

The Weather.

North Carolina—Fair west, showers east portion Saturday, warmer central portion; Sunday fair, warmer.

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NEW FRENCH BLOW ON PICARDY FRONT WINS VALUED HIGH GROUND

French Advance Over Three-Mile Front and Penetrate Distance of a Mile. SUCCESS ON MARNE ALSO Allied Armies in Balkans Continue to Progress Against the Austrians. MENACE BULGAR POSITION Rumors of Austrian and Turkish Mutinies.

HUN OLIVE BRANCH HAS BEEN SCORNE SAYS VON HERTLING

He and Germany Always For "Honorable" Peace, But Entente Will Not Listen. STATESMEN AND ARMY ONE Closest Agreement Between the Administration and the Military Leaders.

PRESIDENT SAYS NO TO CONGRESS PRICE OF \$2.40 ON WHEAT

Farmers Patriotic and Not Dependent on Price-Fixing For Inspiration. BURDEN ON CONSUMERS Would Mean Additional Expense Of 387 Millions to the American People.



KING and QUEEN OF BELGIANS. Royalty has now invaded the air transportation service. The King and Queen of Belgium decided hurriedly to visit England to attend the silver anniversary of King George and Queen Mary.

SENATE PROGRAM IS TO MAKE DECISION ON CONTROL TODAY

House Resolution to Take Over Communication Lines Failed Of Vote Friday. POSTPONE PROHIBITION President Asked by Leaders To Scan Revenue Losses Before "Dry" Bill Passes.

BRILLIANT ATTACK BY FRENCH TROOPS

Reach All Objectives and Besides Positions Capture Over 500 Prisoners. NEW FRONT IN BALKANS

French and Italians in Albania Have Erected Continuous Front from Adriatic Sea to Saloniki.

Paris, July 12.—French troops attacked over a front of approximately three miles between Castel and north of Mally-Raineval in the Picardy sector this morning, according to the war office statement issued today. The village of Castel, the Anchin farm and a number of strong German positions were taken and 200 prisoners were captured.

Parish of Longport Taken.

Between the Marne and the Aisne, the French have continued their offensive operations. It is reported that the village of Longport, south of Corcy, the capture of which was reported on Thursday, has been taken by General Pains men who have also made progress north of Corcy, at the Chavigny farm, east of the village of Longport, the French official statement, the allied lines have been advanced, this marking a southerly extension of the fighting line which has heretofore been unusually active further south.

British Front Active.

On the British front there has been spirited fighting according to the German official report, which indicates that from Ypres, around the Tye salient and down in the Picardy sector as far as Albert, there have been scattered attacks made by the British.

Local Engagements have been fought in the region of Rheims, but they have not been of great importance.

The French and Italians Fighting in Albania have carried their lines steadily northward.

Official reports would appear to show that the Italian front has advanced east into the mountains and toward the rear of the Bulgarian positions.

There have been local actions in the mountain sectors of the front in Northern Italy, one Austrian attack having been repulsed with heavy losses.

A revolt of Austrian troops in Serbia is reported from Italian sources.

There has been a further advance in the Merris sector.

British Units Drive Huns On The MERRIS SECTOR.

With the British Army in France, July 12.—(By The Associated Press.) Since Tuesday a British force has advanced to within a quarter of a mile east of that important hamlet and secured for the British complete observation of German positions in the village.

Forward from northwest of Merris a front of 1,200 yards to a depth of 250 yards and drove the enemy from the high ground overlooking the village.

RUSSIAN-AMERICANS AS PROPAGANDISTS

Senator Hitchcock Presents a Plan For Employment Of Such Agents in Russia. FOSTER TRADE RELATIONS SOLD SUSPICIOUSLY LOW

Russian-American Committee Opposed to Military Penetration at This Time and Offers Services as Trade Agents.

Washington, July 12.—A plan for action in Russia contemplating propaganda and trade extension work by Russians who have resided in this country was presented today to Chairman Hitchcock of the senate foreign relations committee by a committee from the Russian-American economic league and to represent 500,000 Russians in the United States. The committee opposed military intervention in Russia at this time.

Husband Held For Death of 16-Year-Old Girl.

Rocky Mount, July 12.—Mrs. Ida Lamm, of Bailey, N. C., 16 years old, was shot and killed at her home at that place yesterday morning.

WHAT GERMANS WOULD DO IN CASE OF RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR.

Amsterdam, July 12.—German official circles are of the opinion says a dispatch to the Rheinische Westfaelische Zeitung of Essen that in the event of civil war breaking out in Russia, the vital interest of Germany would force her to act on her own accord in order to eject the British in the north.

RUSSIAN BANKER ARRESTED

London, July 12.—Col. Sergius Cyon, a Russian army officer who has arrived at Stockholm, says that 25 Manos, a banker, was arrested in Petrograd some days ago, according to a dispatch from Copenhagen to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

GENERAL HOWARTH SET UP AS PREMIER OF SIBERIA

London, July 12.—Lieut. Gen. Howarth, vice president and general manager of the Chinese Eastern railway, having declared himself premier of a temporary Siberian government, has been proclaimed provisional ruler of Siberia, according to a dispatch to the Mail from Harbin.

Tokio dispatches to London on July 10 stated that a new provisional government had been established in Siberia.

Will Have Commissioned Beasley Investigate Caswell Affair. (Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, July 12.—Governor Bickett cancelled his order this evening for investigation of the Lydia Sprull case involving the Caswell Training school. All impending witnesses had declined to testify, saying they had nothing against the school management.

Cooler Weather on Record.

Bristol, Tenn.—Va., July 12.—With the temperature at 49 above Bristol tonight is experiencing the coolest weather on record for July. Following hallstones, high winds and low temperatures crops in this section are suffering from the abnormal weather.

SUSPECT TRANSFERS OF GERMAN STOCKS

Enemy Property Custodian Is Probing Affairs of Three German Chemical Firms. German Interests Known to Have Closed Out Shares in Big Dividend-Paying Concerns to American Purchasers.

New York, July 12.—Suspicion by A. Mitchell Palmer, enemy property custodian, that commercial interests in Germany have been guilty of subterfuge in the purported sale of German-owned chemical company stock in America to American interests, has resulted in an inquiry begun here today.

Stocks which German interests, chiefly the gold and sugar refinery of Frankfurt, Germany, owned before the United States entered the war in three allied chemical companies in America, have for several years been earning huge dividends.

Garfield Declares National-Wide Prohibition is Vital.

Washington, July 12.—Immediate national-wide prohibition is absolutely necessary if the extra 100,000,000 tons of coal a year needed by the country in its war with Germany is to be mined, Fuel Administrator Garfield has been informed by the National Coal Association representing bituminous operators producing 400,000,000 tons of coal annually.

Rhine Towns Now Are Shouting "Kamerad!"

Geneva, July 12.—Another campaign has been undertaken along the Rhine in order to prevent allied bombardment of Rhine towns.

Must License Cotton Shipments to Portugal.

Washington, July 12.—Cotton shipments to Portugal will be licensed in the future, the war trade board announced tonight, only on condition that the cotton shall be carried at a freight rate not exceeding 39.25 per hundred pounds on standard bales and 42.25 on high density bales.

GOVERNMENT TAKES THREE SHORT LINES

North Carolina Railroads Held By Administration. East Carolina Railroad Has Option of Government Supervision or Guarantee of Fair Treatment. Duke Lines Taken.

Washington, July 12.—The Durham and Southern railway, the Aberdeen and Rockfish and the Piedmont and Northern lines are three short line railroads in North Carolina that were incorporated into the system of government controlled, common carriers by the United States railroad administration today.

SHIPYARD NEARING COMPLETION

Hop Island Plant Soon Be Working Full Capacity. Philadelphia, July 12.—Rapid progress is being made toward the completion of the Hop Island shipyard, according to Francis T. Bowles, director of operations, who today announced that thirty-five keels had been laid and that the number of workers at the yard had reached 23,500.

Outcasts Gunboat Smith.

Jersey City, N. J., July 12.—Billy Mikes, of St. Paul outfought Gunboat Smith of New York in all but the fifth round of a ten-round bout here tonight. In the fifth Smith landed a number of effective blows. Mikes weighed 178 and Smith was a pound heavier.