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TEUTONS KNEW OF RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE

ESPIONAGE OF GERMANY A FINE ART SINCE THE RUSSIANS DID NOT KNOW THE OFFENSIVE WAS DUE.

AUSTRIANS FRONT LINES BROKEN

(By William G. Shepherd.)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Petrograd, July 3.—Russians offensive forced the enemy back across the little stripa river in Galicia and penetrated three lines of enemy trenches, besides taking 6,300 additional prisoners.

The war office announcement indicated sweeping gains everywhere including the occupation of preserve and village heights southwest of Zebrov and Korshuidv.

Petrograd, July 3.—Six weeks ago the Teutons knew of the preparations being made for the Russian offensive to start July 1, yet today the army of free Russia is forging ahead through literal breaks in the Austrian line.

Prisoners state that it is common knowledge among the Teutons that Russia was going to fight July 1.

Perfection of the German espionage system is thus strikingly illustrated since very few Russians knew of the plan.

The next few days may reveal that Minister of War Kerensky is the greatest statesman in Europe.

The offensive was carefully prepared and is the climax of a long campaign of iron-handed discipline of troops.

RUSSIA HOLDS GALATIA ATTACK

(By UNITED PRESS)
London, July 3.—Simultaneous with the Russian attacks "and all allied offensive" is now expected, since Russia has at last started to "do her bit."

Petrograd dispatches detail no net let up in the Galician attack with Brusiloff still making gains.

TWO ATTACKS BY GERMANS

(By UNITED PRESS)
Paris, July 3.—Germany launched a tremendous offensive blow at the French lines centering with two simultaneous thrusts on Chemin, south of Laon against and around Verdun. Both attacks failed to gain any ground the war office asserts.

RUSSIA TAKES MEN AND GUNS

(By UNITED PRESS)
Petrograd, July 3.—Six thousand and three hundred prisoners, twenty-one guns and six machine guns, with more ground gained, is the net results of the Russian drive.

SCOTLAND NECK CELEBRATES 4TH

The merchants have agreed to close their stores and business houses tomorrow, July 4th, all day in order to give their clerks a full day of rest and recreation. This is the spirit that is making this town notorious throughout the state and south as being the "greatest little town," where harmony and good feeling exists, and where the people really live, not exist.

While we shall be thankful and have all expressed it during the year, we should also devote a few minutes of tomorrow to serious meditation, and resolve, that during the rest of the year, even during the continuation of the war, that we will, by some kind word, or bright smile, or sympathetic attention, try to make some other life the happier.

Will not this plan, a plan that this whole community, a community so greatly blessed—should follow, will this plan not be a small appreciation, and a slight tender of helpfulness, and be our propitiation for a country's sacrifice?

U. S. Troops Are In Paris

(By UNITED PRESS)
Paris, July 3.—A battalion of American troops arrived in Paris early this morning. Only a moderate crowd greeted the visitors, the Parisians being unadvised of their coming.

ENGLAND'S COAL CONTROLLER PLANS FOR WINTER.

(By UNITED PRESS)
London, July 3.—Having passed through the third winter of the war without a serious coal shortage, England is today preparing for 1917-18.

The Coal Controller is planning for dealing with the country's supply, the question of labor, and of public economy.

More than a quarter of a million miners enlisted in the Army during the first two years and a half. Approximately a million were engaged before the war. As a result the mining industry was seriously weakened, and the output of coal greatly diminished.

National service will probably be extended to cover this field of operations during the Summer and Fall, but the Controller is going much deeper into the question of supply and demand. He is tracing the consignments of coal from the pits to their consumers, ascertaining how far the fuel has to be transported, and how it is taken from the various collieries to the various consumers.

HALIFAX EXPECTS A BIG CROWD

Great effort has been made throughout the county to get a great attendance at the celebration tomorrow, the Fourth of July, at the great patriotic rally, which is to be held under the auspices of the Halifax council of defence.

Hon. Tasker Pope, of Warrenton and Judge Albert Sox, of Raleigh, will be the speakers.

The purpose is to arouse the people to their responsibilities in the war, and to acquaint those who have given little thought to the subject, that the United States is at war with a foreign power.

The ladies of the Red Cross will serve sandwiches, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the cause.

At 12 o'clock promptly the exercises will begin, and every citizen, be he merchant, banker, farmer or whatever vocation, is asked to be present, that the county may be an unit in whatever work may be required of the people of this country.

A large list of committeemen have charge of the exercises, and weather permitting, some 20 cars will go from here, though it will be very fitting that those who have no machines should go on the morning train and return in the afternoon.

COMMONWEALTH TAKES 4TH OFF

The staff of the Commonwealth has been very faithful in serving the public day by day, and tomorrow being a national holiday, the afternoon issue of The Commonwealth will not appear, but it will be out as usual on Thursday afternoon at four o'clock.

We trust our friends and subscribers will appreciate that the men who work on a daily paper need this day off as much as anyone in town and so will excuse the loss of the day's paper.

COTTON MARKET				
	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
July	25.60	25.60	25.40	25.40
Aug.	25.50	25.55	25.26	25.26
Oct.	25.10	25.10	24.94	24.98
Dec.	25.08	25.17	25.08	25.13
Jan.	25.25	25.45	25.20	25.20
Mar.	25.70	25.70	25.46	25.46
May				25.50
Local market 24 cents.				

POOR MAN'S STOGIE EXEMPTED

NEW WAR FUNDS TO BE RAISED FROM TAX ON INCOMES DRINKS AND SMOKES.

SENATE SLICED DOWN BUGGET

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, July 3.—War, wealth, incomes, drinks, smokes, will pay the bulk of the first great war tax. Of the \$1,670,000,000 to be raised for the war the revenue bill to be drawn by the senate finance committee, it is reported will be \$1,277,000,000 of which \$532,700,000 will be derived from incomes, the exemption being \$1,000 for single men and \$2,000 for married men. Excess profits will contribute \$523,000,000, distilled and rectified spirits will be assessed \$111,000,000, fermented liquors \$44,500,000, soft drinks \$10,000,000 and tobacco products \$56,600,000 (in the latter the poor man's stogie is excepted.)

RED CROSS CONTRIBUTION

The magnificent response of people of Scotland Neck to the Red Cross, in which \$2,722.66 was subscribed in a few hours, is highly to be commended and shows the deep interest the community has as a whole in the stirring world events, and also that the people are alive to the necessity of providing for those who will offer their lives in support of the honor of their country.

There will be other means whereby the funds will be augmented so that the estimate of \$3,000 for Scotland Neck is not a wide stretch of imagination.

Thursday evening a local talent play will come here from Weldon in the interest of the Red Cross movement for the county.

Friday the Demorest Stock Company, that is playing under canvass, will donate the entire proceeds of Friday's performance to the local Red Cross.

Next week it is possible that Miss Dicie Howell will arrange a concert program for the benefit of the Red Cross local work.

Since last report the following subscription have been received, which makes the present total \$2,754.66.

Mrs. Mullin \$10.00
G. C. Weeks \$5.00
J. B. Hall \$12.00
S. C. Pegram \$5.00.

REPERATION IS ASKED GERMANY

(By United Press)
Buenos Aires, July 3.—Argentine instructed her minister to Germany to demand immediate reparation and indemnities promised for the sinking of the Argentine steamer Protegido.

According to authoritative information so far Germany has made no reply nor confirmed these promises.

Drastic Measures Says Governor

(By UNITED PRESS)
Springfield, Ill., July 3.—"Use drastic measures, if necessary, to stop the outrage at East St. Louis" is the blanket order issued by Governor Lowden to Adjutant General Dickinson, at East St. Louis shortly before noon.

RACE RIOT AT EAST ST. LOUIS

DEATH AND FLAMES DEVASTATE A BEAUTIFUL ILLINOIS CITY WITH THE PEOPLE WILD FOR SLAUGHTER.

MANY HUNDREDS ARE INJURED

NAVAL PROMOTION OF CITIZEN

Lieutenant Commander G. S. Bryan is the new and well deserved title of George Cloan Bryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Bryan, of this town, who has been senior lieutenant of the U. S. S. Monocacy, attached to the Asiatic station.

An honor of greater significance is the fact the Commander Bryan has also been appointed a member of the staff of Admiral Knight, and further title of fleet engineer of the entire Asiatic fleet.

A letter to hand today, dated May 20, from Manila, stated that the fleet would move June 10 making a cruise south of the Philippines.

Commander Bryan graduated from Annapolis, since which time he has made rapid progress in the navy, and secured for himself an enviable record in his profession.

Summer School At The University

Chapel Hill, July 3.—The University of North Carolina Summer School is now nearly half through its work. The present session, which will end on July 27, has been one of the best in the history of the school. It has been characterized by careful study and hard work. Most of the students, both men and women, who have come here, have come to spend the six weeks, and a large number are pursuing work for credit. The work of the summer school has actually become an integral part of the year's work and is being recognized as such. Every facility is now offered for carrying on studies in the same manner as in the winter term. So far nearly 800 students have been enrolled, and the added enrollments for the remainder of the term will probably carry the attendance past the 1000 mark—a noteworthy achievement in the face of present world conditions.

One of the coming events of interest is the High School Institute, July 9-20. This is the first teachers' institute ever held in the State for high school teachers, and from the number of letters now coming daily to Director Walker, it may be judged that the idea has struck courses and conferences will be arranged, and everything possible done to focus attention on the problems of instruction in the high school. The institute is primarily for high school teachers, principals and superintendents. A second elementary institute will be held at the same time. The first teachers' institute came to an end last Friday with a perfect attendance for

(By UNITED PRESS)
East St. Louis, Ill., July 3.—The sun rose on a city fire swept and running with blood.

Hundreds of negroes are believed to be dead. More than five hundred have been injured as the result of one of the worst race riots in the history of the country.

The city is under martial law. The soldiers it is believed have the situation in hand.

The fire loss is estimated at \$1,500,000.

Only two white men, Detective Colledge and William Keyss, a hardware merchant, are known to be dead, though scores are in the hospitals.

The mob at eight o'clock last night numbered 10,000, and the frantic appeals of Mayor Molman, whose life was threatened several times, proved unavailing.

"Black Valley" the negro tenement belt which runs through the heart of the city, was a mass of flames by seven o'clock.

Hundreds of negroes crowded in their homes until driven out by the flames. As they ran they were shot down, and the bodies dragged to Capoka creek and thrown in.

A number of well dressed white women led the mobs, and kicked and beat the dead bodies with stones and clubs.

Two nineteen year old girls beat aged negroes to death with their shoes.

The city was plunged in darkness when both blacks and whites cut the electric wires, so that the blacks could not escape, and the whites could so evade militia.

Senate Wrangles Over Trifles

(By United Press)
Washington, July 3.—With "wet" and "dry" fight growing in bitterness, and with the shadow of the new cloture rule over the chamber the senate does not appear in very good mood when it resumed debate on the food control bill this morning.

A fresh revolt appeared to be senators learned that cotton had dropped eight points as the result of the cotton control amendment of yesterday.

War Comment In England

(By UNITED PRESS)
London, July 3.—Rev. R. M. Banke-Jones can't be comfortable without some kind of a pilot's job. After playing the role of sky-pilot in a chaplain's tunic for two years he has entered the flying corps to become an air-pilot.

the two weeks. The institute was under the direction of Superintendent I. C. Griffin of Shelby.