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GERMANS ARE MASSING TO RENEW GREAT BATTLE

Bringing Up Fresh Troops and Supplies For Delivery of Another Blow At Allied Lines. Artillery Busy On Most of Line. Americans Victors

By the Associated Press.

The Germans are displaying increased activity on the Somme battle front and around the Montdidier salient to Noyon, probably in preparation for a renewal of the battle in France.

Checked last week by the stiff British and Franco-American resistance in their attempt to push farther towards Amiens, the enemy forces are now engaged in trying out other places in the line in an effort to find a weak spot.

Last night there was a thrust at the French in the Thennes region, southwest of Hangard. The artillery promptly broke up this drive. This morning the German guns opened up in the Villers-Bretonneux area, but no fresh infantry attack developed.

Apparently the lull that followed the German defeat on Monday has continued on the Flanders front. Only artillery activity was displayed there. The German guns were reported to be somewhat spirited this morning, indicating a possibility that the German offensive which Kermes may be developed along the Bailloul-Hazebrouck road.

The British have been holding this front strongly as it guards the road to their base.

Apparently the Germans are not prepared to break the second lull in the Flanders battle until still more troops and greater concentration of effort are massed along the few miles from south of Ypres. Signs are not wanting that General von Arnim is bringing up reinforcements and supplies, but the Anglo-French forces, after their severe repulse of the enemy Monday, are waiting in confidence.

As the first break in the hard fighting was followed by stronger attacks, it is probable that only the difficulties of transport and supply could the enemy to withhold further assaults against allied positions from Mount Kemmel region westward. Except for Mount Kemmel and a strong strip to the east, the Germans are on much lower ground than the French and British and will be compelled to fight or eventually withdraw from these positions or be smothered by the allied artillery.

Further artillery firing continues along the front. South of Ypres the shelling has been heavy by the enemy. On the southern leg of the salient the German guns have been active in the region of Bethune. Southward in Picardy only artillery activity was reported.

American troops in Picardy south of Amiens have engaged the German troops for the first time on the great battle field and have emerged victors. After shelling the Americans heavily, three enemy battalions charged Tuesday night. Severe fighting followed and the Americans were victors. The American losses are reported as "rather severe."

The Bohemian troops are joining the Italians against Austria, according to the London Mail's correspondent. The Bohemians are on the Italian line, clad in Italian uniforms.

This information has passed through the hands of both Italian and British censors and would therefore appear to be authentic. The defection of the Bohemians would in a measure explain the delay in the proposed great offensive long heralded by the Austrians against the Italians.

Prague, capital of the crownland of Bohemia, has recently been the center of riotous demonstrations against Germany and the Germans.

Mrs. Clara Finger, who has been ill for more than a week, was reported as no better today.

To Give Names of Americans

By the Associated Press. Washington, May 2.—The war department will resume almost immediately the practice of giving addresses of American soldiers killed or wounded in France.

COTTON MEN ARE URGED TO BE MEMBERS

By the Associated Press.

New York, May 2.—An urgent invitation to American cotton growers and manufacturers to affiliate with the international cotton federation, was extended by Arno S. Pearce of Manchester, England, secretary of that organization, in a paper read here today at a joint convention of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association and the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers.

Mr. Pearce asserted that the view of American cotton men were not considered abroad because they are not represented in the international body which was formed more than fourteen years ago as a result of the Sully "corner" and is composed of leaders in the industry from England, Russia, France, Italy, Denmark, India and Japan. Germany and Austria have been excluded since the war.

"Cotton will be extremely scarce for many years after the war," stated Mr. Pearce, "and its growth should be encouraged wherever it can be carried on with success. He said it was questionable whether the southern cotton planters would in future find it more lucrative to grow foodstuffs than their old staple.

The American cotton men were asked by their British informant to take an international view of the situation notwithstanding that the United States produces two-thirds of the world's cotton supply. In the five years between 1911 and 1916, he said, America had increased its consumption 1,500,000 bales and within the next five years, he predicted this country would be using two-thirds of its own yield.

In view of the fact, he said, that the cotton industry is in a "most precarious position," that the world's production and consumption of cotton from 1905 to 1914 only just balanced the following tentative program for combined action in the United States cotton belt by the International Cotton Federation, based upon the Americans becoming members, was suggested:

1. Reforms in compressing with consequent saving in freight and packing.
2. Improved sampling of bales with corresponding economy in cotton.
3. Organization of an efficient crop reporting service throughout the cotton belt.
4. Closer relations between producers and consumers of cotton.

WILL RAISE MEN ENOUGH SAYS DANIELS

By the Associated Press.

Philadelphia, May 2.—As many millions as may be needed to win the war, will be sent to the battle front, Secretary Daniels declared to the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce today.

"Let us not think in terms of fixed numbers," said the secretary. Congress has provided the selective draft and when there are enough ships, all these men will be on the field in France. If there are not enough men in the draft age to win the war, the age limit will be extended to take in men 40 and 50 years he said.

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HEORIC STORIES RELATED BY SAVED

By the Associated Press.

An Atlantic Post, May 2.—Survivors of the coastwise steamer City of Athens, sunk in a collision with a French cruiser in a fog off the Delaware coast yesterday morning with a loss of 66 persons, related here today many tales of heroism on the part of the crews of the two vessels. All praised the efforts of the French sailors, who launched boats a few minutes after the accident and aided by the cruiser's search lights, picked up the survivors.

The survivors agreed that the speedy sinking of the steamer—within five minutes after struck by the warship—was responsible for the heavy toll of life, although some claim that the City of Athens' life saving apparatus failed to work properly. There were 135 persons on board the ship which contained a cargo worth \$2,000,000.

FINE MEETING HELD AT NORTH WILKESBORO

A note from Rev. R. M. Courtney, who is conducting a meeting for Rev. W. R. Ware at North Wilkesboro, states that the services have been good. "We are having one of the greatest meetings I have ever been in," writes Mr. Courtney. There have been about 175 conversions and reclamations to date. Mr. Courtney had expected to return home Friday, but may not arrive before Saturday. The meetings in North Wilkesboro have continued nearly two weeks. Mrs. Courtney, who attended the missionary conference at Winston-Salem, has returned.

HEARST NEWS CASE HEARD ON APPEAL

By the Associated Press. Washington, May 2.—The case of the Associated Press against the International News Service, or Hearst service, to enjoin the latter from pirating news dispatches was up for argument today in the supreme court. Lower courts had enjoined the Hearst service from taking Associated Press news.

GERMANS REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSSES

By the Associated Press. May 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—A heavy German attack launched yesterday against the Americans in the vicinity of Villers-Bretonneux was repulsed with heavy losses and the German preliminary bombardment lasted two hours, and then the infantry rushed forward only to be driven back, leaving large numbers of dead on the ground in front of the American lines.

The German bombardment opened at 5 o'clock in the afternoon and was directed especially against the Americans, who were supported on the north and south by the French. The fire was intense, and at the end of two hours the German command sent forward three battalions of infantry. There was hand to hand fighting all along the line as a result of which the enemy was thrust back, his dead and wounded lying on the ground in all directions. Five prisoners remained in American hands.

The struggle, which lasted a considerable time, was extremely violent, and the Americans displayed marked bravery throughout. It was the first occasion in which the Americans were engaged in the big battle which has been raging since March 21 and their French comrades are full of praise for the manner in which they conducted themselves under trying circumstances. Especially in view of the fact that they are fighting at one of the most difficult points on the battle front.

BOND SUBSCRIPTIONS AS REPORTED TODAY

These additional subscriptions were handed the Record by the First National Bank today: O. A. Barger, John N. Bohannon, W. H. Boyd, Hampton Burns, C. M. Coffey, J. M. Cook, Gus Comans, H. L. Coulter, Chas. W. Crisp, Noah Deal, Albert C. Edwards, Mrs. E. Association, Mrs. J. B. Giffis, Vera May Gibbs, J. H. Hatcher, E. Hammond, L. S. Hasque, Hickory Seed Co., Hines Lumber Co., O. P. Hood, T. Earle Hyder, J. L. Johnson, W. R. Jones, J. H. Justice, Mrs. S. W. Lawrence, J. C. Martin, Dr. H. C. Menzies, J. W. Moore, Rufus Mosteller, T. L. Nichols, W. Oscar Orr, B. E. Pease, P. D. Plank, B. N. Pope, Ino. R. Reid, D. L. Rink, O. O. Rowe, R. T. Seitz, John Senter, J. E. Senter, Roy Senter, J. F. Setzer, Jr., G. W. Setzer, P. A. Sigmon, Mrs. A. C. Shuford, Mrs. W. J. Shuford, Tom Smith, Wm. Smyre, F. S. Steele, A. A. Ward, J. P. Whitener, Murphy Whitener, A. L. Yount, D. C. Yount, Gordon Yount. Previously reported \$163,000.00 Today's report 10,750.00 Total \$173,750.00

FROST AND ICE CASUALTY LIST REPORTED IN HICKORY CONTAINS 96 NAMES

By the Associated Press. Washington, May 2.—The casualty list today contains 96 names, divided as follows: Killed in action, 11; died of wounds, 2; died of accident, 3; died of disease, 7; died of other causes, 3; wounded severely, 11; wounded slightly, 60.

Several officers are included in the list. Lieut. C. L. Ingersoll died as a result of an accident, Lieut. August Mumhall died of wounds, Lieut. John R. Feegal and Frederick B. Stokes were wounded severely, and Capt. Frank J. Abbott and Lieut. Will F. Lovett and Edward C. Swinson were injured slightly. Francis J. Cahill and Lieut. Samuel Miller and Robert H. Jeffrey, previously reported missing, are now reported to be prisoners.

WHEAT OUTLOOK GROWS BETTER IN COUNTRY

Although the prospects for wheat in this section are good, it is of course true that the crop in North Carolina is as grain in a bushel compared to the nation's output, but the national weather and crop bulletin has announced that the winter wheat outlook is good in all sections of the country. Conditions continued favorable, it was said, in Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and the Ohio valley, where a large part of this cereal is produced. The forecast by the department of agriculture, to be issued May 8, will show a larger quantity than 500,000,000 bushels, it is believed.

TO INVESTIGATE AVIATION IN ARMY

By the Associated Press. Washington, May 2.—Investigation of the army aviation situation, with a view to criminal prosecution, was urged today in the senate. Gross misuse and extravagance of the aviation funds were made and senators declared that criminal prosecution should follow an investigation if it established that any persons were guilty.

METHODISTS ARE MEETING IN ATLANTA

By the Associated Press. Atlanta, May 2.—With more than 4,000 delegates in attendance, including members of the college of bishops and other prominent leaders, the 18th quadrennial of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, began its sessions here today.

GERMANS PUT KIEV UNDER MARTIAL LAW

By the Associated Press. London, May 2.—The Germans have established military rule in Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, and have arrested a number of representatives of the government on the ground that the government had "proved too weak to maintain order in the city."

TO ELECT DELEGATES

Delegates to the State Federation of Women's Clubs which will meet in Raleigh this month, will be elected tomorrow afternoon by the Community Club and Mrs. Elliott requests every member to be on hand. Miss Stanley Hall is out today after an illness of several days with grip.

NEW YORK COTTON

	Open	Close
May	27.18	26.58
July	27.00	26.58
October	26.20	25.95
December	25.90	25.14
January	25.80	25.05

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	27c
Wheat	\$2.40
Corn	88c

WEATHER FORECAST

For North Carolina: Fair tonight, probably light frost in the interior. Friday and Saturday fair, moderate north and northeast winds.

CASUALTY LIST HICKORY FAR OVER TOP IN SUPPORTING COUNTRY

This City Buys \$200,000 in Bonds, is Ahead in Selling War Stamps and Pays 95 per Cent of Extra Taxes Two Months Before They Are Due

CLAIMS GERMAN SHOT MRS. KING

Concord, May 2.—A warrant for the arrest of Otto Schumann, an interned enemy alien, charging him with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, was issued here yesterday. The warrant alleges that Mrs. King was killed by a bullet fired at Gaston B. Means. The death of Mrs. King occurred at Blackwelder spring, near here last August. The local prosecuting attorney, who caused the warrant to be issued, stated two persons claim to have seen Schumann hurrying away from Blackwelder spring after Mrs. King was shot. The warrant was issued by Police Justice A. B. Palmer, upon affidavit of M. H. Caldwell, attorney for Gaston B. Means in the notable trial last fall Mr. Caldwell, prosecuting attorney for the city of Concord, issued a lengthy statement setting forth what he "expects to prove." He says that in July, 1917, following Means' severance of his relations with German interests, he called upon the representatives of these interests in New York in connection with profits Mrs. King and himself "had in the custody of these interests, derived from the shipments of rubber and copper to Germany" long prior to the declaration of war by the United States. Means' profits in these transactions amounted to about \$85,000 and Mrs. King's to about \$145,000.

TWO OTHERS KILLED ON AVIATION FIELD

By the Associated Press. Dayton, Ohio, May 2.—Major O. B. Brindley and Col. Damme, two expert aviator men from the McCook flying field here, met death in the Moraine City aviation field here today. The machine dropped 400 feet while in the air.

MR. WOOTEN CHAIRMAN IMPORTANT COMMITTEE

By the Associated Press. Mr. Geo. R. Wooten of Hickory heads a committee appointed by President E. L. Kesler of Charlotte of the North Carolina Building and Loan League to meet with Insurance Commissioner Young at Raleigh and confer with regard to modifications in the audit law as applied to building and loan associations. It is hoped that an agreement may be reached on the method of auditing the various associations in the state. The other members are Messrs. V. A. J. Idol of High Point, John Fox of Concord, J. C. Allison of Raleigh and W. M. Cummings of Wilmington.

DIRECTOR DUNAWAY HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

By the Associated Press. Prof. John A. Dunaway, director of the Swarthmore Chautauqua which will be in Hickory June 8-14, will address the citizens of Hickory at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Friday May 3, at 8:30 p. m. Prof. Dunaway is fresh from the lecturers' conference at Washington, D. C. which was addressed by the ambassadors from Serbia, Belgium, and Great Britain, the high commissioner of France, Secretary Redfield, Herbert Hoover and other notable government officials. These officials recognize Chautauqua as a channel for sending a message to the people.

Besides outlining the general work, and helping to get a good local organization, Prof. Dunaway will have a lot to say about the program that will be given next June. We are all pulling together for the good of our country, and as President Wilson has said he considered the Chautauqua an integral part of the national defense, Hickory people will get behind this movement as they have done in every patriotic movement heretofore advanced. Every person, woman as well as man, interested in Chautauqua is invited to be present. The one hundred guarantors are expected to be there, of course.

MAGAZINES FOR INVALIDS

The Record is advised by one of its friends that he has a quantity of good magazines that he would be glad to donate to invalids who are fond of reading. Those who would like to have copies will please leave their names and addresses at the Record office.

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BAKER URGES AN UNLIMITED ARMY

By the Associated Press. Washington, May 2.—Secretary Baker today at a hearing before the house military affairs committee in confidential session asked that congress grant unlimited power for the creation of an army. He told the committee that it would be ill advised to restrict the number of men to be utilized, and that the size of the army should be increased in the discretion of the government as the shipping situation improved. Secretary Baker said he would submit a proposed measure, probably as an amendment to the draft law, to grant the unlimited authority asked. Secretary Baker was questioned by the committee regarding his views in regard to extending the draft age, but said he was studying the matter.

LARGE CROWD HEARS MR. BRADSHAW PREACH

A large congregation heard Rev. W. R. Bradshaw preach last night in his series of meetings at the First Baptist church and interest was unusually good. The services, which are being conducted entirely by the pastor, will continue through Friday night and on Sunday Mr. Bradshaw will deliver two sermons. The public is invited to attend and lend assistance in the good work.

OVER 5,000 PRISONERS CAPTURED BY BRITISH

London, May 2.—"The number of German prisoners captured by the British armies in France during March was 1,061, including 69 officers," says General Haig. "In April a further 5,241 prisoners, including 136 officers were captured. These figures are exclusive of the prisoners taken by the French."

French Repel Enemy Attack

By the Associated Press. Paris, May 2.—A German attack last night on the Thennes sector failed, the French war office announced this afternoon. The French troops made raids on LaMonchel and west of Coucy-le-Chateau.

TOTAL IS GROWING IN LIBERTY BONDS

By the Associated Press. Washington, May 2.—Telegrams pouring into national Liberty Loan headquarters today told of the success of "buy another bond," and "match the president contest" everywhere yesterday that added \$52,000,000, making the national total \$2,641,631,850.

ARTILLERY BUSY

By the Associated Press. London, May 2.—The German artillery became active this morning in the Villers-Bretonneux sector and in the Amiens front and on the Flanders front, it is announced today.