

FRENCH ADVANCE SEVERE BLOW TO GERMANS, WHO SUSTAIN HEAVY LOSSES

SEVERE BLOW TO TEUTON CAUSE DEALT BY ALLIES

Crown Prince Loses Nearly Eight Thousand Men Taken Prisoners

POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN GERMANY SEETHING

The French Penetrate the German Line to a Depth of Over Two Miles and Now Dominate New Areas.

Smashing against the German lines on a six mile front northeast of Soissons the French have made important gains from the German Crown Prince. The severe blow also brought the French more than 7,500 prisoners and twenty-two heavy guns. General Petain completed an effective step toward Laon, the southern extension of the Hindenburg line and an important railroad center which lies ten miles southeast of Chavignac, where the French advance attained its greatest step. Two and one-fifth miles to the height dominating Pargny-Blanc and the extension line was seized by the French guns battling with the Germans on the hill on the opposite side of the Ailette river Chavignac. More important still they continued to gain outside fire into the faces of German Crown Prince who still cling to the northern slopes of the Pargny hill, the Chemin-Des-Francois. To the German Crown Prince the blow may prove the most severe he has ever suffered at Verdun. He has lost several divisions of his best troops including Prussian guards, who were pushed forward to hold the line at all costs.

General Petain's masterly stroke on the German lines was northward of the forest of St. Gobain. His retirement from this line would probably cause the Germans to give up their present front at Chavignac to St. Quentin. The French had no easy task going up the hill against 45 defensive cannons but their artillery fire was very effective.

Political affairs in Germany are seething again with the return of the Emperor to Berlin. All parties seem inclined that Chancellor Michaelis must go and it is hardly probable that the Emperor will appoint another Prussian Bureau chief in Michaelis' place is not yet clear. Some leaders favor Prince Von Bismarck, the former chancellor, but Socialists opposition against him is still very strong.

GERMANS RETIRE ON RIGA FRONT

Berlin, Oct. 24.—On a wide front between the Gulf of Riga and the Dvina the German troops have been withdrawn without interruption from the enemy army headquarters announced today. The withdrawal took place Sunday night.

STEAMERS CRASH IN HARBOR TODAY

An Atlantic Port, Oct. 24.—A Japanese steamship laden with munitions, rammed and sank the L300 ton lumber steamer Katahdin here last night. The sink of the vessel sank is missing. The Katahdin is from Georgetown, S. C. and had a cargo of one million feet of kiln dried southern pine. The Japanese steamer had her bow stove in.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Oct. 24.—There appears to be a good many overnight selling orders at the opening of the cotton market today and first prices were unchanged to nine points lower. There was a renewal of covering by shorts and good buying by Liverpool and trade interests, which soon rallied prices with Oct. selling at 29.25, making a new high record for the season Dec. and Jan. advanced about 10 to 15 points net higher. Cotton closed barely steady Oct. 29, Dec. 27.50, Jan. 27.25, March 27.91, May 26.90.

New York, Oct. 24.—Cotton futures, opened steady. Oct. 29.15; December 27.60; Jan. 27.18, March 26.85; May

Mrs. X. T. Keel, left yesterday for Greensboro, where she will visit her daughter, Miss Gladys Keel, who is attending the Greensboro College for Women.

AMERICANS JOIN CANADIANS IN OPENING NEW FOOD SOURCES



AMERICAN SETTLERS ARRIVING AT CALGARY



SPRING WHEAT IN ALBERTA

Americans are not only eagerly plowing their own farms and backyards but are going to Canada in large numbers to help their cousins north of the border reduce the untilled acreage.

Canada has many more square



HEREFORD CATTLE ON PLAINS

miles of land than the United States and the problem of putting her land under crop and of getting her crop to elevators and tidewater, is always a giant's task.

Figures from the Canadian Pacific railway's land department show that seven times as many Americans crossed the border this year to take up Canadian Pacific land as in 1916, and that these new settlers bought three times as much land.

C. S. Noble, an American, holds the record for growing the largest Canadian wheat crop on his 1,000-acre farm at Nobleford, Alberta. He made a profit of \$100,000 last year and will this season have under cultivation 3,000 acres.

Farming as a business and a big business is taking on prosperous proportions. Prices as they have been for the past three years mean wealth to farmers.

Many settlers are this year clearing their land of all indebtedness. Two seasons of crops does it these days. They are thus accomplishing in two years what they planned to do in twenty.

TOBACCO PRICE AVERAGES BROKEN

Nine Thousand Pounds Sold Here Yesterday. Average of 75 Cents

SOLD AE FENNER'S

One Lot of the Weed, Weighing 9,559 Pounds, Sells for \$7,229.67, Average \$75.63 Per Hundred. Grown by South Carolina Planter

Did it ever occur to you that 9,000 pounds of tobacco would sell at an average of over seventy-five cents per pound? It was done here yesterday at Fenner's Warehouse. One lot of tobacco, weighing 9,559 pounds, sold at a price average of \$75.63 per hundred pounds. Mr. B. F. Williamson, of Darlington, South Carolina, was the owner of the tobacco, and the lot was sold for \$7,229.67. The lot consisted of wrappers, and was grown on Mr. Williamson's farm at the South Carolina city.

One pile of 134 pounds sold at \$1.01 a pound, another of 340 pounds sold at ninety-nine cents a pound and many other piles sold above the ninety-cent mark. Mr. Williamson came here with nine thousand pounds, and he lacked only about two thousand of carrying back as many dollars.

Rocky Mount has set up a record that she can afford to crow over, and if any other market can come across and beat this, they will be going some. Tobaccoists here, who have had considerable experience in the South Carolina and Kentucky fields, as well as in the old North State, say that never before, since they became human beings on this great planet, have they heard of such a record price for a like amount of tobacco. Some other markets have hung up a record average somewhere in the neighborhood of forty or fifty cents a pound, flapped their wings and crowded over it, while Rocky Mount has not said anything. But these above averages will now be relegated to a back seat, because all known price averages have been broken. This sale was the chief topic of the conversation in tobacco circles yesterday, and hundreds of those who don't know anything about the golden weed commented on it in astonishment.

It is another argument for Rocky Mount as having one of the foremost markets in the State, and second to the largest bright leaf market in the world. The reputation of the local market has gone forth for miles around and many farmers, who ordinarily sell their weed at a nearer market to their homes, come all the way to Rocky Mount, where they know they can get the highest prices.

Mr. Fenner's reputation as a tobaccoist and warehouseman has also gone out, as can be seen by the fact that Mr. Williamson, living in a town where a tobacco market is located, and having access to many others, took the trouble to send his shipment all the way to Mr. Fenner at Rocky Mount to have it sold at a price average higher than ever known in the history of tobacco, when such a large amount of the weed was involved.

Most likely the crowing over price averages will show a considerable setback until some market will be able to beat this; and it is not very probable that any of them will beat it any time soon.

Mr. Fenner also made another average yesterday that will be hard to beat. His sales for the day were 93,365 pounds at an average price of \$47.65 per hundred pounds. This is going some, and is the highest average for such a large amount of the weed ever made in this section.

WINTER WILL NOT HALT ALLIED DRIVE

Washington, Oct. 24.—Military experts here do not expect winter to halt the great allied drive against the Germans in Flanders. Secretary Baker's weekly review of war operations issued last night discloses the belief of the War Department that potency of material and men will enable the British and French commanders to triumph over natural obstacles and continue forcing the enemy backward without waiting for spring.

The review touches for the first time upon the American expeditionary forces in France, declaring the men, after three months intensive training are in efficient fighting trim and splendid physical condition.

In dwelling upon the importance of the battle of Flanders and its effect upon the morale of the Germans, the war secretary declares it apparent that the German high command planned the recent expedition against the Russians to bolster up morale and meet impending internal difficulties. By extending her lines in the east, he adds, Germany has merely added to the length of her line of communications and has increased confidence in the final allied victory.

MRS. F. E. WARF DIED YESTERDAY

Mrs. F. E. Warf, age 63, a well-known lady of this section, died yesterday at her home in Nash county, in South Whitakers township, about five miles from Rocky Mount. Mrs. Warf had just returned from Richmond, after a short visit, and yesterday morning the end came, her death being attributed to heart disease.

She is survived by several children and other relatives. Her husband preceded her to the grave several years ago. She is one of the old residents of this section, and has a host of friends, to whom the news of her death will be known with regret.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment will take place at Proctor burying ground, near the city. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Frederick Diehl, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

STOCK MARKET

New York, Oct. 24.—The observance of Liberty Day told on the Stock market this morning and the market was generally sluggish and inactive with the shipping group manifesting the greater strength, while the industrials hesitated and there was a general inactivity in rails. Liberty Bonds of the issue of 3-1-1 were quoted at the outset at 99.78, but within less than half a hour of the opening rose to 99.80.

ROCKY MOUNT IS FAR FROM GOAL

\$140,000 Must be Raised Before \$450,000 Is Subscribed

ONLY TWO DAYS LEFT

Unless Subscriptions Come in Very Rapidly Rocky Mount will be Among Few To Fail to Subscribe Their Allotment.

Rocky Mount is still far from the goal of \$450,000 in the Liberty Loan campaign. Total figures of subscriptions up to last night showed only \$310,000 with still \$140,000 to be raised. The interest in the campaign had dwindled this week judging from the subscriptions which have been remarkably low. Rocky Mount can raise the remaining \$140,000, so why not get busy and do it. Other cities in North Carolina have gone far over the mark set for them, and many of them have at least subscribed their allotment, while very few have failed to come up to the desired goal. Why can't Rocky Mount at least subscribe \$450,000? If other cities the size of Rocky Mount, with a similar amount allotted to them can do so why can't the people of this city do it?

The news comes from Goldsboro, whose allotment was \$700,000, that the subscriptions there have totaled a million or \$300,000 more than the desired subscription. Think of what Goldsboro has done. Over-subscribed as much as Rocky Mount has subscribed. If Rocky Mount leads the way every day, Rocky Mount should lead the way in over-subscribing her allotment to the second Liberty Loan of 1917.

The money is here just as it is in any other city, so why can't it be raised? There will have to be some mighty hard work done to raise \$140,000 today and tomorrow, and unless the citizens of Rocky Mount, who have not done so, come across with their subscriptions, Rocky Mount is going to be among the very few who have failed, when the government called for help. Can the people of this city brag over being loyal and patriotic if they fail to show it? Let those who have not sent in their application for a bond or bonds do so now. If you can't fight, the least you can do is to buy a bond.

Elder O. J. Denay, of Charlotte, who was to speak at the Primitive Baptist church, at the Falls tomorrow, will be unable to fill his appointment, owing to sickness.

NORWAY WANTS EMBARGO RAISED

Want to Reach Agreement With United States Regarding Recent Law

CRITICS ARE RAMPANT

The Government Organ Says Matter is Being Adjusted as Rapidly as Possible.

Christiana, Norway, Oct. 24.—Commenting on the recent American official statement concerning exports from the United States to neutral countries a Christiania newspaper the government organ, says Norway is doing her best to arrive at an agreement with the United States as soon as possible. The statement was made in reply to other newspapers which are demanding more active steps for settlement of the difficulty before Norway is faced with famine.

RECEPTION TO CLARK STREET MEMBERS

Rev. and Mrs. B. B. Slaughter last night gave a reception to members of the Clark street Methodist church, at the new parsonage on Clark street. Many were present, and all enjoyed a most delightful evening. Tempting refreshments in the form of ice cream, fruit punch, cake and other good things were served.

The new parsonage of the Clark street church was completed a few weeks ago and is now occupied by the pastor and his family. It is an attractive residence and is a credit to the church.

DR. MICHAELIS READY TO RESIGN

Has Placed His Portfolios in the Hands of Emperor William Says Dispatch Today.

London, Oct. 24.—Dr. George Michaelis, the German Imperial Chancellor, has placed his portfolios in the hands of Emperor William, according to an Amsterdam dispatch given out by the wireless press.

VALLEY VIRGINIA SUFFERS A SNOW

Apple and Corn Crop Believed to Have Been Damaged

ALL WIRES ARE DOWN

A Heavy Snowstorm Starts Falling This Morning and Continues During the Morning.

Winchester, Va., Oct. 24.—Wire communication in northern Virginia is interrupted and heavy damage to the apple and corn crop is feared because of heavy snow storm which began at day break. Thousands of barrels of apples are still in the orchards and practically the entire crop is in the field.

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EARLY PEACE NOT IN SIGHT

Ambassador Stovall Today is a Guest at the White House

EXPECT A REVOLUTION

The Ambassador Says Economic Conditions are Very Bad and Growing Worse in the German Empire.

Washington, Oct. 24.—No immediate prospect of peace, despite Germany's gradual waning morale in the civilian population and the army is seen by Pleasant A. Stovall, minister to Switzerland, who called on President Wilson today on his first return from his post in four years. "The German people" said Mr. Stovall "are slowly realizing that the war is a total failure as this spirit grows it will cause some sort of a revolution, but I do not think and one can not forecast what form it will take. Food and other economic conditions in Germany are very bad and are growing worse."

"Switzerland" the minister continued "was genuinely neutral and will not abandon that position."

MEN KILL A GERMAN OFFICER

Much Dissatisfaction in Various Bodies of German Troops

British Front in France and Belgium, Tuesday, Oct. 23.—In one of the retdoubts captured from the Germans Monday northeast of Ypres, according to reliable information British troops found a German officer who had been executed by his own men. Many tales are going the rounds among the British soldiers indicating much dissatisfaction among the various bodies of German troops. Very often soldiers charged with desertions and other violations of military law escaped with slight punishment. According to prisoners, this is something new for Prussian militarism.

LAW UPHELD TO MAKE CAPITAL DRY

Washington, Oct. 24.—The law which makes the National capital dry Nov. 1st was upheld as constitutional in the local supreme court which dismissed the attacks of liquor dealers.

FORTUNES IN METAL UNDER N. Y. STREETS

New York, Oct. 24.—Experts estimate the copper wires and lead protected cables in transmitting electrical current under the streets of New York City at thirty million pounds of copper worth approximately seven million five hundred thousand dollars and four million pounds of lead worth about four million eight hundred thousand dollars.

LEAF TOBACCO GETS NEW RECORD

Winston-Salem, Oct. 24.—The Winston leaf tobacco market smashed all previous known records for this or any other market when it sold 579,880 pounds for \$203,291.33 and an average price per hundred pounds of \$35.17.

PRESIDENT CUBA TAKES A HAND

Declares Cuba Will Expel Foreigners Who Try to Foment Trouble in Sugar Industry.

Havana, Oct. 24.—President Menocal issued a proclamation last night warning all foreigners who instigate or encourage strikes in the sugar producing region that they will be considered pernicious and will be expelled from Cuba. The president directs the civilian and military authorities to take proper action declaring there are on the island a number of foreign citizens of different nationalities who have been endeavoring to foment strikes for the intention of jeopardizing the production of sugar.

"Has there ever been insanity in your family?" thundered the lawyer. The witness paled. "I have an uncle," he stammered, "who insists that you are one of the oldest attorneys in the State."

ALL COMMUNITIES IN THE NATION RESPOND TODAY

To Pass the Three Billion Mark Tonight It Is Believed

RICHMOND DISTRICT RAISES ITS QUOTA

No One Was Willing to Forecast How Near the Four Billion Mark the Amount Would go Today.

Washington, Oct. 24.—Not a community in the United States so far as the Liberty loan managers have learned, have failed to respond to the call for tomorrow's big drive. How far toward the five billion goal the subscription total would be carried no one was willing to forecast. It appeared certain, however, in the light of advices, that the two million workers throughout the nation would roll up a mammoth total. Liberty day dawned with less than half of the big total taken. Liberal estimates from all reserve districts indicated that \$2,465,000,000 had been subscribed up to the close of business last night. Subscriptions by the reserve districts as announced by the Treasury department includes Richmond \$110,000,000.

GOLDSBORO REACHES THE MILLION MARK

Goldsboro, Oct. 24.—Though this city was assessed \$700,000 as its proportion for the Liberty Bond issue, Liberty bond day has been an occasion for great effort here and this city at noon today completed an unofficial canvass which discloses that the city has subscribed over one million dollars for this the second issue of the Liberty bonds. The loyal work of influential citizens who have for the time being apparently cast off everything else and plunged into the task of selling these bonds explains the gratifying total which was revealed at the noon hour today.

A. C. L. BUYS MANY BONDS LIBERTY LOAN

Wilmington, Oct. 24.—The Atlantic Coast Line Railway Co. today authorized the purchase of one half million dollars worth of Liberty bonds.

CAMP GREEN MILLION AND QUARTER

Charlotte, Oct. 24.—Officers and men of the forty first division at Camp Green subscribed for \$181,000 second Liberty loan bonds today, bringing the total subscriptions for the campaign to \$1,265,000.

DOINGS OF THE BOYS IN FRANCE

American Field Headquarters, France Oct. 10 (By Mail) "Ah, you Americans," said an elderly woman today. "Nous sommes Allies. Do you see that field over there? In August, 1914, my man received the call to the colors as he swung the scythe into the wheat. I was gathering it and tying the sheaves I finished the harvest of 1914; I planted and harvested for two years alone but before the next harvest, I hope, you American soldiers will send the old man back here to me and that wheat field. The 'old man' can't get back in time to do much work on the harvest of 1917. The 'old woman' has done it all. But she is pinning her hopes on the Americans and looking ahead. Two weeks ago the first of those 'peres' walked in on his family and announced that he had come back to help do the harvest. In his case it was not yet the Sammies but a contingent of American motor transport drivers of the American Field Service—but 'in time' the Sammies will be relieving the 'old man' for work less strenuous than Boche killing.

OVER 38 MILLION IN WORLD UNDER ARMS

Washington, Oct. 24.—At least 38,000,000 men are bearing arms in the war—27,500,000 on the side of the world allies and 10,600,000 on the side of the Central powers, according to latest War Department compilations from published reports in various countries. These figures do not include naval personnel strength, which would raise the total several millions.

Against Germany's 7,000,000 Austria's 3,000,000, Turkey's 300,000 and Bulgaria's 300,000, are arrayed the following armed forces:

Russia 9,000,000; France 6,000,000; Great Britain 5,000,000; Italy 3,000,000; Japan 1,400,000; United States more than 1,000,000; China 541,000; Romania 320,000; Serbia 300,000; Belgium 300,000; Greece 300,000; Portugal 200,000; Montenegro 40,000; Siam 36,000; Cuba 11,000, and Liberia 400.

Sau Marine and Panama also have small forces under arms.

Military experts do not regard these figures as entirely accurate, but believe they represent in round numbers the comparative strength of the contending armies as published recently.