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BIG EVENTS IMPENDING---NEWS HOURLY EXPECTED

BRITISH AND FRENCH FORCES WAITING TO DELIVER COUNTER BLOW AT TEUTONS

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MAY HAPPEN IN A FEW HOURS

Germans Calling Loudly For More Troops, Showing that they are Developing Favorable Being Used Up.

(By The Associated Press) Although still giving ground at points before the desperate German drive, the British and French armies, engaged in the great battle in northern France, are preserving united fronts intact, and are apparently waiting the opportune moment for the delivery of a counter blow to dispel the German dream of world domination. Big events are impending in the immediate future at any rate, and the advice from the front indicate that these are expected to develop favorably to the allies, probably within the next few hours.

All accounts agree that Germany is paying heavily for every foot of ground she has wasted from the allied forces. Her casualties are shown by the British official statement to have mounted so high that every part of the western front has to be drawn upon to provide badly needed reinforcements for the battle area.

Field Marshal Haig's report reveals that more than 70 divisions, or between 800,000 and 900,000 men already have been engaged in the battle on the German side, and the widespread call for more troops makes it plain that the fighting forces are being rapidly used up in the terrific and costly onslaught. Forty divisions of the German reserves are reported to have been thrown into the line as early as the second day of the battle.

The rearward movement in the face of the Teutonic attacks has now brought the allied armies well toward the edge of the former battle lines in the Somme area, and the devastated area in the southwest.

Field Marshal Haig reports the new British line drawn somewhat to the east of Albert and Roye. Paris indicates the French fighting front as extending south from Chaumes past Noyon, which has been evacuated by the French, and then running east along the south bank of the river Oise.

The German troops are reported as tiring from their breathless plunge into the entente lines, and they were evidently forced to take a breathing spell last night opposite the British front, as London reports fighting to have died down. This morning, however, fresh forces have probably been brought up, and fresh fighting probably has been resumed south of the Somme in the Roye and Chaumes area. It is in this sector and in the Noyon region that the German wedge is being driven the hardest, and it is here or on the line to the east, if the Germans further expose their left wing, that the weight of the expected counter blow may fall.

The French on their lines are holding the line of the Oise strongly. Their artillery is cutting huge swaths in the German columns, and the French infantry is making frequent counter attacks, inflicting heavy losses upon the Germans and retarding their advance. The British, evidently, are maintaining their marked superiority in the air on the battle fronts, and are throwing the German supply stations and lines of communication in the rear into confusion by air attacks at close range.

Our boys in France are busy writing a glorious chapter in freedom's book.

Ice Prices Advance April 1st.

(Owing to increased cost of Labor, Ammonia, piping and repair parts, I am compelled to advance price on ice. The average price after April 1st will be one dollar per ton or 3 to 10 cents per hundred pounds. A scale of the new prices on Ice and Coupon Books will be printed in Monday's issue of the Concord papers. I have investigated prices in a great many towns in the State and you will find my prices right in line and in most places cheaper and the service much better. Extra wagons will be put on each week as demands for ice increase.

Yours truly,
A. B. POUNDS.

Phone 244.

HEAVY GERMAN ATTACK COMPLETELY SMASHED

Reports Show That Germans Loss of Life Was Heavy.

(By The Associated Press) British Headquarters in France, March 26.—A heavy German attack yesterday about Ervillers was completely smashed by the British artillery fire.

Reports from all along the front indicate that the German loss of life yesterday was heavy. The enemy advanced against the allied gunners who were firing with open sights.

Last night the British airmen took heavy toll from the German infantry in Bapaume. No official figures are at hand but from compilations made personally the correspondent is convinced that at least 130 German airplanes have been brought down in the last five days.

During the night there was comparatively little change in the line. No heavy attacks this morning had been reported up to 10 o'clock. The British were still holding the enemy strongly about half way between Comblies and Albert.

MORE MEN FOR CAMP JACKSON

Eighteen More to Be Sent There Next Monday.

On April 1st, next Monday, eighteen more white men will be entrained for Camp Jackson, this being the first lot of men sent on the second draft. The time of their train has not yet been announced by the local exemption board, but this information will be supplied later. The men are ordered to report at the office of the local exemption board on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and to make their preparations to leave on Monday. The men called in this lot, from which the eighteen will be selected, are as follows:

Paul M. Barringer, Sidney F. Dent, B. M. Taylor, David S. Coble, Louis P. Cantos, Hal P. Garmon, David L. Plummer, Watt Little, R. Lennell Flowe, Henry H. McClamrock, Israel T. Page, Ervin S. Cook, R. B. Snyder, John Herbert Flowe, R. L. Hicks, Walter D. Kindley, John Probst, Fred Smith Petres, Demas C. Foster, Brad H. Corriher, Elber F. White, John C. Johnson, Thomas D. Brice, Palmer L. Lents, Franklin Alexander Eury, K. Grady Brown, Shaffer Winfield Booc, Bill Sechler, Floyd Milton Faggart, John Stough, Eber Edward Barrier, Martin Luther Cline, William J. Kennedy.

SCOUT PATROL BOAT STRUCK A ROCK TODAY.

Went to the Bottom Three Quarters of an Hour Later.

(By The Associated Press) Plymouth, Mass., March 26.—A government scout patrol boat struck a rock off Scutnet between Plymouth harbor and Brent Rock early today, and went to the bottom three quarters of an hour later. The life savings crew from two stations which responded to signals of distress took off the crew. The first reports were that all were saved.

Annual Triangular Debate.

On Friday, March 29, Concord will participate in the annual triangular debate. The High School Debating Union was organized by the Literary Societies of the University of North Carolina. Last year 331 schools participated in the annual debate. The query for this year is, "Resolved, That Congress should enact a law providing for the compulsory arbitration of industrial disputes."

Our affirmative team will debate against the Statesville negative team at the Central school at 8 p. m. Miss Rebecca Dayvault and Luther Hartzell, Jr., compose the affirmative team. Miss Ruth Crowell and Mr. William Lents will attack the affirmative team of Salisbury in that city.

At the same hour over 300 schools in North Carolina will debate the same query. The city in each triangle winning both debates will send their teams to the University to compete for the Aycock Memorial Cup. An admission fee of ten cents will be charged to pay the expenses of the debate. A. S. W.

With Our Advertisers.

The Ivey Shoe Co., has a half page in today's Tribune in which they tell you of the splendid stock of shoes they have for men, women and children in all the new spring and summer styles. You want a pair of new shoes for Easter, of course. Read the ad carefully. Big shipment of ladies' collars at the Parks-Bell Co's. Fisher's will have a Special Easter Showing on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This will be a most fascinating display of Easter millinery. There will also be some handsome offerings in dresses. See new ad today. One hundred shirts at 6 bits each at Patt Coringtons. Extra fancy new Bliss Irish potatoes at Lippard and Barrier's.

Mary Miles Minter at the New Pastime today in "The Mate of the Sally Ann," with Big Stars only.

A SPECIAL PRAYER SERVICE LAST NIGHT

Large Audience Present at Central Methodist Church.—Another Service Today at Noon.

A special union prayer service for our boys in the service of their country and for the success of the allied arms was held at Central Methodist Church last night. A large audience was present. The meeting was conducted by Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier and Rev. G. V. Tilley. Dr. Grier read an appropriate scripture lesson, and followed this by some comments. Power to men cannot be given to men. Dr. Grier said, to be used for an unholy purpose. We are not to pray for spiteful ends. If we do God will not bless us. We must have the spirit of God within us, said Dr. Grier. Dr. Grier referring to the great battle now on said that England is standing like a wall between us and the enemy, and is pouring out its life blood in rivers. We pray that God will be behind the allied hosts. We pray for the confusion of the plans of the enemy. We pray that all may have the spirit of Christ.

Rev. G. V. Tilley was then called on to lead in prayer. After the singing of a hymn Mr. Tilley said, among other things:

I believe that we are in the right in this struggle and that God's face will shine upon us. We are trying to protect the weak of the world. We should go to God at all times and ask his help. The righteous must suffer with the wicked. Mr. Tilley made an earnest plea for the conservation of food. Don't say you can't eat cornbread. It's nothing but treason if you don't conserve food now, and treason is worthy of hell. The man who goes around at this time and condemns England ought to be turned over to an officer. Such a thing ought to be stopped. I have the greatest admiration for our young men who have gone to the war, and I take off my hat to every one of them. Let us pray fervently for them every day.

Another prayer service, twenty minutes in length, was held at the First Presbyterian Church at 12 o'clock today.

RED GUARDS FLEEING SOUTHWARD IN PANIC

Left Behind Them Large Stores of Guns and Ammunition.

(By The Associated Press) Stockholm Monday, March 25.—The front of the Finnish red guards have broken and they are fleeing southward in panic, according to reports received here today.

The decisive stroke was delivered in the form of a flanking movement in the east. Sulinla station has been occupied.

The red guards are reported to have left behind them large stores of guns, railway trucks, and ammunition, as well as many prisoners.

The red guards, who are supported by the Bolsheviks have been carrying on a civil war with the white guard, who presumably were assisted in the battle by the German troops recently sent in.

BRITISH ARE EXACTING THE HEAVIEST TOLL.

British Lines Continue to Withdraw Before Pressure of the Germans.

(By The Associated Press) London, March 26.—Exacting the heaviest toll for every foot of ground, the British line continues to withdraw slowly before the pressure of the German masses. Reuter correspondent at British headquarters wires.

Over a large part of the battle zone the retirement being made voluntarily so as to maintain an unbroken front. Prisoners say the advance of the Germans is behind their schedule.

AMERICAN POSITION IS BOMBARDED WITH MUSTARD GAS

American Artillery Responded and Demolished Segments of the German Front Lines.

(By The Associated Press) With American Arm in France (By The Associated Press).—Monday March 25.—The American position on a certain part of the Toul front was bombarded with mustard gas shells at the rate of six a minute last night, but ineffectively. The American artillery replied with a heavy fire, and demolished segments of the German front lines and other points.

Capt. Thos. W. Whisnant Dead. Charlotte, March 25.—Capt. Thomas W. Whisnant, formerly superintendent of the Seaboard Air Line railroad, which position he occupied for 25 years, died at his home here tonight, at the age of 70 years.

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ENEMY FIGHTING AGAINST TIME

On the First Day of the Big Battle German Reserves Were Reduced to Fifty-Two Divisions.

(By The Associated Press)

British Army Headquarters in France, March 26.—There is reason to believe important events will be recorded within the next few hours which may lead to the betterment of the armies which are stemming the German onslaught.

The enemy is fighting desperately hard against time. On the first day his reserves were reduced to 52 divisions. At the end of the second day, some 40 divisions from the reserves had been put in.

The Honor Roll of Central School.

First Grade: George Patterson, Archie Miller, Frank Neal, Roy Safrir, Charles Phillips, James McEachern, Rebecca Barly, Charles Query, Minnie Simmons, Carrie Mills, Lois McGraw, Emile Poindox, Ruth Helma, Bessie Webb, Walter Hethcock, Alexander McFadyen, S. C. Stone, Brown Deaton, Laura Mae Smart, Thomas Tarleton, William Dick, John Armfield, Olin Helms, James Almond, Fred Fowler, Gladys Faggart, Mary Lee Flowe, Marie Lamond, Frances Boger, Raymond Lemmons, Karl Blackwelder, Irvine Farris, Margaret Harrison, Thelma Honescut, Irene Childers, Dorothy Suther, Walna Crooks, Nancy McClelland, Luella Clarke.

Second Grade: Ceola Chaney, Mildred Glass, Dora Bell Honeycutt, Millicent Ward, Alice Wall, Sinclair Williams, Reed Craven, Leroy Coleman, Alex Brown, Alice Beatty, Mary O. Boger, Annie L. Cannon, Betay Davis, Virginia Hahn, Nett Flemming Harris, Ruth Kluttz, Bernice Miller, Blandina Moore, Lucy Robinson, Esther Hutchins, John Brown, Archibald Cannon, Roy Edsel, Curtis Fowler, Mary Alexander, Elizabeth Caton, Mary Lee Peck, James Utley.

Third Grade: Martha Best, Margie Stone, William Mabrey, Annie Guffy Dayvault, Lois Holshouser, Annie Litaker, Cornelia Stribling, Irene Suther, Laura V. York, Muriel Wolfe, Moultrie Alexander, Frank Armfield.

Fourth Grade: Paul Hutchins, Ruth Blackwelder, Sallie Hutchins, Inez Cochran, Fred McEachern, Mary Penelope Cannon, Katherine McCarrel, Louise Morris, Catherine Stirewalt.

Fifth Grade: Helen Stuart Brown, Georgia Elizabeth Calloway.

Sixth Grade: Blanche Armfield, Mary D. Smoot, Sarah E. Linker, Mary E. Blackwelder, Catherine Goodman, Leora Long.

Seventh Grade: Pearl Barnhardt, Esther Sides, Fidelia Viola, John M. Cook, Jr., Eugene Ritchie, Leonard Suther.

THE COTTON MARKET

Still Nervous and Irregular.—Prices Higher, However.

(By The Associated Press) New York, March 26.—While still somewhat nervous and irregular, the cotton market showed generally steady tone early today on higher cables, dry weather in the southwest and increasing optimism as to the war situation. The first prices were steady at an advance of 7 to 13 points on Liverpool buying and covering, but reactions of several points followed under renewed liquidation or realizing, with May and October about two to five points net lower. As soon as these early offerings were absorbed, however, the market stiffened up on trade buying, with May selling at 32.85 before the end of the first hour, or about 13 to 22 points higher.

Cotton futures opened steady. May, 32.75; July, 32.06; October, 30.95; December, 30.56.

Seventy Mile Gun Impossible, Asserts Ordnance Expert.

New Haven, Conn., March 26.—Maj. Charles F. Armstrong, U. S. A., an ordnance expert, who is here in special service, discredits entirely the report that Germans have been bombarding Paris at a distance of 70 miles. "From a mathematical and practical standpoint," Maj. Armstrong said, "it is impossible, and I believe that it will be shown that the gun firing the shells which have been dropped in Paris in the last 36 hours, is in the possession of some Germans within twenty miles of Paris, perhaps concealed in some forest, or that the shells are being shot from the air. The curve in the earth's surface is one thing that would militate against an achievement such as the 70-mile shell attack. It cannot be done."

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HUNS CAN SHELL ENGLAND WITH LONG RANGE GUN

The great German gun which shelled Paris from a distance of 76 miles could also accomplish these feats with the same range: Shell Dover and Canterbury, England, across the English Channel from Ostend, Belgium; Hurl shells into Washington from the Chesapeake Bay; Bombard Philadelphia from the Atlantic ocean; Throw shells into Venice from Trieste in Austria, firing across the Adriatic sea; Reach Paris from any point along the 80 miles of German front; Shell New York city from Trenton, N. J.

CONFIDENCE REIGNS ON THE FRENCH FRONT

That the Last German Card Will Be Overtrumped When the Moment Comes.

(By The Associated Press) French Front in France, Monday, March 25.—Entire confidence reigns that the German last trump in the world's battle will be overtrumped when the proper moment comes. The allied military authorities were fully cognizant that the enemy's supreme effort would cause retreat until measures could be taken to check the interruption into the allied positions.

REASON SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE TODAY

For Announcing Only the Names of Americans Killed or Wounded.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, March 26.—The official statement of the War Department's reasons for announcing only the names of American troops killed or wounded in France was submitted to the Senate today by Major General March, acting chief of staff, with a statement that the Department considers it of the best advantage from all points of view.

General March said the old system of giving addresses and other details gave information to the enemy, and brought swarms of claim agents to harass the agents of the men.

SITUATION ON FRONT HAS DECIDEDLY IMPROVED

Advices Based on Repulse of Germans at East Bank of Somme.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, March 26.—Information received today by the British military attaché, Maj. Gen. James D. McLaughlin, is that the situation at the battle front was decidedly improved during yesterday. Advices are based on the repulse of the Germans to the east bank of the Somme between Peronne and Morschain.

Death From Seaplane Accident.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, March 26.—A seaplane accident at Pensacola, Fla., resulting in the death of Ensign Michael Joseph Delahanty, of the naval reserves, Boston, Mass., was reported to the Navy Department today.

A man's idea of sympathy is to look sad and pat a girl's hand.

Announcement

The 41st series in the

Cabarrus County Building, Loan and Savings

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FRENCH RETARDING THE GERMAN THRUST

The Battle Continues With Greatest Violence and the Germans Are Making Still Greater Efforts.

FRENCH EVACUATED NOYON LAST NIGHT

The Left Bank of the Oise is Being Held Firmly by the French.—Official Statement is Given.

(By The Associated Press)

Paris, March 26.—The battle continued with the greatest violence and the Germans are making still greater efforts along the whole front between Noyon and Chaumes the war office announces.

Noyon was evacuated by the French during the night. The left bank of the Oise is being held firmly by the French. The statement follows:

"The battle continues with violence. During last evening and night the enemy multiplied his attacks on the whole front between Noyon and Chaumes. The French artillery, well established in the region of the Noyon, and supported effectively by our infantry, is retarding the German thrust. Frequent counterattacks have been made and heavy losses inflicted on the enemy. "Noyon was evacuated during the night in perfect order. The French are holding the left bank of the Oise firmly."

Fighting Died Down During Night.

London, March 26.—The fighting died down during the night, the war office says. The British have east-east of Roye and Albert.

The Germans this morning began new attacks against combined French and British forces south of the Somme. The German losses have been so great that the enemy has been obliged to bring up reinforcements from all parts of the western front. The war office has established the fact that more than 70 German divisions (in the neighborhood of 840,000 men) have been engaged.

The statement follows:

"The fighting died down during the night. Our troops established themselves in new positions east of Roye and Albert.

"North of the Somme continuance of fighting is expected, but has not yet developed. Attacks reported to be developing this morning south of Somme against our troops and those of the French in the neighborhood of Roye and Chaumes.

"The enemy's losses continue to be severe. He has been obliged to reinforce his battle front from all parts of the western theatre. Over 70 hostile divisions are known to have been engaged in the battle."

The tenacity of the British resistance, the prisoners say, exceeded anything the Germans deemed possible. They complain of great privations on account of the lack of supplies, and the extreme weariness also is telling heavily. Owing to the dense masses of supporting troops, however, the enemy is able to replenish his forward line with fresh units.

The weather remains dry, thus favoring the enemy. Yesterday was the supreme day for the British gunners, says the correspondent. Attacking from north of Ervillers to the point of the British contact with the French, the Germans were held up nearly everywhere by the consistent intensity of the British artillery fire.

Masses of enemy troops which, coming forward in waves again and again, attempted to reach their objectives, met with the same fate as the old guard at Waterloo.

To Issue Certificates of Indebtedness.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, March 26.—The ways and means committee today tentatively agreed on the bill to give Secretary McAdoo power to issue \$8,000,000,000 in certificates of indebtedness, double the amount now authorized.

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