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BRITISH REPEL GERMAN ATTACK NEAR CAMBRAI

Vigorous Defense Enables Haig's Men to Hold All But Small Section of First Line—Snow in Italy Aids Brave Defenders of Plains.

The Associated Press. The Petrograd bolsheviks continue their efforts to gain control of the constituent assembly, although their returns from the recent elections show the bolsheviks alone have a majority in the assembly. Orders for the arrest and trial of the leaders of the Constitutional Democratic party, most of whom are supporting the Cossack revolt, have been issued by the bolsheviks.

Marshal Haig's troops have again repulsed the first mass attack of the western front in several days and have inflicted heavy losses on the Germans. The attack was made on a little front of Boulecourt and between that town and Queant and had it succeeded might have had a tactical effect upon the short front before Cambrai.

After a heavy bombardment, Bavarian troops went forward in wave formation. The British line held on the right and the Germans were driven back with heavy losses. On the right the enemy gained a short length of trench which had been destroyed in the bombardment. No further attempts at infantry were made, the Germans contenting themselves with moving artillery fire against the British positions in this area.

Between Bullecourt and Ypres the German artillery has been active but no infantry attacks have developed. The heavy bombardment continues in the champagne sector east of Rheims. The German attack on the French east of Courcy in this region was without result. Northeast of Verdun the heavy artillery battle continues.

Weather conditions on the Italian front are becoming more favorable to the defenders of the Venetian plains. Snow is falling and the Italians hope this aid will help in hampering the offensive efforts of the Austro-Germans. Between the Brenta and the Piave the enemy attacked as the snow began to fall and gained several small hill positions.

General Allenby, commander of the British forces in Palestine, has entered Jerusalem and taken over control of the Holy City. The populace greeted the British commander cordially. In a proclamation, he told the inhabitants that all sacred buildings and holy places would be protected and maintained. Meanwhile the British army continues its successful operations in Palestine, having captured several additional positions from the Turks.

Twenty-one British merchantmen were sunk by mines or submarines last week, as against 17 the previous week.

A resolution declaring that a state of war exists between America and Austria-Hungary and Cuba has been passed by the Cuban house of representatives.

CLASS OF RECRUITS DESIRED BY ARMY

Skilled men are needed for the staff corps of the army. By the staff corps is meant those branches of the army, composed of skilled men, whose duties are various and complex. Their work is behind the lines.

Aviation corps: Many squadrons of skilled workers are being formed for service behind the lines, so that each airplane may be ready for instant action, and each aviator supplied with ammunition, food, clothing, quarters—everything needed to drive the Teutons back into their own country—and towards Berlin.

Quartermaster corps: The chief of ordnance is charged with the supply, maintenance, and repair of all arms, and artillery vehicles and equipment; all machines for service, and all small arms, ammunition, harness, motor trucks, motor cycles, railroad cars, and almost every device for the mechanical service of the front line.

Engineer corps: Engineer corps are charged with the construction of roads, railroads, bridges, big water emplacements, saw mills, water works, in fact, everything that goes to make the soldiers in the front line feel more efficient.

In a recent telegram from the Adjutant General of the army, to the head army recruiting station authority is given to accept qualified colored men for the engineer regiment of the ninety-second division. Colored chauffeurs, auto repairmen, motorcycle drivers and repairmen, and any man whose previous training in civil life fits him for like service.

GOVERNMENT TO HELP YOU HERE

Statesville, Dec. 13.—You won't have to figure out your own income tax all by yourself hereafter. The government is going to send out men to help you. It will be up to you to hunt up those men who will be sent into every county seat town, and some other towns besides, to meet the people. Postmasters, bankers and newspapers will be able to tell you when the government's income tax man will be around, and where to find him. He will answer your questions, swear you to the return, and take your money. Returns of income for 1917 must be made between January 1 and March 1, 1918.

The government recognizes, Collector of Internal Revenue Watts said, "that many persons experience a good deal of difficulty in filling out income tax forms. It recognizes too that taxpayers resident at points where collector's offices are not easily accessible find it hard to get proper instruction in the law. Next year, when every married person living with wife or husband not having a net income of \$2,000, and every unmarried person not the head of a family having a net income of \$1,000 for the year 1917 must make a return of income on the form prescribed, there will be hundreds in every community seeking light on the law, and help in executing their returns. My own and every other collection district in the nation will be divided into districts, with the county as the unit, and a government officer informed in the income tax assigned to each district. He will spend as many days as necessary in each county, very likely in the courthouse at the county seat town. In cities where there are collection branch offices, he will be there, and in other cities at the county courthouse or post office building. My office will in due time advise postmasters and bankers and send out notices to the newspapers stating when the officers will be in each county. It will be unnecessary for prospective taxpayers to ask my office for forms on which to make returns. The officer who visits their county will have them.

"It may be stated as a matter of general information that 'net income' is the remainder after subtracting expenses from gross income, personal, family, or living expenses is not expense in the meaning of the law, the exemption being allowed to cover such expenses.

"The new exemptions of \$1,000 and \$2,000 will add thousands to the number of income taxpayers in this district, inasmuch as many farmers, merchants, tradesmen, professional men and salaried workers and a great many wage workers will be required to make return and pay tax.

"The law makes it the duty of the taxpayer to seek out the collector. Many people assume that if an income tax form is not sent or a government officer does not call, they are relieved from making report. This is decidedly in error. It is the other way round. The taxpayer has to go to the government, and if he doesn't within the time prescribed, he is a violator of the law.

Pythians Meet

The Knights of Pythias will meet in regular communication tonight and one of the important matters will be degree work. There will be one more meeting, before the first of the year, and the Knights hope to close up the year's work by that time. Every member is urged to attend.

Good Side Money

Money means work, it means production, it means the things that have been made by men's brains and hands. It not only stands for the things we eat, the clothes we wear and the houses we live in, but it stands for works of art and for the services of artists. It means the services of the entertaining and the services of the books. It means the pleasure-giving efforts of the musician in the opera or concert, the source of good just as it may be the source of evil, but in either case only because of what it stands for.

Real Language Question

BEGIN CAMPAIGN AGAINST COLD SPELL STRIKES MANY QUESTION CONFLICTING REPORTS

SATURDAY FOR MEMBERS

The Red Cross membership drive will begin Saturday morning and continue until Saturday night at 9 o'clock—the campaign to be staged in the stores of Lutz Drug Company and Hickory Drug Company. Membership in the Red Cross will be sold by a committee of young ladies at each place and the campaign will continue all day.

If any of the young ladies are not able to serve they will communicate with Miss Frances Geitner or Miss Louise Jones.

The following will keep the booths at the two stores during the hours given:

Seven to 9 o'clock—Lutz's: Misses Louise Jones and Kate Elliott; Hickory Drug Company: Mrs. R. C. Buchanan and Miss Virginia Allen.

Twelve to 4—Lutz's: Miss Emma Bonner and Miss Virginia Sellers; Hickory: Misses Gladys Reid and Mary Allen.

Four to 7—Lutz's: Misses Mary Abernethy and Kathleen Whitener; Hickory: Misses Greta Wezen and Helen Springs.

Seven to 9—Lutz's: Misses Catherine Shuford and Ola Warner; Hickory: Misses Constance Bost and Amy Sellers.

A subscribing member will pay \$2 and receive the Red Cross Magazine a year; a contributing member will pay \$5; sustaining member, \$10; life member, \$50; patron member, \$100; annual membership, \$1.

FOR ANOTHER JUDGE IN WESTERN DISTRICT

Washington, Dec. 13.—A bill providing for an additional federal judge in the western district of North Carolina was introduced today by Senator Overman. It provides that any subsequent vacancy in the district would not be filled.

ARTILLEERY BUSY ALONG WHOLE FRONT

Paris, Dec. 13.—Active artillery fighting is in progress along the whole front, the war office announces.

HALIFAX INQUIRY IS IN PROGRESS TODAY

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 13.—Official inquiry was begun by the Canadian government to determine the responsibility last Thursday with the loss of nearly 1,300 lives.

Among the first witnesses were the pilot and captain of the Mont Blanc and the steward of the Irmo.

Relief is preceding satisfactorily and with the injured all properly cared for, the task of restoring normal conditions is proceeding rapidly.

The important need is said to be for expert oculists to save hundreds from becoming blind.

HOLIDAY TRADE IN HICKORY IS ON

In spite of the worst pre-Christmas weather in many years, the holiday trade has begun in Hickory in dead earnest and many merchants report sales up to the standard at this season of the year. One great difficulty to shopping, however, is the condition of the roads, which are covered with snow. That prevents farmers from reaching town in any considerable numbers, and unless the weather moderates considerably they will not be able to make their usual purchases.

It is suggested that the township roads should be dragged at once not only in order to clear the avenues of traffic, but to prevent accidents to automobiles and horses that are forced to use the roads. Until the weather moderates, however, not much can be done, but if the sun comes out tomorrow and the snow is loosened, drags could pull much snow to the side of the roads.

The streets have been dragged in Hickory, but they are slick and horse-drawn vehicles are having difficulty in negotiating them.

COLD SPELL STRIKES

With the thermometer registering six degrees above zero this morning the sky leaden and nearly five inches of snow under foot, Hickory faced the worst weather that it has experienced in several years. Last winter the mercury went down and remained down for days, but at that time there was no snow on the ground, and if memory is not faulty, there was no snow on the ground during that severe break.

Going back to last winter, it is recalled that one day the thermometer dropped to two degrees, rose to three and stood at eight on three successive mornings. Water pipes which had stood the test for years froze up and cracked. Then, however, there was plenty of fuel on hand, and there was no fear of a shortage.

The present sharp break began Saturday night and has continued since. Sunday the mercury fell to 11-12 degrees, Monday to 10, Tuesday to 9-12 and Wednesday to 10. There was a big drop this morning, when the record pointed to six degrees, but some thermometers, Morgan Hawn's among them, stood at zero at 5 o'clock this morning.

The mercury got no higher than 30 degrees yesterday afternoon, but the sun was warm and the snow began to recede. It was banked up today, or stuck in icy glaze to the streets and sidewalks. To make the situation more discouraging, the night's weather forecast indicated more snow today, and snow actually fell during the early morning.

There was an intermittent fall of snow during the day, the mercury rising slowly in the meantime. At 2:10 the thermometer registered 21 degrees, which was cold for that time of day. The Washington bureau forecasts rising temperatures for this section of the state Friday.

CROZIER ON ARMY

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ONLY 9 MORE DAYS LEFT TO SHOP READ THE ADS LATE SHOPPER—EARLY SHOPPER



TO INSTALL PASTOR ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday, Dec. 16, bids fair to become a red letter day for St. Andrews Lutheran church at Lenoir College. At the morning service Rev. J. C. Peery will be installed as pastor. Rev. A. R. Beck of Statesville, president of the Tennessee synod, will deliver the charge to the pastor, and Rev. Dr. C. K. Bell of King's Mountain will deliver the charge to the congregation.

During the afternoon a committee of 30 men of the congregation will make the every-member canvass to provide the finances for the budget of the coming year. They will reassemble at the church, and make their report at the evening service.

The 7 o'clock service will be a sacred concert given by the choir augmented and accompanied by the college orchestra. This is under the direction of Miss Hallman, director of music in Lenoir College.

To all of these services the entire public is cordially invited. The whole programme will doubtless be very interesting, and well worth attending.

ONE FRENCH SHIP SUNK LAST WEEK

Paris, Dec. 13.—In the week ending December 8 only one French steamship of more than 1,600 tons were sunk by German submarines. None under that tonnage was lost. Three were attacked but escaped. No fishing vessels were sunk.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Dec. 13.—The cotton market opened steady on relatively firm cables and a more optimistic view of the war news. First prices were 30 points higher on October, with active months showing net advances of 11 to 15 points. There was a good deal of realizing, particularly by houses with Wall Street connections, and prices eased off several points after the call.

WEATHER FORECAST

For North Carolina: Probably snow tonight, with rising temperature. Friday fair in the west, rain or snow in east portion; colder moderate south winds becoming west.

COAL SHORTAGE IN HICKORY ACUTE

The coal situation in Hickory has become acute and unless the railroads are able to deliver coal, many places will face a freeze. The local coal dealer, owing to the shortage of coal, has been forced to cut out stores and churches, and filling orders only for the homes.

Everybody is urged to economize as much as possible. The present supply will not last but a few days, though sent out to residents in dribbles, and after it is gone, there might not be any more for some time. Here as elsewhere, it is not the fault of the dealers, because the fuel has been ordered, but there is no way of getting it here. A carload received Saturday lasted only a little while.

Every man and woman in the city is urged to be as sparing as possible, even for this severe weather. Burn wood if possible.

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HUGE CAMPAIGN IS DECLARED FAILURE

The counter measures of the entente naval forces reinforced by the American naval contingents are becoming increasingly successful, it is declared. Recently the production of new tonnage has barely equalled the tonnage sunk and the destruction of submarines has reached a point close approaching the maximum capacity of the Germans for building submarines.

SAYS OHIO GOVERNOR SHALL NOT INTERFERE

Washington, Dec. 13.—Fuel Administrator Garfield today informed Governor Cox of Ohio that he would not be permitted to interfere with distribution of coal in Ohio under the direction of the state fuel administration.

CONFISCATES COAL

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 13.—Work of confiscating from railroads coal consigned to the northwest to alleviate suffering in Ohio, caused by the serious coal shortage, was being continued today by state authorities under direction of Governor Cox.

PIANO BENEFIT AT SOUTH SCHOOL FRIDAY

Attend the South school piano benefit entertainment tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock and buy your peanuts and popcorn from the sixth grade children, who are in charge of the affair. The admission is five cents.

ON BATTLE IN RUSSIA

One Correspondent Wires That Korniloff is Wounded, but Another Sends News that He Wins Big Victory Over Bolsheviki, Most of Whom Fled.

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ALL ARE ACCEPTED FOR U. S. SERVICE

A telegram last night to the Record from Asheville states that all of 13 of the young men who left here Tuesday for Fort Thomas, Ky., had been accepted by the Kentucky camp. The message was signed by Ezra Hunsucker, principal of the South school, and Burgin Witherspoon.

Those representing Lenoir College were:

Prof. M. C. Yoder of Hickory, J. M. Patterson and C. R. Patterson of Kannapolis, R. G. Sigmon of Newton, C. A. Black of Kings Mountain, quartermaster corps, all from the college, and C. H. Reitzel of Newton and Burgin Witherspoon of Hickory, former students, medical corps.

The others leaving Tuesday were: J. J. Walker of Hickory, Thos. R. Holloway of Blowing Rock and James Jones of Lenoir, aviation corps. Grady H. Yount of Granite Falls, medical corps; Walter B. Paris of Catawba College, quartermaster corps.

Mr. Hunsucker left yesterday for Asheville.

Here is An Army Two Days' March From Front That Has Not Fired Single Shot

The Hague, Netherlands, Dec. 13.—Only some two days' march north of the battle arena in Flanders stands a formidable army, intact, fresh and vigorous, that has not yet fired a shot in the great war. It is the army of the Netherlands.

That army is ever growing. The work of training began feverishly in August, 1914, and it has been carried on without a break ever since in all parts of the country. A special law was passed some two years ago since greatly widening the circle of those liable to service, with the result that all the men under arms on August 1, 1914, now have been relieved by newly-trained men and sent home, though they can be recalled to the colors immediately should occasion arise.

That the country's military leaders have no intention to rest on their laurels after the achievement is shown by a bill that has just reached parliament providing for a re-examination of all men of the Landsturm born since 1885 who had been rejected for one reason or another. This measure is expected to yield a very substantial amount of fresh human material.

This should bring the number of trained men available to half a million men and possibly well over that number, constituting a far more formidable and probably better-trained fighting force than the Netherlands has ever before possessed in her history.

In equipment, too, the Netherlands army has made great strides during the past three years. The ammunition industry has been recognized and enormously extended. The artillery arm, in which the country was notoriously weak, has been reinforced in so far as material was obtainable. Some guns are on order. The delivery of anti-aircraft guns is also in course of execution.

Serious efforts are being exerted to improve Holland's aerial service. A reorganization is contemplated that is estimated to cost between \$7,200,000 and \$7,800,000. The new scheme provides for 15 airplane divisions comprising fifty-eight battle planes and 65 scouting planes. Despite Germany's own big needs, the arrival of a dozen machines from that country was reported a few days ago.

NIGHT SESSION IS LIKELY IN CONCORD

Concord, Dec. 13.—As argument of counsel in the trial of Gaston B. Means, accused of the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, proceeded, it became apparent that the conclusion would not be reached before tomorrow without a late night session.

Phil C. McDuffie for the state made the first speech of the day, declaring that Mrs. King's life was the price of the defendant's lust for money. That Mrs. King's wealth was reduced from \$1,039,000 to \$193,000 from 1915 to the time of her killing was the assertion of T. D. Maness of Concord, addressing the jury for the defense. He based his figures on the testimony of T. B. Melville, state witness, who was formerly Mrs. King's attorney. He declared Means hired expensive apartments after being employed by Mrs. King.