

Thursday, America's Day of Prayer and Fasting

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AMERICAN TALK

AMERICANS CALLED TO PRAYER
May the God of Battles be with us yet.

Our Christian President, Thy servant, has called this people together this day for prayer and fasting. This nation, this people would remember their God in this hour of trial.

Hear the prayers of this nation, and grant the petitions of a people who fear God and trust in His all-sufficient strength and mercies.

Forgive us our sins and shortcomings. Keep us clean and true and make us more diligent to keep Thy laws and to do Thy will.

Guide and lead us and our allies. First make us right and keep us pure and holy, and then show us the way to walk.

Bless and keep our men on land and sea. Let thy spirit lead them and may they ever walk in the fear of God and trust in Him rather than in their own strength.

Why should not a nation observe days of prayer and fasting? Why should not this nation, like those of old walking under the direction of God, withdraw from the busy stress and strife of life and retire for communion with the God who made and to whom we owe allegiance?

Every nation that has forgotten God has perished. Every people that failed to walk with God and acknowledge Him fell, and this or any other nation that refuses or neglects to do the same will be checked and found unworthy of life.

So today America gathers under the advice and special command of her Christian President to fast and to pray. May the day be properly spent and may it lead the nation closer to the Lord of creation.

Believe Fifty-Nine Cases of Trachoma at Charlotte. Charlotte, May 29.—Fifty-nine suspected cases of trachoma have been discovered among the children of Charlotte within the past few days by officials of the public health service, and 21 other suspected cases at Cornelius, a small town of Mecklenburg county, 16 were declared positive cases of this disease, according to an announcement today by Dr. C. C. Hudson, city health officer.

Insurance experts contend that a woman who is in good health at the age of 45 is likely to outlive a man of the same age.

Eight of the olive trees in this historic Garden of Olives, near Jerusalem are believed to be more than one thousand years old.

ALLIES RESISTING THE POWERFUL GERMAN OFFENSIVE IN WHICH EVERY WEIGHT MAN POWES IS BEING USED

FRENCH RESERVES GET INTO ACTION

Enemy is Finding His Progress Increasingly Difficult in Face of Increasing Allied Forces.

PRINCIPAL GERMAN MOVE WAS IN CENTER OF LINE

Germans Attempt to Debouch From Soissons But Determined French Are Blocking the Way

(By the Associated Press) General Foch's reserves have begun to come into action in the fighting against the powerful German thrust southward from Aisne and the enemy is finding his progress increasingly difficult in consequence.

Again the allied flanks are standing firm and while Soissons has been lost on the west Rheims is still holding out on the easterly edge of the battlefield.

The chief progress of the Germans is revealed in today's official report as in the center of their advance where some three miles of additional ground was covered from Loupeigne 12 miles north of Marne to Fere-en-Tardenois.

The steadiness of the allied flanks under heavy German pressure is one of the outstanding indications in the Paris official report. The Germans for instance made attempt after attempt to debouch from Soissons after gaining that town but the determined French in the outskirts prevented the enemy achieving his object.

The southeast French reserves are coming into play and here the allies are resisting enemy engagements with extreme violence along the road from Soissons to Hartennes through Et-Taux 7 1-2 miles southeast of Soissons.

From Tardenois the front extends northeastward. Brouillette is the next point mentioned in the official communique and it lies less than 3 1-2 miles north of Vezilly and only slightly to the east north and south line running through the latter town.

On the Flanders front the Germans made local attacks on British positions northwest of Festubert in the Givenchy sector which met a complete repulse. The British improved the line by an advance of some 200 yards in the Merris sector to the northwest.

Still further attacks were made against the Americans established in the village of Cantigny, west of Montdidier, which they recently captured. The assault has been almost continuous, news dispatches report, but each time were broken up by the American stonewall of resistance.

In their violent attacks on the 30-mile battle front running from Soissons eastward to the region northwest of Rheims, the German armies are continuing to force back the French and British forces on nearly every sector.

The fortified town of Soissons, the extreme left of the allied battle line, has been occupied by the enemy, although the French are still holding tenaciously to its western environs, through which emerge the railway lines leading to Paris and Compeigne.

WOMAN IS KILLED WHEN A TIN CAN OF GASOLINE EXPLODES

Mrs. Webb Peoples Burned to Death and Husband Badly Injured When He Carries a Lighted Lantern in Gasoline House.

Greensboro, May 30.—Mr. and Mrs. Webb Peoples, of near Oak Ridge, were badly burned, Mrs. Peoples fatally, Monday night at about 9 o'clock when a tank of gasoline exploded in close proximity to them.

In a storeroom in the country near Oak Ridge, a quantity of gasoline was kept by Mr. Peoples. Monday night he went into this room, accompanied by Mrs. Peoples, to secure some gasoline for his car. The light for the room was furnished by an oil lantern and the can of gasoline which Mr. Peoples held in his hand in some way came in contact with the flames of the lantern.

The funeral services of Mrs. Peoples will be held today at A. I. church by her pastor, Rev. A. O. Lindley. She was an active member of this church and was superintendent of the Sabbath school.

Mrs. Peoples is survived by her husband, two children and one adopted daughter, her mother and father and six brothers, B. W. Calhoun, of this city; Stacy Calhoun, with the Gate City Motor Co.; J. W. Calhoun, James Calhoun, of Washington, D. C.; A. C. Calhoun, of California, and J. C. Calhoun, of Summerfield.

MUTINOUS GERMANS ARE SENT TO FT. OGETHORPE

Refused to Have Their Finger Prints Taken—Seven to Georgia Internment Camp.

Asheville, May 30.—Deputy United Marshal John Y. Jordan left yesterday morning for Fort Oglethorpe with seven mutinous Germans from Hot Springs internment camp, the Germans being taken to the military camp at the fort, where they will be placed under guard.

Since the announcement that the Germans at Hot Springs were to be moved to other internment camps in order to allow the Hot Springs camp to be turned into a hospital, was made some time ago, the Germans have shown signs of dissatisfaction in regard to the order, apparently liking the splendid mountain resort in which they were quartered and being loathe to leave.

With the view of keeping a better system of identification, in case any of the Germans should decide to escape, the officials decided to have all the interned prisoners photographed and their finger prints taken, making a complete record of each man and thus making it more easy to identify him in case of escape.

This work has been in progress for some time, and was practically completed, but seven of the interned subjects of the kaiser refused to have their finger prints taken and otherwise mutinied against the new rule.

As a result the officials decided to send them to the military camp at Fort Oglethorpe and Deputy United Marshal Jordan left yesterday morning with the seven in charge.

In Italy a government tax—a special 1-cent stamp—must be affixed to all restaurant or cafe bills amounting to more than twenty cents.

Photographic Pose of Poster that Won Many Millions for the Red Cross Drive



Miss Marguerite Frontrese, a young contralto, and Alan Weissman, a boy scout, posed for this picture like A. E. Foringer's "The Greatest Mother of the World," the Red Cross poster, which, the managers of the fund for that organization believe, had much to do with raising the enormous sum given by the public during the past week.

NUMBER ALABAMA DRAFT EVADERS ARE HIDING IN CAVES

Followers of Tom Watson Now Giving Trouble and Are Being Sought by Officers—Punitive Measures to Be First Invoked.

Montgomery, Ala., May 30.—Officers here decided today to try persuasive measure before attempting to capture ten draft evaders who are entrenched in a series of caves in Coosa county. The men are heavily armed and have defied arrest. They are being fed, it is said, by nearby residents who, it is said, are afraid to refuse them food. The men are followers of Thomas Watson, of Thompson, Ga.

AMERICANS FIGHT WITH KNIVES AND BAYONETS.

Bloody Hand-to-Hand Fighting With the Enemy—Hun Attacks on Americans Break Down.

With the American Army in France, May 29.—(By the Associated Press)—The enemy launched another heavy attack against our troops in the Lunelville sector early this morning and attempted to reach our line at three places. They were repulsed with comparatively heavy losses.

The first attack, made two kilometers southwest of Premenil, broke down under hot machine gun fire from the American trenches, the Germans retreating. Both the Americans and Germans fought in gas masks. Soon afterward the enemy put down a heavy barrage a kilometer off the west, 14 Germans managed to penetrate a trench in which the Americans on Monday were subjected to a gas attack and who were fighting mad. The Americans emerged from their dugouts and hand-to-hand fighting, which was bloody for the Germans, ensued, the Americans going for the enemy with knives and bayonets.

THE PEOPLE ASSEMBLED FOR SPECIAL PRAYERS TODAY

Practically All of Salisbury's Churches Held Services at the Call of the President—Individual Company Meetings Also.

The people of Salisbury and Spencer this morning assembled in their respective places of worship in response to a proclamation by the President of the United States to engage in prayer and supplication to Almighty God, asking his blessings and benediction in this terrible hour of the world's history and this supreme crisis of our country.

At a number of places where it was impossible to suspend business altogether prayers were offered. This being especially true of the Bell telephone central office where they young ladies who were compelled to remain at their switchboards joined in an individual company service.

This afternoon the ladies of North Main street are holding their usual weekly prayer service, this taking place at the home of Mrs. James Lyons.

Not only in Salisbury but at numbers of places throughout the county the people gathered in meetings for prayer, and throughout the United States millions of her citizens assembled at their places of worship in prayer on this special occasion.

The Post closed down for several hours this morning attending services and the paper of this afternoon is made up hastily and with a good deal left that might have been incorporated had there been a full day's work. We have tried to get the best of the day's war news for the paper.

A SISTER-IN-LAW DEAD.

Mrs. R. Lee Mahaley Goes to Greensboro to Attend Funeral and Burial of Mrs. C. A. Blair.

Mrs. R. Lee Mahaley went to Greensboro this morning to attend the funeral and burial of her brother's wife, Mrs. C. A. Blair, who died at her home in that city Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Blair died at her home on Lexington avenue yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock after several months of illness. She was a member of the First Christian church of this city and had a wide circle of friends.

Funeral services will be held at her home church, Pleasant Ridge, Randolph county tomorrow morning at 11:30 o'clock.

INCREASED VIOLENCE SHOWN IN FIGHTING

Germans Fighting Against Time and Throwing in Every Ounce of Weight in Man Power.

SIGNS THAT ADVANCING WAVES WILL BE STEMMED

French Reserves Are Continuing to Arrive at the Front and the Hun Advance is Contested.

(By Associated Press.) Paris, May 30.—Increasing violence marks the progress of the fighting to the south of the Aisne. The Germans are fighting against time and are throwing every ounce of weight in man power into the struggle.

The allied wings have been obliged to give some ground but this action was carried out slowly and full price exacted from the enemy. The British have fallen back toward Rheims but in either case the enemy has only won a couple of miles of territory.

Incompetent circles there is a quiet confidence in the outcome and signs are not lacking that the advancing waves will shortly be stemmed. Unity of command puts the allies in better position than they were in the March offensive. On that occasion the French reinforcements came into action on the third day of the drive and the Germans were stopped definitely on the eighth day. Today things should go more quickly.

German Assaults Broken.

Paris, May 30.—The battle along the fighting front continued all night with the French maintaining the western outlets of Soissons, the war of attrition.

French reserves are continuing to arrive at the front and the German advance is being resisted with great tenacity. The Germans made repeated efforts to break through the defense lines in the Soissons region but were each time held up by determined French resistance.

In the center of the German advance fighting is taking place in the neighborhood of Vezilly (approximately 18 miles south of Chemin-des-Dames where the German attack was launched Monday.)

French Premier's Narrow Escape.

Paris, May 30.—Premier Clemenceau had the narrowest escape possible from falling into German hands yesterday, according to the Petite Journal. He left a certain point only a few minutes before the arrival of a party of 40 Uhlans. When the Germans entered the little town the premier had just quit it. They cornered a few French soldiers who remained, including a general who was examining a position with a field glass. The newspaper adds that the general was killed in an encounter.

Americans Again Repulse the Huns.

With the British Army in France, May 30.—Another strong enemy attack against the American troops in Cantigny sector west of Montdidier seems to have met with a complete repulse, according to a brief report from the South. The Americans evidently have been subjected to almost continuous attack since they stormed their way into Cantigny. In every case the enemy waves have been broken against the stone wall of resistance of the Americans.

Allied Reserves Taking Up Positions.

With the French Army in France, Wednesday evening, May 29.—Allied reserves are now taking up positions in the battle line. They are now being thrown in to strengthen the defending forces where they were the weakest in preparation of a barrier to further German advance.

Perishing Announces Enemy Failure. Washington, May 30.—The second section of General Pershing's communique for May 29th announces the failure of the enemy to break through (Continued on Sixth Page.)