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ITALIAN FLANK IS NOW INTACT

The Weather Has Come to the Aid of the Hard-Pressed Italian Army.—On the Other War Fronts.

(By The Associated Press) Italian troops have won the first victory recorded in the new year. The defensive line from Lake Garda to the Adriatic has been strengthened by the Italian success in driving the Austro-Germans from the Zenson bridgehead on the western bank of the Piave, which they had held since mid-November.

While holding strong positions in the mountain region from Asiago across the Brenta to the Piave, the Italian flank along the Piave is now intact. The enemy has repelled only with artillery to the French stroke which gained valuable positions in the Monte Tomba region.

The weather apparently also is coming to the aid of the hard-pressed Italian army, which has had little rest since the Austro-German drive began late in October. A heavy snow is falling on the Swiss-Italian, and Swiss-Austrian frontiers. Troop and other trains are being held in the Alps by the snow and food supplies of the enemy troops on the Italian northern front have been cut off temporarily.

On the western front the coming of 1918 was welcomed by strong artillery duels in Ypres, Cambria and Verdun areas. In the Verdun sector the Germans have expended their fire to the left bank of the river, but have made no attacks. There the Germans attempted a raid near Loos, north of Lens, Tuesday morning, but were repulsed by the British.

With the entire Cossack territory reported aroused against the Bolsheviks, Gen. Kaledine's troops are advancing toward Moscow, and fighting with the Bolsheviks has been resumed at Kurft, about 300 miles south of Moscow. All men of military age in the Don Cossack region have been called to arms, and it is reported that Gen. Kaledine has 20,000 officers, including many from the Russian regular army also under his command.

The situation on the Rumanian front is reported to be very serious, the Rumanians having rebelled against the Bolshevik agents. Train service between Riga and Petrograd has been resumed.

A report has been received in London that members of the American Railway Mission to Russia, stationed at Irkutsk, Siberia, have been arrested by the Bolsheviks.

New declarations regarding German peace terms will be issued within ten days according to a Munich, Bavaria, newspaper. It is said the attitude of the entente powers, presumably towards the terms expressed at Brest-Litovsk may bring about some changes.

The University of Pennsylvania has 1623 women students this year.

DEATH OF MR. H. P. GUFFY.

One of Concord's Best Citizens Passes After a Long Illness.

Mr. H. Peyton Guffy, who for the past ten days had been in a critical condition in Dr. Long's Sanatorium at Statesville, died last night at 10:15 o'clock. For the past two days he had been unconscious, and his recovery was despaired of.

He was 42 years of age last July, and survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Guffy, who live near Cleveland, in Rowan county; three sisters and one brother; his wife and two small daughters, Edith and Lois.

Mr. Guffy was born and reared in Rowan county and came to Concord about twenty years ago and entered the employ of Mr. J. F. Dayvault at his meat market. He later became a partner of Mr. Dayvault's in the firm of Dayvault & Guffy.

In 1904 Mr. Guffy was married to Miss Elsie Gaither, of Iredell county, who has been at his bedside since he was taken to Statesville.

Mr. Guffy had been ill for some time, and spent several months at Sanatorium. Several weeks ago he was taken to Concord and last week was taken to the Statesville hospital. Here his condition gradually grew worse until his death.

Mr. Guffy was in every respect a good man and a good citizen. He was a member of Central Methodist Church and exemplified the profession he made in his every day walk and conversation. He was a man of firm and sturdy character and every one who knew him was his friend.

The body was brought here through the county last night, arriving here at 6:30 o'clock this morning.

The funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at Central Methodist Church, and the burial will take place in Oakwood cemetery.

The following neighbors will act as pall bearers: Messrs. L. D. Coltrane, A. F. Hartsell, M. L. Buchanan, A. E. Harris, W. B. Ward, and Walter Ritchie.

15,000 TRACTORS FOR FRANCE.

To Help Raise More Food on Farms and Save Tonnage for Troops.

Fifteen thousand farm tractors are being shipped from the United States to France to lighten the burden of toll of women, old men and children. The first hundred already are on the way, and the whole number will be in France by March.

The tractors will release extra shipping tonnage for troops through the increased production of food in France. Deck space was provided for the first shipment aboard a naval transport, through the efforts of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and Postmaster General McGowan.

The idea originated with Henry Morgenthau, formerly Ambassador to Turkey, and his son, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Herbert Hoover Federal food administrator, designated Henry Morgenthau, Jr., to follow the tractors to France and put them in operation. He will organize schools to instruct the French in operating the tractors economically.

It is estimated that an efficient use of the tractors would leave shipping available in 1918 for other purposes amounting to 1,950,000 tons.

No Change in the Low Temperatures.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 2.—No decided change in the low temperatures prevailing throughout the eastern part of the country may be expected during the next day or so, according to the weather bureau.

Miss Elizabeth Landale Du Val, of Baltimore, has the distinction of being the first woman wireless operator to assume duty on the seas, being regularly employed by a line of steamships operating between Baltimore and Jacksonville, Fla.

ARMY AIRPLANE SPENT NIGHT AT HILLSBORO, TEX.

Quintessential By Pilot Machine, the Plane Landed When Hillsboro Lights Appeared.

Hillsboro, Tex., Jan. 2.—Hillsboro citizens are spending the morning visiting an army airplane which landed just north of town last night, and was unable to leave this morning on account of the fog. At half past 1 o'clock today, this plane left Hillsboro, flying over the public square, and heading south.

Two planes were returning to Camp McArthur from a visit to Camp Bowie, and the leading machine carried a map, and acted as pilot. It seemed that the leader outdistanced the machine, and when the latter arrived within sight of the Hillsboro lights he made a landing, determined to wait for daylight before proceeding on his journey. The other plane spent the night in the west.

The machine was No. 1550, with Sergeant H. L. Smith in charge, accompanied by H. G. Andrews. The men were attached to the Reserve Military Aviation, and stationed at Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas.

(Sergeant Smith is a son of Rev. T. W. Smith, of Concord.—Ed.)

BRITISH ARMORED TANK WILL TOUR THE SOUTH.

'Britannia' Will Be Started on Recruiting Tour of the United States on January 14.

New York, Jan. 1.—In an effort to give impetus to enlistments in the British and Canadian forces, the British armored tank 'Britannia' will be started on a recruiting tour of the United States on January 14. It was announced tonight that the tank had been turned over to the British recruiting mission by the London war office.

Accompanying the tank will be a squad of speakers and Scotch pipers, as well as the captured German submarine which was used in the liberty loan campaign in Canada. The tank will be in the city and in the vicinity of the town of Hillsboro, Va., on its tour.

A tour of the south will be made first, thence north to Chicago and westward.

Salisbury Has a Shortage of Flour.

Salisbury Post.

Salisbury is now facing a flour shortage, in fact, the staff of life has about been exhausted with most retail dealers in this city, many of the stores being completely out. The local mills have no flour on hand and telephone orders have gone out to the victrola mill in Canada.

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The local mills are arranging to comply with the regulations of the food administration in the manufacture of flour. It is said that as soon as this goes into effect and is completed with there will only be one grade of flour manufactured. This will be "war time" flour and the ingredients will differ from those used in the manufacture in the past.

Were there not other conditions entering into the shortage of flour here just now the severe cold weather would greatly interfere as at least some of the mills have been experiencing great trouble with the machinery, due to the freeze and continued cold weather.

Ready for Canadian Draft.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 2.—The first draft under the Canadian military service act have been called to the colors and instructed to report tomorrow. About 20,000 men are included in the first draft. As rapidly as possible these men will be carried to the training camps for a course of instruction preparatory to being sent abroad.

Since the enactment of the compulsory service law the civil and military authorities throughout the Dominion have been busily engaged in making the necessary plans for its enforcement. As a result, everything has been placed in readiness for carrying out the provisions of the law. Extraordinary precautions have been taken to prevent men of military age from leaving the country. The plans for rounding up the defaulters are of such a thorough character that those who hoped to escape the arm of the law are likely to be greatly disappointed.

Six counties of Kansas have women county clerks.

Gregory Asks That Big Cases Be Deferred.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, Jan. 2.—Attorney General Gregory today asked the Supreme Court to defer argument on the seven large anti-trust suits pending, including the International Harvester, United Shoe Machinery and the Steel Corporation cases until next term of court.

Gen. Cameron to Camp Greene.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, Jan. 2.—Army orders today contain the formal assignment of Maj. Gen. George H. Cameron to command the fourth division of regulars at Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C.

DOCTOR CHAMBERLAIN MAKES PLEA OF GUILTY

Was Charged With the Murder of His Brother, Judge Chamberlain, in Virginia Last October.

THE TRIAL WAS SET FOR TODAY

The State Was Prepared to Show That He Killed His Brother When They Quarreled Over a Debt.

(By The Associated Press)

Gooseland, Va., Jan. 2.—Interest in the trial of Dr. Asa V. Chamberlain, charged with the murder of his brother Albert P. Chamberlain, set for today in the circuit court here, was heightened by announcement yesterday at Richmond by James W. Page, counsel for the accused man, that he would enter a plea of guilty. The state had prepared a circumstantial case, seeking to show that the men quarreled over a debt, and that the physician killed his brother, whose body was later found buried in portions in the physician's yard.

History of the Case.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 2.—The trial of Dr. Asa V. Chamberlain, on a charge of having murdered his brother, and which is scheduled to take place at a special term of the Gooseland county court today, promises to be one of the most notable murder trials that has been held in this section in many years. The prominence of both the accused man and his alleged victim, the mystery surrounding the crime, and the brutality with which it was characterized, all have combined to arouse a deep public interest in the case.

On October 28, last, the body of Judge Albert P. Chamberlain was found hacked into pieces and buried under fence posts on the premises of his brother, Dr. Asa V. Chamberlain, 10 miles above Gooseland Courthouse. The finding of the body had been preceded some days before by Judge Chamberlain's disappearance under circumstances that led to an investigation by the neighbors.

Both Dr. Chamberlain and his dead brother had been more or less prominent in public life and in business affairs in Iowa, from which State they came to Virginia about three years ago. The dead man had been a corporation lawyer in Des Moines and was well known in legal circles. Dr. Chamberlain, during his residence in Iowa, had operated a chain of drug stores and was likewise well known in numerous cities and towns of the Hawkeye State.

When Dr. Chamberlain came to Virginia he purchased a large plantation in Gooseland county and employed his lawyer brother to superintend it. So far as is known the brothers lived contentedly together for two years before any friction arose. Finally they disagreed over a debt of a few hundred dollars that the doctor owed the judge. The dispute over the debt was carried along for a considerable period and it became known among the friends and neighbors of the Chamberlains that the brothers were no longer on friendly terms.

Finally it became necessary for Judge Chamberlain to resort to the courts to force the collection of the debt. It was soon after the court ordered Dr. Chamberlain to pay his brother the amount that the judge mysteriously disappeared.

Justice Chamberlain had made numerous friends during his residence in Iowa, and when he dropped out of sight these friends became curious to learn what had become of him. To all inquiries Dr. Chamberlain replied that his brother had gone to Wyoming.

According to the story told by Dr. Chamberlain he had visited his brother's house and had paid over the amount of the debt. It was on the occasion of this visit, he said, that his brother had first told him of his plans to leave Virginia and go to Wyoming, and that immediately thereafter he had departed.

Certain conflicting points in the story told by Dr. Chamberlain served to arouse still further the suspicions of the neighbors. Finally the authorities took official cognizance of the case and a thorough search of the Chamberlain premises was begun. After the residence and the outhouses had been thoroughly investigated without anything of a suspicious nature being brought to light, the search was finally extended to other parts of the plantation. Then it was that the body of the slain man was unearthed in a remote corner of the premises, having been buried under a pile of old fence posts.

Immediately after the finding of the body Dr. Chamberlain was taken into custody and a short time later was indicted by the Gooseland county grand jury on a charge of first degree murder. Feeling in the community where the brothers lived ran so high that the Gooseland county authorities brought the accused man to Richmond and lodged him in the county jail here for safe keeping.

"THIRD LIBERTY LOAN."

Other Names Will Not Be Given It as Suggested.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 2.—The next national loan will be designated officially as the "Third Liberty Loan"—not the victrola loan, or freedom loan, or peace loan, as had been suggested. This was made known today after receipt of hundreds of suggested names from persons all over the country in response to a request for submission of ideas.

The loan will be sometime after February 1, for an amount as at an interest rate not yet decided.

SIR CECIL SPRING RICE TO RETIRE FROM POST.

Report that British Ambassador Here is to Retire Confirmed.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 2.—The report from London that Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British ambassador to the United States, will retire from his post here, was confirmed today in official circles. The ambassador arranged to see Secretary Lansing this morning, and it was understood that he would inform the Secretary of the change.

The retirement of Ambassador Spring-Rice will not be followed by any change in policy at Washington by the British government, it was said.

THE COTTON MARKET.

Shows Renewed Firmness Today—Liverpool Active Buyer.

(By The Associated Press)

New York, Jan. 2.—The cotton market showed renewed firmness early today. Liverpool was an active buyer of May, while there was scattering trade demand which accounted for the opening advance of 2 to 24 points, which carried all active months into new high ground for the season. Cotton futures opened steady. January, 31.00; March, 30.45; May, 30.03; July, 29.70; October, 28. 80.

TEUTONS TO MAKE NEW PEACE DECLARATIONS

No Modifications, Owing to Attitude of Entente Powers.

(By The Associated Press)

London, Jan. 2.—The Central Powers within the next ten days will make new declarations regarding Germany's peace conditions a dispatch from Geneva to the Daily Express, quotes the Munich Nachrichten as saying. It added that no modifications may be introduced owing to the attitude of the Entente Powers.

Must Make U. S. War Current Raging Torrent.

Syracuse, Dec. 31.—Captain F. H. Hamilton of the Canadian Overseas Forces, sent home to recover from shellshock, told the state convention of the Associated Academic Principals here last night that "the war current pulsing through the American nation must be whipped into a raging torrent before the United States can take its full part in the conflict."

"The attitude of Americans toward the war," he said, "appears to foreigners like the surface of a millpond. The average citizen seems indifferent. Business men expect business to be as usual."

Drive for Navy Relief.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 2.—A statewide membership drive of the Navy Relief Society was started throughout Massachusetts today, under the auspices of a citizens' committee of prominent Boston business men. The campaign will continue for ten days. During this period a canvass will be devoted to the relief of dependents of sailors killed or wounded in the line of duty.

Want Tax Law Changed.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 2.—Mayor George Ainslie, of Richmond, has called a conference of mayors of all the cities of the State to meet in the capital tomorrow to decide upon concerted action in placing before the legislature about to assemble the serious situation facing Virginia municipalities through the loss of revenue by the operation of the segregated tax-law.

An ounce of confidence in one's self is better than a pound of confidence in others.

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CONSTANT AND SPEEDY DISPATCH OF TROOPS.

To France Recommended by the Delegates to the Allied Council in Paris.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 2.—Constant and speedy dispatch of American troops to the European battle fronts is the recommendation made to the American Government by the American delegates who recently returned from the inter-allied war council at Paris.

Speeding up of the merchant ship building program and closer cooperation with the co-belligerents are the other principal recommendations.

This was disclosed today by the State Department, which made public the summary of the results of the conference.

Through a new inter-allied organization for coordinating shipping resources, arrangements have been made to devote "the greatest amount of tonnage possible for the transportation of American troops."

A definite plan was formed for more active utilization of American forces, and an agreement was made with the British admiralty to effect certain plans for anti-submarine warfare.

The contribution of the United States to a pooling of war resources was agreed upon. The arrangement guarantees full equipment of every kind will be available to all American forces sent to Europe during 1918.

Arrangements were made to have the United States participate in military deliberations of a supreme war council "as a step toward efficient and centralized unity of control of military operations."

Plans also were worked out whereby in order to permit the United States to visualize the problem of food control at home, Great Britain, France and Italy also agreed to put in legalized as compulsory control of foodstuffs in their country.

The extent of military effort to be aimed at by the United States was clearly determined at an allied advisory board, created to advise each nation, allotments of ships, so as to permit the American efforts to be realized.

FAMOUS ZENSON LOOP TAKEN BY ITALIANS

Virtually Entire Right Bank of Piave Cleared of Invaders.

Another reverse for the Teutonic allied arms, following that effected by the French troops in their initial drive on the northern front in Italy, has been brought about by the Italians in a sharp attack in the famous Zenson loop on the lower reaches of the Piave river.

Here the enemy has been driven to the eastern bank of the stream from positions he had held since the Italians in their retrograde movement from the Isonzo made their stand along the western shore of the Piave. Thus the entire right bank of the Piave has been cleared of the invaders, except far to the north, where the battle line runs westward from the stream through the hill region.

The fighting for the Zenson bridgehead has been in progress since last Thursday, the Italians keeping energetically after the foe in order to regain the positions which always has been considered a menace to Venice. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy by the artillery and rifle fire of the Italians before he was forced to recross the stream.

FIVE MORE NEGROES ARE TO BE HANGED.

Tried by Court Martial in Connection With the Houston Riots.

(By The Associated Press)

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 2.—Five negroes tried by court martial in connection with the Houston riot have been sentenced to be hanged, it was announced by General Rockman this morning.

They are privates "Babe" Collier, Thos. McDonald, James Robinson, Jos. Smith, and Alfred D. Wright, all of Co. I, 24th, United States Infantry. Execution of the sentenced men will be suspended until after the case is reviewed by President Wilson. Three of the fifteen tried were sentenced to ten years at Leavenworth, and seven to seven years each.

Truthful, At Any Rate.

A professor was entertaining a party of students at his house one evening, and taking down a magnificent sword that hung over the fireplace, he brandished it about, exclaiming in an impressive voice:

"Never shall I forget the day I drew this blade for the first time!"

"Where was that, sir?" asked his visitors in awe-struck voices.

"At a raffie," answered the professor.

At Theatres.

It's a Bluebird at the New Pastime today, and of course it is a good one. Mildred Manning and Wallace McDonald in "The Marriage Speculation." This is the story of unrequited finance.

Enid Bennett as "The Girl, Glory," at The Theatrum today. This is an irresistible comedy, presented by Thos. H. Ince.

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