

IMPORTANT NEWS THE WORLD OVER

IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS OF THIS AND OTHER NATIONS FOR SEVEN DAYS GIVEN

THE NEWS OF THE SOUTH

What is Taking Place in the South-land Will Be Found In Brief Paragraphs

European

The Ukrainian troops besieging the city of Lemberg have ended the city after five days of hard fighting. The resistance of the Polish reinforcements sent to the aid of the besieged city was broken by the Ukrainians.

The Italian delegation to the peace conference has unanimously decided to withdraw from the conference unless France is assigned to Italy contemporaneously with the conclusion of peace. The decision was reached at a meeting of the full delegation presided over by Premier Orlando.

Washington

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Domestic

Joseph E. Rutherford, president of the International Bible Students' Association, which was founded by the late "Pastor" Russell, and seven other members of the association who were convicted recently in the federal court in Brooklyn on a charge of violating the espionage act, have been ordered released by the United States circuit court of appeals in ten thousand dollars bail each.

Casualties in the United States air service personnel serving with the American and allied armies at the front, numbered 564.

J. A. Cate and K. J. Hammond, student aviators of the naval station at Pensacola, Fla., were killed when one of the hydro-airplanes fell into the bay.

The navy department at Washington announces that preparations for the attempted flight of a navy seaplane across the Atlantic ocean are going steadily forward.

The state department has called the attention of the California-Mexico Land company of Los Angeles, Cal., to the contrary to the wish of the United States that land be sold in Lower California which might be used for military or naval purposes against the United States.

Two hours after the First National bank of Freeport, N. Y., had been robbed of \$3,181 by three masked bandits, two of the robbers were lodged in jail, one with a bullet wound received while resisting arrest. The other bandit is expected to be caught, as it is thought he is surrounded in the woods.

Improvement in building and construction activities as shown by contracts let in February are reported in statistical memorandum by the public works division of the department of labor.

The committee of distillers of the United States, representing the entire distilling industry, announces that steps are being taken to attack the constitutionality of the federal prohibition amendment and the wartime prohibition act.

Mrs. George Greenwood, wife of the vice president of the Savings Union Bank and Trust company of San Francisco, was killed by a bomb explosion in the family home at Oakland, Cal. According to the police a letter demanding five thousand dollars on pain of trouble had been sent to Greenwood several months ago.

Secretary of War Newton D. Baker says the cost of the war in money will be one hundred and ninety-five billion dollars, which is eleven billion dollars more than the total value of all the property of North America.

It is given out that the deaths in all the armies in the great war totaled nine million men.

The war department announced that thirty thousand more of "our boys" are homebound now. This is the largest single homebound movement of troops since cessation of hostilities.

Gov. Pleasant has issued a call for a general meeting of cotton growers and interests of the South to be held at Memphis on March 24.

HINDENBURG LINE BROKEN BY 30TH.

PERSHING TESTIFIES AS TO WHOM THE DISTINCTION OF DECIDING WAR BELONGS.

NEW YORK REGIMENT ASSISTED

Letter of Chief Commander Puts End to Controversy Between New York and Tennessee-Carolina Troops.

All doubt as to the identity of the army organization first piercing the Hindenburg line is cleared away, the incipient controversy between the Carolinas and Tennessee, on one side, and New York on the other, definite ended, and the Thirtieth division is given the highest commendation.

Officers and men of the Thirtieth division who have been returned to the United States during the past two weeks have expressed emphatically their dissatisfaction over the manner in which certain publications of the eastern states have described the breaking of the Hindenburg line, declared by many authorities as the greatest single military accomplishment of the world war and by others as the military decision of that conflict.

FEDERAL JUDGE HOLDS THAT WAR IS OFFICIALLY ENDED

Louisville, Ky. — Federal Judge Evans, deciding a case which hinged upon an interpretation of when the European war ended, decided "the war was brought to a close when the armistice was signed" and President Wilson "in an official speech" had made that declaration upon which the court predicated the decision.

Judge Evans refused to take cognizance of a telegram from Attorney General Palmer to the effect Congress declared war and only Congress could terminate the war, as the United States is concerned by ratifying a treaty of peace, and brushed aside a quotation from Secretary of War Baker that the armistice meant only a cessation of hostilities.

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RECORD OF 113TH. REGIMENT

High Spots in History Made in Brief Period by Now World Famous Body of Southern Troops.

Known as "storm" troops and "shock" troops, the North Carolina youths of the 113th field artillery, commanded by Colonel Albert L. Cox, of Raleigh, won all distinction now accorded them.

This regiment came back to America with a record unsurpassed by any unit of the American artillery forces in the world war, having done its share to make the world "safe for democracy."

What they really have seen and experienced is summarized by Colonel Cox in his statement in greeting to the parents and friends of the men, as follows: "We of the 113th field artillery have been through times that scorned men's souls with the horror of it all, and the future of our lives will be sweeter for a fuller understanding."

The following resume of events shows the high spots in history of the regiment:

May 27, 1918.—After training at Camp Devens, sailed on H. M. S. "Arcturion" for New York, landing June 7 at Liverpool.

June 13—Arrived at La Havre, France.

June 16—Arrived at French training camp at Coetquidan.

Aug. 2—Left in trains for battle front on Toul sector, where the regiment was continuously under fire.

Sept. 12—In front of Berncourt participated in the opening of the first all-American offensive in the flattening of the St. Mihiel salient.

Sept. 14—Advance was stopped at Thiaucourt and Bouillonville, the salient having been eliminated with wonderful dash.

Sept. 15—Began nine-night forced march to the Argonne forest.

Sept. 25—From positions just south of Avoyeux, ordered to begin advance of first drive against the Germans' Argonne forest positions.

Sept. 28—Objectives gained, regiment took up positions near Montaucourt and two days later moved to Ivory, about three fourths of the regiment's animals having been lost by shell-fire or by fire.

Oct. 8—Enduring great hardship and experiencing tremendous difficulties, the regiment began its forced march to the Woerps region, on the Meuse river.

ATMOSPHERE TENSE AND APPREHENSIVE

POLAND BONE OF CONTENTION AND IMMEDIATE SUBJECT OF CONFERENCE DISCUSSION.

VIEWS ARE WIDELY DIVERGENT

Lloyd George Fears Denationalization of So Many Germans Would Cause Another War.

Paris.—When the council of great powers met it was in an atmosphere of considerable apprehension over Poland, which is the chief subject of discussion. This is not on account of Poland itself but because of differences which have arisen affecting the fundamental question of nationality, to which President Wilson has given his strong approval and also his thirteenth "point" which called for an independent Polish state with access to the sea.

This last cause has introduced an issue on which there is a wide divergence of views. A committee under the chairmanship of Jules Cambon, with Sir William Tyrrell as the British member and Dr. Robert L. Thorpe as the American, has reported the plan giving Poland this access to the sea by means of a "corridor" 60 miles wide running across east Prussia. But the effect of this concession is to place about 1,000,000 Germans within the new Poland and to detach the easternmost part of Prussia from Germany.

Premier Lloyd George has taken the view that this denationalization of a large body of Germans would cause such discontent as would be likely to result from the operation of the plan stood that President Wilson also is not entirely satisfied with the proposal.

OFFICES OF POSTAL SYSTEM ARE REMOVED BY BURLERSON

Washington.—Differences between the management of the Postal Telegraph & Cable Co. and Postmaster General Burleson resulted in an order by the postmaster general summarily relieving the chief officers, directors and owners of the Postal company from all duties in connection with government operation of their system.

An announcement by the postoffice department says that the order relieving Messrs. Mackay, Cook and Deegan from the operation of the Postal company's lines under government control was "made necessary by the fact that since the postoffice department refused to grant the compensation asked for by them, these officials have refused or failed to follow out the instructions of the department in the management of the properties and failed to put into operation promptly the wage schedule and the eight hour day; and in various ways endeavored to embarrass and discredit the government operation of the wires.

NUMBER OF RETURNED TROOPS EXCEED ONE-HALF MILLION

Washington.—The total number of members of the American expeditionary forces returned to the United States has passed the half million mark. The war department announced the actual figure March 20 was 500,024, including 27,940 officers, 214,633 privates, 5,833 civilians and 448,214 men of the army, 13,500 navy personnel and 4,474 marines. The strength of the expeditionary forces March 20 was 1,470,876.

DREADED SEVEN-YEAR LOCUST HAS APPEARED IN VIRGINIA

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Newport News, Va.—More troops of the Old Hickory division—the Thirtieth, which includes men from Tennessee, North and South Carolina—returned home from the battlefields of France on the transport Finland after a 13-day voyage from St. Nazaire.

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YELLOW PERIL IN LOWER CALIFORNIA

ATTENTION OF JAPANESE IS CALLED TO OUR ATTITUDE ON ALIEN LAND HOLDING.

ONE MILLION ACRES SOUGHT

No Land Sales to Foreigners Which Might Be Used for Military or Naval Purposes Favored.

Washington.—As a result of telegrams from Senator Phelan, of California, giving information of a proposal by Japanese interests to acquire a large tract of land in Lower California owned by Americans, the state department has called the attention of the owning corporation, the California-Mexico Land Company, of Los Angeles, to the attitude of the United States government toward such sales of property which might be used for military or naval purposes.

It was said at the state department that in question was reported to comprise nearly a million acres. The use to which the prospective purchasers propose to put it is not known here.

Documents indicating the attitude of the government to which the department called the Los Angeles company's attention included the Lodge resolution in the 62nd Congress and a message by President Taft.

The Lodge resolution declares the sales of property by Americans to any nation which might use the site as a base to threaten the United States could not be seen without grave concern by the government of the United States. The message of President Taft transmitted a report by Secretary Knox in response to a senate resolution, and conveyed correspondence between the office of the secretary of state and a New York lawyer who represented a Japanese syndicate which sought to purchase land on Magdalena bay.

SITUATION IN EGYPT IS DISTINCTLY GRAVE

London.—The situation in Egypt is becoming worse and at the present time is distinctly grave. A Ruten dispatch from Cairo says. General Allenby, the commander in Palestine, will reach Cairo Tuesday. The large forces of troops already in Egypt are being reinforced.

A large number of armed bedouins have entered Behira province. Several towns and villages have been robbed and the situation is not regarded as presenting any military danger. The Turkish flag is reported to be flying in some villages of Behira province. There are no reports of any casualties having been suffered by the military, but some prominent native officials and several Egyptian police have been killed.

50 MISSOURI LEGISLATORS CHALLENGE REED TO RESIGN

Jefferson City, Mo.—Fifty Democratic members of the Missouri legislature offered to resign if Governor J. A. Reed, Democrat, from Missouri, would resign from the office. The legislators then propose to run for re-election, as they suggest Reed should do, to force a popular vote in Missouri on the league of nations.

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BRIGHT PROSPECTS AHEAD

Contract for a New Street Railway System Has Just Been Signed by the City of Fayetteville.

Fayetteville.—The Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting passed to review the most prosperous 12 months in its history, and looked forward to the most promising year that has ever awaited Fayetteville. The reports of the various officers and directors showed progress everywhere.

More Tobacco Warehouses.

Sanford.—A second tobacco warehouse company has been organized to erect a warehouse for the coming season in Sanford. The stockholders held their first meeting last night in the Commercial club rooms and elected the following directors: H. A. Palmer, J. W. Cunningham, J. E. Brian, K. L. Baldwin, J. E. Walker, M. C. Reeves and Geo. L. Stone, who met and elected J. W. Cunningham, president and J. E. Brian, secretary. The directors also appointed a committee to secure charter for a select lot and erect a building, work to begin within 30 days if possible.

New Type of Road.

Charlotte.—The Mecklenburg county commissioners have under consideration a new type of asphaltic road with the view of using it on the highways of this county. The advantage of the road was pointed out to be that little rock will be required. Unless some preparation is made to secure the rock, the county commissioners will be undoubtedly unable to do any extensive repair work on the Mecklenburg county roads, Mr. McDonald said last night. Because of the labor shortage during the fall and winter, the farmers of the county have gathered practically no rock and it would be prohibitory to ship it here for road purposes.

Delight of Traveling Public.

Greensboro.—The furnishings for the O. Henry Hotel have been ordered and it is expected that this new hotel for major of Gaston. The furnishings for the new hotel will be completed by the end of May. It is understood that the contractors expect to hand over the keys of the completed building early in April. The furniture will be placed as rapidly as possible. News that the hotel is to be occupied not later than May 1, has delighted the traveling salesmen and others who visit Greensboro frequently or occasionally.

Elections on Petition.

Shelby.—The county board of commissioners on petitions signed by the voters of No. 5 and No. 11 townships called for elections to be held in each town April 14 on the question of bond issues for good roads. No. 5 will vote on an issue of \$400,000 of bonds while No. 11 will vote on an issue of \$300,000 of bonds. If these two elections carry, it is thought they will because the statewide road law under which the election is called, the issues can carry on a majority of votes cast.

Carload of Fine Jerseys.

Charlotte.—Charles E. Miller, Mecklenburg county demonstration agent, returned from Ohio where he bought a carload of Jersey cattle for Mecklenburg breeders.

There are 21 head in the carload. Mr. Miller said that the cattle form one of the best lots that have ever been brought into this county. Nearly 100 head of thoroughbred Jersey cattle have been brought into Mecklenburg county within the last year or more, and there are at present about 125 head in the county.

25 High Schools Competed.

Wake Forest.—With twenty-five accredited high schools represented, covering a wide geographical extent from Edenton to Asheville, the Third Inter-Scholastic Declamation Contest, which closed at Wake Forest College, marked the beginning of a new era in the declamation field, by the unusual excellence of the declamations delivered. The first prize, consisting of a scholarship in Wake Forest, and a handsome medal from the Literary Societies, went to Mr. Victor Young, of Durham City School.

Golf Course to Be Built.

Asheville.—The Hendersonville board of trade finished a campaign to raise \$25,000 for the building of a golf course at Hill Girt, three miles out of Hendersonville. The course will take in 113 acres of rolling land, said to be an excellent site for such a use. The course will be comprised of 18 holes and will be constructed this year and a splendid clubhouse will also be built this year on the grounds. An English golf expert is now at Hill Girt for the purpose of laying out the grounds.

Fertilizer Factories Idle.

Wilmington.—Thousands of tons of nitrate of soda stored almost in sight of the plants that never were in this city at one time before, local fertilizer factories face a shutdown. The government forces the plants here to ship their nitrate from Jacksonville, and on route stop up immediately for the storage of the nitrate. The plants here are making efforts to expand their facilities, though most of them are already overtaxed.

BEAUFORT COUNTY WILL BUILD ROADS

BOND ISSUE OF \$1,000,000 WILL BE SUBMITTED TO VOTE OF THE PEOPLE.

DATE OF ELECTION APRIL 20

Office of State and Federal Government to Assist is Accepted by the Board of County Comm'rs.

Washington, N. C.—One of the most important meetings ever held by any set of officials in Beaufort county was held in special session and called for an election to vote on a million-dollar bond issue for the construction of permanent roads throughout the county. The date for the election was fixed for April 20. The commissioners also decided to accept the proposition offered by the State and Government for assisting in road building, agreeing to put up one-fourth of the amount required to secure federal aid. They also donated \$500 to be used on the celebration which it is planned to give Beaufort county boys who have been in the service upon the return of Battery B of the 113th Field Artillery.

Ex-Soldier Caught Blockading.

Statesville.—E. J. Cain, a young soldier recently discharged from the military service, giving his home as the northern part of this county, was arrested by Police Officers Gilbert and Mills. He was caught in the act of measuring up a lot of blind tiger liquor. The officers had gone to the home of Charlie Allison, colored, to search his premises for some articles recently stolen here. Allison was under suspicion of having received them. The officers, suspecting anything unusual, walked into the home of the negro and found Cain and the colored man in possession of four gallons of whiskey. Cain was arrested and tried Saturday night and released on bail of \$200. His lot, consisting of a horse and buggy, were seized by the officers and it together with the whiskey was turned over to the county authorities.

Fair of the Carolinas.

Charlotte.—The directors of the Fair of the Carolinas decided to hold a fair here during probably the second week in next October. The meeting was called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and for discussing plans by which the fair next fall would be operated.

A conference with the directors of the Charlotte Merchant's association will be requested by the fair association directors for the purpose of discussing with the merchants the matter of securing their co-operation in holding the fair.

Next Mayor of Gaston.

Gastonia.—Friends of Captain R. Gregg Cherry of Company A, 115th Machine Gun Battalion, 30th division, now en route home from France, have launched a boom for him for the office of mayor of Gaston. The fact will come to Captain Cherry as a surprise when he lands in the homeland. The mention of his name in connection with this office is without his knowledge or consent but his friends believed that he would not turn a deaf ear to the call, which will be unanimous.

Hambrick Charges Dismissed.

Goldboro.—O. V. Hamrick, principal of the Goldboro high school, was tried in the county court upon the charge of assaulting Harold Grady, one of the school pupils with a stick. After hearing both sides of the case Judge D. H. Bland refused to find Hamrick guilty of this offense. Hon. J. L. Barham, prosecuting attorney for young Grady, stated following the trial that he was not satisfied with Judge Bland's decision, and that while it was not possible to appeal the case he intended placing same in the hands of the next Wayne county grand jury.

Red Cross Conference.

Greensboro.—Home service workers of the Red Cross will meet in Greensboro March 26 and 27 for a conference. All Red Cross workers of the central northern counties of North Carolina are expected to attend, but the meeting is especially for home service workers. Sessions will be held in the Elks club, and the visitors will be entertained at the Guilford hotel. Miss May C. McDonald, of the southern division headquarters in Atlanta, is here to act as executive secretary.

To Relieve Congestion.

Fayetteville.—Steps to relieve the congestion brought about by the burning of the Rosemont hotel were taken when J. P. Sanders, proprietor of the LaFayette hotel closed a contract for the lease of the two upper floors of the building owned by the Huske Hardware house on Hay street and will fit them up immediately for the entertainment of guests. Other hotels here are making efforts to expand their facilities, though most of them are already overtaxed.

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