

PEACE DEMONSTRATIONS IN SEVERAL GERMAN TOWNS

Heavily Censored Private Messages to London Tell of Trouble in Berlin and Hamburg. Austrians Also Break Loose Against Government in Vienna

London, June 20.—Heavily censored private messages received in Stockholm indicate that peace demonstrations have been held recently in Berlin, Hamburg and Cologne and that several workmen were killed and many persons arrested, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph. The police and military dispersed crowds of demonstrators.

RIOTS IN VIENNA.

London, June 20.—Serious rioting broke out in Vienna yesterday, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch to the Daily Mail. The mob broke into a number of bakeries, stoned the residence of the premier and also one of the wings of the palace, the message adds. Cavalry is being rushed to the capital to restore order. It is probable, it is stated, that martial law will be proclaimed. The rioting was in protest against the reduction of the bread ration.

WANT HELP NOW.

Amsterdam, June 20.—Vienna dispatches to German newspapers say that the reduction of the bread ration in Austria-Hungary caused much discord in all parts of the country. All Austrian newspapers, without distinction of party, protest against the measure, demand its repeal and urge assistance from Germany.

STRONG PROTESTS AGAINST THE REDUCED BREAD RATION.

Amsterdam, June 20.—The Vienna city council on Tuesday, according to a dispatch received here, passed a resolution protesting against the reduction of the bread ration. The Vienna labor council after conferring for many hours on the same subject, passed a resolution renewing its demands for the "speediest general peace notwithstanding the great obstacles at present in the way of peace endeavors." The labor council resolution said it was apparent that no improvement in the food condition in Austria was possible while the war continued. The resolution of the city council demanded that the bread ration be increased at the earliest possible moment and that in the meantime other foodstuffs be used to replace the reduction in the amount of bread.

THE WAR IN KANSAS.

Kansas City Journal. One of the important drives of the immediate future will be the drive on the Kansas harvest field. General Industry is marshaling his forces.

PERSHING REPORTS DAMAGE TO YARDS

Washington, June 20.—Successful bombardment of German railroad yards was reported in General Pershing's communique for yesterday. Artillery activity and patrol raiding across the Marne were reported.

EXTRAORDINARY ATTRACTION AT PASTIME TODAY

The extraordinary attraction at the Pastime today will be "The Mark of Cain," starring Mrs. Vernon Castle, the best known, best dressed, best adored woman in America, with a wonderful cast including Antonio Moreno. The picture holds the interest from beginning to end. It is a tense murder mystery story dealing with which one man kills another, proves an apparent alibi for himself and throws the suspicion upon his rival in love. In this picture, Mrs. Castle appears to even better advantage than in "Stranded in Arcady," not only from the standpoint of her acting but she actually looks more beautiful. Don't miss this fine picture.

MAIDEN COTTON MILL DAMAGED BY FIRE

Fire at Maiden yesterday afternoon damaged the Maiden Cotton Mill, the lapper room and mill, according to a telephone message from there today. The origin of the fire was not learned. There was insurance on the building, but not enough to cover the damage, it was said. It was fortunate that the remainder of the mill escaped.

ITALIAN FLIERS FORCE CREW TO QUIT

Italian Army Headquarters, Thursday, June 19.—As thousands of Italian and Austrians looked on today, the Italian airmen brought on the surrender of the crew of an Austrian machine gun boat after Italian artillery and infantry failed to subjugate it. Italian artillery could not be used to great advantage because of the proximity of the Italian lines. Finally an Italian airplane went down and forced the occupants of the boat to swim to the right bank of the river and surrender.

In general the situation of the Austrians along the Piave appears far from satisfactory to them. Prisoners taken by the British all declare the Austrian army has little food. Some of the prisoners had not eaten for 48 hours.

DORTCH-ABERNETHY CASE BEFORE BOARD

Raleigh, June 20.—The contest between W. T. Dortch and Chas. L. Abernethy for the Democratic nomination to congress in the third district probably will be decided late today. The morning session of the state board of elections was taken up with presentation of evidence, arguments by attorneys for Abernethy, who claims fraud in the primary, and by arguments of attorneys for Dortch, who contended that the board has no power to go behind the certified count of the county boards. On the face of the returns Dortch received the nomination by a majority of 188 votes.

THE SOLDIER'S CHANCES.

Selected. The soldier has twenty-nine chances of coming home to one chance of being killed. He has ninety-eight chances of recovering from a wound to two chances of dying. He has only one chance in 500 of losing a limb. He will live five years longer because of physical training. He is freer from diseases in the army than in civil life. He has better medical care at the front than at home. In other wars from ten to fifteen men died from disease to one from bullets. In this war one man dies from disease to every ten from bullets. This war is less wasteful of life than any other in history.

STATE SUMMER SCHOOL HAS BIG ENROLLMENT

Chapel Hill, June 20.—The summer school enrollment at the state university has approximately reached the 500 mark, according to Director N. W. Walker, who thinks the total registration during the six weeks will at least reach and possibly go beyond 750. These figures compare favorably with the registration last summer, the unsettled state of affairs being taken into consideration. The first of the four teachers' institutes to be conducted during the summer school opened this morning with an attendance of 30, all ladies. Professor C. E. McIntosh, formerly chief clerk of the state department of education but now superintendent of the Hickory schools, and Miss Annie Cherry, of Scotland Neck, supervisor of the rural schools in Harnett county for the past session, are in charge of the institute work. The instructors in the institute work include Superintendent Cheek, of Elizabeth City; Superintendent Griffin, of Shelby; Miss Doris Rosenthal, of New York; T. E. Stafford, of the University of Porto Rico; Miss Ann Wilby, of Atlanta, and Miss Archie Lee Dickson.

AIN'T IT SO!

Greensboro News. Editor Sam Farabee in the Hickory Record says that "a newspaper, like an office, is a public trust." And Sam might have added that in this day of war and selective draft is generally produced by sheer main-strength and awkwardness.

ESCAPED U-BOAT OFF SOUTH C. COAST

A Gulf Port, June 20.—A coastwise passenger steamship which arrived here late yesterday encountered a German submarine at 1:35 p. m. last Saturday off the coast of South Carolina, it was learned today. The ship escaped because of superior speed and the calls for assistance. Officers of the steamer sighted the submarine as it came to the surface less than a mile off the portside.

NO AGREEMENT YET TO SWAP PRISONERS

Washington, June 20.—Failure so far of efforts to reach an agreement with Germany in regard to an exchange of prisoners was announced by the state department today.

NEW SOURCES OF TAXATION NAMED

Washington, June 20.—New sources of taxation with increased taxes on present sources estimated to raise more than a billion dollars were suggested to the house ways and means committee by Joseph J. Klein, a public accountant of New York city, who has been associated with the council of national defense. The committee was holding hearings on the new war revenue bill. Proposals made by Mr. Klein included:

- A tax of one cent per call on all toll telephone messages below 15 cents which are not now subject to tax.
- A flat 10-cent documentary tax on all legal documents not otherwise taxed.
- A stamp tax on each mercantile invoice on transactions of \$1 or more.
- A flat 2 or 3 cent tax on bank checks or a graduated tax beginning with 2 cents per \$100.
- A 1-cent tax on every car fare on street railways or interurban lines.
- A tax of 10 per cent to 25 per cent on tuition fees for private schools, not including colleges and universities.
- A tax on state or city officials, including high salaried judges and the great corps of public school teachers.
- Collection "at the source" of a graduated tax on all salaries and wages in excess of \$20 per week.
- A 2 per cent tax on all gross sales.
- Many other witnesses appeared before the committee today. Members hope to conclude the hearings this week.

SOME GOOD IN THE H. C. L.

Birmingham Age-Herald. The high cost of living in Washington is sending office-seekers home. The optimists are right. There's a bright side to everything.

SURGICAL CLASS TO MEET TOMORROW NEW YORK COTTON

The surgical dressing class recently organized in connection with Red Cross work in Hickory will meet tomorrow morning at 10:30 in the Sunday school room of the Episcopal church and every member is asked to be present. Caps and aprons will not be necessary at this meeting. Mrs. T. A. Mott, a certified instructor, will have charge of the class and Mrs. J. L. Riddle will be supervisor of surgical dressings. The work is preliminary to making dressings for American hospitals. Mrs. Mott graduated in the work at Richmond, where she made a mark of 100, and she is skilled in the business. The vestry of the Episcopal church loaned the Sunday school room for the purpose and the Sunday school will meet in the church for the present. Several persons offered their homes, but the Sunday school room was found better adaptable.

LETTER FROM LIEUTENANT COSTNER OF CAMP GORDON.

The following letter from Lieut. Chas. J. Costner, who is now stationed at Camp Gordon, near Atlanta, will be of interest to his many friends: "Dear Brother: I got my commission today and am now a second lieutenant in the National army of the United States of America. Don't feel quite so big and important as I expected I would, however. The worst part is that we do not get a furlough at all. I'm going to try again, though, for one the first of the month. I have been kept too busy for words the last two weeks at the physical training school and Monday I start a three weeks course at the bayonet fighting school. There are more schools to attend than I ever saw in my life before. Have been going to them ever since the first of the year. But the nice thing about it is that maybe I'll get my Hun before he gets me.—Gastonia Gazette.

SMALL—BUT OH, MY!

New York Tribune. The European battlefield has seen no omen carrying such portent to the German nation as this small but sweeping victory by American troops.

SAYS HENRY PAGE IS ALWAYS ON JOB

"If everybody in North Carolina could have been at that meeting called by Henry A. Page yesterday," observed Mr. S. L. Whitener today with emphasis, "we wouldn't need a food administrator."

That summed up the opinion of Hickory's food administrator on his return from Raleigh, where yesterday he went to school for a day with Marse Henry Page, the virile state food administrator, as teacher. Uncle Henry also held court in the presence of his assistants from all over the state—"and he's the fairest man I ever saw," was another observation of Mr. Whitener. Incidentally those violators who go before him come away his friend, and Mr. Whitener is sure from what he knows and has heard that they will never violate their trust again. Mr. Whitener said that he did not see any wheat bread or any products made out of wheat from the time he left Hickory until he returned to Hickory. They are cutting out wheat in the hotels away from here, and at the Yarborough Mr. Whitener ate peach pie, but it was made from meal. There was no flour used, and that was the case everywhere.

An interesting part of the communication of the administrators was the conferring of the degree of the Red Cross upon several candidates. Mr. Cross upon noble grand or grand master or what not and he did his work well. A Syrian from Winston-Salem was up before the administrator for concealing some sugar, and Mr. Page reminded him of the fact that Americans had rushed food to starving Syrians. The violator saw the point and tears sprang to his eyes. He went away a sadder and a wiser man and determined to do right.

As to the sugar situation, Mr. Whitener was told that there would be enough to go round provided every family used it sparingly. If some families hoard it, others will do without. Mr. Page urged a reduction in the consumption of meat and flour, but thought the wheat situation would be easier in a few weeks. Mr. Whitener called on some friends in Raleigh and was taken over the city by Mr. R. H. Merritt. The Hickory administrator liked Raleigh and he returned a warm admirer of Mr. Page.

ITALIAN ARMEN MASTERS ON FRONT

Italian Army Headquarters in Italy, Wednesday, June 20.—The Italians have won complete control of the air along the Piave line where the most determined fighting of the present Austrian offensive is being made. This afternoon not a single Austrian machine was aloft on this front.

ONE NORTH CAROLINA BOY AMONG WOUNDED

Washington, June 20.—The army casualty list today contained 73 names, divided as follows: Died in action, 17; died of wounds, 9; died of airplane accident, 2; died of disease, 7; died of accident and other causes, 1; wounded severely, 32; wounded degree undetermined, 4; missing in action, 1. The list includes Lieut. Calvin L. Capps of Lucama, N. C., who died of wounds.

REQUEST REFUSED ORDER WITHDRAWN

Washington, June 20.—An order refusing to reopen the application of the leading express companies for 19 per cent increase in rates so as to consider an increase of 15 per cent was handed down by the interstate commerce commission today and a few minutes later withdrawn without explanation. The commission expected to give a decision in a few days on the 10 per cent increase.

FIREMEN ARE THANKED.

I desire publicly to thank the Hickory firemen for their splendid work in putting out the fire which damaged my building Tuesday afternoon. It was the heroic efforts of the firemen which prevented greater damage. PHILIP SUTTLEMYRE.

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Forecast for North Carolina: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday, probably showers Friday in the mountain districts, light northeast winds.

ITALIANS REGAIN MORE LOST GROUND

London, June 20.—News reached London today that the Italians had regained Capo Sile, the town on the lagoon to the west of the Piave river to its mouth, which was captured by the Austro-Hungarians.

It is also reported that the Italians have regained all the territory between Zenson and the Fossetta canal. The Austro-Hungarians, it is declared, have been confined to the ground between the Mosesto canal and the Sile canal on the west bank of the Piave river.

HOME CANNING TO SHOW AN INCREASE

Washington, June 20.—Home canning will preserve at least 1,500,000,000 quarts of foodstuff this year as against 850,000,000 quarts last year, according to the statement today by the department of agriculture.

AMERICAN AVIATORS ARE SENT TO ITALIAN FRONT

Washington, June 20.—The first esquadron of American aviators trained in Italy started yesterday for the Italian front, and will go into action immediately upon their arrival, the Italian embassy was informed today by cable from Rome. The aviators are accompanied by Captain La Guardia, a member of congress who has been in Italy several months. "This first contingent," said the cablegram, "is composed entirely of volunteers representing the finest specimens of American youth. This morning they were received by Commissioner of Aeronautics Chiesa and Assistant Secretary of State Gallenga and numerous civil and military authorities.

"After many evidences of solidarity given by the United States, this contribution of aviators to our fighting front constitutes a fresh truth of the invaluable support of America, the significance of which is deeply appreciated by the Italian nation."

NORFOLK RESTAURANTS TO CUT OUT BEEF

Norfolk, Va., June 20.—Hotel and restaurant men of Norfolk and Portsmouth met in this city and unanimously decided to serve no roast beef, beefsteak or boiled beef until Sept. 15, at which time the regulation of the food administration regarding the serving of roast beef and beefsteak once a week and boiled beef twice a week expire. Managers of hotels and restaurants here decided that rather than complicate the situation by conforming to the regulation of the food administration they would serve no beef in any form throughout the summer, and therefore will cut out beef from their menus altogether.

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AUSTRIANS GROW WEAKER IN LONG BATTLE FRONT

Pressure Against Italians Relaxes While Civilians Clamor For Bread in Vienna—German Crown Prince Fails to Renew His Attack at Rheims

MR. CLONINGER IS APPOINTED EXAMINER

Mr. Charles W. Cloninger, assistant cashier of the Consolidated Trust company, has been appointed assistant state bank examiner by the corporation commission and will assume his new duties some time between now and the first of July. His headquarters will be in Raleigh. Mr. Wm. T. Council will succeed him here temporarily.

Mr. Cloninger, after completing a business course, came to Hickory several years ago and, by constant application to business, has made a success. He is a capable banker, is popular with business people and the public generally and will fit well his new position. Soon after the war broke out Mr. Cloninger, like so many other young men, endeavored to enter the government military service, but was rejected because of physical defect, a broken hip joint years ago being the cause. His friends here wish for him continued success in his more responsible position. Mr. Cloninger says he will always claim Hickory as home.

WELFARE ELECTED HEAD OF DRUGGISTS

Raleigh, June 20.—S. E. Welfare of Winston-Salem was elected president of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association at the close of the annual convention here today. The association will meet at Wrightsville next year. The office of secretary and treasurer was consolidated and J. G. Beard of Chapel Hill was elected to the position.

W. F. Hancock of Oxford was elected to succeed himself as secretary of the state board of pharmacy for a term of five years.

WAR ON THE WOUNDED

St. Louis Post-Dispatch. In three weeks the allied victims of German bomb attacks on hospitals numbered 991, of whom 329 were killed, including 13 nurses and other women. The progressive nature of German savagery is shown by these figures, which remove all doubts, it doubt existed, about the attacks on hospitals being due to a carefully planned, settled policy, rather than to accident or an intention manifested only occasionally. For a full and detailed interpretation of the German character under the reign of war madness, the horrors of Serbia and Belgium and of the U-Boat cruises will, of course, always have to be studied. But the crowning symbol of German infamy, the epitome of the meaner degrees of barbarity, will be found in the murder of the suffering and helpless brave ones who are regarded as having a special sanctity and show immunity by even many uncivilized tribes. The Germans have only to adopt the scalping custom to place themselves on a complete parity with the heathen savages of our red Indian tribes. Probably our forces over there do not include many experienced in ways of fighting Sioux and Apaches. But there must be many sons of old Indian fighters to whom the technic has descended by tradition.

FAVORABLE WEATHER FOR CROPS DURING PAST WEEK

Washington, June 20.—Weather favorable for cotton growing continued in all districts of the south during the week ending yesterday, according to the national weather and crop bulletin. "Except in southern Texas, where limited areas received from one to two inches of rainfall and from Alabama eastward, where good showers fell in most localities," says the report, "the week was above the normal. Steady improvement in cotton continues in Texas. The crop continues promising in all parts of Oklahoma, and the hot, dry weather was very favorable in Arkansas. "East of the Mississippi river the crop is growing rapidly in nearly all sections, but rain would be beneficial in a few localities, particularly in Tennessee and North Carolina. Squares are forming to the north limits of the belt, and the plants are blooming and fruiting well farther south. Complaints of boll weevil in increasing numbers are received from the southern portions of Georgia, Alabama and Louisiana and as far north as southwestern Arkansas."

MISS LUCY SLEDGE RETURNED TODAY FROM A VISIT TO WINSTON-SALEM, CHARLOTTE AND GASTONIA.

SINN FEINERS WILL ESCAPE PROSECUTION

London, June 20.—Edward Short, chief secretary for Ireland, stated in the house of commons today that there was sufficient evidence against the Sinn Feiners arrested to enable their prosecution, but that it was not desirable nor necessary to institute this.

Austrian pressure on the front from Lake Garda to the Adriatic is growing weaker, although the battle is still strenuous along the Piave from Montello to the sea.

Since Sunday the enemy has been held almost completely in check on the Piave line and has made no gains on the mountain front, while his loss in prisoners alone has risen to 9,000. Repeated efforts to debouch from the western bank of the river have been repulsed sanguinarily by the Italians and only around Capo Sile have the Austrians made any progress.

Heavy fighting continues around the Montello plateau. The Austrians have not gained control here nor have they had any success at Novill, south of Nervsa.

The British official statement on the fighting says that the Piave river has risen sufficiently to carry away any of the bridges the enemy has put across the stream. Emperor Charles, disappointed at not meeting with the success that marked the fall offensive, is personally directing the battle.

Meanwhile internal conditions in Austria, especially as regards food, are causing trouble. The city council of Vienna has protested against reduction of the bread ration and the labor organizations in the Austrian capital call for the "speediest peace."

The food supplies in Austria are reported at the lowest ebb since 1914. The German crown prince has not repeated his attacks against the defenses of Rheims, before which 40,000 of his troops were repulsed with heavy losses in a night attack Tuesday. The attack was repulsed vigorously.

Berlin says the effort was more an artillery and mine thrower bombardment than infantry attack, but all other accounts have agreed that the effort was of great force and that it was stopped quickly.

Elsewhere on the western front there has been only minor raiding activity. East of Chateau Thierry Americans have crossed the Marne in boats and bested enemy patrols in encounters. In addition to killing a large number of Germans, the raiders brought back prisoners. American raiding planes have bombed a railway junction midway between Verdun and Metz, dropping 38 bombs.

German aggression in the Ukraine is beginning to reap the whirlwind, according to reports from Moscow. A revolt on a large scale has broken out in the Ukrainian capital. The revolt has spread to other provinces and 40,000 peasants are engaged in the disorders.

TELEGRAPH AGENTS ARE UNDER ARREST

Washington, June 20.—Postal inspectors today arrested a number of traveling agents of the Western Union Telegraph company on trains between Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Washington, in whose suit cases were found many messages for delivery. This practice, which is said to have been in operation by the telegraph company for some time, is considered a violation of postal laws forbidding persons not connected with the postal service from conducting a traffic communication in competition with the government.

The facts discovered will be presented to grand juries and officials of the telegraph company will be summoned to explain. The penalty for violation of the postal law is a fine of \$500 or imprisonment for not more than six months.

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