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## FRENCH STRIKE LINE ON VERDUN FRONT

### Paris Reports Attack Progressing Satisfactorily on Both Sides of River—Many Prisoners Captured—British Repulse German Counter Attacks on Flanders Front.

By the Associated Press.  
The French took the offensive this morning on the Verdun front, striking about a sector of 11 miles on both sides of the Meuse. Early official reports from Paris, while giving few details of the battle, say the operation is developing favorably to the French and that German prisoners are being brought in.

The reports do not show whether the French have inaugurated a counter offensive, although indications are that the operation is an equally important one. There has been sharp fighting on the Verdun front, which has been the scene of some of the most sanguinary battles of the war. It was on this front that the crown prince struck blows at the French which netted him practically nothing and lost for him over 100,000 men.

Last week the Germans made a sharp attack there, possibly having learned of the French preparations and hoping to break them up. For several days the French have counter-attacked with a heavy artillery fire on these positions.

In the north the Germans made a counter attack on the positions taken yesterday by the British at Eperlecques. London reports that this was repulsed.

The British line on the Ypres front has been advanced slightly.

Heavy fighting is in progress on the Italian front. The Austrian war office announced yesterday that a general offensive had been inaugurated by the Italians on a 37-mile front from Tolmino to the Adriatic. Reports from Rome yesterday did not mention the offensive, but today's press accounts declare the Austrians are seriously threatened.

Another great aerial raid over Belgium was made by the British on Saturday night. Many tons of bombs were dropped on German positions. The British planes returned safely after engaging German airships.

There has been a considerable stiffening in the front in Rumania and also in Russia in the region of Vilna. South of Grobzehtz, southern Moldavia, the Russians have made a stand against attacks of the Teutonic allies and repulsed them and in the Slavic sector also have beaten off attempts by the invaders to take farther ground. In the Lake Narco district of the Vlna front the Germans endeavor to win Russian trenches but the attack broke down under Russian barrage fire.

The present week will witness the meeting in Berlin of the main committee of the German re-energizing. It is considered probable that at this session of the committee the pope's peace proposal will be discussed and that there will be a frank debate on political, military and economic questions.

News reports indicate a re-energizing of the period of unrest among the German workers. Several hundred men in the Krupp plant at Essen have struck because of the arrest of one of their leaders while the workers in the Essen Drusseldorf and other businesses are threatening a walkout on account of a shortage of rations.

## RHODISS YOUTH IN PATH OF U-BOATS

Walter C. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Taylor of Rhodiss, has written a daily story of the life aboard a transport bound from the United States to a port in France and, although the stories are in the form of letters to his sister, they make good reading. The young man is a graduate of A. and M. College, and is with the 11th engineers, railway division, with the American expeditionary forces in France.

The first parts of Sergeant Major Taylor's articles—for he is all of that—relate mostly to the doing aboard ship, such as boxing, entertainments, and music by the band and speaking. The rations aboard ship were mighty good, according to his letters, and he does not fail to remark occasionally that his appetite, which had been from the day he boarded ship, has not been affected by rumors of submarines.

Sergeant Major Taylor has been in France almost a month. The name of the ship on which he sailed is withheld by the Record for obvious reasons. His promotion came on the sea, and he was kept busy for part of a day making the change in uniform. Naturally, he felt good and his letter, which was intended only for the eyes of loved ones, breathed a spirit of hope that he would continue to advance in the cause of his country.

The Record is reproducing extracts from the sergeant major's letters of July 23 and 24. They follow:

"I did not have a chance last night, that is Monday, to write this little daily story, but guess that one day can be caught up when we are yet at sea, and have a chance to do a little extra work. I am getting along very nicely on the new job. Keeps me pretty busy and there are a lot of things that come up, but we are safe and in the danger zone so to speak, but it looks no different from the other part of the ocean, and I do not feel any great difference. It has been pretty warm and a lot of the men have been sleeping on the deck for the past two nights. They have a perfectly good bed with springs and sheets so I feel I can afford to take advantage of same until I have to get back to the blankets.

"We passed an old craft that made a lot of the fellows heave a sigh of relief and she was bound for we know not where. Nothing further happened to mar the events of the day except we saw a fish that caused the hair of some of the boys to stand on their heads as some thought it was a 'torpedo.'

"Well, this is Tuesday and I feel like a million dollars. This morning about breakfast time, eight o'clock, we could see a little speck off in the distance and then another and well, every one feels better as we have two perfectly good torpedo boat destroyers looking after us. They came well within hailing distance and the cheer that went up was some one, and the happy faces the men are wearing is a pleasure to all. There is certainly one happy regiment on this old tub tonight. A lot of funny things come up at sea; get that, several hundred men are on board and its mate moved in sight and well, there was some fun. One of the boys discovered it and yelled as he saw the old boy blow and spout up the water and he grabbed his life pickler and beat it for the life boat after he recovered his mind. This is next to the last night on board and we are eager to get ashore and I can tell you I am just as happy as the cats are good here and a good place to sleep and if you feel me well, I like it very much. Good night."

Rev. R. G. Mace, a former resident of Hickory was in the city today.

## NORWEGIAN STEAMER IS BADLY DAMAGED

By the Associated Press.  
New York, Aug. 20.—The Norwegian steamer Christian Bors was damaged to the extent of \$1,000,000 by a torpedo today while lying at her berth in Brooklyn. The steamer arrived recently from Buenos Aires, and had about completed the unloading of a cargo of hides. Firemen had the fire under control in two hours. The origin is unknown. The British steamer Byron Jeddah, a vessel discharging a cargo of sugar and glucose, was also badly damaged.

## NEW YORK GRAFTERS WILL GO TO ATLANTA

By the Associated Press.  
New York, Aug. 20.—Dr. J. S. Burnfield and Lewis I. Cherry, indicted members of the exemption board No. 99, today entered pleas of guilty on charges of fraud in connection with obstructing the draft.

They were sentenced to two years each in the federal penitentiary in Atlanta.

Kalman Gruber, not a member of the board, but indicted with them on the same charge, decided to stand trial.

## WILL ASK FOR VOTE WAR REVENUE BILL

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Aug. 20.—The third week of debate on the senate war tax bill opened today with the prospect that the bill's passage would be delayed until next week.

Before the senate discussion began today the finance committee met and decided not to resort to cloture to expedite the bill. During the next few days, however, Chairman Simmons plans to ask permission to set a date to vote on the most important sections.

Senator LaFollett's speech in favor of increasing war profits and incomes was postponed today until tomorrow.

## BIG DEMAND ON MEAT SUPPLY OF U. S.

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Aug. 20.—The problem of supplying the allies with wheat has developed on the United States and daily the burden is growing more onerous according to a statement issued by the food administration today. War time demands have been so great that Europe has been making inroads on its herds with a consequent reduction in its domestic supply.

During the year ending June 30, 1916, America exported 1,339,193,000 pounds of meat as compared with a three year ante bellum average of 493,848,000 pounds. These exports went chiefly to the allies, whose cattle have decreased approximately 36,000,000 head.

## COAL ADMINISTRATOR TO BE NAMED SOON

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Aug. 20.—Plans to appointing a coal administrator were taken up today by President Wilson, with the trade commission. The president is in favor of one man instead of three, as asked by mine owners and mine workers. There was talk of Clairman Lovaux of the Union Pacific system and opinion prevailed that he might not undertake it in addition to his work as head of the war industries board.

## POSED AS A SON OF SECRETARY DANIELS

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Aug. 20.—The mysterious stranger passing himself off as a son of Secretary Daniels has obtained numerous sums of money and today has eluded the efforts of the police and secret service to capture.

The navy department today issued a warning against the impostor. According to information the first impostor was July 9 when the impostor introduced himself at the New York navy yard and was invited to lunch. He said he was robbed of \$47 and borrowed that sum from the paymaster, giving a regular navy receipt, signed by "Herbert J. Daniels."

## KENTUCKY MEMBERS ARE UNDER ARREST

By the Associated Press.  
Russellville, Ky., Aug. 20.—Sheriff James S. Taylor, a member of the county exemption board, and County Judge Edwards were placed under arrest here today by Deputy United States Marshal Richardson on the charge of conspiring to violate provisions of the selective draft law.

## BEING TRANSFERRED TO S. C. ENGINEERS

By the Associated Press.  
Greenville, S. C., Aug. 20.—Four hundred and twenty men, drawn from the South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia infantry, are today being transferred to the South Carolina engineers battalion.

## THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS IN SALONIKA

By the Associated Press.  
London, Aug. 20.—More than half of the walled city of Saloniki in Greek Macedonia which is occupied by the allies was burned by fire which started Saturday. Eighty thousand people who were rendered homeless were being removed to neighboring villages, according to dispatches received here today.

## ALLIES TO HOLD CONFERENCE FIRST

By the Associated Press.  
London, Aug. 20.—Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade and under secretary for foreign affairs, announced in the house of commons today that the entente allies would hold a conference before making answer to the pope's peace proposals.

## BRITISH SEA LOSSES ON MERCHANT SHIPS

By the Associated Press.  
London, Aug. 20.—Since the outbreak of the war 6,727 officers and men of the British merchantile men have been lost, exclusive of those in the pay of the admiralty, it was stated in the house of commons today.

## ITALIANS CROSS THE ISONZO RIVER

By the Associated Press.  
Rome, Aug. 20.—The Italians in their offensive on the Isonzo front began yesterday have crossed the Isonzo river and already have taken 7,500 prisoners, it was officially announced today.

## ENEMIES OF ALLIES TO BE REMEMBERED

By the Associated Press.  
London, Aug. 20.—The principle of the British government is of the opinion, Lord Robert Cecil, told the house of commons that neutral shipping that has been persistently friendly to Germany will be treated in a class with German shipping after the war.

Vessels that lie in port in consequence of the German government's threats will come under this class.

## MILITARY BALL TONIGHT FOR OFFICERS HERE

In honor of the officers of the various military organizations in Hickory, Lenoir and other places and the visiting officers, a military ball will be given tonight over the Chero-Cola plant. Good music will be provided and Hickory people are invited to attend.

## MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES		
Westbound		
New York, Aug. 20.—There was a very sharp decline in the cotton market today. After opening steady at decline of 25 to 29 points the near by declined 224 points from the high level of last week.		
The close was steady.		
October	24.45	23.88
December	24.17	23.73
January	24.15	23.72
March	24.30	23.57
May	24.48	24.12

HICKORY MARKETS		
Cotton	23	1-2
Wheat	—	\$2.00

CHICAGO WHEAT		
By the Associated Press.		
Chicago, Aug. 20.—Trading in wheat today was entirely absent.		

## WEATHER FORECAST

For North Carolina. Probably showers tonight and Tuesday; moderate east to southeast winds.

## ITALY'S ANSWER TO PROPOSAL OF PEACE

By the Associated Press.  
Rome, Sunday, Aug. 16.—Commenting on the new Italian advance, the press says it like the British in Flanders will demonstrate now the people and country have answered the premature peace offer of the pope.

It is said that Austria apparently realizes the gravity of the situation as announcement is made that Emperor Charles is soon to visit the front to urge his soldiers to renewed efforts.

The official Austrian statement yesterday said the Italians had begun an offensive on a 37-mile front from the region of Tolmino to a point near the Adriatic. The struggle was said to be raging with bitterness. The Italian statement did not mention the battle.

## GOVERNMENT READY TO HANDLE STRIKERS

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Aug. 20.—Officials of the department of justice today declined to comment on the labor conditions in Washington, Oregon, Idaho where a strike has been called for today and where yesterday leaders of the Industrial Workers of the World were arrested.

It is intimated, however, that the arrest of the I. W. W. leaders was only one feature of the program of preventing strikes.

## TO BUILD GREAT NUMBER OF BOATS

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Aug. 20.—Immediate expansion of building facilities of the United States to double or treble the output of destroyers during the next 18 months was the object of a conference today between Secretary Daniels and representatives of 24 ship-building companies.

"If we get what we want," Secretary Daniels said, "the United States will have more destroyers than any other power. They are the one thing the submarine fears."

## GERMAN MERCHANT WOUNDED ON LAUNCH

By the Associated Press.  
Salt St. Marie, Aug. 20.—Alfred Benninghaus, a German merchant, was wounded by machine gun bullets early today when his launch was fired on by Michigan militiamen after their command to stop was not obeyed.

## STRIKE IN OREGON HAS NOT DEVELOPED

By the Associated Press.  
Portland, Ore., Aug. 20.—So far as early reports indicated there was no interruption of work in Oregon by the strike of the Industrial Workers of the World.

Federal, state and local officials declared they were able to handle the situation.

## MINERS AGAINST STOCKHOLM MEET

By the Associated Press.  
Exmouth, Eng., Aug. 20.—The national conference of the Miner's Federation of Great Britain decided today by a vote of 376 to 354 that the British labor party should not be represented at the international socialist conference at Stockholm. This was a reversal of the action taken by the miners.

## DRAFT CONSTITUTIONAL, JUDGE SPEER DECLARES

### Case Brought By Tom Watson For Georgia Negro Decided in Favor of Government—Question of Suppressing Magazine to be Taken Up at Once.

By the Associated Press.  
Mount Airy, Ga., Aug. 20.—Federal District Judge Speer held the selective draft law constitutional in a decision handed down here today.

The case was that of Albert Jones, a negro, held in the McDuffie county jail charged with violating the law and presented by Thomas L. Watson. Watson contended that the law was in contravention of the 14th article of the constitution of the United States.

Judge Speer left for Fairfield, S. C., where it is expected he will decide whether the Jeffersonian, a magazine published by Watson, should have access to the mails.

It has been denied use of the mails by the postmaster at Thompson, Ga., because it contained what was alleged to be treasonable language.

## CATAWBA MEN NOT REQUIRED TO SERVE

The following men have been discharged by the county exemption board for various causes.

458 Albert L. Reinhardt, r2	2
1095 John D. Kiser, Newton	7
783 David C. Barger, Hickory	10
1858 Walter A. Reinhardt, Hky, r3	12
1572 Martin Withers, Maiden	15
1748 Lee R. Campbell, Maiden	16
337 H. L. Whitener, Hickory	20
676 Homer P. Fry, Hky r5	21
1913 Walter L. Potts, Catawba	23
596 Ben Isenhour, Hky	29
837 Ernest Chambers, Hky	18
1495 Edgar T. Barker, Clar r1	33
1237 William L. Thornburg New	37
784 William M. Busby, Hky	38
1732 Willis Beal, Maiden	39
107 John Rufus Hallman, Hky	41
1526 Manson L. Jones, Maiden	42
2099 William L. Horket, Monbo	43a
616 Marcus H. Hoover, Hky	43
373 John C. Wilson, Hky r4	44
1891 George R. Early, Catawba	49
486 Charles P. Petros, Hky	51
437 John H. Spencer, Hky r5	60
2181 Ernest O. Hefner, Catawba	64
1763 Albert L. Dettler, Maiden	65
1548 Henry O. Lee, Catawba	66
1765 Cecil G. Thornburg, Conover	79
1985 Robert W. Punch, Newton	81
1282 Richard Fry, Newton	83
1223 Charles H. Deal, Conover	84
452 Grover C. Starnes, Hky r2	95
652 Frank B. Glass, Bkfd	97
513 John McGonery, Bkfd	111
46 James M. Cook, Hky	112
117 John D. Huffman, Hky	129
757 Ivey M. Burns, Hky	139
2124 Logan J. Whitener, Newton	r5
1254 Robert L. Setzer, Claremont	153
843 William Whitener, Bkfd	166
2100 Julius R. Price, Long Is	189
452 Clarence Stafford, Hky r1	179
355 William F. Whitener New, r1	180
1611 Adolphus Lynn, Henry r2	192
1848 John A. Mull, Henry, r3	199
18 Henry H. Beard, Hickory r2	20
1771 Macon R. Hudson, New, r3	116
332 Samuel E. Wright, Hky	143
1857 Horace R. Williams, Maiden	201
982 Ernest Reinhardt, Hky	203
1868 Henry D. Shall, Maiden r3	209
1509 Sidney Campbell, Maiden	210
555 William M. Manley, Hky	212
2128 Gordon Mutz, Lin, r2	223
350 George H. Whitener, Hky	225
1580 Carl Shipp, Maiden	226
2335 Silas W. Sherrell, S. Fd.	237
335 David Whitener, Hky	254
391 Dock Spencer, Hky, r1	284
353 H. A. Whitener, Hky	286
360 Thomas C. Wilfong, Hky r4	271
263 Grover C. Wilkie, Hky	258
327 Clifford E. Warren, Bkfd	304
721 Clem V. Cook, Bkfd	129
542 Everett L. Miller, Hky r2	2147
1579 Albert L. Withers, Maid	200
879 Robert L. McRee, Newton	228
1132 Robert L. McRee, Newton	231
2126 Clement R. Holler, S. Fd.	233
1430 Dorsey L. Proctor, Reids, r1	254
1764 Sidney M. Finger, Maiden	263
471 Joseph B. Landis, Bkfd	275
488 Hillary J. Propes, Newton r4	277
704 James A. Davis, Bkfd	286
72 Jesse D. Franklin, Hky, r4	28
186 Carson A. Hicks, Maiden	282
2082 John F. Eades, Monbo	287
2116 Robert Fry, Newton r5	288
128 Lawrence O. Hall, Hky, r3	289
679 Edwin E. Fisher, Bkfd	291
2167 Dallas E. Fox, Catawba	303
2132 Neil D. Aderholdt, Catawba	158
440 Fred L. Sides, Hickory	232
1485 Chas. F. Bumgarner, Lincoln-	235
ton	235
1674 H. H. Isenhower, Conover	234
741 Robert W. Cline, Hky, r3	234
1314 Leslie M. Brady, Con, r3	250
970 Porter A. Clark, Newton	267
2108 Rodney W. Turner, Monbo	257
1722 P. William Abernethy, Mdn.	308
2231 John A. Spencer, Catawba	317
154 Hannibal E. Little, Hky	327
552 Eugene H. Lawrence, Hky	151
140 Roby W. Johnson, Altavista,	87
Yo	87
2148 James Cook, Catawba	51
1355 Marshall L. Setzer, Clare.	316

## ICARD PEOPLE PLAN COMMUNITY FAIR

The Icard Community Fair was organized at Icard Saturday night, but the date of the event has not been decided on. It is expected, however, that it will be held the latter part of September or the first of October. The officers are: President H. Berry; vice-president, R. F. Berry; secretary, D. B. Mull. Mr. E. L. Perkins organized the meeting.

An ice cream supper will be given at Icard Saturday night for the purpose of raising funds and the public is invited.

The following live committees have been appointed to provide for the fair:

On Farm Products—W. L. Eckard, S. Berry, W. A. Hildebran, M. C. Perry, B. J. Temple.

On Live Stock—W. J. Layton, A. S. White, J. W. Beach.

On Cured Meat—W. W. Aiken, M. D. Arney, C. L. Carroll.

On Cooking Best Food of Bread—Mrs. W. L. Eckard, Mrs. S. Berry, Mrs. J. W. Beach.

On Canning—Mrs. H. Berry, Mrs. B. J. Temple, Mrs. Stanley Berry, Mrs. F. P. Bruder, Mrs. M. E. Evans.

On Fancy Work—Mrs. B. E. Shuford, Miss Lola Carrell, Mrs. W. L. Eckard.

On Fancy Work—Miss Lila Eckard, Miss Marion Ogde, Miss Bulah Berry, Miss Ethel Brindle, Miss Geneva Wilson, Miss Lottie Berry.

On Arrangements—C. L. Carrell, B. A. Berry, W. L. Eckard.

## WILSON TO STATE HIS INTERPRETATION

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Aug. 20.—A definite statement of the administration's interpretation of married and those with dependents is expected within the next few days. President Wilson has given this question his personal consideration.

## MARYLAND MALES REQUIRED TO SIGN

By the Associated Press.  
Baltimore, Md., Aug. 20.—The work of enrolling the state's unemployed began today in the several counties of Maryland.

Every man without a definite job must register if he is between 18 and 55 years of age.

The enrollment is mandatory under the compulsory work law. Those failing to register will be prosecuted.

## LOCAL COMPANY WILL LEAVE SEPT. 4

Co. A will leave Tuesday, September 4, between 5 and 6 a. m., for the camp at Greenville, S. C., according to information reaching officers here today. It was first thought the soldiers would entrain tomorrow, but official instructions are expected today saying that the movement will be a week later.

The company first will go to Charlotte, where it will join other units of the first regiment and proceed from there to Camp Sevier.

Hickory people will be at the station to see the boys off and it is predicted that more people will arrive early on that morning than has ever been the case in Hickory before.

## BIG ENGLISH STRIKE HAS NOT MATERIALIZED

By the Associated Press.  
London, Aug. 20.—The strike of the Associated Societies of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, which was to have been called today, involving about 40,000 men, had not begun at noon, although some of the men had quit work at midnight. The executive committee of the union remained in London discussing the situation. The opposition of the entire press is believed to throw a damper on the strike.

