

AUSTRILIANS SURROUNDING THE GERMANS WHOSE HOLD ON FRANCE IS SLIPPING AWAY

The Human Nippers Which General Haig is Forging About the Southern End of Germany's Improvised Line of Defense in Northern France Is Gradually Closing in On the Invading Germans--Fall of the Duai-Chambrai Lines Only Matter of Few Hours.

(By Associated Press.) The great human nippers which General Haig has forced around the Southern end of the Darcourt-Quentine line are steadily closing and the rolling up of this important section of the German offensive appears only a matter of a few days.

The capture of the village was entrusted to the Australians and these hard fighting colonials have almost surrounded the German stronghold so that its surrender or destruction is momentarily expected.

This line forms a broad salient of the British front of 18 miles in front of a parallel Duai-Chambrai line. The crushing of this line will mean that the German grip on the rich coal fields of France which have long been in their possession is imperilled.

There are many signs that the Germans realize the menace to them in the alternate sledge hammer blows of the British and French, hence their military critics seem to find difficulty in answering. There is also signs of the fact that the German Emperor in his latest congratulatory telegram speaks of a "serious and decisive time" instead of exulting over victories real or imaginary.

Apart from France the only fighting of significance reported from the war theatres is taking place in Macedonia. Reports from this front are meagre and indicate an increasing activity which may presage a general offensive by the allies.

Recapture by German Troops. Berlin, via London, May 8.—German troops have recaptured Frenoy, says the official statement issued today from German army headquarters staff.

SEEKING TO AID WAR LOAN.

Great Flood of Applications Pouring Into the Treasury From All Sections of the Country—Many From People in Moderate Circumstances.

Washington, May 8.—Telegrams and letters concerning estimates of subscriptions to the two billion dollar liberty loan for the allies came to the treasury so fast today that even the augmented force of clerks could barely tabulate them.

"File my application for ten liberty bonds of \$100 each," wired a Mississippi farmer. "This and planting extra acres in corn are the only way I can help win the fight."

"Uncle" Joe Cannon Passes 81st Milestone.

Washington, May 7.—Representative Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois, former speaker of the House is 81 years old today.

Despite his years "Uncle Joe" apparently is as vigorous and active as ever. He received many congratulations today from members of Congress, government officials and others.

Mrs. M. M. Kinard and her sister, Mrs. Mary M. Joost have returned from Hot Springs, Ark., after a stay of five weeks.

MONEY FOR FRANCE.

Washington, May 8.—France today received the one hundred million dollars the United States government is to loan her to meet the expenses of the French government in this country during the month of May. This sum was turned over by Secretary McAdoo to the French ambassador in the form of a treasury warrant.

INTERNED GERMANS TO LAKE KANAUGA

Three Thousand Civilian Prisoners to be Quartered in Camp in Western North Carolina.

OFFICERS GO THERE FIRST AND SEAMEN WILL FOLLOW

Men Will Be Put to Work on Farms and in Road Building in the Pisgah Forest Section.

(By Associated Press.)

Asheville, N. C., May 8.—Information was received here today from Washington that E. B. Gresham has closed a contract with the government for the location of a camp for interned German prisoners at Lake Kanauga, near Hendersonville. It is stated these civilian German prisoners will begin to arrive at once in squads of 250 and that transportation will be expedited until approximately 3,000 are in camp here.

Immigration Commissioner Howe of New York was here last night inspecting sites in this section for a permanent camp for the Germans. He suggested that the prisoners would be employed in agriculture and road building work in the Pisgah National Forest lands which are partially located near the site of the permanent camp at Lake Kanauga.

Mr. LANSING STOPS UP USUAL NEWS CHANNELS.

Orders Were Given Officials Not to Talk With Newspaper Men—Secretary Will Do the Talking.

Washington, May 7.—The usual channels of information through which news of America's relationships to foreign powers have to now reach the public were closed today by Secretary Lansing.

An order bearing his name was distributed broadcast to state department officials instructing them not to talk with newspaper men "even on insignificant matters of fact or detail."

The order says that hereafter all news of the department must be given out either by the secretary himself or by the newly created so-called bureau of foreign intelligence. Secretary Lansing sees the newspaper men twice daily but does not pretend to be able to answer the maze of questions which every hour of the day are raised by newspaper cables. The meetings are becoming more and more perfunctory.

MASONIC MEETING HELD IN FAYETTEVILLE

Many Members of the Masonic Organization in the Cape Fear City for an Interesting Meeting of Three Branches of Masons.

(By Associated Press.) Fayetteville, May 8.—Members of the Masonic order from all over the State are here today for the first of a series of Masonic meetings to be held this week.

Grand Lodge of Royal Arch Masons of which Harry R. Reid, of Lincolnton, is High Priest, will hold its sessions tonight.

The Grand Lodge of Royal and Select Masons will meet tomorrow night with R. W. Fickett, of Wilmington, as Grand Master.

The Commandery of the Knights Templar, of which Dr. Joseph Rhem, of New Bern, is Grand Master will meet Thursday.

The meetings will be attended by representatives of each branch of the organization in the state, all having approximately eleven thousand members. Officers for the year will be elected by the promotion of the present officers, each advancing one number.

TWO UNIVERSITY DOCTORS ORDERED TO FIGHTING LINE.



Dr. Richard H. Harte, head of Hospital unit No. 10, organized at the University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Harvey Cushing, head of Unit No. 5, organized at Harvard College, have received orders to prepare for immediate service aboard. The orders were received from Washington, and the two heads of the units were directed to gather all others in their organizations for the trip.

NORTH CAROLINA'S OLDEST NEGRO DIES AT AGE OF 123 YEARS

Anthony Fenwood Dies at His Home Near Henderson More Than a Century and a Score of Years Old—Leaves a Son Over Eighty Years of Age.

(By Associated Press.) Henderson, N. C., May 8.—Anthony Fenwood, a negro said to be 123 years old and believed to have been the oldest person in North Carolina, died at his home in Warren county about 15 miles north of here last night.

Fenwood claimed never to have taken a dose of medicine prescribed by a physician. He had been married twice, the second time after he had reached his one hundredth birthday. His second wife was a comparatively young woman. He had several children who died when past 70 years of age and one child living is 80 years old.

SOUTHEASTERN RAILWAYS HEARD.

Representatives of These Lines Appear Before the Inter-State Commerce Commission Regarding Raise in Freight Rates.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 8.—Representatives of the Southeastern railways were heard by the Inter-State Commerce Commission today on application of all lines of the country for a general 15 per cent increase in freight rates. They followed the lead of the Eastern systems and based their plea principally on the ground of the advance cost of operation and the necessity of preparing to aid the nation in the war.

BRITISH ACCORDED DEMONSTRATION.

Appearance on the Floor of Senate Signal for Great Outburst of Enthusiasm Surpassing That Accorded in the House.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 8.—Foreign Minister Balfour, lieutenant General Bridges and Admiral DeChair of the British mission were received today in the Senate with a demonstration which rivaled in enthusiasm and acclaim their reception recently in the House. After the reception on the Senate floor the party was entertained at a luncheon by Vice President Marshall.

\$1,000,000,000 FOR BIG FLEET

Congress Will Be Asked to Appropriate Vast Sum to Build Merchant Ships.

TAKE OVER EVERY STEEL MILL IN THE COUNTRY

Five to Six Million Tons of Steel and Wooden Vessels Can Be Built in Next Two Years.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 8.—Congress will be asked to appropriate \$1,000,000,000 for the building of a great American merchant fleet which is to overcome the submarine menace.

The program involved by the shipping board contemplates the diversion to government uses of the product of every steel mill in the country, the cancellation of existing contracts between those mills and private consumers, and where necessary pay damages by the government to parties whose contracts are cancelled.

The estimates of the shipping board are five million to six million tons of steel and wooden vessels can be constructed by the government during the next two years.

MOORESVILLE ITEMS.

Few News Events Gathered About the South Iredell Town—Personal and Local.

Mooreville, May 7.—Thursday is Memorial Day and a nice program has been arranged for the old soldiers. A dinner will be prepared and everything done to make it a pleasant day for them. The day is a holiday.

Rev. L. A. Thomas left early this morning to be with his wife, who is ill at the home of her father at Granite Quarry. He expects to go to Albemarle Wednesday to attend the annual meeting of the Lutheran Synod of North Carolina. Mr. Paul Barger is the delegate from here.

Miss Lorene Brown of Mt. Pleasant Female College spent Saturday and Sunday at home, accompanied by Miss Summer, the lady principal. Miss Vernie Goodman is spending a few weeks in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. J. C. Horton of Mt. Ulla, left here Saturday for St. Louis with her 6-year-old child, Lilly, who has infantile paralysis. She will enter a sanatorium for treatment. The child has been helpless all its life and it is hoped it can get some relief or a permanent cure. Mr. Milas Holsinger, a well-known citizen, has been taken to a Charlotte sanatorium.

Miss Muri Shoaf entered the Stokes Whitehead sanatorium at Salisbury last week to study for a trained nurse. Mr. James L. Donald, president, and C. C. Ward, secretary of the chamber of commerce, state that one of the features in connection with the Mothers' Club of the child conservation league, to be organized this week, will be a definite story hour for all children of the town, and the story hour will be in charge of a committee appointed by the president.

FOR PARK IN NORTH CAROLINA

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 8.—An appropriation of \$8,100 to begin the establishment of a National Military Park at the Battle of Guilford Court House, N. C., was recommended to Congress today by the War Department.

SOUTHERN PROVIDES TRAIN FOR CAMP

Colonel Slocum Notifies the Accepted Men for the Training Camp to be Ready by 10th and Southern Will Provide Special Train.

Col. Slocum in charge of training camp for Reserve Officers, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., is notifying all men accepted from North Carolina to report at camp before 10 o'clock a. m., Thursday, May 10th. For their accommodation, the Southern Railway will operate an extra coach to Asheville, train 21, Wednesday, 9th. A special train will be operated from Asheville to Chattanooga arriving there at 6:10 a. m. Thursday, 10th. All men are being instructed to purchase their tickets and the Government will refund fare on their arrival at camp.

Waterworks Convention.

Richmond, Va., May 7.—Theodore A. Leisen was elected today president of the American Waterworks Association, which is holding its thirty-seventh annual convention in this city. Nearly five hundred delegates, from about forty States, are here. Indications are that St. Louis will be selected as the next convention city. Sessions will last through Friday.

RUSSIAN REVOLUTIONISTS CARRYING RED FLAGS.



This photograph shows a scene of the Russian revolution at its height. Two soldiers who had gone over to the revolutionists they carried red flags on their bayonets as they learned forward in the automobile.

NINE REGIMENTS OF U. S. ENGINEERS GOING

The War Department Announces That There Will Go at the Earliest Possible Moment a Trained Force of Military Men to Aid Allies.

Washington, May 7.—Nine new regiments of army engineers to be composed exclusively of highly trained military men, will be the first American troops to be sent to France. They will go "at the earliest possible moment," the war department announced today, for work on communication lines, but speculation as to exactly when or to what points they will be sent is forbidden because of the submarine menace.

The new forces will be volunteers, raised at the time great railway centers of the country. Each regiment will be commanded by an engineer colonel of the regular army aided by an adjutant. Other officials will be railway engineers or officials.

The expedition will have a total strength of between 11,000 and 12,000 men, each regiment being composed of two battalions of three companies each. Every branch of railway workers necessary to the building or operation of lines will be represented in the ranks and the war department expects a response to the call that will permit a careful selection to be exercised and insure a force already trained to the minute, an army of experts in railway operation. The department's statement follows:

"The war department has sent out orders for the raising as rapidly as possible of the nine additional regiments of engineers which are destined to proceed to France at the earliest possible moment for work on the lines of communication. It is requested of the press that no speculation or rumors regarding this force be carried other than that given out. All details regarding the force will be out as fast as compatible with the best public interests."

Recruiting for the regiments and the organization of each force will be directly under the colonel of each regiment. The recruiting points will be New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Boston, Pittsburg, Detroit, Atlanta, San Francisco and Philadelphia.

Officials believe the great railroad brotherhoods will co-operate, throwing the strength of the unions behind the recruiting efforts. The railway companies already are so organized under the council of national defense that their co-operation is assured.

The decision to send the engineers is understood to have grown out of conferences here between government officials and members of the French and British war missions. One of the greatest problems of the war has been that maintaining adequate supply lines, and the railroads are the vital element of the system that feeds men, shells and food toward the fighting front from channel ports and from France.

HALE CONFERS WITH BALFOUR

Senator From Maine Would Bring German Prisoners to United States and Relieve Great Britain of Burden of Feeding Them.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 8.—Senator Hale of Maine today conferred with British Foreign Minister Balfour about German prisoners on the British Isles.

Senator Hale while abroad made an extensive study of prison camps and recently introduced a resolution proposing to transfer German prisoners to the United States on the seized German ships. One feature of Senator Hale's plan is to relieve Great Britain of the burden of feeding a vast number of Germans and use the ships which transport them for carrying supplies on their return trips.

RAILROAD OFFICIALS IN SESSION TODAY

Those Having in Charge the Mechanical Department of the Southwestern Roads Discussing the Matter of Increased Pay and Readjustment of Hours.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 8.—Railroad officials representing the mechanical departments of practically all lines Southeast of Washington are in session here today considering the question of increased wage and readjustment of hours. The matter will effect twenty-five thousand shop men and it is understood that the new order would involve about twenty million dollars annually.

The meetings are held in strict privacy and surrounded by the greatest secrecy. Officials who participated in the conference refused to make any statement whatever as to their purpose.

SCIENCE BEING PRACTICALLY TESTED

Girls Eye is Photographed and Revealed in Outline the Head of a Man as the Last Thing the Eye Viewed in Violent Death—Negro Held for Murder.

(By Associated Press.) Memphis, May 8.—L. C. Persons, a negro who late last night, confessed to the murder of Antoinette Rappal, a fifteen year old girl, and later decapitating her body, near here, it was said today, is on the way to the state penitentiary for safe keeping.

On the theory advanced by some criminologists that when a person meets a violent death the eye often mirrors the last object viewed, the body of the girl was disinterred and a photograph of her eye taken. By means of a microscope officers ascertained that the outlines of a man's head was discovered in the eye.

FRENCH MISSION TRAIN IS DERAILED IN ILLINOIS.

Arzola, Ill., May 7.—Members of the French mission to the United States were severely shaken up, but otherwise uninjured, when the special train, aboard which they were returning east from their middle western tour, was derailed one and a half miles from here at 7:25 o'clock tonight.

William Nye, in charge of the United States secret service detail attached to the party, made a thorough investigation of conditions surrounding the wreck and announced as his opinion that it was entirely accidental.

Rene Viviani, French minister of justice and head of the mission, Marshal Joffre and other attaches of the party were dining at the time of the accident. Only the forward truck of the diner, however, left the rails and the jar was comparatively slight.

The train, composed of five steel cars, drawn by two engines, was running at a fair speed, when the tender of the second engine jumped the track and tore up the rails for a distance of about 200 feet. The day coach following, which was used as a buffet car was thrown from the tracks and turned on its side in a ditch. Three trainmen riding in the day coach were uninjured.

We suppose that for some years to come Missouri will be more famous for her males than for her statesmen.—Ohio State Journal.

5 YEARS IN PEN FOR A BURGLAR

Norvall Palmer, Escaped Convict and Automobile Thief Faced a More Serious Crime.

MAN GETS 10 MONTHS IN A LIQUOR CASE

A Number of Minor Cases Disposed Of in Superior Court and Several are Continued.

In the Superior court Monday afternoon a number of cases on the criminal docket were continued to another term.

Calwell Ide, a young white man whose case had gone up from the county court on appeal, the charge being liquor on hand for the purpose of sale, was convicted and a sentence of ten months imposed.

In a case of assault with a deadly weapon Carl Goodnight was adjudged not guilty while Will Goodnight was found guilty and judgment suspended on payment of costs.

W. P. Dulin for abandonment was fined ten dollars and costs.

The cases against Norvall Palmer, the escaped convict who stole Mr. John McCannless' automobile and against who other cases of larceny were pending, also one for burglary, was taken up. There were cases of larceny and in these judgment was suspended, while in one case of breaking and entering judgment was also suspended. In the case of larceny of an automobile prayer for judgment was suspended also. The star case against Palmer was one in which he was charged with burglarizing the home of Mr. James M. Hudson in Spencer about midnight on the night of May 1st. In this the grand jury returned a true bill and the defendant pleaded guilty of burglary in the second degree which was accepted by the State and Palmer was sentenced to five years' at hard labor in the State penitentiary.

It will be remembered that Palmer escaped from the Rowan chain gang the first of last week, where he had only served about two months of a two year sentence. He will probably have to complete this at the expiration of his penitentiary term.

Drew Boyden was convicted of larceny and given eight months on the roads.

There were two cases against Harvey Wood for breaking and entering. He was found guilty of receiving and concealing stolen property. Sentence has not yet been passed.

INVESTIGATING STEAMER ACTIVITIES.

Suspicion That Ship Carrying the American Flag Has Been Aiding German Submarines Get Supplies.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 8.—The government is making a rigid examination into the activities of the steamer Manitowoc and other vessels of the American Trans-Atlantic Company, which are said to have carried supplies to German submarines in the Atlantic.

This was admitted in the navy department today. The American Trans-Atlantic Company has offices in both New York and Boston and its ships fly the American flag.

Officials could not say what had aroused the suspicion but said the ships had been held for investigation at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

South Carolina's industries employ over 80,000 workers.

DISAGREED AGAIN.

Washington, May 8.—Another attempt to reconcile the differences in the Senate and House on the war bill failed today when the conference committee failed to agree. The conference took a recess with no prospects of an agreement.

The chief difference is over the amendment which would permit Colonel Roosevelt to take a division of men to France.

Washington, May 8.—Conferees on the army bill today fell into a deadlock over the amendment to permit Colonel Theodore Roosevelt to take a division to France. They suspended work and considered returning the bill to the House and Senate asking for instructions.

The conferees professed to me in complete ignorance of the administration's wishes and some members said a few words from the White House would clarify the situation.