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(By The Associated Press)
With the American Army in France, Wednesday, April 10.—(By The Associated Press.)—The American troops on a certain sector today repulsed the heaviest German attack yet made on an American force. Brilliant work by the American gunners dispersed the German infantry before they reached the wire entanglements and those of the enemy who got into the wire were accounted for with machine gun and rifle fire.

The German attack came after a violent artillery bombardment of three days. A large number of enemy are believed to have been killed or wounded during the attack which continued for nearly two hours.

For seventy two hours before their effort the Germans began firing at increasing number of shells at the American positions and making extensive use of gas shells. At noon yesterday the enemy began a harassing fire against one of our strong points, and kept it up throughout the night, dropping hundreds of shells of all calibers on both front and rear positions. The American artillery replied vigorously, the men in some batteries working with their gas masks on for two or three hours at a stretch.

About five o'clock this morning the German infantry in the front line signalled their batteries for a barrage, and started for the American front lines. The American gunners laid a counter barrage almost immediately.

The attackers who were especially trained for this operation, were selected from among the best men in three regiments. They were preceded by shock platoons, but the American barrage caught them before they were able to reach our wire entanglements.

A terrific fire against the advancing enemy was kept up by the American batteries. The Germans probably suffered several casualties, as several bodies were seen hanging from the barbed wire after they were fired.

Attack was followed by violent artillery duels, which was still going on at a late hour tonight.

Americans Stop Second Attack.

With the American Army in France, Wednesday, April 10. (By Associated Press)—The Germans attempted an attack against American positions northwest of Toul just before sunrise this morning, and were completely repulsed. Two Germans said the enemy planned the attack with a force of 800 men, but that it was stopped in its full strength by the destructive fire of American artillery.

TODAY'S CASUALTY LIST GIVES 124 NAMES.

Of These One Was Killed and 69 Severely Wounded.

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, April 11.—Today's casualty list from General Pershing gives 124 names. As announced by the War Department, it shows one man killed in action, two died of wounds, 5 died of accidents, and 13 of disease. Sixty-nine men were severely wounded, four men were reported missing, an thirty slightly injured.

Grimes Flour Mill in Rowan Ordered Closed.

Salisbury, April 10.—The Grimes mill, one of Salisbury's two roller flour mills, was closed down today for a week on telegraphic orders from the food administration at Raleigh. It is understood Mr. Grimes has been paying too much for wheat.

Mr. Fetzer Retires from Business at Reidsville.

Reidsville, April 10.—C. H. Fetzer has sold his drug store stock to R. H. Tucker. The latter will consolidate the stock with his drug store and continue the drug business at his present stand under the same firm name.

After six months' trial in the service between St. Louis and Memphis, the Frisco railroad has discontinued the employment of women as auditors on its passenger trains, having concluded that the hours and conditions of labor are not suitable to women.

The New Pastime today is showing one of Charles Frohman's successes, Ann Murdock in "My Wife," a five-reel feature picture. They also have a two-reel comedy, "Birds of a Feather," featuring Lonesome Luke.

With Texas women participating in the primaries, and so virtually in the elections in that state, women will now have a hand in electing more than a hundred members of the lower House of Congress.

DEATH OF MR. ABNER WALTER

One of the Oldest and Best Citizens of This Section Passes Into Rest.

Death yesterday claimed another Confederate veteran and one of the oldest citizens of Cabarrus county, when Mr. Abner Walter died in Mooresville, where he had been for several months past. He would have passed his 83rd birthday in about one more month. Up until recently he had been making his home with Mr. George C. Goodman, in No. 4 township.

Mr. Walter is survived by two sons: Mr. Charles Walter, of this county, and Mr. Wesley Walter, of Salisbury. He was a half-brother of Mr. C. F. Walter, of this city.

Mr. Walter was in every respect a good citizen. He was true in all the walks of life and his fine qualities won for him lasting friends. We hope to have a fuller sketch of this good man's life from the pen or some one who knew him intimately.

The body was brought today to Center Grove Church, in No. 4 township, where the funeral was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and the interment made in the Center Grove cemetery.

NEW ERA IN HOLY LAND.

Distress Already Vanished and Industry Reviving at Jerusalem.

London, April 9.—Jerusalem's first Easter since the British occupation was celebrated with quiet solemnity says Reuter's correspondent in the Holy City. The usual swarms of pilgrims were missing.

"Pontifical mass," the correspondent adds, was observed in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and was attended by the governor of Jerusalem and numerous officers, including a representative of the French government. The passover coincided with our festival, and was celebrated with a new meaning of joy for the Jews in the occupied territory.

"Although occupation only dates four months back the very atmosphere of this region seemed to have undergone a change. Distress has vanished and sickness and fear no longer are at the thresholds of the towns and villages. Everywhere there is evidence of reviving industry and prosperity."

FRENCH LOCATE LONG-RANGE GUN.

Concentrate Artillery Fire and Drop Bombs on Enemy Weapon.

Paris, April 9.—French aviators have discovered the location of the big gun with which the Germans have been bombarding Paris at long range, and the continual bombardment of the spot by the French artillery and bombing by the airmen have made the handling of the piece difficult. This explains the intermittent fire of the long-range weapon.

The piece is mounted at Crepy-en-Laonnois, near the road from La Fere to Loan.

Doctor Hope Caldwell Better.

Charlotte Observer, 11th.
A telegram received in the city yesterday from the bedside of Dr. D. S. Caldwell, of this city, who has been critically ill at St. Luke's hospital in Richmond, Va., stated that his condition was good. Yesterday was the fifth day since Doctor Caldwell's serious operation and the fact that his condition showed improvement gave renewed hope. The attending surgeons think that he has even chances.

Doctor Caldwell's partner, Dr. F. I. Anders' returned to the city Monday and Miss Esther C. Lottin his assistant returned home Tuesday.

Doctor Caldwell's wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Caldwell, and Mrs. R. O. Caldwell, the latter a sister-in-law, of Cabarrus county, are with him.

The news of Doctor Caldwell's improved condition will be gratifying to his hundreds of friends who have been much concerned over his illness.

Junior Order Takes up Trinity Council Case.

Winston-Salem, April 10.—Announcement was made today that the judicial committee of the national council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics will meet in Greensboro April 20, to take up the case of Trinity council in Randolph county, which refuses to pay an increased tax for the maintenance of a Junior Order home in Ohio.

Preparedness in South Dakota.

Watertown, S. D. April 11.—A conference of State officials and wholesale and retail coal dealers met here today to determine when, and where and at what price the State of South Dakota is to obtain its supply of coal for next winter. It is hoped that early action will prevent a repetition of the shortage which resulted in considerable inconvenience and suffering the past winter.

Practical Education.

"Why do you insist on studying German?"
"I may get a chance to tell one of those Prussian generals what I think of him, face to face, and I want to make sure he understands me."

Sawmills in the Savannah district are employing negro women to do the lighter work formerly done by men.

Pennsylvania has nearly 500 women physicians.

SNOW IN VIRGINIA.

Rev. E. L. Ritchie Writes of the "White Surprise," in the Shenandoah Valley.

Special Correspondence.

Waynesboro, Va., April 10.—A white surprise greeted the Shenandoah Valley folks when they awoke yesterday morning. Rain had been falling most of the time for 24 hours. During the morning hours it changed to snow. All through the morning the melting and piling up forces combatted each other. By noon the temperature had dropped enough to start ice upon trees and wires and the snow was covering even the naked ground. All through the evening and night it came, with increasing volume and windstorm. By nightfall several inches were in evidence and this morning there was about 8 to 10 inches upon the level places, with considerable drifts in places. A number of heavy snowfall storms overspread this section during the winter just passed, which were piled upon each other and packed down in such a way that no satisfactory measurements might be made. But no such amount of precipitation was seen, we think, as during this storm. This is the third day of it. A light rain is falling and prospects for continuation are evident.

Never have we seen a more novel and beautiful landscape than as the snow settled amid the green grass, weighted down green decked trees and mingled with the gloriously rich apple blossoms. A fac simile reproduction of the picture of a common apple tree as may be seen now would be a highly prized ornament for any home or art gallery.

But there is still hope that the fruit will be spared for temperature fell little below freezing and has risen above this mark now.

A trip through the valley would be most marvelous to most of our readers. For many miles in different sections you would not be out of sight of orchards and frequently you could scarcely see anything else. Within a few years the apple harvest will require the importing of many thousands of laborers to save the precious fruit, which the now young orchards will be ripening. There is no 35 cent cotton raised here, but the valley is still a rich, prosperous and progressive section—a good place to live in and a pleasant place for the tourist's travels.

E. L. RITCHIE.

RUSSIA HAS LOST 56,000,000 OF HER PEOPLE

This is 32 Per Cent. of the Entire Population of the Country.

(By The Associated Press)
Petrograd, Wednesday, April 10. (By Associated Press)—Under the terms of the peace treaty the Commissioners of Commerce announces, Russia has lost 56,000,000 square kilometers of territory, with 56,000,000 inhabitants, or 32 per cent. of the entire population of the country.

Exhibition at Nussman School.

There will be an old time exhibition at Nussman school on the 13th of April. All are invited to attend. The following programme will be rendered, beginning at 3 p. m.:

Welcome song.
Exercise: "What We Learned at School."

Dot Entertains, by Dorris Isehour.

Song: "The Call of the Bell."
Dialogue: "Bargain Day at the Gallery."

Exercise by children: "The Seasons"
Song: "School is Out."
"The Spider and the Fly," by Estelle and Paul Cline.

Flag drill.
Song by primary children, "Good."
"The Baby Show at Pineville," by nine girls.

Song: "Goodbye."
Beginning at 8 p. m.:

Welcome song.
Play, "Not a Man in the House."
Song: "Boola."
Monologue: "SI and I," by Mary Cline.

Tableaux: "My Country 'Tis of Thee."
Play, "No Cure, No Pay."
Dialogue, "Aunt Jerusha and Uncle Josh."

Pantomime, "My Old Kentucky Home."
Play: "Oh! Doctor!"
Our parting song.

The Graded School Closing.

The annual sermon at the exercises of the Concord Graded Schools will be preached on Sunday, June 2, at 11 a. m. by Rev. M. L. Stewart, pastor of St. James Lutheran Church.

On Monday evening, June 3, the annual address will be delivered by Rev. Thomas A. Smoot, of Richmond, Va., one of the most prominent Methodist ministers in Virginia.

Accept Dr. Jovetti's Resignation.

New York, April 9.—The resignation of the Rev. Dr. John Henry Jovetti as pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church here was accepted at the annual meeting of the Presbytery of New York. He was granted a letter of dismissal to the Congregational Union of London.

ANN MURDOCK IN "MY WIFE"

AT THE NEW PASTIME TODAY

A Great Picture. Also a Two-Reel Comedy

BRITISH WITHDRAW FROM ARMENTIERES

Violent Fighting Continues All Along the Front From La Bassee to the Ypres-Comines Canals.

HEAVY FIGHTING ALSO ON FRONT

North of Armentieres, Continuing Until Late Last Night.—Little Change on the British Front.

(By The Associated Press)
London, April 11.—The British have withdrawn from Armentieres on the northern battle front, the war office announced today.

Violent fighting continues all along the front from La Bassee Canal to the Ypres-Comines Canal.

On the front north of Armentieres, heavy fighting was continuing until late last night. There was little change in British positions.

Fighting was continued this morning north of Armentieres with the British still holding Messines ridge and Wytchaete, which yesterday changed hands several times.

During the day the enemy succeeded in entering not only these positions but La Creche, Nieppe and Hollebecke. Vigorous counterattacks forced the enemy from all these places.

Germans this morning were in possession of one half of the village of Ploegsteert and Ploegsteert wood on the Flanders battle front just to the north of Armentieres.

THE COTTON MARKET.

First Prices 17 to 25 Points Lower in Response to Weak Cables.

(By The Associated Press)
New York, April 11.—There seemed to be a good deal of pressure against the cotton market at the opening today. Selling orders had apparently accumulated over night, and the first prices were 17 to 25 points lower in response to weak cables, liquidation and scattered selling. The weather map showed undesirable law temperature in the South, but seemed to make little impression on the sentiment which was unsettled, and before the end of the first hour July and October were 38 to 42 points net lower.

Cotton futures opened steady. May 33.35, July 32.60, October 31.00, December 30.08, January 30.58.

IRON WORKMEN AT NORFOLK GO ON STRIKE.

Demand an Increase of from 55 to 80 Cents an Hour.

(By The Associated Press)
Norfolk, April 11.—Demanding an increase in wages from 55 cents to 80 cents an hour, the iron workers employed in marine railway repair shops along the Norfolk waterfront today laid down their tools tying up important repair work to government vessels. All of the privately owned marine yards here are affected, each reporting that the entire force of men employed in the iron working department had quit.

The navy yard is not affected.

What Lloyd George Told the British.

Conscription must be applied to Ireland. Men up to 50 years of age must fight.

The greatest battle in the history of the world has just been fought. Exactly what has happened cannot yet be told.

Cambrai was "a very trivial event" compared with it.

"We have now entered the most critical phase of this terrible war. There is a lull in the storm, but the hurricane is not over. Doubtless we must expect more fierce outbreaks, and ere it is finally exhausted there will be many more."

"Extreme sacrifices on the part of large classes of the population will be demanded."

Liberty Loan Subscriptions \$212,065,250.

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, April 11.—The Liberty Loan subscriptions, officially reported today from eight of the twelve Federal Reserve districts for the first three days of the campaign, amounted to \$212,065,250. The New York district contributed \$185,200,000. The districts not reported were Dallas, Minneapolis, Richmond and Philadelphia.

For Closing Private Wine Houses.

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, April 11.—Recommendations for the closing of what are known as private wine houses, were made today by food administrator Hoover, replying to notification by grain exchanges of self imposed restrictions effective today for June and July trading.

German Attack Broken by French Fire

(By The Associated Press)
Paris, April 11.—The German attack on the Champagne last night was broken by the French fire. On the principal battle front there was heavy artillery fighting between Montdidier and Noyon.

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BRITISH ARE STILL HOLDING MESSINES

The Keynote of the British Line in Franders is Messines Ridge.—Armentieres Has Been Evacuated.

HARD FIGHTING EVERYWHERE

Germans Worked Their Way Into Lestrem Yesterday but Were Driven Out And Back Across the Lawe.

(By The Associated Press)
Armentieres has been evacuated by the British, while the German driving in from the southwest of the town, are struggling to push forward in area southwest of Messines ridge, the key-point of the British line in Flanders.

Messines ridge itself has been the objective of desperate frontal attacks and the Germans are reported to have pushed on to the ridge several times during the fierce hand to hand fighting each time, however, the British came back at them with effective counter attacks, and today were still holding the ridge.

West of Armentieres the enemy is struggling in his deep salient, and has pushed the fighting to the limit and at one time succeeded in driving some three miles beyond the river Lys to La Creche. In this section the British likewise reaching strongly and by a vigorous counterattack ousted the Germans from La Creche and other neighboring terrain.

Yttschaete south of Messines was also the objective of the heavy German attacks, and possession of it changed several times, but this morning found Haig's troops holding the town.

There was similar hard fighting from Lestrem at the west tip of the German salient on the river Lawe. The Germans worked their way into this place yesterday, but were unable to move on further, ultimately were driven out of it and back across the Lawe.

The evacuation of Armentieres has been forecast, and discounted, as the place is without strategical value. What is left of the town is full of gas hanging there from copious gas shell bombardments.

North of Armentieres the British position hinges on Ploegsteert and Ploegsteert wood, which is the line bisected this morning.

There was no let up in the engagement today, the battle continuing on the entire 25-mile front from LaBassee north to the Ypres-Comines Canal, just below Ypres.

CONFERENCE REPORT REJECTED

Bill Giving Workman Right to Strike Rejected by Senate.

Washington, April 11.—The conference report on the bill providing severe penalties for destruction of or interference with the production of essential war materials containing a clause giving workmen the right to strike for better wages or working conditions was rejected today by the Senate 34 to 25.

The vote following yesterday's bitter denunciation of labor's attitude in the war in the numerous strikes on war jobs, will cause the House to reconsider the bill. The Senate's opposition was directed solely to the clause providing the bill should not restrict workmen from striking.

Many Senators regarded today's vote as a rebuke to workmen who have struck at shipyards and factories engaged in war work.

Crop Conditions in South Are Good.

Washington, April 10.—The weather and crop bulletin issued today by the department of agriculture shows the corn crop in the south is germinating well. In the more southern states the crop is up to a good stand and in the extreme south is being cultivated. Considerable damage by cut worms is reported in Texas and Louisiana.

The bulletin also reports that work in the cotton fields is progressing satisfactorily and planting is going on fully up to the average date. The early planted is coming up well and cultivation has begun in Florida, rains during the week, while possibly delaying work somewhat, furnished much-needed moisture in several sections.

Women May Take R. F. D. Job.

Rockville, Md., April 9.—To fill a position of rural free delivery mail carrier at Rockville, the United States civil service commission will hold an examination in Washington on April 27. The examination will be open only to persons living within the territory of the Rockville office. The examination will be open to women as well as men.

For Paying Income and Excess Profit Taxes in Installments.

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, April 11.—The Treasury is considering endorsing legislation to authorize installment payments of income and excess profit taxes due under the present law next June 15. Internal Revenue Commissioner Roper today told a delegation of national conference of State Manufacturers Associations.

Mrs. Elinor Glyn, the English novelist, has spent more than a year in war work in Paris.

REPORTS OF SEPARATE PEACE WITH AUSTRIA

Story of Negotiations Are Promptly And Emphatically Denied in Washington Official Circles.

"PROF. ANDERSON" IS NOT KNOWN

Report Was That He Has Been Carrying on Negotiations With Counts Steven Tisza and Julius Andrassy.

(By The Associated Press)
London, April 11.—Negotiations regarding the possibility of peace between the United States and Austria-Hungary have been carried on between Prof. Anderson, at Washington, and Count Steven Tisza and Count Julius Andrassy, former Hungarian premier, according to Vienna dispatches to the Berlin Tageblatt, as quoted in an Exchange Telegram message from Copenhagen. The dispatch says the Austro-Hungarian office admits various attempts have been made to obtain a general peace, and emperor Charles had negotiated with several persons who have international connections.

Denied in Washington.

Washington, April 11.—No one in official circles in Washington could identify today the Prof. Anderson reported to have carried on the negotiations with Austria-Hungary representatives. At the State Department it was declared that no such person has been authorized to conduct negotiations regarding peace, and the Department's original statement that no negotiations, either official or unofficial, looking to separate peace with Austria had been conducted with the Department's knowledge, was reiterated.

A NAVAL BASE ON THE AZORES ISLANDS.

For Protection of Atlantic Trade Routes to Europe and Naval Base For Air Craft.

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, April 11.—For protection of the Atlantic trade routes to southern Europe, the United States with the consent of Portugal has established a naval base on the Azores Islands.

Guns have been landed to begin the fortification of the station, which in addition to being used as a naval base for American submarine destroyers and other small crafts, also will serve as an important homing station for American airplanes, a number which already have been assembled there.

BIG BRITISH STEAMER SUNK BY SUBMARINE.

Was 13,528 Tons Gross Register, and Formerly in the Passenger Trade.

(By The Associated Press)
New York, April 11.—The big British Ship Minnetonka, 13,528 tons gross register, and formerly in the New York London passenger trade for the Atlantic Transport Line, was sunk by a German submarine in the Mediterranean during February, the Maritime Register reports today.

Salina is making elaborate preparations for the entertainment of the annual convention of the Kansas Federation of Women's Clubs, which is to be held in that city April 16-18.

Rev. S. W. Bennett, pastor of McGill Street Baptist Church will conduct the service at the Methodist Protestant Church tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

New York theatrical producers are reported to be paying fabulously high salaries to chorus girls, owing to their scarcity.

Unfortunately the fellow with the gift of gab is never lost for a word.

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