

Fighting All Along Western Front Growing In Intensity

AMERICANS AND FRENCH ENGAGED IN A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL NEW DRIVE; HUNS TO MAKE STAND BEYOND CITY OF LENS

Coal Center and Armentieres Abandoned, Germans Plan to Try Check Allies at Canal Eight or 10 Kilometers to East—New Attacks at Various Points Reported From London—Sammys Capture Mountain in Champagne—4,000 Prisoners Northwest of St. Quentin—German Lines Steadily Melt Away Before Foch's Onslaughts, With Continued Heavy Losses in Men and Munitions

(By the United Press)

New York, Oct. 4.—American and French operations in the Champagne while not as spectacular as the drives in Picardy and Flanders are developing a far greater menace against the Germans than any other movement along the battlefield.

BRITISH AT FRESNOY-LE-GRAND.

Paris, Oct. 4.—British cavalry is pouring through the breach in the German defenses northeast of St. Quentin. The troops are said to have entered Fresnoy-Le-Grand. Airplanes are flying almost at will above the advancing British. They are reported to have wireless to headquarters that their own hostmen have been seen in Fresnoy-Le-Grand, which is about seven miles northeast of St. Quentin and four miles beyond the last German wire and trench stronghold in this region. What is known as the Beauvevoir line stretches from that village to Fonsomme.

AMERICANS IN NEW BIG ATTACK.

By Frank J. Taylor
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
With the American Armies, Oct. 4.—American troops attacking east of Rheims in conjunction with the French have advanced nearly three miles. The battle is continuing. The assault began at 6:30 yesterday morning without artillery preparation. The Germans were completely surprised. Following a rolling barrage for four kilometers up a hill the Franco-Americans gained the day's objectives before noon despite determined resistance from the enemy, who occupied a series of machinegun nests. Great numbers of prisoners, guns, mitrailleuses and supplies were captured.

INCREASING ACTIVITY.

By Webb Miller
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
London, Oct. 4.—The battle at noon had resumed with heightened intensity all along the western battlefield, with new attacks launched at various points. Continued progress was reported in the Champagne. Indications are that the Germans will make a stand in Flanders on the Hauts Deule Canal, which winds from eight to ten kilometers east of the Lens-Armentieres line northeast to Lille. Lens, great coal center, and Armentieres were evacuated by the Germans yesterday.

4,000 CAPTIVES.

London, Oct. 4.—British troops held high ground northwest of Sequehart in close fighting yesterday, says General Haig. Over 4,000 prisoners were taken northwest of St. Quentin yesterday.

TAKE MONT BLACK.

Washington, Oct. 4.—The capture by Americans of Black Mont in Champagne is reported by General Pershing.

AUSTRIANS ROUTED.

London, Oct. 4. (1:05 p. m.)—The Austrians are retiring in Albania in considerable disorder, blowing up their depots, according to information received here.

COTTON

Receipts Friday by 3 o'clock were about 12 bales, prices ranging from \$1 1-4 to 32.

New York futures quotations were:

	Open.	Close.
January	31.67	31.41
March	31.57	31.25
May	31.52	31.21
July	32.25	32.55
September	31.98	31.70

AMERICAN FREIGHT SHIP GOES DOWN IN COLLISION AT SEA

Frasch and Tanker Came Together Off New York Harbor—41 Men Picked Up—Not a Soul Saved From Tampa

(By the United Press)

Washington, Oct. 4.—The U. S. S. George G. Henry, a 10,000 ton oil tanker, collided with the 6,000-ton American freighter Frasch some miles off New York, it is announced, and the Frasch sank in seven minutes. Forty-one survivors have been picked up, according to navy advices. The only damage to the Henry was her bow stove in.

It is officially stated that 118 officers and men, the entire crew, are missing from the patrol boat, formerly coast guard cutter, Tampa, which was sunk at night off the English coast. Accompanying ships failed to find a single survivor when they searched the spot.

Italy Draws Up Laws of the Air, Similar to Those of the Sea

Rome, Sept. 9 (By Mail).—The Italian government has just completed the draft of a series of laws covering aerial navigation.

The proposed statute is the result of over a year of study.

In a general way the new aerial laws are similar to those governing sea navigation.

All are aeromobiles. The new Italian law fixes, first of all, the technical names to be used in designating the more important aspects of aerial navigation. All aircraft, whether airplanes or dirigibles, will be known under the general name of aeromobiles. Aerial ports will be the name applied to the regular places for landing and departing, while refuge ports will be the name applied to those landing places where the aerial craft can put in in case of accident.

Special articles provide for what an aeromobile must do if it is obliged to land in other than a regular or refuge aerial port.

Special provisions govern the zones of altitude in which the aeromobiles must navigate to prevent collisions and other accidents.

Must Avoid Falls. For reasons of national defense, there is an article prohibiting aeromobiles from flying over forts and other military and naval defenses.

The proposed laws would prohibit transportation by aeromobiles of inflammable matter, explosives and other kinds of merchandise that might endanger the aircraft and other property in case of accident.

Other articles provide that all aeromobiles must be registered in the national registry of aircraft; that each aeromobile must have a government certificate of its navigability; that there must be officers of recognized competence aboard; and that each aircraft must carry certain official documents.

The proposed code in all probability will be made law at the coming session of parliament.

SPANISH INFLUENZA CLAIMS ANOTHER; MR. ALTON COLE A VICTIM.

Alton Cole, an employe of the National Bank of Kinston, died Friday afternoon from pneumonia resulting from Spanish influenza. His illness was of comparatively short duration. His condition was critical, then changed for the better, and Friday again grew worse and resulted in death. Mr. Cole was about 21 years of age. He came here about a year ago from Carthage, Moore County, N. C. He was well-known and liked.

He is survived by his mother, two sisters and possibly other near relatives. He resided in Northwest Kinston.

The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

BULLETINS

LOAN GROWS.

Washington, Oct. 4.—Overnight reports from the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign showed over \$100,000,000 in subscriptions. This brings the total to date to \$727,383,950.

THE CASUALTIES.

Friday morning, 473—55 killed.

North Carolinians:
Wounded severely:
Sergt. Eugene A. Hensce, Durham.
Sergt. Gilbert B. White, Trinity.

Pvt. James H. Medlin, Moncure.
Pvt. Ben Oakley, Sandy Ridge.
Pvt. Jesse E. Van Dyke, Cherryville.
Pvt. Ernest N. White, Hertford.
Pvt. Wiley Summer, Conway.
Friday afternoon, 489—48 killed.

Killed:
Lieut. Thomas J. Bullock, Wilmington.
Died from wounds:
Pvt. Leslie Walton, Stantonsburg.
Pvt. Sam. Shirley, Walstonburg.

Died of disease:
Pvt. William C. Bradshaw, Salisbury.
Wounded severely:
Corp. Thomas T. Hamilton, Etowah.
Corp. Alph D. K. Wallace, Ruth.
Pvt. Millard E. Forbes, Abokie.

Pvt. Coy Hinson, Lansing.
Pvt. Herman E. Higgins, Smithfield.
Pvt. Stuart F. Spivey, Tabor.

Conserving Washrags New Thing in Italy; Number Uses for Them

Naples, Italy, Sept. 10 (By Mail).—What's the use of a wash-rag when there isn't any water?

Countess Caselli, who was an American girl, now directing the American Red Cross sewing room at Naples, discovered the answer.

Wash-rags are being converted into bonnets by hundreds of refugee women under her direction. Facecloths are useless at the front, but make a useful addition to the layettes of refugee mothers behind the lines.

The Naples workrooms are also making "shoo-fly" out of scraps and cuttings. A dozen long narrow strips of muslin are fastened with a bit of red, white and blue ribbon at the end of a ten or twelve inch bamboo stick. "Shoo-fly" are used in children's hospitals.

Baptists Meet Here to Plan Raising of Church Drive Quota

Baptists of the Neuse-Atlantic Association are scheduled to meet here Thursday to discuss the \$1,000,000 campaign for education being staged by the denomination in the State. The association's quota is \$58,000. A scattering of delegates to the conference arrived during the morning. The influenza epidemic in the eastern section kept a number from coming. Pastor W. M. Craig of the First Baptist Church will preside. Beaufort, Morehead City, Goldsboro, Kinston, New Bern, Trenton, Ayden and Winterville have the largest congregations in the association.

China Developing Big Forest Tract; Loan of \$15,000,000 Arranged

Tokio, Aug. 12 (By Mail).—The Kirin forest loan of \$15,000,000 gold has just been entered into by the Chinese government. According to the agreement, the forests and gold mines in Kirin, North China, are to be exploited and operated by the government, on the advice of Japanese experts. Income from these forests will be security for the loan.

TAYLOR ASKS RURAL DWELLERS GET BUSY IN BEHALF OF LOAN

Suggests That Committees Organize Now and Start Ball to Rolling

MORE THAN HALF WAY UP

County Should Have Cinch of It Going Over Top—Strong Committees in Country Districts to Boost Bonds

Figures of local Liberty Loan subscriptions to date are very incomplete. It is quite certain, however, that more than half of Lenoir County's quota is in. Saturday should be a good day. Two full weeks remain—one of them fair week, when big sales should be made. The county will probably oversubscribe by a big sum.

Thursday's drive's figures are not yet available. The committees which went out that morning are still at work. The results of their efforts should put the total in hand past \$300,000.

Let Country Workers Get Busy.

Chairman J. F. Taylor, who sometime ago appointed the rural committees, Friday urged these to get busy and sell bonds. They should organize at once if they have not done so, he said. These men are depended upon to do their level best as their patriotic duty, and, of course, "they can be banked on—they're a fine bunch if I do say it," quoting Mr. Taylor, self-glory and all.

"You see, it's this way. The country people are in the best possible shape to support this loan. It could not have come at a more propitious time. The average country resident is literally well-to-do now—in much better shape than the town resident. The town dwellers are buying hand-somely. We'll put it a little stronger as regards the country citizens—they are going to buy magnificently."

The Committees.

The county organization follows: Contentnea Neck Township, J. E. Cameron, chairman; J. C. Langston, Ezell Phillips, W. C. Worthington, C. A. Broadway, D. I. Wiggins. Vance Township, J. H. Mewborne, chairman, Heber Worthington, N. P. Mewborn.

Institute Township, D. W. Taylor, chairman; H. W. Brothers, H. L. Pate, Hugh Bryan, H. L. Taylor.

LaGrange, K. E. Sutton, chairman; Samuel Abbott, J. P. Joyner, R. G. Cruick, Floyd Darwick.

Moss Hill, D. A. Whitfield, chairman; J. R. Daily, James Harper, Jasper Newman, Geo. Rouse.

Pink Hill Township, G. S. Willard, chairman; L. P. Tyndal, Jesse J. Smith, Joseph H. Jones, Parker Howard.

Woodington Township, E. H. Waller, chairman; J. J. Harper, Brown Williams, W. R. Becton, Clarence Humphrey.

Sand Hill Township, T. G. Sutton, chairman; Geo. West, L. J. Daugherty, J. L. Kilpatrick, E. R. West.

American Baseball a Success in England; Be Permanent Thing

(By the United Press)
London, Sept. 7 (By Mail).—American baseball in Great Britain is a paying proposition.

When the Anglo-American Baseball league closed its season here a net profit of nearly \$15,000 was turned over to British war charities.

So confident are promoters of baseball's future in Great Britain, that they have begun plans for an English-Scottish league, similar to the National and American leagues in the United States.

TOBACCO

Prices on the tobacco market Friday raled about the same as on Thursday, and the sales totaled about the same—300,000 pounds approximately. The quality of offerings varied greatly.

ENTRIES FOR FAIR UP TO INDIVIDUALS RACES WILL CLOSE TO KEEP OFF 'FLU.' TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8 AND CHECK SPREAD

Rules Announced—Liberal Purses—Five-Fair Circuit to Be Covered by Ponies—Expert Judging of Poultry

The conditions for the races to be held on the North Carolina circuit of fair this fall have been announced. Rules of the National Trotting Association will govern, with certain exceptions. Colored drivers will be barred. The entrance fee will be five per cent, and five per cent. will be deducted from the money paid winners. Money will be divided 50, 25, 15 and 10 per cent. The usual weather clause will prevail. Entries will close on Tuesday of the week preceding each meeting.

Fair dates follow: Rocky Mount, October 1-5; Goldsboro, 8-11; Kinston, 15-18; New Bern, 22-26; Fayetteville, 29-November 1.

The program for the Kinston races follows: Tuesday, 15th, 2:15 pace (stake); 2:17 trot (open). Wednesday, 2:22 pace (stake); 2:22 trot (open). Thursday, 2:16 trot and 2:17 pace (both stake). Friday, free-for-all trot and pace and 2:17 pace (both open). Entries are to close October 8. Purses will be \$400 or \$500 for each event.

Poultry Display to Be Great.

In addition to 350 prize birds of all descriptions to be entered as non-competitors of local birds, hundreds of poultry specimens from the fair district will be entered at the fair. Handsome ribbons bearing the official stamp of the American Poultry Association have arrived. An "A. P. A." judge will score the fowls entered. This service will cost exhibitors nothing but will be of immense benefit to poultry breeders who would improve their stock. Poultry generally in the district is in a condition anything but satisfactory, although there are scattered flocks of fine birds.

Fair Has Own Cotton Field and Pumping Plant; Preparations

A "white city" has been set up at the fair grounds, where the tobacco belt's big fall event will be held the four days beginning October 15. Every building at the grounds has been made white. The appearance of the big fair plant is pleasing.

Many eating booths have been erected by the management. These will be able to accommodate thousands daily at the lunch hour.

The fair association has installed its own water plant. This will furnish 35 gallons a minute, for drinking water.

A number of community fairs have been invited to send their prize-winning exhibits to the district fair. Mr. Sam. Dunn, a representative of association, carried an invitation to the Lindell (Greene County) fair Friday.

The biggest tractor display yet made in this section will be shown at the fair. Three manufacturers will be represented. A cotton picker will be in action frequently. Cotton grown in neighboring fields will be transplanted at the grounds, and the machine will be seen in actual operation. Other agricultural implements will be exhibited.

Sees Great Future For Japan's Ships; to Dominate Pacific

(By the United Press)
Tokio, Sept. 3 (By Mail).—For several years after the war, shipping on the Pacific will be mostly in the hands of Asiatic nations, with Japan unquestionably in the front rank, predicts the official report of the probable future development of Shanghai harbor.

The report does not ignore the existence of the American merchant marine. For some years, the United States will find that the most profitable traffic for its boats lies on the Atlantic, it states. The need for shipping will cause a strong development of the Chinese merchant fleet. Future years will see the largest ships in the world on the Pacific.

Disciples to Meet.

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She Would Not Lie About It; Warning to Court Very Frank

(London, Sept. 9 (By Mail).—Thank the war for a truthful woman! A Russian tailor, Jacob Lavinsky, was charged with having concealed his son, Louis, a deserter.

In support of his story Lavinsky called on his daughter to give evidence. The girl held the book in her hand, and when taking the oath, instead of making the usual promise to speak "the truth and nothing but the truth," quietly announced to the court, in broken English: "Everything I shall say will be the big untruth."

Health Officer Says Carelessness Now Not Short of Criminal

NOT A BAD SITUATION

Numerous Cases in City But Disease Gains Very Slowly—Every Precaution Taken at the City Schools

The influenza situation is not materially worse, in the opinion of Dr. J. S. Mitchener, head of the Health Department.

The disease is not reportable, and efforts by Dr. Mitchener Friday to get doctors' private statistics were nearly fruitless.

The Free Press estimates the number of cases in the city at 60. This estimate is based upon haphazard inquiries, however, and may be over or under the actual number. The weather continues good.

Dr. Mitchener is not alarmed over the situation.

Up to Individuals.

It is up to every individual to take care of himself, declares Dr. Mitchener. He is persistently agitating personal hygiene. It is criminal to spit or sneeze promiscuously. It is criminal because principally by these means the disease is spread. Sometimes the Spanish influenza kills. From it frequently comes the pneumonia which has caused a number of deaths in this and neighboring cities. Watching School Children.

The school attendance is good. The superintendent, health workers and teachers make a careful daily survey, and are maintaining an admirable condition. It is confidently believed that the epidemic will wear off without causing the educational system much inconvenience.

One Family's Bad Luck.

There are reported to be seven cases of the disease in the family of A. Crain, Northwest Kinston.

Got Move On.

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