

EVERYWHERE GERMANS HELD BY ALLIED TROOPS

LUDENDORFF'S GREAT MACHINE COMES TO STAND IN FACE DESPERATE ANGLO-FRENCH - AMERICAN DEFENSE; COUNTERS

French Still Hold Outskirts of Soissons—Having Wasted Hundreds of Thousands of Men for Considerable Gains in Territory, Huns Are Far From Victorious Yet—Fighting Continues Fiercely at Places, With Allies Having Best of It—Fourth Day Finds Kaiser's Forces Up Against Situation Which May Bring Decisive Defeat—Defenders Stronger at Crisis

(By the United Press)

With the French Armies Afield, May 30.—The Germans from the start of the present offensive up to last night had lost a minimum of 520,000 men, according to compilations mathematically certain.

Coupled with the 40 divisions (480,000 men) used in the Soissons-Rheims campaign now under way, the enemy has employed 200 other divisions (2,400,000 men) since the offensive started, leaving but 10 divisions (120,000 men) of unused troops at their disposal.

Paris, May 30.—The Allies are holding the Germans at all points on the Aisne front, the French war office announces. The battle continued all night. Fierce fighting is still under way. The French still hold the Western outskirts of Soissons. "The battle continued throughout the night," the communique said.

"The French maintain the Western outskirts of Soissons, which the Germans could not pass despite repeated attempts. Fierce fighting is going on in the region of the Soissons-Hartennes road (running Southward seven miles to Hartennes), Fere En Tardenois (13 miles Southeast of Soissons and 10 miles from the original line), and Vesilly (nine miles East of Fere En Tardenois). The French, sustained by reserves, are opposing the German advance with great tenacity. French and British troops broke up all assaults on their positions at Erouillot (four miles North of Vesilly Trilloy (two miles and a half due West of Rheims) and Northwest of Rheims on the heights of St. Thierry."

4 GERMAN ATTACKS ON CANTIGNY FAIL; EASY FOR SAMMIES

Only Change in Situation There is in Number of Prisoners Held by Americans—Heights Important for Huns

(By the United Press)

With the Americans in Picardy, May 30.—The fifth counter-attack against Cantigny was repulsed by the Americans last night. The Yankee artillery responded to the German barrage with a heavy and effective fire. Machineguns raked the enemy positions. The new American positions are rapidly being strengthened. Infantry and engineers are digging in regardless of the constant boche shelling.

With the American Army in Picardy, May 30.—Fighting occurs at intervals around Cantigny, which the Germans have counter-attacked four times since the Americans captured it. Three attacks took place early Tuesday night, one yesterday. All were easily beaten off. The number of boche prisoners taken in this area now totals 240.

The persistent efforts by the Germans to recapture the village and heights are indicative of the importance they attach to the heights for observation purposes.

Jews Plan for Relief at Convention; Take Care War Sufferers

(By the United Press)

Cleveland, O., May 30.—Sholem Ash and Abraham Reizin, Jewish writers, were here today to attend the opening session of the three-day National convention of the People's Relief Society.

The convention is being held to stimulate collecting of funds for Jewish war sufferers and to lay plans for taking care of them after the war.

AUSTRIA UNABLE TO MOVE FOR ASSAULT ON ITALIAN LINES

Internal Troubles Keep Armies Idle; Serious Riots Occurring

THOUSANDS CASUALTIES

Swiss Account Says Slavs and Yugoslavs Are Virtually in Revolt—Prague Scene of Bloody Outbreak

(By the United Press)

Geneva, May 30.—Internal disorders in Austria-Hungary have paralyzed the projected Austrian offensive against Italy, dispatches from Innsbruck state.

Serious riots have broken out again at Laibach and Gratz, where Slavs and Yugoslavs attacked Austrian troops. The soldiers fired into the crowds, killing and wounding several. Recent riots at Prague are said to have been decidedly serious. It is estimated there were two thousand casualties there.

Liberty Bananas Win One Recruit; Now He Hates the Sight of 'Em

(By the United Press)

Columbus, O., May 30.—Credit bananas with one good fighter for Uncle Sam.

Walter Sheppard, 15, has succeeded in passing the physical examination for enlistment in the Marine Corps, although a few days ago he couldn't pass it.

"Bananas will increase your weight," he was told, and he went in for bananas. The first day he ate two dozen, the next day a dozen and a half, and the next day one dozen. Four pounds were gained. The patriotic grocer from whom he bought the fruit became interested, and gave the boy twice as many bananas as he gave other customers for the same price.

Now he has passed, and he's through with bananas forever!

Many Good Players Are 'Bombproofing' at Two Navy Yards

(By H. C. Hamilton)

(United Press Staff Correspondent) New York, May 30.—The Charlestown and Newport navy yards are intensely interested in the recent announcement from Washington that ball players who are holding "bomb proof" jobs are to be investigated.

Each of these places, with particular emphasis on the Charlestown yard, harbors a number of former big leaguers and former Class AA players. In fact, it is probable that the baseball club representing the Charlestown yard could make a stiff fight for the pennant in either of the big leagues. They are going through the war with pens for guns and desks for breastworks.

Scouts Looking for College Players to Fill Out Big Clubs

(By H. C. Hamilton)

(United Press Staff Correspondent) New York, May 30.—College baseball players of class have the chance of a lifetime now to make something of their ability. Big league scouts, slipping from the usual practice of combing the minor leagues before paying attention to the college phenoms, are taking the other track now and are visiting the colleges first.

THE NATION'S PRAYER

Almighty God and Father, Thou who art the author and giver of every good and perfect gift, from whom every blessing comes, give us this day penitent and contrite hearts attuned with Thy Spirit that we may better appreciate the purposes that Thou hast for us and that we may be more subservient to Thy Will.

On this day set aside by our President for public prayer, humiliation and fasting, may we realize more fully our dependence in Thee and our utter helplessness without the strength that Thou dost give us. May we come to a better understanding of our imperfections and missteps this day, O God; and may we resolve as a great nation of people to put our hands in Thine and follow where Thou leadest. Help us today Our Father to put aside all selfish desires and purposes which might overshadow the great end for which we strive—that the peoples of the world may be free to worship and serve Thee and enjoy the blessings that Thou hast so bountifully bestowed on them.

We pray for our boys on land and sea, in trench and training camp and for those who await the summons of their country. Give them strength, if it be in accord with Thy Divine Will, to overcome the ruthless enemy of civilization and Christianity. Keep them from the snares and pitfalls of sin that may beset them. May they look to Thee for guidance and comfort in the time of success as well as in the hours of loneliness.

We pray for the brave mothers and fathers at home who have willingly given their sons that the world may be free and that Thy Spirit may prevail to the uttermost parts of the earth. Comfort them and cause them to feel that Thy Will is being done.

We pray for President Wilson, for Secretary Baker, for Secretary Daniels, for our senators and representatives in Congress, for all upon whom we have placed the responsibility of leadership. May they be moved by holy purposes and led by Divine counsel.

We pray for our sister nations across the seas, for strength for them to endure until the end. Minister to their needs O Father, be with them in their great and sore trials.

Dear Father we thank Thee for Thy goodness to us, for all the manifold blessings that Thou hast given to us, for health and strength, for home and loved ones. We thank Thee that our nation did not enter this war for selfish ends, and we pray that it may seek none. We ask O Father that in Thy good time peace may be restored, a lasting peace. We pray in the name of Thy Dear Son, Our Saviour Jesus Christ.

H. G. B.

THOUSANDS FILL KINSTON CHURCHES TO PRAY FOR VICTORY; INSPIRING SERVICES; NATION ON ITS KNEES

General Services Held at 10 O'clock—Address by Pastors.

Clergymen and Laymen Pray—Patriotic Music—Judge Allen Speaker at Queen Street Methodist Church—Baptist Presides Over Disciples' Exercises—School Children Attend in Classes—Confederate Veteran a Prayer Leader—Jewish People Hold Two Services—Places of Worship Open All Day

Thousands of Kinstonians, in common with tens of millions of Americans, Thursday prayed for deliverance from the menace of kultur, for Christian grace, and for the welfare individually and collectively of the 2,000,000-odd American fighting men, the millions to be called, the sorely-pressed armies of Britain and France and the lesser Allies, and for the return of peace and happiness to the suffering world. They gave thanks for God's blessings and with chastened spirit confessed their shortcomings and implored increased grace that they might better walk in the ways of God.

COUNTY GAVE MORE THAN 11 THOUSAND TO THE RED CROSS

Nearly \$4 for Every Dollar Asked — Chairman Jeffress Says Showing Made "Magnificent"—Thanks of Chairman

"After having figured up the returns from the recent Red Cross drive in Lenoir County," says County Chairman C. A. Jeffress, he finds that "we raised a little more than \$11,000," besides contributions still coming in. The county's quota was only \$3,000, including the allotments of the Snow Hill and Hookerton auxiliaries, which were divorced from the Kinston Chapter after the allotment was made. In a letter to The Free Press Mr. Jeffress states:

"The people of Kinston, LaGrange, and the county have contributed very generously to this noble cause, and are to be congratulated for the splendid, patriotic, and liberal manner in which they have responded, and I am quite sure they feel better for having done so.

"May I not also avail myself of this opportunity to thank you most heartily for the support which you gave in every way possible during the drive, and through you, extend to each and every one connected with the campaign my appreciation and thanks for their magnificent work and cooperation?"

"It was surely a great pleasure to have been associated with, and to have had the loyal support of those who so willingly helped and contributed so largely to the success of the campaign."

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

THE CASUALTIES.

Washington, May 30.—The casualty list issued today contains 35 names. Five were killed in action, one is dead from wounds, four are dead from accidents, 11 are dead from disease. Nine are severely wounded, two slightly wounded, three missing in action.

HUN AIR ATTACKS.

Paris, May 30.—The enemy conducted air raids at several places last night, it is officially announced. An attempted attack on Paris was driven off by an aerial barrage, but bombs were dropped in the suburbs. Two enemy airplanes were brought down in flames.



London-to-Norway Air Mail to Beat U-boat Proposed by Officer

(By the United Press)

London, May 30.—An aerial mail route from London to Norway is being urged on the British government by Norwegian officials.

Captain Gyth Delhi, director of the seaplane works of the Norwegian navy, is in London to obtain aid from England. Mail and passenger traffic between Norway and the British Isles has been kept up during the war. Some lives have been lost and considerable mail has been sent to the bottom of the ocean.

TRAIN CHINESE CHAUFFEURS FOR SERVICE IN THE ARMY.

Shanghai, May 30.—Through the efforts of Maj. C. M. Manners of the Royal Engineers, British army, arrangements have been made, whereby such garage in Shanghai has agreed to undertake the training of a class of 10 Chinese to serve as chauffeurs in the armies of the Allies.

Kill Flies and Save Lives, Says Health Board; Now's the Time

(Special to The Free Press)

Raleigh, May 30.—"Kill flies and save lives."

The killing of just one fly now means there will be millions and even trillions less later in the summer, says the State Board of Health.

The fly is the tie that binds the healthy to the unhealthy. The fly problem is merely one of cleanliness, and the presence or absence of flies in a community means the difference between a well and a sick people. Wipe out breeding places and then screen, says the board.

IF HE'D ONLY HAD A GUN!

London, May 30.—Private C. E. Hendon has been decorated for gallantry. Still, he only used a shovel well. He had no gun, so he went for the Huns with his shovel, captured an enemy position without aid. He captured seven boches.

Many Services. The churches were open all day. Programs at some called for as many as three services. Business was practically suspended for a part of the morning. Nearly all stores were closed from 10 to 11 o'clock, when the general services were held. Hundreds stopped in at the churches during the day for individual prayers.

First Baptist Church. Pastor W. Marshall Craig of the First Baptist Church made a short address to a large congregation at 10 o'clock. Mr. Craig, Mr. E. O. Moore, and others said prayers. The music was inspiring.

Gordon Street Christian Church. At the Gordon Street Christian Church a large congregation gathered for an impressive 50-minute service conducted by Rev. B. W. Spilman, Sunday school secretary of the Southern Baptist Church. Special prayers were offered for the President of the United States, the executive and military officers, lawmakers, soldiers and sailors, chaplains and Y. M. C. A. workers, the nations at war, the people at home, the wounded soldiers and sailors, the Red Cross workers at home and overseas, and for peace. An early morning service was also held at this church and one was announced for 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church. This edifice was filled at 10 o'clock. National airs and appropriate hymns were sung. The rector, Rev. John H. Griffith, devoted a few minutes to an address, directed principally to the children present. He prayed for friend and foe alike. A communion service early in the morning was a solemn session indeed. Another service was announced for 6 p. m.

Jewish Congregation. At the Whitaker Building the Jewish congregation held two services during the morning. Special prayers were said by Rabbi Cohen and a talk was made by Miss Ethel Greenburg, member of the American Jewish Congress.

Queen Street Methodist. Judge Oliver Allen was a speaker at the service at this church at 10 o'clock. He told of remarkable responses to peoples' prayers. He cited the victory of Gettysburg as a result of the petitions of the Unionists. The victory of the Marne followed a season of prayer, he said. Comrade Edwards, Confederate veteran, said a prayer, as did Pastor M. H. Tuttle, Atkinson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Pastor George G. Hanrahan and Dr. James S. Mitchener offered prayers at a service at 10 o'clock. The pastor made a brief address, telling of the significance of the day and the necessity for it. Mr. Hanrahan read the first chapter of Nehemiah.

Scientist Service. An appropriate service was held at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, with a fair attendance. The service was brief but solemn.

Universalist. Pastor W. O. Bodell conducted a service at the Universalist Church of the Eternal Hope. Prayers were for the success of the Allies on the fighting fronts and for other blessings.

School Children Attend. The children from the City Schools attended the services. They were (Continued on page four)