

SLAUGHTER OF GERMAN TROOPS

Massed Germans Mowed Down by British Barrage and Others Completely Annihilated

BRITISH ENTRENCHED ON CREST OF HIGH GROUND

Political Situation in Russia Again Becomes Acute and Coalition Ministry Announced.

(By Associated Press.) The British soldiers are now entrenched on the crest of most of the high ground in the famous Ypres salient as a result of the tremendous blow given the Germans yesterday on an 8 mile front east and north-east of Ypres. Driven from the high ground the Germans will be forced to go up hill against the British while the British artillery throw shell after shell on the German defenses and lines of communication.

The British also captured Broadreinde and established themselves all over the crest of the ridge five miles east of Ypres. From here they can bombard the Reulders-Menen railroad, the principal German line of communication in the Ypres sector.

On the French front General Petain's troops met with a surprise attack by the Germans, but the effort was not successful. Northeast of Verdun where the Germans recently gained territory from the French the violent artillery action is continuing.

The political situation in Russia again is becoming quite acute and Premier Kerensky has thrown down the gauntlet to the democratic congress. Contrary to the demands of congress he promised that he would today announce a new coalition ministry. This will include a number of powerful constitutional democratic members to which the congress is opposed.

May Be Greatest Victory of War. British Front in France and Belgium, Oct. 4.—(Delayed.)—By Associated Press.—The British arms today achieved one of the greatest victories of the war in the tremendous assault begun at noon against the German positions east and northeast of Ypres. Indeed, when the whole story of the battle is told it may take its place as an unequalled triumph of the three years of the conflict, for each successive report from the fighting cauldron on this front, is as important success recorded.

100,000 HOMELESS IN TOKIO Tophcon Rages 1346 Houses, Kills 138 Persons, Floods Villages. London, Oct. 4.—A Shanghai dispatch to Reuter's says that as the result of a typhoon which swept over Tokio last Monday 100,000 persons are homeless and that 138 are dead and 217 missing. There were 168 persons injured and 1,346 houses were demolished. Telegraph and telephone service and railway traffic were interrupted. Many villages between Kioto and Osaka have been inundated by overflowing rivers, and it is feared considerable loss of life has resulted.

THE CITY ALDERMEN IN REGULAR SESSION

South Fulton Street Matter Is Again Up and Is Again Finally Disposed of by Board.

W. M. JULIAN ELECTED TO THE POLICE FORCE

Bath Tub and Other Conveniences to Be Installed for Use of the Fire Fighters.

The board of aldermen met last night with Mayor Woodson presiding and all members present, this being the regular monthly session.

It was announced that a proposition to widen West Limer street from Caldwell on out was in the hands of the street committee.

T. G. Fur appeared before the board in behalf of operators of jitney buses running into the city from neighboring towns and asked that they be not required to be amenable to the city ordinance imposing a tax of \$15 on jitneys.

Mr. W. O. Atwell, who is in ill health, was exempted from payment of poll tax.

Rev. W. H. Harlin and others from Chestnut Hill appeared before the board asking that the sign board located between the Methodist and Episcopal churches on South Main street be order removed, as it was unsightly and of an contained suggestive and improper advertising matter.

George Eink appeared on the hog question, desiring that parties living in certain districts in South Salisbury be permitted to keep hogs. This matter had been disposed of some months ago but it was referred again to the health committee.

Dr. C. M. Van Poole appeared asking the city to pay half of the expense of repairing an automobile broken by striking an obstruction on North Main street. Referred to street committee and city attorney.

In this connection it was ordered that the street car company be notified to fix certain crossings on its lines.

Superintendent of Cemeteries M. A. Shank reported between \$50 and \$70 in the hands of W. E. Kelsey, colored, collections from the colored cemetery. On motion it was agreed that Kelsey be allowed 10 per cent for collection of this money from the sale of lots. Superintendent Shank was also instructed to proceed at once with the collection of all monies due on burial lots in Chestnut Hill cemetery.

The South Fulton street delegation was again on hand and wanted to know what was to be done about the street from Harrison street to Mitchell avenue. After much discussion, in which it was stated the Public Service Company and city had previously agreed that if the latter would place car line in center of street on South Main it would be permitted to run on the side on South Fulton and the company had carried out its South Main street contract.

However, there was a portion of the petition of the property owners on South Fulton asking for a paving district that specified the car line must go in center. After discussion it was voted that the car company be notified to place line in center and that work proceed.

W. A. Shuping was before the board asking that the city see that better street light service is given. The chairman of the light committee was instructed to investigate the matter.

A delegation asked for better fire protection on North Fulton street beyond the railroad. It was ordered that the board request the water board to install a hydrant at a point on this street.

The finance committee reported the expenditures of each department from the yearly budget to date and urged caution in not exceeding the appropriations for each department. It was ordered in connection with this report that a book be made up of costs to property owners of paving streets in front of their property and that the same be placed in the hands of the tax collector for collection.

The ordinance calling for push bells on street cars went on its second reading.

PRELIMINARY PROBE SENATOR'S ACTION

Speech of LaFollette at St. Paul, Minnesota, to Be Dissected by Committee.

FIVE SUB-COMMITTEES NAMED AID INVESTIGATORS

Representative Hefflin, of Alabama, Comes in for an Investigation by House Committee.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 5.—A formal preliminary inquiry into the alleged disloyal speech of Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, made before the non-partisan league at St. Paul, Minnesota, a fortnight ago, was ordered today by the senate privilege and elections committee.

The appointment of a sub-committee of five members was directed with authority limited to two phases: First to inquire into the correctness of Senator LaFollette's speech and second into the statements made therein. The limited scope of the inquiry is regarded as a temporary action on the number of petitions to the senate calling for Senator LaFollette's expulsion.

The sub-committee, which will probably be appointed today and which will be headed by Senator Pomerene of Ohio, was ordered to report at the December session of the senate.

The senate committee also took up the petition charging Senator Stone of Missouri chairman of the Foreign Relations committee with disloyal statements and acts and decided that the charges made do not warrant investigation of the Missouri senator's acts.

The committee's action, both as to Senators LaFollette and Stone, was unanimous. No record vote was taken. While the course of procedure has not been definitely outlined the sub-committee propose to ask Senator LaFollette to appear. He will be asked whether the copy of the St. Paul speech before the committee is as he delivered it. The sub-committee proposes also to call former secretary of state, Williams J. Bryan, to question him on senator LaFollette's statement that Mr. Bryan "several times urged President Wilson to prevent the sailing of the Lusitania because it was alleged an ammunition cargo was aboard."

Senator LaFollette refused to comment on the committee's action, but it is understood he will not change his plans to make an address in the senate before it adjourns regarding the criticisms made on him.

The Hefflin Case Again. Washington, Oct. 5.—Investigation of the charges by Representative Hefflin that certain members of congress "acted suspiciously" in connection with the war and investigation of an interview in which he is alleged to have declared he heard that members obtained German money by being "lucky" at cards, was begun today by the House committee.

Plans to hear Mr. Hefflin as the first witness were disappointed by Postmaster General Burleyson who suddenly arrived at the capital in a carriage and took Mr. Hefflin away.

The committee heard two newspaper men in executive session about an interview Hefflin repudiated. Both swore Hefflin told them in the House lobby that he had heard that "pro-German and peace at any price" members of congress "got money easy" at a Washington gambling house conducted by a German by "being lucky" at cards. When asked in the House about the interview Hefflin at first denied he said it on the floor. Later he repudiated it flatly.

State of War in Turkestan. Petrograd, Oct. 5.—The government has declared a state of war in Turkestan where a revolutionary movement broke out early in the week. The situation which appeared to be getting normal flashed up again.

Belgian City Fined. Havre, Oct. 5.—A Belgian communication says: "Zeile in east Flanders has been fined 80,000 marks for giving food and cigars to passing English prisoners at the evenings, after which all houses must shut up by 8 no one is allowed on the streets."

pense of installing bath tub in the city hall for firemen and making other improvements there, the cost to be \$300, firemen to pay \$150 and \$150 to come out of the fire department budget.

Another proposition was submitted by Mr. Nussman relative to the paving of sidewalk on either side of his pointed lot at intersection of South Fulton street and Lincolnton road. It was not accepted by the board.

RED CROSS CHAPTER STARTS AT COOLEEMEE WITH SIXTY-FIVE

One of Best Initial Meetings Yet Held by People of Any Town—Officers Elected With R. A. Stroud Chairman and Miss Clarence Best Secretary.

A number of Salisbury men and women, members of the Local Red Cross, motored over to Cooleemee Thursday evening for the purpose of launching a branch of the Red Cross at that place and their efforts were crowned with great success. A most enthusiastic and largely attended meeting was held, the people of Cooleemee showing great interest in the work and left no doubt as to their willingness to do their bit for the comfort and help of the soldiers. A chapter was organized with 65 charter members, this number being far in excess of what was anticipated by the visitors, who were rejoiced over the result of the beginning made by the good men and women of the town.

Rev. W. W. Way, of Salisbury, made a splendid address and told why the Red Cross organization was formed, being followed by Mr. W. B. Strachan who explained the organization of the society and told something of its great work.

Mrs. J. H. Gorman displayed samples of articles being made daily by the good women of the Salisbury chapter and in these the Cooleemee ladies were much interested and will get about at once making these same kind of articles for the soldier boys.

A most entertaining feature of the evening was the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by Mrs. Archie Walters, of Cooleemee.

An organization was perfected by the election of the following officers: Chairman—R. A. Stroud. Vice Chairman—J. H. L. Rice. Secretary—Mrs. Clarence Best. Treasurer—Miss Grace Tatum.

The Salisbury delegation is proud of its trip and will look for much active work by the members of the newly formed Cooleemee chapter. The little town has done far better for a start than many of the larger cities of the State, and the charter members have entered into the work with the proper spirit.

MEN WANTED FOR AVIATION SECTION, SIGNAL CORPS

Men of Almost Every Calling Who Possess the Qualifications Will Be Accepted—Apply at Local Army Recruiting Station.

The local U. S. Army recruiting station has received information from the adjutant general's office that accommodations are now available for additional enlisted men in the aviation section, signal corps, and will resume the acceptance of applicants for this section, who possess qualifications as shown in the list that follows:

- Two blacksmiths, seven cabinet makers, 129 chauffeurs, 101 clerks, 34 cooks, 7 drafts-men, 9 electricians, 25 engine repair men, 3 engine testers, 1 lithographer, 6 mechanics, 108 mechanicals airplane, 3 metal workers, 11 magnet repair men, 12 motorcycle repair men, 3 propeller makers, 4 photographers, 2 radio men, 10 riggers, 66 sail makers, 2 stenographers, 1 tool maker, 1 vulcanizer, 1 welder, 119 skilled and unskilled laborers, 4 packers, 2 stock men, 1 boat builder, 2 moulder, 2 pattern makers, 4 painters, 1 saddler, 3 buglers, 3 bass carpenters, 51 carpenters, 5 plumbers, 1 truck master, 60 arronauts, 24 cordage workmen, 4 instrument repair men and 56 tailors.

After enlistment and when subject to assignment, all applicants accepted for this service will be sent to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for duty with aero squadrons being organized in the Southern department.

This is an attractive as well as a favorite branch of the service and vacancies do not exist long at a time. Apply at 122 1-2 North Main street for further information.

The British "tanks" carry pigeons for sending out messages in case of need.

Good company and good conversation are the very sinews of virtue.

ON HUNT FOR TWO GERMAN RAIDERS

Enemy Commerce Destroyers at Work in South Pacific Ocean Destroying Vessels.

AMERICAN AND OTHER WAR VESSELS SCOURING OCEAN

Raiders Are Manned by Crews From a Former German Raider Which Was Wrecked off S. A.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 5.—With the definite information of the presence of two German sea raiders in the South Pacific ocean, announced in dispatches from Samoa to the navy department, a hunt for the commerce raiders has been set in action.

The two raiders are manned by crews from the famous sea raider which made its way late last year from Germany through the Atlantic into the Atlantic southward to South America, leaving on shipping and tiende to the South Pacific ocean where she was stranded on Mepeha shoals and had to be abandoned.

The number of the raiders' victims cannot be ascertained. At least our American owned vessels are reported overdue on the Pacific coast from Southern Pacific points and the owners of these vessels have abandoned hope for their safety.

British, Japanese and American warships are scouring the South Pacific for the two raiders.

MARRIED IN FUN BUT FIND THE CEREMONY WAS REAL

Taylorville Couple Indulge in Mook Marriage Only to Find That License Was Real and Magistrate Is Unable to Untie the Knot

Stateville, Oct. 4.—An unusual marriage took place at Taylorville Tuesday night. A number of young people had gathered at the Campbell boarding house and during the conversation the question of marriage came up. J. P. Klutz, a young attorney of Taylorville, and Miss Mary Sharpe, of Loray, were the participants of what was a joke at first, but what has turned out to be a fact.

Through good humor they expressed their willingness to get married, provided they had a license, when Elmer Campbell agreed to get, if some one furnished the money. Mr. Klutz at once furnished the required amount and Mr. Campbell went to Register of Deeds Garnette for it. Others he had brought the license, others went to get Magistrate J. M. Matheson.

The crowd had lots of fun, as what they thought was a mook ceremony was performed. But after the magistrate had gone home, and after some serious thinking, they again called for him to annul the marriage he had just performed by destroying the license. He, however, refused to destroy a lawfully made license and told them that they were now man and wife.

It is now a serious matter, whether to stay married, or, if not, how to get unmarried.

SECRETARY BAKER HERE TOMORROW

Head of the War Department Will Be a Passenger on No. 37, Being On His Way to Charlotte to Visit the Western Troops.

Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, former governor of Iowa, and secretary of the treasury under Roosevelt, went to Charlotte today on No. 37 and will make several addresses at the army Y. M. C. A. at Camp Greene.

Secretary of War Baker will pass here tomorrow morning on 37 on his way to Charlotte to inspect Camp Greene and visit the soldiers. There may possibly be a review of the troops while the army head is here.

IMMENSE WAR TAX BILL EFFECTIVE

The Two Billion, Five Hundred and Thirty-Five Million Revenue Measure Is Now a Law.

LETTER POSTAGE MOUNTS 3 CTS., POSTCARDS 2 CTS.

Picture Shows, Insurance, Railroad Fares, Intoxicating Liquors, Cigars, Cigarettes.

Washington, Oct. 5.—The war tax toll on the American pocketbook began today. Within two months the buying public will be paying over the counter, through ticket windows of various kinds, and almost everywhere else, the levies under the \$2,535,000,000 revenue bill, now a law.

Throughout the land today the high cost of drinking mounted higher with additional taxes on hard, soft and medium beverages effective immediately. Everything from champagne to sarsaparilla and soda fountain syrups is hit by the new tax.

Drinking costs arose about 25 per cent. Smoking may also be more costly within 30 days when added taxes on tobaccos, cigars, and cigarettes are clamped down, ranging from \$1 to \$7 a thousand on cigars and from 80 cents to \$1.20 a thousand on cigarettes. Even snuff users will suffer.

On November 1 also the tax on freight and express packages 1 cent for each 2 cents charged becomes effective, together with a 10 cent levy on the comforts of parlors, seats and on state rooms or parlor cars. Every telephone, telegraph or wireless message costing more than 15 cents after November 1 will bear a five-cent tax, and taxes of 8 cents on each \$100 of life insurance and 1 cent on each dollar of fire insurance also begins.

With a tax on "movies and legitimate" theatres after November 1 of one cent on each 10 cents admission charged, the cost of "looking them over" either on the screen or in the "pony" row promises to mount. The usual new year outbreak will be more expensive with a new tax on table reservations. It will cost a tax toll equivalent to 10 per cent of the dues to join a club after November 1.

Stamp taxes on bonds, promissory notes, bills of sale, and playing cards become effective December 1, as does the one cent tax on parcel post packages costing 25 cents or more.

The additional one cent on letters is effective November 1, but the additional second class postage is not effective until July 1, 1918.

Automobile owning, with a tax of 3 per cent on the sale price, becomes more costly immediately. Also such beautifiers as jewelry and cosmetics are relieved in the form of pills, patent medicines, and chewing gum are hit also.

Sporting goods, motor boats, estates, inheritances, incomes, war profits, and other luxuries of the wealthy are taxable immediately.

Some of the Things Taxed. Here are some things upon which the average citizen will pay taxes from time to time under the new war tax bill:

- Approximately 2 per cent increase on incomes of \$5,000 or less.
- Letter postage, except local letters increased to 3 cents and postcards to 2 cents beginning November 3.
- One cent for each 10 cents paid for admissions to amusements. Five cent shows and 10 cent outdoor amusement parks exempted.
- Ten per cent on all club dues at \$12 a year or over.
- One cent for each 25 cents paid for parcel post.
- One cent on each two cents express package charge.
- Three per cent on all freight charges.
- Eight per cent of passenger fares by rail or water, except trips of less than 30 miles.
- Ten per cent of charges for seats, berths and state rooms on parlor cars or vessels.
- Five cents on each telegraph, telephone or radio message costing 15 cents or more.
- Three per cent on jewelry.
- Three per cent on checker boards and all kinds of games.
- Two per cent on perfumes, toilet waters, toilet soaps, etc.
- Two per cent on proprietary medicines.
- Two per cent on chewing gum.
- One cent on each dollar of premium for fire and casualty insurance.
- Three per cent on traphophone records.
- Eight cents on each \$100 life insurance.

The tax on whiskey is increased from \$1.10 a gallon to \$3.20. The

37 ROWAN MEN TO ENTRAIN OCT. 11

Third Contingent of Drafted Men From This County Leave for Camp Jackson Thursday.

WILL MAKE A TOTAL OF 142 MEN TO COLUMBIA

These Men Are Called to Report to Local Board for Departure On No. 11 On Above Date.

Another contingent of Rowan's drafted men are called to report to the local examination board for departure for Camp Jackson at Columbia, S. C. Thursday, October 11th. There are thirty-seven men in this list and they will leave Salisbury on the above day entraining on No. 11, leaving Salisbury at 9 o'clock a. m.

The first quota of men sent from this county numbered twelve and the second quota ninety-three, these last thirty-seven bringing the number to depart for the training camp from Rowan up to 142.

The following are the men to be sent off next Thursday:

- James Aiken.
- Edmond Deberry Basinger.
- Burton Barringer.
- John T. Beck.
- Cicero Cox.
- John H. Elliott.
- Charlie F. Farrington.
- Hay Lee Fisher.
- Harry M. Gray.
- Robert Lee Goodman.
- Samuel H. Gordon.
- Harvey C. Holsbosher.
- Carl S. Julian.
- Lewis L. Josey.
- Charles M. Jones.
- Henry Lewis Klutz.
- Jacob Tell Klutz.
- Harvey J. Klutz.
- Thomas L. Lentz.
- Perry M. McGarity.
- John Morris.
- Joe E. Rogers.
- James Burton Randolph.
- Ephraim P. Rutledge.
- John David Rice.
- Frank C. Riceeman.
- Thomas P. Rogers.
- James M. Stuckey.
- Charlie A. Stiller.
- Geo. H. A. Trexler.
- John J. Williams.
- Harry McEl Wilson.
- Mason W. Wilhelm.
- Ollie McEl Cranford.
- Guliano D'Amico.
- James Thomas Turner.
- Charles Parker.

SUICIDE LEAVES MONEY EXPENDED BY MINISTER

Stranger Kills Himself in Suburb of New Orleans After Placing Nearly \$1,000 With Rev. G. H. Cornelson, Formerly of Concord to Be Expended "Honestly."

The following special appeared in this morning's papers will be of interest in this community. The minister referred to in the special formerly served the First Presbyterian church in Concord:

New Orleans, Oct. 4.—The body of a stranger who shot himself near Kenner, a suburb of this city, early this week, was identified today as the man who last Sunday left three envelopes containing \$820 with Rev. G. H. Cornelson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church here, and disappeared before his identity could be learned.

One of the envelopes also contained a note reading: "Spend this money as honestly as it was earned."

On the body of the suicide were found two revolvers, 50 cartridges, \$115 in cash and a silver watch. An identification tag on the man's coat bore the name "W. Rutledge, Oakland, Cal."

LAFOLLETTE HUNG IN EFFIGY. Shebogan, Wis., Crowd Shows Its Disapproval of Senator's Actions—Dummy Removed by the Sheriff. Shebogan, Wis., Oct. 5.—Senator LaFollette was hung in effigy on a bridge just outside the city limits early today.

The dummy which was placarded with the senator's name, was removed by the sheriff.

Tax on beer is increased from \$1 a barrel to \$2.75. Increased tax on cigars, cigarettes and manufactured tobacco and snuff.