

FRENCH LINES FIRM AGAINST ATTACK

German Were Beaten Back On the Verdun Front With Heavy Losses. — French Take 5,000 Prisoners.

REPULSED ALSO ON AISNE FRONT

Increasing Activity Reported in Northern Russia. — Further Victory for Russians on the Caucasian Front.

The German reaction to the successful French stroke at Verdun came last night, and the northwest French line stood firm in the face of the counter-attack of extreme violence.

On the front north of Verdun the fighting was particularly bitter, the French war office reports.

The Germans, beaten back, met with heavy losses. The number of prisoners taken by the French now exceeds 5,000.

The Germans also returned the attack on Aisne front, striking at Cerny and Hurbise. Paris reports the repulse of these assaults.

On the British front the Germans last night made the third attempt to recapture positions recently wrested from them near Epehy, northwest of St. Quentin. A determined attack was made in which the Germans employed flame throwers, but they were repulsed completely by the British.

Heavy fighting continues on the southern Romanian front. The Russians and Romanians are offering a stiff resistance, but are being forced back further at several points.

The Austro-German troops reached the southwestern outskirts of the important Moldavian town of Oena, 75 miles southwest of the provincial Romanian capital of Jassy. In the direction of Fokshani, the Germans took the offensive along the railroad advancing on both sides of it. A counter-attack on the west of the railroad resulted in the restoration of the Russo-Romanian positions.

In the northern Russian front increasing activity is reported. The Germans are bombarding heavily the Russian trenches west of the Riga-Mitau railroad.

The new Russian offensive on the Caucasian front has resulted in a series of victories. The capture of a number of villages south of Pelnir, Raluzer sector is reported by the Russian war office. The Turks made an attack in the direction of Kharput and gained initial successes, but subsequently were expelled from the captured positions.

British aviators carried out another bombing expedition into Belgium last night. They dropped many tons of bombs on military objectives. The British admiralty reports, all air planes returned safely.

A Later Dispatch.—The Austrian Lines Beginning to Bend.

The Austrian line on the Isonzo front is beginning to bend and give way at various points under the furious attacks of the Italians, according to announcement from Rome. The Italians are making progress toward success which the statement says is becoming delineated in spite of undiminished resistance by the Austrians.

More than 10,000 prisoners have been taken in the new battle of the Isonzo and strong Austrian defenses have fallen into the hands of attackers. Seldom during the war has an official communication been worded in such confident terms, and unless the Austrians are able to rally their shattered forces, developments of far reaching importance may follow quickly.

Canadian troops around Lens made another attack this morning. The Germans who made the advance at the same time made a hurried retreat on encountering the Canadians. Few details have been reported of the subsequent fighting, which was one of the most desperate hand to hand struggles of the war.

Little Trading in Wheat.

Chicago, Aug. 21.—There was little trading in wheat today. The opening trade in September was 207, which was 2 cents higher than the final figure yesterday. Subsequent deals carried the figure to 210.

THIRTEEN MORE MEN CERTIFIED BY BOARD

This Makes 147 That Have Been Sent to District Board From Cabarrus.

- 2546—Lee Johnson. 477—W. J. Dills. 1180—Joe Johnston. 1179—Troy McCree. 753—J. W. Russell. 108—W. E. Patterson. 1023—Henry McNeill. 2545—Ray H. Dorton. 2544—DeWitt W. Flowers. 2137—Ellis S. Barlow. 911—Miles W. Starnell. 532—J. A. McGraw. 736—Geo. Blackwelder.

Go to the State Farmers' Convention.

The State Farmers Convention will be held at West Raleigh, N. C., on August 28-29-30, and a large delegation of Farmers are expected from all over the State and plans are being made to have Cabarrus County well represented and all the Farmers of the county who possibly can are urged to make this trip as it will be well worth the time and money.

Meals in West Raleigh will cost \$1 per day and lodging is free, so the trip won't be very expensive. The trip is being planned to be made through the country in automobiles, leaving Concord soon Tuesday morning, August 28th, and go via Greensboro, return Thursday or Friday via Moore County taking in a large section of the State, besides the Experiment Station and Convention.

For information in regard to the trip call at the Farmer's Union Store and see Mr. W. F. Moore, who will see to getting autos and if you will take your car on the trip let him know so he can see that it is filled.

R. D. GOODMAN, County Agent.

Frick-Boger.

Miss Ida Blanche Boger, of Concord, and Mr. George E. Frick, of Chapel, S. C., were married yesterday in Charlotte. This will come as a surprise to their many friends here and elsewhere, as the marriage was a very quiet one, only a few friends being present to witness the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Dr. R. H. Rolston, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Charlotte, at the manse. Mr. Frick is well known here where he held a responsible position at the Kerr Bleachery for several years, and while a resident of Concord made many friends. He is a graduate of Clemson College, while Mrs. Frick is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Boger and has resided here all her life and is popular among a large circle of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frick will spend their honeymoon at some summer resort, returning to Concord for a visit in the next ten days, and on the first of October will go to Salisbury to live, Mr. Frick having accepted the position of manager of the Yadkin Bleachery, which will begin operation there at that time.

Soldiers Loaf Cafes and Carry Off Food

Danville, Va., Aug. 20.—Soldiers passing through this city southwest early last night, said to be companies A. C. and B. from Potomac and Scranton, Pa., during half an hour's stop here, looted two restaurants near the railway station, kept by Greeks, and devoured or carried off all milk, pies, cakes, fruits, melons, cigars and cigarettes, despite the indignant but powerless protests of the proprietors. The entire available food supply kept by the restaurants was seized and appropriated by the hungry soldiers without any thought of compensation. Complaint will be made to Washington.

At The Theatres.

The popular Herbert Rawlinson at The Theatre today in "Caught in the Act" with Vera Gerber. Also a Jokes Comedy, "Causing the Cannibal King."

A Mutual picture with all big stars, including Jackie Saunders, "Sunny Jane" at The New Pastime today.

Complete change of programme at The Strand today, where Allen & Russell's Aviation Girls Musical Company are showing all the week.

At Home in Honor of Mrs. H. G. Gibson

The following invitations have been issued: Mrs. N. A. Edison at home Thursday afternoon from 4 to 5. Mrs. H. Grady Gibson.

When you can't get what you want don't get "rampagous." Life low and harpison some other opportunity when it comes along—Wilmington Star.

HIGH PERCENTAGE OF HOOKWORM FOUND

Discovery of the Infection in 47 Out of 75 Military Recruits Recently Mobilized For Service in August.

ALL UNITS ARE TO BE EXAMINED

Prevalence of Hookworm Was Found By Dr. Stiles, of the Public Health Service, After Experiments.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The discovery of hookworm infection in 47 out of 75 military recruits recently mobilized for war service has caused the public health authorities to recommend prompt examination of all units of National Guard and National Army at present organized, especially those from warmer portions of the country. The prevalence of hookworm was found by Dr. C. Wardell Stiles, of the Public Health Service, at a government reservation, where he was making experiments. Complaint by a recruit of not feeling well, after officers suspected him of trying to evade duty, led to his examination. Hookworm was found. Other examinations showed a high percentage of hookworm.

MR. SMALL IN FAVOR OF MORATORIUM FOR STATE

Some Sort of Moratorium For the Protection of Men in Draft Is Needed.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Representative John Small said tonight: "The question of establishing a moratorium in North Carolina for the benefit of the soldiers and sailors from that State who have entered the military service in this war is quite important and, to some of the soldiers, quite vital. My attention has been directed to several instances of soldiers who have purchased homes or other property and have made partial payments on same. As a rule the balance due is secured by a mortgage on the property. There are others who have assumed other forms of obligation expecting under normal conditions to make payment. The earning capacity of these men has been diminished by their entry into the military service and in many cases they have made large sacrifices. It is obvious that they should be protected."

THE PRICE OF COPPER

To Be Fixed After a Study of the Costs of Production.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The Federal Trade Commission estimates on copper and steel production costs to go to President Wilson today for use in fixing the prices for the government's war needs. Figures called for by the President on the cost of other materials soon will be completed.

Under the present arrangement, all government purchases are made at tentative prices, with the final sale figure to be determined after a study of the production costs.

TO DISPOSE OF LARGE AMOUNT OF INTOXICANTS

Proposition to Redistill It and Use the Alcohol in Manufacture of War Munitions.

Huntingdon, W. Va., Aug. 21.—So that some practical use may be made of the thousands of gallons of intoxicants which are being confiscated by the state authorities, the district state attorney McCullough, has presented a proposal to the Federal Department of Agriculture heads that the liquor be distilled and the reclaimed alcohol be used in the manufacture of war munitions.

ACCEPT INVITATION TO SEND DELEGATES TO STOCKHOLM

Paris Confederates of Labor Will Send Representatives.

Paris, Aug. 21.—Two Russians of Petrograd, represent the Russian Council of Soldiers & Workmen's committee of the General Confederation of Labor, and extended an invitation to the Federation to send representatives to the International Conference of Socialists at Stockholm. After considerable discussion the invitation was accepted.

Smashing French Victory on Verdun Front Reported.

Paris, Aug. 20.—A smashing French victory on the Verdun front is recorded in the war office report issued by the war office tonight. The French have captured the enemy defenses on both sides of the Meuse over a front of more than eleven miles penetrating the German line at divers points to a depth of one mile and a quarter. More than 4,000 wounded German prisoners have been taken.

The Red Cross dance will begin at 8 o'clock this evening at the Elk's Home. An admission fee of 25 cents will be charged operators and dance tickets will pay \$1.00.

TWO NEGROES AT NEWBERN ARE HELD FOR BURGLARY

Entered Sleeping Room of Two Young Women, Whose Cries Frightened Them.

New Bern, Aug. 21.—Lee Perkins and Jesse Bowden, negroes, were brought here last night for safe keeping, after being arrested on charges of having entered the sleeping apartments of two young women, members of a prominent family of Dover. The young women, asleep at the time of entrance, later were awakened and their cries frightened the negroes. Later Perkins and Bowden were arrested, charged with being the two who had entered the sleeping room. It is believed they will be held for trial at the September term of Craven County court.

ABSENT SENATORS GET NOTICE TO BE ON HAND

To Vote on War Tax Bill the Latter Part of This Week.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Senators who had been absent from the Capitol, arrived here today in answer to a notice by party leaders to be on hand for a vote on the war tax bill's chief features in dispute—war taxes and incomes—though this may not be reached before the latter part of the week. Final action on the bill itself probably will not come up until the coming week.

The Senate committee today called for consideration of the war profits and income tax provisions after Senator LaFollette's speech in favor of higher levies in these two provisions.

BRITISH REPLY TO THE POPE'S PEACE NOTE

Was Handed to Cardinal Gasparri by British Minister Monday.

Rome, Aug. 21.—The British reply to the Pope's peace note was handed to Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state, by the British minister Monday. The reply says the Pope's note will be examined in a benevolent and serious spirit. United States Has Not Yet Acknowledged Receipt.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The United States has not yet acknowledged receipt of Pope Benedict's proposal, but will do so through the British foreign office, which transmitted the communication through Ambassador Pauc.

GREAT DEMAND FOR BIBLES

War Has Created Greatest Demand in History of the Nation.

New York, Aug. 21.—With the publishers falling daily further behind in their orders, the war has created the greatest demand in the history of the nation for Bibles. Publishers say that anyone who possesses a set of eleven plates for the new Testament, pocket size, owns something almost as valuable as a steamship.

New York publishers report their presses running from 15 to 18 hours a day, but are still several weeks behind in orders.

No Evidence of I. W. W. General Strike in West.

San Francisco, Aug. 20.—No evidence of a general strike of construction workers and harvest hands was visible in the state of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana tonight, and so far as could be ascertained no attempt was made by any I. W. W. leader to carry out the strike order issued recently by James Rowan, district I. W. W. secretary at Spokane. The swift and unexpected action last night of military authorities at Spokane in arresting Rowan and 26 other alleged I. W. W. members is believed to have had a powerful influence in deterring the radical members of the organization from precipitating a strike, which it is admitted, might have had serious results.

Flag is Presented to Field Artillery.

Mooreville, Aug. 20.—Battery F, North Carolina field artillery, was presented with regulation scarlet flag with field emblems and staff by citizens of Mooreville, at eight o'clock tonight. The presentation speech was made by Hon. Thomas N. Hall, and flag by his daughter, Miss Beatrice Hall. Capt. Reid Morrison responded on behalf of battery, following which patriotic songs were rendered by the great throng assembled. It was a thriller and the one hundred and eighty-two soldiers in their khaki inspired great cheering.

This Kind of Husband Will Get Scant Consideration.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 21.—Husbands who went back to their deserted wives when conscription time rolled around, hoping to secure the signatures of the wives on affidavits in support of claims for discharges, will receive but scant consideration at the hands of the district appeal boards of Georgia, or at the hands of local boards, generally speaking. The boards are not going to let this sort of hatched-up claim secure a man's discharge from military service.

In response to a message received last week from Piedmont Business College, Lynchburg, Va., Mr. J. W. Kline, of this city, left on short notice to accept a position with the Clinchfield Coal Corporation, Danville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Misenheimer, of Winston-Salem are visiting friends and relatives in Mount Pleasant.

PROTEST AGAINST NEGRO TROOPS

Gov. Manning and Senators Tillman and Smith Object to Encampment of Colored Troops in South Carolina.

OBJECTS TO TROOPS FROM PORTO RICO

The Porto Rico Negroes, It is Contended by the Delegates, Are Not Used to the Southern View of Situation

Washington, Aug. 21.—Governor Manning, of South Carolina, accompanied by Senators Tillman and Smith, and the remainder of the State delegation in Congress, protested to the War Department today against the encampment of negro troops in that State. The Carolinians protested against the assembling of thousands of negro troops at Columbia, and particularly against the encampment of several thousand from Porto Rico.

The Porto Rico negroes, the delegates contended, were unused to the southern view of the negro situation. Senator Tillman asked that in view of the fact that Cuba had offered the United States a training camp on the island, that the Porto Rico troops be encamped there.

THE SUPRAGETTES WILL CONTINUE THE PICKETING.

Undaunted by the Fact That Six of Their Number Are in Jail.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Undaunted by the harrowing experiences of the "band of six" at Occoquan, the National Woman's party will resume picketing of the White House gates this week.

This decision has been reached by the leaders of the party because they are more firmly convinced than ever that they are within their constitutional rights in petitioning the President for a redress of grievances. The President has refused to see any more suffrage delegations, this is the only means left.

Offers from all parts of the United States are reaching Cameron house, the national headquarters, to serve as pickets in the campaign is reopened. The leaders are amazed by the enthusiasm that is shown, the unbroken spirit to fight the matter out, "no matter what Prussian measures of repression are undertaken."

THE COTTON MARKET.

Still Lower Prices are Reached on the Market Today.

New York, Aug. 21.—Still lower prices were reached in the cotton market today, and the opening was at a decline of 12 to 17 points. All the active months made new low ground for the movement, with October selling at 23.70 and January at 23.55. This made a decline of about 264 to 280 points from the high level touched on early month's advance. Prices then steadied on coverings, and showed rallies of 20 to 25 points before the end of the first hour.

Cotton futures opened steady; October, 23.75; December, 23.58; January, 23.56; March, 23.73; May, 23.86.

Italians Take More Than 10,000 Prisoners.

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WON'T ALLOW MEETING TO BE HELD IN MAOON

State Convention Was Called to Protest Against Conscription Law.

Macon, Aug. 21.—Authorities of Macon and of the county of Bibb, and of the United States government, are determined that the state convention called to meet in Macon on Thursday for purpose of protesting against the conscription law will not meet in the city or county. Thos. E. Watson has called the convention, and says he will be the principal speaker. Delegates have been appointed from many counties.

If the city, county and state officers are not sufficient in numbers to suppress the meeting, it is understood that the United States Marshal will ask for some of the troops at Camp Harris.

THREE DEATHS FROM "PENICIOUS" MALARIA.

One Mosquito Communicated the Disease Known as Black Water Fever.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 21.—The theory that one mosquito communicated "peniculous" malaria to three residents of a suburb of Richmond, was strengthened when the last of the three victims died this morning following the death of the other two in quick succession. A difference of opinion prevails as to the kind of mosquito that is supposed to have communicated the fatal disease to the victims. One theory is that it was a kind of mosquito found in the Dismal Swamp in certain sections of North Carolina, parts of the far south and Panama, where the disease is sometimes known as "black water fever."

LARGE LINER SIGHTED.

Was Circling About And Fired About 25 Shots.

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 21.—An American schooner which arrived here today from Nova Scotia, reported having sighted on Thursday, August 16, at 11 a. m., about 130 miles east of Nantucket, a large liner zig-zagging and circling about and firing her guns. About 25 shots were fired, but as the liner was eight miles distant and the weather very hazy the objects at which she was firing could not be made out.

Advance in Price of Book Paper Excessive.

Washington, Aug. 21 1917.—Advance in price of book paper last year was excessive and unwarranted, the Federal Trade Commission reported today to the Senate. As a result of its investigation the Commission has ordered proceedings against certain practices of the manufacturers.

For Mutualization of the Equitable.

New York, Aug. 21.—The stockholders of Equitable Assurance Society voted today in favor of mutualization which had already been approved by directors. The proposition will be submitted for a vote by mail to the 50,000 policy holders.

Hogs Sells at \$20 Per Hundred Weight.

Chicago, Aug. 21.—Choice heavy hogs sold at \$20 per hundredweight. The price marked an advance of \$3 in the last 11 days. Recent government contracts for bacon were computed by packers on a basis of \$20 hogs.

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THE CONSCRIPTION OF WEALTH FOR THE WAR

This Step is Urged in the Senate Today By Senator LaFollette in Presenting Minority Plans.

HUGE WAR PROFITS ARE BEING MADE

Contended That 85 Per Cent. Of the Men Drafted Are Protesting.—Wants Wealthy to Bear the Burdens.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The conscription of wealth to pay for the war was urged in the Senate today by Senator LaFollette, in presenting minority plans of the Finance Commission for higher rates in war tax bill on war profits and incomes. He suggested increasing the \$2,000,000,000 bill to more than \$3,500,000,000 by such increases with elimination of consumption taxes.

The Wisconsin Senator declared the governments were demanding war, while the people were asking for peace, and contended that 85 per cent of the men drafted are protesting. Large bond issues desired by wealthy interests, he contended, inflated prices and increased the present high cost of living. The Liberty Loan, he said, was made possible by "an iron hand with a kid glove" and persistent advertising methods.

The pending bill, Mr. LaFollette stated, provides by taxes but 17 per cent of this year's war expenses, while Great Britain expends 26 per cent. Next year's war expenditures, he predicted, may reach \$30,000,000,000 or \$40,000,000,000, and he urged that huge war profits and incomes of wealthy persons by higher surtaxes be made to bear the burden of the war.

SOLDIERS IN PASSING SPENCER VERY ROWDY

They Take an Automobile and Drive Over the Town, Considerably Damaging the Car.

Spencer, Aug. 20.—A train load of soldiers passing Spencer Saturday afternoon stopped for two hours and during the time gave evidences of a desire to take the town. They did not storm the place just as they would a German village, but proceeded to commandeer an automobile owned by C. J. Walton, loaded with about 20 sammers and drove over town. Not content with a normal load of about 10, they kept piling on until it is said the little car was tottering around the streets with just 20 men riding on the hood, fenders, sides and even on top, the top being considerably damaged by the soldiers. When through with the machine it was abandoned at the depot. Mayor Burton made known to the commanding officer that the company will be held responsible for the damages which was agreed to and the soldiers moved on south.

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