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Fair tonight and Friday, con-  
tinued cold tonight with light  
frost in exposed places, dimi-  
nishing northeast winds.

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## AMERICAN TROOPS DRIVE BACK MIGHTY HUN ATTACK

### GERMANS SLAUGHTERED MERCILESSLY; BRITISH WITHDRAW FROM ARMENTIERES

**Few Germans Reaching  
the American Barbed  
Wire Mowed Down  
With Rifle and Ma-  
chine Gun Fire.**

**ENEMY'S BEST MEN  
MADE THE ATTACK**

**Americans Reply Vigor-  
ously to Harassing  
Fire by the Germans,  
Which Preceded the  
Massed Attacks.**

With the American Army in France, Wednesday, April 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Germans attempted an attack against the American positions northwest of Toul just before sunrise this morning and were completely repulsed.

Two German prisoners said the enemy planned the attack with a force of 800 men, but that it was stopped in its full strength by the effective fire of the American artillery.

The Americans lost no prisoners. One of the German prisoners died later of wounds.

**Attack in Force.**  
With the American Army in France, Wednesday, April 10.—American troops on a certain sector today repulsed the heaviest German attack yet made on an American force.

Brilliant work by the American gunners dispersed the German infantry before they reached the barbed wire entanglements, and those of the enemy who got into the wire were accounted for with rifle and machine gun fire.

The German attack came after a violent artillery bombardment of three days. A large number of the enemy are believed to have been killed or wounded during the attack which continued for nearly two hours.

For 72 hours before their effort the Germans began firing an increasing number of shells at the American positions and making extensive use of gas shells.

At noon yesterday the enemy began a harassing fire against one of our strong points and kept it up throughout the night, dropping hundreds of shells of all calibers on both front and rear positions.

The American artillery replied vigorously, the men in some batteries working with their gas masks on for two or three hours at a stretch.

About 5 o'clock this morning the German infantry in the front line signalled their batteries for a barrage and started for the American front line.

The American gunners laid a counter barrage almost immediately.

The attackers, who were especially trained for this operation, were selected from among the best men in three regiments. They were preceded by shock platoons, but the American barrage caught them before they were able to reach our wire entanglements.

A terrific fire against the advancing enemy was kept up by American batteries.

The Germans probably suffered severe casualties as several bodies were seen hanging across the barbed wire after the enemy retired.

The attack was followed by violent artillery duels which were still going on at a late hour tonight.

**Fighting Continues.**  
With the American Army in France, Wednesday, April 10.—(By Associated Press.)—The fighting was continuing this morning north of Armentieres, with the British holding Messines ridge and Wytschaete, which yesterday changed hands several times.

During the day the enemy succeeded in entering not only these positions but La Creche, Nieppe and Hollebeke. Vigorous counter attacks forced the enemy from all these places.

The Germans this morning were in possession of about half of the village of Ploegsterret and Ploegsterret wood on the Flanders battle front, just to the north of Armentieres.

### CITY TO ORGANIZE FOR SALE OF BONDS

**Meeting Called for This Evening  
at 7:30 O'clock at the Com-  
mercial Club.**

For the purpose of forming an organization to push the sale of the third Liberty Loan bonds in the district composed of High Point, Jamestown and Deep River townships as well as arranging to have a great number of people from the city and section in attendance upon the patriotic and educational exercises at Greensboro Saturday, a meeting of men interested has been called for this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Commercial club. The call was issued today by J. Elwood Cox and Carter Dalton, men who have undertaken the task of having High Point make a splendid showing, both in the matter of absorbing Liberty loan bonds and of taking part in the festivities at Greensboro Saturday.

Ways and means of making the latter will be discussed at the meeting this evening and every person in High Point who is interested is urged to be there. Other parts of Guilford county, every township in fact, with the exception of the three named above, are well organized and ready for the intensive drive to sell bonds which will start on next Tuesday. The meeting at Greensboro Saturday is the final preparation before the big drive. In addition to the speech by Charles Spencer Chaplin, eminent fun maker of the films, other notable will make addresses.

But by the far the outstanding feature of the day will be the gigantic parade, staged at 10:30 o'clock. Two regimental brass bands from Camp Greene, Charlotte, will be on hand and will be in the parade, the government authorities having tendered them for that day. Hundreds and hundreds of school children, citizens, students from the universities of North Carolina and Virginia as well as from other colleges of the section, will be in the parade.

Saturday afternoon the annual baseball game between the teams representing the universities of North Carolina and Virginia will be played at Cone park. The attendance is sure to be large as the Liberty loan exercises will have been completed long before the start of this game.

But the business before the people of High Point is to be found at the Commercial club tonight.

### Much Pressure in Evidence on Cotton Market Early Today

New York, April 10.—There seemed to be a great deal of pressure against the cotton market at the opening today. Selling orders had apparently accumulated overnight and first prices were 17 to 25 points lower in response to weak cables, liquidation and scattered selling. The weather may show undeniably low temperatures in the south, but seemed to make little impression on the sentiment which was unsettled and before the end of the first hour July and October were 38 to 42 points lower.

Cotton futures opened steady. May, 33.35; July, 32.00; October, 31.00; December, 30.00; January, 30.50.

**Evacuation Was Fore-  
cast and Discounted  
as the Town Has No  
Strategic Value to  
Haig's Forces.**

**HUNS STRUGGLING  
TO GAIN KEY POINT**

**Desperate Attempts to  
Wrest Messines Ridge  
from British, Driven  
Back With Heavy  
Losses to Attackers.**

Armentieres has been evacuated by the British, while the Germans, driving in from the southwest of the town, are struggling to push forward in the area southwest of Messines ridge, the key point of the British line in Flanders.

Messines ridge itself has been the objective of desperate frontal attacks and the Germans are reported to have pushed on to the ridge several times during the fierce hand-to-hand fighting. Each time, however, the British came back at them with effective counter attacks and today were still holding the ridge.

West of Armentieres the enemy, struggling in his deep salient, has pushed the fighting to the limit and at one time succeeded in driving some three miles beyond the river Lys to La Creche. In this section the British likewise reacted strongly and by vigorous counter attacks ousted the Germans from La Creche and other neighboring terrain.

Wytschaete, south of Messines, was also the objective of heavy German attacks, and the possession of it changed several times but this morning found Field Marshal Haig's troops holding the town.

There was a similar hard fight for Lesmar in the western tip of the German salient on the river Lawe. The Germans worked their way into this place yesterday, but were unable to move on further and ultimately were driven out of it and back across the Lawe.

The evacuation of Armentieres has been forecast and discounted, as the place is without strategical value. What is left of the town is full of gas hanging there from the copious gas shell bombardments.

North of Armentieres the British position hinges on Ploegsteert and Ploegsteert wood which is the line bisected this morning.

There was not let up in the engagement today, the battle continuing on the entire 25-mile front from La Basse north to the Ypres-Comines canal, just below Ypres.

### Disobys Superior Officer and Draws Seven Years' Labor

Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., April 11.—(Special.)—Private Ivey S. Clifton, Company F, 119th infantry, who has been convicted by a general court martial of disobedience to a superior officer, has been sentenced to confinement at hard labor for seven years in the disciplinary barracks at Fort Jay, N. Y., for forfeiture of all pay and allowances due and to become due, and to dishonorable discharge from the service on release from confinement.

Clifton's refusal to obey was aggravated by repetition of the order, and his wilful intention to disobey it shown by a remark that he would go to the guardhouse rather than comply with it. "The conduct of the accused in this case," write the commanding general in approving the sentence "demonstrates that he is unworthy, at the present time of the honor of being a soldier."

### HUNS ROBBED RUSSIA OF 56,000,000 SOULS

Petrograd, Wednesday, April 10.—Under the terms of the peace treaty the commissioners of commerce announce Russia has lost 780,000 square kilometers of territory with 56,000,000 inhabitants, or 32 per cent of the entire population of the country.

### SENATE VOTES NOT TO ALLOW ANY STRIKING

**Rejects Bill by a Large  
Vote Solely Because  
of Clause Permitting  
Workers to Strike.**

**Many Senators Consider  
Vote Sharp Rebuke to  
Strikers in Shipyards  
and Munition Plants.**

Washington, April 11.—The emphatic report on the bill providing severe penalties for destruction of interference with production of essentials of war materials containing the clause giving the workers the right to strike for better wages or working conditions was rejected today by the senate, 34 to 25.

The vote, following yesterday's bitter denunciation of labor's attitude in the war in the numerous strikes on war jobs will cause the house to reconsider the bill.

The senate's opposition was directed solely to the clause providing that the bill should not restrict workmen from striking.

Many senators regarded today's vote as a rebuke to workmen who have struck at shipyards and factories engaged in war work.

### LATE BULLETINS

**Armentieres Evacuated.**  
London, April 11.—The British have withdrawn from Armentieres, on the northern battle front, the war office announces.

Violent fighting continues all along the front from La Basse canal to the Ypres-Comines canal.

On the front north of Armentieres heavy fighting was continuing late last night. There was little change in the British positions.

### British Recapture Town.

London, April 11.—The Germans yesterday pushed from Croix du Bac southwest of Armentieres and parties of them are reported in the neighborhood of Steenwerk, about five miles west of Armentieres, Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters reports.

Yesterday noon the enemy occupied Ypres, but in the course of the afternoon the British drove him out and back across the river Lawe.

### German Attack Broken.

Paris, April 11.—The German attack on the Champagne sector last night was broken up by French fire. The principal battle there was heavy artillery fighting between Montdidier and Noyon.

### British Advance in Holy Land.

London, April 11.—British troops on April 9 advanced their line north of Jerusalem in Palestine, to a depth of one and a half miles along a front of five miles, the war office announces. Notwithstanding stubborn resistance of the Turks the British captured the villages of Rasat and El Kesr.

### United States Naval Base is Established on Azores Islands

Washington, April 11.—For the protection of the Atlantic trade routes to southern Europe the United States with the consent of Portugal has established a naval base on the Azores islands. Guns have been landed to begin fortification of the station which in addition to being used as a naval base for American submarine destroyers and other small craft also will serve as an important honing station for American airplanes, a number of which already have been assembled there.

### YUCATAN WILL CONSIDER ANTI-ALCOHOLIC CONGRESS

Mexico City, April 11.—The legislature of the state of Yucatan has sent invitations to all the states in the republic to attend an congress for the purpose of discussing and adopting laws looking toward the total prohibition of the sale of alcoholic and intoxicating beverages throughout the entire country.

### A Mortar That Shoots Barbed Wire



MORTAR SHOOTS BARBED-WIRE.

Here is a new kind of trench mortar, used for throwing out barbed wire entanglements. It can throw five rolls of barbed wire without recharging. For troops about to withstand the counter attack of the enemy it is invaluable, for entanglements can be thrown about the position immediately. The mortar is being tested at the Eddystone proving grounds at Lakehurst, N. J.

### SIXTY-EIGHT COAL PRODUCING COMPANIES WILL SUPPLY NEEDS OF NORTH CAROLINA CONSUMERS

**Mine Operating Companies in  
Virginia Will Furnish the Coal  
Supply of North Carolina, Ac-  
cording to the Zone System of  
the Fuel Administration.**

### PRICES SET AT THE MINES

According to the zone system of distributing the coal supply of the nation there are 68 coal producing companies operating railroad coal mines in the zone set apart for supplying coal to the consumers of North Carolina. It is necessary that consumers acquaint themselves with the new rules governing the distribution of fuel at the mines from which it may be purchased. Certain mines in Virginia will furnish North Carolina, these mines being situated on the Norfolk and Western, Southern, Louisville and Nashville, C. C. and O. and I. R. R. lines. The prices set at the mines in Virginia are:

Virginia—Lee, Wise, Dickinson, and Russell counties, west of Finney on the Norfolk and Western railway: run of mine, \$2.20; prepared sizes, \$2.45; shael or screenings, \$1.95. (Former prices, \$2, \$2.25, \$1.75, respectively.)

The name and address of the producing companies operating mines from which consumers in North Carolina may purchase coal are Banner-Bayven Coal Co., Dhill, Va.; Banner and Teiche Coal Co., Coeburn, Va.; Braz Creek Coal Co., Wise, Va.; Benedict Coal Co., St. Charles, Va.; Big Chief Coal Co., Wise, Va.; Back Mountain Mining Co., Big Stone Gap; Blackwood Coal and Coke Co., Blackwood; Back Diamond Coal Co., St. Charles; Blue Ridge Coal Co., Roanoke; Bowling H. O. and Co., Coeburn; Buchanan Coal Co., Drill; Brady Coal Co., Wise; Canulla Coal Co., Drill; Carter Coal Co., Alfordton; Clinchfield Coal Corporation, Dante; Carter Red Ash Collieries Co., Raven; Crockett Red Ash Colliery Co., Raven; Cumberland Coal Co., Big Stone Gap; Darby Coal Mining Co., Darbyville; Drill Coal Mining Co., Drill; Dixie Splint Coal Co., Clinchfield; Elswick and Weatherly, Raven; J. A. Esser Coal Co., Esserville; Felton Coal Co., Tacoma; Fiat Rock Coal Co., Delta; Fleming, Robert and Company, Norton; Gordon Coal Co., Drill; Gladville Coal Co., Wise; John B. Guernsey and Co., Tacoma; Hicks Coal Co., Wise; Hawthorne Coal Co., Norton; Jewel Ridge Coal Corp., Tazewell; Kilgore Coal Co., Norton; Laurel Coal Corp., Putnam; Lewis Creek Coal Co., Drill; Lewis Creek Banner Coal Co., Drill; Leevoa Coal Co., Pennington Gap; Loenst Hill Coal Co., Tacoma; McCue Coal Corp., Haysi; Middle Creek Coal Co., Richlands; Moliawk Coal Mining Co., Big Stone Gap; Lemore Coal Co., Wise; Morton Coal Co., Norton; Old Virginia Coal Co., Looma; Mines, Portland Coal Co., St. Paul; Penn-Lee Coal Co., Big Stone Gap; Pioneer Coal Co., Drill; Raven Collieries Co., Red Ash; Raven Red Ash Coal Co., Red Ash; Roberts Coal Co., Wise; Russell Coal Corp., Drill; F. Scott Coal Co., Richlands; Splash Dam Coal Co., Splash

Dam; Stonega Coke and Coal Co., Big Stone Gap; Stonegap Colliery Co., Norton; Sutherland Coal Co., Clintonwood; Simpson Coal Co., Norton; Tar-Klin Coal Co., Honaker; United Collieries, Inc., St. Charles; Virginia City Coal Co., Virginia City; Virginia Lee Coal Co., St. Charles; Virginia Banner Coal Co., Trammel; Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Co., Roanoke; West Coal Co., Norton; White Oak Corp., Tacoma; Wise Coal and Coke Co., Dorchester.

Again are fuel administration officials calling the attention of the public to the fact that the supply of coal for next winter should be purchased this summer so that shipping facilities may be devoted to meeting the war needs of the government during next fall and winter.

### ANNUAL MEETING OF MERCHANTS SHORTLY

**Storekeepers Will Elect Officers  
of Association Next Tuesday  
Evening.**

The annual meeting of the members of the Retail Merchants' association of High Point will be held next Tuesday evening, at which time officers will be elected for the ensuing year, according to an announcement made today by officials of the association. The organization was perfected about one year ago and at the start the membership was small. But on a majority of questions and problems the merchants have been united and the result has been a steady growth until at this time more than 80 of the leading retail merchants of the city are members of the association and are engaged in solving problems that confront both themselves and the consumers.

The association recently announced that effective with April 10, all persons who had not paid their accounts would be denied further credit at the stores of the members of the association unless satisfactory arrangements for later payment of accounts were made. When this announcement was made it was stated that it was not the desire or intention of the merchants to inconvenience any one and yesterday, when a called meeting of the directors was held, it was found that several merchants had customers who for various reasons would be unable to meet their obligations until on or about April 15. Following a short discussion it was decided to extend the time for the start of the enforcement of the resolution until that date.

Starting with April 15, however, the prompt payment regulation will be strictly enforced, and in future months all accounts must either be paid or satisfactorily arranged for by the tenth. Owing to the fact that the merchants are paying cash for their purchases, they must have prompt payment of outstanding accounts in order to prevent their doors being closed. It is a self-protective measure, one of self-defense, on the part of the merchants.

### NEGOTIATIONS FOR SEPARATE PEACE HINTED

**Vienna Says They Have  
Been Carried on Be-  
tween Washington  
and Austria-Hungary.**

**Nothing Known of Them  
in Washington and No  
One Authorized to  
Talk Peace.**

London, April 11.—Negotiations regarding the possibility of peace between the United States and Austria-Hungary have been carried on between Professor Anderson, at Washington, and Count Steven Tisza and Count Julius Andrássy, former Hungarian premier, according to a Vienna dispatch to the Berlin Tageblatt, as quoted in an Exchange Telegraph message from Copenhagen.

The dispatch also says the Hungarian office admits various attempts have been made to obtain a general peace and that Emperor Charles had negotiated with several persons who have international connection.

### Who is the Professor?

Washington, April 11.—No one in official circles in Washington could identify the Professor Anderson reported to have carried on negotiations with Austro-Hungarian representatives.

At the state department it was declared that no such person has been authorized to conduct negotiations regarding peace and the department's original statement that no negotiations, either official or unofficial, looking towards a separate peace with Austria had been conducted with the department's knowledge, was reiterated.

### CENSUS WORKERS TO MEET NEXT FRIDAY

**Gathering to Be Held at Presby-  
terian Church—Those Who  
Will Speak.**

A mass meeting of the men and women of the city who will take the registration census next Sunday afternoon, starting at 2 o'clock, will be held Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Presbyterian church. In addition to those who will compose the visitation committees, every person in the city who is interested in seeing the census brought in closer touch with the people of High Point is invited.

A number of speeches will be made to further outline the plans and purposes of the campaign. Among the speakers will be John A. Kellenberger, of Greensboro, one of the leading Sunday school workers of the county and section; I. Allen Austin, president of the High Point Township Sunday Schools' association; Fred N. Tate, an officer of the county association, and Miss Martha Bozier, director of religious education in the county, one of the foremost workers of the south.

This is the first public gathering of the Sunday school workers and quite naturally a large attendance is desired.

### Women of High Point to Pray for Soldiers at Home and Overseas

A concerted movement of women of High Point to pray for American soldiers in this country and overseas, was launched at a meeting in the First Baptist church, at which Mrs. James A. Carter was named temporary chairman.

Meetings will be held weekly in the different High Point churches and will be open to the public. They are inter-denominational in every sense of the word. At the initial meeting a committee was appointed to select and nominate a permanent chairman.

The meeting next week will be held in the Wesley Memorial Methodist church on Tuesday at 4 p. m.