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## BRITISH BEGIN A GENERAL OFFENSIVE

### COUNTLESS BATTALIONS OF BRITISH SMASHED GERMANS' FIRST LINE

#### WAY WAS CLEARED BY BIG GUN FIRE

For a Week British Had Been Pouring a Million Shells Daily Into Germans.

#### CHARGED THIS MORNING

Following Destruction Wrought by Artillery, Infantry Swarmed to the Assault.

LONDON, July 1.—After weeks of intense bombardment with guns of big calibre firing a million shells daily, the British early this morning launched a general offensive against the German lines along a front 20 miles in length north of the river Somme. They succeeded in taking the German front line trenches and capturing many men.

The French army was on the British right co-operating in the attack.

The last dispatches received today left the British headquarters while the fighting was in progress.

The time selected for the British offensive was decided upon with great care and the best place for the bombardment was chosen.

The British guns then began to speak and the British have since been in the German trenches and capturing many men.

The battalions are now making a series of attacks, blowing up ammunition dumps, blowing up communication lines, blowing up trench mortars, blowing up machine gun positions, blowing up pill boxes.

The big 15-inch and other large guns prevented the Germans from bringing up support.

The artillery fire was particularly intense on the stretch of the front north of the town of Thiepval and Beaumont, where the Germans had concentrated their ammunition.

Early this morning more guns were brought into action on the 20 mile front, and for an hour and a half the Germans were subjected to a bombardment which is described as the fiercest experience in this war of heavy artillery.

The news of the British offensive created the greatest enthusiasm, and details of the battle are being anxiously awaited. Only this morning the correspondents at the front for the British newspapers, while telling of the heavy bombardment of the artillery and the British raiding successes, warned the public that an advance must be made by infantry and not by the artillery, and that the British army could not expect to come out scathless. First accounts of the battle stated that the British casualties were not heavy.

The British offensive was preceded by a bombardment of a week that culminated with the bombardment of the 31 of the front before the advance at Loos last November. The shorter duration of artillery preparation, however, was more than made up for by its intensity. The effect of the British fire was described from day to day by the correspondents, all of whom agreed that nothing

#### BRITISH PUSH FORWARD TO THE SECOND LINE

British Headquarters in France, July 1, 1 o'clock, p. m.—(Via London).—The British already have captured Serre and Montauban.

The French, co-operating to the south, have captured Curly and Faviers woods. All of the main first line trenches are reported to have been taken. At some points the operations have now reached the main second line.

At Neumont-Hamel the British are just making a fresh attack.

There is an intense struggle in progress for the possession of Contalmaison, one end of which the British hold with the Germans in the other.

The British have a strong position northwest of Thiepval, and are attacking fiercely in an effort to surround it. The important German position at Fricourt may be cut off. The British have taken La Boisselle.

ing equally it had ever occurred before on the British front.

The curtain of fire was so effective that the Germans were unable to send food to the first line. The men in these trenches were starving for days.

The portion of the line selected by the British for the inauguration of the offensive runs from the river Somme northward, passing Albert to a point about eight miles south of Arras. It is

roughly from the North sea through Belgium and northern France before it swings sharply to the southeast and on to the Swiss border. Albert is 76 miles northeast of Paris.

#### THE CHAUTAUQUA MEN DINED AND DISCUSSED NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAM

Nine of the guarantors of the High Point chautauqua had luncheon at noon today with Dr. Paul M. Pearson, president and director of the Swarthmore chautauqua. The guarantors present were: J. E. Marsh, J. Elwood Cox, J. W. Harris, F. N. Tate, J. P. Rawley, W. D. Brooks, Dr. Dred Peacock, A. E. Tate and S. L. Davis.

The guarantors discussed with Dr. Pearson and Wells the question of having the 1917 chautauqua a little earlier, probably the first week in June. The program question was taken up and it was decided to give High Point the very strongest possible. No definite action on next year's program was taken at Dr. Pearson promised the guarantors that High Point would be given the best on the circuit.

#### THIS YEAR'S COTTON CROP ESTIMATE IS 14,266,000 BALES

Washington, July 1.—This year's cotton crop was forecast today at 14,266,000 bales by the department of agriculture. The estimated average of 35,094 acres is the condition of the crop June 25 is 100 per cent of normal.

The condition on June 25 by regions are as follows: Carolina: Acreage, 1,469,000; per cent. Georgia: Acreage, 2,938,000; per cent.

#### THE BAGDAD RAILWAY HAS HALTED

Eighteen hundred and thirty miles (about 1,100 miles) of the Bagdad railway has been completed. Inasmuch as the miles are not to be completed until after the end of the work on the railroad reached an end. The sections lie between Constantinople and Bagdad, and the distance between Ras-el-Bagdad and Bagdad.

### HIGH POINT T. P. A. TO GIVE BANQUET

The Annual Gathering to Be Held Soon Will Make Local History, 'Tis Said.

#### PROMINENT SPEAKERS

National President Sale and Humorist R. A. Broyles on the Program—150 Guests.

Post D, the local post, of the Travelers' Protective association of America has decided to have a banquet at the Elwood some time the latter part of this month that will be out of the ordinary and something far different and better than they have ever had before. This decision was reached at a meeting of the officers and directors of the local post yesterday afternoon.

The banquet will be an affair of Post D and will be given at the Elwood probably on July 28, although the date has not been definitely fixed. There are 118 members of Post D and it is planned to have enough visitors so that plates for 150 will be provided. There will be long-winded speakers or lengthy toasts delivered at this banquet. The speech-making will devolve principally upon National President Dan W. Sales, of Lynchburg, and R. A. Broyles, a humorist of note, of Atlanta.

The officers and board of directors of Post D are composed of the following: J. E. Kirkman, C. P. Tomlinson, O. E. Wilson, G. W. Clark, W. D. Brooks, J. E. Marsh, C. D. Smith, A. S. Parker, and A. Lyon. These men meeting yesterday afternoon not only decided to have a banquet this year, but to have a real "classy one," something out of the ordinary and something never before attempted in High Point.

Committees were appointed to look after the finances, the entertainment and the invitations of the banquet. These committees began work at once and there will be not let-up until the night of the banquet. The entertainment committee is not talking for publication or otherwise as to what he features of the occasion will be. They say it will be different, that it will be a banquet with speeches and music, as is customary, but there will be additional features this year such as never before have been attempted here. It is likely that some cabaret features will be put on, but nobody knows just what and nobody will until the eventful night. It's going to be a surprise that the entertainment committee is going to pull on the 150 guests. They promise, however, that it will be entertaining and they hope that it will be pleasing to the banqueters.

High Point T. P. A. will welcome the new national president, Mr. Sale, to the city. Mr. Sale succeeded Mr. Tomlinson in this position, and he will be received and heard with much pleasure. The chief speaker of the evening is to be R. A. Broyles, of Atlanta. Mr. Broyles has the reputation of being a humorist of ability. The High Pointers who have heard him at various times say that he can attract and hold the attention of a gathering like no other man they have heard. Those who know this Atlanta humorist have nothing but praise for his peculiar and fascinating powers.

#### HEAVY COST TO KEEP TROOPS IN MACEDONIA

(By the Associated Press.) Saloniki, Greece, July 1.—The bankers of this city figure that \$1,500,000 is being spent weekly by the French troops in Macedonia. At least this amount passes from Paris to Saloniki through the hands of the local Greek bankers each week. It is possible that considerably more comes to the French soldiers in money orders and registered letters of which the local bankers have no record. The British troops spend only \$1,000,000 a week, as much more of the British stores are sent out from home than is the case with the French.

#### Substitute Golf for Boose.

Calgary, Alta., July 1.—Government golf links to absorb the time that was expended in saloons, was the proposition the boys made today following the total abolition of the sale of booze in the province last midnight.

### Washington Is Impatiently Awaiting Carranza's Reply; Troop Movement Goes On

WASHINGTON, July 1.—Developments here in the Mexican crisis were at a standstill again today while the United States government awaited impatiently the Carranza reply sent Sunday demanding a statement of his intentions toward the American expedition in Mexico.

Messages were received at the state department today from Special Agent Rodgers at Mexico City, but there was no mention of the Mexican reply. Upon his return from New York, President Wilson went carefully over all advices at hand but learned virtually nothing that he did not know before he left yesterday.

### ALL NORTH CAROLINA TROOPS AT CAMP GLENN

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, July 1.—The third North Carolina infantry and two corps of cavalry are en route today to Camp Glenn, Morehead City, N. C., and with their arrival here today all of the North Carolina troops ordered into active service will have been concentrated. Nine carloads of equipment ordered to Camp Glenn is expected to arrive today.

Thousands of persons marched to the station with the Raleigh unit of the third regiment. Governor Craig, with state and municipal officials, occupied a prominent position and addressed the troops before their departure.

### MERCHANTS NOW IN POSSESSION OF RATING BOOKS

Each member of the High Point Merchants' association has a rating book compiled by Secretary Royal upon information given him by the members of the association. Eighteen members of the association sent in reports on the standing of the credit of this customers and in all there are reports on 2,000 persons.

This list will be augmented from time to time and the association intends to print and distribute it more generally after awhile. After the association is made up of every merchant, or practically so, and when each member sends in a report on all of its credit customers then the report will be put in book form. For the present the report is contained on neat typewritten sheets, in alphabetical order.

Each of the 18 merchants has a number. He makes one of six reports on his credit customers. A is prompt payment; B is medium; C is slow pay; D, require cash; Z, inquire at office, and L, legally responsible. When the merchants have all reported on John Jones, for instance, Secretary Royal puts down on the records: John Jones 265 A; 234 B; 117 C.

This means that the store with the number 265 finds Mr. Jones good pay, the one numbered 234 believes him to be medium pay and the store numbered 117 thinks that Jones is slow and undesirable.

The members of the association that have reported are as follows: Amos Furniture company, Beeson Hardware, High Point Hardware, V. W. Idol, E. K. Ingram, Jarrett Stationery company, Leonard Beavans Stamey, Dunbar's, Moffitt's, Siscoff Hardware, Stamey Printery, Staley's, Thacker's, Wood's, W. W. Ellington, N. E. Russell, and Lewis Brothers.

### SEASONAL TEMPERATURES AND OVERCAST WEATHER FORECAST

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, July 1.—Seasonal temperatures with partly overcast weather and scattered thunder showers are forecast for the southeastern states during the week beginning tomorrow.

If it becomes necessary for him to address Congress, President Wilson would probably wait until Wednesday as both houses have arranged to adjourn over the fourth.

Reports to the war department during the day continued to show satisfactory progress in military preparations in the recruiting for the regular army, which has increased more than 100 per cent during the week ending yesterday at noon following an increase of 50 per cent for the preceding seven days.

The war department issued today a brief bulletin under its new censorship rules. It reports parts of the California and Illinois national guard as en-training for the border last night; con-tailed excerpts from the reports of General Funston giving a variety of border reports that have already been covered in press dispatches.

### SIXTH DISTRICT IS TODAY HOLDING SECOND PRIMARY

(By the Associated Press.) Fayetteville, July 1.—Representative Hannibal LaFayette Godwin and Joseph Brown were opposing each other as candidates in today's second primary in the sixth congressional district to nominate a Democratic congressman to succeed Mr. Godwin.

In the primaries of June 2, Mr. Godwin, seeking renomination, failed to get a majority over all of his opponents.

### HOUSE VOTES AN APPROPRIATION FOR SOLDIERS' FAMILIES

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, July 1.—The Hay bill appropriating \$2,000,000 for dependent families of the national guard called or drafted into service in the present emergency, passed the house today. The bill was sent to the senate. It allows not exceeding \$50 a month to the dependent families, in the discretion of the secretary of war.

### PROMINENT STOKES MERCHANT KILLED BY A LIGHTNING BOLT

(By the Associated Press.) Winston-Salem, July 1.—Jasper Baner, aged 33, a prominent Stokes county merchant, was killed by a stroke of lightning at his home near Germantown last night. His wife and three children were also shocked by the stroke but not seriously injured. The bolt struck the chimney and passed through the house.

### THIRTEEN THOUSAND TONS OF COPPER SENT OF JAPAN

Peking, July 1.—Thirteen thousand tons of Chinese copper cash valued at 4,350,000 yen or about \$2,180,000 gold was exported from Tsing-tan to Japan during the past year. A certain firm in Shantung still has in stock many thousand tons of the copper money, and it is estimated that at least 20,000 tons in all have been gathered in by Chinese dealers in Shantung province since copper has become high enough in price to make it profitable to buy the coins.

The Chinese government has a law against the exportation of the square hole copper coins which Chinese carry on strings, but this has been disregarded by Japanese dealers. The value of the peopler cash varies greatly in different parts of China. One Chinese copper cent is usually worth ten copper cash. As the silver dollar is worth about 135 copper cents, it could be changed into more than 1,300 copper cash. An amount of copper far more valuable at present rates than the gold equivalent of a silver dollar, which is about 50 cents.

### Killed by Fall From Horse.

Danville, Va., July 1.—Dr. Reyborne M. Williams, a prominent dentist, was killed yesterday by being thrown from a horse. He was 52 years old and was to have been married in August.

### Weather.

Probable showers tonight and Sunday; gentle to moderate east winds.

### DR. CADMAN NOT TO FILL ENGAGEMENT

Chautauqua Has Secured Rabbi Levi to Take Place of New York Preacher.

#### SERVICE SUNDAY NIGHT

Religious Service at Tent With a Sacred Concert—Dr. Rauschenbusch Monday Afternoon.

Tonight. Concert—The Bijou Trio. Lecture—Rabbi Levy of Pittsburg, "America, the Chosen Nation."

Tomorrow Night. Religious service at the Chautauqua tent.

Monday Afternoon. The Junior Chautauqua will present "Uncle Sam's Experiment." Concert—"The Mikado." Lecture—Dr. Rauschenbusch on "Christianity and the Social Crisis."

The announcement by Superintendent Wells at the chautauqua last night that Dr. S. Parkes Cadman is unable to fill his engagement here tonight and Sunday was received with a sincere feeling of regret for this New York minister has created an exceedingly favorable impression on High Point. Everybody who heard him last year wanted to listen to him again and those who only have heard about him were anxious to hear this famous preacher. But the chautauqua feels that it has secured a man of

Dr. Cadman's place, Rabbi J. Leonard Levy, of Pittsburg.

Dr. Cadman was called home from the circuit several days ago by the national guard of New York of which he is a chaplain, ranking as a captain. No amount of pleading upon the part of Dr. Pearson, the president of the chautauqua, could persuade the government to let Dr. Cadman off. Rabbi Levy has been on the chautauqua platform for several years now and no speaker has been demanded for a second time more than he. He holds one of the largest synagogues in America. He is a member of the liberal branch of his church and is an eloquent preacher. Rabbi Levy has been just such a success on the platform as has Dr. Cadman, and that tells the story.

Tonight the Bijou trio will give a concert and Rabbi Levy will lecture. His subject will be "America, the Chosen Nation."

There will be a religious service at the chautauqua tent tomorrow night with no admission charge. The nature of the service is unknown just now although it is certain that the Bijou trio will give a sacred concert. Definite announcement concerning the program for the Sunday night service will be made from the various pulpits in the city Sunday morning.

On Monday afternoon the Junior chautauqua will be given to be followed by an address by Dr. Walter Rauschenbusch, "Christianity and the Social Ideal." At night comes the opera, "Mikado," with a full cast, chorus and orchestra. Monday afternoon's speaker, Dr. Rauschenbusch, is an author and speaker of note. His book on "Christianity and the Social Order" has molded the thought of ministers and influenced the work of the churches as probably no other book of this generation. His latest book entitled, "Christianizing the Social Order," has been read widely. His "Prayer of the Social Awakening" is very devotional and helpful.

He is a professor at Rochester Theological seminary and is one of the great teachers of America. This year the degree of doctor of divinity was conferred upon him by one of the eastern colleges in recognition of his valuable work.

He has spoken to great gatherings of people from the Atlantic to the Pacific. His profound scholarship does not make him difficult to understand but adds to his concise and clear-cut presentation of his subject.

His chautauqua lecture is entitled "Christianity and the Social Order." This address deals with social matters.

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