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# The High Point Enterprise

Weather—For North Carolina. Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Probably showers in west portion. Light variable winds.

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THREE CENTS.

## GREAT FIGHT FOR SERINGES

Americans Out-Generaled the Prussian Guard and Proved Masters of the Enemy in That Village, Says Today's Dispatches.

## DECEIVED THE FOE

Enemy Thought That Americans Had Withdrawn, But Found Himself in a Circle of Fire, But Too Late—Americans Close in on Foe.

London, Aug. 1.—The correspondent of a London paper describes the final capture of Seringes by the Americans as an especially creditable achievement. After the Americans took the village on Monday the Germans made no infantry attack but kept up a constant artillery and machine gun fire to drive them out. This continued all day Tuesday and toward evening the enemy seemed to think the spirit of the defenders might possibly be broken and then they began to emerge from the forest in a way which seemed to forecast a fresh attempt to take the village. Of the meeting which ensued the correspondent writes:

"The Americans, after three days of fighting through villages, had learned subtlety and were determined to have a real fight to the finish. They consequently withdrew as if retiring from Seringes and the Germans crept down from the high ground convinced that they had their opponents beaten. The German troops came pouring in until the town was occupied as never before.

"But as the new occupants began to organize their defense they found that bullets appeared to be coming in from three sides of the village and it was not long before they discovered that the Americans while withdrawing from the front of the village had commenced an encircling movement on both sides, thus forming a ring completely around it.

"Then came the fighting. The Prussian guard had voted not to surrender and their opponents were just as anxious to see the thing through. It was a matter of small arms but the Americans proved to be the better shots and slowly cut off a man here and there.

"Then the Americans began to advance and slowly their encircling ring closed about the village. As it grew closer and closer the defenders saw their doom approaching. They redoubled their fire but still the Americans came on unhaltingly like a storm or the unavoidable stroke of fate.

"When the Americans reached the precincts of the village their fire ceased and with one yell they closed with the foe. The fierce uproar suddenly gave way to a great silence as man grappled with man."

## Hope of Winning Fast Fading From the Hun Trenches

London, July 27.—(British Wireless Service)—Hope of winning the war is fading fast in the German trenches, if letters from German prisoners accurately reveal the morale of some of the German troops. "The Americans are in front of us and they are terrible," read one letter taken from a German prisoner. "We no longer have any hope," he continued. "My company of 120 is down to 30."

## DECLINE EARLY TODAY ON COTTON MARKET

New York, Aug. 1.—The cotton market was a little steadier at the opening today, prices showing two to 13 points' decline which carried October under 25 cents. Cables were easier. Temperatures in the southwest were cooler and there were other evening up conditions. The market was about steady with October at 24.00, and December at 24.31, or four to 12 points net lower. Cotton futures opened steady: October, 24.95; December, 24.35; January, 24.7; March, 24.12.

## Kushmann Will Be Candidate.

Amsterdam, Aug. 1.—Dr. von Kuehlmann, former German foreign secretary, will be a candidate for the Reichstag at a coming by-election in Berlin, the Yonkers Evening says. The election will be held to fill the seat of the late president of the Reichstag, Dr. Johannes Baumbach.

## LIEUT. BASSETT IS KILLED IN FRANCE

New Bern Man Included in the List Made Public by War Department Today—120 Are Named.

Washington, Aug. 1.—The army casualty list today shows: Killed in action, 12; died from wounds, 23; die of disease, 11; died from airplane accident, two; died of accident and other causes, five; severely wounded, 61; wounded, 30; missing, 3; prisoner, 1; total, 120.

The list today included Lieutenant Wiley Bassett, of New Bern, N. C., who was killed in action.

## CALLED MEETING OF LOCAL HOME GUARD

Meeting This Time to Get Names of Those Desiring a Separate Unit—Necessary Papers Are to Be Filled Out.

Members of the reserve militia of High Point are requested to meet in the assembly room of the Commercial club tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. All who want a separate company for High Point must be on hand and sign necessary papers to accomplish this purpose. Those who prefer to remain in the Greensboro company need not attend as this meeting is for the sole purpose of taking signatures of those favoring the above and will only last for a few minutes.

Last week there was quite a good deal of discussion relative to the meeting that was held at the Commercial club. Some alleged that this meeting was unofficial and some contended that it was not. This being as it may the meeting tomorrow night will probably get the swing of the majority of the members of the company here and if the majority wish it the local company will probably change its organization into one strictly High Point's.

The good that a home guard can do if properly organized and free of personal grievances is shown by the many organizations that other cities have. So, it is hoped that the organization here will soon be perfected one way or the other and get down to business as soon afterward as possible.

## PRICE JUGGLING GOES ON IN ARGENTINA TOO

War Consequences Hard on Little Neutral in South America—Much Speculation in Buenos Aires.

Buenos Aires, June 30.—(Correspondence of Associated Press.)—Argentina although not in the war is suffering its material consequences, as evidenced by the constantly increasing cost of living, scarcity of work, lowering of wages, development of "trusts," cornering of articles of consumption, and extensive private speculation in public necessities. The government is being urged to adopt emergency measures similar to those pursued by other countries where the war produced such conditions. It has been suggested that special committees be appointed by the state to intervene, or that additional powers be extended to those branches of the public administration, such as the police, hygiene, labor which from the nature of their functions are best equipped for coping with the evils. Comparison of prices of various articles of prime necessity is forced last year with those ruling today indicate that many increases may not be attributed directly to the war but rather to artificial factors engendered by speculation, price-juggling and cornering of supplies.

## ONLY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY ON BATTLEFRONT WEDNESDAY

Paris, Aug. 1.—There was only artillery activity on the battle front Wednesday, according to the official communication.

An attempted enemy raid between the Oise and Montdidier was repulsed. The text of the communication follows:

"On the whole front the day was marked by artillery actions.

"Between Montdidier and the Oise an enemy raid northward of Authenail obtained no results.

"Aviation: On July 30, Franco-British air squadrons brought down or put out of action 18 enemy airplanes and set on fire one captive balloon.

"Eastern theater: There were artillery duels along the Yverdon. East of the river a Bulgarian attack was repulsed."

## MASONS WILL AID SOLDIERS

All Resources Throughout the World of the Great Fraternity Will Be Turned to Rehabilitation of Those Disabled in War.

## MOVEMENT BEGUN

Purpose is to Assist the Men Who Return to Become Self-Sustaining Either Before or After Receiving Vocational Training.

Cleveland, Aug. 1.—Subject to the approval of the war department and the sanction of the higher Masonic bodies of the country the entire resources of the bodies throughout the world will be used to assist soldiers and sailors disabled on the battlefield of Europe, under a movement inaugurated here last night at a meeting of representatives of every branch of Masons and the war need for service was tentatively formed. The effort of the fraternity would lead to assist disabled men in making them self-sustaining before, during or after vocational training given by the government.

## LONG LINE TRUCKS CARRIED GAY BOYS

Army Trucks Passed Through the City This Morning—Did Not Stop As Intended—Were Unaware of Their Location.

The government trucks making up the aviation section of the signal corps that the people of High Point have looked for the past three days arrived this morning and passed through the city without stopping for the many refreshments that had been prepared for their reception.

There were approximately 100 of these trucks, including small touring cars. There were supposed to be about 500 men accompanying the trucks. They entered the city on English street and followed the course previously laid out, going down Main street to Washington, following the regular High Point-Greensboro highway.

A local committee had been informed that these trucks would stop in the city for about an hour, but due to their having had trouble yesterday on their way here they could not stop although an official from their starting point wired to a citizen here after these trucks had gone to find out how much time they spent here, he not knowing that they did not stop.

After about half of the trucks, which started coming through as early as 7 o'clock this morning, had gone, the committee was able to get a large number of cigarettes, cigars and fruit to their turning point at Washington street where they could throw them to the soldiers in the moving trucks.

The appreciation of the soldiers was evident from their cheers, although the occupants of one large truck near the end of the line did not know where they were, as they stood up in yelling formation before leaving and gave three roof-raising yells for Thomasville. Of course this did not matter as their intentions were the best and they enjoyed their smokes and eats just as much.

The variety of equipment and system of moving this section of the army went a long way towards showing High Pointers that Uncle Sam has not slacked up in his efforts to keep the Kaiser going.

## COTTON ADVANCED ON GOVERNMENT REPORT

New York, Aug. 1.—A wave of buying took place in the cotton market here today within a few minutes after the publication of the government report. Near positions rose 80 points or \$4 a bale from the low quotations of earlier trading. The market remained steady after the advance.

## Levi's Seeks Renomination.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 1.—United States Senator James Hamilton Lewis filed a petition with the secretary of state seeking re-nomination at the Democratic primary in September.

The many friends of Mrs. W. A. Copehand will be pleased to learn that she is doing nicely, after having undergone an operation for appendicitis at the Duncan sanatorium yesterday.



## HUN ADVANCED SALIENT IS ENDANGERED BY THE ALLIES

Franco-American Turning Movement Threatens Strong Positions of the Enemy and if Successful Germans Must Fall Back or Be Cut Off.

American and French troops have begun a turning movement which if successful will compel a German retreat on a wide sector east of Thierry and in the center of the Soissons-Rheims salient.

They have attacked over a front of over three miles on each side of the village Nesles, the apex of the allied wedge north of the Oureq. Their greatest advance was toward the west, where the Americans pushed on some distance from the town of Serzy and approached Chamery.

While the purpose of the attack was the straightening out of the line between Seringes and Cierges, this is really secondary to the outflanking of the Germans to the southward. The enemy is holding very strong positions in Ronchere and St. Gene, where his line is still less than five miles from the Marne and an advance between Nesles and Cierges would force him to fall back or be cut off from the rear.

## ADMIRAL VON TIRPITZ CENTER OF ANGRY MOB

Enraged Mob Rushes Apartment on a Train—Tirpitz Keeps Studied Silence, Making No Reply to Sneers.

New York, July 30.—Grand Admiral von Tirpitz, leader of the Fatherland party and one of the most rabid of Pan-Germanists, had a narrow escape from being handled roughly by an angry crowd at the railroad station at Freienwalde, Brandenburg, recently, according to a letter published in Vorwaerts, of Berlin, a copy of which has been received here. A passenger train was crowded and excited passengers were struggling to get on when one discovered a compartment in which sat one man by himself.

A rush was made for the compartment, but the door was not opened. Forced was about to be used when the conductor opened the compartment. The lone passenger looked at the intruders, removed his hat to show his bald head and stroked his beard. It was Admiral von Tirpitz. He maintained a studied silence even when some stepped up to him and cried out:

"Yes, that's the way the Fatherland people are. They reserve for themselves the comfortable compartments and don't care if the people next door are crushed to death."

## RIOTING IN UKRAINE AMONG THE PEASANTS

London, Aug. 1.—Furious riots are reported from the country districts in the Ukraine, and according to a dispatch to a newspaper at Copenhagen, the peasants are offering organized resistance to the Germans.

## OVERSUBSCRIPTION OF BLOCK OF CERTIFICATES

Washington, Aug. 1.—The 500,000,000 block of certificates of indebtedness, subscriptions to which closed two days ago, was oversubscribed \$84,750,000 making the total of certificates now outstanding in anticipation of the fourth liberty loan \$2182,835,000.

## BERLIN CLAIMS OUR LOSSES VERY HEAVY

Amsterdam, Aug. 1.—The semi-official Wolf bureau at Berlin is sending out reports of heavy losses inflicted on American troops fighting on the Marne front. Major C. M. Stedman and Wayland Cook, of Greensboro, are visitors to the city today.

## COTTON FORECAST SHORT IN AUGUST

Weather Conditions in Portion of the Cotton, Especially Texas, Is Believed to Be Cause of Prediction.

Washington, Aug. 1.—Loss of 1,706,000 bales in the prospective cotton crop due principally to weather conditions in the western part of the cotton belt, especially in Texas, was shown today in the department of agriculture's report of August production forecasts, placing the estimated crop at 13,619,000 equivalent 500-pound bales, compared with 15,325,000 bales forecast in July.

This estimate is based on the condition of the crop July 25, which was 73.6 per cent of a normal.

The cotton by states include: Virginia 75; North Carolina, 87, and South Carolina, 80.

## Kaiser Says U-Boat Will Stop American Troop Movements

Amsterdam, Aug. 1.—The coming of the American armies to France and the numerical superiority on the part of the allies will be obviated, declares Emperor William in a proclamation to the German army and navy.

"Vital forces which are streaming across the seas to the enemy," he said, "are being attacked by German submarines, which are certain of success."

## FOURTEEN MEN ENTRAIN TODAY TO GO TO CAMP

Names of Limited Service Men to Leave August 5 Given—To Send Two More Men Tomorrow.

Thirteen men of the call of 15 negroes that were due to leave today left at 1 o'clock for Camp Greene, where they will take training for general service. The two men that were short are to be sent tomorrow. Pear Tyson, one of the men that entrained today is under another call but left with this call.

The three white men that have been called for limited service and are to go to Syracuse, N. Y., for training on August 5, including one alternate, are: Oscar Stone, Harris B. Presnell, James A. Coleman and Troy Lewallen.

The men who left today for Camp Greene were: Henry C. Eccles, Pear Tyson, Randolph Reeves, Jim Jones, Luico Halrston, Oscar W. Philor, Sidney Leak, Robert Goins, Wayman Cunningham, Oscar Goss, John A. Parker, Hollie J. Whetstone and Marvin J. Ingram.

## MILLION MEN SHORT ON FULL REPORT TO LABOR BUREAU

Washington, Aug. 1.—A shortage of 500,000 unskilled workers in war industries is shown in incomplete reports to the department of labor's federal employment service which today took over the recruiting of this class of labor for war industries employing a maximum force of 100 or more persons. Final reports, it was announced, are expected to show a shortage of 1,000,000 workers.

## Wounded in France.

Friends in the city have received a telegram from Alexandria, stating that Lee Campbell, who formerly made his home in High Point with Miss Angie Campbell, has been severely wounded on a battlefield in France. No further particulars have been received.

## No Peace Proposals Received.

London, July 31.—Speaking in the house of commons today Arthur J. Balfour, British foreign secretary, said no enemy government had approached the entente allies regarding negotiations for peace.

## AMERICANS ARE NEAR CHAMERY

Forces Are Approaching Spot Where Lieut. Quentin Roosevelt Fell to His Death—Severe Resistance Encountered by Yanks.

## MAKE AN ADVANCE

Allied Forces, Consisting of Both French and Americans Are Busy Straightening Their Line—Demolished Barbed Wire Entanglements.

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne front, 8 m., Aug. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—American forces on the main battle front continued yesterday straightening out the line. They scored advances in this effort, the Americans pushing to within two kilometers of Chamery.

The allied force effected their progress against severe German resistance. The Americans are approaching the spot where Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt fell to his death recently in his airplane.

## Launched An Attack.

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne front, Wednesday, July 31.—(By the Associated Press.)—American and French troops launched an attack Wednesday from Seringes to Cierges on the frontier of the Marne front for the purpose of straightening the line and demolishing barbed wire entanglements which the Germans have placed through the hills, forests and open places.

## Artillery Active.

London, Aug. 1.—The German guns were active last night in the Somme region, the war office announcement shows. Activity was displayed by the enemy artillery further north near Bucquoy and in Flanders by the troops in the Merris-Meteren sector.

## LITTLE ARTILLERY USED BY ENEMY

Indications Are That the Germans Have Moved Heavy Guns to New Positions Further North.

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne front, Aug. 1.—The Germans used less artillery late yesterday against the attacking forces on this front, depending more upon their machine gunners for defending their line. This fact coupled with stories from prisoners and deserters tended to strengthen the belief that they are planning a withdrawal to new positions along the river Vesle.

A deserter who came into the lines last night declared orders have been issued for a series of retrograde movements. Except for minor engagements there was only artillery fire along the line up to noon today and that was comparatively light.

The Germans Wednesday used a new gas, having a white flame and smoke.

## Ukraine Condition to Get Attention of German Soldiery

London, Aug. 1.—Germany is contemplating the recall of Ambassador Mull from the Ukraine and replacing him.

Foreign Secretary von Hatten, the message states, had a long interview with the ambassador from the Ukraine, Wednesday and then received the Austrian Ambassador. With the latter, the possibility of sending military forces to the Ukraine was discussed.

## GERMANS REPULSED IN RHEIMS ATTACK

Paris, Aug. 1.—The Germans this morning advanced their front positions in the region of Bligny, southwest of Rheims. The attack was repulsed, says the official statement today from the war office.

## MARINE CASUALTIES NUMBERED QUINCY

Washington, Aug. 1.—The marine corps casualty list today shows: Died of wounds, 3; severely wounded, 2; total, 5.