

MEAGRE RETURNS ON REGISTRATION REACH WASHINGTON

Figures, However, Cause of Much Enthusiasm Among Officials.

EXEMPTIONS WILL BE HANDLED LATER

Each Case Will Be Decided on Its Merits, Sec. Baker Announces.

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MIGHTY BLOW IS DEALT TO GERMANS BY GENERAL HAIG ALONG LINES IN BELGIUM

Daringly Executed Maneuver Rewarded by Capture of Considerable Territory, Many Guns and 5,000 Prisoners—Important Positions Captured.

In one of the most elaborately planned and daringly executed maneuvers of the war, Sir Douglas Haig's forces have dealt a mighty blow against the German line in Belgium and been rewarded with notable gains in terrain and the capture of more than 5,000 prisoners and numerous guns of various calibre.

Nine-Mile Front. Over a front of more than nine miles, extending from the region of Ypres southward nearly to Armentieres, the British started their drive in the early hours of Thursday morning, and at nightfall had everywhere advanced their line, capturing villages and numerous points of vantage.

Great Preparation. Probably never in history was an attack launched with greater preparation. For days the Wytschaete salient had been the objective of the British guns, which had hurled tons of steel upon it.

Quiet Elsewhere. Except for a German attack against the French northwest of St. Quentin, which the French troops repulsed, quiet prevailed everywhere on the French front Thursday, except along the Chemin Des Dames, where the artillery activity was violent.

Considerable fighting continues between the Austrians and Italians in the Carso region. Along the Vipacco valley, the Italians delivered several attacks, which were repulsed, while near Jamiano the Austrians have made further gains, according to Vienna.

Great preparations are being made in France for the arrival of American troops. Already an American transport containing food for them has arrived in a French port and American warships are anchored off the French coast.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 7.—New stamp taxes of two cents on bank checks and drafts of more than \$5 to raise from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000 were written into the war tax bill today by the senate finance committee.

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CHARGE GOEHALS WITH OBSTRUCTING BUILDING OF SHIPS

Differences Between Board and General Goethals 'Come to Head.

ENGINEERS ISSUE STRONG STATEMENT

Say Firms Promised Contracts Have Had Offers Turned Down.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Differences over the government's wooden shipbuilding program came to a head tonight when F. A. Eustis, assistant general manager of the emergency fleet corporation, and his assistant, F. Huntington Clark, issued statements virtually charging Major-General George W. Goethals, general manager of the corporation, with halting building of the vessels by prescribing an impossible form of contract.

Turned to Steel. After taking charge of the building program, General Goethals turned to steel construction and limited the use of wood to the hulls of the ships.

None of the members of the shipping board has any knowledge of the statements attributed to the engineer, Eustis and Mr. Clark, intimating a refusal by General Goethals to build as many wooden ships as he might, nor had they the slightest intimation that they were to be issued.

Mr. Eustis and Mr. Clark are serving the fleet corporation without pay. Both indicated tonight they expected their resignations would be asked, but declined to do so until they had their duty to put the situation before the American people and show them that ships can be built to overcome the German submarine campaign.

Mr. Clark indicated tonight the tangle over commitments for wooden ships. When first employed he and Mr. Eustis, he said, directed several shipbuilding companies to go ahead with wooden shipbuilding, leaving the form of contract to be determined on later.

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GENERAL HARRISON AGAIN COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

Then Grey Line Marches Up Pennsylvania Avenue Amid Paudits of Thousands of Spectators—Escorted by Union Veterans and Regulars.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The Confederate veterans re-elected General George P. Harrison, of Opelika, Ala., commander-in-chief, and selected Tulsa, Okla., as the place for the 1918 reunion late today, after marching up Pennsylvania avenue to the martial strains of "Dixie" and passing in review before President Wilson and Vice-President Marshall.

Only One Accident. Despite the tremendous crowd which viewed the parade and the large number of veterans in line, the only accident reported was that received by General James Dinkins, of Louisiana, in falling from his horse.

Elaborate police arrangements had been made to handle the crowd and by scouts and Red Cross nurses were on duty. The attendance ran into many thousands, the Southern railway alone having brought 25,000 persons from the south, necessitating the operation of forty-five extra trains and 500 extra cars on regular trains.

General Harrison was placed in nomination for another term by Judge John E. Goolrick, of Frederickburg, and re-elected by acclamation. In expressing his appreciation he was almost overcome with emotion.

General W. B. Haldeman, of Louisville, Ky., gave notice that at the next convention he would move to amend the constitution so as to provide that hereafter department commanders be chosen by the states composing the confederacy, instead of by the entire confederacy.

A resolution by M. M. Buford, of South Carolina, endorsing the bill of Representative Tillman, of Arkansas, to refund the southern states the cost of the war, was unanimously adopted as was one protesting against statements that the south went to war for the same cause for which the Teutonic powers achieved such remarkable success in the United States.

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YPRES AVENGED IN BRITISH DRIVE AGAINST GERMANS

Messines Ridge, Which Dominated City, is Taken by Assaultants.

ALL THE ARTS AND DEVILTRIES OF WAR

Bombardment of Vimy Was Child's Play Compared to Artillery Action.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, June 7. (Via London, June 8, 12:10 a. m.)—The British armies struck today on a new front and won a victory which supplements the successes at Arras during the last two months.

Ypres in a sense was avenged today, for Messines Ridge has been the vantage point from which the Germans have poured torrents of shells into the stricken city.

Today's attack lacked many of the elements of surprise which accompanied the battle of Arras and the successful storming of Vimy ridge. There has been no change in three weeks past as to the intentions of the British.

SHOWS UNITY OF NATION. WASHINGTON, June 7.—The Marquis Borsarelli, of the Italian commission, who with other members of the Italian commission, today declared that it furnished final proof of the wholehearted unity of the United States in the war.

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SMALLER NUMBER WILL BE SENT TO OFFICERS' TRAINING CAMPS IN FALL

Object is to Secure Men Over Thirty-One Years of Age.

QUOTA FOR SOUTH

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