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ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 9, 1918.

25 PERSONS KILLED ON N. C. & ST. L. ROAD

Wreck Early This Morning Between Two Fast Trains Injures Many Others

COACHES CATCH FIRE

Between 50 and 75 Persons Are Reported to Have Been Injured; Rescuers at Work

Nashville, Tenn., July 9.—Passenger trains Nos. 1 and 4, on the Nashville Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway, collided this morning near Belle Meade park in the western suburbs of Nashville. Both fast trains.

Telephone reports from the scene of the wreck are to the effect that 23 were killed and between 50 and 75 people were injured.

Six passenger coaches were demolished and two cars of one train caught fire and burned. Wrecking crews and volunteers worked heroically in the wreckage to rescue the injured.

Later Report.

The worst disaster in the history of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway occurred this morning at 7:15 o'clock when passenger train No. 1, from Memphis to St. Louis, and passenger train No. 4, bound for Nashville, collided about 7 miles west of Nashville, destroying both engines and demolishing six coaches crowded with passengers. Early reports indicated that the casualty list will be large.

Newspaper estimates place the dead at 25 and the injured as high as 75. From hospital reports, the figures may be too low. Most of the casualties were among the negro passengers. Two women and children were injured. The Pullman cars escaped serious damage. The cause of the collision has not yet been determined.

EDWARD-BALLENTINE WEDDING SATURDAY

A wedding of interest to many in the city occurred Saturday, at Westray's, near this city, when Miss Gladys Ballentine, of Middlesex, became the bride of Mr. Joe F. Edwards, of Rocky Mount. The ceremony was performed at the home of Mr. De Leon Carter, at that place, by the Rev. Oscar Creech, pastor of the Baptist church, at Nashville, in the presence of a few friends of the young couple.

Miss Ballentine is an attractive and accomplished young lady, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Ballentine, of Middlesex.

Mr. Edwards is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Edwards, of Westray, and is a well-known young man of this section. He is at present connected with the firm of A. W. Gill and Company.

The young people have many friends here and in this section who will wish them much happiness to come. They have returned from a brief trip to Norfolk and other points of interest in the Old Dominion state, and will make their home in this city.

MERMAIDS BARRED AT WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

Wilmington, July 9.—Drastic legislation against immediate bathing suits has been enacted by the Wrightsville Beach board of aldermen, following registration of complaints, and a fine of \$10 will be imposed on the mermaid who appears without stockings or in an immodest costume.

U. S. CONVALESCENTS TO BE SOON SEEN IN LONDON

London, July 9.—Convalescent American soldiers from the battlefields of France and Flanders will soon be familiar sights on the streets of London. Already many of the American wounded are being cared for in hospitals here, but plans are being made to bring all or practically all across the channel.

Those declared unfit for further duty will be sent back to the United States as rapidly as possible and the question of sending over for the later stages of convalescence those whose complete restoration is certain but which will require many months, is understood to be under consideration.

CONTEST IN THIRD GOES INTO COURT

Abernethy Moves to Have Restraining Order Against Board Made Permanent

LIVELY SCRAP AHEAD

Motion That Restraining Order Be Dismissed and Order of Board Carried Out Is Argued

Raleigh, July 9.—The contest between W. T. Dortch and Charles W. Abernethy for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Third North Carolina district got into State courts this morning before Judge T. H. Calvert here. The action took the form of hearing on the temporary restraining order issued against the state board of elections, which declared Mr. Dortch, the nominee of the party and for Mr. Dortch to show cause why the restraining order should not be continued until the final determination of the action prohibiting the state board of elections from printing and distributing the ballots containing the name of W. T. Dortch as nominee.

The attorney general of North Carolina, J. S. Manning, appeared for the state board of elections and with counsel for Mr. Dortch, moved to dismiss on the grounds of misjoinder of parties, wrong venue and lack of jurisdiction of the court. The entire-morning session was taken up with arguments of these actions and citing of main clauses of the complaint.

AMBASSADOR FRANCIS SENDS OFFICIAL NEWS

Washington, July 9.—Ambassador Francis at Volodga, in a message dated July 7th, bringing the first word received from him by the State Department since June 24 has confirmed the report of the assassination of Count von Mirbach, the German ambassador at Moscow.

The killing occurred at 3 p. m., July 6th and latest reports reaching the Ambassador and report reaching the State Department indicated that the capture of several prominent Bolshevik officials by revolutionists and of the arrest of revolutionary leaders by Bolshevik forces.

YOUNG FIGHTERS DO NOT WANT TO QUIT ARMY

Louisville, Ky., July 9.—Some of the men to come to the National Army campments at Camp Zachary Taylor in the first quota of selected recruits came reluctantly. These men, as members of the 84th division, National Army, recently transferred to Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio, would not quit the army if they could.

Illustrating this change in feeling, company commanders tell many stories, one of which concerns a mountain boy who profanely objected to his father's efforts to get him out of the army. The boy's father had written many letters to the captain declaring the lad was not strong and might break down under strain of active service. To make sure of the boy's health the captain had sent him before the various medical boards. Their verdicts were that he was in good health.

Finally the youngster came to the captain and wanted to know if these frequent orders to appear before medical boards was caused by any dissatisfaction of the captain with him. Then he was shown his father's letters.

"Huh, pappe's crazy, captain," he said. "I ain't delicate. Look at me. He means well, but you just tell him to go to blazes. I'm going to France."

"And that boy didn't mean to be disrespectful to his dad," said the captain. "He wanted to go to France, and he meant simply to be emphatic about it."

GOLD TRAFFICKING IN ENGLAND BEING STOPPED

London, July 8.—Greed for gold has reached such a stage in London that Scotland Yard has organized a special department to check illegal trafficking in British sovereigns. Gold coins of the United States are also at a premium, a \$5 gold piece bringing about \$5.50 if sold to a jeweler. A sovereign in value and weight corresponds to the American \$5 gold piece.

AMERICA'S THREE GENERALS



Notice the four stars on the shoulder of each of these fighting men—P. C. March, T. H. Bliss and J. J. Pershing. They are the only men in the American army since the Civil War who have been entitled to wear these stars. They represent the rank of full general, and the men are three of the only seven Americans who have won the title, the other four being Washington, Grant, Sherman and Sheridan. This is the first time in America's history that the nation has had three full generals at one time.

KINSTON BOY DIES OF WOUND EFFECTS

57 on Army List and 52 on Marine Casualty List. 23 Are Missing

Washington, July 9.—The army casualty list today contained 57 names, divided as follows: Killed in action, 14; died of wounds, 10; died of disease, 1; wounded severely, 18; wounded slightly, 2; missing in action, 11.

One North Carolinian was included in the list—Private Joseph D. Roundtree, Kinston, N. C., who died of wounds.

FEAR OUTBREAK OF ANARCHY IN RUSSIA

The Hague, July 9.—Germans retreating from Moscow recently, says the Vossische Zeitung, referring to the von Mirbach case, have expressed fear that complete anarchy there might endanger persons who in an orderly country would be safe from harm.

It is the following alleged quotation from a speaker at a railway strike meeting in Moscow: "It is time to throw off the yoke that Mirbach has put around our necks; otherwise, a shameful death threatens us. Away with German capital, away with von Mirbach and his whole counter-revolutionary band."

ISLAND OF GUAM IS SWEEPED BY TYPHOON

Washington, July 9.—The island of Guam was devastated by a typhoon on July 6, Captain Roy Smith, governor of the island and commandant of the naval station, reported today to the Navy Department.

He said half the inhabitants are destitute, crops have been destroyed and much material damage done. Food has been sent to the destitute.

COUNTRY DISTRICTS IN AN UNSETTLED CONDITION

Dublin, July 9.—The unsettled state of the country districts in many parts of Ireland is reflected in the minor news which reaches Dublin. There are occasional rival raids for arms to the north and the Sinn Feiners, frequent reports of illegal drilling, occasional reports of disturbances in which political agitators play a considerable part.

In County Kerry, one of the hot beds of the Sinn Fein, the chairman of the County Council has been sentenced to a year's imprisonment for failing to report a raid for arms on his own premises, and the County Council has now decided to ask the Mansion House for a license for "permissiveness to go on strike" as a protest.

REDUCTION SHOWN IN WHEAT HARVEST

Government Forecast Today Gives Estimate of 891 Million Bushels

Washington, July 9.—A reduction of forty million bushels in the prospective wheat harvest was shown today in the Department of Agriculture's July forecast, which is 891,000,000 bushels, compared with 931,000,000 forecast in June. Deterioration during June reduced the prospective winter wheat crop by 50 million bushels and the spring wheat crop by 10,000,000 bushels.

SHOOT INTRIGUE INTO HUN LINES

Paris, July 9.—Thousands of specially constructed rifles for sending propaganda over the enemy lines now are in use in the allied armies, according to James Kerney, director of the Franco-American committee of public information. From these rifles propaganda are distributed by means of which tracts and pamphlets may be scattered along enemy trenches with considerable exactitude at a range of more than 200 yards.

For greater distances small balloons, filled with gas, are used. Each of these lifts 20 pounds of propaganda literature and by means of a mechanical device drops a precise amount of these documents at 15 minute intervals. The time of action of these balloons is a 20 mile wind would be Hamburg, Berlin, Vienna and Trieste. The balloons travel at a height of from 6,000 to 8,000 feet.

These balloons capable of lifting four pounds are used by the American army for the purpose of distributing literature in trenches and enemy billets for distances up to 100 miles from the starting point, the director said.

An opportunity time for exploring the trenches and balloons, it was stated, was found to be from three to five o'clock in the morning when the German soldiers are not being watched by their officers. Many bits of propaganda have already been found in the pockets of German prisoners taken by the British, French and Americans.

The nature of the propaganda distributed depends upon the German units in the vicinity, the purpose being always to supply after that will appeal to the troops from the various parts of Germany. Recent distributions over the lines have included the disclosure of Prince Lubomirsky, the German ambassador at London at the outbreak of the war; the letters of Dr. Von Marchkov, the former Kimp director, figuratively showing the German losses and facts about food conditions in the interior of Germany.

NO DANGER OF A SUGAR FAMINE

Washington, July 9.—Definite assurance that there is no danger of a sugar famine were given by the Food Administration today and the food situation generally was declared to be better than at any time since America took the feeding of the allied.

The government representatives.

ALLIED OFFENSIVE IN THE BALKANS

Allies Continuing to Push Forward in Albania and Take Prisoners

Rome, July 9.—The allied offensive in Albania is continuing, the war office announced today. New progress has been made along the left wing on the Adriatic coast, the land forces being assisted by British monitors.

HOUSEHOLD COAL TO BE RATIONED

Rationing Plan Announced. Is Designed to Prevent Winter Shortage

Washington, July 9.—Rationing of coal to householders was announced Sunday by the fuel administration as among plans designed to prevent a threatened shortage of coal next winter.

Each domestic consumer will be allowed only as much coal as is to be found scientifically necessary to heat his house to 65 degrees, provided every conservation rule has been obeyed. The allowances for each householder, the announcement said, will be sufficient for the winter, but the thoughtful and wasteful consumer who finds his allowance gone before the end of the winter, will have only himself to thank if he has no fuel with which to heat his home.

The administration's plan involves a department of coal allotments in conjunction with each local fuel administrator's office and this system now has been completed and will be put into operation at once. Each order for coal will be endorsed by comparison with the rating of the house where the coal is to be used; all doubtful cases will be carefully checked up by inspecting the house in question and surplus coal when ordered will be refused.

All consumers who have obtained a quantity of coal in excess or misrepresentation have violated any rules or regulations of the fuel administration, will be prosecuted.

"This system," said the administration's statement, "will be drastic and will introduce conditions new to the country; it will be no more drastic, however, than conditions demand in the interest of all concerned. No one will be deprived of coal actually needed for heating, but no one will be allowed fuel for waste or extravagance."

COTTON MARKET

New York, July 9.—Cotton futures opened largely steady, July 27.75, October 24.50, December 23.87, January 23.79, March 23.75.

FRENCH DELIVER SMASHING BLOW

Attack Is Made Along Two and Half Mile Front Early This Morning

CAPTURE TWO FARMS

Attackers Penetrate German Lines for More Than Mile; Little Activity on Other Sectors

French troops gave the German line a smashing blow early this morning in the area almost directly north of Paris, where the Germans were stopped after five days of fighting in their thrust toward the capital in the last and least successful of all their 1918 offensives about a month ago.

The attack was delivered along a two and one-half mile front and at some points General Petain's troops pushed into the enemy positions for the distance of a mile. Two farms were captured and a counter-attack which was delivered against one of them was repulsed.

Some four hundred and fifty prisoners were taken. The area chosen for the blow was just south of the Matz river region northwest of the Compeigne forest on the front between Montdidier and the Oise. The point of the German wedge projected here in the neighborhood of Antheuil and it was just to the west of the town astride the Compeigne road that the French drove in taking valuable high ground on both sides of the highway.

The attacking forces were assisted by tanks in their drive. Apparently all the terrain captured has been maintained intact.

There has been considerable artillery fire and raiding along this front in the past few days, but this morning's was the first infantry operation of note that has occurred there since the German June offensive was crushed on the Matz. The new advance will serve still further to protect the important railway junction of Estrees St. Denis, which lies seven miles southwest of Antheuil.

Further to the southeast, along the line, the French continue to develop their success yesterday, gaining additional ground on the Marne front by forcing the Germans back further in the vicinity of Chavigny farm.

On the British front there was only raiding operations. The Germans, however, apparently are concentrating a further effort to regain the positions recently taken by the Australians with American assistance, in the Amiens region, south of the Somme.

VIENNA ADMITS ALLIED GAINS

Vienna, July 9 (Via London).—Entente pressure against the Austrian lines in Albania is being continued by forces advancing across the River Vau, according to today's war office announcement. A gain of ground by the French along the upper Devoul is reported. Fighting also is taking place in the interior southwest of Berat.

ORDER NINETY-TWO ARMY TRANSPORTS

Washington, July 9.—Chairman Hurley, after a visit to the White House today, announced that the shipping board has let contracts for 92 army transports. After the war the transports will be put into the passenger-carrying trade.

HENRY FORD COMPLICATES POLITICS IN MICHIGAN

Detroit, July 9.—Development that find no precedent in the political history of the state have given Michigan's primary campaign this year an unusual interest which centers largely in the race for the senatorial nomination. The primary election will be held Aug. 27.

The democrats in state conference precipitated a situation that promises to upset early elections. The conference endorsed Henry Ford as democratic candidate for the senatorial nomination, despite the fact that he had been regarded as a republican possibility, and invited the republicans to unite with them in supporting him. Then came Ford's announcement, after a conference with President Wilson, that he would accept the nomination if it were tendered him. He did not specify, however, whether he would make the race as a republican or democratic candidate, and the situation was further complicated.

FRENCH ADVANCE LINE AT ANTHEUIL

On Front of Two and One-Half Miles Their Line Is Advanced One Mile

TAKE 430 PRISONERS

Fourteen Officers Taken by French; British Carry Out Raids and Get Few Prisoners

Paris, July 9.—French troops early this morning attacked the German line on a front of about two and one-half miles west of Antheuil on the front between Montdidier and the Oise, penetrating the enemy positions and resulting in an advance of a mile at certain points, the war office announced today.

German counter-attacks upon the French lines at the Lesges farm, in the area of this advance, were repulsed, the French entirely maintaining their gains. Prisoners were taken to the number of 430, including 14 officers.

In the Longpont region, east of the Rotz forest, the French increased their gains of yesterday and took additional prisoners.

BRITISH TROOPS ALSO CARRY OUT SEVERAL RAIDS

London, July 9.—Raiding operations carried out last night by British troops in the region east of Arras netted a few prisoners, the war office announced today.

South of the Somme river the German artillery has been displaying activity in bombarding the positions recently captured by British forces there.

FRENCH PASTRY IS BANNED BY CANADA

Ottawa, Can., July 9.—French pastry is outlawed in Canada.

The latest "summary of orders," just issued by the Canada Food Board, says it is illegal to make the toothsome delicacies, or to make biscuits with icing between layers or plastered over the exterior, or to make candy at home for home consumption.

Until August 1 candy factories are restricted to 50 per cent of the quantity of sugar used last year. No wheat flour may be used by anybody in manufacture of candy.

No wheat or wheat products, except bran or shorts, may be fed to livestock. Doughnuts are forbidden.

Manufacturers may use 50 per cent wheat flour in biscuits and in such sweet breads as are still permitted, and 90 per cent wheat flour in soda biscuits.

Wholesale and mess hall days and are prescribed from time to time, according to condition of the supply in the United States.

All food dealers are licensed in the United States, and the quantity of foods they may sell to customers must be based upon the distribution of the householder from the source of supply.

LOCAL PATHIANS ELECT OFFICERS

The Rocky Mount Lodge, Pathians, held a meeting last night in the lodge rooms, for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. Those considering election were invited to the order. The officers were:

Mr. Edwin H. Powell, Chairman; Mr. E. O. Hornsby, Secretary; Mr. E. L. Fleming, Treasurer; W. G. Robbins, Master of the Lodge; W. C. Mason, Master of the Order; Paulson, Master of the Chapter; Scott, Inner Guard; and Mr. G. G. Gorham, Outer Guard.

Mr. Powell presided. Mr. Hornsby was chosen as chancellor and Mr. Powell as chancellor.

STOCK MARKET

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