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PAUSE ON IN BATTLE ZONE

Rains Hinder Progress

New Move Is Expected Soon

Greatest Battle of War or Full Retreat of Germans Expected Within A Week

London, Sept. 10.—Further slight progress for the British near Neuve Chapelle and Armentieres, and local engagements in the center of the line in the vicinity of Epehy and Gouzeaucourt, southwest of Cambrai, are reported by Field Marshal Haig in his communication of tonight. Stormy weather still prevails on the battle front. The communication follows: "Except for local fighting in the Epehy and Gouzeaucourt sectors in which we secured prisoners, there is nothing of special interest to report from the battle front south of the Scarpe. "On the Lys front our patrols have made slight progress northeast of Neuve Chapelle and west of Armentieres. "Stormy weather continues."

With the British Army in France, Sept. 10.—The most important news from the north today is direct corroboration of the fact that the Germans are working with all haste in the preparation of their ear lines east of the River Lys and that they are now being reinforced with concrete machine gun nests in considerable numbers.

Battlefield Covered With Mud. Although the resistance from enemy rear guards has increased all along the line, especially in the center areas, where a much greater volume of machine gun and artillery fire is being encountered, the British troops have made further progress. Rain has fallen incessantly and the battlefield in many places now is covered with soft mud, and the shell craters are filled with ooze, which makes rapid progress difficult.

Generally the armies are still at a pause and what forward movements have been carried out have been more in the nature of a line straightening and for the suppression of active German positions.

Hard Fighting at Epehy Wood. Epehy wood has been the scene of hard fighting. The British attacked it today, but details are lacking.

From a number of reliable sources it is learned that the enemy is evacuating the civilians from numerous villages and towns in his rear and is exhibiting his customary methods while doing it. The civilians, in most cases old men, women and children, are being forced from their homes with only a handful of their possessions; their property is either being confiscated by the German authorities or being carried off by the troops.

Mutinous Spirit Among Germans. Further confirmation of the mutinous spirit in sections of the German army has been received. Prisoners who were in the immediate vicinity of an engagement on August 22, say that an infantry regiment of a Bavarian division suddenly threw down their arms. They retired declaring that they absolutely refused to fight for Prussia any longer.

In addition to other troubles which seem to have been multiplying of late, the German commanders now have suddenly come to realize that their system of defense with respect to depth is totally inadequate under the conditions encountered in continuous fighting.

A captured seventeenth German army order says: "A new outpost zone cannot be selected daily and the troops must hold the foremost line. The troops must understand this, or they will retire against the wishes of the command and describe the ground which they have lost as an evacuated outpost zone. This cannot be permitted for tactical reasons and must not be allowed for moral reasons."

With the Allied armies in France, Wednesday, September 11.—Eight weeks to the day, and for the first time the great Allied offensive of Marshal Foch is at a virtual pause. True, both the British and French,

on isolated sectors on the front extending from Flanders to the east of Soissons, again have recorded advances, but Wednesday witnessed no such progress by the Allies toward strategic objectives as past days has brought them—before the torrential rains turned the lowlands into impassable marshes and the badly worsted enemy rushed large reinforcements forward to stop the gaps through which the British, French and American armies were threatening to filter and wreck his entire military situation.

During the eight weeks that have passed the allied troops have cleared almost in its entirety the enemy held territory from the Marne to the Aisne in the great triangle which had Chateau-Thierry at its apex and Soissons and Rheims respectively its western and eastern anchor points. From Soissons to Arras the old bluge westward to Montdidier and toward the doorstep of Amiens has all but been obliterated and the allies now are standing across a large portion of the old Hindenburg defense line and

KEMP G. BROWNE



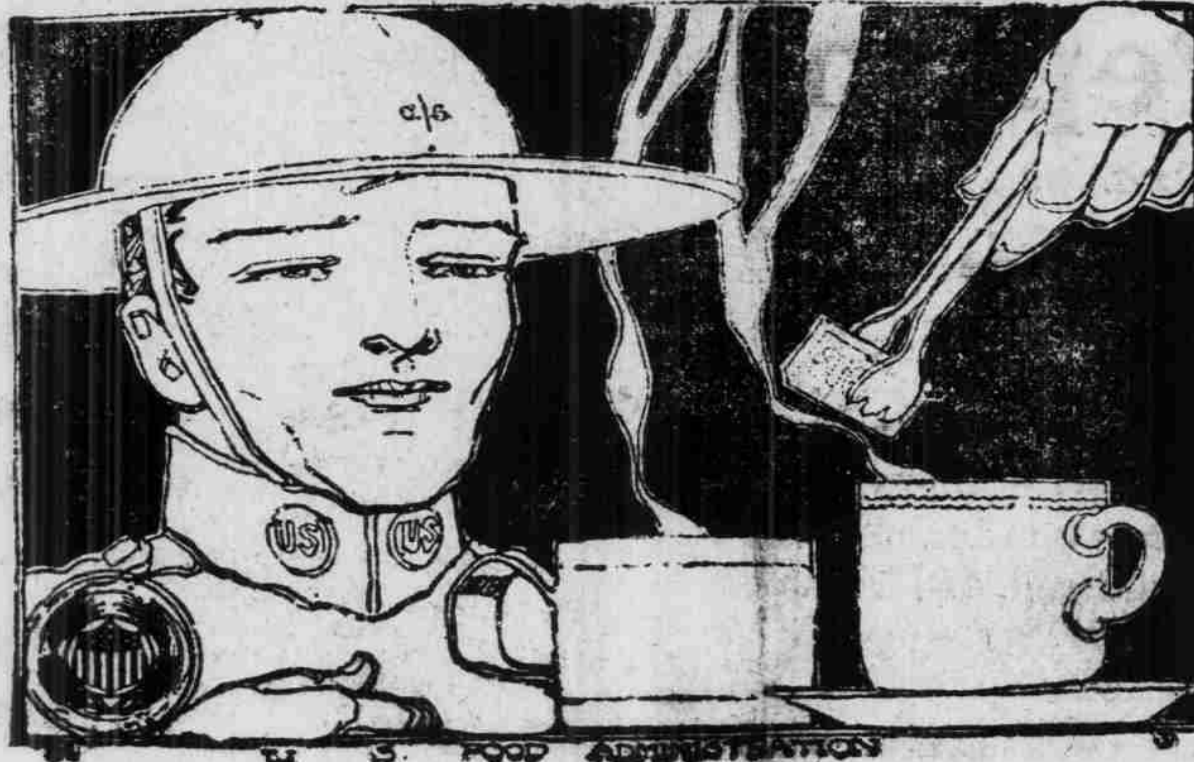
A card from overseas announces the safe arrival of Kemp G. Browne, son of Mrs. G. S. P. Browne, of Vaughan, who is with Co. C., 322 Infantry. He is another son of old Warren who goes to pay a debt of gratitude to France and to help make democracy safe for the world. True to the blood that is within him, he will perform his duty it matters not what the sacrifice.

virtually are upon the remainder of it, while to the north in Flanders the deep salients which threatened the English channel ports have been bent eastward and the enemy is expelled from the vantage points from which had expected ultimately to make his drive in an endeavor to gain the seaboard, and thus cause a diversion of the transport service from England to Southern France. Until the rains began falling there had been no let up in the allied offensive, notwithstanding the fact that the German high command had stiffened its resistance everywhere, discarding infantry units as such, and training them into machine gun companies and bringing up large numbers of guns of all calibres to hold the aggressors back. Wherefore it is not improbable that Fich, when the skies have cleared and the marshes disappeared again will take up with full impetus his task of putting the enemy on his mettle, and continue for the two months of good fighting weather remaining, if not beyond that period, his efforts with his own now great forces to drive the Germans farther back toward the Rhine.

Hard After St. Quentin.

The British and French troops apparently are in a hard race for the prize of St. Quentin, forces of both armies now being at equidistant points west of the city. To the north the British in local operations have made further progress north of Epehy in the operation which has for its purpose the driving of a wedge midway between Cambrai and St. Quentin and also have successfully sustained heavy counter-attacks by the Germans near Gouzeaucourt where the Germans are trying hard to hold the British push toward Cambrai. North of the St. Gobain Massif the

In Who's Cup?



In whose cup?

Yours or the soldier's?

Are you going to save sugar or are you going to waste it?

Are you going to use the smallest amount of sugar possible, or are you going to continue to use sugar as you did in the days before the war?

Saving sugar here means sugar over there, and ships to carry it, from here to there.

You have probably heard that there is no shortage of sugar, and that the sugar output is as big, as if not bigger than ever, and some one has told you that there is no need of saving sugar. This is the most insidious sort of German propaganda because it is partly true and partly false.

The shortage in sugar in this country is not due to any shortage in sugar crop, but to a shortage of ships.

French have made additional slight advances, notwithstanding the bad condition of the terrain and the strong forces of the enemy aligned against them in an effort to prevent the turning of this important position from the west. Heavy artillery activity is in progress all along this front and likewise on the sector northeast of Soissons and between the Aisne and Vesle rivers the operations on which have a direct bearing on those of the St. Gobain forest.

In Flanders, the British have been successful in local encounters, near Armentieres and in the region of Labassee canal.

Additional American troops have landed at Archangel, northern Russia, to aid the other Allied forces in the putting down of the disturbed conditions in that region.

A troop ship carrying American soldiers to the front has been torpedoed off the coast of England. All the troops reached land safely and the vessel was beached.

—W.S.S.—

Married Men In The New Draft

(Columbus State)

Many men are of the opinion that married men will see a use go into some other class than the first.

In a bulletin recently issued by Maj. R. E. Carwile, the following statements occur:

"The following telegram was then sent to the office of the provost marshal general:

"Are Boards authorized under these regulations to place in class one married registrants without children or other dependents and in class two married men with children without regard to cost to the government and when the government allowance is amply sufficient to support the wife or wife and children as the case may be?"

An immediate answer is requested.

"The following is the answer to the telegram above set forth:

"Boards are authorized under the regulations to place in class one married registrants without children when their removal will not deprive wife of reasonably adequate support, and the amounts available under the War Risk Insurance Law must be considered. In class two may be placed married men with children and the cost to the government of payments of allotments, and allowances must not be considered."

"Local and district boards are therefore, directed in no case to consider the cost to the government in classifying any registrants. They should follow the telegrams above set forth strictly and are directed to do so."

Seventy-five per cent. of the sugar used in this country has to be carried here in ships. These same ships are needed to transport our troops, our munitions, and the food for the Allies and our soldiers and sailors, to France. Part of these sugar carrying ships have been transferred to more important carrier service. This has resulted in a largely lessened import tonnage of sugar and this means a shortage of sugar here.

Our soldiers and sailors and the Allies must be supplied with sugar. That supply must come out of our limited supply here.

No law has been asked to compel the individual to apportion his supply of sugar in a sensible, logical and unselfish manner.

The Food Administration merely ASKS you to save.

What are you going to do about it?

RED CROSS REQUESTING TOBACCO AT WAREHOUSES

The Warren County Chapter has perfected its plans to secure tobacco from the County's farmers for the great humanitarian work it is doing "over there."

In charge of the work has been placed Mrs. Norwood Boyd at the Centre; Mrs. M. C. McGuire at Boyd's and Mrs. Howard Jones at Tarwater's warehouse. Every sales day will find these ladies or other working under them ready to receive tobacco.

The Movement is national.

—W.S.S.—

Mrs. Nannie Buchanan Succumbs

On Tuesday evening September 3rd as the shadows of night were falling, the gentle spirit of Mrs. Fannie Buchanan passed into the Great Beyond. She had been sick every since January. Most of the time she was helpless, having been afflicted with something like paralysis. "Miss Fannie," as we all called her, was a very patient sufferer. She said it was for some good cause and she was obedient to the will of her Master.

During her last illness, she was heard to repeat over and over this phrase: "Bring Forth the Royal Diadem, and Crown Him Lord of All." This shows that Miss Fannie was ready to go and help Crown Him Lord of All.

On Saturday evening, August 31st she fell into an unconscious condition and did not speak anymore. From this time until Tuesday night, every breath seemed to be the last, but for some cause she lingered at the very gates of Death. Kind friends did all within their power to keep Miss Fannie with us, but God had a need for her in his kingdom. All of the trials and sorrows of this life are over and now she has passed on to a greater work. We can say like the Apostle Paul, "She has fought a good fight, she has finished her course, she has laidkeft the faith," henceforth there is laid up for her a crown of righteousness. This crown she has gone to receive.

She was about seventy-four years of age and leaves one brother, Mr. G. W. Ellington, and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

The funeral service was conducted from the home of her brother, by Rev. J. W. Patton, of Greensboro, and on Wednesday evening at four o'clock she was laid to rest by the side of sister, Sallie, whom she so dearly loved.

"Servant of God, well done! Thy glorious warfare's past; The battle's fought, the victory's won, And thou art crowned at last." A FRIEND.

THE CANNON FERRY ROAD

THREE QUARTER MILE TO BE GREATLY IMPROVED.

Assuring Good Road From Over River Into Warrenton; Popular Subscription Manner of Raising Funds; Chamber of Commerce Appoints Committee To Raise Warrenton's Amount.

The Chamber of Commerce meeting in conjunction with progressive citizens of Norlina, Ridgeway, Henderson and Vaughan to consider the Cannon Ferry road project was called to order in the Court House Wednesday night by President Peck. Mr. Peck welcomed the delegations and outlined the project.

In response to a request of Chairman Peck Mr. W. P. Gholson, who with Mr. C. P. Brewer, has the problem in hand, outlined the advantages of the road. He told the Chamber that he had \$1250 pledged from Henderson, and that it was hoped that Warrenton would make up the deficiency between Henderson, Ridgeway, Manson, Paschall, Vaughan, Norlina contribu-

BEN C. POWELL



Enjoys the distinction of being the first one of Warrenton's merchants to close up his business and answer the call of Uncle Sam. He went to Camp Jackson on March 20th where he is now stationed as a member of the Medical Corps. He is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Powell of this city and it is gratifying to his friends to know that he is making good.

tions and the estimated cost of twenty five hundred for the road—something like seven or eight hundred dollars.

Following Mr. Gholson, Mr. Meeder stated that he had raised \$455.00 from Manson, Ridgeway, Norlina, Paschall and Vaughan and that he was sure he could secure \$600.00.

In response to a request of opinion from the Chamber by President Peck, Messrs. N. M. Palmer, R. T. Watson, J. J. Tarwater, W. B. Boyd, W. G. Rogers, Tasker Polk, G. H. Macon and W. Brodie Jones and W. E. Vaughan sanctioned the road and favored the town doing its share toward the improvement of the three-quarter of a mile stretch.

On motion of Mr. W. B. Boyd, the Chair appointed the following committee to secure money from Warrenton business houses and citizens for this road: W. G. Rogers, chm., J. J. Tarwater, G. H. Macon, A. A. Wood, William Burroughs and W. Brodie Jones. The committee immediately commenced work and raised from the few Warrenton citizens present \$285. The committee will begin active work in the near future to complete the amount asked.

It was pointed out that if immediate action was taken the Chain Gang could be procured to perform the work and plans were made to secure it to do the work. The plan is to have the road in good condition within the next two months.

To supervise the construction of the road the Chair appointed: W. P. Gholson, chm., C. S. Brewer, J. A. Meeder, W. B. Boyd, and Wallace Paschall.

The Chair announced the annual meeting for the election of officers to be held next Tuesday night, and urged a large attendance.

SUB FAILS IN SHIP ATTACK

TRANSPORT WITH 2,800 SOLDIERS ABOARD ESCAPES

Though Torpedoed Boat Is Beach ed With No Loss of Life Among Soldiers; Observers Declare Destroyer's Depth Bomb Put An End To German U Boat.

London, Sept. 10.—A troop ship with 2,800 American soldiers on board has been torpedoed. All hands were saved. The troop ship was beached.

In order to save time, instead of launching the boats the men clambered down ropes to destroyers which swarmed around the stricken vessel.

This operation was greatly facilitated by the fact that the sea was not rough.

The troop ship was a member of a large convoy approaching the English coast.

The vessel was torpedoed 200 miles from shore at 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon. The transfer of the American soldiers from the troop ship to the destroyers, which swarmed around the sinking vessel, was quickly made without injury to any one.

They all escaped injury when the torpedo exploded and they were soon on their way to a British port.

—W.S.S.—

A Declaration For Every American

I BELIEVE

in my beloved land America, and in her providential mission to confer the gift of freedom upon all the world.

I CONFESS

myself a disciple of a courageous Christianity, willing to express itself as patriotic loyalty to the flag whenever that flag moves forward into perilous places in behalf of freedom.

I ESPOUSE

peace as the ultimate law of God's Kingdom on earth, and if the war is necessary I tolerate it and wage it only as the method, God's grim and bitter method for the education of the morally backward members of the human family whose hearts are not yet ready for peace. If the way to the Christ's salvation lies only through the shadow of the cross, I am not surprised if God should lead us to peace over the storm-swept fields of war.

I AM READY

to make any sacrifice of time, ability, money, loved ones or even life itself if these are necessary to help defend freedom's flag and to help guarantee the rights of freedom to my own people and to all the people of the world.

I OFFER

my sincere support to the President and Congress in all they may determine for us in these days of national perplexity, believing that whatever differences of opinion may exist before our representatives speak should be swallowed up in a splendid tide of co-operating loyalty the instant that the authoritative voice of the nation has uttered its commands.

I WOULD BE WORTHY

of the men in business, the professions, factories and college halls who have leaped to offer themselves to their country's need, and whose princely sacrifice shames any small thinking or selfish living on the part of any person for whom they are ready to die.

I LIFT MY PRAYER

to the Father of all souls that He will save his frail children's hearts from all hate, error, injustice and cruelty, but also from cowardice and gross self-seeking, leading us whatever be tide or storm or calm, by the patient figure of Jesus, the Son of Man, who himself once walked temptuous seas, until finally we shall come in God's own time to a haven of God's own choosing.—Rev. Herbert Atchison Jump.