

GERMAN SECOND LINE CAPTURED BY FRENCH; RUSSIANS UNCHECKED

SOMME IS CLEARED OF GERMAN TROOPS

British Are Heavily Engaged But Hold Their Captured Ground, and Gain More.

RUSSIANS PROGRESSING

Successes Recorded Along the Entire Front From Riga to the Carpathians.

(By the Associated Press.)

London, July 6.—Having captured the whole German second line south of the Somme from the river to Belloy, the French have resumed operations to the north of the river and have cleared the banks almost to Clergy.

The British are still heavily engaged along their whole front. Notwithstanding heavy German counter attacks they have maintained all of the ground in their possession and have even extended it at some points.

Instead of compelling the Germans to lessen their efforts at Verdun, the Anglo-French offensive seems to have increased their determination, possibly in the hope of preventing the French from sending reinforcements to the Somme.

The Russians continue to record successes, some of them of great importance, along their whole front from Riga to the Carpathians. They have crossed the railroad west of Kolomey and Korosmezo, one of the main lines between Galicia and Hungary.

In the Lutsk salient and along the Riga front, the Russians also claim to be making progress and to have repulsed the situation in the Caucasus is somewhat confusing. Turkish and Russian reports are more at variance than is usual, both sides claiming victories in the Tchoruk region on the Russian right.

LIEUTENANT ARMSTRONG COMING AFTER RECRUITS

Second Lieutenant Billy Armstrong, of Company M, now in camp at Camp Glenn, wired Arthur Lyon this morning that he will come to High Point Friday morning on train No. 37 for the purpose of recruiting for the company.

Company M needs more men and is badly in need of at least 18, the number that the examining physicians turned down in the High Point company. Captain Zollieffer is sending Lieutenant Armstrong here to get these men and as many more as possible up to the full war strength of 142 men. The lieutenant wired Mr. Lyon to "tell the boys and get some men." It will be meeting the wishes of the officers and privates of Company M for everybody to be talking to some young man or men and urge them to join the company. High Point has always made a record at Camp Glenn and nobody wants to fall down on this last recruiting. This city of more than 12,500 people ought to have little trouble in loaning Uncle Sam 142 men.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS KEEPS UP ITS DEADLY WORK IN NEW YORK

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, July 6.—The health department announced today that incomplete figures during the 24 hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning, 24 children had died of infantile paralysis in the city. This brought the total number of lives lost since the disease became an epidemic 10 days ago up to 174. Of the dead since yesterday all were under seven years of age.

MILITIA GUARD IN WILMINGTON DISMISSED

Wilmington, July 6.—A company of militia, held under arms last night as a precautionary measure in the strike of the street car motormen and conductors, was discharged early today. The strikers and their sympathizers were quiet. No progress toward the settlement of difficulties has been made, it is said.

AMERICAN MARINES IN FIGHT WITH REBELS

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, July 6.—Another engagement between 250 revolutionists in Santo Domingo and American marines in which 27 Dominicans were killed and five captured and one marine killed and eight wounded, was reported to the navy department today. The fight occurred July 1 before the tentative agreement was made for the disarmament of the rebels.

FULL TEXT OF REPLY TO THE UNITED STATES

Washington, July 6.—The Mexican note was signed by General Aguilar, foreign minister of Mexico, and was addressed to Eliseo Arrondo, Mexican ambassador designate here, who transmitted it to the state department. It follows:
"Referring to the notes of June 20 and 25, last, I have the honor to say to your excellency that the immediate release of the Carrizal prisoners was a further proof of the sincerity of the desires of this government to reach a pacific and satisfactory arrangement of present difficulties. This government is anxious to solve the present conflict, and it would be unjust if its attitude were misinterpreted.
"It was also the Mexican government that earnestly suggested a plan for canionments along the boundary line during the conferences of Ciudad Juarez and El Paso. This government is disposed to do what has always been, to seek an immediate solution of the two points which constitute the true causes of the conflict between the two countries, to wit: The American government believes reasonably that the insecurity of its frontier is a source of difficulty, and the Mexican government on its part believes that the stay of American troops on Mexican territory, aside from being a trespass on the sovereignty of Mexico, is the immediate cause of the conflicts. Therefore, the withdrawal of American troops, on one hand, and the protection of the frontier, on the other, are the two essential problems, the solution of which must be the directing objects of both governments.
"The Mexican government is willing to consider, in a quick and practical way and prompted by a spirit of concord, the remedies which should be applied to the present situation.
"Several Latin-American countries have offered their friendly mediation to the Mexican government, and the latter has accepted it in principle. Therefore, the Mexican government only awaits information that the government of the United States would be disposed to accept this mediation for the purpose mentioned above or whether it is still of the belief that the same results may be attained by means of direct negotiations between both governments.
"In the meantime this government proposes to employ all efforts that may be at its disposal to avoid the recurrence of new incidents which may complicate and aggravate the situation. At the same time it hopes that the American government on its part may make use of all efforts to prevent also new acts of its civil and military authorities on the frontier that might cause new complications.
"I avail myself of this opportunity to reiterate to your excellency the assurance of my most distinguished consideration.
(Signed) "C. AGUILAR."

Little Fisticuff Today.
Warrants have been issued for Frank Armfield and E. C. Brooks, charging them with an affray and the case will be thrashed out in the police court tomorrow morning. It is said that shortly after noon today Mr. Brooks, who is an insurance adjuster, and Mr. Armfield, were sitting in the latter's office at the High Point Savings and Trust company, when some words were spoken and then the fisticuff occurred. Exactly what happened and what cause the fight will be discovered at the trial in the morning. No serious damage was done either of the combatants.

BIG PROPERTY LOSS BY TROPICAL STORM

Mobile and Other Cities Have Been Cut Off from Outside World Since Yesterday.

STORM MOVES INLAND
There Has Been Heavy Property Loss and It Is Feared That Lives Were Also Lost.

(By the Associated Press.)
Great loss of property and it is feared some loss of life resulted from the tropical storm which swept part of the gulf coast yesterday and last night.

Eighty Miles An Hour.
New Orleans, La., July 6.—The center of the tropical hurricane apparently struck Mobile, Ala., and Pensacola, Fla., and the section between these points yesterday and last night, according to the local weather bureau officials today. The storm moved inland and in a northwesterly direction from the gulf of Mexico at an estimated velocity of 80 miles an hour, and there are grave fears that it caused much damage.

Mobile Cut Off.
Montgomery, Ala., July 6.—The first news from the Mobile region, cut off yesterday by the tropical storm, was a report given out by the Louisville and Nashville railway officials early today that 11 miles out of Mobile the railroad tracks were covered by water and strewn with debris.
No communication has been had with Mobile proper since yesterday morning and no estimate could be made of any damage there.

Decreasing As It Moves.
Washington, July 6.—The tropical storm has passed inland from the gulf coast to southern Mississippi, with decreased intensity, according to weather bureau reports.

BODIES OF THE AMERICAN TROOPERS ARE AT EL PASO

(By the Associated Press.)
El Paso, Tex., July 6.—The bodies of Capt. Charles T. Boyd, and Lieutenant Henry Adair and seven troopers of the 10th cavalry, who were killed at Carrizal, were brought to El Paso early today.

Only the bodies of the two officers and of Private Dewitt Rucker have been identified.
At daylight a throng of people gathered at the railway bridge on the American side to do homage to the memory of the seven troopers and their two officers.

Backed up to the station were nine motor ambulances. In each of these, General Bell, commanding the El Paso military district, announced, a flag covered coffin would pass through the streets of El Paso.

Six pallbearers have been selected to accompany each casket, enlisted men for the privates and officers for the slain leaders.

CAPTAIN THOMAS BUNCH DIED IN RALEIGH TODAY

(By the Associated Press.)
Raleigh, July 6.—Captain Thomas V. Bunch, for 41 years station master at the Raleigh union station and widely known throughout North Carolina, died here at his home today. Capt. Bunch, who was 80 years old, retired two years ago.

VIRGINIA REGIMENTS LEAVE FOR THE BORDER

Richmond, July 6.—The first regiment, Virginia national guard, entrained for the border at 7 o'clock this morning and will be followed by the second regiment this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The first left over the Seaboard Air Line and the second will go over the Southern.

GUARDSMEN WITH DEPENDENT FAMILIES TO BE RELEASED

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, July 6.—Applications for discharge of national guardsmen who have dependent relatives will be granted, according to orders received from the war department by General Wood, commander of the department of the east.

FIRST BAPTISTS TO CALL J. A. CLARKE

A Wilmington Young Pastor Is the Unanimous Choice of the Pulpit Committee.

IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Not Known Whether Mr. Clarke Will Accept, But It Is Believed He Will.

Rev. James A. Clarke, of the Winter Park church, Wilmington, will be called as pastor of the First Baptist church Sunday morning in accordance with the recommendations of the pulpit committee unless Baptist precedent is smashed, and it is very likely that Mr. Clarke will accept.

The announcement of the committee that they had reached an agreement after 30 days of diligent work came last night at the regular conference of the First Baptist church through the chairman, E. E. Tate. Mr. Tate will present the committee's recommendation to the full membership of the church Sunday morning for acceptance or rejection. It will be unanimously accepted just as it was unanimously agreed upon by the committee. Mr. Tate will, however, explain to the church that it is only a "recommendation" and that the church can do as it sees fit towards accepting it.

Since Dr. A. W. Claxon's resignation last Sunday in March, the members of the First Baptist church have been thinking of his successor. Shortly after Dr. Claxon's resignation a committee of 13 was selected by the church to serve as a pulpit committee and make recommendations to the church regarding the calling of a pastor. This committee consists of A. E. Tate, chairman; F. M. Pickett, W. G. Brown, C. A. Smith, E. L. Hester, M. R. Shields, Dr. Grayson, J. J. Jones, W. C. York, N. W. Beeson, R. H. Spillane, C. C. Muse, Tom Shelton and J. H. Hester.

"After careful and prayerful consideration, and a great deal of work and diligent inquiry, we have unanimously decided to recommend to the church that it extend a call to Rev. James A. Clarke, the brother who preached for us Sunday morning," said Mr. Tate last night. He said that at least 15 names had been filed with the committee and for various reasons the list had been narrowed down to three. Now, after considering the question as best they could they were unanimous in the opinion that the man best fitted for the First Baptist church was Rev. James A. Clarke. Mr. Tate further explained that it was only a recommendation and that the church on Sunday morning could take any action that it chose.

Mr. Clarke visited the First church last Sunday, preaching in the morning, the night service being abandoned on account of the chautauqua. He has been pastor of the Winter Park church, Wilmington, since December, coming to that church from Louisville, Ky. Mr. Clarke was heard with much pleasure and besides preaching an able and inspiring sermon everybody was struck with his pleasing personality and affable disposition. Mr. Clarke expressed himself as being pleased with the city of High Point and with the First church. He likes the location of the church and the entire plant.

The preacher is 36 years of age and is married and has several children. Mr. Clarke married a Miss Turner, of Wake Forest, several years ago, a woman of the highest Christian character and of the most enviable qualities. Mr. Clarke is a native of Cumberland county, North Carolina, and received his education at Buies Creek, N. C., Richmond college, Richmond, Va., and the Southern Baptist University, Nashville, Tenn.

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SHIPPING BILL TO BE PRESSED IF IT TAKES ALL SUMMER

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, July 6.—The government shipping bill will probably be pressed to vote in the senate at this session even if it is necessary to keep Congress in session all summer. This is evident following last night's caucus of the senate Democrats.

Final decision of the Democrats, however, was deferred until tomorrow night, when they will caucus again. In the meantime the senate commerce committee will continue consideration of the amendments to the bill.

PLAN TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF ROAD

The Completion of the High Point-Greensboro Highway to Be Fittingly Recognized.

FOR THE WHOLE COUNTY
High Point and Greensboro Will Be Hosts to County Probably Labor Day.

High Point and Greensboro will entertain the country people of the county at an elaborate dinner and celebration on Labor Day, September 4, in honor of the completion of the new highway connecting these two cities, according to the present plans.

The new road, which is now two-thirds finished is the finest road in the south and its completion ought to be celebrated in a large way. Everything else in the way of a celebration, a get-together meeting, a dinner or a general picnic ought to be eclipsed so far that the past will be forgotten. And all feeling that might or may have ever existed between country and city folk, and between the two Guilford cities should be dispelled forever and all people of Guilford should come together on this day. The plan is to have a "good roads" celebration that will be a "get-together" meet for all the people of the county.

While very little has been definitely done, there are a number of plans already agreed upon. The county commissioners have appropriated \$500, and Greensboro will be asked to give a like sum and High Point \$250 towards paying the expenses of the celebration. The two cities, Greensboro and High Point, will entertain the people of the rest of the county. A big dinner, consisting of all that pleases the eye and satisfies the stomach, will be served. It is planned to have this dinner somewhere about half way between the two cities, probably at Cobbs farm. Everybody in the county will be invited.

There will be a master of ceremonies, and several prominent speakers for the occasion. These have not been decided upon but it is believed that Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt and Editor Henry Branson Varner, peerless good roads advocates, will be secured if it is possible.

The county commissioners in session yesterday heard a committee from the Greensboro chamber of commerce headed by Secretary Forester, but the commissioners put the matter off until next Monday. At that time committees from the Greensboro chamber and from the High Point Commercial club will likely appear before the commissioners and confer with them regarding plans for the celebration. A general committee representing both cities will have to be named to look after the program of the day.

High Point will be asked to raise \$250 as her part for defraying of the expenses which is considered very reasonable. The raising of this fund will likely be put in the hands of the Commercial club and this organization at its next meeting is expected to appoint the proper committees.

Work on the road is progressing nicely. Concrete has been laid practically all of the way and asphalt more than half of the way. It is thought that the contractors will have little trouble in finishing it by Labor Day, September 4, the day the celebration is planned.

REVENUE BILL SUBJECT OF DEBATE IN THE HOUSE TODAY

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, July 6.—Debate on the administration's general revenue bill began today as the house was under agreement to reach the final vote Monday. The measure reported favorably yesterday by the ways and means committee provides a method of raising \$200,000,000 additional revenue from taxes on inheritance and war munitions profit and by increasing the surtax on incomes.

Large appropriations for the army, navy, and fortifications are the principal factors making an increase of revenue necessary as provided by the bill.

Weather.

Probably fair tonight and Friday; gentle to moderate north-east and east winds.

WILSON TO ACCEPT MEXICO'S PROPOSAL

Formal Acceptance of Proposition to Open Negotiations Will Soon Be Sent.

NO CHANGE IN POLICY
Washington Will Stand Just Where It Did on the Situation. Villa in the Field.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—Formal acceptance of General Carranza's proposal that the differences between the United States and the de facto government of Mexico be settled by direct negotiations will be dispatched soon to Mexico City. This was decided upon by President Wilson today at a conference with Secretary Lansing.

While General Carranza's amicable rejoinder to the last two American notes has greatly eased the tension, no official was willing today to predict the final outcome of the negotiations.

It is plain, however, that no change in policy is now being contemplated by the Washington government and the immediate withdrawal of the expeditionary forces will not be an acceptable basis for whatever plans of cooperative action along the border is worked out.

Officials take the position that the only preliminary step taken by General Carranza toward friendly adjustment will be as it now appears his desire. Demonstration of his ability to carry out the promises expressed and implied is still lacking.

President Wilson, it is pointed out, is ready to withdraw the forces from Mexico at any time that the de facto government expresses the intention and shows the ability to furnish adequate military protection for the border. To some extent this demonstration was made by the operations of Mexican forces in the 200-mile zone of the Chihuahua state, which was formerly policed by the American army.

The Carranza forces have moved into territory as General Pershing drew his lines northward and the best information here indicates that they have patrolled it thoroughly.

The efficiency of the Mexican police measures may be put to a severe test soon, according to rumors transmitted from the border to the state department today.

These state that Francisco Villa has recovered from his wounds and that Villa in person is leading a force northward from the region just south of Pinal.

Between the points where Villa is said to be operating and the advanced camps of General Pershing's forces are considerable forces of Carranza troops.

DR. HIATT COMING FRIDAY FOR RECRUITS FOR HOSPITAL CORPS

A telegram received this afternoon from Dr. H. B. Hiatt, lieutenant in the North Carolina Field Hospital corps No. 1, states that he will be here tomorrow for the purpose of securing recruits for the corps. Dr. Hiatt did not state how many men he wanted. When the hospital corps was ordered out along with the national guard, 12 young men from High Point joined the corps, but three were disqualified by the medical examiners. It is supposed that there is at least room in the organization for three more High Point young men, and possibly more. Anyway, Dr. Hiatt will be here tomorrow and all who desire to enlist in the hospital corps should see him as soon as possible after his arrival.

VIRGINIA TROOPS ARE ON THE ROAD TO BROWNSVILLE

(By the Associated Press.)
Richmond, Va., July 6.—The first Virginia infantry regiment is on its way to Brownsville, Tex., over the Seaboard Air Line, having left here in three train sections at 7 o'clock a. m. today.
The second regiment will leave at 4 o'clock this afternoon over the Southern for the same destination.