

GERMANY'S MASKED GUNS ANSWER BRITISH HEAVIES

Are Able To Offset Artillery Fire of Allies—Russian Retreat Continues on Eastern Front—Air Fighting Is Vigorous Between British and Germans.

Whatever military developments may be impending on the Belgian front the great artillery battle there has not developed and tendency of the infantry attack. Today's London official statement is colorless, contrasting strongly with the recent German official report which declares that intensive artillery duels are in progress.

Color is lent to the assumption that operations on a notable scale are in prospect here, however, by the British official announcement from London of intensive air fighting. The destruction of aircraft yesterday was heavy on both sides, 30 German machines being downed and 13 British planes being destroyed.

The French front was devoid last night of anything except raids.

The theory that the Germans have been engaged in an effort to mask guns in sufficient numbers to meet the British rain of fire on the Belgian front seems to be borne out by the Berlin statement. The British have been influenced to the extent of the German fire that there was a let up in the British guns.

The story from the Russian front continues to be one of continued retrogression on the part of the Russian army. The Austro-German army has reached the Bukovina border and is marching on.

OUR ENTRY IN WAR MAJOR EVENT

Paris, July 28.—France begins the fourth year of the war in calm confidence and determination, expressed today by Premier Alexander Ribot in these words:

"Under the people with whom we are at war finally awoken and free themselves from the detestable regime that oppresses them, nothing will stop the allies in their effort that will bring back peace to the world by the triumph of their arms."

At the request of the Associated Press, the premier wrote:

"The entry of the United States into the conflict that is pending in the world was the capital event of the third year of the war. It was welcomed with enthusiasm by the allied peoples. They know what may be the effort of the American soldiers who have come to fight by their side."

"The event resounded mightily throughout the entire world. Certain Latin-American states where France received touching marks of sympathy on the day of her national fête already have shown, by breaking off relations with Germany, that they had a clear vision of the Germanic peril."

Greece, wrenched from the intrigues of a foreign faction, is preparing to send fresh contingents to fight with us on the Macedonian front. The cause of national liberty in all countries is finding more ardent advocates who are heard with increasing attention.

"The enemy, disappointed in his insensate hope of stopping ocean navigation, disillusioned in his effort to sap the courage of the allies by false offers of peace, can do no more than to seek to envelop the origins of his criminal enterprise in a veil of untruth."

"Many people with whom we are at war finally awoken and free themselves from the detestable regime that oppresses them. Until then nothing will stop the allies in their effort that will bring peace to the world by triumph of their arms."

SUBMARINE KILLED MEN IN THEIR BOATS

London, July 30.—Eight men were killed and several wounded by the shelling by a German submarine of the life boats of the Elder Dempster steamer Adah, which was torpedoed on June 15, according to an official version of the affair. One boat was sunk by shrapnel fire from the submarine and the survivors were sprayed with shrapnel while they were in the water waiting for the other boats to pick them up.

The official version says that the submarine commander went alongside one of the Adah's life boats and made use of her to send some of the crew of the submarine on board the Adah just before the steamer was sunk. When the submarine's crew had been returned to their craft, the officers in command of the life boat were ordered to move away from the submarine.

"By this time," the official statement reads, "the boat commanded by the captain of the Adah which already was badly smashed by one of the shells from the submarine, was about three or four hundred yards away from the German craft."

"The submarine again opened fire on the captain's boat with shrapnel, killing eight men and taking the boat's stern off. Even after the boat had been sunk and the men were swimming in the water, the submarine shelled them with shrapnel. When the German thought he had finished everybody who was in the captain's boat, he then opened fire on the chief officer's boat, bringing eight shrapnel. Fortunately nobody was killed, but only holding the boat, breaking the oars and wounding several men slightly."

"After this the submarine commander waved to the chief officer to go over to the position where the captain and several other people were swimming about to pick them up, and the submarine then went away on the surface."

"The captain and the remainder of the men were then picked up and taken aboard the chief officer's boat, and were eventually picked up by a French patrol steamer."

"This," the statement adds, "is a fine and gallant record for seamen of the nation that claims to be fighting for 'The Freedom of the Seas.'"

LEAF TOBACCO ON HAND

Washington, July 30.—Leaf tobacco, held by manufacturers and dealers in the United States on July 1, amounted to 1,266,778,903 pounds, the census bureau announced today in its quarterly statement.

That compares with 1,496,316,573 pounds on July 1.

ARE TEACHING FRENCH KULTUR IN FRANCE

Stockholm, July 30.—The special correspondent of a Stockholm paper writes from the German front in France of the treatment meted out to "disrespectful Frenchmen who did not know the correct Prussian method of greeting their superiors."

They were brought into a large room and compelled for two hours at a stretch to pass and repass a German officer's staid uniform (saluting each time they passed it and saying, respectfully: "Bon jour, monsieur, please.")

A sentinel with fixed bayonet stood near to see that the salutations were properly made.

BRITISH CRUISER TORPEDOED, SUNK

London, July 30.—The British cruiser Ariadna, one of the 11,000 tons, has been torpedoed and sunk, according to an official statement issued today.

The Ariadna was an old British cruiser, having been built in 1898. She was 469 feet long, 9 feet beam and a draft of 29 feet. The Ariadna carried 16 six-inch guns, 12 12-pounders, and a number of smaller guns. She also was equipped with torpedo tubes.

U. S. ARMY BALLOON IS FORCED TO LAND

Terre Haut, July 30.—A United States army balloon, carrying eight officers and men from St. Louis, landed on a farm five miles south of this city early today. Reports from the farm stated that the men in the balloon started they were compelled to land because of rents in the bag. The bag was set afire and destroyed after landing. The remainder of the equipment was placed in a farm wagon and started for this city.

CALL REGISTRANTS NEWTON SATURDAY

The first third of the registrants in Catawba county will be called to Newton Saturday for examination before the local exemption board and the remainder will be examined Monday and Tuesday if possible. Notices to those drawn in the draft are being mailed out of the office of Mr. Eibert Lyerly, chairman, and the 208 whose names were first drawn will be requested to appear.

It is not known how many Catawba youths have joined military organizations since the draft was made, but the number is considerable.

About 68 will be examined each of the three days, it is hoped, but the time required may be longer.

TWO ARE PARDONED BY GOVERNOR BICKETT

The close was steady (Raleigh, July 30.—Charlie Brown in jail at Wentworth. Rockingham county, in default of paying a fine and costs after having been arrested on the charge of stealing a ride on a freight train, has been pardoned by Governor Bickett on condition that he go to Virginia and join his military company.

Carl Furr of Albemarle, serving a seven year sentence for manslaughter, also was paroled by the governor for one year, on condition that he will deliver himself to the officers at the expiration of that time. Carl Furr and his two brothers were convicted of killing a deputy sheriff.

Carl Furr is suffering from tuberculosis and the parole amounts virtually to a pardon so that he can spend his last days at home.

Miss Minnie Berry has returned from Asheville, where she spent her vacation with her sister, Mrs. D. G. Rowe.

GUARDSMEN HELD FOR SHOOTING MAN

Lynchburg, Va., July 28.—Raymond Jenkins and Ira King, national guardsmen on furlough from the Parkersburg, who were hunted two days by 20 detectives, were shot and killed by William Elliott, a railroad engineer, at Crew Wednesday night, were captured today.

Jenkins admitted he shot Elliott, but claims he shot in self defense. Elliott's condition is serious in a Richmond hospital.

DESERTERS ARE BEING SHOT IN RUSSIA

London, July 30.—The correspondent of the Times Russian southwest headquarters after describing the desertions from the Russian army says that General Korniloff's measures against the deserters includes shooting by wholesale.

SAYS AMERICANS COULD WIN IN EAST

San Francisco, July 30.—"The presence of American troops on the eastern front would be fatal to Germany," said General Yassukovich, chief of a Russian military mission that has arrived in the United States.

"If America will send 100,000 men to Russia she will furnish an army that will be the nucleus of a Russian army of 1,000,000 men that may be a fatal to Germany in the east."

"Germany will not be able to face such a combination in the eastern theatre while France, Great Britain and America hold the western front," he said.

"There is no doubt that Russian armies of 1,000,000 men each, organized, stiffened and encouraged by the presence of our troops can be built up on each 100,000 of Americans sent."

General Yassukovich is accompanied by a staff of four officers and secretaries. They are on their way to Washington.

WILSON OPPOSES CHANGING BILL

Washington, July 30.—President Wilson's counsel was sought by President Wilson on the administration food control bill on the disagreement with the senate amendments providing for a congressional committee on war expenditures and three members of the food control.

After a conference arranged at the white house between President Wilson and Senator Chamberlain and Representative Lever of the conferees, the committee planned to meet again in an effort to smooth out the only remaining points of difference between the two houses.

President Wilson today declared again his opposition to the food control bill, now in conference, providing for a congressional committee to supervise war expenditures and a food control board of three members.

The president's position was made clear today to Senator Chamberlain, one of the conferees. The president considered the committee on expenditure of money a reflection on himself.

Miss Marguerite Erlson left this morning for her home in Baltimore, after being the guest for the past week of Miss Greta Wezen and Mrs. A. Bourbonnais.

DR. IVEY PREACHES METHODIST CHURCH

Defining hope as desire and expectation, Dr. W. N. Ivey, editor of the Southern Christian Advocate at Nashville, Tenn., Sunday morning occupied the pulpit at the Methodist church and delivered a sermon that was remarkable for its clearness and its power of appeal. The gifted editor, who is a native of this section, and whose friends are legion in the state, was heard by a large congregation.

Dr. Ivey spoke forcefully despite the heat waves that swept through the church and had the undivided attention of the congregation. He showed that worldly hope is not satisfying, whereas Christian hope is an inspiration that carries one through the journey or warfare of life to the heavenly reward. He spoke of the sick child, with the mother bending over it. There were love and desire there, but these could not make the child well. The only hope is in Christ—the desire to be like Him and the expectation of the desire.

Dr. Ivey spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. Geo. F. Ivey, and today is at Connelly Springs, where he is spending his vacation.

WOMEN ARE URGED TO SAVE VEGETABLES

Washington, July 30.—Reports from 24 states showing enormous surpluses of perishable fruits and vegetables threatened with loss prompted the issuance of a statement by Secretary Houston urging the women of the country to respond immediately to the president's appeal to save these products.

The states particularly include North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

TRANSPORT SHIP RAMMED BY STEAMER

An American Port, July 30.—An American transport awaiting sailing orders was rammed by an inbound steamer headed to the beach in a sinking condition.

REVENUE PUZZLE BOTHERING LEADERS

Washington, July 30.—Methods of increasing revenues from the war tax bill to at least \$1,943,000,000 from its present total of \$1,670,000,000 were considered today by the senate finance committee. Chairman Simmons hoped to report the revised bill to the senate Thursday or Friday so that debate may begin promptly.

Tentative plans call for the raising of the additional amount from incomes, excess profits and possibly tobacco.

WILL BUILD SHIPS AT MOREHEAD CITY

Raleigh, July 30.—The North Carolina Shipbuilding Company of Morehead City, capitalized at \$200,000, of which \$25,000 already has been paid in, was chartered today by the secretary of state. The concern proposes to manufacture ships.

The Federal Pyrites Company of Gastonia, capitalized at \$250,000, also was chartered. This concern proposes to mine and develop gold.

PRESIDENT FAVORS M'CUMBER IDEA

Washington, July 30.—Acting Secretary of State Polk today wrote Chairman Chamberlain that the senate favors Senator M'Cumber's resolution to have treaties between this country and its allies for enrolling aliens in the army.

Both resolutions are on the senate calendar for this week. Mr. Polk wrote Senator Chamberlain that the president believed Senator M'Cumber's resolution is the more appropriate in the circumstances, as in his opinion the matter is properly a subject of negotiations with the allied countries.

MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES

By the Associated Press.

Chicago, July 30.—The continued favorable character of the weather and crop news caused renewed selling in the cotton market at the opening today, first prices being nine points higher on September, by generally 11 to 22 points lower. October sold off at 22.65 and January 23.35 on the call, but an this level there was some covering and probably some buying for a reaction.

	Open	Close
October	23.73	24.00
December	23.53	21.81
January	23.37	23.71
March	23.46	23.89
May	23.56	24.09

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	23 1/2
Wheat	\$2.50

CHICAGO WHEAT

By the Associated Press.

Chicago, July 30.—Heavy rains over the Dakotas and Minnesota bringing relief to the crops that had been in peril from the excessive drought gave the bears the advantage on the wheat pit today. After opening one cent higher at 2.30 for September the market sagged to 2.28.

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Fair tonight warmer in western portion. Tuesday fair; gentle to moderate southwest winds.

WACO AND DANVILLE PULL OFF MILD RACE RIOTS

Texas City Thrown Into Excitement by Negro Infantrymen and Virginia Town Stirred by Threats—Little Damage Done and Both Places Quiet Again.

TEUTONS PURSUE RETREATING RUSSIANS

Berlin, via London, July 30.—German troops are advancing through the Strujaw valley in the Austrian province of Bukovina, toward the town of Sclctyn, it was announced officially today by the German general staff. The Germans also have pushed forward to the east of the upper Moldova valley. The statement says the Germans are holding the river here which has been crossed by the Teutons.

SCOTT DENIES THREATS TO CALL SHIPBUILDERS STRIKE

Philadelphia, July 28.—Charles F. Scott, deputy organizer of the International Brotherhood of Boiler-makers, Shipbuilders and Helpers of America, emphatically denied that he had made the statement attributed to him in which he was quoted as saying that if the government failed to exempt a single man from war duty he would call a strike of the 4,300 mechanics employed on all the ways along the Delaware river.

"The statement," said Mr. Scott, "is absurd on its face. The officials of the shipyards with whom I have been dealing the last 18 months know and would readily testify that my attitude has always been foreign to any policy which would tend to hamper the work of the government or in any way jeopardize our success in the present world war. Even though I favored such a step personally, I would not have the authority."

FINDS BALL AFTER 16 YEARS

Next Christmas eve, 17 years ago near where Prof. R. L. Fritz lives, Clement Bumgarner accidentally shot W. L. Herman with a rifle. Having his hand in his pants pocket, the ball cut through the end of his middle finger, entered the thigh, ranged around the bone, and lodged in the back part of the thigh.

The ball gave him no trouble, and the wound soon healed. He knew about where the ball was until at least two years ago. Since then, he has had something like rheumatism in his leg. And it seemed from time to time to move lower down. Last Thursday evening while bathing, he located that ball just under the skin on the front part of his leg about half way between the knee and ankle. How it could get that distance without cutting pains, he can't see.

SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY AT REFORMED CHURCH

The special music and sermon at the Reformed church Sunday morning was especially good. Signor S. D'Anna, Mrs. J. H. Shuford and Mr. Lewis Warlick sang a beautiful trio. The offertory by Mrs. H. S. D'Anna was unusually pretty. Dr. Murphy preached at both services and today is on a vacation, though he will not be idle. He will attend the Nazareth Orphan Home exercises Thursday, expects to go to Gastonia tonight, will spend some time in Davidson county and will look after business of the church for several weeks.

The Reformed pulpit will be filled next Sunday by Rev. Mr. Thompson of Pennsylvania, but the pulpit will be vacant from then until the last Sunday in August. Mr. Thompson will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Shuford, Jr.

UNABLE TO PASS

Raleigh, July 30.—First Lieut. James M. Mobley of Co. G, third infantry, at Reidsville, has been promoted captain of the company to succeed Captain Wallace B. Miner, who failed to pass the physical examination, according to announcement at the adjutant general's office today.

Striking Switchmen Are Back at Work in Chicago After Two Days Lay Off

Chicago, July 30.—The strike of switchmen belonging to the brotherhood of railroad trainmen involving more than 2,500 men in the Chicago switching district which began Saturday was called off shortly before 6 o'clock this morning after an all night conference between representatives of the switchmen and the 19 railroads involved. They will return to work immediately.

The agreement provides that the switchmen shall return to work without prejudice or loss of seniority.

By the Associated Press. Waco, Tex., July 30.—All of the negro soldiers of the 24th United States infantry who took part in last night's clashes with local police have been accounted for.

Six were arrested not long after the disturbances took place. Fourteen others who escaped to the environs of the city returned to camp today and were placed under arrest.

There has been no repetition of shooting, and the police, cooperating with army authorities, believe that the matter is over except for the trials.

By the Associated Press. Richmond, July 30.—A negro's remark about what his race would do to the white people after the soldiers leave Danville caused a riot called in that city and clash that almost proved serious last night. Three members of Co. M who heard the remark, chased the negro and captured him.

Mayor Harry Wooding hastened to the scene and took charge of the situation. Meanwhile Howard Grasty, who had made the remark, had been seized by troopers and was being carried to the river. Non-commissioned officers pleaded with the men for the release of Grasty and three other negroes. Grasty was fined \$50.

Mrs. R. W. Cline died at her home in Newton this afternoon following a brief illness. She was the wife of Mr. R. W. Cline, owner of the jitney line between Hickory and Newton.

PROHIBITION AGAIN IS BEFORE SENATE

Washington, July 30.—National prohibition came before the senate today for debate under agreement to vote Wednesday. Wide discussion was expected and dry leaders predicted a victory by one or two votes more than a two-thirds majority.

The resolution adopted would go to the house, which killed a similar proposal in 1914.

DR. THOMPSON IN HICKORY

Dr. C. J. Thompson of Raleigh, circulation manager of the Biblical Recorder, has been in and around this city since Friday evening, looking after and for subscribers to the Biblical Recorder, the Baptist paper in the state. (As announced in the Record Saturday, Dr. Thompson preached for Rev. W. R. Bradshaw at the Fir Baptist church Sunday at 11 o'clock, to a good and appreciative audience.)

His texts were: "I Come, give Attention to Reading," 1 Tim. 4:13. "Study to show thyself approved unto God; a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth," 2 Tim. 2:15. His subject was: "Reading sound literature."

He said in "these last days" the tendency is to forsake sound doctrine and to follow blindly false teachers, and thereby believe and practice error rather than truth. He said the world was full of all kinds of books and papers, gotten up by men, and for said men only, and thereby to lead people from God's teaching and doctrine. The Recorder, he said, is to keep Baptists armed and advised against such doctrine, and no Baptist family should be without the Recorder in their home. It is a duty they owe themselves. It was a children and the world. It was a strong appeal, and the hearers enjoyed it, and a result.

He preached for the West Hickory Baptist church at night. Our people are glad he came and hope he will return.

Dr. Russell Sherrill of Raleigh will arrive in the city this afternoon from Tate Springs to spend a week with Mrs. Sherrill and family, who are guests of Mrs. A. A. Shuford, senior.