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Weather
Showers tonight and Wednesday, except fair tonight on the coast; colder in west portion tonight; in east portion light, variable winds.

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RETURNS WITH CONFIDENCE IN ALLIED ARMIES

Achievements of U. S. Soldiers Justifies Several Trips Across Water, Mr. Baker Says.

Secretary Was Away Six Weeks on Unprecedented Mission to England, France and Italy.

An Atlantic Port, April 16.—Secretary Baker returned to America today after a journey to Europe impelled by his desire to confer with British, French and Italian military and political leaders regarding his own country's cooperation in the war against Germany and by his wish also to become intimately acquainted with the American troops under arms in France.

On this unprecedented mission the secretary was out of the country about six weeks.

"I return with a sense of pride and confidence at the achievements of the United States and allied troops abroad that would justify many trips across the water," the secretary said as he stepped aboard a train which will take him to Washington.

RECONSTRUCTION OF FRANCE IS SUBJECT

J. Henry Scattergood, Just Returned from France, to Lecture Here Thursday Night.

J. Henry Scattergood, of Philadelphia, Pa., will give a stereopticon lecture at the Friends' church Thursday night, April 18, at 8 o'clock on the subject, "Reconstruction of Devastated France." Mr. Scattergood has just returned from a five months tour of France, where he has made a special study of conditions. He was commissioned of the American Friends' service committee to France and member of the Red Cross commission and in this capacity had unlimited opportunity of seeing conditions first hand. There will be no charge for admission to this lecture and no collection will be taken.

With Monday's Report Third Liberty Loan Totals \$806,465,250

Washington, April 16.—Liberty loan subscriptions amounting to \$806,465,250 were reported today to the treasury from 11 of the 12 federal reserve districts.

This is \$114,853,450 more than was reported last night and includes most of Monday's subscriptions.

No report has come from the Minneapolis where the selling campaign was started yesterday.

Reports from local committees continue to tell of the receipt of large numbers of subscriptions, from persons small means and of the withholding of the bigger subscriptions by banks until later in the campaign.

25 TRAINS OF GERMAN WOUNDED EVERY NIGHT

Washington, April 16.—The heavy price the Germans are paying for their advance on the western front was told in dispatches to the state department today, saying that 25 trains loaded with wounded are passing through Aix-la-Chapelle every night.

American Position Taken By Storm In Face of Brave Resistance

Amsterdam, April 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—North of St. Mihiel on Sunday night, says a Wolff bureau dispatch from Berlin dated Monday, the main parts of the American position situated to the eastward and southward of Maizey, on the right bank of the Meuse river was taken by storm.

A large section of the main enemy lines of defense on the high roads from St. Mihiel to Rouvrois, a distance of 3 1/2 miles, the dispatch adds, was rolled up, despite the brave resistance of the enemy, who suffered the severest casualties in addition to the loss of prisoners.

British Fall Back.

London, April 16.—The Germans have captured Bailleul, on the northern flank of the British.

The British have fallen back to new positions north of Bailleul and Wulverghem.

Fresh German attacks have developed in the neighborhood of Wypsechte.

A German attack southwest of Vieux Berquin was repulsed.

French Take Prisoners.

Paris, April 16.—Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night on the main battle front in the neighborhood of Montdidier. The French captured a machine gun and prisoners near the Oise canal.

MERCHANTS ELECT OFFICERS TONIGHT

Annual Meeting to Be Held at 8 O'clock at Office of Secretary, A. M. Idol.

The annual meeting of the members of the Retail Merchants' association of High Point will be held this evening at 8 o'clock at the office in the Sapp building on North Main street.

This is easily the most important session the merchants will have for several months as officers and directors are to be chosen.

The association is without doubt enjoying the most successful period in its history at present. Its financial affairs are in splendid shape and its membership the largest it has ever been. A spirit of unity among the merchants to accomplish any end that means mutual good has been developed and the association has amply lived up to the expectation of the men responsible for its reorganization one year ago.

Members assert that the benefit derived from joining the association are to be felt "in the pocketbook" each month, notably at the end of March. Collections have been greatly improved as a result of the campaign to inform the credit customers as to the condition confronting the retailers, the consumers having shown nothing but a desire to co-operate in every way possible. In another way have the people of the city assisted the merchants, this in the matter of deliveries, which have now been systematized, regulated and curtailed.

\$2,000,000 STOCK YARD FIRE RAGING IN CANADA

Two-thirds of Big Abattoir Plant in Ruins With Flames Spreading to the Vats in Cooling Department.

Toronto, April 16.—The fire which started last night on a platform of the Harris abattoir plant at the union sock yards was still burning early today. Fully three quarters of the big plant had been destroyed and the flames and the flames have reached the large vats in the cooling department. There is little hope of saving any of the plant. The loss probably will exceed \$2,000,000.

TARRED AND FEATHERED FOR INVADING A HOME

Tulsa, Okla., April 16.—John Kukecka, aged 26 years, who is said to have made disloyal remarks and invaded the home of a soldier called in the draft, was tarred and feathered by the "Knights of Liberty" here last night. He was told to leave Tulsa after he had been made to promise to never again see the soldier's wife.

President's Daughter is Going to France



Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President, announced at Wissahickon Barracks, Cape May, naval reserve forces, that she is going to France. Miss Wilson is on a tour of the cantonments throughout the country singing for the soldiers.

TEXAS TAKES STEP PROHIBITIONWARD

Every Town in Texas of Any Size is Made Dry by the "Ten Mile Zone" Regulation.

Austin, Texas, April 15.—Texas today took its first stride toward the prohibition column when Gov. W. P. Hobby's ten-mile zone bill, which banishes saloons within a radius of ten miles of every camp of military instruction in the state and which also applies to cities having ship building plants working on government contracts, becomes a law. The act is effective for the duration of the war.

For the purpose of enacting this law, Governor Hobby called the Texas legislature into special session February 26 and a bill embodying provisions recommended by him and approved by Secretary Baker of the war department, was enacted without delay.

The law affects practically every town in Texas having a population of 5,000 or more and it is estimated that upwards of 1,600 saloons have been put out of business.

The principal cities of the state that entered the "dry" column last night (referring to 12 o'clock midnight, April 14) are: Fort Worth, Galveston, San Antonio, Houston, El Paso, Wichita Falls, Beaumont, Orange.

These cities today not only are without saloons but under provisions of the law, residents within the ten-mile zone are prohibited from importing liquor into their homes or places of business for any purpose except for sacramental, scientific, medical or mechanical purposes.

Attorney General B. F. Looney has construed the one bill to apply to landing fields of aviators. If his contention is not over ruled by the courts, it is pointed out that saloons in at least a half dozen smaller towns must quit business.

When the statutory prohibition bill becomes a law, about June 27, all of Texas will be "dry," and both interstate and intrastate shipments of liquor will be prohibited.

GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR MUST EARN KEEP

Washington, April 16.—The war department has decided to make the German prisoners of war now held in this country earn their keep. Orders were sent today to army officers commanding the enemy prison camps at Fort McPherson and Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., authorizing them to use the labor of the 1,370 inmates in completing a new system of roads about the posts.

CITY OF WILMINGTON BURNS OFF COAST OF NOVA SCOTIA

New York, April 16.—The American steamship which was burned off the coast of Nova Scotia Saturday night has been identified here as the City of Wilmington, formerly the Barber line's freighter Camino. She was a vessel of 2,300 tons gross and was on a voyage from a southern port for France with a cargo of cotton and flour.

The City of Wilmington's agent is Alexander Sprunt, who said his advice gave no details regarding the vessel's fate beyond those contained in a news item received from Sydney, N. S. The dispatch said the crew was transferred to a United States warship which had come to her aid.

SLIGHT RETIREMENT BY BRITISH CAUSED BY TREMENDOUS PRESSURE FROM FRESH PICKED ENEMY TROOPS

German Push Towards Wypsechte, the Highest Point of Ridge System, Started This Morning—British Possess Vantage Points From Which They Can Pour Devastating Fire.

Tremendous pressure exerted by picked fresh troops in the desperate German effort to drive the British forces from Messines ridge has compelled a slight retirement of the British line on the northern side of the Lys battle front.

The town Bailleul has been evacuated and the British front withdrawn to the north of that town to the north of Wulverghem and thence to Wypsechte. Wypsechte occupies the highest point of the easterly ridge system and the British have been firmly established here since the early days of the enemy offensive.

The Germans, through their push in the southwest, are now apparently in a more advantageous position to attack it and their expected drive upon it was reported this morning. As it forms the pivot of the British line which bends here to the north an extremely determined defense of it is looked for from Field Marshal Haig's troops.

Although the loss of Bailleul, and some of the comparatively high ground around it such as Mount de Lille and Revetburg represents a decided setback for the defense, the British line as it has been withdrawn is still on ground much higher than that the Germans occupy. The British artillery thus possesses numerous vantage points from which it can continue to put in a devastating fire upon the attacking column.

Chief among these high spots is Mont Kemmel, which towers up more than 400 feet from the low ground around Wypsechte, two miles to the southeast. Apparently Field Marshal Haig's forces still have a firm hold on this valuable hill region.

What may be called the frontal attack of the Germans upon the ridge system back of Messines-Wypsechte and Hollebecq furnish the spectacular feature of the operations as reflected in today's news. One brief paragraph in Field Marshal Haig's report has importance attached to it that should not be overlooked. It records the repulse of heavy German attacks southwest of Vieux Berquin.

The German line here runs along the easterly border of the Neippe wood and it is by a push to the northwest in this region that the enemy hopes to reach Hazebrouck, some five miles distant and take this highly important railway town. With it vital railway communication to Messines and Ypres would be cut.

The British line is being strongly held in this region, however, and the flanking movements show no signs of making progress as the report of the Vieux Berquin engagement shows.

The German effort at present seems centered on the northern side of the Lys, no important fighting being reported from the southern sectors.

In the view of the recent rumors of possible naval activities by the Germans to accompany their land offensive, the news from London today showing that British naval forces have been operating in the Cattegat, the straits between Sweden and Denmark and have sunk 10 German trawlers, is significant.

OFFICIALS TO VIEW HIGH POINT PRICES

Dalton Names Reporters to Collect and Forward Data to Food Administration

Acting on instructions from the national food administration at Washington, Carter Dalton, administrator for High Point, Tuesday morning named Mrs. C. F. Long and Mrs. W. B. Brooks as price reporters for High Point. Both appointees have agreed to serve and will begin their new duties at once.

This action is in line with a national movement to not only standardize prices on foodstuffs, but also to see that consumers are not overcharged by unprincipled merchants. The duties of the price fixers in the main will be to gather data and information from merchants and other dealers each week and once every week forward it to the food administration at Washington. While the course of procedure was not definitely announced by Mr. Dalton Tuesday, it was regarded probable that the price fixers would make their reports to Washington through Mr. Dalton.

"My instruction from Mr. Hoover were to select two of the best housekeepers in the city to act as price reporters," said Mr. Dalton to The Enterprise Tuesday, "and I am confident that my selections could not be improved on. Both Mrs. Long and Mrs. Brooks readily agreed to serve the government in this capacity and will be ready to begin work just as soon as the necessary blanks have been received."

Continuing Mr. Dalton said that while he was confident no merchant in High Point was charging excessive prices for necessary articles of foodstuffs, and that no unfavorable reports would be made from this city, the step had to be taken as it is part of a nation-wide government measure.

In the performance of their new work Mrs. Long and Mrs. Brooks will each acquaint themselves with the prices being received for butter, eggs and other articles from a majority of the dealers in High Point. The price charged by each dealer will be listed separately and forwarded to the food administration where they will be given further attention. If the reports show that a merchant is charging what in the opinion of administration officials is an unduly high price, he in all probability will be notified and requested to reduce his present prices.

Two Missions Arrive. A Canadian Pacific Port, April 16.—Two British missions to the United States arrived here today and will proceed soon to New York.

Alexander Taken in D...



Pitcher Alexander, who, with his battery mate, Catcher Killifer, was purchased by the Chicago Nationals for \$50,000, has been placed in class 1 of the selective draft, and will be sent to a training camp during the movement which begins April 26. When Alexander was purchased from the Philadelphia club it was agreed that if either he or Catcher Killifer was drafted at any time previous to 30 days before the opening of the 1918 season, the transaction for the player taken into the military service would be cancelled. Alexander had previously advised President Weegman, of the Cubs, that he expected to be placed in class 3, as his aged mother is dependent upon him.

CHILD LABOR IS EVIL THING DAVIS THINKS

Arguments in Case Appealed from North Carolina Resumed Today.

Solicitor General Davis Supports Law With a Strong Speech—Was Held Unconstitutional

Washington, April 16.—Resuming arguments today before the supreme court in the government's attempt to sustain the constitutionality of the federal child labor act of 1916, Solicitor General Davis drew a running fire of questions when he said that "underlying this statute is that conviction that child labor is always and everywhere an inherently evil thing and all statutes are a reflection on the prevailing opinion of the public mind."

He asserted that congress had power under the interstate commerce clause to forbid transportation of commodities which were not undesirable in themselves.

Congress can look to the welfare of citizens in the places where products are to be delivered as well as in the places of production, he added, citing the repeal of state laws against child labor forced, he said, because other states allowed it.

Marvin J. O'Brien, of New York, opened the attack against the law, following the solicitor general.

The statute was held unconstitutional, as by the federal court in the western district of North Carolina and an injunction restraining its enforcement secured, and is now appealed directly to the supreme court by the government.

It forbids interstate shipments of products of industrial establishments where children under 14 years of age, are employed or where children 14, but under 16 are employed for more than eight hours per day.

PAPER BOX PLANT TO OPEN IN CITY

Parker Paper and Twine Company Will Engage in That Line, It is Announced.

At an early date the Parker Paper and Twine company will begin the manufacture of paper boxes, W. T. Parker announced this morning. The jobbing line of the company will not be discontinued, the manufacture of boxes being gone into in the nature of an additional line.

Certain changes and an addition to the warehouse of the company on Hamilton street will be made immediately so that machinery can be installed, Mr. Parker states. Just when the factory can start operation depends entirely upon the arrival of the machinery and other equipment.

There is no box factory in the city at present and the market right at hand for the product of such an establishment is excellent, as the hosiery manufacturing industry is particularly large and important in High Point. There is ample capital behind the Parker Paper and Twine company to put over the box making business in good shape.

Brokaw Coming to Spend While Near the City Shortly

Billy Brokaw, of New York, who recently repurchased the Fairview estate from his sister, Mrs. Satterthill, of Philadelphia, will arrive Friday to superintend some improvements that will be made in the great estate. Mr. Brokaw built Fairview kennels and for a number of years, before going to Paris to live, spent his winters there. Large numbers of his friends from the east were his guests during those years.

NO MORE COPYRIGHTS OR PATENTS TO ENEMIES

Washington, April 16.—President Wilson today stopped the issuance of patents and copyrights to enemies of the United States, and revoked the authority given congress to apply for patents in enemy countries.

THE TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL TO CLOSE

Annual Commencement Exercises Will Start Next Sunday Morning at 11 O'clock.

The annual commencement exercises at the Trinity high school will start next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, at which time the annual sermon will be delivered by Rev. M. L. Kesler, superintendent of the Baptist orphanage at Thomasville. The exercises will continue through Tuesday evening, according to the program issued by D. C. Johnson, the principal, the annual literary address to be delivered Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. E. Abernethy, of Monroe.

The program of the exercises is as follows:
Sunday, April 21, 11 a. m.—Annual sermon, Rev. M. L. Kesler, of Thomasville.
Monday, April 22, 8 p. m.—Exercises by primary and intermediate departments.
Tuesday, April 23, 10:30 a. m.—Graduating exercises.
11 a. m.—Annual literary address, Rev. J. E. Abernethy, of Monroe.
1:30 p. m.—Declaration and recitation contests by the high school department.
2:30 p. m.—Presentation of diplomas and prizes.
8 p. m.—Dramatic exercises by the seventh grade and intermediate department.

The people of the section are cordially invited to attend.

FAILURE OF BROKER ANNOUNCED ON MARKET

New York, April 16.—Upon the opening of the New York cotton market today at another severe decline in prices the failure of Gay L. Spitzer, one of the best known floor brokers on the exchange, was announced. It was said his liabilities were not large. Spitzer became a member of the exchange in 1903.

Initial prices today showed breaks of from 45 to 110 points. May opened at 28.50; July at 27.75 and October at 28.30.

WOULD BRING THE RASCALS BEFORE A COURT-MARTIAL

Washington, April 16.—A bill to bring all persons charged with violation of the espionage act under the jurisdiction of the military court martial was introduced today by Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon.

Continue War Feeding.

New York, April 16.—The City of Schenck, Germany, which adjoins Berlin announced that it was planned to continue municipal feeding of the population after the war. This evolved numerous protests from mercantile associations.