

ANGLO-FRENCH BEGIN SECOND PHASE OF THE GREAT OFFENSIVE ALONG WESTERN BATTLE FRONT

ARTILLERY SWEEPS THE GERMAN LINES

Great Guns Again Take Up the Work of Blasting a Road for the Infantry.

RUSSIANS STILL GAINING

Their Offensive Seems to Be Proceeding Without Intermission. Other Battle Fronts.

(By the Associated Press.)

LONDON, July 7.—The second phase of the great battle on the western front has now begun.

Artillery has been brought up to the new positions and is again battering the German defenses. The bombardment extends as far north as La Baselle and, according to the latest unofficial advices, is particularly intense.

The British long-range guns are shelling the German positions and roads in the rear, and until the infantry leaves the trenches it is not known where the next attack will be launched.

In addition to inflicting losses on the Germans in men and territory, the Anglo-French offensive is reported to have compelled them to withdraw some forces from the Verdun front.

Consequently it is expected in London that the army, which for nearly five months has withstood the Germans in that region will have some relief from continual fighting.

The Russian army has advanced more than 100 miles in the direction of Lublin and a German offensive has been repulsed. The Russian army is advancing in an effort to overcome completely the Austrian forces on that front.

Another force is continuing to deliver heavy blows against the Austrians and the Germans who are endeavoring to keep it from Kovel.

With these operations in full swing the Russians to the north have inaugurated an offensive from Riga to Baranovich. Along the northern end of the line from Riga to the Dvinsk a great bombardment has begun, while from a point east of Vilna to Baranovich the artillery preparations were followed by infantry attacks, the Russians reporting this means of replying to the German counter attack.

Near Smogon the Russians and the Germans are engaged in a severe struggle.

Rumania, it is said here, is awaiting some move by the entente forces at Saloniki. The near east is interested in the battle throughout the Caucasus and the Mesopotamia.

The Russian army which advanced toward Bagdad has fallen back 80 miles under pressure of the Turks, which was brought against it. From the Black sea to the Persian frontier the Russians, according to their own statement are more than holding their own.

No news has been received recently from the British army in Mesopotamia, but it is believed the inactivity was forced by the strenuous heat.

VICTIM OF AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT MAY LIVE

Greensboro, July 7.—Mrs. Charles Wood, who was run over and seriously injured Wednesday afternoon at a point on Spring Garden street by an automobile driven by Mrs. F. H. Coleman, of Baltimore, was reported today as having an excellent chance to recover, although it would be several days yet before attending physicians could make any definite statement concerning her exact condition. It will be remembered that Mrs. Wood was struck as she was boarding a street car and that both legs and a wrist were broken. Mrs. Coleman immediately sought the proper authorities and told of the accident. The county officials, after ascertaining that to the best of their belief, no blame could be attached to Mrs. Coleman, permitted her to go on her way.

CARRANZA'S PROPOSAL IS FORMALLY ACCEPTED

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, July 7.—A note formally accepting General Carranza's proposal that the differences between the United States and the de facto government of Mexico be settled by direct negotiations was handed today to the Mexican ambassador to be transmitted to the Mexican foreign minister.

Secretary Lansing took a draft of the note to the cabinet meeting today and had it delivered after the cabinet adjourned.

The text of the note follows:

"I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your courteous note transmitted to me by Senor Arredondo on the 4th instant, in which you refer to my notes of June 30 and June 25, and to assure you of the gratification of my government of the frank statement of the difficulties which have unfortunately arisen in our relations along the international boundary and the unreserved expression of the desire of your government to reach an adjustment of the difficulties on a broad and amicable basis. The same spirit of friendship and of solicitude for the continuance of the cordial relations between our two countries inspires my government, which equally desires an immediate solution of the matters of difference which have long vexed both governments.

"It is especially pleasing to my government that the de facto government of Mexico is disposed to give quick as well as practical consideration in a spirit of concord to the remedies which may be applied to the existing conditions. Reciprocating the same desire, the government of the United States is prepared immediately to exchange views as to practical steps to remove finally and prevent a recurrence of the difficulties which have been the source of the controversy."

(Signed) "ROBERT LANSING"

OXFORD MANUFACTURER DIED THIS MORNING IN DURHAM HOSPITAL

(By the Associated Press.)

Durham, July 7.—Ernest J. Taylor, well known buggy manufacturer of Oxford, died at the Watts hospital here this morning from injuries received when a pistol which he was cleaning fired accidentally, shooting him in the abdomen.

ACCUSED WHITE MAN TAKEN BACK TO SCENE OF CRIME

(By the Associated Press.)

Durham, July 7.—Chances for Durham county to have a \$30,000 exposition ground as recently planned by James H. Southgate, and other officers of the Durham County Agricultural society, dwindled when county commissioners reached a decision not to appropriate \$10,000 worth of work to the grounds. Ernest J. Taylor, a merchant of Oxford, was brought to Durham yesterday morning in what is believed by physicians to be a dying condition, as the result of a pistol shot lodged in his abdomen. Mr. Taylor shot himself accidentally Wednesday night, while cleaning a pistol, it was said.

Sheriff J. W. Staples, of Stuart, Patrick county, Virginia, yesterday returned to his home with Richard Rakes, the young man arrested here Wednesday charged with criminal assault. Sheriff Staples said the young white man committed one of the most brutal assaults in the history of Virginia, upon Mrs. Mary Lackey, wife of Rev. W. H. Lackey, a well known minister of Stuart. In order to avoid an angry mob, said to be gathered in Pollock county, Sheriff Staples said he would make the trip from Greensboro to Stuart by way of automobile. Armed men have been searching for the prisoner for several days, the sheriff said.

NORMAN BALDWIN TO LECTURE HERE SUNDAY

(By the Associated Press.)

At Wesley Memorial church next Sunday morning, Norman A. Baldwin, lecturer on the Holy Land, will carry the audience over and around the Dead sea, illustrating his lecture with a large number of beautiful colored slides. The scenery on this interesting lake, more than 1,000 feet below sea level, is among the most picturesque in the world. Mr. Baldwin has delivered illustrated lectures at Wesley Memorial church several times before to the great delight of the audiences. Having spent more than 20 years in Palestine, he is well qualified for his work. The lecture will be given in the main auditorium and is free for all, but the pastor hopes everybody will come prepared to contribute something toward the expenses of the lecturer.

Weather.

Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday, probably showers; gentle to moderate winds becoming east and southeast.

LOCAL COMMITTEEMEN DENOUNCED BY BOARD

The local board of education has announced a list of school committeemen following are the members of the board from the schools in this county:

- High Point—S. Wilson, J. L. Rivett.
- Watts—W. G. Ragsdale, D. W. Moore.
- Watts school—R. L. Hayworth, Dr. J. E. Foscoe, R. F. Vickers.
- Watts school—E. J. Clinard; John H. Day Briggs.
- Watts school—S. H. Mendenhall, Frank Molsinger.
- Watts school—D. C. Lambeth, Joshua Hedgecock.
- Watts school—J. M. Gordon, E. J. Kimrey.
- Watts school—J. H. Wright, B. J. Hedgecock.
- Watts school—D. H. Barker, L. S. Riddick.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS IN NEW YORK

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, July 7.—After a conference of the State Board of Health, the State Board of Health, Health Commissioner and others, it was announced that the United States health authorities in their effort to combat the epidemic of infantile paralysis which already has cost more than 250 children, the health authorities would be at once instituting a campaign which would consist largely in the distribution of millions of doses of the vaccine which had been sent to the United States by the Rockefeller foundation for the purpose of combating the disease. According to the health authorities, the epidemic has been reported in 15 states and in 100 monkeys.

VILLA'S MEN ESTIMATED BETWEEN 800 AND 1,000

(By the Associated Press.)

San Antonio, July 7.—General Pershing's estimates of the number of Villa's men in the vicinity of the border, General Pershing estimated that a message had reached him that Villa's forces were reappearing south of El Paso, which placed a reported estimate of 800 to 1,000.

NORWEGIAN STEAMER DRIVEN ASHORE IN GULF OF MEXICO

(By the Associated Press.)

New Orleans, July 7.—The Norwegian steamer Freda sailing from New Orleans June 27 for Progreso, Mexico, was driven ashore on Alacran reef in the Gulf of Mexico during heavy weather on the night of June 29, according to a cablegram received by the local agents of the Freda from Progreso today. The message stated that Captain Wick and the crew of 21 were taken off by the steamer Tehuantepec which was sent from Progreso to search for the Freda.

GERMAN HIGH SEAS FORCES ON ENGLISH COAST

(By the Associated Press.)

Berlin, July 7.—Official announcement was made today that the British steamship Listris was held up by German warships near the English coast and seized as a prize. The statement says that the Listris was held up "by a portion of the German high sea forces."

STORM CLAIMED SEVERAL VICTIMS IN MOBILE CITY

(By the Associated Press.)

Selma, Ala., July 7.—A message received here today from Mobile over the railroad wire says that at least three or four persons there were killed during the hurricane of Wednesday and that much damage was done to shipping and waterfront property. No word had reached Mobile from Pensacola or other gulf coast points.

TROOP TRAINS PASSED THROUGH THE CITY

(By the Associated Press.)

Three special troop trains passed through High Point this morning carrying Virginia national guardsmen to Brownsville, Tex. The first train came at 3:45, the second at 4:15 and the third about 6 o'clock. This last train consisted of 12 coaches carrying the militiamen, and several cars loaded with supplies and ammunition.

M'LELLAN STORES LEASE THE JARRELL BUILDING

(By the Associated Press.)

The McLellan ten-cent store people have leased the Jarrell building, No. 219-221 South Main street, now occupied by the Amos Furniture company and Gilmer brothers, and will remodel the building so as to make it one of the best ten-cent stores in the country. This announcement was made today by Dr. Dred Peacock, secretary of the McLellan company, who, with B. L. Horner, of New York city, the vice president, put the deal through.

The papers calling for a lease for a long term of years were signed yesterday. This property has been the subject of litigation for some time, but now by common consent it belongs to the W. D. Simmons' children. The present occupants of the building were notified this morning that the building had been leased and they will be given until September 1 to move out, although it is expected they will vacate as soon as they can find suitable quarters.

It is the intention of the McLellan people to rent out the partition and remodeled interior of the building considerably. They declare it to be their purpose to make this one of the most attractive ten-cent stores in all of their territory. Mr. Horner, who probably has located more ten-cent stores than any man in the country, is pleased with this new site and thinks the McLellan's will have one of their best, if not the very best, stores here in High Point. It is stated that after McLellan's get possession of the Jarrell building they will spend 30 days and considerable amount of money in remodeling the building to suit their needs.

TRYING TO SETTLE THE CARMEN'S STRIKE IN WILMINGTON

(By the Associated Press.)

Wilmington, N. C., July 7.—In an effort to settle the strike here of the street car motormen and conductors a committee of citizens was in conference this afternoon with representatives of the motormen.

PANAMA'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION NEXT SUNDAY

(By the Associated Press.)

Panama, July 7.—Balloting will take place Sunday, July 9, throughout the republic to elect a president to succeed Dr. Belisario Porras, whose term of four years will expire next month. There are two candidates representing different factions of the same party: Dr. Ramon M. Valdes, Liberal, and Dr. Rodolfo Chiari, Liberal-Republican. The election will bring to a close one of the most bitter presidential campaigns the republic has witnessed in its 13 years of existence. From the very first there have been acrimonious political discussions in the partisan papers and charges and counter-charges of corruption have been frequent in both newspapers and the many fly-sheets that are always a part of a presidential campaign in Panama.

LEE ROBINSON GETTING IN TOUCH WITH SITUATION

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., July 7.—Mr. Lee D. Robinson, Democratic nominee for Congress in the seventh district, is here getting the lay of the land. He said despite the extraordinary efforts of the Republicans to select ex-Sheriff Brown, of Wilkes, he will win by a safe majority. Representative Page, with whom Mr. Robinson conferred, is confident the Democrats will carry the seventh. The fact that the Republicans have nominated local tickets in every county will help to arouse the Democrats and bring them out.

HUNDRED-GALLON STILL CAPTURED IN RANDOLPH

(By the Associated Press.)

Randleman, July 7.—A hundred-gallon still and 1,500 gallons of beer were captured in Providence township, Randolph county, yesterday by Deputy Sheriffs Steed, Baker and Lassiter. Will Nunnery King were found at the still, but King escaped. Siler has been taken to jail at Ashboro. This is the biggest still ever captured in this county.

OFFICERS HERE ON HUNT OF RECRUITS

(By the Associated Press.)

Lieutenant Armstrong, Corporal Burton and Dr. H. B. Hiatt Arrived This Morning.

MANY MEN ARE WANTED

(By the Associated Press.)

The Officers Will Enlist Every Man Able to Qualify They Can Secure.

Lieutenant "Billy" Armstrong and Corporal J. S. Burton are here today recruiting for the first regiment of the North Carolina national guard, and Dr. H. B. Hiatt is receiving new members for the hospital corps No. 1.

These men were sent to High Point by orders of the war department, which is sending recruiting officers back home to strengthen the first regiment. There are now about 300 members of the regiment, only slightly above the requirement. The lieutenant and corporal from Company M will enlist any person who looks physically fit and take him to Camp Glenn. There the recruits will be assigned to whatever company needs men the most.

"We are not here especially to enlist recruits for Company M," said Corporal Burton, "for our company is in about the best shape of any company in the regiment, but we are taking men for the whole regiment. Company M has less than a 100 men, however, and 50 more could be used for this company while the regiment can use a thousand men."

Dr. Hiatt is recruiting for hospital corps No. 1 and he wants as many men as he can get, but must have three men to take the place of three High Pointers who were turned down by the physicians.

The three recruiting officers were greeted heartily on every hand this morning. Everybody was glad to see them and inquired about the boys at camp. They learned that the boys are all doing well and working hard. The three recruiting officers were reported, one company of militia and 150 citizens deputized by the sheriff still patrol the streets as a precautionary measure. The traction company announced today that it would attempt to operate cars in the city late today. The suburban service is now operating without interruption.

JESSE J. GRAY DIED WEDNESDAY; WAS BURIED TODAY

(By the Associated Press.)

Jesse J. Gray died Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at his home two miles west of the city, after an illness of four months. Death was due to pleurisy. He was 31 years of age and is survived by his father, G. W. Gray, and several brothers. Mr. Gray was a native of Yadkin county, North Carolina, was an industrious farmer and well liked by his neighbors and acquaintances. He was a member of the Junior Order and the Sons and Daughters of Liberty, and although ill health kept him away from the meetings he upheld the standards and exemplified in his life the principles of these orders—liberty, patriotism, honesty and integrity.

The funeral services will be conducted at Fairfield this afternoon at 2 o'clock, and the High Point county 420 of the Junior Order and No. 365 of the Sons and Daughters of Liberty, of which Mr. Gray was a member will attend the services.

TROPICAL STORM HAS ABOUT SPENT ITSELF SAYS WEATHER BUREAU

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, July 7.—The tropical storm which struck the gulf coast Wednesday appears to have about spent itself. The weather bureau reports indicate that the storm center is over northern Mississippi with a tendency towards a northeast movement, but that it is diminishing.

BRITISH CAPTURE ANOTHER SECTION OF GERMAN TRENCH

(By the Associated Press.)

London, July 7.—Capture by the British of a German trench on a front of 1,000 yards east of LaBoiselle, in the Somme region, was announced today.