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TRYING TO DRIVE THE WEDGE DEEPER IN GERMAN LINES

(By Associated Press.) With less than a week's wait after delivering the recent smashing blow at the German line in Flanders, the British have resumed their drive, launching an attack on a wide front northeast and east of Ypres, early this morning. The trend of the battle was only briefly indicated in the early statement, Field Marshal Haig reporting that his troops were making good progress.

Press dispatches filed later, however, record news coming back from the fighting lines indicating the British had been notably successful on the northern end of the battle front, advancing from three-fifths of a mile to nearly a mile at numerous points. In the southern area of the attack the British right flank met the most desperate resistance, a fierce struggle taking place along a line of a thousand yards on both sides of the Ypres-Menin road.

Apparently the effort is aimed at driving deeper the wedge already forced into the German front astride the Ypres-Menin road, and north beyond the Ypres-Roulers railway line. Last Thursday's thrust pushed this wedge approximately a mile farther into the Teuton territory, where the ground gained was well consolidated and held firmly against numerous desperate counter attacks.

The point of the wedge has already reached a line extending directly north from the great French manufacturing city of Lille, the envelopment of which is assumed to be the great object of the Flanders attack in connection with the ridge below Lille carried out in the battle of Arras earlier this year.

The enlargement of the Ypres salient is likewise having the effect of endangering the German line to the north, extending to the Belgian coast, seemingly it is now the purpose of the British to concentrate their forces and by repeating the tactics pursued last year on the Somme, compel a German retirement on a wide front, both to the north and south.

The new British blow was struck today just as the Germans were stagering from the effects of the bloody repulse they sustained yesterday in heavy attacks which they delivered on the ridge east of Ypres. The Germans made their way into the British lines at two points on a narrow front in one of these attacks, but were forced out in later British counter efforts.

Simultaneously the British are continuing their aerial and naval attacks on the Belgian coast. Another bombardment of Ostend, one of the German naval bases, was carried out yesterday by British war ships. The Germans apparently attempted an aerial attack on the fleet, for the British admiralty reports that air patrols over the warships encountered six hostile machines, two of which were brought down.

On the French front there has been only artillery activity, and raid-

OFFICIALS CONFER OVER MEANS CASE AT SALISBURY, N. C.

No Further Developments Of Importance are Reported Today. ADDITIONAL ARRESTS ARE EXPECTED AT ANY TIME

(By Associated Press.) SALISBURY, N. C., Sept. 26.—Federal and State officials of New York and North Carolina who joined in the prosecution of Gaston B. Means, charged with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King at Concord, remained in conference here today at the office of Solicitor Clements, where they came last night after Means was bound over to a grand jury on the murder charge.

It was understood that they were going into developments of the case, but no announcement of further plans was made. John Dooling, assistant district attorney of New York, who investigated Means' affairs there, said after Means was bound over that there "probably will be" additional arrests. "I am not here for my health," he added.

No other arrests have been announced here, and Mr. Dooling would not say whether they might be contemplated. He planned to leave tonight for New York. Attorney-General Manning of North Carolina, one of those who took part in the conference, said he would return to Raleigh tonight.

It was expected that further steps might be taken by Means' counsel to get possession of documents seized in Means' New York apartment. Mr. Clements, in whose possession the documents were said to be, declared today he had not been notified of further action.

ing operations. The artillery fire was intense last night in the Verdun region. PUSH BACK GERMANS. LONDON, Sept. 26.—In their new attack this morning the British pushed back the Germans over the high ground east of Ypres, Reuters correspondent at British headquarters reports.

WILSON RECEIVES SWEDISH MINISTER

No Announcement Made Of The Purpose of Visit to The President. (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 26.—The Minister from Sweden was received by President Wilson today. The audience arranged at the minister's request aroused considerable interest, coming close on the disclosures of how Sweden's legations in Argentina and Mexico have been transmitting secret communications for Germany. No announcement was made of the purpose of the minister's visit.

The Sixth Annual Fall Fair Edition of THE SUN JOURNAL. Less than two weeks remain until the Sixth Annual Fall Fair Edition of the Daily and Semi-Weekly Sun-Journal will be a matter of history. Advertisers are rushing copy into the office, and the mechanical department of this newspaper is straining every effort to handle it all with despatch and care.

SIX KILLED IN AIR RAID ON LONDON LAST NIGHT

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Sept. 26.—Six persons were killed and sixteen injured in the southeastern outskirts of London in last night's air raid.

THRILLING FIGHT HIGH IN THE AIR REPORTED TODAY

British and German Airmen Engaged in Battle Last Night Near London. LITTLE DAMAGE DONE BY RAIDERS, IT IS SAID

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Sept. 26.—Although details are lacking, it is reported that a thrilling battle occurred between German and British airmen a few miles from London, which accounts for the fact that last night's air raid resulted in so little damage in the metropolis.

DOUGLAS MACMONAGLE DIED WHILE FIGHTING

American Airman Met His Death While Doing His Bit. (By Associated Press.) WITH THE LAFAYETTE SQUADRON, Monday, Sept. 24.—The death of Douglas MacMonagle of San Francisco, a member of the Lafayette Squadron, occurred during a patrol fight with two Americans, Lieutenant Lufbury and Sergeant Rockwell. They were attacked by eight German machines, believed to have belonged to the "Tango Circus."

Apparently MacMonagle was taken by surprise. He fell within the French lines. Sergeant Rockwell went to his rescue, but was too late to save his comrade. After a short fight, however, he downed one of the German machines, which crashed into the wood. MacMonagle's body was recovered. He was shot twice through the head. The funeral will be held on Wednesday with American military honors, as a camp of American engineers is stationed near enough to the base of the squadron to send men to sound taps.

Almost at the moment the sergeant met his fate his mother was completing the journey of 6,000 miles from San Francisco to visit her only son. Sergeant MacMonagle, who was in Paris a few days before he was killed seemed to have a presentiment of his fate. He said to friends: "Werr, fellows, if they get me, you may bank on it mother will have the consolation of knowing I passed out fighting and doing my best, as she would wish it."

HURRICANE ON WAY TO UNITED STATES

Big Storm Is Now Sweeping Across the Gulf of Mexico—Warnings Out. (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 26.—The tropical hurricane which is approaching the coast of the United States across the Gulf of Mexico was central this morning, near latitude 25 degrees north, and longitude 85 degrees west, the weather bureau announced. Hurricane warnings are displayed on the gulf coast from Mobile to Apalachicola, and storm warnings cover the remainder of the gulf coast of Florida.

MERCHANT FLEET OF UNITED STATES IS FAST GROWING

In Little More Than a Year There Will be 1,600 Big Ships Afloat. SHIPPING BOARD GAVE OUT STATEMENT TODAY

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 26.—The United States will have an ocean-going merchant fleet of more than 1,600 ships, of 2,200,000 tons, the shipping board announced today, in a statement giving details of the government's shipbuilding program.

This amount compares with a present tonnage of 3,500,000 of which 700,000 tons represents German and American ships under operation by the United States. The American ships available for service overseas number 458, with a tonnage of 2,871,000.

There are 117 German and Austrian ships with a tonnage of 700,000. The Emergency Fleet Corporation has commandeered in American shipyards nearly 400 steel ships, of more than 2,500,000 tons, and has contracted for 636 ships with a tonnage of 3,124,700.

PERU NOW ASKING FOR SATISFACTION

To Demand That Germany Make Restitution for Sinking of Peruvian Ship. (By Associated Press.) LIMA, PERU, Sept. 26.—The government has instructed the Peruvian minister at Berlin to present to the German government a demand that satisfaction be given within eight days for the sinking of the Peruvian bark Lorton. If the demand is not met diplomatic relations will be broken off.

THOUSANDS TO ATTEND FIRST GAME OF SERIES

\$200,000 In Cash And Checks Already Sent In For Tickets. (By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, ILL., Sept. 26.—Nearly \$200,000 in cash and checks had been received at Comiskey Park in payment for the first game of the baseball series which will open on October 6th. Necessarily, a larger part of this amount must be returned. It represents receipts for close to \$100,000 seats, while the capacity of the park is only 33,000.

SENATOR CALDER'S BILL FAVORABLY REPORTED

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 26.—Senator Calder's bill to admit to citizenship within ninety days aliens who have announced their intention of taking out naturalization papers was reported favorably today by the Senate immigration committee.

TAFT ASKS CHURCHES APPROVE WAR POLICY (By Associated Press.) MONTREAL, CAN., Sept. 26.—William Howard Taft today asked the general conference of Unitarians and other Christian churches meeting here, to adopt a resolution approving the war policy of President Wilson and congress.

REVIVAL SPIRIT IS IN GREAT EVIDENCE IN NEW BERN NOW

Evangelistic Meeting in Progress at Centenary Church Draws Crowd. NOTED EXPOUNDER OF THE GOSPEL IS HERE

"Are you all in a good humor tonight?" Thus Evangelist Moore greeted the large audience at Centenary Methodist church last night. "Don't anybody look like you had been drinking buttermilk," interposed Stapleton, the songster. But with the optimistic prefacing remarks, Rev. Mr. Moore had not proceeded very far until the whole congregation was in a cheerful mood of receptivity.

In the past three days of inclement New Bernians have proven that they are church-going people. The day services as well as the night services have exceeded the expectation of the leaders, and the evangelists express themselves as being highly pleased with the interest thus manifested.

The music at each service is growing more interesting. Mr. Stapleton is proving his efficiency as a chorus director and leader of the congregation. The people are kept in a spirit of expectancy as he swings from some lively revival chorus to the old hymns of the fathers in which every one feels inclined to participate.

Though not yet regulated in action, the big concert grand piano was in use last night, which added much to the volume of the music. When Reid starts in with a rousing accompaniment it is not quite certain just where he will land or what he will do next, but with a rippling treble and bombarding bass he keeps up a background for the singing which is very interesting.

A very interesting feature of last night's music was a duet by Stapleton and Reid, "In the Garden." Their voices blend in such perfect harmony that their work together is very pleasing to both the ear and the heart. At the close of the sermon Mr. Stapleton also sang an appealing message, the musical setting, being from the "Sextette de Lucia."

That Rev. Mr. Moore has the war spirit no one can question after hearing him. Whether it be for going after the Kaiser or the devil his aggressiveness is the same. In urging the church people to further zeal he said: "You folks have had plenty of artillery fire scattered along here from Sunday to Sunday, but now we are mobilizing and getting ready for a big offensive drive on the devil and we must sweep things as we go."

Last night he continued his discussion of the previous night on the subject of the "Lost Christ," basing his sermon on Rev. and to the first words, or else I will come unto thee quickly, and remove any candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

He set forth that many who have like Mary and Joseph been traveling along the highway of life upon the mere supposition that Christ is with them, may find to their great sorrow that he is not in their company, but has been left far behind. He emphasized the fact that mere church machinery, great organizations, and fine choirs and learned sermons do not necessarily signify that Christ is in the church. Through the bustle and push and noise of life we may lose Jesus, even in the most unlikely places—the Temple. The utterance of the Master, "Behold I stand at the door and knock," may apply to a church as well as the individual. There are many backslidden churches, carrying great organizations, and supporting large missionary enterprises, and conducting great Sunday schools, who while religious in practice have lost that love and personal relation to Christ necessary to a happy spiritual life. Like Mary and Joseph, Jesus is not with them. Such churches and such individuals must go back to the starting place again, and do their first works of love over once more.

WITH IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES SUDAN TEMPLE IS CONSTITUTED—MANY HIGH MASONS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT

North Carolina's Baby Temple Is Now a Full Fledged One—Visitors Are Given a Warm Reception By The Local Shriners—Luncheon At Stanley Hall an Enjoyable Feature.

With such distinguished figures as Mr. Robert S. Rheinhardt, of Charlotte, special representative of the Imperial Potentate; Mr. Walter S. Liddell, Past Potentate of Oasis Temple, Charlotte; Past Grand Master W. H. McCoy, of Wilmington and illustrious Past Potentate A. B. Andrews, of Raleigh, in attendance at the ceremony, Sudan Temple of the Mystic Shrine, Shrinedom's baby temple in the Old North States, was this afternoon duly constituted, the constitutional ceremony being conducted by Mr. Rheinhardt in the presence of local and visiting Masons from all parts of the state.

The Shriners began to arrive yesterday afternoon and they came in on every train, including those arriving in the city this morning and there were a score or more of them in attendance from other cities and towns. Immediately after their arrival today the visitors were escorted to the hotel where the registration took place. From 10 o'clock until noon the Nobles were busily engaged in shaking hands and renewing old acquaintances and this social session was one which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

NEW FATHERLAND PARTY IN SESSION

The First Open-Air Meeting Was Held at Berlin Last Night. (By Associated Press.) BERLIN, Sept. 26.—The new German fatherland party held its first open meeting in Berlin last night, and the crowd in Philharmonic hall was so enormous that an overflow meeting was held nearby. No government officials attended either meeting. Duke Johann Albrecht opened both meetings, and Admiral Von Tirpitz was the principal speaker at each. Admiral Von Tirpitz pointed out that the submarine warfare is Germany's legal right, and that Belgium has now her just deserts. Belgium, the speaker declared, was all England's bridgehead, and that Germany must do her utmost in preventing England from becoming Belgium's protecting master. Admiral Von Tirpitz was greeted enthusiastically by the audiences. Among the other speakers were Dr. Von Wolff-Kappeler.

A German newspaper of Essen recently announced the formation of a new "Patriotic party", leaders of which include Admiral Von Tirpitz. The party's initial proclamation declared hostility to the reichstag peace resolution, and added that the party was no political and would be stopped when peace was signed.

FAMOUS MONARCHISTS PLOT WAS A HOAX

(By Associated Press.) PETROGRAD, Sept. 26.—A judicial investigation has shown that the famous monarchist plot of early September, in which Madama Hitrovo figured and in connection with which several grand dukes were arrested, was a hoax.

THE VATICAN DENIES RUMORS NOW AFLOAT (By Associated Press.) ROME, Sept. 26.—The Vatican reports that Pope Benedict intends to make proposals for peace negotiations involving mediation by King Alfonso of Spain. STRIKERS ADVISED TO RETURN TO WORK (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 26.—International officers of the labor union involved in the strike of more than 3,000 mechanics at the Norfolk navy yard have advised the head of the local union here to return the men to work, pending negotiations to adjust the differences.

had charge of this, had spent days in preparation and when the guests sat down at the festive board they faced a feast the like of which has never been surpassed in this or any other city in the state.

Following the luncheon the Shriners repaired to the Masonic temple where at 1:30 the beautiful and impressive constitution ceremony was held. This was followed at 2:30 o'clock by a business meeting in which the local and visiting Masons participated and at which a number of important matters were discussed.

SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES MEET

To Consider An Invitation From Allied Parliamentary Leaders. (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 26.—Senate and house foreign affairs committees met in joint session today to consider allied parliamentary leaders' invitations to send a congressional delegation to Europe and in view of President Wilson's failure to endorse the proposal, it was thought probable that acceptance of the invitation would be inadvisable at this time.

PUT THE COAL SITUATION UP TO THE GOVERNMENT

Operators of Mines Say They Can't Pay High Wages As Conditions Exist. (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 26.—Coal operators of Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania today notified miners' representatives in conference here that they were unable to meet their demands for a wage increase of about twenty-five per cent unless the governments revise the prices on bituminous coal. It is probable that after another conference between operators and miners late today Dr. H. A. Garfield, the coal administrator, will be called in to consider the situation.

PREMIER KERENSKY TO RETURN TO PETROGRAD

(By Associated Press.) PETROGRAD, Sept. 26.—Premier Kerensky will return to Petrograd today. His secretary said he would not recognize as official the democratic congress called by the soldiers and workmen's delegates, which will meet on Thursday, although he might address it. CHARTER RATE FOR VESSELS IS NAMED (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 26.—A charter rate of \$5.75 a ton a month has been decided upon by the shipping board as the basis for the government will pay for requisitioned ocean-going merchant vessels. Within a short time the board will take over for government use every American vessel available for overseas service.