

## GERMANS STRIKE FRENCH BUT FAIL TO GO FORWARD

**Petaim's Men Hurl Teutons Back—Champaign Region—French Artillery Fighting Reports—Macedonia—Bulgarians Lose.**

By the Associated Press.

Having failed disastrously in their recent efforts to drive the French from their commanding positions on the Chemin-des-Dames on the Aisne front, the Germans are now turning their attention to the Champagne region.

Attacks were made by the crown prince's troops last night north of La Courcellette. The drives were not of such intensity as were those earlier in the week along the Aisne and Paris says they were easily repulsed.

Artillery fighting is proceeding on the Aisne and also Verdun sector.

With the effort of making the German trenches north and west of hill 304 untenable General Petaim's artillery is pouring a destructive fire on them. Apparently the crown prince's troops have not the firm positions that their sharp attacks gave them early in the week.

London is reticent as to what is going on along the British front in France, where there have been indications of some important movement in process. A violent bombardment is in progress.

In Macedonia there is some revival of activity, but seemingly not on a large scale. Enemy troops, probably Bulgarian, launched at attack southwest of Lake Doiran, but were compelled by a British counter-attack to yield the ground won.

## CANADA PASSES DRAFT BILL TODAY

By the Associated Press.

Ottawa, July 6.—The Canadian house of commons adopted the resolution offered by Premier Borden passing to second reading the bill for compulsory military service. Exciting scenes attended the passage, 118 for to 55 against.

## MEXICO MAY JOIN ALLIES IN WAR ON THE GERMANS

El Paso, Tex., July 6.—Since the pro-ally campaign in Mexico was first started by El Universal in Mexico City, the sentiment favoring the allies has reached northern Mexico and, during the past 30 days, a well defined movement favoring an open break with Germany and the alignment of Mexico on the side of the entente allies has developed. This has been in spite of the pro-German sentiments published daily in Chihuahua City, and in other papers believed to be subsidized by the Germans in the north.

A reflection of this sentiment was seen recently in the statement by Gen. Francisco Gonzales, acting commander-in-chief of the northeastern military zone with headquarters at Chihuahua. He was overcharged by the German firm of Ketselsen and Dagstein for some padlocks. The manager was arrested and placed in the penitentiary. The German consul made a demand for his release "in the name of the imperial German government and the kaiser," according to an American officer who was present at the time.

"Tell the German consul here, the imperial government and the kaiser, may all go to hell," General Gonzales answered.

Prominent Mexicans in close touch with the capital, predicted Mexico will declare war on Germany within 30 days. According to these men all German money in Mexico City, Torreon, Chihuahua City and other banks and all German boats will be seized as soon as war is declared.

Machinery for placing the great amount of sheet asphalt in Hickory has arrived. Seventeenth street is being paved up and the Ely Construction Company is preparing to push the paving work.

## REHEARSALS PROGRESS FOR COUNTY FAIR

Rehearsals for "County Fair" have been progressing splendidly. The little tots at 5 o'clock each afternoon have entered into the spirit of rehearsal with unusual vim and the drills and choruses taught them by Miss Bock, the instructor, are unusually attractive. The grown up folks rehearse at 8 o'clock showing unusual interest. The committees are much gratified with the hearty response and interest in their undertaking and feel satisfied when they get started with their ticket selling they will have no difficulty with sales and will net a neat sum for the Red Cross and Community Club.

## WOMEN URGED TO CONSERVE FOOD

By the Associated Press.

Chautauqua, N. Y., July 6.—Women were urged by Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker of Austin, Texas, formerly president of the American Federation of Women's Clubs, in an address she delivered today at the speakers' training camp for education in patriotic service, to aid in the war by conserving food.

"If we do our duty by our allies and the neutral countries over the seas, there will be this fall a serious lack of meat, potatoes and white flour," said Mrs. Pennybacker. "In this dilemma the government makes a direct appeal to women."

"First, it asks that we help the men to produce more."

"Second, that we eliminate waste."

"Third, the government asks that women substitute the cheaper foods for those that have grown costly."

"Fourth, we are asked to conserve all fruits, and vegetables that are produced this summer for we shall not feel the full brunt of war prices until cold weather comes."

"There is a concrete contribution that each of us can make, beginning today, toward the elimination of waste. A 'war portion' should be our watch word at each meal. This does not mean hunger, it means taking on the plate only what we will consume, wasting nothing."

"It becomes the solemn duty of every woman to keep before her the fact that this food campaign is not one of short duration. As long as the war lasts, we must stand by our guns; we must remember that for every man who goes to the front five people at home are needed to sustain him. Above all things, we must let it be known that no woman has the right to buy in large quantities and hoard food for her family. Some one has well said that 'such a woman is at heart a traitor.'"

"There was never greater need for women to be sane than at this hour. There is no excuse for excitement or for hysteria. Let there be no weeping, no complaining, no lamentation, when our loved ones answer the call to duty."

**CAPTAIN SHARP IS ORDERED TO SCHOOL**

By the Associated Press.

Raleigh, July 6.—Capt. Bernard Sharp, United States army, for three years detailed as inspector-instructor of the North Carolina national guard, has received orders to report at the army service school at Fort Leavenworth, Kas.

**STILL IN BUSINESS**

The Builders Supply Company, a recently formed partnership, has not taken the whole of the Home Canner Company building, but only an office there. The Home Canner phone is 64 and the Building Supply Company phone is 64-L.

**ARTILLERY BATTLE ON RUSSIAN FRONT**

By Associated Press.

Berlin, July 6.—An artillery battle of great violence developed yesterday near Bzenazy in Galizia, says the official statement issued by the German war office today.

The bombardment diminished during the night, but increased again this morning.

**CORONERS' JURIES**

By the Associated Press.

London, June 6.—Coroners' juries are now sitting with less than twelve jurors for the first time for a thousand years, according to the statement made by the Westminster coroner last week.

**GUNFIRE INCREASED PETROGRAD ASSERTS**

By the Associated Press.

Petrograd, July 6.—The heavy gunfire on both the Russian and German fronts in the region of Zlochoff on the eastern Galician front was increased yesterday, says today's official statement.

## PREPARING FOR TROOPS ON JOB AT GLOBE, ARIZONA

By the Associated Press.

Washington, July 6.—Secretary Baker and Provost Marshal General Crowder today were completing the final details for selecting registrants for the new national army.

Complete registration of every district and precinct will be studied. No date has been announced for drawing.

The drawing will be in Washington and indications point to the use of numbers instead of making selections. As there will be exemptions among the drafted before the first increment of 600,000 men can be called, necessarily, a larger number will be drawn.

It is probable that as many as a million or two million names will be drawn.

Other men will be drawn from the remainder until it is decided to raise another increment.

**FINAL PASSAGE OF PROHIBITION BY NIGHT**

By the Associated Press.

Washington, July 6.—Final disposition by tonight of the prohibition issue was probable when the food control bill was taken up in the senate today.

The bill was taken up in the senate under an agreement to begin consideration of the prohibition section at 2 o'clock under limited debate.

**NEWSPAPER DISTRIBUTES 60,000 POTATO PLANTS**

Greensboro, July 6.—Again the Daily News has to extend its offer to supply potato plants to those unable to procure them elsewhere. This fine weather for setting out, no doubt caused the rush, every plant being taken mid-afternoon yesterday.

A new supply will be on hand today the quantity being limited to 5,000. Those who apply first will get them at cost price of 20 cents per 100. The News thoroughly appreciates the privilege it has had of serving its friends, and in being instrumental through them in making 60,000 sweet potato plants grow where none would have grown otherwise.

In closing its potato distribution service, it does so with the hope that all who have been induced to plant more, will have bountiful yields and good eating next fall and winter, with plenty to spare for others not so lucky or provident. Catawba has won national reputation for sweet potatoes. Let Guilford, after this year, learn of her neighbor county, the value of specializing on any one produce, and making it go commercially.

**FLORIDA GUARDSMEN ON JOB AT TRIAL**

By the Associated Press.

Bradentown, Fla., July 6.—Will Miles, negro, charged with the murder of a mother and baby in a fatal criminal assault April 1, was brought here at 5 o'clock this morning on a special train with 100 soldiers, picked from three national guard companies as guards.

The arrival of the train was kept secret and there was no demonstration. Judge Reese appointed the entire Bradentown bar as counsel for the negro who had no attorney, and consultation was begun by nine lawyers. Guards were placed about the court house.

**ITALIANS SURPRISE AUSTRIANS ON CARSO**

By the Associated Press.

Rome, July 6.—The Italians made a surprise attack northwest of Sella on the Carso on Wednesday night and advanced their lines, the war office announces. Prisoners were taken. The Italians held their gains in spite of Austrian counter attacks.

**DO NOT BELIEVE U-BOAT IS ABROAD**

By the Associated Press.

Fortress Monroe, Va. July 6.—Naval patrol boats today continue their search for an enemy submarine which is reported to have been sighted submerged in these waters late yesterday, but no trace has been found. Naval observers did not believe it possible for a submarine to submerge in these waters, because of insufficient depth, and in this connection they pointed out that the German submarine merchant ship Fatherland was compelled to submerge outside these waters.

## TROOPS ON JOB AT GLOBE, ARIZONA

By the Associated Press.

Globe, Ariz., July 6.—The presence here today of four troops of United States cavalry and a machine gun company was expected to have a quieting effect on the Globe-Miamia copper district which has been the scene of a strike of miners.

The soldiers were given an enthusiastic reception by citizens on their arrival last night and there was no evidence of hostility on the part of the strikers, who dispersed at the command of the officer.

## PROBABLY TELL OF GERMAN PLOTS

By the Associated Press.

Washington, July 6.—Enough importance was attached to the mission of Henry P. Fletcher, ambassador to Mexico City, who hurriedly left Mexico, for Secretary Lansing to charter a special train to meet him on his trip to Henderson Harbor, New York, for a three weeks' vacation.

By some officials it was believed the ambassador wished to explain personally to the secretary the extent of German plottings in Mexico. Reports that Mexico would enter the war as an ally of the entente powers were not given much credence here.

**RUSSIA WILL FULFILL MISSION OF REPUBLIC**

Petrograd, July 6.—The Russian people will fulfill their task of establishing a republic in the opinion of Charles Edward Russell, a member of the American mission to Russia. Mr. Russell issued the following statement on the observations he has made here since his arrival some weeks ago:

"I venture to appeal to my fellow democrats in the United States and Great Britain for a more sympathetic attitude toward the struggling democracy of Russia. I appeal to editors not to print wild-eyed stories of impending ruin and chaos and to newspaper readers not to believe such stories if printed."

"There is no anarchy here. There is only a limited amount of disorder. The people of Russia under the most trying conditions in history have given an example of dignity and self-restraint."

"It is well to face the facts frankly, but it is also well to look beyond surface conditions to the true basis of Russian development. Every phase of the present situation is a logical and normal outcome of natural causes. The substance is sound and hopeful, if only other democracies give help wholeheartedly instead of standing by to prophesy destruction."

"These people know their job and will do it. I suggest it is about time to do away with all criticism, and give them a chance."

## MARKETS

**COTTON FUTURES**

By the Associated Press.

New York, July 6.—There was a renewal of scattering liquidation at the opening of the cotton market today the first prices showed a decline of several points. The market turned firm on reports that the rains in the southwest had not been sufficient. The close was steady.

	Open	Close
July	24.90	26.45
October	24.45	25.95
December	24.61	26.15
January	24.73	26.25
March	24.83	26.32

**HICKORY MARKETS**

Cotton	25	1-2
Wheat	—	\$2.00

**CHICAGO WHEAT**

By the Associated Press.

Chicago, July 6.—Wheat advanced today with corn. After opening one to 1-2 cents higher with September at 2.02, further gains were made.

## THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Probably thundershowers tonight and Saturday; gentle to moderate east and southeast winds.

## NEGROES REFUSE TO RETURN TO ST. LOUIS

By the Associated Press.

East St. Louis, July 6.—Efforts of large corporations here to induce negro workers who fled from the city Monday have not been successful. Agents went to a large municipal house in St. Louis, where 400 men are sheltered, and said he had work for 20 men. Only five men returned to work.

**OFFER TO AID NEGROES**

By the Associated Press.

St. Louis, July 6.—An offer by three Mississippi business men and plantation to charter a steamboat or special train to take 500 or 600 negro families back to Mississippi has been made to the St. Louis Red Cross which is helping in the work of providing for the refugees of East St. Louis.

**IRISH CONVENTION TO MEET JULY 25**

By the Associated Press.

London, July 6.—Premier Lloyd George announced in the house of commons this afternoon that the Irish convention would meet July 25 to deal with the preliminary plans for the meeting. Henry W. Dunn, has been suggested as temporary chairman.

**GEN. WOOD IN CHARLOTTE**

Charlotte, July 6.—Gen. Leonard Wood arrived in Charlotte at 11 o'clock yesterday morning to inspect sites offered by this city for cantonments. He came from Athens, Ga. Thousands of people met him at the station, cheering him continuously as he passed to a waiting auto in which he was to visit the various sites offered. Prominent citizens, in autos, accompanied him to the sites. At 1 o'clock he was tendered a luncheon at the Manufacturers' Club. At 2 o'clock he was the speaker in the big yard of the First Presbyterian church and at 8 o'clock he was given a banquet at a special train for Charleston. S. C. General Wood expressed himself as being surprised at the absence of red clay in the soil. His first statement on meeting the reception committee was "Well, gentlemen, I am ready to examine the land you have to offer." General Wood will insist on moral conditions about the cantonment being the best. He told members of all committees that there would be an absolute ban on liquor, and immoral influences would not be tolerated.

**SOLDIERS ARE CALLED FOR STRIKE SERVICE**

By the Associated Press.

Bloomington, Ill., July 6.—Nine companies of Illinois national guardsmen were ordered here early today to restore order following a night of rioting caused by a strike of the employees of the Bloomington and Normal Light Company. The strike had been accompanied in an orderly manner until last night when the strikers attacked street cars.

One man in the crowd of rioters was shot and several carried to a hospital injured.

**RUSSIAN AND TURKS REPORTED IN BATTLE**

By the Associated Press.

Petrograd, July 6.—Russian troops and newly reinforced Turkish detachments are engaged in battle on the Persian Mesopotamian frontier, says the official report issued today.

**HOLD REUNION IN DURHAM IN AUGUST**

By the Associated Press.

Durham, N. C., July 6.—Members of the North Carolina division, United Confederate veterans, will hold their annual reunion in Durham August 25 to 31 inclusive, it was announced today by the Durham Chamber of Commerce. There had been some suggestion that the reunion be abandoned this year.

The reunion will be held in Durham in honor of Gen. Julian S. Carr, it was said.

Gen. James S. Metz of Wilmington and Adjutant General H. A. London of Pittsboro will make arrangements for the reunion.

## RIVAL CHINESE ARMIES FIGHTING NEAR PEKING

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## ONE BRANCH OF ARMY IS FILLED

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**REFORMED CHURCH NOTES**

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**NAVY INVESTIGATES SUBMARINE STORY**

By the Associated Press.

Washington, July 6.—The reported sighting of a periscope of a submarine at Hampton Roads caused the navy department today to send instructions to the commandant to make an investigation. According to the report sent to the department today, officers on one of the warships sighted what he believed was a periscope, but the location was not made public.