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TANKS PUZZLED ENEMY FORCING WITHDRAWALS

Bit Of Comedy On Western Front During War Had Desired Effect On Germans

Washington, Jan. 31.—A graphic account of the exploit of a platoon of American soldiers with five tanks during the war in prowling at night along the front to such effect that two German divisions were withdrawn from the Argonne sector on the eve of the American attack there, is told in an account issued to-day by the tank corps.

The object of the expedition, to draw the enemy's attention from the real assault, was fully accomplished.

The St. Mihiel salient had been cleaned up and the first army was preparing to strike the first blow of the Meuse-Argonne drive when the tank corps commander, with General Pershing's approval, put into execution a new device to bewilder the enemy as to where the next blow would fall. Under command of Lieutenant Higgins, a platoon of the 344th tank battalion entrained on a narrow gauge line paralleling the front to the northwest of the real future battle zone. They were to stop each night, make a reconnaissance in front of the positions and immediately load up and repeat the operation the following night further down the line.

"On the 19th of September the five tanks and their crews were loaded and the expedition started," the statement said. "That evening they stopped in the rear of a little wood, many kilometres west of St. Mihiel. About 11 o'clock all was ready and the miniature army started forward on its mission. Everything went off as was scheduled. The tanks rolled through our positions and into no man's land. They were operated back and forth for half an hour. After this they were quietly withdrawn, crawled back on their little narrow gauges, and started merrily on their way. They timed their work perfectly, and as they pulled a out terrific barrage hit the wood they had left.

The following evening the procedure was repeated. Again the barrage descended too late to hurt the jaunty band, and again the sound of bursting shells was greeted with jeers and shouts of derision as the rattling, bumping little train carried them toward the next night's adventure.

"For six successive nights the troupe staged their one night stands, and the reports all along the sector showed that the Hun was up in the air. All day long the sky was full of planes searching for the army of tanks which the enemy was sure was concentrating on this front. All suspicious looking places were bombarded with the usual Hun thoroughness and intensity. All night long the darkness was dispelled by hundreds of flares and rockets.

"Best of all, just as the little band was preparing to entrain to get into the big show in the Arbonne, there came a message from the intelligence section stating 'two German divisions withdrawn from Argonne front. Entraining for your sector.'"

Indian Physician Must Leave State In Order To Live With White Wife

Lumberton, Jan. 27.—Dr. G. W. Locklear, Indian, of Pembroke, Robeson county, must leave the state in order to live with the white woman whom he married in Atlanta, Ga.

Locklear was indicted by Solicitor S. B. McLean, the indictment being brought upon the grounds that the laws of North Carolina do not permit the intermarriage of races. Locklear pleaded guilty and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the cost, Locklear and his wife to return to the state in which they were married.

The father of Locklear's wife, who it is said, is a prominent attorney of Atlanta, attended the trial and lent his efforts in the doctor's behalf. Locklear married another white woman in another state several years ago and was later divorced upon the ground of illegal marriage, it is said. This is the first case of its kind to come up in Robeson.

Boothblack Makes \$225 Week.

New York, Jan. 30.—Peter B. Stefano, a Brooklyn boothblack, makes \$225 a week shining shoes, according to his wife, Mrs. Josephine Stefano, who entered suit in the Brooklyn Supreme court to-day for a separation. She charged cruel and inhuman treatment, and declares that her husband refused to give her ten cents to go to a "movie." Decision was reserved on her request for \$50 a week temporary alimony.

News About Newspapers.

In these days of strange times when one chance to go into a store to make a purchase they will almost invariably hear the merchant say something of the high price of everything and the scarcity of a great many articles which he could sell if he only had. Only last week in a store located in a neighboring city the writer saw a sample of gingham on display in a show window priced seventy-five cents per yard. And this condition of unsettled markets seems to apply to every business that can be thought of.

Not only have these conditions affected the merchants and various enterprises in their way of doing business but the same is true of the newspaper business. There is a greater demand for printing than ever in the history of the printing business. More people are reading papers, more news is being printed and more business concerns are using the columns of the newspapers than ever before. All this makes a greater supply of paper necessary and which is not being produced by the mills so far. Where print paper formerly could be bought for two cents a pound it is now costing from eight to ten cents. This advance is fearful to the business when you consider that several of our own state papers use more than a car load of paper every week—fifty thousand pounds or five hundred dollars worth—an increase of four hundred per cent in this one item of expense.

The most serious problem the large offices are having to face is the shortage of printers and machine men. Formerly a good printer could be had for fifteen dollars per week, but now from forty to sixty dollars can be secured by most any workman in his line. We have in mind men whose duty it is to set the advertisements on the large dailies who have been making as much as four hundred dollars a month. Of course this large sum was partly the result of much "over-time" work. Skilled workmen of all classes seem to be drifting to the larger centers. A man does not stay satisfied long in Mount Airy and so moves down to Winston-Salem. After working there for a while he gets restless and decides that that is too small a place and so he goes on to Richmond. He remains there only a short time until the large metropolitan papers lure him to their shops with fabulous prices. And so it is next to an impossibility for the offices in the smaller places to secure help.

This office has been trying for several months to employ a good printer. Personal inquiry was made in two of the larger towns of this state a few days ago and we were satisfied that there is nothing to do but make out with what help we already have for the present. Luckily for The News and its patrons that the editor can, by assembling his family together, have quite an array of printing geniuses, as ye editor's family is a family of printers.

While talking of the newspaper situation it might not be amiss to mention something of the effort of some of our citizens to establish a larger and more useful newspaper for this community and county. Rumor has it, and we have good reason to believe there is something of the truth in it, that the politicians of the county, the democratic politicians, want to own, control and operate a newspaper for, and solely for, the democratic party. It would be their aim, so we have been told, to make it a "red-hot" democratic sheet. In fact the editor they would place at the head of it must make it so "red-hot" for opposing parties that there would be nothing for them to do but come right over into the democratic ranks and cease being an enemy and become a "pal." It must be so "red-hot," we have further been told, that no living person could oppose it and withstand the darting shafts of ridicule and spurring flames of sarcasm that would flow unceasingly from the pen of its fluent editor. And it would be their aim to carry this good work on, not for three months before each campaign, but continuously every week in the year without any let up. This of course would tickle the fancy of the democratic party. It is said that the promoters hope to get started in their new venture in a very short time and that they already have their editor selected and looking into the situation. It is further understood that several men of money in the democratic ranks have become interested in the venture and will not let the enterprise die in its infancy for lack of financial sustenance.

DR. POTEAT PRESIDENT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Heads Southern Baptist Educational Activities Within the Southern Convention

Nashville, Jan. 31.—Southern Baptists will take an active part in the fight to eliminate illiteracy in the south, according to resolutions adopted by the annual session of the Southern Baptist Educational association, representing the leading executives of the educational institutions in the 18 states within the bounds of the southern Baptist convention which adjourned Saturday.

The association also went on record in favor of paying more adequate salaries to college instructors and named a committee to formulate the means for bringing every educational institution fostered by the denomination up to the highest standards. Another theological seminary and one south-wide Baptist university were suggested as early needs.

When the Baptist 75,000,000 campaign has been completed the value of the property invested in schools controlled by southern Baptists will be \$45,000,000, it was announced.

Dr. W. L. Poteat, president of Wake Forest college, Wake Forest, N. C., was elected president and Dr. A. D. Bond, of Nashville, re-elected secretary. Nashville was named as the next meeting place and January 27-30, 1921 as the date.

Surry's Quota.

Of the 250,000 orphan children without clothing in the Near East, Surry county has been assigned fifty six of these to feed and clothe for a year at \$60 each, making a sum of \$3,360 for our people to contribute.

We must give this amount or some of these 56 helpless children will perish. Their lives depend on our help. We must not fail them. We can not afford to. We will not, if I know Sunday schools, Ladies organizations and fraternal organizations are urgently requested to make at least one collection during this month for the purpose.

Supt. Epps of the Mount Airy Graded schools, recently presented the condition of the starving children to his school children and practically every child in the town made a small contribution, raising more than enough money to feed and support a child for a year. And they did it gladly, and are going to do it again.

These children set a fine example for the older people. One of the prominent citizens of Ekin sent a generous check last week. We should give liberally for God has abundantly prospered the people of our county the past year. We easily have twice as much money as we ever had. These parentless, homeless, penniless and helpless children only ask for the crumbs that fall from our tables of abundance. Just a small contribution from every one would save them.

Send your contribution today before you forget it, to R. C. Lewellyn, Treasurer, Dobson, N. C. and save a life and see if you don't feel better.

Census Takers Use Aeroplanes

Everything from aeroplane to snowshoes is being used by the agents of Uncle Sam in taking the 1920 census of the United States. About the only modern method of transportation either on, over or below land or water that has not been employed in enumerating Uncle Sam's nieces and nephews seems to be the submarine. Aeroplanes have come in handy in enumerating the dwellers on the islands off the coast of Florida; yachts and rowboats have been used in the harbors of the country; native canoes have been in demand among the Hawaiian Islands; "flivvers" are being used everywhere; the tried and trusty mule team has carried the census takers out on the desert regions; and snowshoes have become the trusted aids of the census gatherers in the northern states and Alaska.

In the central part of New York state near Oswego, a few days ago an enumerator making his rounds on snowshoes arrived at an isolated farm dwelling only to find that an able-bodied man was needed more than a census taker as the man of the family had been sick in bed for several days and the farm animals were suffering for lack of food and water. The census man, like any good neighbor would, stopped long enough to do the chores, dig out paths through the deep snow and put things in shipshape order before continuing his journey.

San Francisco's Hall Accommodates 10,000

San Francisco, Feb. 1.—The main hall of the Exposition Memorial auditorium, where the national Democratic convention will be held June 28, will accommodate about 10,000 persons. Forty-five hundred can be seated on the floor of the hall, 4,416 in the balcony and there will be standing room for 1,500 others.

The fourth-story auditorium of concrete and granite erected in 1915, at a cost of \$2,000,000 is said by the bureau of memorial buildings of the War Camps Community service to be "the finest and most costly structure of its kind in America." It is one of a group of public buildings in the civic center.

There are two large supplementary hall in the building. One will seat 900 persons and the other 750. In addition there are eight other halls and 19 rooms that might be used for committee meetings.

Through the 37 separate exits, it is estimated, the building, though crowded to capacity, could be emptied in six or seven minutes.

San Francisco residents consider the big organ in the auditorium the finest in the country.

Several other municipal auditoriums have main halls somewhat larger than the one here, Denver's seats 12,500. The one in Oakland, Cal., seats 12,000 and St. Paul's accommodates a like number.

The Surry Sheriff To Get Appointment After All

Washington, Jan. 30.—Internal Revenue Collector Roper has written Senator Lee S. Overman that he will within the next few days appoint Sheriff C. H. Haynes, of Surry county, as chief deputy of the income tax division of Collector Bailey's office as a partial solution to the problem Colonel Watts left when he quit the service.

The selection of Sheriff Haynes for this berth was forecast several days ago and at the same time the prediction was made that the office of supervisor of North Carolina would be abolished "for the good of the service."

Efforts of Senator Simmons and Overman right now are being directed toward securing a place in the department for Sheriff Manly McDowell that will be acceptable to the sheriff and to this end Senator Overman has been urging Commissioner Roper to re-establish the office of collector in the western district.

Commissioner Roper, it is understood, is opposed to re-establishing the office but is in thorough accord with the plan to abolish the office of supervisor. He has practically said to the senators that he would not accept a man as successor to Colonel Watts who was unfamiliar with the internal revenue work in the state.

Then, too, a supervisor is thought to be objectionable to Collector Bailey. While it seems to be true that the Raleigh office has not measured up with some of the others in the matter of efficiency, Collector Roper is disposed to excuse much of the rating on the ground that new men have been in the collector's office and are just beginning to get thoroughly into the instructions of revenue accounting.

They Keep Durham High On Tax Lists

Durham, Jan. 30.—Four corporations and one citizen, pay more than half of the taxes on real estate and personal property in the city of Durham, according to statistics that have been compiled by Z. A. Rochelle, city auditor. The Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company ranks as the largest taxpayer in Durham, contributing more than twice as much as any concern or individual to the city income. In 1919 the company paid \$100,457.25 to the city alone. The American Tobacco Company is the next largest contributor in Durham, paying \$40,992.72. George W. Watts, who is said to be the largest tax payer in North Carolina, came third in tax payments with \$40,398.94. The other companies making up the tax paying quintet are the Durham Hosiery Mills and the Golden Belt Manufacturing Company.

Chronic Constipation. There are people who never have a movement of the bowels without it is produced by a cathartic. Most of them have brought that condition on themselves by the use of mineral waters and strong cathartics that take too much water out of the system and aggravate the disease they are meant to relieve. A mild laxative tonic like Chamberlain's Tablets affords a gentle movement of the bowels that you hardly realize has been produced by a medicine, and their use is not so likely to be followed by constipation.

AMERICA HAS FIDDLED AWAY THE PAST YEAR

Declares Secretary Daniels, Who Characterizes It the "Tragedy Of Tragedies."

New York, Feb. 1.—The past year for the United States has been one of "fiddling and delay" and was characterized "the tragedy of tragedies" by Secretary of the Navy Daniels, who addressed the opening meeting here today of the campaign for the near east relief fund. Although America had not kept faith with the allies, he said, he had confidence that the American people would do their duty.

"One of the beliefs that carried us into the war," added Secretary Daniels "was that small peoples have the right to liberty and to control their own destinies. Shall America alone fall now in sustaining that principle? I do not believe it. I am confident that the American people will respond to this call. Give the Armenians present relief from the perils of starvation and then provide for the freedom of the country from the rule of the Turk. They will respond to this call as they have responded to every call made upon them since April 6, 1917."

Secretary Daniels in speaking of the navy said that the popular idea of the navy was that it only exists as a fighting machine. This, he added, is its chief mission but if it had not proved a powerful agency in protecting the people and upholding the dignity of the flag at all times it had failed of its mission. In the war, he declared, it had proved its worth and had done its full share in bringing about peace. There was nothing the matter with the American navy during the war, James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, said in a brief address.

"The trouble with the secretary is that he is too good natured," added Mr. Gerard. "If I had been secretary of the navy and a bunch of admirals or anybody else had formed a board of criticism, I would have had them on the slide and their heads in the basket inside of 24 hours."

Captain George B. Hyde, a near east relief worker, told of horrible conditions and suffering in Armenia and charged that the Turkish leaders were still attempting "to wipe out the Armenian people."

There has already been \$1,900,000 subscribed to the relief fund in New York city, it was announced during the meeting.

Schoolhouse As Center

The schoolhouse should be a social center, a community capital, from which should emanate everything of educational, social, and material betterment of the community, says the Virginia Cooperative Educational Association.

What some of the Virginia community leagues are planning to do is sketched in the following outline:

1. Conducting active campaigns for solution of the citizen's leisure time problem.
2. Encouraging folk games and songs.
3. Giving constant attention to recreation and vocal work.
4. Uniting the young men of the community into an extensive program of athletics.
5. Establishing lyceum courses, band concerts, and community singing as community leisure time activities.
6. Organizing group athletics, game, gymnastics, folk dances, and hikes for everybody.
7. Advocating gymnasiums, swimming pools, and auditoriums in every school building.
8. Promoting rural libraries and game rooms.
9. Establishing scholarships in honor of some world hero of the section.
10. Maintaining a community forum where the citizens can get together and discuss matters of school, health, roads, farming, juvenile delinquents, etc.

Prince Edward Island Fox Ranching Is Growing Fast

Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Dec. 22.—Fox ranching on this island province is steadily growing and this season it is estimated that about 5,000 will be shipped from here. The prices range from \$1,000 each for silver fox skins down to \$10 for the cheapest reds.

Ranchers are giving up the breeding of the cheap grade of foxes as they cost just as much to feed as the others and domesticated reds are now a rarity. A number of individual farmers in this province are starting small fox ranches.

A Prayer For Schools

Dr. Frank Crane

O God, Thou hast put into our hands the future of the race. We are made co-workers with Thy spirit in creating the world that is to be.

Thou hast put every new generation in the lap of the old, that there may be a continuity of growth.

Awaken us to our responsibility. Stir us up to our incomparable privilege. Make keen within us the conviction that we have no work more vital to do than to teach.

Reveal to us the school as the heart of the world's work.

Vast problems press upon us. The world is upturned. The masses seeth in the ferment of untried theories. Yet the way is simple.

It lies through the child.

The road to the Golden Age runs through the schoolhouse.

There is no reform, however far-reaching, no establishment of justice, however revolutionary, that might not better be accomplished by patience through the instruction of the children, than through the schemes of politics or the violence of war.

Arms and disorder, destruction and overturning, are man's way. The school is Thy way.

Lay upon the conscience of every teacher, the divinity of his employ. Give him the enthusiasm of his opportunity. Show him the beauty, the majesty of his calling, the marvel of his art, the proper pride of his craftsmanship!

Make every parent realize that the best gift in his power for the child is the school!

Lay deep in every child's heart an unmistakable ambition to learn, to know, to come to mastery.

And to unfold to us increasingly what education means! Shake from us the ghost grip of the past, the narrowing hold of tradition, while we still preserve what is good.

Deepen, broaden, enlarge our conception of the school. Make us glad to spend more for it, as the best of all investments for the security of the world.

And show us that there can be no salvation for the race that does not first mean salvation for the child, by striking from his brain the chain of ignorance, from his heart the iron rim of superstition, and from his hand the curse of the unskilled.

Germans Retain Bust Of

Wilhelm In Their Halls

With the American Forces in Germany, Jan. 1.—The former German emperor is not without his friends in the American occupied area in the Rhineland. A motion recently proposed by a social democrat in the city council of Coblenz to oust from the council chamber a bust of Wilhelm II which had stood in the hall for years was defeated overwhelmingly.

The social democrat who introduced the motion said: "It is our firm conviction that a man who has so trampled upon the honor and duty of his people and of his own code can no longer have a place among us."

Opposition was immediate from spokesmen of several parties. Views ranged from a declaration of allegiance by a nationalist speaker to the opinion of the Greber party leader at least the bust was worth while historically. And so the former emperor's bust as in the past, continues to watch over council sessions of the city fathers of Coblenz and its pedestal in the most prominent part of the great room beneath which is the billeting office of the American forces in Germany.

In Newwied, also in the American occupied area, the city council recently rejected, by a vote of 17 to 15, a proposal to remove from the council chamber a picture of the former emperor which hangs over the burgomaster's high seat in the front of the hall.

English Rectors Raise Cost Of Getting "Tied"

Blackburn, England Jan. 14.—Cupid is being taxed in the Blackburn district to help clergyman meet part of the increase in the cost of living. The charge for getting married has been raised 50 to 60 per cent.

For many months the servants of the church of England have been agitating for larger salaries and so desperate has been the need, according to the reports, that there has been some talk of forming a clergyman's union.

Periodic Billions Attacks

Persons subject to periodic billions attacks will observe that their appetite fails them just before an attack. That is, they do not really crave food but are because it is usual that if they will eat only a light meal and no meat, then take two Chamberlain's Tablets the attack may be avoided.