

ITALIANS OPEN OFFENSIVE AGAINST AUSTRIANS

TERRIFIC BATTLE OPENED TODAY BETWEEN FRENCH AND GERMANS

(By United Press)
PARIS.—A terrific battle is now reaching its climax around the bloody ground of Verdun. According to the official statement "the fighting is developing in our favor" on a front of 12 miles from Avancourt wood to Bezenay.

Twenty Killed in Explosion

(By United Press)
MONTREAL.—At least twenty were killed, according to the latest estimates of the explosion in the Harvey Amundson plant. Scores are missing, but are believed to be safe.

G. A. R. Reunion Boston This Week

(United Press)
BOSTON.—Between 8,000 and 10,000 G. A. R. veterans are here today for their National Reunion and Encampment.

Indicted Under Anti-Trust Law

(United Press)
WASHINGTON.—Charging them with conspiracy to suppress competition, the Federal Trades Commission filed complaints against the Wholesale Saddlery Association and the National Harness Makers' Association. The two have a membership of 159 firms.

French Continue Flanders Advance

(By United Press)
PARIS.—The French continue to advance in Flanders, capturing strong positions east of the Steenbecke, and progressing also along the road to Lange-mark and north of Bixchoote.

Exemption Board Sentenced to Jail

(By United Press)
NEW YORK.—Pleading guilty to the charges of conspiracy to violate the draft law, Dr. Samuel J. Bernfield and Louis L. Cherry were ousted as members of the Exemption Board No. 39, and sentenced to two years in the Atlanta penitentiary, and fined \$1,000 each. The fines were later remitted at the request of the government because it "didn't care to accept tainted money."

Improvements at Office of the Register Deeds

J. C. Gaskins, Pitt's popular Register of Deeds, has just added a complete set of steel files in his office to take care of the County Commissioners' proceedings and other records that formerly had no regular filing place. They have been installed and arranged in a convenient place where they will be easily accessible to any one desiring to go through them.

Kaiser Shoots More Thanks

(By United Press)
AMSTERDAM.—The Kaiser expressed his formal thanks to the German navy "for preventing the enemy breaking through the Flanders' front" during his recent visit of inspection of Heligoland.

British R. R. Men to Strike

(Special Bulletin United Press.)
LONDON.—A strike of 40,000 railway engineers and firemen of the English railroads is declared certain this afternoon following a mass meeting of the Union Leaders, the President of the Board of Trade and the Labor Ministers.

Japan Selling Ships to the Entente

(By United Press)
TOKYO.—(By Mail)—Japan has made \$50,000,000 from ships since the outbreak of the war. Thirty-two merchantmen, aggregating 200,000 tons, have been sold to England, France, Italy, America, Spain and Norway for \$2,500,000. The money obtained from the sale of ninety trawlers is estimated at \$7,500,000.

America to Make Separate Answer

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON.—America will probably only speak for herself when she answers the Pope's peace offer. It is officially stated that the Pontiff's communication is such as to require individual replies, which however, will be sent only after the government has exhaustively exchanged views with the other Allied governments.

Pope Reads all Peace Comments

(By United Press)
ROME.—Pope Benedict is so interested in the world's attitude towards his peace proposal that he has over-turned a Vatican precedent to arise an hour earlier to read the press comments from all the capitals. The Holy Father instituted this plan today.

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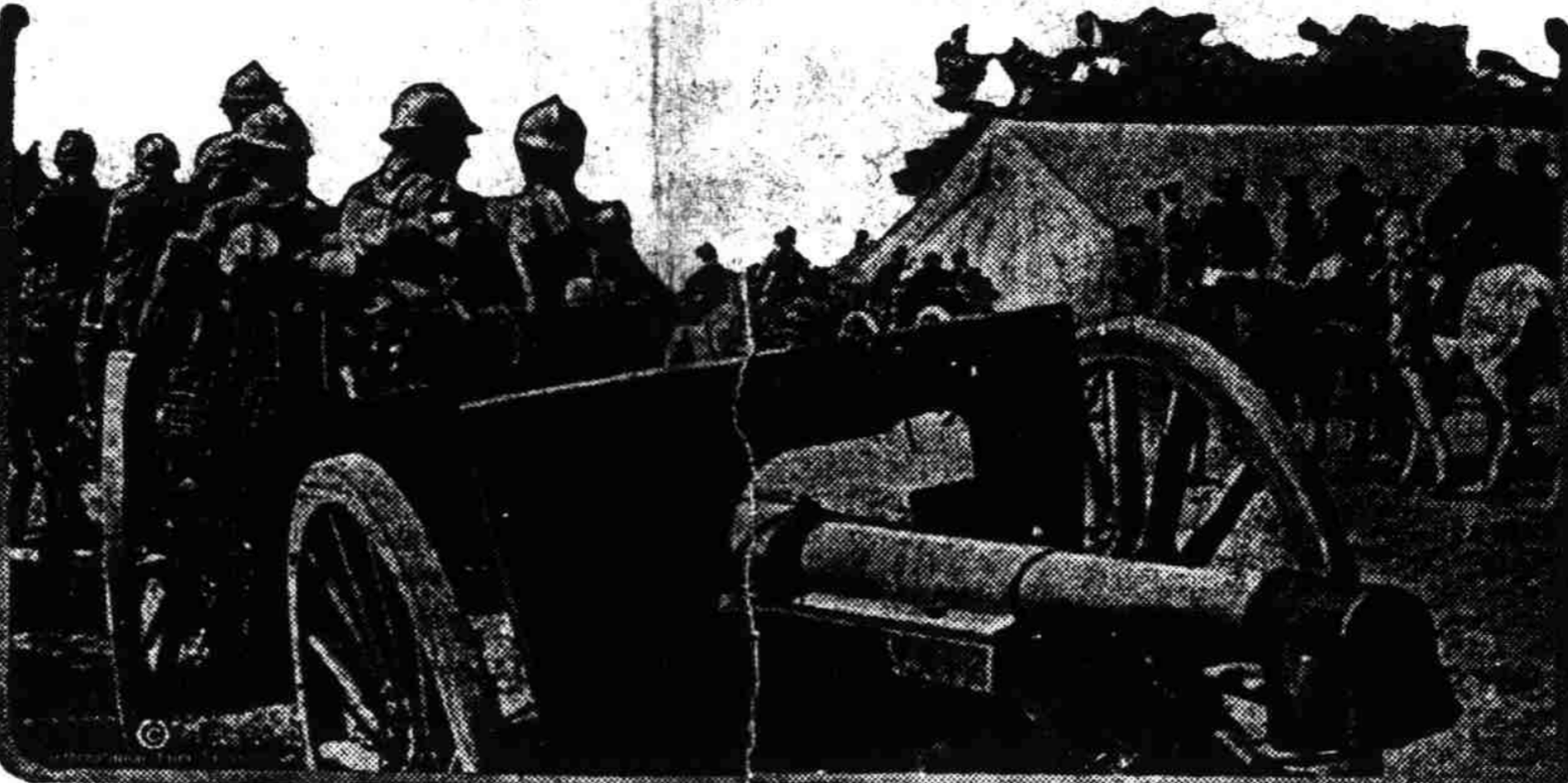
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Attends Demonstration Agents Convention Raleigh

County Agent B. Troy Ferguson left for Raleigh today to attend the State Demonstration Agents' Convention and the Farmers' Convention, the former of which opens tomorrow.

GREEKS LEAVE FOR MACEDONIAN FRONT



Greek battery of 75's starting for the Macedonian front to fight side by side with the entente allies.

NEGRO MURDERER EXCHANGES SHOTS WITH OFFICERS, ESCAPES

The negro murderer who some time ago shot and killed Simp Vincent, a white man near Vanceboro, came near being captured Sunday night about four miles over the river, but succeeded in eluding the officers and making good his escape. During his near capture several shots were fired at him and he returned the fire, but no one was struck by the flying bullets.

American Navy to Be Supreme in Destroyers

(By United Press)
WASHINGTON.—To make the American navy foremost of the navies of the world in the matter of destroyers, Secretary Daniels has gathered representatives of twenty-five firms to study the means for more than doubling the number of destroyer contracts. If the plan succeeds, the United States will have more destroyers than any other nation, including Great Britain.

Allies to Confer Over Peace Note

(By United Press)
LONDON.—The Allies will confer before a reply is made to the Vatican peace plan, according to a statement made in the House of Commons today by Lord Cecil, Minister of the Blockade.

McAdoo's Signature on World's Big Check

(By United Press)
WASHINGTON.—The largest check ever issued in the world has been returned to the United States Treasury, paid and cancelled. The check for two hundred million dollars was signed by Secretary of the Treasury Wm. G. McAdoo and represented the first payment on the Loan the United States made to Great Britain.

British Talk of Everything But War While Fighting

(By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS)
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD.—(By Mail)—People can get used to anything, even to this business of war. Were it not so, those who have to keep on killing Germans month in and month out, would go mad and bite somebody.

THREE GREAT ATTACKS OPENED AGAINST THE AUSTRIAN LINES

BY JOHN H. HEARLY, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

ROME.—Italy opened a determined offensive against the Austrians today from the Adriatic to the Alps. This is probably the hardest blow that Italy has yet struck, and fighting of great magnitude is in progress. Early reports tell of initial successes of the Italians under Gen. Cadorna.

Fire Damages Vessels in N. Y.

(By United Press)
NEW YORK.—Two steamers and ten smaller vessels were seriously damaged by fire while docked at the foot of Congress street in Brooklyn today. The fire is believed to be of incendiary origin, and did damage estimated at \$1,000,000. The fire followed two explosions.

ARE YOU PLANTING TODAY?

Now is the time to sow for early turnips, plant for late beans and to prepare to have green vegetables on your table this Fall.

LIEUTENANT PEELE HERE FOR A FEW DAYS

Lieut. E. S. Peele, who for several years held the position of Principal of the High School here, is spending a few days vacation with his friends in this section of the State. He will soon leave for Columbia, S. C., where he will take up his duties as 2nd-Lieut. in the new National army.

To Stew Pears for Winter Use

Pare and cut them in half, take out the cores; put them in a kettle and pour on enough cold water to almost cover them, and let them boil until very tender; then put on them half their weight in light brown sugar and a teaspoon of molasses to every ten pounds of fruit; cook them several hours until the syrup is rich and thick. Put them in large jars and when cold cover closely. These are very good on pie crusts or for luncheon.

Fox-Grape Jelly

Fill a kettle with the grapes picked from their stems, put on them a pint of water, and boil them until their skins burst; then mash them and strain the mthrough a sieve and to every pint of juice allow a pound of sugar. Boil together half an hour; put the jelly in glasses, and next day cover them closely. You may either use green or ripe fox grapes.

Tomato Sauce

One peck of green tomatoes and a quarter of a peck of white onions sliced thin, sprinkle them with salt in alternate layers. Let them stand all night, then strain off the water, cover them with vinegar and let simmer gently twenty minutes. Mix together half a tea-cup of ground mustard, a quart of a pound of mustard seed, half a cup of brown sugar, a quarter of a cup of ground ginger, half a cup of good sweet oil, and any other spices you please. Stir these into the pickles when half cooked.

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When the treaty ceding the Islands to the United States was signed, it contained a clause calling for payment of the entire amount in gold. When it came time for the Danish minister to collect for the islands, the Treasury was ready to make the entire payment in gold, but the perplexed minister found that there was hardly enough wagons in Washington to haul \$25,000,000 in gold, and finally, after much cabling between officials, he consented to take a draft for the amount, to be placed at the credit of his government.

FRENCH MAKE GIGANTIC AIR RAID ON GERMAN AMMUNITION DEPOTS, 117 PLANES IN ATTACK

(Special Bulletin United Press 4:40 P. M.)
PARIS.—A gigantic air-raid in which 117 French airplanes participated, dropped 13,000 kilograms (35,100 pounds) of projectiles on German military establishments, is reported. Seven German machines were downed and eight others and a balloon were badly damaged. Only two French machines failed to return. The fight occurred in the German Bight.

PROGRAM
White's Theatre
TONIGHT
"PEARL OF THE ARMY"
Featuring Pearl White
"SAFETY FIRST AMBROSE"
"HIS FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS"
Monday
"PATRIOT"
Featuring Mrs. Vernon Castle