interment will be made in Chicago.

AMERICAN CASUALTY LIST

Washington, May 27.—The army casualty list today contained 19 names, divided as follows: Killed in action, 9; died of wounds, 4; died of disease, 1; wounded severely, 2; missing in action, 3. No commissioned officers are included in the list, which contains names of the following Southern men: Killed in Action. Corporal Lonnie Simpson, R. F. D. No. 2, Ready, Ky.; Privates Alexander P. Garrett, Mangum, Okla.; James C. Holland, R. F. D. No. 1, Villa Rica, Ga.; Walter Shutzman, Ethel, La.; James Wallen, Fairland, Okla. Died of Wounds. Wagoner Norris O. Stokes, La Crosse, Fla. Missing in Action. Private John E. F. Walters, Gadsden, Ala.