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GERMANS STBIKE

Strike the Allied Line South west of Soissons in What May Be a Serious Threat to Allies North to Oise.

HEAVY FIGHTING IS IN PROGRESS

The Struggles on This Front

ddier and the Oise, begun on Sunday, seem to have been checked on the third day of the struggle. On the western end of the battle line the French have counter attacked and regained important ground, while on the center and right, repeated efforts by the enemy to exploit his earlier successes, have been met with stern resistance by the French, who claim that the Germans are being held.

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At the moment when the plunge of the foe west of the Oise appeared to have met with a reverse, the front to the southeast between the Aisne and the Marne has again flamed up. Striking the allied line southwest of Soissons in the neighborhood of Dommiers Cutry and south of Ambleny, the Germans have begun what may be a very mans have begun what may be a very serious threat to the security of the allies north to the Oise. The attack would seem for the moment to be almost equal in importance to that east of Montdidier. It appears to be an effort on the part of the enemy to cut in south of Compelgne forest, out-flanking the French to the north, and compelling their retirement and re-location of the whole allied line from Montdidler to Chateau Thierry

Except for fact that heavy fighting in progress, nothing is known of the events on this new battle area, but the struggle there will be watched with some concern until the magnitude of the German thrust is developed. The French still hold the left bank of the Oise although they may have readjusted their lines in the northern section of the Ourscamp and Carlepont forests.
Their positions, there however, will be come very awkward, should the Germans drive west of Solssons and make considerable around.

The success of the French counterat-tack along the west wing of the battle front has forced the Germans into ort of pocket bounded on the east by Olse river and on the west by the high of the Matz Sours ly in front of this wedge, the French precent, of least.

Although there has been a that the German drive east of Mondi dier was planned at least in part for the purpose of drawing the allied reand Flanders, nothing has vet occur red to indicate that the Germans con nieted on immediate attack at Amiens or toward the channel ports Only relating operations are reported by the British wer office.

SAYS FRENCH ARMY "HAS BEEN BEATEN"

So Gen. von Stein, Prassfen War Mis ister Declared in Reichstag. (By The Associated Press.)

Amsterdam June 12.—"A great part of the French army has been beaten,"
Gen von Stein, the Prussian war minister declared to the reichstag, according to Berlin advices. "The so-called French reserve army no longer exists" the minister declared.

"The success of the Crown Prince's carefully prepared attacks against the French stall British on the Chemindes-Dames front on May 27 inflicted one of the greatest defeats the entente has suffered during the entire wan."

Gen. von Stein made statements in review of the military situation at the second reading of the army budget in the reichstag yesterday.

WASHINGTON VIEW OF VON STEIN STATEMENT

Washington, June 12.—The nouncement by the Prussian war n ister to the reichstag that the "so-ed Foch reserve arms no longer exists helieved by officials here to be so

PIEDMONT

The Chautauqua sessions began yes-terday afternoon at the Central Grad-ed School. On account of the fact that cars could not be secured in time the teot and crew were late in getting here and the sessions in the after-noon and evening had to be held in the Central School auditorium. The tent has now been erected, however, and is ready for the remaining ses-alons.

A lecture by the superintendent and a performance by the Kerry Singers marked the first afternoon's work. These were much enjoyed, and a large audience was present last night again to hear the Kerry Singers and also a lecture by Dr. Carolyn Geisel. The Struggles on This Front
Will Be Watched With
Concern Until Extent of
Thrust Is Developed.

The Kerry Singers company is composed of Arthur Myers, tenor; Anna Elchorn, violinist; Henry Kelly, basso; and Elaie Luker, accompanist and monologist. Each performer is an artist, but it is but truth to say that Miss Elchorn, on the violin, more than any other won the favor of the audience.

(By The Associated Press.)

The German efforts to batter down the French defenses between Montddier and the Oise, begun on Sunday,

Tonight the Courad Company will give another performance and Owen K, Lovejoy will lecture on "Children in War Time."

COX HELD ON CHARGE OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER

Preliminary Hearing Held Today Be fore Police Justice Palmer.

Sim Cox, of Albemarle, charged with having shot his wife to death in this city on Sunday, June 2nd., was given a preliminary hearing this morning before Police Justice A. B. Palmer, at the city hall.

According to the state's evidence, Cox had come to Concord, and asked the police department for help, explaining that his wife had left home with another man. He also went with the officers to the railway station here, and pointed out the couple to

here, and pointed out the couple to the officer as they stepped off the train from Salisbury where they had spent the night.

After the arrest of the couple, on the way to the city hall. Cox asked permis-sion to ride up town in the automobile, which was granted by the officer. Of the way he asked his wife why she left the children crying at home and left the children crying at home, and went away with this other man. She replied that they were not crying when she left them, but that since he had turn home to him. Angered at this re-niv. Cox drew his pistol and shot her. 'inflicting injuries from which she died day or two later.

Since there was no indication of prenediction or malice aforethought on the part of Cox, the court ruled that Cox he held on a charge of second de-rece murder, and he was allowed to ive ball in the sum of \$2,000 which vas given. He is now out on bond to wait trial at the next term of Cab rrus County Superior Court.

"OPEN DIPLOMACY"

President Wilson Gives an Interpretation of His Statement.

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, June 12,-President Wilson today gave an interpretation of his statement to Congress last January in favor of "open diplomacy." To quiet the Senate controversy over the proposal of Senator Borah, of Idaho, for public consideration of treaties, the President made it known that his advances of open diplomacy. advocacy of open diplomacy was not in reference to Senate executive dis-cussion of treaties in which he recom-mends no change, but as to publica-tion of treaties after their ratifica-

THE COTTON MARKET.

Favorable Weather Cause cline of 19 to 28 Points.

(Br The Americane Press.)

New York, June 12.—More favorine weather and crop reports led tomas selling in today's cotton marks sarry today. The market opens standy at a decline of 10 to 28 point sallied a few points on covering buying by spot house brokers, by soon eased off again under liquidationally declined to 25.58 and October 25.78, or about 24 to 35 pours net lost.

er.
Cotton futures opened steady: July 25.75; October 23.80; December 23.42, January 23.25, March

Calls on the People of the State To Report Cases of Vagrancy and Idleness in Their Midst.

NO EXCUSE

CAN BE GIVEN

Names of Men Who Refuse To Work Will Be Forwarded to Washington and Listed There.

(By The Associated Press.) Raleigh, June 12,—"To fall to sup-ply our soldiers with food and cloth-, munitions and implements of war. is both treason and murder" Gover nor Bickett says in a proclamation to the people of the state, issued Wednesday, asking them to report cases of vagrancy and idleness, whether rich or poor, black or white, to the proper authorities. "Neither wealth nor social position offer an excuse for manslangh ter, and in this hour of the nation's peril, idleness is manslaughter" de clares the Governor.

The names of men who upon the squest of the council of National Defense, refuse to work, will be forward ed to Washington, and the list will be used later as a basis of an amendment to the draft law, empowering the local exemption boards to put in Class I all bodied men between the ages of 18 and 50, who refuse to do regular

work, the Governor says. All city and county officials through out the state have been notified to rosecute to the limit all cases of va grancy which come before them, In ome cases alleged vagrants are able to show that technically they are not vagrants, but morally they are, declared Governor. Mr. Bickett instructed police judges to enter their names in he police dockets as "moral vagrants." These men will be listed at the War Department as slackers.

130,642 TONS BUILT

Output of Shipyards Exceeds Sinkings by 100,000 Tons.

Washington, June 12.—Since the German submarines began their raids of the Atlantic coast on May 25, the output of shippards building vessels for the shipping board has exceeded sinkings of American ships by more than 100,000 dead weight tons. than 100,000 dead weight tons. The production during this interval

130.642 tons. Excluding the vessels salvaged, the submarines destroyed ten American ships, totalling 26,000

NO FRESH PEACE OFFER TO BE MADE BY GERMANY

War Aims.

(By The Associated Press) London, June 12 .- In her forthcom ing statement of war aims, Germany does not intend to make any fresh peace offer, according to Berlin news papers, says an Exchange Telegraph

JAPAN IS PREPARING

dispatch from Amsterdam.

Declaration Defining Her Attitude Toward Russia.

(By The Associated Press)

London, June 12 .- As an outcome recent conferences, Japan is preparing a declaration defining her attitude toward Russia, according to a Tientsin dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph

Capt. Trott Succeeds J. H. McKenzie (Special to The Tribune)

Salisbury, N. C., June 12.—Capt. H. C. Trott, of this city, has been ap-pointed United States Deputy Marshal to succeed the late J. H. McKenzle, who died here a short time ago. Capt. Trott, who for a number of years was a passenger train conductor on the western road up until the last election was chairman of the board of county complishers. quaintances in this part of the state, and bears an excellent reputition among them. He is at present in Asheville, where he will arrange the necessary bond before entering on his

To Extend Time in Which Short Lio May Be Taken Over. (By The Assectated Press

We Have Ample Law to Cope With the Mr. Editor:

Mr. Editor:

Having for two years gone through with "The burden and heat of the day," trying as best I could to destroy the illegal sale of liquor in the City of Concord and its "attendant evils," and at the same time believing that which the Ministerial Association (with one or two exceptions) and the best laymen of the city demanded, I confess to you that I rend the resolutions as published in your paper yesterday with a degree of interest. The conditions therein set forth are admitted; the demand and investigation for the protection of our young people and soldier boys are especially essential, but I cannot see why the manhood of the city of Concord should throw up the "white feather" and call for "Federal Authorities," and I suggest to all members of the Ministerial Association who have come to Concord during the members of the Ministerial Association who have come to Concord during the past three years and to laymen likewise that they read the new city charter for the city of Concord and there ascertain for themselves that the city authorities have greater power to suppress the evils mentioned than the combined forces of the Federal authorities of the United States.

The conditions that now exist in this

The conditions that now exist in this city are nothing new it is simply a case of the "Hog returning to his wal-low." The new thing that I am trying to impress is that the Ministerial Association and all right thinking laymen should join hands at once and back the Chief of Police, Police Justice and City attorney in law enforcement and when this is done the professional street slackers, liquor sellers, and others of like kind, will take to the "bushes" without the aid of Federal Assistance, and they will never do so until the churches and the manhood of Concord shall act in fact, and show the powers that be that their sentiments

are not hypocritical. I am writing this without the least feeling toward any individual and so far as I am concerned the past is buried but as a citizen I will hesitate a long time about calling for aid from the Federal Authorities until we shall put forth the necessary efforts ourselves To do otherwise reminds me of the individual that about the first of March would pray for a bountiful crop and then fish and snipe hunt until the first of July. The point is that I thing the Lord or Federal Authorities can do much for the city or individual who will not first put forth the necessary effort. T. D. MANESS.

PARIS GIRDS TO FIGHT

AND 26,000 DESTROYED City Will Become Pivot of the French

Paris, Sunday, June 9.—Premier Clemenceau and his government, following the example of Galileni, included any change occur by which such steps become necessary, to defend Paris and make if the great pivot of French resistance. It is an encouraging sign that such a possibility to physical force. None of the defendants offered any explanation of has been considered and action taken their failure to obey the command to the contral of their Camp No. 16 W. O. W. of their failure to obey the command to the contral of their Camp or of 26 young men of their Camp or of 26 young men of their Camp to the little of the contral of the contral of the Camp or of 26 young men of their Camp to the little of the camp or of 26 young men of their Camp to the little of 1914, at a similar critical moment, be left without a solid organization for its protection.

I can state on authority that although the enemy on the western front of numbers and internal lines of com munication, the government is confi-dent that the allied armies will hold up any wild rush of the enemy upon the capital, but naturally has wisely cided to prepare a calm series of precantionary measures which, sh the worst happen, will form another barrier to the German advance.

The Marines know their business They are picked men, who have chosen sion of arms because their blood calls for adventure. They are the figures of later American military history about whom romance clings They are the advance agents of the corrective wrath of Uncle Sam; they go and they fight by land and sea. They can navigate a horse or a boat, handle the rifle, pistol, machine gun, or field artillery They are more than soldlers, they are fighters, trained to the minute, and always ready to meet trouble more than half way.

Organization of "development tailons" at every national army, nahas been ordered by the War Department. These units are designed to take over all men not immediately fit for service, with a view to giving them intensive training to overcome their faults, mental or physical, or to eliminate such as are unfit for either con batant service. Among others who may be detailed to the battalious are the usny drafted men ignorant of Eng

Dr. Henry Louis Smith, president of Washington and Lee University, is ne of the four winners of a prize of ity League, for the best method of getting before Germans and Austrians the war aims of the United States. His suggestion was of such practical value that the league refused to give it out, but referred it to the War De-

Vigorous steps should be taken to punish any person convicted of origi-nating false ramors of disasters to our troops abroad. The families and friends have enough anxiety to bear, without being made the victims of irresponsi-ble sensation mongers.

WRECK LAST NIGHT

Train No. 32, Northbound. Collided With a Freight Car Which Had Been Derailed Near Amherst, Va. THE ENGINEER WAS BADLY SCALDED

Four Coaches Turned Over When the Locomotive of No. 32 Ran Into an Embankment-Traffic Held.

(By The Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., June 12.—Fireman Matthews, of Lynchburg, was killed, and Engineer Dinnin, of Nelson county badly scalded, but not seriously hur when train No. 32, known os the Augus Special, northbound on the So Railway, collided with a freight car which had just been derailed at Am nerst, Va., this morning. Three other

trainmen suffered minor injuries. The locomotive ran into an embani ment, and four cars, baggage, mail and two passenger coaches, turned over The passengers escaped with minor injuries. Traffic was blocked for nine

45 WAR OBJECTORS **GET 25 YEAR TERMS** Oklahoma Men Refuse to Wear Uni

form in Texas Camp. San Antonio, Tex., June 10 .- Ser ences of life imprisonment imposed by eourt-martial today upon 45 "consci-entious objectors," who had rafused to wear army uniforms, were reduced 25 years each by Brig. Gen. J P O'Neil, who reviewed the records. Brig. Gen. O'Neil designated Fort

Leavenworth (Kans.) prison as the place of confinement. They will be ent immediately to prison. The men are nearly all from Okla ma and members of the Mennonite faith. Some of the Mennonites have refused to bear arms, but donned the uniform and accepted work in non-combatant units. The men who were

THE CASUALTY LIST.

Fred W. Corzine, of Concord, in List of Those Severely Wounded.

(By The Associated Press.)

0; dled of airplane accident 1; died of Van Walter, W. H. Winecoff, C. W. accident and other causes 17; died of Yancey. Albert Ray, Fred Peck. disease 18; wounded severely 60; wouned, degree undetermined 6; miss-The list includes:

Killed in action, Privates Cyrus P Adcox, Fayetteville, N. C.; Leslie Ven-ters, Shelmerdine, N. C. Severely wounded: Fred W. Corzine,

ASUALTIES IN MARINE CORPS Private Warren F. Hoyle in List Those Killed in Action. Washington, June 12.—The marin-

corps casualty list of 17 names, made public today, carries the names of 11 en killed in action, two died of wounds and four severely wou Capt. John Blanchfield, of Brooklyn. died of wounds received in action. Private Warren F. Hoyle, Box 26, Shelby, North Carolina.

BRITISH DESTROY 21 GERMAN AIRPLANES

War Office Report on Operations
Italian Theatre.
(By The Associated Press.) London, June 12.—Twenty-one en

airplanes have been destroyed on the Italian front by the British air forces operating there, according to today's war office statement reporting on the British operations in this area.

Graduation at West Point.

West Point, N. Y., June 12.—The fighting forces of the United States received a notable addition today, with the graduation of the class of 1918 at the United States Military Academy, Secretary of War Baker, Gen. Peyton C, March, Chief of Staff, and other eminent representatives of the War Department and the Army were in attendance. The class was one of the largest ever graduated since-West Point was founded more that he century ago, and in scholarship, military efficiency, and in character it was, as the speakars of

NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE.

State Must Succeed in War Sagin Drive.—Government Has Issued C der—State Organization in Line. Winston-Salem, N. C., June 12.

There is no alternative for North Car dina in the matter of putfing over her War Savings Campaign by June 2 ac War Savings Campaign by June 2 ac-cording to Mr. C. J. Thorson of Wash-ington and Mr. Harry Palmer of Nebraska, representatives of the National War Savings Committee who recently visited visited North Carolina State Headquarters here for the purpose of aiding and advising in relation to th War Savings Drive of June 23-28. After a close study of North Carolina conditions and affairs at State Headquanters, only one thing can happen as a result of the drive, they say, and that is that North Carolina will not

only go "over the top" on that day, but will go over overwhelmingly. These visitors who are sent out by the National War Savings Committee at Washington express themselves as being highly pleased with the prosper-ity of the South, particularly that of North Carolina and with the evident signs that the South will have no trouble in raising her full quota of pledges by June 28, and likewise, her by December 31.

Mr. Palmer is the man who has pu Nebraska on the map as the first State to go "over the top" in War Savings. This it did as early as March 23 by over \$4,000,000 in pledges. Mr. Palmer explains not only how Nebraska was able to do this but how she has been able to report the sale of a mil-lion dollars of War Savings Stamps every week since that time. has sold several thousand dollars of Stamps over her quota. And he says, the people are not satisfied to stop buying Stamps. The Indications are

now that she will double her quota

It is the plan by which Nebraska to such effective results that North Carolina and all other States of the Union has adopted in their War Savings drive this month. The plan has met the approval of not only of the President of the United States, but also of the Governor of North Carolina. Both of these executive officers have issued proclamations calling on all the people to observe War Savings Week by pledging to buy as many War Savings Stamps as he will be able to pay for the remainder

of the year. Mr. Thorson says that he has found no State with a better organization and one more keenly alive to the needs of the drive than North Caro lina. He emphasizes the fact that the Government has issued its orders an no state has any other alternative but to comply.

service of the United States as

Millard Alexander, L. C. Barringer, F. R. Barringer, E. E. Barrier, W. H. Bingham, V. M. Barnhardt, C. A. Cook, Dr J. Sibley Dorton, Geo. S. Graeber, Archibald Gibson, F. S. Kluttz, C. V. Washington, June 12.—The army casualty list today contained 126 Eachern, J. E. Michael, E. T. Morgan, v. A. Means, J. W. Parnell, Albert Killed in action 15; died of wounds

The doors will open at 8 o'clock and the exercises will commence at 8:30

Programme is as follows: Prayer-Dr. J. M. Grier. Quartette-Jno. B. Sherrill, S. K. Patterson, Ed Sherrill, R. P. Benson.

Lewis, Kinston, N. C.

Address-B. S. Royster, Oxford Solo. "A New Serenade."-Neldlin ger (To the Service Flag)—Mrs. J. B. Womble. Presentation of Flag-Mr. E.

Music-Quartette. Acceptance of Flag-Mr. J. C. Fink, Concord, N C. Music-Quartette Recitation "Old Glory"-Mrs. H. S

Closing Exercises—Song "America Benediction—Dr. J. M. Grier. The public is cordially invited to

these exercises. J. H. DORTON, Clerk.

Sleeve Band Instead of Mourning. The woman's committee, council of national defense, makes the following

"A black arm band with a gold star has been recommended by the woman's committee of the council of national ing by American women who have lost members of their family in the service of the country. This action of the committee at this time is prompted by a feeling on their part that we should determine beforehand the attitude we are to take toward the inevitable are to take toward the inevitable growing death roll of the defenders of our country. The wearing of such in-signle will, they feel, express better than mourning the feeling of the American people that such losses are a matter of giory rather than a prostra-ting grief and depression. President Wilson has approved the resolution of the woman's committee in a letter to

Harry Morey and Florence Desho at the New Pastime today in "The Solden Goal," the story of a man from the dregs who achieved conscience annor and love. Special tomorrow

Battle Continued During Last Night With Little Change Between Montdidier and the River Oise.

FRENCH REPULSE VIOLENT ATTACKS

Despite Repeated Efforts. Germans on French Right Were Unable to Debouch on South Bank of Matz.

(By. The Associated Press.) Paris, June 12.—The battle coutin-ned during last night on the front be-tween Montdidler and the river Olse without any great change in the sit-

On the French left additional progress was made by the French tr the region east of Mory and Genli

Near the center along the Aro front in the region of St. Maur, ti lodge farm and Antheuil, the French repulsed violent attacks by the enemy.

Despite repeated efforts the Germans on the French right were not able to debouch on the south bank of

the Matz river. The French are holding in that part of the battle area south of Chevin-court and Marest-sur-Mats. South of the Aisne on the front be tween Soissons and the Marne, the Germans attacked this mo ing is going on between the river and combats are being fought on the fro of Dommieres Cutry and south of A

Today's Fighting May Decide Paris, June 12.—Today's figorobably will decide on which sid tory will rest in the present battle says Henri Bidou, the military critic in reviewing the situation. He says the fighting is taking the classical form in which each side has won on one wing. The scales are now even. By their counter attack the French stopped the enemy from carrying of his plan, and at the same time assured themselves of a better line of de

27 IN SERVICE FROM ONE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Church Has This Dis The following members of Class 18 of Forest Hill Methodist Church are

now in the service of the States. Some are in the navy, as the army, all serving their country: Henry Swaringen, Ralph Kenner Charles E. Smith, Ernest Davis, J Hartsell, Floyd Sides, Ernest Walt A. J. Measimer, Ralph Morris, He Cook, Robert W. Hunter, Sloan hen, Fred Cohen, Fred Cook, Ed M gan, Perry Verble, Cole Miller, Russtil, Cecil Bailard, Harry Troman Lee Philemon, Romulus Bent Ernest Starnes, John Kirk, Br Moore, John Jarvis, John Ingram.

Funeral of Mrs. J. N. I The funeral service of Brown was held at the home Brown was held at the home resterds afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by the pastor of the deceased. Rev. M. Grier, D. D. "Rock of Ages." Asleep in Jesus." and "Some The We'll Understand" were subg. by Misses Rose and Mary Lewis Harris, Ma Mary Morrison and Messrs. E. D. an J. B. Sherrill. After the service of the home the body was taken to Calwood cemetery for interment. As was lowered into the grave, the chosang, "The Christian's Goodnight The new-made mound was covered. The new-made mound was covered with many beautiful floral tokens, placed by the grandchildren of Mrs. Brown. The pall bearers were: C. W. Swink, H. I. Woodhouse, B. E. Harris, D. B. Morrison, C. F.

Ritchie, J. F. Goodson

Write Only Cheerful Letters to Our Fighters.
Washington, June 10.—Cheerful Washington, June 10.—Cheerd letters from home do much to preve shell shock among the American a diers at the front, according to Frank Persons, Director-General the Department of Civilian Bellet the American Red Cross, who has it returned from the front. He said:

"Of the morale of our sighting of I heard only uniform approval. A worry about the condition of the pendents tends to put a soldier into condition where he is subject to abshock. The best insurance again this, say physicians, is for the to go over the top in an untrouble frame of mind in which his sole over is the serious business at han