

AMERICAN RAIDING PARTIES ARE BUSY

Germans Do Not Remain in Trenches to Fight Americans, But Flee to Their Lines When They Appear.

ALL ARE KEPT TO THE HIGHEST PITCH

Favorable Weather Has Led to Increased Fighting. German Artillery Activity in Ypres Sector Intense.

(By The Associated Press)

Favorable weather on most of the western front has led to increased fighting, but most of the armies have yet made attacks in great strength. All apparently are kept up to the highest pitch, and the raids into opposing trenches are becoming stronger each day.

British troops in the Ypres area Wednesday took the initiative, and in a raid south east of Polygon wood captured 37 prisoners and three machine guns and inflicted casualties on the enemy.

On the coastal sector in Palestine north of Jaffa, the British have advanced three miles on a eleven mile front. Six villages were taken, and two streams crossed in the face of Turkish resistance.

In the east the Germans now hold Odessa, the great Russian seaport on the Black Sea, which probably will be used either as a base for invasion of India via Persia, or as a terminal of coal shipments from Russia to the Central empire.

Turkey has been informed that the Caucasus government does not recognize the treaty with the Bolsheviks, and that it should treat with the Caucasus direct.

PART OF WEST VIRGINIA MENACED BY GREAT FLOOD

All Streams in South Central Section Overflowed, Landslides Paralyze Railroad Traffic.

Charleston, W. Va., March 13.—South central West Virginia, including the territory contiguous to Charleston and Huntington, tonight was menaced by what may be the worst flood since 1861.

The crest of the flood is expected to reach Charleston tomorrow with a stage of 35 feet. The Kanawha river rose 13 feet in four hours today. Half of the town of Weston in Lewis county, was under water tonight.

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HON. WALTER MURPHY SPEAKS

Patriotic and Eloquent Speech Here Last Night by the Salisbury Man.

Hon. Walter Murphy, of Salisbury, spoke here last night on the War Savings Stamps. Mr. Murphy has been requested by Col. F. H. Fries to make fifteen speeches in North Carolina on this subject, and he cheerfully consented to perform this service.

Mr. Murphy was introduced by Mr. H. S. Puryear. He begged every man, woman and child to become a partner with their government, and to loan it \$2,000,000,000 by buying the War Savings or Thrift Stamps.

Mr. Murphy fully explained the Stamps, and stated that these are the best means of investment. Their value is absolutely fixed, and not subject to the fluctuations of the market.

The government wants the support of every class, the people of both large and small means. There is none so poor but that he can buy at least one Thrift Stamp.

The government asks your aid in this greatest crisis in our history. There are only two attitudes, loyalty and disloyalty. The government needs every man and every dollar to do their full duty.

On one side of this conflict is the greatest autocracy of the world, which seeks to fasten its shackles on the whole world. On the other side are all that believe in the rights of the people and in human freedom.

We want all the peoples of the earth to have the freedom we enjoy. We owe a debt to Belgium, France and Italy. If the Germans had captured Paris the next move would have been on America.

Mr. Murphy said he believed that in less than six months that we will be absolutely wheatless in the United States, and that we would be glad to get corn bread.

The speech was most enthusiastically received, this being evident by the frequent expressions of approval in applause.

Mr. Murphy was accompanied to Concord by his son, Clarence, and by Mr. J. F. Burley.

TURNING OUT SEAPLANES WITH LIBERTY MOTORS

First One Thus Equipped Tried Out and Accepted. Motor Defects Removed.

Washington, March 13.—America's first fighting seaplane equipped with Liberty motors has been tried out and accepted, it was learned tonight, and a number of the craft are now being delivered for the use of the naval air service.

A second type of fighting plane for the American army, known as the Bristol Model, also has now reached the production stage and a considerable number will become available during the present month.

Construction details of these planes have never been published. It is known, however, that the seaplanes are substantially similar to the British flying boats and are equipped with two Liberty motors, which provide approximately 700 horsepower to drive the ship.

In this connection, it was learned that the engines of the aircraft board now have overcome the last major defect of the Liberty motors, having to do with the lubrication system.

The "Learning of Jim Benton," a Tri-lingual dramatic feature will be the stellar attraction at the Theatatorium Theatre today, with Roy Stewart in the title role.

There will be a box supper at the Dry school house on next Saturday night, March 16, for the benefit of the school. The public is cordially invited.

TO TAKE THE DUTCH SHIPS FOR THE ALLIES

Action Due to the Long Delay in the Negotiations With Holland Over Dutch Ships in Allied Ports.

1,000,000 TONS IS AVAILABLE

Of This 70 Per Cent. is in the United States, 15 Per Cent. in British and Remainder in Other Allied Ports.

(By The Associated Press)

London, March 14.—Because of the long delay in the negotiations with Holland over Dutch ships in allied ports, and the slowness of the Dutch government to act in this respect, Great Britain and the United States have reached an agreement to end the negotiations and take over all Dutch ships next week for the use of the allies.

The amount of tonnage made available to the allies through the Dutch arrangements is 1,000,000 tons, of which 70 per cent is in the United States, 15 per cent in British ports, and 15 per cent in other allied ports.

Every precaution will be taken to safeguard the rights of the owners. The ships will be insured and armed, any ships sunk will be replaced at the earliest possible time after the war.

Final Notice Presented. Washington, March 14.—The United States and Great Britain have presented a final notice to Holland that unless the pending agreement for the allied use of Dutch ships is accepted by March 18, the ships will be taken over for allied use.

The Netherlands minister, Augustus Phillips, has an engagement to see President Wilson today, and it was believed that he would present a final appeal for his government, that the intentions of the United States and Great Britain to take over the Dutch shipping at least be modified.

TUTONS ENTER ODESSA.

And There Secure Access to Vast Stores of Much Needed Wheat.

While the entente allies are nibbling at the German lines from the North sea to Switzerland, but are making little or no serious attempts to break through or to bring about a cuisanting struggle, the Teutonic powers have taken another step in the exploitation of the east.

The advance guards of the Germans have entered Odessa, the greatest Russian port on the Black sea and the center of a great agricultural section, the products of which are desired to feed the hungry peoples of the central empire.

With Odessa safely in their hands, the Teutons will have access to vast stores of wheat which can be transported overland or by sea to points where it can be readily shipped into Austria and Germany.

But the capture of Odessa will mean something more—an advance over the route to Persia and Afghanistan and possibly India, which is to be followed now that the British have severed the famous Berlin-and-Bagdad route to the east.

CREWS DISAPPEAR FROM RUSSIAN BALTIC FLEET

Only a Watch is Now Being Kept On Each Ship.

Petrograd, March 10.—The former delegate of the Baltic fleet has reported to the Petrograd Soviet that the whole Russian Baltic fleet is lying off Helsinki. The crews have melted away, only a watch being left on each ship.

The dreadnaughts are soon leaving for Kronstadt, while the remainder of the fleet will be left in practically German hands, Kronstadt being unable to accommodate more ships.

The cruisers Aurora and Diata are lying in the eva, their crews demobilized and all movable articles carried away by the sailors. With army gone and the fleet in such a condition, the Moscow government is trying to organize a force to fight Germany at some future date.

NATIONAL GUARDIEN IN THE GERMAN RAID

Commander of American Division Personally Congratulated by Gen. Gerard.

Washington, March 14.—The American troops that repulsed the German raid of March 3 were from the 42nd, or Rainbow Division, which is made up of National Guardsmen, Gen. Pershing reported today.

The commander of the American division was personally congratulated by Gen. Gerard, commander of the eighth French army, for the manner in which the American conducted themselves.

THE COTTON MARKET.

Opened Steady Today at an Advance From 1 to 9 Points.

"HOW WILL YOU EXPLAIN"

Col. Fries Says Lending Surplus Money Little Thing Compared to Giving Life.

Winston-Salem, March 14.—"What will you tell your children and your grandchildren you did to help win this great war?" Col. F. H. Fries of Winston-Salem, State Director of War Savings, is asking men and women of North Carolina. "When our veterans return after the war," he says, "and pass for the grand review by the President, and later by the Governor of the State, who is going to feel a thrill, not of joy, to be sure, but of shame at the part he played in bringing the soldiers home again? Who is going to feel satisfied with his 'bit' in the presence of those who gave their all?"

Colonel Fries again asks: "What are you going to say when you are asked in later years what part you played in winning the great war? If you are within draft age, and did not fight, how can you explain it? If you are beyond draft age, and did little or nothing—made no sacrifices—how will you explain it? A young man who was recently called to the colors, but who apparently had grounds to claim exemption, said to me recently, 'If I don't go, never in a lifetime could I explain, when it is all over, why I didn't go.'"

"It is true, says Colonel Fries, 'that not everyone can go and fight, and not everyone can spend large sums of money to send soldiers to fight, but a way has been provided for the people of America by which everyone of her citizens can have a part in winning this great war—a part that will not give him a thrill of shame when our soldiers return triumphant. This way is through the War Savings plan adopted by the Government."

Through it a person can save regularly and invest safely, and thereby lend his savings to his Government with interest to pay the expenses of the war. It seems such a little thing," says he, "to lend our surplus money to the Government as our part, when there are thousands of our young men giving their lives as their part to protect our homes and save our country."

GIBSON MILL NEWS.

A Number of Personal Items From This Section of the City.

Mr. A. C. Barnhardt has returned from the State sanatorium, where he has spent several months taking treatment.

Mr. J. B. Burris, of Camp Sevier, spent several days last week here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burris.

Mr. H. C. York and little son, Wiley, of Midland, spent last week here visiting Mrs. E. L. Burger.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith, March 11, a daughter.

Mr. A. L. Ellington, of Camp Sevier, spent several days here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Ellington.

Mrs. A. C. Barnhardt and children have returned home after spending the winter months in North Carolina with relatives.

Mrs. Carl M. Wentz and children have gone to Danville, Va., where they will spend some time visiting Mrs. M. J. Wentz.

Mrs. Wade Cooke and little daughter, Leona, spent last week with relatives at Ash.

Mrs. V. P. Dumanan has returned from Alabama where she had spent some time with relatives.

Kannapolis Bowling Team is in the Lead.

Kannapolis, March 13.—The Kannapolis team is ahead in the interstate bowling contest. This is a great showing for the city. The standing of the teams is:

Kannapolis, 11,991. Asheville, 11,595. Schoolfield, Va., 11,286. Bristol, Tenn., 10,779. Bousville, W. Va., 9,830. Scranton, Pa., 9,244.

The concert given here by the musicians of Camp Green was a great event. The music was fine and nearly 500 attended. After the concert the ladies of the city entertained the boys. Refreshments were served to them and the social features were enjoyed by all.

The Catoca Club here has knitted a special blanket to be given the Red Cross to send to the boys in France.

Meeting in China Grove On Saturday Salisbury Post.

A war savings society will be organized at China Grove Saturday. The meeting is to be held at 2 o'clock at the school building and a talk on war savings will be made by Mr. J. W. Cannon of Concord.

This meeting was planned for last Saturday, but Mr. Cannon, who had agreed to talk, could not get there, so it was postponed. Chairman Strachan, of the county campaign, is to present and perfect an organization, and perhaps other talks will be made.

The people of China Grove are very much interested in this meeting and hope that there will be a full meeting of the China Grove people. Mr. Cannon is taking a very deep interest in this important matter and what he will have to say will be of value and interest to all.

Photograph Records Requested by the Red Cross.

The Southern Division of the Red Cross has been asked to furnish 350 photograph records in good condition out of a lot of 4,500 that has been requested by Major Perkins for the amusement of the American soldiers in France.

The request came to Colonel Peel, from National Headquarters with the further request that they should be sent to the Red Cross clearing house in New York as soon as possible.

ANOTHER HOSPITAL SHIP IS ATTACKED

Second Submarine Attack on Hospital Ship in Violation of the German Pledge of Immunity to Them.

THE ATTACK WAS UNSUCCESSFUL

Two Torpedoes Fired at the Guilford Castle, Which, Though Badly Damaged, Was Able to Reach Port.

(By The Associated Press)

London, March 14.—The hospital ship, Guilford Castle, was attacked unsuccessfully by a submarine in the British channel, on March 10, it was announced officially today.

Two torpedoes were fired at the Guilford Castle, the first missing, and the second hitting the vessel's bow. Although badly damaged she was able to reach port. There were many sick and wounded on board who were transferred to hospital.

This is the second submarine attack on British hospital ships recently. A fortnight ago the Glebar Castle was sunk in the British channel, about 150 lives being lost. The sinking, an official announcement said, was a violation of the German pledge as to the immunity of hospital ships in that area.

CREW OF 54 BOLSHEVIKI TAKEN FROM THE OMSK

Collector at Norfolk Acts for Good of the Ship and Also of the Harbor.

Norfolk, Va., March 13.—Members of the crew of the Russian steamer Omak, removed today because of avowed Bolshevistic tendencies and because believed to be a serious menace to the ship and harbor, on being paroled tonight, secured arms and returned to the ship, attempting to take charge. American naval guards on the Omak refused to let them board the vessel.

Fearing that the Russians would attempt to forcibly board and take charge of the ship, the naval guard notified port officials and a squad of patrolmen, armed with riot guns, were dispatched to the scene in a fast motor boat. Orders had been issued for the arrest of the entire crew.

Defiant of the naval guard, later reports declared the Russians boarded the ship and returned to their quarters. A half dozen port deputies rushed to the aid of the naval guard, by order of the collector of the port, boarded the Omak, lined up the men and forced them to submit to a personal search. The entire quarters of the men were searched. A large assortment of firearms, cartridges, irons and other weapons, were confiscated.

Collector Hamilton, upon the refusal of the immigration officials to again take the men into custody, immediately proceeded to Norfolk, where warrants for the men were sworn out, charging disorderly and menacing conduct toward American naval guards and a plot of police was dispatched to the ship.

WEEDING OUT OFFIERS IS ABOUT TO BEGIN

Those Lacking in Ability Not to Be Permitted to Lead American Soldiers.

Washington, D. C., March 13.—The Observer correspondent was informed by reliable people today that a weeding out process is about to begin with officers lacking in ability. Those who get in by political pull will be handled with gloves off if they do not come up to the requirements. Many will be eliminated before the troops go abroad and General Pershing will eliminate others. No favoritism is to be shown. Officers must stand on their merits.

A number of North Carolinians will fall when the blade begins to move. Uncle Sam is not going to permit incapable officers to lead men at the front.

With Our Advertisers.

Colorite, in all colors, 25 cents, at the Pearl Drug Company. Also just received a lot of Whitman's and Block's candies.

Patt Covington's Worth More Sale will begin Friday. See ad in this paper for some bargains.

Joe Murro has just opened up a neat store at 45 South Union street, and is ready to serve you. See ad in this paper.

A fine display of Spring shirts at Hoover's. See ad today.

Two hundred new Columbia records just received by express by the Concord Furniture Company including The Star Spangled Banner sung by Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of President Wilson.

Spring Showing at the Parks-Bell Company's.

The big Spring Showing of Millinery and ready-to-wear at the Parks-Bell Company's will take place tomorrow and Saturday. In this showing you will find every thing, new and up-to-the-minute. Their millinery department is in charge of trained milliners, who are anxious to please you. Mr. R. K. Black, of the ready-to-wear department, has just returned from New York, and the new coats and dresses he brought in are coming in on every express. See page ad, in both The Times and The Tribune today.

MARCUS EDWARDS GUILTY OF MURDER, SAYS JURY

After Being Out All Night Jury Returned Verdict This Morning.

Raleigh, N. C., March 14.—After being out all night, the jury this morning returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree against Marcus Edwards, charged with slaying his wife, Mrs. Beulah Edwards, which occurred in this city last December. The penalty under the North Carolina law is death by electrocution, but Judge Shaw has not yet sentenced Edwards. The trial has been in progress in the Wake County Superior Court here since Monday.

Mrs. Edwards, who had instituted divorce proceedings against her husband, was killed by being shot three times in the head while on a visit to the home of J. T. Edwards, father of Marcus Edwards. Since his arrest on the night of the tragedy, Edwards has consistently declined to make any statement regarding the killing. The principal evidence introduced by the defense at the trial, was to show that the killing was not premeditated.

According to the jail authorities, Edwards was so confident of the result of the jury's decision that he had bet a turkey with the other inmates of the prison that the verdict would be murder in the second degree. When Edwards was returned to his cell this morning after listening to the verdict, his only comment, according to the deputy sheriff, was:

"Well, boys, you win the turkey."

THE HIRSCH CASE.

Jury Quickly Drawn to Try Mrs. Hirsch for Blackmail.

Atlanta, Ga., March 14.—The jury to hear the evidence in the case of Mrs. Margaret Hirsch, charged with attempted blackmail of Asa G. Candler, millionaire mayor of Atlanta, was quickly secured when the case went to trial today before Judge Benjamin Hill in the Fulton County Superior Court. Only 28 takersmen were examined.

Interest in the trial was keyed to a high pitch, and long before the hour for convening court, the room was filled with spectators, a great number being women. The details of the visit of Mrs. Hirsch to the mayor's office in the Candler building on February 6, was made the basis for the alleged blackmail demands, were again related by Mr. Candler, as the first witness. He testified that his acquaintance with the defendant grew out of her activity in Red Cross work.

BIG FLOOD IN NEW YORK

Scores of Families Have Been Driven From Their Homes.

Rochester, N. Y., March 14.—Scores of families have been driven from their homes, and all industries in Hornell are paralyzed, as the result of a disastrous flood, due to a cloudburst, that swept down the valley of the Genesee early this morning, inundating one third of the city.

The entire factory district is under water, and many buildings have been damaged to the extent of many thousands of dollars. Firemen and policemen have been working for hours in boats, rescuing residents from their inundated homes. So far as is known, no lives have been lost. The Erie & Shawmut Railroad tracks are under water, and no trains are moving.

The flood extends 40 miles down the Canisteo river valley, almost to Corning. The rain continued until late this morning and the water is still rising.

THE RAILROAD BILL IS FORMALLY DISPOSED OF.

House Agrees to the Conference Report Adopted by the Senate.

Washington, March 14.—Congress formally disposed of the railroad control bill today when the house agreed to the conference report was adopted by the Senate yesterday. The bill now goes to the President.

Flower Show for Red Cross.

New York, March 14.—The Grand Central Palace has been transformed into a floral paradise, and for the next week the big exhibition hall will be thronged with visitors to see the largest and most elaborate display of flowers and plants ever shown in this city. The occasion is the International Flower Show, given under the auspices of the New York Botanical Garden and the local florists. A liberal share of the receipts of this year's exhibition will be donated to the Red Cross, which organization has one of the most attractive booths in the show and an attractive tea garden as well.

Vice President Has a Birthday.

Washington, D. C., March 14.—A large bunch of roses graced the desk of the presiding officer in the senate this morning as a reminder to Vice President Marshall that today marked the beginning of his sixty-fifth year. During the day Mr. Marshall received verbal and written messages of greeting from many of the public officials of Washington and from friends in Indiana, his home State, and of which he was governor before his election to the vice-presidency in 1912.

Leroy Smith Placed on Trial for His Life.

Raleigh, March 14.—Leroy Smith, negro charged with criminal assaulting wife of a Garner lumber dealer, was placed on trial for life in Wake county court here this afternoon. Jury completed before noon recess from special venire of 150 men. State began examining its witnesses at two thirty this afternoon. Smith is being defended by three leading attorneys of Raleigh.

Dismissed from West Point for Hazing

Washington, March 14.—The dismissal from West Point after a court martial on the charge of hazing a cadet, Joel Clayton, was announced by the War Department today. Clayton was appointed from the 11th Georgia district.

TO INCREASE MEAT EXPORTS TO THE ALLIES

Under Arrangements Now Being Negotiated by the Food Administration With the Allied Representatives.

TO BUILD UP A MEAT RESERVE

From the Great Surplus Which Has Been Accumulated in This Country.—Allies to Furnish the Ships.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, March 14.—Meat exports to the allies will be increased 50 per cent, and perhaps doubled shortly under arrangements being negotiated by the Food Administration with the allied food representatives here.

The purpose is to build up the allied meat reserves from the great surplus which has been accumulated in this country, and which recently brought a relaxation of the restrictions on meat consumption. The Allies would furnish the ships for moving the meat.

BAKER TO CONFER WITH GEN. PERSHING

In Accordance to Manner in Which Casualty Lists Shall Be Issued.

Washington, March 14.—At the request of President Wilson, Secretary Baker, while in France will take up personally with Gen. Pershing the subject of the manner in which American casualty lists shall be issued. The President, after studying a protest by George Creel, chairman of the committee on public information, against putting out casualties without giving the addresses of men dead and wounded, asked the War Department today to have Secretary Baker go into the subject with the American commander.

RAILROADS ORDERED TO TAKE AN INVENTORY

Of Materials and Supplies on Hand When Private Control Ceases.

Washington, March 14.—The railroads were ordered today by Director General McAdoo to make an inventory of materials and supplies on hand December 31, 1917, when private control ceased, for use in connection with government administration of properties, additions and betterments, and railroad financing.

The inventories must be begun by May 1, and are to be adjusted to show conditions on December 31. If the inventories have been taken since that date, or within 90 days before then, they may be used as the basis for the report.

BIG QUANTITIES OF DYNAMITE FOUND

Enough Found at Hog Island to Blow Up Half the Shipyard.

Washington, March 14.—Enough dynamite to blow up half the great shipyard at Hog Island has been found there during February. Dudley R. Kennedy, manager of industrial relations department, told the Senate investigating committee today, and the secret service men have been unable to find who placed it there.