

AMERICANS AND FRENCH ATTACK HUNS ALONG A 55-MILE FRONT

BREAK THROUGH WHOLE LINE BEHIND SUIPPE RIVER WEST OF ARGONNE; U. S. TROOPS NEARING MAIN RAIL LINE

Sammies Threaten Germans' Principal Artery of Communication—Furious Fighting—Aeroplanes Very Active—Pershing's Guns Banging Away Incessantly in Support of Infantry—Boches Throw in More Divisions to Be Defeated—Foch Relentless—Bullard's Troops Reach Kriemhilde Works—Regulars and Troops of Four States Mentioned in Day's Dispatches—British Progress

Washington, Oct. 5.—The American advance between Argonne and the Meuse threatens the main rail artery of Germany to the west front. The United States push has taken our forces up to 18 miles in a direct line from that railroad.

General March, chief of staff, pointed these vital facts out today along with the statement that our drive has compelled the Germans to throw many divisions into its path. They are held there by our forward movement.

BREAK THROUGH WHOLE FRONT.

London, Oct. 5 (1:02 p. m.)—The Franco-American forces have definitely broken through the whole front of the enemy's defensive line behind the Suippe River, west of the Argonne, according to battle front dispatches. South of the Aisne the German retirement before General Mangin's and General Bertelot's armies appears to have ended temporarily.

HARD FIGHTING.

With the American Armies, Oct. 5 (1 p. m.)—Furious fighting continued today along the whole 55-mile front in the Champagne-Argonne region, heavy American artillery fire supporting the infantry assaults. The weather is ideal. There is a stupendous amount of aerial activity. Violent German counter-attacks in the region of Fleville, eastern edge of Argonne forest, were repulsed last night.

AT ARGONNE FOREST HUNS LOSING.

Paris, Oct. 5 (10:29 a. m.)—The French and American drives in the Argonne, Champagne and Rheims regions are imperiling the Germans in the Argonne massif and in the newly-created pocket northeast of Rheims. Franco-American troops are strongly established on Orfeuill Plateau. The French have reached Arnes stream, threatening to envelop the enemy still holding Nagon-Labresse, Bein and Moronvillers grove. This operation is in conjunction with General Bertelot's drive north of Rheims. The American advance east of Argonne is timed to progress with General Gouraud's right, and is menacing the Germans in the great forest, evacuation of which is expected.

BRITISH REPORT.

London, Oct. 5.—Further progress northeast of St. Quentin was made by the British yesterday and last night, says General Haig. "We took over 800 prisoners during the night. Our line was advanced slightly northwest of Leclatet."

RESUME WEST OF MEUSE.

By Fred S. Ferguson
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
With the American Armies, Oct. 5.—Resumption of the American First Army's attack on a 20-mile front west of the Meuse, together with a five-mile advance by Americans east of Rheims, has brought the Americans within smashing distance of the German line at two important positions on the west front.

BEYOND MONT BLANC.
With the American Armies, Oct. 5.—In the Champagne the Americans have crossed the plains beyond Mont Blanc and reached the outskirts of Stetten-Nearness, increasing with the French advances the possibilities of the complete relief of Rheims. West of the Meuse General Bullard's corps has reached the Kriemhilde line. Troops from Illinois, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia in a pushing movement have advanced over hills and a quarter. Regulars are pushing forward over three miles from the Meuse according to a Berlin dispatch.

HELP BRING BOYS BACK; BONDS WILL DO IT; SUBSCRIBE!

Purchases Will Protect
Kinston Men in the
Trenches — They Are
Shooting Huns and Being
Shot at Now

As you walk along the streets of Kinston any evening you probably notice the absence of many faces which a year ago were quite familiar. Many of them—bright, ambitious, smiling young chaps—have quit the pursuits of civil life to don the armor of the soldier to help fight the battle for liberty and humanity. A number of them have already crossed the Atlantic and some of them are, no doubt, at this very moment in the front-line trenches or helping drive the Teuton forces back. Their smiles, we hope, have not disappeared but grim determination has steeled their hearts to do their bit to wipe the last vestige of "kultur" and Prussian militarism from the face of the earth. Bring Them Back.

We want them back again as a part of our daily life, even if we cannot boast of a service flag in the window, denoting a vacant chair at the table. But before we can expect to see them again we must see that they are properly fed, clothed and furnished with the guns and ammunition to accomplish the task they have set out to do. Kinston's quota for the Fourth Liberty Loan is \$445,000. If you will buy but two of these \$100 bonds the money will place 5,000 machinegun cartridges in the hands of some young American gunner—very likely a Kinston boy. These cartridges will not only help to lessen the total of fighting Huns, but protect him from attack and make his return more sure. Make your contribution—no, not a contribution, just a loan—at least 5,000 cartridges. Then buy another \$100 worth of bonds to make it 5,000 more.

Making Excellent Progress.
The Woman's Liberty Loan Committee is meeting with excellent results. The various canvassing committees as heretofore announced have been at work and full reports will be made later on. The local committee, headed by Mrs. J. A. Long, is going to do its full part in the campaign to make "the world safe for democracy," and when the returns are all in it will be found that Kinston is well over the top.

Buddhism is Doomed Thinks Japanese of Christian Belief

(By the United Press)
Tokio, Sept. 2 (By Mail).—Buddhism will die a natural death when militarism and imperialism are dissipated from the world, and Christianity will become the religion of the Japanese, according to Dr. Danjo Ebina, veteran and leading Japanese Christian pastor of Tokio. Dr. Ebina made this prophecy at the Conference of the Federated Council of the Churches in Japan in Karuzawa, the most popular summer resort of Japan. At this report 617 Americans and 365 Britons, almost all missionaries, are spending their annual holiday lasting through two months.

TO SELL LEAF ALL DAY FROM NOW ON

All-day sales will be resumed on the local tobacco market Monday. The Board of Trade will experiment with longer sales, encouraged by the improved condition on the market. As a result of congestion some weeks ago sales were reduced to 4 1-2 hours daily. The factories have "caught up" to a large extent.

SCHOOLS OF COUNTY AND CITY TO GIVE PAGEANT OCT. 15TH

Will Be Their Contribution
to Fair Opening Day Exercises — "To Arms for Liberty" — Many Youngsters

(By D. T. Edwards)
On October 15, the opening day of the Kinston Fair, the school children of the city and county will present a patriotic pageant entitled "To Arms for Liberty." The pageant will be given by a large number of children and will be held in the open court just beyond the grandstand, within the circle made by the race track. It is being prepared under the auspices of the local division of the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense, of which Miss Mary G. Shotwell is chairman. The local committee having the pageant in charge consists of Mrs. R. F. Hill, chairman of the Child Welfare Department; Mrs. E. G. Barrett, Mrs. Lloyd Wooten, Mrs. S. C. Sitterton, Miss Jennie Shaw, Miss Ruby Bruton, Miss Scotia Hobgood, Miss Mary Schwarburg and Miss Mary G. Shotwell.

Observance of "Children's Year."
This will be a Lenoir County contribution to the nationwide observance of "Children's Year" that the National Council of Defense, in cooperation with the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor, is now observing.

This propaganda comprises some exceedingly important elements. From the weighing and measuring text for the little ones the observance of Children's Year has called for a system of approved recreation and games that are planned to contribute directly to the child's physical and mental growth and result in such development as will provide the child with a better equipment for solving the problems of life.

Building the Nation's Reserve Corps.

The Child Welfare Department of the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense is charged with the execution of this very important duty; and Uncle Sam is looking on with deep concern that the plans do not miscarry. Through this means it is hoped to do much for the future healthfulness and happiness of the Nation, for all these things will contribute to community strength by encouraging the get-together idea and increasing the spirit of teamwork. A little reflection will lead one to see at once that these two characteristics will be fundamental in the future make-up of our Nation. And the community that excels in getting together and using teamwork is the one that will excel in the race that lies before us.

Wartime Hard on Childhood.

Wartime is especially hard on childhood. Where war problems are acute, such as is now the case in Europe and is becoming the case with us, the rights of childhood are apt to be subordinated to the stern demands of the hour. The result is juvenile delinquency and a weakening of the Nation's future citizenship.

Through the neglect of boys and girls the men and women of the future are consigned to lives of ignorance and frequently, crime that tend to retard human progress and degrade the national life.

Uncle Sam, largely through his patriotic women workers, is attempting to obviate these consequences; and all over the Union the Children's Year is being observed as an antidote to the disturbed conditions that are inevitable. And through the honor that prevails the attempt is being made to evolve a brighter future.

SUBMARINES ATTACK PORTUGUESE PORT.

Lisbon, Oct. 5.—Two enemy submarines yesterday shelled the port of Casimira, 18 miles south of Lisbon. The shells came immediately replied.

Schools, Churches, Theatres and Other Public Places Not to Be Closed

SCORES KILLED AND GREAT SHELL PLANT WIPED OFF THE MAP

Many Explosions of T. N. T.
at Biggest Factory in
the Country

MANY MAIMED REPORTED

Scattered Through Jersey
Hospitals—Hardly a Window
Left in Perth Amboy—Shock Felt in Brooklyn

(By the United Press)
New York, Oct. 5.—Scores of persons are believed to be dead, and many others maimed in various degrees were in hospitals in New Jersey today, and the Nation's greatest shell loading plant, the property of the T. A. Gillespie Loading Company of Morgan, N. J., near South Amboy, was in ruins as a result of an explosion of trinitrotoluol last night. The explosions continued early today.

At 7 a. m. a blast shook houses in Brooklyn, shattering windows in Flatbush. Houses near the scene of the explosions were swept from their foundations. Scarcely a window was left intact in Perth Amboy.

ASKS RICHMOND TO STOP GATHERINGS

(By the United Press)
Richmond, Oct. 5.—Roy K. Flanagan, chief health officer, notified the administrative board today that all schools, churches and theatres in Richmond should be closed immediately to prevent the spread of Spanish influenza. The action was taken owing to the fact that the board has jurisdiction over all health matters. It will act immediately upon the recommendation.

Bossie Isn't Built for Campaigning; a Handy Mascot, Tho'

(By the United Press)
With the American Army in France, Aug. 30 (By Mail).—A cow is a practical sort of mascot, but not very handy on a forced march. One machinegun outfit is authority for this statement.

When the machinegunners were up on the Vesle river they captured a cow one day while pursuing the Germans. They confiscated the cow, being unable to locate the rightful French owner.

There was a debate as to whether Bossie's milk would be of more value than her meat, and the "milks" won. So Bossie was stored in some ruins, and fed when feeding was not too risky.

Then came the order to go back—the outfit was relieved after a strenuous week's fighting. Bossie was a little slow for fast marching, and couldn't go in a truck, as the outfit did. Finally, a couple of ardent milk fans offered to walk back with Bossie to the rest positions.

It was a long walk. They had covered 50 miles when the United Press car last passed them.

FERDINAND SAID TO HAVE QUIT THRONE

(By the United Press)
Zurich, Oct. 5.—Crown Prince Boris has assumed the reins of government in Bulgaria following the abdication of King Ferdinand, according to a dispatch received from official correspondents of a bureau.

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETS TO PASS ORDER COMPLYING WITH ADVICE OF STATE AND NATIONAL AUTHORITIES; 'FLU.' SLOWS UP

Disease Probably Not Gaining Here Now But Will of Those Higher Up Leaves Local Officials No Graceful Alternative—Health Department to Get Down Behind Soda Fountains and Restaurants—Sanitation the Word. Thousands Ill in North Carolina and Many Die—Only Way is to Prevent Gatherings, Say Experts at Washington and Raleigh—Ban on Spitting

The Lenoir County Health Board, meeting between 3 and 4 p. m. Saturday, took a tumble out of expectations of some local authorities and a large part of the public by agreeing that the local influenza situation is not serious enough to warrant any action toward closing public institutions. Such action, based on the advice of National and State health authorities, is being taken at numerous points in the country. Dr. James S. Mitchener, health officer, Saturday morning fully expected that Surgeon-General Blue's and Dr. Rankin's opinions would cause the local board to order churches, schools, etc., closed. He would ask for a week's suspension, he said. During the afternoon friendly opposition manifested itself and this grew until the meeting, at which were present the board, school and city officials, physicians and others. The churches, a number of whose pastors had made plans for an idle day, will probably all hold services.

All churches, schools, theatres and dance halls in Kinston will probably be closed before night Saturday. All soda fountains will probably be required to close except those at which individual paper cups are used. Restaurants will be required to boil cups and glasses before serving beverages in them or shut up shop.

Hun Propaganda is Big Failure; United States' is the Best

London, Sept. 7 (By Mail).—Boastfulness and lack of understanding are responsible for the failure of Germany's huge propaganda efforts. After 40 years of experience in this work, Germany can show but little fruits for its labor. On the other hand, America, with a record of less than four years, can credit itself with being the most successful of all the belligerents in spreading propaganda.

Col. John Buchan, director of intelligence of the British ministry of information, today said the German propaganda is "on the whole ineffective" and declared that "when history comes to decide which country was most successful in its propaganda campaign, it won't be Germany—it will be America."

"The Hun boasts too much. He makes queer slips. At the beginning of the war the Kaiser sent an address to the Mohammedan chiefs of India, in which he pointed out that he—the Kaiser—was their real friend. The address was elaborately gotten up, engrossed on the finest vellum. But it was bound in pigskin.

"Here was an instance of the Hun's tendency to overlook important details, for the pig is an animal the Mohammedans regard with horror.

"The propaganda scheme of the Germans was most elaborate, but it has been overdone. They have spent at least \$75,000,000 annually, some of which went to produce most absurd publications. Also, they printed too many. The scheme might be described as 'klossal' but stupid.

"American propaganda has been conducted with a rare instinct for publicity. Take the American Red Cross in Italy, France and Russia, as well as the work of the Y. M. C. A. This was practical propaganda. In tending the sick and wounded the American Red Cross proved America's sympathy to the Allies. "America is very much alive to the situation of the Allies."

Health Board to Meet.
The Lenoir County Board of Health will meet at the Courthouse Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock to hear recommendations by Dr. James S. Mitchener, head of the Health Department, substantially as above. Dr. Mitchener will state that Dr. W. S. Rankin of the State Board of Health has advocated drastic action to check the spread of Spanish influenza, from which thousands in the State are suffering; and more than 50 have died. The State board adopted this policy, reversing itself particularly as to the schools, after a conference of State officials at Raleigh. This conference is supposed to have followed a recommendation by the National health authorities that all public meeting places be closed.

Board Likely to Agree.
The county board is expected to order local gathering places closed with little ado. Dr. Mitchener is confident that no member will object. Comprising the board are:

Fred. I. Sutton, mayor of Kinston.
Prof. Joseph Kinsey, superintendent of schools of the county.
R. F. Churchill, chairman of the County Commissioners.
Dr. V. E. Weyher, city physician.
Dr. R. W. Wooten, county physician.

Higher-Up Advice.
There had been no inclination here to close up such places. The school authorities had taken every precaution to keep the disease out of the schools and a daily survey had been made. The Health Department had kept close tab on the situation. Since the National and State authorities consider such action necessary, however, the local authorities probably will consider that they can not nicely decline to comply.

The City School Board will meet earlier in the afternoon. It will probably act to close the schools. Adverse action could be overruled by the Board of Health.

State laws give the board power to take any action necessary.

Situation Little Changed.
The Health Department considers the situation little changed from Friday, when there were about 50 cases and one death. All physicians save one or two say they are gratified over the condition in the city. There were numerous wild rumors late Friday, the first indication of any tendency to spread.

BULLETINS

THE CASUALTIES.

Saturday morning, 270—56 killed.
North Carolinians:
Killed:
Pvt. Truman L. Brown, Merry Hill.

Wounded severely:
Lieut. Thomas C. Daniels, New Bern.

Corp. Lloyd N. Howe, care of Lieut. Ivan G. Howe, Camp Greene.

Pvt. Troy Treadaway, Beaver Creek.

Pvt. Leon C. Blanchard, Fayetteville.

Pvt. Roger C. Holmes, Fayetteville.

Missing in action:
Pvt. Walter L. Bost, Kannapolis.

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LONDON ASKS KARL GIVE EXPLANATION

(By the United Press)
Amsterdam, Oct. 5.—Replying to the alleged request by Austria-Hungary for a peace conference of all belligerents, Great Britain is reported to have demanded that the Austrian government explain what it means by a non-committal conference.

HELP WIN THE WAR BY CONSERVING GASOLINE.

The Free Press has received the following telegram from R. S. Norfleet, Winston-Salem, State fuel administrator:
"Patriotic North Carolinians are urged to continue conservation of gasoline. The better the news from over there the bigger the cost. As our armies advance gasoline consumption increases. Keep the ambulance tank full and the motor transports moving at top speed by keeping your car still."

COTTON

Futures quotations Saturday were:

	Open.	Close.
January	\$1.24	31.05
March	31.06	30.86
May	31.05	30.73
October	32.05	31.85
December	31.45	31.25

Local receipts were about 25 bales, prices ranging from 31 to 31 3-4.

A NATION'S STRENGTH IS IN ITS FOOD SUPPLY
Eat Less—Waste nothing—Create a Reserve
AMERICA MUST FEED 150,000,000 ALIENS