

BRITISH MAKE NEW HOLES IN GERMAN LINES IN FRANCE

Heavy Assault Being Delivered on a Three and Half Mile Front

CAPTURE OF STRONG POSITIONS REPORTED French on Wide Front Along the Aisne Are Giving Germans No Rest. British Attack Breaks Deadlock that Has Characterized Fighting Lately.

CANADA'S WHEAT CROP 116,548,000 BUSHELS

Winnipeg, May 3.—Official estimates today placed the available supply of wheat in Canada at 116,548,000 bushels.

FRENCH SAILORS GIVEN OVATION Men From Warships That Brought Commission Over Will be Accorded Enthusiastic Greeting Tonight in New York.

New York, May 3.—As guests of the city at Madison Square Garden tonight one thousand sailors and marines from the French warships that escorted the French commission to the United States will be accorded the greatest ovation ever given by Americans to foreign sailors.

COTTON MARKET

New York, May 3.—Cotton futures opened steady, May 20, 10; July 19, 17; October 19, 25; December 19, 30; January 19, 34.

STOCK MARKET

New York, May 3.—Stocks were in process of further liquidation at today's opening, selling orders accumulating over night as the result of the more discouraging attitude adopted at official quarters respecting foreign conditions.

ENVOYS DISCUSS U-BOAT MENACE

Ways and Means to Combat U-Boat Danger Up at Today's Conference

NEED CO-OPERATION

Ways to Combat Submarines by Increasing Shipping Freight and National Co-operation Is Chief Topic Under Discussion at National Capitol.

Washington, May 3.—What the submarine menace is and ways to combat it by increasing shipping freight and national cooperation was the main topic of interest that the British mission began considering today from many different sources.

NEW BOAT LINE FOR NEW BERN

New Bern, May 3.—Regardless of the fact that material for the construction of boats is hard to get hold of at this time, the management of the Virginia Carolina Navigation company who have under construction at Elizabeth City a ship to be used on the line between New Bern and Baltimore state that they are making rapid progress with this work and that the line will be a operation within the course of the next two months.

PRIMARY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW

Prospects Are For Some Close Races For Mayor and Four Aldermen. Ballot Boxes Open From 4 to 9 p. m.

Tomorrow is May 4, and the municipal primary will come off to some interesting races for the office of mayor and the aldermanic positions in prospect. So far the candidates remain two each for every office to be filled and as this is just enough for a good "horse race" there is a promise of some political excitement. It is expected that those who get the most votes will win. The polls will be open tomorrow from 4 o'clock p. m. until 9 p. m. and a heavy vote is probable if the weather is favorable. The voting places will be the same.

A little excitement in the first ward is expected as Alderman J. J. Battle will endeavor to protect his seat among the city council against G. R. Dixon, who has a desire to occupy this place, therefore that is the reason he is running for it.

In the second ward P. C. Vostal has his aldermanic scalp endangered by the presence of R. G. Hart in the field. Which one will win will have to come about in this manner. The ballot box will be opened and after the votes are counted the one getting the most votes will have the job.

SEIZED SHIPS ARE NEARLY READY

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SEVENTY ONE IN ALL

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HERBERT HOOVER ARRIVED TODAY

Will Go Immediately to Washington to Assume Position as Head of Country's Food Board.

New York, May 3.—Herbert C. Hoover arrived from Belgium today on an American ship and said he would proceed at once to Washington to assume his new position as head of the country's food board.

ONE MORE MAN GOES TO ARMY

Tarboro sent a man to Raleigh this morning to try to pass the physical test required for service in the army. G. J. Johnson, of that place, was sent to the Capital City by Postmaster Snipes to enlist for service in the army.

TRYING TO SAVE LIFE OF WALKER

Raleigh, May 2.—Uncle Mose Harshaw and John T. Burke did all that could be done yesterday for A. C. Walker now under sentence of death for the murder of Florence Sathpian of Lenoir county.

Walker is a boy of 19 who killed the girl of 15. They were sweethearts and had been for a long time. The evidence is that the young girl and two children left home Sunday October 1, 1916, to visit a neighbor and that Walker lay in wait for the girl. When he asked her to restore him to her former good graces she refused and he shot her three times.

COMMISSION GO TO WINDY CITY

Members of French Delegation Go to Chicago as the First Stop on Their Tour of the Country.

Washington, May 3.—Members of the French commission leave today on a special train for Chicago, the first leg of a tour of the country which will last a week or ten days.

PLEAD INSANITY IN VAWTER TRIAL

Physicians Introduced To Support New Attack by Defense of Vawter

THIRD DAY OF TRIAL

Trial So Far Discloses Scandal. Vawter Charged With Shooting Stockton Heth, in His Home, at Blacksburg, Va., Last Month.

Charlottesville, Va., May 3.—The defense in the trial of Charles E. Vawter charged with murdering Stockton Heth, Jr., today switched to insanity and introduced physicians to support the new attack.

Physicians testifying for the defense at the trial of Charles E. Vawter on the charge of murdering Stockton Heth Jr., declared their belief that the letters he wrote to Heth revealing his knowledge of the latter's relations with his wife, indicated Vawter was insane.

LOCAL BOYS TO GO TO FORT OGLETHORPE

Four Rocky Mount boys have gone to Raleigh and passed the examination preparatory to going to the officer's training camp at Fort Oglethorpe for the three month's training there and also an expedition that they go into active service when needed.

GOVERNORS PLAN WAR MEASURES

Framing Plans By Which States May Assist Government During War

OUTLINE WAR PLANS

State Executives Meeting With National Defence Council. Redfield Outlines Conditions which Must be Overcome by State and Local Authorities.

BRITISH TRANSPORT ACADIAN SUNK

London, May 3.—The British transport Acadion was sunk by a submarine April 15. It is believed 277 were drowned.

TITLE TO SHIPS BLOCKED BY MANN

Republican Leader Blocks Administration Bill to Give Title to Seizure of the German War Bound Ships

SEVERE WINDSTORM HITS GOLDSBORO

Goldsboro, May 3.—A severe wind and electrical storm swept over this city about 10:30 Monday night, followed by a heavy down pour of rain; also several minutes there was a heavy shower of light hail but from heavy reports to be severe this morning. Little damage was done to crops by the storm in this section. At the time the storm came several hundred people were under the tent of the chauraugua, which opened for a week's engagement in this city last Tuesday, and for a half an hour there was great excitement among the audience as it appeared at any moment. Women and children were crying, and the lights went out and but for the timely appearance of the manager upon the stage platform who finally assured the frightened audience that the tent was perfectly safe doubtless there would have been a man stampede to vacate the tent which would have no doubt resulted in a serious catastrophe.

THREE NATIONS ON VERGE OF WAR; BRAZILIAN MINISTER QUILTS POST

SHOPGIRL BRIDE OF MILLIONAIRE TO FILE COUNTER SUIT TO DIVORCE PLEA



Mrs. Philander C. Knox. Mrs. Philander C. Knox, Jr., the Providence, R. I., shopgirl who eloped with the former secretary of state's son in 1910, has at last exhibited her fighting spirit and will bring a counter suit to that of her husband asking divorce. She says young Knox wouldn't work and support her and that she wouldn't accept charity of his parents. She is now attempting to make a living on the stage.

THREE COUNTRIES NOW HOVERING ON BRINK OF CONFLICT

Brazil, Norway and China All May Be Added to List of Germany's Enemies

BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER HAS QUIT

Possibility Is That All Three Countries May Enter War. Situation in Germany Still Obscure on Account of Censorship.

Brazil has drawn one step nearer to war with Germany and today is one of the three countries who are hovering on the brink of conflict.

Norway and China are the two other countries which may shortly be added to the ever lengthening list of German foes.

Two events have happened in Brazil which may easily form the impetus to the last remaining step on the road to war. Dr. Muller, Brazilian foreign minister, has tendered his resignation on the eve of the day set for the Brazilian congress to decide whether the republic shall draw its sword. Dr. Muller has been persistently reported as an active proponent and at least a firm opponent of the hostilities between Brazil and the Teutonic empire. His resignation coincides with a order that President Bras detained the German minister. The order was issued on receipt of news from Berlin that the Brazilian minister to Germany had been refused permission to leave the country.

The possibility of Norway's entrance in the ranks of the allies is based on the havoc wrought among the Norwegian mercantile marines by German submarines. Norway, prior to the war was fourth among the world's seafaring nations has suffered so heavily from the ravages of the U-boats that her shipping is actually threatened with extinction. The bitterness among the Norwegians of the German war methods is growing rapidly and many forces are urging that shipping could not be worse off as a heligerrant and they might find compensation, if peace found her in the last with the Entente.

All reports from China agree that the advantages of war are in majority at Peking but apparently the president is still reluctant to take the fateful step.

In the meantime the entire situation in Europe remains obscure through conflicting reports and the extraordinary efforts of the censors, especially in the realm of the Central Powers. The only definite fact in regard to conditions in Germany is that a political crisis exists and that the antagonism between the parties has blazed out with violence unknown since the beginning of the war. There is no light whatever on the strike situation and no reliable news of any kind from Austria.

MAY CURTAIL PASSENGER SERVICE

Washington, May 3.—Curtailement of passenger train service and shipment of the country's entire output of rolling stock and rails to the allies were forecast today by Daniel Willard in a speech before the National Defense conference of Governors and Representatives of State defense councils.

"Already," Mr. Willard said, "the Federal council's general railroad board is working on a plan for readjusting schedules. Other nations at war," he said, "have discontinued passenger schedules entirely, but the American government hopes to bring the railroads to their highest point of efficiently eliminating duplication and reducing the number of passenger trains as far as possible without inconveniencing the public. Of the 14,000 passenger train locomotives in the United States the railroad board hopes to release 4,000 for freight trains.

"It is vital that France and Russia have locomotives and cars," said Mr. Willard. "We will have to furnish them. How can we do it? We can do it by getting along with what equipment we have and putting into effect measures of greater railway economy."

FIGHT RESUMED ON ESPIONAGE BILL

Washington, May 3.—The fight on the censorship section of the espionage bill was resumed in the House today.

AMERICAN SHIP SUNK BY U-BOAT

Sailing vessel Margate Destroyed Off Irish Coast on April 27 by Gunfire.

VESEL SET ON FIRE

No Mention Made of Loss of Life and Fate of the Crew. There Are Several Sailing Vessels By This Name.

Washington, May 3.—The American sailing ship Margate was destroyed off the Irish coast on April 27 by a submarine being set on fire. No mention of a loss of life is made. There are several sailing vessels of that name.

RAILROAD OFFICIALS DISCUSS FOOD CROPS

Raleigh, N. C., May 3.—Mr. L. F. Nichols, General Manager of the C. & N. W. Railway, and Mr. E. F. Reid, General Freight and Passenger Agent of the same road, were in the city yesterday from Chester, South Carolina. In discussing the crops and food problems in South Carolina Mr. Nichols said that the people of his State are very much interested in crops this year, and that much enthusiasm has been raised in this section over the food problem. He is of the opinion that this phase of the preparation proposition will be given unprecedented attention among the people of the Palmetto State. Mr. Reid says that from all his observations, more crops will be planted in his section than ever before.

These gentlemen believe that the cotton acreage in South Carolina will be materially cut this year. They say that this can be attributed to the fact that the outlook now points to a scarcity of labor to gather and market the crop. The people, they say, are experimenting with the potato industry now, with a view of making this both a money and food crop.

FRENCH ENVOYS WARMLY GREETED

Washington, May 3.—France's war mission was received on the floor of the house today. A roar of cheers greeted the distinguished visitors. The visitors shook hands with the Congressmen, as M. Canette Rankin passed down the P. M. Viviani grasped her hand and bending low kissed it.