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(By The Associated Press)

Allied strategy and tenacity in combat have again checkmated blows by the massed bodies of German troops, and the German crown prince has given up his second offensive within a month without either of them having affected seriously the general situation on the western front.

Berlin's reports the number of guns captured since May 27 by the crown prince at 1050. In the latest offensive the Germans gained 180 square miles of territory, and captured 150,000 prisoners, and 150 guns, the poorest showing of any of the four major movements since March 21.

While the American industry has been inactive on all sectors, American aviators on the Toul front have been working furiously behind the German lines. The first American bombing raid was against Dommary, Breconnet, northeast of Verdun, on Wednesday.

15,000 SEMI-ABLE MEN WILL BE DRAFTED

Shipyard Work for Three Days a Week Not to Exempt

Baltimore, Md., June 13.—Fifteen thousand workers in the shipyards, munition plants and other governmental industrial activities in and near Baltimore are being released and will be sent in big squads to Camp Meade. These men, most of whom are negroes, have only been working three or four days a week at wages which will enable them to loaf during the balance of the week.

The opinion has been sent down the line by Federal authorities, and by Attorney General Ritchie that a law week is not a full week, and that if men do not work a full week they are violating the provisions of the State compulsory work law. Because of the limited time devoted to their work each week by the half loafers, the ammunition, shipbuilding and other plants are handicapped in meeting their contracts with the government.

At The Theatre. "Sold at Auction," the 13th episode of "The Bull's Eye," at the New Pastime today, featuring Eddie Polo. This is the Universal's amazing adventure serial now running at this theatre. Also two comedies, "Ole, Call a Cop," and "Home Wreckers."

The Casualty List Today. Washington, June 13.—The army casualty list today contained 11 names. It is as follows: Killed in action, 10; wounded in action, 1.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

And the Ministerial Association—A Card From Rev. R. M. Taylor.

Mr. Editor: The undersigned has read "with interest" the communication of Hon. T. D. Martin in reply to some resolutions passed by the Ministerial Association, and published in The Tribune last Tuesday. Let it be remembered that this Ministerial Association does not wish to be understood as an agitator and disturber of the peace, using these terms in their ordinary sense.

But we feel that we are, in some sense, the guardians of the morals of the community. Not by civil appointment, but from a higher source. In the exercise of our prerogatives as pastors of our flocks we must speak, as best we can, the moral welfare of our people.

It is not our prerogative to execute the civil law. That is left to "the powers that be." In a civil sense these officers are as responsible as we are in the moral sense. Only by the harmonious co-operation of these guardians can the best results be obtained.

We preach against these things, talk against them, and resolve against them in our organized capacity. That is about as far as we can go without transcending the bounds. If we can properly "back up" the officers in the discharge of their duty, we will certainly do it in all proper ways.

If the new charter of the city of Concord gives the city authorities greater power to suppress the evils mentioned than the combined forces of the Federal authorities of the United States, I confess that it seems a little strange that with all this authority and power these evils are not suppressed, but go on from year to year all the same.

CONFERENCE OF THE FOOD ADMINISTRATORS

To Be Held in Raleigh Next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Raleigh, June 15.—A conference of all of the County and City Food Administrators in North Carolina will be held in Raleigh next Tuesday and Wednesday. This conference anticipates a very considerable organization expense and strengthening of the food administration organization necessitated by the increasingly important duties that have devolved upon this branch of governmental activity and the attendance of one hundred or more is expected by State Food Administrator, Henry A. Page.

Ammunition Train Picks Up Couple of Deserters.

Salisbury, June 14.—An ammunition train of 27 trucks which came in this afternoon from Newport News en route to a southern camp had two men more than when it left the Virginia city. These two were deserters that the lieutenant in charge had picked up on the way.

Several deserters were reported as having shot at pursuing officers in the High Rock section of Davidson yesterday. They were said to be headed towards Salisbury, but officers who kept on the watch for them failed to lag them.

Rowan is to be covered thoroughly in the week's campaign in the interest of war savings certificates. The local committee has secured addresses and dates for practically every community in Rowan.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE AGAINST C. E. VERNON

Charged With Conspiring With Joseph Jonas, Former Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Recently Arrested.

CASE ADJOURNED TILL WEDNESDAY

Vernon Is Said To Have Been Employed in an Important Capacity in the Ministry of Munitions.

(By The Associated Press)

London, June 13.—Charles Edward Vernon, who is said to have been employed in an important capacity in the ministry of munitions, was charged in Bow street police court today with conspiring with Joseph Jonas, former Lord Mayor of Sheffield, who was recently arrested on the charge of having communicated information useful to the enemy.

The case was adjourned till next Wednesday, when the two prisoners will be arraigned together.

Sir Joseph Jonas, a prominent steel manufacturer, was born and educated in Germany, and became a British subject by naturalization in 1876. Yesterday the arrest of a "prominent officer of the government offices" was reported from London. It has been asserted in London reports of the case that the alleged offense was committed before the war.

"CITIZEN" WRITES

Makes a Plea for Law Enforcement in Concord.

Mr. Editor: Our President and our Government decided that the Chautauque could be a means of bringing a message to the American people and the message of Dr. Geisel last night was one that demands immediate action. "I think, therefore I exist," is no longer to be the proof of your being a man but "I act and therefore I exist," and that for service for others.

Dr. Geisel pointed very vividly our sins and temptations of our mothers, while all of our boasted civilization and our protection of boast, bird, and fish during the season of raising their young, with all that is being done to teach every branch of science at government expense, with all the vast information and effort to cure every form of disease of cattle, etc., we are very far behind our brutal enemy in Germany in treating mothers. Do we love dogs and the wild creatures more than that creature that crowned the act of creation in Eden, and even neglect her in that God-crowned creative act of motherhood?

WAR ON THE LOAFER BRINGS QUICK RESULTS

From Towns Names of Loafers, Rich and Poor, Are Being Sent to Raleigh.

Raleigh, June 14.—War against "moral vagrancy" seems to have had results within 48 hours from declaration of hostilities, according to letters coming today to the executive offices. From towns distant, names of loafers, rich and poor, are being sent to Raleigh and these won't workers will go on to Washington as fast as the lists can be made up. The state is terribly in earnest about this thing. It has every reason to believe that even wheat will suffer for harvest and thresher, that crops by the thousands of acres will be abandoned for want of fillers.

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President Approves Maryland Plan to Eliminate Loafers.

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CHINA MAY TABOO AMERICAN TOBACCO

Investigation by the State Department of Rumors to That Effect Is Asked by Southern Senators.

IS CONTROL TO BE GIVEN TO JAPAN?

American Tobacco Interests Do a Thirty Million Dollar Business With China Annually.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, June 15.—The investigation by the state department of reports that China is about to close her doors to American tobacco shipments was asked of Secretary Lansing today by Southern senators.

The senators told the secretary that they had heard the control of the Chinese tobacco market was to be turned over to Japan through negotiations in Japan of a Chinese loan. If the inquiry develops that the reports are true, the senators ask that a protest be made.

THE CHAUTAUQUE

Great Lecture Last Night By Judge Kavanaugh—Program Today.

Those who were fortunate enough to attend the Chautauque yesterday were highly pleased with the program that was rendered from the platform. The Ongawans, Mr. and Mrs. Michitaro Ongawa, from Japan, appeared in a concert in the afternoon, and in the evening rendered the Japanese comedy, "The Mirror" which was well rendered, and was appreciated by the audience.

In the afternoon the lecture, "Humanity's Last Reserves," was delivered in magnificent style by Mr. George H. Turner, who for some months has been in army Y. M. C. A. work at Camp Grant, Illinois.

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PEACE HOPE HAS NOT BEEN ABANDONED

Berlin, It Is Stated in a Dispatch From Paris, Still Hopes To Obtain a "Good" German Peace Soon.

ALLIED ARMIES ARE INCREASING

The Only Possible Peace for the Allies is a Peace of Justice and Civilization, The Paris Papers Say.

(By The Associated Press)

Paris (Havas Agency), June 15.—Berlin has not abandoned the hope of obtaining a "good" German peace soon. The press is following with curiosity and interest the preparation of a peace offensive which seems to be clearly outlined and about to pass from the newspaper domain into official circles. The Petit Journal voicing the unanimous opinion of its colleagues, declares that German intrigue will fall before the unshakable will of the allies. The only possible peace for them is a peace of justice and civilization it says.

The bill along the front of the German offensive is considered merely a period of preparation for new attacks. The six days of terrible fighting east of Montdidier realized mediocre gains, and the Petit Parisian says that the German check gives a good reason for confidence as the allied armies are increasing, continuously.

STORE BROKEN INTO

Thieves Entered Store of Barrier Widening & Co., Last Night.

Some unknown person or persons last night entered the store of Barrier Widening & Co., on West 25th street, secured some small amount of cash from the cash drawer, and possibly carried out merchandise which has not yet been missed by the owners.

An entrance was made through the front plate glass window of the grocery department. This window was broken, evidently with a small bag of sand which was lying in the show window this morning. It was a small bag, containing six or seven pounds of sand. The only thing which was missed in the store this morning was about ten dollars in small change which had been left in the cash drawer.

SQUAD ROUNDS UP MORE ROUGH NECKS

Camp Lee Raiders After Cleaning Up Richmond Hotels Go to Hopewell.

Richmond, Va., June 12.—Raids made to protect soldiers from Camp Lee who come to Richmond were extended to night to Hopewell, Va., where some twenty men suspected of boot-legging were arrested.

AN AMERICAN DOWNS 5 GERMAN AIRPLANES

Three of His Victories are Officially Recorded.

Paris, June 15.—Sergeant David E. Putman, of Brookline, Mass., is reported to have downed five Germans on June 10. Three of Putman's aerial victories now are official, and the two others are under investigation. This record, if the five victories are officially accredited, makes Putman's total 13, supplanting Lieut. Balles, of New Bedford, Mass., as the American ace of aces.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR

To All Adult Citizens Of The City of Concord:

In accordance with the proclamations of the President of the United States and of the Governor of North Carolina and in cheerful compliance with the request of the Governor of North Carolina, I, C. A. ISENHOUR, Mayor, do hereby designate the period beginning Saturday, June 22nd, and ending Friday, June 28th, as War Savings Week for the City of Concord, North Carolina.

I respectfully request every minister of the Gospel, Superintendent of Sunday School, and teacher of an adult Bible Class, on Sunday, June 23rd, to speak definitely about War Savings campaign and urge the necessity of responding liberally in pledges to purchase War Savings Stamps.

I earnestly appeal to all employees of labor to inform their employers about the special campaign and encourage them to help win the war by saving, economizing, and investing regularly in War Savings Stamps.

I call attention to the fact that every citizen so notified is expected to go to the school house of his district on Friday, June 28th, at 6 p. m. and also to the fact that a record of the attendance and proceedings of the meeting at his schoolhouse is to be made and preserved.

I urge all citizens of Concord, N. C., with one accord, to work together to the end that, during the period designated above, the entire quota of War Savings Stamps apportioned to Concord, N. C., which is \$200.00 per capita, may be secured in purchases and pledges by Friday, June 28th.

Done in the City of Concord, North Carolina, on the 14th day of June, 1918.

C. A. ISENHOUR, Mayor.

GEO. H. RICHMOND, Secretary.

THE COTTON MARKET

Prices Somewhat Irregular at the Opening Today.

New York, June 15.—While somewhat irregular, the cotton market made a general firm showing early today. First prices were 2 points lower to 12 points higher, and active months worked off a few points before the call, but soon rallied, with July selling up from 25.05 to 25.15, or about 21 points net higher while active near crop deliveries showed net gains of 7 to 11 points, with October advancing from 24.31 to 24.46.

Cotton futures opened steady: July 25.98; October 24.34; December 24.06; March 23.86.

GERMAN SOLDIERS IN FAVOR OF BOLSHIEVIKI

Are Everywhere Circulating Revolutionary Pamphlets.

London, June 15.—German soldiers returning from Russia are imbued with bolshevik ideas and are everywhere circulating revolutionary pamphlets, Gen. von Ribbert said in the German reichstag during the Friday sitting according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. For this reason, he said, strict discipline was necessary in the army.

DEDICATION OF ELKS' RECONSTRUCTION HOSPITAL

Laying of Cornerstone Exercises in Boston Today.

Boston, June 15.—Fred Harper, of Lynnhurgh, Va., Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, John K. Tener, of Pennsylvania, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, and many members of the organization, came here today to attend ceremonies incident to the laying of the cornerstone of a reconstruction hospital to be erected and presented by the organization to the government.

FINED \$1,000

On a Charge of Unlawfully Hoarding Foodstuffs.

Washington, June 15.—Dr. Francis S. Nash, medical director in the Navy, was fined \$1,000 today in the District of Columbia Supreme Court, after entering a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of unlawfully hoarding foodstuffs. An identical charge against his wife, Caroline S. Nash, was dismissed.

MORE THAN 800,000 AMERICANS IN FRANCE

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY GEN. MARCH

The 800,000 Includes All the Branches of the Service That Are Necessary To Make a Complete Army.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, June 15.—American troops sent to France now number more than 800,000. Gen. March, chief of staff, announced today.

The number of troops now being transported, Gen. March, said is limited only to capacity of available ships to carry them "and we will continue to ship them along this line" he added.

The 800,000 figure includes all branches of the service necessary to make a complete army, both combatant and non-combatant units, Gen. March said. All the war departments figures regarding troops sent across will be made on this basis.

Gen. March said the four German drives so far made were "all part of a common scheme of offensive." But to this time, he added, the extension of the allied front from Rheims to the sea had reached 66 miles. To hold that added line, he said, additional troops are necessary, and the importance of getting American troops over quickly became paramount.

Gen. March said, "the obvious objectives of the German advance is first the channel ports, the capture of which would make it necessary for England in shipping troops to go further up sea, slowing up and making the transportation more dangerous; and second, Paris which is of great strategic importance as well as to the people of France."

The chief of staff viewed the present offensive more as an endeavor to straighten out the German line, rather than an advance with a definite objective like Paris.

LONDON SAYS WE SHOULD NOT WORRY

Submarines Off Our Coast Should Not Be Taken Seriously.

London, June 15.—German submarine activity off the Atlantic coast of the United States should not be taken very seriously, as the Germans probably will not attempt a blockade of the American shores. This is the opinion of Vice Admiral Sir Rosslyn Weymes, First Sea Lord of the British Admiralty. The admiral believes that there is only one submarine operating off the American coast, and that the purpose of its trip was to frighten the Americans.

GERMANS HAVE BEEN FOUGHT TO A STANDSTILL

On the Whole Front the Outlook Is Regarded in Paris With More Confidence.

London, via Ottawa, June 15.—With the enemy fought to a standstill, something like a stable line is being re-established in the Compiègne sector. On the whole front between Montdidier and Chateau Thierry the outlook is now regarded with more confidence, but anxiety is still expressed that great peril is yet ahead for the allies.

Americans Bring Down Two Hun Parades Prisoners Through Rhine Towns

Geneva, June 14.—Americans and British prisoners, together with French colonial troops recently captured by the Germans, are being paraded through the streets of the Rhine towns to impress the population, according to a dispatch from Strasbourg received in Basel.

Attached Steamer Arrives Unharmaged

An Atlantic Port, June 15.—The British Steamship Remora, attached to the Thursday night of the Virginia coast by a German submarine, arrived at this port today apparently unharmaged by her encounter with the U.S.S. Remora.