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## BRITISH TROOPS WITHIN THREE MILES OF CAMBRAI

### Triumphant Stroke Being Followed up by General Byng's Forces in France—Most Notable Victory on Western Front—Other War News Reported Today.

By the Associated Press. Further progress by General Byng's victorious army towards Cambrai is reported today. British troops pushed farther along the Papennes-Cambrai railroad and captured several towns. Triumphant in their brilliant stroke against the Hindenburg line, British troops are pushing on Cambrai, only three miles away. In two days the British have gained almost as much ground as in the four months fighting on the Somme. It was unlike any other operation on the western front, so successful was General Byng's smash. With artillery preparation and with only tanks to crush the wire entanglements the British troops pressed forward in an irresistible rush. Surprised by the suddenness of the stroke Tuesday, the Germans fought back Wednesday, but the British passed steadily toward the immediate goal. Nearly a score of towns and villages have been taken and more than 8,000 prisoners have been captured. The Germans have been driven from the high ground west, southwest and south of Cambrai this city, formerly German main headquarters in the west, and one of the main links in the German supply system, is at the mercy of the British artillery. While the British attacked on a front 32 miles between St. Quentin and the Scarpe, their main effort was on a front of 15 miles in the region of Cambrai, where they penetrated for a depth of five miles. At Cantaining and Noyelles the British are within three miles of Cambrai and on the south they are at Crevecoeur, four miles away. The Scheldt canal has been gained, as have been towns on the Scheldt-L'Escaut river, whose valley extends northeast through Belgium to Antwerp. In England the victory of General Byng is hailed as the greatest victory on the western front and is looked upon as the forerunner of others on the supposedly impregnable Hindenburg line. The new tactics of the British overwhelmed the Germans and in view of military critics hold out hope especially as to its efficacy without the usual preliminary artillery fire. The Germans had only five airplanes on the front. Eleven British airmen, flying at a height of a few feet, because of the mist, wind and rain, sacrificed themselves during the first stages of the offensive. What effect the British drive will have on the Austro-German invasion of Italy is not yet apparent, but the Italians are holding tenaciously to their positions. French troops have carried out a successful attack on two-thirds of a mile between Craonne and Berry-au-Bac. German defenses were captured and 175 prisoners fell into French hands.

## DRAFT FIGURES FOR CATAWBA COUNTY

The Catawba county exemption board has compiled a summary of the work done by it since it was called into being after the new draft law went into effect. The board is composed of Eubert Lyerly, chairman; Gordon Wilfong, secretary, and Dr. Herman, examining physician. The figures are as follows: Total registration, 2,000. Quota due, 103. Called for examination, 602. Accepted on physical examination, 366. Rejected on physical examination, 236. Certified to district board, 172. Enlisted previous to draft, 11. Failed to appear for physical examination, 7. Ordered to report to camp, 86. Rejected at camp, 14. Claims filed, 265; claims allowed, 205; claims disallowed, 60; discharged by district board, 26; discharged by district board on industrial claims, 4. Total registered married men, 1,436. Total registered single men, 923. Total registered married men not called, 1,067. Total registered single men not called, 690. Total registered married men called and not accepted, 356. Total registered single men called and not accepted, 195. Total registered married men called and accepted, 13. Total registered single men called and accepted, 67. Citizens native registered, 2,356. Citizens alien registered, 3. Citizens African registered, 256. Citizens Greek registered, 2. Citizens Chinese registered, 1. The following shows the line of occupation or work the registered men were engaged in when called: Agriculture, 226; lumbering, 8. animal husbandry, 1; carpenters, 203; chemical industry, 3; brick and stone workers, 8; clothing factory, 8; food industry, 8; iron and steel, 8; agricultural supplies, 1; leather industry, 8; furniture and woodwork, 4; paper and print shop, 11; textile industry, 332; electrical works, 6; telegraph and telephone, 22; trade and merchandise, 33; transportation, 134; public administration, 9; professional service, 80. domestic manual service in general, 15; laborers, 313.

## FOUND NOT GUILTY

By the Associated Press. Indianapolis, Nov. 22.—Dan Shay, former manager of the Kansas City and Milwaukee American Baseball Clubs, was found not guilty by a jury today on the charge of second degree murder. Shay shot and killed a negro waiter in a local hotel on the night of May 3. Shay claimed he shot in self defense.

## HEARING IS CALLED ON EXPRESS RATES

By the Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 22.—The interstate commerce commission announced today it would hold a hearing December 7 on the application of the express companies for an increase of 10 per cent in rates.

## ATTENTION, PYTHIANS

The regular weekly meeting of Catawba chapter, No. 54, Knights of Pythias, will meet tonight at 7:30 for work in the second degree. A full attendance is desired.

## BERLIN ADMITS THAT BATTLE WAS FOUGHT

By the Associated Press. Berlin, via London, Nov. 22.—The battle southwest of Cambrai is continuing, army headquarters announced today. The enemy, the statement declares, did not succeed in breaking through, though he gained a little ground. The German front line, however, the German statement says that on the west bank of the Scheldt the Germans drove back the British to Fontaines, and that on the east bank of the river the British forces were forced back to their former positions south of Lomini.

## BOLSHEVIKI PLAN FOR PEACE AT ONCE

By the Associated Press. Petrograd, Wednesday, Nov. 21.—The Russian government yesterday offered General Gukonoff, the commander in chief, to open negotiations with the enemy. The proposal to open negotiations was officially announced.

## EXPECT BATTLE IN MEXICO SOON

By the Associated Press. Juarez, Nov. 22.—A battle in northern Mexico between Villa forces and federal troops is expected within the next 24 hours. All troops who can be spared for field service in the campaign against Villa have been sent from Chihuahua City and Ahumada and reinforcements have been brought up from the south to strengthen the Chihuahua City garrison. Reports of fighting at Chihuahua City, of the capture of 500 federal cavalry horses at Freneno and other movements have reached the border. With Mrs. Cilley a most delightful meeting of the Cosmos Book Club was held yesterday afternoon with Mrs. J. H. P. Cilley. Quotations at roll call were from books just read. The hostess' book was "The Dwelling Place of Light" by Winston Churchill. Mrs. T. C. Blackburn read for the hostess a criticism of the book, and she also read a very humorous story. Current events which were given during a delicious luncheon was very entertaining. War news being the chief topic. Mrs. J. H. P. Cilley will have the next meeting December 5.

## JURY IS SELECTED TO TRY MURDERESS

By the Associated Press. Minneapolis, N. Y., Nov. 22.—The selection of a jury to try Mrs. Bianca DeSaules for the shooting on August 3 of her former husband, John L. DeSaules, was completed at noon today. Court officers scrutinized all who entered the chamber this morning. It was said this action was taken because of threatening letters to Justice Manning.

## STREET WORK IS BEING PUSHED RAPIDLY

The work of excavating for the asphalt street on Tenth avenue between the First National Bank and the Pastime theatre is progressing rapidly and the improvement will be extended to Fifteenth street west. All the signatures necessary were secured today. Mr. H. W. Miller, vice-president of the Southern and C. & N.-W., who was here yesterday, was favorably impressed with the improvements and he will speak a word to the maintenance of way department of the Southern with reference to paving the avenue next to the freight depot. It is believed the railroads will do their part. Mr. John Stephens, local manager of the Southern Public Utilities Company, has promised to remove the polls on the south side of Tenth avenue from Federal street east to Twelfth street and the thoroughfare will be greatly improved.

## NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press. New York, Nov. 22.—There was a good deal of realizing and considerable southern selling on the cotton market at the start today, and prices opened at a decline in consequence. Traders were good buyers, however, and the market turned firmer, with January and March making new high records for the season. The clos was steady.

December	28.92	Close
January	28.35	28.82
March	27.90	28.01
May	27.73	27.80
July	27.61	27.54

## HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	28.12
Wheat	1.20

## WEATHER FORECAST

For North Carolina: Fair tonight. Friday fair and somewhat colder. Fresh west to northwest winds.

## COMPARATIVE WEATHER

Nov. 21	1917	1916
Maximum	66	70
Minimum	41	48

## ENEMIES ATTACK ITALIANS IN MASS

By the Associated Press. Italian Headquarters, Wednesday, Nov. 21.—The greatest mass attack which the enemy has made in progress along the upper Piave river at the point where it bends to the northeast into the Belluno Alps. As the action proceeds the enemy is bringing forward fresh masses of his reserves.

## THREE MORE DEATHS AT GREENVILLE CAMP

By the Associated Press. Greenville, S. C., Nov. 22.—The report from headquarters at Camp Sevier at noon today gives three deaths since last evening's statement. Three privates, two from South Carolina and one from Tennessee, have died all from pneumonia. Conditions are improving generally.

## TIRPITZ INSISTS HIS U-BOAT WILL WIN

By the Associated Press. Amsterdam, Nov. 22.—America's entrance into the war is disadvantageous to us in moral and in many ways, said Admiral von Tirpitz, in addressing a meeting of the Fatherland party at Dresden. "We ought to have reckoned with the fact that the American trust magnates were bound to desire our defeat. I regret that we did not remain firm in the face of President Wilson's threats. If we had done so, some things probably would have been avoided, but that is not to be recalled. "I would point out, however, that from a military standpoint America's entrance into the war is of little significance to us, because it is the tonnage question that is decisive." The admiral expressed regrets that Germany had been late in using that "powerful economic weapon," the U-boat, but said that notwithstanding the delay had given the enemies time to prepare, it would win the war.

## GERMANS REACH SOME ITALIAN POSITIONS

By the Associated Press. Rome, Nov. 22.—The Austro-Germans invading northern Italy yesterday reached a few of the Italian outstanding positions on the Monte Secca, but elsewhere the Teutons were repulsed, the statement says.

## SEE PRESIDENT WILSON

No Danger of Strike as Railroad Managers Have Placed Their Interests in Hands of Mr. Wilson—Employees Want Increase And Special Commission.

By the Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 22.—Heads of the four railroad brotherhoods came here today at President Wilson's request to discuss with him their proposed new demands for higher wages. The president was prepared to take up the problem with a free hand, so far as the railroads are concerned, having been notified that they will abide by his decision. An entirely new proposal which it is understood the brotherhoods intend to make is that rail transportation during the war with respect to the carriers and employes be vested in a new commission to deal with the situation. They plan, it is stated, to ask the president to appoint such a commission with plenary powers, headed by an official of the government. Opposition to intervention by the existing federal board of mediation and conciliation is understood to be one of the factors in the proposal for a new commission. The brotherhood heads are said to be unalterably opposed to any plan which would give the present board any power to deal with the situation. They want a similar commission to that in England. The brotherhood chiefs also are expected to urge their claims for higher wages, suggesting that the increase come from the railroads or as war bonuses.

## SECOND REPORT FOOD SAVING CAMPAIGN

The first week's report on food conservation in Hickory was very gratifying, and the second even more so, although some of the churches are not yet up to their full quota. Statistical reports do not seem necessary to some people, and they think that so long as they are doing their best to conserve the food there is no necessity of making any record of the fact. The record is needed so that the national authorities may know approximately how much food can be spared to the allies without inflicting a hardship on our own people. They have a record of available food, and know what the average consumption is, and the record you are asked to make will give Mr. Hoover and his associates a very good idea of the amount that can be spared. Premier Lloyd George said that the collapse of Russia and the reverses in Italy "made it even more imperative than before that the United States send as many troops as possible across the Atlantic as early as possible." Premier Clemenceau says: "The single, simple duty is to stand by the soldier, live, suffer and fight with him; renounce everything. Let everything today be blended—the claims of the front and the duty in the rear. Let every zone be the zone of war." The following shows what is being done in the Hickory "zone of war" through food conservation. On one of the cards the following criticism is made. "I can't see the consistency of saving at home, when reports of great waste at the cantonments come from truthful eyewitnesses. That is hurting the food conservation campaign." People discussing this wastefulness at camps is discouraging." We have no doubt the authorities are doing all they can to prevent wastefulness at the camps. However, this criticism will be forwarded to the United States Food Administration at Washington for their consideration. Another housewife, like Sllas Wegg, drops into poetry on her card. Her record for the week shows that her heart is with the Sammies, Tommies and all the allies, and that her family is taking the matter of food conservation in a good natured way. She presents the following acrostic: My, but it's hard to do without Everything one likes to eat, And live on mush and sauerkraut That pose as substitutes for meat. Let's grin and bear it, though we swear Each day will be our last, Sure man can live on grits and air, So do not break your fast. Report for week ending Saturday, Nov. 17, follows: Presbyterian Church—45 Families. Families reporting this week... 43. Wasteless meals reported... 330. Wasteless meals reported... 619. Reformed Church—50 Families. Families reporting this week... 9. Wasteless meals reported... 65. Wasteless meals reported... 195. Baptist Church—60 Families. Families reporting this week... 26. Wasteless meals reported... 173. Wasteless meals reported... 312. Holy Trinity Lutheran—80 Families. Families reporting this week... 7. Wasteless meals reported... 35. Wasteless meals reported... 104. M. E. Church—175 Families. Number of families reporting... 4. Wasteless meals reported... 42. Wasteless meals reported... 84. Episcopal Church—42 Families. Families reporting this week... 22. Wasteless meals reported... 205. Wasteless meals reported... 202. Wasteless meals reported... 386.

## SEVENTEEN SHIPS SUNK BY SUBMARINES

London, Nov. 22.—Seventeen British merchantmen were sunk by mines and submarines last week, according to the weekly statement issued by the admiralty. Of these, 10 were vessels of 1,600 tons and over and seven of less than 1,600 tons. Last week's record of British merchantmen sunk greatly exceeds that of the previous week when only one vessel of 1,600 tons or over and five craft of less tonnage were sent to the bottom. In fact, it represents in the aggregate the greatest number of vessels destroyed since the week of October 28, when 18 were lost. Since then there has been a gradual falling off in shipping losses until the minimum since Germany's intensified submarine campaign began was reached November 11, with a total of six. As far as the losses of large vessels are concerned, however, the present admiralty report apparently bears out the optimistic statement made recently by Premier Lloyd George that he had no further fear of submarines, and of the first loss of the admiralty that enemy submarines were being sunk to an increasing extent for the sinking of the 1,600 and over category last week were the lowest since March, except for the weeks of September 16, and November 4 to November 11, when in the two former weeks the total in each instance was eight and in the latter, one. Premier Lloyd George in his address to the house of commons early in the present week said that five submarines had been destroyed last Saturday, but he gave no further information on the subject. Sir Eric Geddes, the new first lord of the admiralty, in his maiden speech before parliament, asserted that between 40 and 50 per cent of German submarines operating in the North sea and the Arctic and Atlantic ocean since the beginning of the war had been sunk. He added that enemy submarines were being sunk to an increasing extent, but that the Germans were building them faster than previously. An optimist is a reformer who thinks that he can overcome in three months a machine that a politician has been three years in building up—Boston Transcript. The many friends of Mrs. F. A. Henderson will be glad to know that she is getting along nicely following an operation at Statesville yesterday. Mr. Henderson who was with Mrs. Henderson will return this afternoon.

## REPUBLICANS TO BE HERE IN FORCE

Some of the most prominent Republicans in the country are expected here next Tuesday for the meeting of the Republican clubs of western North Carolina and local Republicans are anticipating a profitable session. A conference will be held at Hotel Hurff on Monday evening, but the regular meeting will be held at the Hub theatre on Tuesday. The Chamber of Commerce rooms will extend every courtesy to the visitors and its rooms will be given over for committee work. Clubs from every town in the seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth districts will send representatives here. Among the more distinguished Republicans who are expected are Senator Borah of Idaho, former Senator Marion Butler, former Representative and National Committee member John M. Morehead, former District Attorney, A. E. Holton of Winston-Salem, former Postmaster, Chas. A. Reynolds of Winston-Salem, former Representative J. J. Britt of Asheville, Thos. Settle of Asheville, State Senator Chas. A. Jonas of Lincolnton, Moses N. Harshaw of Lenoir, Chas. E. Greene of Bakersville, Jacob F. Newell of Charlotte, A. H. Price of Salisbury, Thomas Harkins of Asheville, Brownlow Jackson of Hendersonville. Miss Margaret Taylor left yesterday for Gastonia and from there she will go to Darlington, S. C., where she will spend some time.

## NO EMBARGO PLACED ON RUSSIA AS YET

By the Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 22.—Although steps have been taken to hold up certain shipments to Russia until the situation there clears, the war trade board officially denied that no supplies would be allowed to go forward to Russia and announced that "cargo is now moving." Officials of the board declined to add to this statement. Large consignments of railway material already are on their way to Russia, but before they are delivered the United States government will satisfy itself that they will fall into the hands of the bolsheviks.

## FLAG RAISING AT NEW HIGH SCHOOL

Brother J. H. Whicheer of Winston-Salem will deliver the address on the occasion of the flag raising at the Hickory high school, November 29 at 2:30. All Juniors who will participate in these services will please be at the hall by 2 o'clock sharp, as they are expected to march to the West school building in a body. It is earnestly requested that the children from all the buildings will be there in a body. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## HICKORY WANTS TO READ WAR NEWS

"Give us the war news," and "Didn't the British give 'em a lick?" were some of the remarks that greeted the Record man today as he went forth in search of local happenings. Everybody was talking about the big push, and every man had his own reasons for the success of the big battle. Most people believe that the morale of the German soldiers is impaired and others are sure that the German soldier has never stood much chance against British and French soldiers when the numbers and guns on each side were about equal. It does look that way. The fact that General Haig had done nothing in the last two weeks caused others to suspect that something would happen and what did happen was altogether to their liking. Right now, the reporter was given to understand, most Hickory people would keep their eyes glued on what the Associated Press sends out. The war news is the thing. The Italians are being pulled for by the British people.

## NEBRASKA GOVERNOR COMMANDS REGIMENT

By the Associated Press. Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 22.—The resignation of Governor Keith Neville as chief executive of Nebraska was today in the hands of the secretary of state. It was offered to take effect upon the acceptance of the seventh regiment into the national army. Governor Neville has already been appointed colonel of the regiment.

## NO DETAILS YET FROM PATROL BOAT

By the Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 21.—The navy department still was without details today of the collision in the war zone early Monday morning that resulted in the sinking of the American destroyer Chauncey with a loss of three officers and 18 enlisted men. Details are expected later today. It is believed the destroyer running in heavy weather with no lights showing crashed into another patrol and foundered suddenly.


## ANOTHER BARRED ZONE ANNOUNCED TODAY

By the Associated Press. Amsterdam, Nov. 22.—A new German barred zone, a dispatch from Berlin announces, has been established around the Azores, which have become important for shipping. The extension of the German maritime barred zone is announced from Berlin in an official memorandum.

## THIS RUSSIAN GENERAL WON'T SELL COUNTRY

By the Associated Press. London, Nov. 22.—An official wireless statement from Petrograd today says that General Bukonin has been deposed by the people's council for declining to negotiate an armistice. Some of the most prominent Republicans in the country are expected here next Tuesday for the meeting of the Republican clubs of western North Carolina and local Republicans are anticipating a profitable session. A conference will be held at Hotel Hurff on Monday evening, but the regular meeting will be held at the Hub theatre on Tuesday. The Chamber of Commerce rooms will extend every courtesy to the visitors and its rooms will be given over for committee work. Clubs from every town in the seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth districts will send representatives here. Among the more distinguished Republicans who are expected are Senator Borah of Idaho, former Senator Marion Butler, former Representative and National Committee member John M. Morehead, former District Attorney, A. E. Holton of Winston-Salem, former Postmaster, Chas. A. Reynolds of Winston-Salem, former Representative J. J. Britt of Asheville, Thos. Settle of Asheville, State Senator Chas. A. Jonas of Lincolnton, Moses N. Harshaw of Lenoir, Chas. E. Greene of Bakersville, Jacob F. Newell of Charlotte, A. H. Price of Salisbury, Thomas Harkins of Asheville, Brownlow Jackson of Hendersonville. Miss Margaret Taylor left yesterday for Gastonia and from there she will go to Darlington, S. C., where she will spend some time.

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