

PRESSURE OF ARMS OF THE GERMAN NUT CRACKER ON VERDUN'S SIDES RELIEVED BY GREAT WEDGE ALLIES HAVE INSERTED

Teutons Being Defeated at Own Game — French Hold and Strengthen Positions They Drove Enemy Out of On Thursday—More Allied Successes All Along the Line In West—Floods In East Check Russian Advance In Dneister Country, But Brusilov Continues to Hammer Away at Riga Lines—Terrific Attacks Directed by Slav General Against Defense In Poland—Germans Lost Heavily Thursday

(By the United Press)

London, July 21.—While the Crown Prince has invented a nut-cracker squeezing attack at Verdun, the Franco-British armies are inverting the nut cracker methods by inserting a wedge as the fulcrum of the nut-cracker and pushing its arms outward. The Germans closed an opened nut-cracker. The allies are opening the closed one. Such a scheme is now operating in the Peronne sector.

Floods are helping the Germans to withstand the Allied attacks.

In Galicia, Petrograd today reported the overflowing of the Dneister is hampering the Russian advance. In the north, however, Brusiloff continues to hurl terrific attacks against the German Riga front.

French Cover Themselves With Glory.

Paris, July 21.—Heavy German counter-attacks against positions the French won yesterday were today repulsed. The victorious French hurled the Germans back with great losses and then consolidated and materially strengthened their new positions. An official statement reports French successes all along the line.

Haig Reports More Gains.

London, July 21.—General Haig's forces today continued to push forward, driving out of Foureaux woods, north of Bazentin and Longueval German detachments which had gained entry there after a counter-attack, were repulsed. Haig's report indicated that the Germans made their customary night attack following yesterday's British advance and were until today's action partly successful.

STRANGE SHIP NEAR LOSS OF LIFE FROM DEUTSCHLAND ADDS FLOODS YET STANDS TO GROWING MYST'Y AT SEVENTY-THREE

Bears No Name and Crew Won't Talk — Watchers Along River Bank, While Submersible Sticks at Dock

By CARL GROAT, (United Press Staff Correspondent) Baltimore, July 21.—The Deutschland is still at her wharf, thereby crowding for first place in mystery sweepstakes.

All "inside information" as to when she'll leave has gone askew. Considerable additional mystery today attached to the arrival just beyond the Deutschland's pier of a strange tramp steamer showing no name, whose crew mumbled unintelligible replies to all questions hurled at her.

The mysterious stranger is equipped with wireless. Also there was discovered a string of watchers stretched along both sides of the Patuxent river.

NOT A WORD HAD TO TELL HOW OCRACOKE FARED IN BAD GALE

(By the Eastern Press) Washington, N. C., July 21.—No word had been received here this afternoon from Ocracoke, where 600 people are believed to have been endangered by a severe gale in the past 48 hours. Seamen believe the storm did little damage there. A gale is raging over lower Beaufort and Hyde counties now.

No Additional Casualties Reported From West Carolina This Morning

GUARD FLOATING TIMBER

Governor Issues Proclamation Warning Lumber Thieves — Estimate of Damage Puts It at Fifteen Million

Charlotte, N. C., July 21.—There have been no additional reports of casualties in the flooded country of west Carolina.

The loss of life still stands at 73. There has been no reduction in the estimate of property damage, which was put at fifteen millions.

A report that 10 persons were drowned at Alta Pass has been proven unfounded.

Railroad traffic is still demoralized. It will be weeks before trains run on anything like schedule time.

Governor Craig has issued a proclamation declaring that the taking of any lumber or other property washed up by the rivers is a crime and has ordered special officers appointed to guard against timber thieves, who were reported to be active in the Asheville section.

CLOAK-MAKERS STRIKE

Washington, July 20.—Settlement of the strike of cloak-makers in New York City which has been in progress for twelve weeks, probably will be attempted by the Federal Bureau of Reconciliation.

BIGGEST OF NAVAL PROGRAMS IS UP TO SENATE FOR A VOTE

Would Provide for Eight Capital Ships in the First Year

THREE YEARS BUILDING

Of 157 Vessels of All Kinds. Total Cost Would Be \$588,180,576, With More Than Half That First 12 Months

(By the United Press)

Washington, July 21.—The most costly naval program authorized by any country in one year is up for the Senate's final approval. The general naval bill, directing immediate construction of four dreadnaughts and four battle cruisers, is ready for a vote, together with provisions for a proportionate number of smaller vessels.

The program would cost three hundred and fifteen millions the first year. At the end of three years the United States would have added 157 warships of all classes. The cost of the three-year program would be \$588,180,576.

MADDEN ASKS IF A MEXICAN EMERGENCY CONFRONTS US YET

(By the United Press)

Washington, July 21.—The President was called upon in a resolution introduced by Representative Madden of Illinois today to inform Congress if an emergency still exists in American relations with Mexico, and if so why has not he issued a draft for the national guard.

The resolution also propounds a query regarding the health of the guardsmen on the border.

EXPECT RUSSIAN TO BECOME A FAMILIAR LANGUAGE IN EUROPE

London, July 5.—(By Mail)—The Russian language, hitherto almost unused in Western Europe, promises to become a well-known tongue of the future.

German, French and Spanish were the three leading tongues taught in Great Britain before the war. German has been almost abandoned. French and Spanish, respectively, now rank second and third to Russian, which is eagerly sought by persons looking to vast commercial intercourse between Russia and the Allies after the war.

On the other hand, Spanish leads in Germany, according to reports loss of trade with the Allies, but in her. The Germans see a temporary tend to breach the gulf with a greatly increased South American trade.

BRITISH GOLFERS LIKE THE NEW GIRL CADDIES

London, July 5.—(By Mail)—British golf-players—all above military age just now—are strong for the girl caddie.

The club-carrying member of the opposite sex is a decided success. What she lacks in carrying clubs she gains by lack of irritating comment. Experienced and veteran golfers alike declare that the feminine caddie perhaps fails to take such a keen interest in the game as they boy caddie, but she doesn't attempt to take all the joy out of a perfectly played "four" by piping: "Mr. So-and-So always does that hole in three."

The girl caddie is doing the work on scores of British links while her brother is making munitions.

PRETTY TEXAN AND ARMY OFFICER ARE SLAIN IN JEALOUSY

Husband Shot Mrs. Spannall and Lt.-Col. Butler While Motoring

WONT MAKE STATEMENT

Spannell Seems to Be Indifferent — Butler an Ex-Senator's Son—The Other Victim Daughter of a Millionaire

(By the United Press)

Alpine, Texas, July 21.—H. J. Spannall, in jail, today refused to talk, and maintained an attitude of indifference regarding his shooting to death of his wife and Lieut.-Col. M. C. Butler, U. S. A., as they were automobile riding yesterday.

Butler, recently promoted from the rank of major, was the son of former U. S. Senator Butler from South Carolina, and was 52 years old.

Mrs. Spannall was regarded as one of the most beautiful women in Texas. Her father, John B. Holland, is a millionaire cattleman. Spannall met her when she was a student and he a musical instructor at Baylor University at Waco. They were married fifteen years ago, having one child, a boy of seven. Holland gave Spannall an interest in one of his many ventures.

KINSTON FIRE LADS AND MOREHEAD CITY SPLIT PRIZE MONEY

Won In State Tournament At Raleigh Wednesday—Would Not Run Off Tie—Spencer Hose Reel Team Takes Two Events

(Special to The Free Press)

Raleigh, July 21.—It was agreed that the three companies which tied for first place in the horse shop wagon race in the State Firemen's tournament here Wednesday, should not run off the tie, but by mutual agreement the three divided the prize money between them. The companies were Kinston No. 1, East Kinston and Morehead City No. 1, their time being 27 2-5 seconds.

In a 150-yard hose reel race yesterday the Spencer railway shops team won over contestants from Kinston, Chapel Hill, East Spencer, Winston-Salem and Concord. Spencer shops also won the grab reel dash, the same teams competing. The time in the first event was 23 2-5 and in the second 16 2-5 seconds.

Fireman Upchurch of Chapel Hill won the improvised 100 yard foot race in 10 4-5 seconds.

Thursday afternoon a Dutch luncheon was tendered the firemen and they witnessed a baseball game between Carolina League teams. At night the Raleigh firemen put up a spectacular life-saving and hook and ladder drill.

West Carolina firemen who were prevented from coming by the floods are greatly missed at this tournament. Their absence will be compensated for, however, by the fact that the next convention and tournament will be held in Asheville.

Today's events include interstate hand reel, grab reel and hose wagon or reel race and a firemen's ball in the City Auditorium.

RECORDER VERY ILL

Washington, N. C., July 21.—W. L. Vaughan, the local Recorder, ill with typhoid fever, is in a critical condition following two hemorrhages.

FRANCE WOULD GIVE UP AMERICANS IF U. S. NEEDED 'EM HOME

Official Decision—Would Release 900 Trained Men, Including Some Expert Aviators If We Were to Go to War

By HENRY WOOD,

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Paris, July 21.—In the event of war between the United States and Mexico or any other country, France will release at once from enlistment all Americans now serving with the French army, who may wish to return home and fight for their own country.

The official decision of France to this effect was today communicated to the United Press by high officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Despite the statement recently published in German papers in America that 30,000 Americans are now serving with the Allies' armies, France is unable to account for more than about 900 of them.

The release of the 70 American aviators now serving with the French army would give the United States the nucleus for an aviation service of the most priceless kind.

What an influence the return of these men to America might have in all parts of the country, is indicated in the following list just prepared by the Foreign Office of the original American enlistments, showing how they are divided among almost all the States of the Union:

- New York 187, Michigan 140, Illinois 60, Massachusetts 58, Pennsylvania 51, Ohio 50, Minnesota 29, Washington 27, Wisconsin 20, Missouri 19, Indiana 19, California 18, Iowa 15, Alabama 14, Rhode Island 11, Oregon 11, Nebraska 11, North Dakota 10, Connecticut 10, Virginia 9, Texas 9, Vermont 8, Colorado 8, Tennessee 6, Kentucky 6, Maryland 6, Idaho 5, Maine 5, Louisiana 5, Kansas 5, Florida 4, New Jersey 4, New Hampshire 3, Oklahoma 2, District of Columbia 2, Arizona 2, North Carolina 2, Georgia 2, Wyoming 2, Utah 2, Arkansas 1, West Virginia 1.

The above list comprises only the original 875 American enlistments in the French Foreign Legion. Those that have followed, however, have practically the same general distribution as to states.

BROOKLYN PHYSICIAN MAY HAVE FOUND CURE INFANTILE PARALYSIS

New York, July 20.—About a dozen cases of infantile paralysis have been treated by Dr. N. McL. Whittaker of Brooklyn, with beneficial results, by means of hypodermic injections of quinine and urea-hydrochlorine, according to a statement made here by Dr. Whittaker today. The results of his experiments have drawn keen interest from health department officials who have been attempting to discover a remedy for the disease. Dr. Whittaker said tonight that this prescription can be used internally, but that he prefers to use it as an injection because it acts as an anesthetic and does not disturb the child's stomach as it does when given internally. In all cases he had treated, he said, marked improvement had been observed.

FARMERS MAKE LOT OF MONEY PUTTING BRIDGE BUILDERS OVER RIVER

Spencer, July 20.—Trainmen returning from points on the Charlotte division below where the Catawba bridge was washed away state that 500 or more men are engaged in building a temporary trestle over the Catawba river. Farmers are reported to have bagged a lot of money by putting men across the river in a boat at \$1 each. One man is said to have taken in \$600 per day for two days at this business.

WILL BLACK DIES IN ELECTRIC CHAIR AT STATE'S PRISON FOR CRIMINAL ASSAULT; DEATH CHAMBER CROWDED WITH WITN'S

Greene County Negro Who Outraged White Child In March Pays the Penalty—Electrocution at 10:30 Today—Condemned Makes No Statement and Faces Death Without a Quiver—Current Has to Be Turned On Three Times By Warden—Nothing to Say About Remorse or Fear—Corpse Goes to Undertaker—Takes Just Little More Than Five Minutes to Finish Job of Putting Youthful Fiend Out of Way

(By W. J. Martin)

Raleigh, July 21.—Will Black paid the death penalty for criminally assaulting little Mattie Tyson at 10:30 this morning. He went to his death in the chair without a quiver, leaving no special statement.

Five minutes and forty seconds elapsed from the time the Greene county rapist entered the death chamber until he was pronounced dead. Three applications of the voltage by Warden Busbee were necessary.

The body will be returned over to a local undertaker. The death chamber was crowded with witnesses.

LOCAL SOLDIER IS ORDERED RELEASED BY FEDERAL JUDGE

Connor Holds That Contract Between Private Avery and U. S. Was Not Binding When Parents of Youth Protested

Judge Henry G. Connor of the Eastern District Federal Court has ordered the release from the National Guard of Private R. C. Avery of Company B, Second Infantry, N. C. N. G., and instructed the marshal to go to Camp Glenn and secure the young man and turn him over to his relatives.

At a habeas corpus hearing several days ago it was contended that Avery had enlisted without permission of his parent or parents, he being under age. In making his decision in an exhaustive opinion handed down, Judge Connor held that as between the United States and the minor part of the controversy, the contract of enlistment was good, but was voidable upon the petition by the soldier's parents for his release from the Guard.

Both the War Department and the National Guard officials at Camp Glenn fought Avery's release vigorously. A threat had been made to prosecute the Kinston soldier for swearing falsely to his age, and the next move of the military authorities is awaited with interest.

NEBRASKA'S WHEAT CROPS NOW IN STACK

Lincoln, Neb., July 21.—Nebraska's big wheat crop today is in the shock and stack in splendid condition. While less wheat acreage was planted in this State this year than last, weather conditions more than made up for this difference and Nebraska has one of the best wheat crops in her history. It is believed that the total crop will not be far below 100,000,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CHANCE KING CHANGES THE ODDS ON PRESIDENTIAL CONTEST

Chicago, July 21.—Jimmy O'Leary, Chicago's king of chances, has changed his odds on the coming presidential election "because of the war," as he puts it, to "even money on Wilson and Hughes; take your choice." Up to the latest Mexican crisis Hughes ruled a 5 to 6 favorite, while Wilson was quoted 4 to 5. O'Leary claims Wilson's strength has increased recently.

BEGIN WORK ON NEW BUILDINGS AT FAIR GROUNDS NEXT WE'K

\$4,000 of \$5,000 to Be Invested Secured—Big Exhibit Building to Be Erected for Women's and Fine Arts Departments

Construction of new buildings at the fair grounds will be commenced next week. Another exhibit building, 40 feet wide by 100 feet long, and additional stables for stock exhibits are to be erected. These additions will make the plant adequate for the coming fall event. The floor space at the initial fair last year was not quite adequate for the surprisingly numerous exhibits.

Four thousand dollars of \$5,000 asked has already been subscribed. A committee, of which Mr. T. W. Mewborn is chairman, is still at work securing subscriptions for additional stock.

Nearly every section of East Carolina was represented at last year's fair, and an even larger patronage is expected at the coming event, only a little more than 90 days off now. The fair association will make every effort to accommodate exhibitors from any part of the tributary territory, and advises that prospective patrons begin saving the choice specimens from their tobacco, grain, cotton, fruit and truck crops for exhibition. The prize list is now being prepared.

The new building is to be devoted principally to fine arts and women's departments.

FORECASTS OVERSEAS AEROPLANE SERVICE IN A SHORT TIME NOW

New York, July 21.—An overseas aeroplane service between Europe and America and veritable aeroplane armies in the clouds on European battlefields are expected by a French aerial expert who talked about the probability today to materialize within the present year. He pointed to the trip of the giant submarine from Germany to Baltimore as justification for what might otherwise be termed a wild guess.

"There are going to be flocks and flocks of aeroplanes used on both sides and aerial battles, with aeroplane armies, will become important and features of the great war, said he.

"Clouds of aeroplanes are going to darken the sky before the war is over and some of them will be huge air transports in overseas commerce. The aeroplane has only begun to be used."