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HUNS PUSHING WEDGE DEEPER INTO FOE'S LINE

In Brilliant Sunshine Battle Continues With a Fierceness That Has Scarcely Flagged.

After Gaining Some Little Ground by Determined Attacks, Germans Thrown Back

London, April 12.—German troops made a determined attack along the Messines ridge and succeeding in gaining some ground, says a Reuter's dispatch from army headquarters in France and Belgium, but the British once again drove them out with a counter-attack early this morning.

Three attacks which the enemy launched yesterday in great waves near Ville Chapelle were repulsed with immense losses to the Germans. The ground was strewn with their corpses.

The Germans are developing great artillery activity in the southern area, the dispatch says. The Bray-Corbie road is being fiercely shelled, heralding, it is believed, further infantry attacks.

In brilliant sunshine the battle is continuing with fierceness which has scarcely flagged since the beginning. The Germans are throwing in their reserves in the same prodigal manner as in the opening days of the offensive.

BRITISH HANG GRIMLY ON TO BUTT OF MESSINES RIDGE

With the British hanging grimly on to the great butt of Messines ridge, their bulwark in Flanders, the Germans to the south are pushing their wedge on deeper into the British lines north-east of north of Bethune, one of the British advance bases.

The main line of the British in the last night and today along the line from Merrille, two miles west of Leztreux, with the British still up to yesterday. The salient was extended also slightly to the north, near its tip, to the vicinity of Meus Benquin, two miles northwest of Estaires, another point where the British have been making a stand.

The Germans today were renewing what appeared to be the heaviest pressure in this region and had made some progress when the noon official report was issued from London.

The southerly side of the salient as it runs southeast towards Givenchy is being strongly held by the British. They are standing firm today at Loisine, three miles northwest of Bethune and along the line northwest of Merrille region. Further southeast they likewise repelled a German attempt to advance northwest of Givenchy, the high ground about which protects the British right flank before Bethune.

The British task here patently is to prevent the sides of this salient from being materially widened out, as the tip cannot be spread in much further without grave danger to the attacking forces from flank attacks, unless they succeed in broadening their advance front.

Northwest of Armentiers, abandoned yesterday by the British, the line was straightened out by their withdrawal from Progeaert, whence they fell back fighting to the vicinity of Neuve Eglise, close to the southerly end of the Messines ridge, which protects their new position.

The British lines, apparently are being firmly maintained along the high ground in the Messines and Wopshaete regions and to the north towards Ypres. No material change in the situation is reported here. The battle, however, is continuing along the whole front from La Basse Canal north to Hollebeke, the Germans hammering hard in their desperate attempts to win something substantial out of this new ambitious effort of theirs. So far its only definite result has been the piling up of casualties on both sides notably by the enemy.

On the Somme there has been no resumption of infantry engagements on a large scale. The British however were subjected to strong local attacks near Neuville-Vitasse, southeast of Arras, all of which they repulsed. The artillery is reported increasingly active in the vicinity of the Somme while Paris announced is rather heavy bombardment on the French lines to the southeast of Amiens in the vicinity of Hagard.

L. L. Hatchfield, of Hickory, spent several hours in High Point yesterday.

MEETING TONIGHT OF CENSUS TAKERS

Final Gathering Before Work of Sunday Afternoon to Be Held at Presbyterian Church.

The mass meeting of the workers in the religious census of the city, which is to be taken Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, will be held this evening at 8 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church. All those who will take part in work of visitation and others interested in the success of the canvass are urged to attend the meeting tonight as the work will be clearly outlined. Speakers who were largely instrumental for the success of the recent census taken in Greensboro will relate the results and will tell how the campaign was conducted there to bring all citizens in closer touch and contact with the churches.

Fred N. Tate and J. Allen Austin are the two local speakers announced. John A. Kellenberger and Miss Martha Dozier, of Greensboro, are the visitors. Mr. Kellenberger is a well known manufacturer and is prominently identified with Sunday school and Y. M. C. A. work in Greensboro. For some little time he was president of the Greensboro Y. M. C. A. and is now superintendent of the Lutheran Sunday school. Miss Dozier is director of religious education for Guilford county and is one of the most prominent workers in the south. Each of the four speeches will be short.

BOOKS OF LIGHTER VEIN KIND WANTED

Shipment from High Point for Soldiers Delayed—More Are Desired.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather the women of the city who have been collecting books to be forwarded to the libraries of the various camps of the army and navy in this country and abroad have not yet forwarded the books given by the people of High Point. The box will be sent either tomorrow or Monday and the women are anxious to have not less than 200 books in the box when the box is closed. To date about 200 books have been given.

"Give a book you will miss," stated one of the women when outlining the kind of reading matter desired. "Give one that you will miss from your shelves and when you miss it, think of the pleasure it may be bringing some man in service."

"We ain't got no books, can't you send us some?" This appeal from a private soldier in a regular regiment, stationed at a lonely post, brought home to the public librarian in a big city the need of reading matter among soldiers and sailors, on active duty.

This appeal is being answered by the American Library association. Having perfected its organization, it is now calling on the people of the country to supply the books.

That the country will respond is certain. But good books must be given. The men are studying, as well as reading for recreation. The American Library association is buying technical text-books in large quantity, with the funds at its disposal. The lighter books and literature must come from private bookshelves.

This is the movement with which the people of High Point who have given the books are cooperating. This afternoon and tomorrow will bring the period for the collection of reading matter in High Point to a close. All gifts should be left at the store of Miss Vernetta Smith.

DROP TON OF BOMBS ON GERMAN STATION

London, April 12.—British aviators today dropped more than a ton of bombs on the railway station at Luxembourg.

In reporting on aviation activities on the battle front Wednesday, the official statement on aerial operations, says eight enemy airplanes were accounted for and that seven British machines are missing.

HUERTA SUPPORTER DIES IN EL PASO

El Paso, Texas, April 12.—General Ignacio Bravo, military commander of Mexico City during the Huerta regime, died here last night. General Bravo, who was 81 years old, commanded artillery in the campaign that ended with the overthrow of Emperor Maximilian in 1867. With General Huerta he was arrested in El Paso by United States troops.

DECISION OF COMMISSION KILLS RULING

Cotton Rates from South to Big Cities of East Will Not Be Modified As Was Ruled.

Supplementary Decision of Commerce Commission Kills Former Decree.

Washington, April 12.—Modification of cotton transportation rates from southern producing points to the Ohio and Mississippi river crossings, Gulf ports and South Atlantic ports to eastern cities, were killed in a supplementary decision of the Interstate Commerce commission in the case of the New Orleans Cotton exchange vs. the Louisville and Nashville Railroad company.

Nearly 50 roads are affected by the modification, which includes both increases and decreases in transportation tariff.

The commission directs that its previous order in this case should be modified as to rates on direct lines from intermediate points to interior competitive points; that changes in rates to eastern cities should be permitted to correspond with changes made in water rates; that specific relief should be afforded as to rates from certain points along the Tennessee river and other navigable streams; and that specific relief should be afforded in various cases affecting rates for interior junction points.

LOCAL MEN ARE TO SPEAK AT ASHBORO

Mayor Ragan, Rev. James A. Clarke and High Point Orchestra to Go There Sunday.

Mayor William P. Ragan, Rev. James A. Clarke and the members of the High Point orchestra will go to Ashboro Sunday afternoon to take part in a patriotic rally the citizens of the Randolph county town have planned. Liberty bonds are the cause of the rally.

Mr. Ragan will make a short speech and will probably introduce Mr. Clarke to the gathering of Randolphers, the mayor being very well known over there. It will be the debut of Mr. Clarke in that section and he will deliver the same address as he recently gave in the high school auditorium on "Patriotism." Patriotic and religious selections will be offered by the orchestra. As was the case at the local meeting there will be no collection or admission to the Ashboro gathering, all people of that town and section being invited.

FOUNDATION LAID FOR AN AGREEMENT

Is Unprecedented in History, Report of Sir Horace Plunkett Says.

London, April 12.—The Irish convention laid the foundation for an agreement on the Irish question which is unprecedented in history, Sir Horace Plunkett, chairman of the convention, says in a letter accompanying the report of that body.

The convention did not find it impossible to overcome the objections of the southern unionists, says Sir Horace. A majority of the nationalists, all of the southern unionists and five of the labor representatives agreed upon a scheme of Irish self government which given under the conclusions reached by the majority which, he states, should be enacted into law.

Lieutenant Charles Kephart, of Camp Sevier, arrived in the city this afternoon on No. 36 to spend a short leave of absence with his mother, Mrs. Grace Kephart.

FRENCH CHIEF LIED ASSERTS KING CHARLES

He Makes Haste to Assure Kaiser He Does Not Recognize French Claim to Alsace.

Clemenceau Endeavoring to Escape From Net in Which He Has Entangled Himself?

Vienna, via London, April 12.—Complete solidarity exists between Austria and Germany and "we shall jointly enforce an honorable peace," says Emperor Charles in a telegram to Emperor William denying the truth of the declaration made early in the week by Premier Clemenceau, of France, that the Austrian emperor recognized France's claim to Alsace-Lorraine.

It is added that the fact that Austro-Hungarian troops are fighting for Alsace-Lorraine on the western front demonstrates the emperor's faithfulness to his ally. The message in part reads:

"The French premier, driven into a corner, is endeavoring to escape from the net into which he has entangled himself by piling up more and more untruths, and he does not hesitate to make the completely false statement that I recognized that France had a just claim to the acquisition of Alsace-Lorraine. I disallow this assertion with indignation."

BARACA-PHILATHEA MEET IS POSTPONED

Conflict With Religious Census Again Causes Postponement of Convention.

The convention of the Guilford county Baraca-Philathea union which was to have been held at the West End Baptist church Sunday afternoon has been postponed because of the religious census which is to be taken at that time. The convention was to have been held two weeks ago, but owing to various conditions, was postponed until Sunday, April 14, the day set about two months ago as the time for taking the religious census.

After considering the matter the officers of the union decided to again postpone the gathering so as to offer no conflict to the important task of gathering information concerning the church preferences and affiliations of the residents of High Point.

HAIG'S MEN FORCED OUT OF MERVILLE

London, April 12.—Attacking yesterday in the neighborhood of Ploegsteert the Germans pressed back the British to the vicinity of Neuve Eglise it is announced officially.

Last night the Germans captured Merville. Heavy fighting occurred near Merville and Nouf Berquin. On the remainder of the northern battle front there is little change. North of Feuturbert the British regained ground by a counter attack. On the front between Loisine and the Lawe river Germans attacks were repulsed.

More Heavy Fighting

Paris, April 12.—Heavy fighting occurred last night in the vicinity of Hangard-en-Santerre on the front north of Montdidier, the war office announces.

OBSERVE LITANY SERVICES AT ST. MARY'S TONIGHT

Litany services will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal church this evening at 8 o'clock, it was announced this morning by the rector, Rev. Thomas L. Trotter. Immediately following these services the usual weekly practice of the choir will be held. All members of the congregation and choir are urged to be present.

FROST IS EXPECTED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia, S. C., April 12.—The local weather bureau issued a warning today that there would probably be heavy frosts tonight in this vicinity. The thermometer dropped to 37 degrees this morning. Great damage to gardens is

WHIRLWIND CAMPAIGN TO BE WAGED IN CITY FOR THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

Teams of Four Men Each to Canvass Homes and Business Houses for Subscriptions—Plan Adopted at Meeting of Interest Workers at the Commercial Club Last Evening.

Tentative plans for the waging in High Point and outlying districts the third Liberty Loan campaign, were discussed and outlined at a rather poorly attended meeting of interested citizens at the Commercial club Thurston, who with J. Elwood Cox comprises day evening.

A suggestion advanced by Carter Dalton, a committee of two appointed to organize the campaign in this section, that teams be selected to wage a whirlwind campaign of the city, was adopted unanimously and steps were to have been begun today looking towards the putting into operation of this idea, which has been most successfully tried in other cities in this and other states.

Another subject of importance dwelt upon at some length was the celebration in Greensboro Saturday, which is designed to mark the launching in Guilford county of the third loan. A mammoth street parade in the morning, participated in by two military bands from Guilford county now in the country's military or naval service. Loan solicitors from all parts of Guilford and a battalion of 650 young men from the University of North Carolina, is expected to be reviewed by Charlie Chaplin, the famous comedian and his party, who will speak in behalf of the Liberty Loan shortly after the parade. Thousands of people from all over Guilford county will throng the streets of the Gate City to view the parade. Every school in the county has been invited and arrangements are now underway to send a large representation from High Point. Superintendent of Schools Marr has announced that he can send 500 children with ease provided the necessary means of transportation can be provided.

To this end, Chairman Cox last night appointed Messrs. Elwood Cox, J. Elwood Cox, J. Ed Milles, Randall B. Terry, Charles F. Long and Gilbert W. Clarke would act as captains of the four teams of workers. The captains and general chairman will meet this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the office of Mr. Cox and will select the members of the teams.

GERMAN STRATEGY STILL UNREVEALED

Will be Recognized Only in Further Operations Says German Paper.

Amsterdam, April 12.—The strategy of the German supreme army command is still unrevealed, says the Koelnische Volks Zeitung, and will be recognized only in the course of further operations.

The paper discounts the "extremely foolish idea" which it thinks may crop up that the German thrust against the Anglo-Portuguese form indications that when the offensive in Picardy could not be carried to success the German commanders wished to try an experiment elsewhere.

The Frankfurter Zeitung regards the new thrust as a portion of a plan of attack and dwells on the great strain put on the enemy's nerves by the necessity of making dispositions in the greatest haste.

VETERANS WILL BE DINED TOMORROW

Call Issued for Members of Local Camp to Meet at Headquarters Saturday Afternoon.

Members of the local camp of United Confederate Veterans are urged to meet at headquarters tomorrow, Saturday, afternoon, promptly at 2 o'clock in a call issued today by C. D. Down. The feature of this meeting will be the lunch which is to be served by a number of women residing on Washington street. In addition, Mrs. Lewis McFarland will give several readings.

This is one of the affairs planned for the survivors of the war between the states by the women of the city, those of one section entertaining at a time. Substantial food is served and this is always followed by an hour or more of entertainment. The attendance of veter-

BICKETT TO SPEAK HERE ON APRIL 21

Governor of State to Speak Under Auspices of Liberty Loan Organization.

Address at 3 O'clock Sunday Afternoon, April 21, at Wesley Memorial Church

Governor Thomas W. Bickett will deliver an address in High Point on Sunday afternoon, April 21, at 3 o'clock, under the auspices of the Liberty loan organization of this district, it was announced this afternoon by Carter Dalton, general chairman of the committee in charge. The speaking will take place at Wesley Memorial church.

This morning Mr. Dalton wired the governor as follows: "Will you make a Liberty loan speech in High Point on Sunday afternoon, the 21st, or 22nd, preferably the 21st? We want you, and the cause needs you. Wire me." Early this afternoon Mr. Dalton was in receipt of a very short, yet agreeable, message:

"The 21st suits me."

While the third issue of Liberty loan bonds will be the chief topic of any and all conversation that the governor may make during his hour or more at Wesley church, war savings and third stamps and any other matter pertaining to patriotism as all inhabitants of the United States should practice it will not be ignored.

Full plans for the meeting have not yet been formulated but it is announced that the High Point orchestra will assist in making the program for the meeting one of excellence.

SOUTH'S AID GIVEN TO SHIP PROGRAM

Plans for Speeding Up Contracts Already Awarded Talk at Conference.

Washington, April 12.—Plans for speeding up shipbuilding contracts already awarded for increasing facilities if southern harbors, terminals and yards were discussed at a conference here today between Chairman Hurley of the shipping board and the newly appointed shipping committee of the Southern Commercial congress.

The committee, headed by Senator Fletcher, former president of the Congress, announced in a statement issued today that it is "prepared to pledge full cooperation of all southern interests in the shipbuilding program."

In addition to Senator Fletcher the committee includes Representative Small, of North Carolina and General Julian S. Carr, of Durham, N. C.

Inspired by Steady Cables Opening on Market is Higher

New York, April 12.—The cotton market showed renewed nervousness early today. The opening was 5 to 23 points higher on Liverpool buying of May and July and coverings inspired by steady cables, a more optimistic view of the war news and reports that price fixing was unlikely. But there was a renewal of selling movement which had been in progress yesterday under which prices almost immediately turned easier with July and October selling off 10 to 12 points net lower.

Cotton futures opened steady: May, 32.90; July, 32.25; October, 30.50; December, 30.15; January, 30.04.

JOSEPH WALLIS NAMED INSPECTOR AT NORFOLK

Washington April 12.—Secretary Wilson today appointed Joseph Wallis immigration inspector at Norfolk, succeeding W. R. Morton, who has been transferred to St. Johns, N. B. Wallis, who has been assistant immigration inspector at Jacksonville, is to assume his

CONSTITUTIONALITY OF LAW QUESTIONED

Brief Filed in Case Appealed from North Carolina—Arguments at Early Date.

Washington, April 12.—Constitutionality of the child labor law is attacked in a brief filed today in the supreme court in connection with proceedings appealed by the government from North Carolina where the act was recently held to be invalid.

The statute which prohibits interstate shipment of articles produced in factories employing children under 14 years of age, is declared to be "a perversion of the powers of congress," discriminatory and interfering with the police power of a state.

Arguments in the case will be heard next week.

OFFICIAL WORD OF LANDING LACKING

If American Marines Are At Vladivostok They Are There As Local Measure.

Washington, April 12.—No word of the landing of American marines in Vladivostok to aid British and Japanese forces already there, as told in press dispatches had reached the state or navy departments early today.

The addition of American forces is expected to reassure Russian government officials, who for a time after the Japanese landed, appeared inclined to believe Japan planned an invasion of Siberia. It was believed this would pass and that the action taken is purely of a local character.

DRAFT BOARD TAKES ALEXANDER FROM CUBS

St. Paul, Neb., April 12.—Grover Cleveland Alexander, pitcher of the Chicago National League baseball club, was selected by the draft board.