

## ALLIES ARE VICTORIOUS IN SECOND PHASE OF BATTLE

### Hindenburg Unable to Regain Initiative and Next Stage Will be Giant Offensive by British-- Unusual Crop of Peace Rumors From Austria and Germany.

By the Associated Press.  
The great battle of the Marne and Champagne, which resulted in the complete failure of the German offensive, has advanced the Allies to the point where they are now in a position to regain the initiative.

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## ITALY DESIRES TRADE WITH U. S.

By the Associated Press.  
Rome, May 23.—The United States should send a trade commission to Italy, and Italy should send one to the United States, and the two commissions should cooperate, if these two countries want to fully develop their joint commerce, said Ernest E. Long of the American Chamber of Commerce for Italy and representatives in Italy of one of the largest banks of New York.

"I have been in Italy eight months and it is clear to me that the big war business the United States is now doing here can be continued after the war if both countries pull together," he continued.

"The best asset and wealth of Italy is her working spirit that the war has awakened. The nobility of Italy has learned in the trenches that work is not a disgrace, and all are eager to leave off their old customs of cane-carrying and party dancing."

"The other fellows in the trenches who have always worked more or less for a living are going to come out of the war graduates of a fine working school and they are going to work in the shops as skilled workmen."

"From an American point of view Italy has become a fine market for iron, steel, coal, cotton, electrical equipment, for mechanical tools, for heavy machinery tools of all kinds. Before the war Germany sold largely of these materials here, but now the Italians are going it alone. They have developed self-reliance as a national asset, and this lasting result of the war should improve the market for American products."

"The big point in international trade is salesmanship, and this is where trade commissions could do much good, by securing closer government cooperation, by regulating tariffs, by revising commercial laws, by bringing closer together the business people of the respective nations, by using expert information for the establishment of credits. What my firm thinks of Italy is indicated by the fact that its first European branch was established in Genoa October 1st, prior by four months to its Petrograd branch. Of course Genoa is a big shipping center for all of south Europe."

"While the Americans in Italy are not idle, trade commissions of other nations such as Japan, are active. A good deal of Italy's new trade will go to South America, but the credit extensions possible in the United States should be an advantage. The Italians appreciate this fact but I doubt if anybody, however, in all of Europe knows that the internal commerce of the United States is so enormous that we could do very well without any foreign trade whatever."

"Italy is aware of her own necessity for the development of her foreign trade as well as her internal resources. The coal situation in this war showed her how helpless she is, for instance, with steam instead of electrical power. Her national poverty in industries is today registered by the exchange value of her money, which closes some thirty per cent abroad. She is courageously preparing to increase her industries, such as silk, to make her soil produce more wheat and other foods, and improve her land and water transportation systems, and to develop her natural mineral deposits."

## TISZAH CABINET GROWING CROPS IN HUNGARY RESIGNS

By the Associated Press.  
London, May 23.—A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says that the Hungarian cabinet of which Count Tiszah was premier has resigned.

Count Tiszah, the "iron-man" of Austria-Hungary, has been for many years the leader of the pro-German party in the dual monarchy and was the last survivor of the little group of statesmen who surrounded Emperor Franz-Joseph when the European war began. On the accession of Charles I these either resigned or were dismissed. There have been reports that Emperor Charles keenly resented the dominance of Berlin in Austro-Hungarian affairs and that Count Tiszah was the one great obstacle which prevented him from freeing his empire from Potsdam. There have been reports recently that the fall of Tiszah was imminent, but the rigid censorship has not permitted anything to leak out.

## GIVE FOOD BILL RIGHT OF WAY IN SENATE

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, May 23.—Continuous right of way for the first administration food bill providing for the stimulation of foodstuff production was sought today when it was brought before the senate. While it is before the senate the house will take up the bill introduced yesterday by Representative Lever of South Carolina.

In presenting the revamped bill to the senate today, Senator Gore said he hoped to have the prohibition bill postponed for consideration with the food control bill in the house.

## HAIL ACCOMPANIES FINE SHOWER OF RAIN

A rain, hail and electric storm passed over this section Tuesday evening, but the damage apparently was light. The rain was badly needed and will make potatoes develop, gardeners say. The precipitation was .82 of an inch and if it didn't occur too suddenly, furnished the shower that is destined to make the early crops mature.

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## AGAINST UNION OF TWO BIG CHURCHES

By the Associated Press.  
Birmingham, May 23.—The committee on bills and overtures submitted an unfavorable report on the question of union with the northern and southern branches of the Presbyterian church of the United States.

The proposition will be voted on by the assembly late this afternoon, it was said. The majority report gave three reasons for its action in failing to favor the union of the churches. "First," it reported, "because there seems to be no general demand for union of these churches in the southern church, and secondly only six of the 86 of the Presbyteries have consented to consider the matter."

The third reason was "because the Presbytery of New York was persistently continued to license for the ministry those who have denied cardinal points of doctrine. They have licensed men who do not believe in the resurrection of the Lord; do not believe in the virgin birth and have denied the resurrection of Lazarus."

## FRENCH MISSION ARRIVES IN FRANCE

By the Associated Press.  
Paris, March 23.—Marshal Joffre an former Premier Viviani arrived at Brest last night.

## SECRET WELL GUARDED

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, May 23.—Former Premier Viviani, Marshal Joffre and the French mission sailed from New York Tuesday, May 15, unknown to a few American newspaper men. So well was the secret kept by the newspapers cooperating with the government that it was supposed the mission was still in the United States and invitations have been received every day for the members to visit American cities.

## CENSORSHIP BROUGHT BEFORE CONFEREES

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, May 23.—The administration's determination to enforce a newspaper censorship through a section of the espionage bill which was supposed to have been abandoned came to the fore again today and threatened a fight all around. President Wilson today summoned the senate conferees to the white house for a conference on the bill. It was thought he placed the matter before them in much the same way as in the letter to Representative Webb last night.

## CARNEGIE GIVES \$11,000 FOR LIBRARY IN HICKORY

### Foundation Ootifies City That it is Ready to Put up Money--Town Must Select Site and Submit Plans--More Lights Authorized--Pool Rooms to go.

## LAIL SENTENCED TO SERVE SIX MONTHS

Carl Lail was sentenced to six months on the roads by Recorder Russell Tuesday afternoon for transporting liquor for sale and Jeff Gilbert, in whose automobile the stuff was being brought to Hickory, was fined \$50 and costs. Both took an appeal to the superior court.

Chief of Police Lentz, Sergeant Sigmon and Special Officer Fry seized Lail and Gilbert near the Brue Fry Plow factory with 14 gallons of Burke county booze in their possession and a few days later Deputy Collector P. Jones nabbed Lail with five gallons. The appeal bond was fixed at \$500 for Lail and \$150 for Gilbert.

## THE AMBULANCE QUESTION

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Hickory auxiliary of the American Red Cross held May 22, it was decided by the committee that the Hickory auxiliary, as an organization would not raise funds at the present time to fit out an ambulance to be sent to France. As this question has been widely discussed both by members of the auxiliary and others, who while not members, are interested in the work, it was thought wise to inform the public through the Record, just why they come to this decision.

Briefly, it is because the ambulance would be fitted out for the "American Ambulance Society and not for the American Red Cross and the committee felt that no matter how necessary or worthy the cause of the American Ambulance Society, that as a Red Cross auxiliary, we should concentrate our efforts on the Red Cross work and not weaken the society by undertaking a side issue. The question may arise, why not raise an ambulance from Hickory and send it direct to the Red Cross? The following quotation from a letter received by the chairman from department of medical relief disposes of that question:

"Replying to your favor of May 16, the Red Cross is trying to raise an ambulance company in North Carolina. However, this unit, when organized will be transferred to the medical department of the United States army and there is absolutely no necessity for the chapter in Hickory to attempt to purchase an ambulance for this unit. With this letter before them, the committee decided that if an ambulance is to be raised it must be done by private subscription and not by the Hickory auxiliary."

## ANOTHER DEATH IN MARLOWE FAMILY

Newton, May 23.—The third child of Noah Marlowe of Newton to die within the week passed this morning. Physicians are still mystified over the cause of the illness and death in this family and the cases have not been diagnosed. A fourth child is critically ill.

Uncle Andy Carnegie, through the Carnegie Foundation, has informed the city of Hickory that he will hand over \$11,000 for a library building in this city when the authorities have selected the site and plans, and it is now Hickory's move. The matter was discussed at the meeting of city council Tuesday night and it is desired that the ladies of the Library Association, the Community Club and Chamber of Commerce and other interested organizations and individuals get busy at once. All the Carnegie foundation desires to know is that provision has been made for maintaining the library, that a site has been selected and that the plans are sensible. The foundation suggests that it be allowed to approve them, and suggestions accompanied the letter to the city manager on the various types of buildings.

Considering the fact that the foundation is donating \$11,000 without charge, the request is considered modest. It is hoped that the selection of a site and the adoption of plans can be agreed on as soon as possible, so that the building can be available by winter.

The citizens of Hickory at a special election in March voted five cents on the hundred dollars to maintain the library and the sum to be raised annually will amount to about \$1,200 for a year or two, increasing of course as the town grows in population and wealth.

Council Tuesday night decided to place a number of street lights in addition to those in service. Sixth street will receive three new ones, and the dark corners of Eighth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Twenty-second streets will be illuminated.

City Manager Ballew was instructed not to issue licenses to pool rooms for the fiscal year beginning June 1 and these alleged nuisances will not be continued in Hickory. Town and cities have direct authority under the new revenue and machinery act to prohibit the operation of pool rooms and council will follow local sentiment in refusing license what is admitted to be expensive evil.

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, May 23.—Republican Leader Mann aroused applause of the Republicans in the last hour of the debate on the \$100,000,000 appropriation bill when he announced that he would vote against it.

## Lenoir College Finals Are Concluded; Diplomas Are Awarded Honory Degrees

Commencement exercises at Lenoir College will be brought to a close Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock with a meeting of the alumni. The graduating exercises were held in the auditorium in the forenoon, when diplomas were awarded 22 young men and women, including a sheepskin to Mr. W. L. Ingold, who left college to join the training camp at Oglethorpe several days ago.

The alumni "war banquet" will be held this afternoon at 6 o'clock on the campus and a suitable spread will greet the many visitors on the campus. This was alumni day, and the former students were here in force.

## BRITISH SHIPPING MEN SUFFER LOSSES

By the Associated Press.  
London, May 23.—While local shipping men are virtually unaffected for the moment, Sir Owen Phillips, chairman of the Royal Naval Society, said in a meeting of the society that the problems of the shipping men are not of a local nature.

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## RUSSIA PLEDGES TO SUPPORT BELGIUM

By the Associated Press.  
Havre, France, May 23.—The Belgian foreign minister today received a telegram from the Russian foreign minister as follows:

"Russia will continue to pursue this war, not for the purpose of conquest or envy, but to assure all nations the right to shape their affairs and to guarantee a peace among the nations."

## FINALS HELD AT CATAWBA TODAY

Newton, May 23.—The commencement exercises of Catawba College came to a close this afternoon with the literary address by Mr. Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby. The graduating exercises were held this morning.

In the junior oratorical contest last night Mr. Claud Lutz of Newton won the gold medal given by Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Palmer of Lexington.

## MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES		
By the Associated Press.		
New York, May 23.—Yesterday's excited trading in the cotton market was continued this morning. July sold at 21.06 shortly after the call, while December touched 20.84 before the end of the first hour.		
The close was steady.	Open	Close
May	20.18	21.17
July	21.00	20.95
October	20.75	20.61
December	20.82	20.67
January	20.84	20.74

  

HICKORY MARKETS		
Cotton	20	1-2
Wheat	21	\$2.80

  

CHICAGO WHEAT		
By the Associated Press.		
Chicago, May 23.—Announcement that important purchases of wheat for the United States were being made in Australia tended to increase bearish sentiment here. Opening prices, with July at 2.28 and September at 2.04 to 2.05, were followed by further declines.		

## THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Fair and cooler tonight. Possibly light frost in mountain district, Thursday fair, moderate west winds.

## OPEN STREET PAVING BIDS THURSDAY NIGHT

Members of city council and the city manager invited Albemarle and Salisbury Tuesday to investigate the proposed paving bids laid down at the city office and are very much pleased at what they saw. Mr. L. A. Sherman, on behalf of properly owners, accompanied the board.

Bids will be opened Thursday night for the construction of between \$30,000 and \$100,000 worth of sheet asphalt paving.

## RAILROAD FIREMEN CONSIDER STRIKE

By the Associated Press.  
Globe, Ariz., May 23.—Firemen on all the lines of the Southern Pacific Company are taking a secret vote to determine whether a strike shall be called on June 8 to enforce their claim for back pay under the Adamson law, according to a letter received here from a Southern Pacific fireman. The ballots must all be in by June 10, the letter said.