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MONT SAN GABRIELE NOW IN CONTROL OF ITALIANS

General Cadorna's Fighting Army Captures Chain of Heights and Threaten Austrian Forces.

Germans May Make Another "Strategic Retreat"—Air Raids Free State Library

By the Associated Press
London, Sept. 5.—After years of preparation and study of the German's strategy and ability to maneuver continued to bear fruit in the great offensive the last days of the great offensive the Italian forces now waging for victory.

Allied general announcement is that there is little reason to question the successes from various sectors. Mont San Gabriele, the last of the Austrian strongholds in the Trentino district, has been taken by the Italian troops, who are in possession of the whole chain of heights.

This offensive has in fact been at the expense of the Italians since the fall of Monte Grappa, its neighboring stronghold. Now that the whole chain is in Italian hands, the way is open for General Cadorna's troops to sweep the Basinsizza plateau and then down the Chippone valley, strong as well as between the Austrian forces and southern armies and making it possible for the Italians to range their wings separately.

On the Franco-Belgian front the British long distance shells being dropped on the Lys and Buck in Flanders is causing some concern to contemplate another wide strip of territory along the western "strategic retreat."

The fall of the next entente probably appears imminent and as a measure of preparation the Germans are reported to be moving the regular population from a district between 12 or more miles east of the Lyons-Courtrai line, embracing an area of some 200 square miles.

One theory advanced for the reported suspension is that the German command, viewing the effect of the recent raid preparing to flood the low land to the west of the river Scheldt. One supposition is that the Germans, having men necessary to hold the line, are ready to flood the whole country.

Meanwhile the air forces on both sides are active, not only immediately of the opposing lines, but in well held. Germany is pushing day and night attacks on England, while it holds many English people to work as a morning London paper put it, whether Germany arrived home with its air fleet.

Qualifying the raid on Chatam, in which 100 naval men were killed and many injured, a score of German aircraft last night flew over the English coast and over London, causing the death of 11 persons and the injury of 50 others. The material damage is reported to have been small. The raid is reported destroyed.

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SOME WELL KNOWN FACTS

In his address Sunday afternoon Gov. Bryan scored well when he said that the conscience of the multitude was far greater than that of individuals. In crowds will commit crimes that individuals would not commit.

If you have scored still further, if you recall that the conscience of individuals is less sensitive when operating through an agent than when acting alone. For instance men who would not eat your garden, or eat what you think an apple, or lift a rock or a potato, their chickens, etc., etc., to destroy your crop. It may be that the conscience of none is good enough, it should be, if we are to be responsible for another agent.

M. Mrs. Mary E. Dixey of Mount Vernon, S.C., has arrived in the city to help Dr. Spears in his work. Mrs. Dixey, an experienced eye, ear, nose and throat nurse, having been born in this work for several years.

PASSING THE BUCK

Col. Harley B. Ferguson, United States Army, originally from Waynesville and known as the engineer who raised the old battleship Maine in Havana harbor, has been assigned to command a division of engineers to be composed of North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee national guardsmen.

THIS CLASS HAS FOURTEEN IN SERVICE

The Yount Men's Baraca class of the Methodist Sunday school, which is taught by Mr. P. A. Setzer, has contributed 14 members to the country in the present war. The class numbered 60 before the patriotic class began asserting itself and a fifth of them are now serving their country. The Baraca warriors are Messrs. J. B. Ashe, W. J. Burns, Arthur Bradford, Clyde Deitz, Charlie Deal, Earl Edwards, Albert Lutz, Gordon Messick, Joe Reinhardt, Ezra Rink, Donald Shuford, Herman Veach and Thomas Waugh.

PATRIOTIC ADDRESS BY JUDGE PRITCHARD

Judge Jeter C. Pritchard of Asheville, who made a patriotic address here several weeks ago, was the speaker in Raleigh Monday before a great audience in the Raleigh auditorium and he told the soldiers and their friends that he wished it was possible for him to go with them to France to fight the Germans. He said he would like to enter the scrap with Carl Duncan, Judge Walter Clark and others of the old boys who have passed the age limit. "If a German ever sets foot on North Carolina," this most prominent Republican in the state told his audience, he would fight anyway. As reported by Tom Best, the judge said:

"I have but one regret and that is that I am not between 21 and 31," continued the judge. "Nothing would give me more pleasure than going to France with you." Such utterances kept the crowd, burning up in the big auditorium, in fine humor. The speech was in superb taste. It was much the most pro-administration utterance heard since the war broke out. Judge Pritchard was willing to fight Germany for any of five grievances that the nation had and he could find no room in the country for any man who is not wholeheartedly with the allies in the war.

Judge Pritchard's speech followed a splendid spectacle on the streets in which the parade featured all phases of labor. The soldiers and the workers made a fine line of march, the drafted men having special position in the auditorium. Judge Pritchard made his speech with a good stage setting as could be given a midday meeting. The Red Cross nurses who distributed comfort bags, occupied places on the rostrum, and while the drafted men stood the "angels" passed the home-made materials to them.

COUNT AWARDED FOR MORE SIDEWALKS

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FIRST ACCOUNT OF CHATHAM RAID

By the Associated Press
London, Sept. 5.—The Chatham district for the first time experienced an air attack on Monday night when one or more bombs fell in a section of the royal naval barracks killing 100 bluejackets and wounding 86 others. Four bombs fell, but aside from the two which took a heavy toll of lives, the damage in the whole area was insignificant. The majority of the men were asleep at the time. First intimation of the presence of raiders was when they were seen overhead. The first appearance did not attract much attention, because notice had been published in the evening that anti-aircraft guns would practice that night.

Then came the unexpected. Loud explosions were heard and then ceased, but after a few minutes they were heard again. Searchlights sought out the raiders but they failed to locate them. The raiders were over the district about one hour.

ENGLAND IS VISITED BY MORE RAIDERS

By the Associated Press
London, Sept. 5.—Nine persons were killed and 49 injured in last night's aerial raid. One raider is reported to have been brought down off Sheerness, it is announced officially.

Mrs. H. D. Abernethy has returned from Salisbury, where she spent a week visiting Mrs. Jas. P. Moore. She was accompanied home by her daughter, Miss Clarissa, who has been spending a month in Salisbury and Statesville, at the latter place the guest of Mrs. Lee Kincaid.

SUBMARINE FIRES INTO SCARBOROUGH

By the Associated Press
London, Sept. 5.—Scarborough, on the English east coast, was bombed last night by a hostile submarine, it was officially announced. About half the shells from the 39 rounds fired from the undersea boat landed, three persons were killed and several injured.

By the Associated Press
Washington, Sept. 5.—Loans of \$100,000 each to Great Britain and France were made by the government today, bringing the total loan to those countries up to \$2,266,460,000.

Messrs. Robert and Charlie Boyd of Gastonia left today for Asheville after spending some time with their grandmother, Mrs. Alice Harbin. Monday morning they will leave for the University to enter college.

HOUSE WILL PASS GREAT WAR BUDGET

By the Associated Press
Washington, Sept. 5.—House debate on the eleven and half billion dollar war tax and certificate bill continued today with prospects of a final vote being reached tonight.

AUSTRIANS LEFT RICH BOOTY BEHIND

By the Associated Press
Udine, Italy, Sept. 5.—It is impossible to give even an approximate idea of the immense booty which has fallen into the hands of the Italian army in the present offensive.

The materials captured show the precipitation with which the Austrians retreated before the Italian drive.

Four convoys of arms and ammunition have been abandoned in such haste that there was no time to destroy them. At one time thousands of boxes of hand grenades, rifles, rockets and other war supplies were taken.

Thousands of Austrian dead have been found on the field, some bodies lying on top of others.

The bodies are being buried gradually.

ITALIANS MAKE ANOTHER BIG CAPTURE

By the Associated Press
London, Sept. 5.—A dispatch received in London confirms the capture by the Italians of Mont San Gabriele, together with 950 prisoners, including 32 officers. The Italians now possess the entire chain of mountains which dominates Gorizia.

MAY MOVE CATTLE TO SOUTH TO FEED

By the Associated Press
Washington, Sept. 5.—Secretary Houston today opened the conference of the United States live stock industries' committee called to discuss the advisability of removing breeding stock from the west to the east and south where more rough food is procurable. The committee comprising 109 cattle men and stock experts is going over the situation.

LABOR MEN MEET

By the Associated Press
Minneapolis, Sept. 5.—The American alliance for labor and democracy, organized to counteract the activities of pacifists and pro-Germans and to bring the labor forces solidly behind the government in the prosecution of the war, convened here today for a three days' session.

WIRES BURNED OUT IN ELECTRIC STORM

The lighting system went bad again Tuesday night, when an electric storm, accompanying a rather heavy rain, burned in two three wires at the intersection of Eleventh avenue and Fifteenth streets.

Manager Stephens searched diligently for the trouble, but did not find it until nearly 9 o'clock, when Lineman Miller and Whitener straddled the pole and spliced the wires. Residents of the neighborhood observed a fine display of fireworks shortly before the current went dead.

As indicating what the lighting company is up against, it is said that this section has more electric storms than any other place in the United States, and there is seldom a convulsion of nature that a switchboard of transformer does not suffer.

By the Associated Press
New Bern, N. C., Sept. 3.—The case of Lee Perkins and Jesse Bowden, negroes, charged with entering the sleeping apartment of the daughters of a prominent citizen of Dover about three weeks ago and who were taken to Raleigh for safe keeping, was expected to begin here to day.

The negroes were brought from Raleigh Monday.

Mrs. R. F. Young and daughter, Mrs. Paul Harlan Jr., after spending some time with Mrs. J. J. Willard, another daughter, returned today to their home in Corinth, Miss.

MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES

By the Associated Press
New York, Sept. 5.—The cotton market was less active early today and sentiment seemed rather mixed after the sharp break of yesterday afternoon. Prices steadied on covering. October rallied to 21.10 and January to 21.04 before the end of the first hour.

The close was steady.

	Open	Close
October	20.95	21.14
December	20.85	20.98
January	20.72	20.92
March	20.92	21.10
May	21.00	21.21

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton ----- 21 1-2
Wheat ----- \$2.20

WEATHER FORECAST



For North Carolina: Generally fair tonight and Thursday; warmer to-night in central portion; moderate northeast to east winds.

CHILD IS SHOT ON BUSINESS STREET

By the Associated Press
Henderson, Sept. 5.—Jessie Roth, 16 year old daughter of Gustav Roth, a local merchant, shot here late yesterday by Austin Green, a negro, still was alive early today and rallied somewhat, but physicians declare the chances of her recovery were virtually hopeless. Green is in jail in Raleigh for safe keeping.

The child, on the principal business street and in broad daylight, was on her way to the post office when she saw the negro peering at her from behind a telephone post. Becoming frightened she began to run, when Green drew a pistol and fired at her three times, one bullet striking her arm and another entering her back. After the child fell the negro continued firing at random, one bullet hitting and slightly injuring Mary Redford, a white woman.

The authorities believe Green was either crazy or under the influence of a drug.

RUSSIANS CONTINUE RETREAT FROM RIGA

By the Associated Press
Petrograd, Sept. 5.—The Russians continuing their retreat along the coast of the Gulf of Riga towards the northeast, have crossed the Livonian river Aa.

By the Associated Press
Washington, Sept. 5.—The Senate contest over conscription of wealth to pay the expense of the war today took a new turn when high tax members sought to increase the war profits rate.

EXILE GENERAL FOR BETRAYING COUNTRY

By the Associated Press
Petrograd, Sept. 5.—General Gurko, former commander on the southern front charged with treasonable conduct towards the revolution, will be exiled. According to reports he is the first person against whom action has been taken.

PHYSICIAN KILLS HIMSELF

By the Associated Press
Savannah, Sept. 5.—Dr. K. L. Metz committed suicide by taking poison, following his arrest last night at Heinsville on the charge of murder, it became known today. He was charged with causing the death here last week of Mrs. William Baldwin of Panama City, Fla., as the result of an illegal operation. Three other persons are under arrest. Dr. Metz was a prominent physician of Willie, Ga.

Miss Pearl Little has returned to the city after a two weeks' visit to Lincoln and Kings Mountain.

MORE BOMBS HANDED GERMAN IN BELGIUM

By the Associated Press
London, Sept. 5.—Many tons of bombs have been dropped in further raids on German military establishments in Belgium.

NATIONAL ARMY GOES INTO UNIFORM

By the Associated Press
Washington, Sept. 5.—The first of the national army went into uniform today in 14 of the 16 cantonments.

Reports pour a group of recruits, the five per cent quota of the draft army.

The materials captured show the precipitation with which the Austrians retreated before the Italian drive.

Each group on its arrival will be stripped of civilian clothing and supplied with khaki suits, army shoes, leather belts and other accoutrements of a soldier. Active training will start tomorrow. The second quota will go to camp September 19.

Reports to Provost Marshal Crowder indicated that the mobilization was proceeding rapidly.

GOMPERS RAISES VOICE IN BEHALF OF WORLD

Outlines Declarations of Principles of Labor in Support of War Against German Autocracy
-- Rebukes Disloyalty in Any Form Anywhere--A Big Gathering.

By the Associated Press
Minneapolis, Sept. 5.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor and chairman of the American alliance for labor and democracy, which opened its national conference here today, outlined the purpose of the organization as the assembling for the support of the government "all the moral and material power of the working class of the nation."

"It shall be our task," he said, "to interpret America's democratic spirit and purpose in this conflict to our fellow workers, especially those of foreign birth, and to combat every form of propaganda, no matter by whom it may be carried on, which tends to weaken the loyalty and devotion of the masses and their willingness to strive and sacrifice for the nation and its high purpose."

The complete declaration of principles as announced by Mr. Gompers is as follows:

"As believers in the great and splendid vision of democracy and internationalism, the fraternalism and solidarity of all peoples, we assert at this time our unqualified loyalty to the republic of the United States of America and our determination to do all that lies in our power to win the war in which it is engaged."

"Loyalty to the ideals of freedom, democracy and internationalism requires loyalty to America."

"Disloyalty to America in this crisis is disloyalty to the cause of freedom, democracy and internationalism."

"No national selfishness impelled this republic to enter the war. The impelling motive was the consuming idealism born with the establishment of this republic instead of this republic itself to preserve freedom not only for itself but for all nations, great and small, and the body of international law which all the free democratic nations of the world respect and observe and only the brutal aristocracies seek to dishonor and destroy. In such a conflict standard bearers of democracy and true internationalists can have no hesitation in supporting our republic which has made its own the cause and interests of all free peoples. It is therefore in truth not a 'capitalists' war' but a Freemen's war."

"Fully impressed by these facts, realizing that a noble internationalism is implicit in our American conception of national existence, it shall be our purpose to bring to the support of the government all the moral and material power of the working class of the nation. It shall be our task to interpret America's democratic spirit and purpose in this conflict to our fellow workers, especially those of foreign birth, and to combat every form of propaganda, no matter by whom it may be carried on, which tends to weaken the loyalty and devotion of the masses and their willingness to strive and sacrifice for the nation and its high purposes."

"We shall strip the mask from those in the name of democracy anti-militarism, and peace are engaged in the nefarious propaganda on treachery to all that these noble words represent. We indignantly repudiate the claim that this propaganda--which, be it remembered, brings joy and comfort to German autocracy--has the support of the labor movement of America. Not even at the behest of the so-called people's council will the organized workers of America prostitute the labor movement to serve the brutal power responsible for the infamous rape of Belgium--the power that would subject Russia to a worse despotism than that of the Romanoffs."

"Democracy will not be served by the victory of autocracy, by letting the Declaration of Independence be supplanted by the kaiser's fist."

"Militarism will not be checked by surrender to the power which has organized all the resources of civilization to the end of imposing its brutal iron rule of the world."

"Peace will not be secured to the world through the subjection of the free and democratic nations."