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# SECOND BATTLE OF AISNE IN PROGRESS

## GERMANS STARTED ANOTHER OFFENSIVE

PUSHING THEIR VAST ARMY OF GREATER NUMBERS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISNE A VIOLENT BATTLE IS DEVELOPING

## FRANCO-BRITISH WITHSTAND SHOCK

(By United Press)

With the British armies in France May 28 (12.45 p. m.) British and French troops counter attacking southwest of Ypres and fighting still under way at time of cabling but at which time they had already retaken practically all the ground which the enemy had won.

Washington May 28.—Allied reserves have arrived on the Soissons front and are being thrown into action according to cables received here by the British military attaché.

In the sector between Loos and Loos the Germans early today gained considerable territory but counter attacks restored the situation in the report stated.

With the French armies afield May 28 There is a stupendous amount of gas shelling. The Germans are putting in a perfect storm of these shells at various spots thus creating pockets of heavy vapor which requires only an occasional and methodical figuring to evade.

Paris May 28 The Germans aided by the arrival of new forces have crossed the Aisne between Vailly and Berry au Bac the war office announces.

The French and British are facing superior forces but are drawing back progressively.

The battle is going on furiously between La Vesle and the Aisne plateau sector behind which reserves have arrived.

Active shelling is going on in the Champagne and Woivre regions and along the right bank of the Meuse.

A heavy German raid on French positions near Chambrettes failed.

London May 28 The Germans are pushing their offensives on both sides of the Aisne and Flanders fronts, according to a late report from British field marshal Haig who states:

"Along the Aisne which was crossed to the left of the British sector last night the enemy attacked in great strength developing over the whole of a forty mile front between Soissons and Rheims.

"The fighting in Flanders centered east of Diekenbusch lake where the Germans made a temporary gain against the French troops but the resumption of their drive on the enemy exerted a continu-

## ACID SHORTAGE 45 PER CENT OF DEMAND

Owing to the shortage of ships, which are all needed to carry supplies and men to Europe, the government has notified Mr. Frank P. Shields that only about forty-five per cent of the acid the farmers will need will be available this summer, which will mean that the farms will have to conserve what they can get and make it go as far as possible.

## MERCHANTS KEEP DAY OF PRAYER

In accordance with the president proclamation setting apart Thursday, May 30, as a day of prayer, humiliation and fasting, and in order that all the people could attend service at the several churches, the Merchants of Scotland Neck, whose names appear hereunder have agreed to close on Thursday from 10.45 to 1 o'clock.

N. B. Josey Co., Scotland Neck Bank, Dixie Furniture Co., Mrs. A. M. Riddick, Bowers and Co., Scotland Neck Motor Co., Wommack's Garage, J. D. Smith, J. D. Ray, G. W. Andrews, E. A. Allsbrook, S. L. Strickland, N. Herring, J. W. Allsbrook, J. W. Madry, J. Baron, Burroughs Pittman Wheeler Co., E. T. Whitehead Co., W. B. Strickland Jr., Clee Vaughan, R. C. Josey and Co., L. J. McKeel, T. J. Williford, Josey Hardware Co., Hardy Hardware Co., W. T. Hancock, J. L. Josey, M. Hoffman and Bros., Ray Boyette, Scotland Neck Furniture Co., Pittman and Bishop, Edwards and Co., Cash Grocery Co., Lewis and Co., N. A. Riddick Motor Car Co., A. C. Yandle, W. A. Walston, Planters and Commercial Bank, Post Office, North End Drug Co., W. C. Pendleton, Mdel Barber Shop.

ous fire against the British on the Aisne throughout yesterday and severe fighting is continuing.

## ITALY'S PREMIER GOES TO FRONT

(By United Press)

Rome May 28 Premier Orlando is reported to have gone to the front.

## U. S. TROOPS TAKE TRENCH

(By United Press)

Washington May 28.—American troops have occupied a German trench inflicting heavy losses on the enemy and taking some prisoners. General Pershing cables the war department in an official communique.

## JOHNSON CASE BEING ARGUED

(By UNITED PRESS)

Richmond May 28 The evidence is completed in the Johnson case and arguments are under way. Allowing for three and a half hours for either side and counting delays the case should go to the jury by seven thirty tonight.

It is hardly expected that a verdict will be rendered before nine thirty tonight.

## MILITARY BILL OF 12 BILLIONS

(By United Press)

Washington May 28.—Twelve billion dollars are the figures given in the military bill as being necessary for the army's needs during the next year of war. This came up in the house this morning and both Chairman Dent and Representative Kann ranking republicans of the house military affairs committee predicted that the bill would pass the house within a week at the outside.

## NITRO MILL STRUCK TODAY

Washington May 28.—Lightning this morning struck the nitroglycerine mill of the Repanno Chemical plant a subsidiary of the Dupont's at Gibbstown N. J.

A quantity of nitro-glycerine exploded tearing a huge crater in the ground. The mill was not in operation at the time and no one was hurt.

## DR. KEEL REMAINS 60 DAYS

Patients of Dr. D. F. Keel will be glad to know that sixty days has been extended to him before going

## SENATE PASSES URGENCY BILL

(By United Press)

Washington May 28.—The senate passes an urgent deficiency bill carrying appropriation of \$123,692,960.25

## THREE U. S. ACES DEFEAT ENEMIES

(By United Press)

With the American army in Lorraine May 28.—Three American aviators defeated four German airmen in a spectacular battle over the lines yesterday destroying one enemy plane and driving the others back behind their lines.

## GENERAL WOOD WANTS SERVICE

(By United Press)

Washington May 28.—Major General Wood will carry the fight for service aboard directly to President Wilson, as indicated today when it was learned that he would see the president at six o'clock this evening.

## CASUALTY LIST HAS 38 NAMES

(By United Press)

Washington May 28.—General Pershing's casualty list to the war department contained thirty eight names, divided as follows: seven killed in action one died of wounds one dead from drowning five dead of disease eighteen wounded severely and six missing in action.

James Burton of Salada S. C. is mentioned as being one of those who died of disease.

## Zinc Workers War Gardens

(By United Press)

Colgate, MD., May 28.—Employees of the great Electrolytic Zinc Co., are planting great tracts of waste land about the factory in war gardens. Manuals of the national war garden commission have been distributed by the company.

## COTTON MARKET.

	Open	High	Low	Close
July	24.50	24.90	24.50	24.90
Oct	23.30	23.71	23.30	23.71
Dec	23.10	24.48	23.10	23.48
Jan	23.10	23.28	23.10	23.28
Mar	22.95	23.26	22.95	23.26

Local Market Normal

## FIFTEEN HUNDRED GAL. GAS SHOWERS SAMMIES

GERMAN MADE A HEAVY ATTACK ON AMERICAN TROOPS IN LORRAINE WITH FIVE HUNDRED PHOSGENE GAS SHELLS

## SHELLS DISCHARGED BY ELECTRICITY

(By United Press)

With the American army in Lorraine, May 28.—The German made a heavy gas attack on the Lorraine sector setting off five hundred Phosgene gas shells each containing three gallons of liquid Phosgene. The shells were discharged simultaneously by electricity. The result of the attack is not known.

## FIFTY FIVE SHIPS LAUNCHED DURING MAY

(By United Press)

Washington May 28 Fifteen steel ships and three wooden ships with a tonnage of 169,700 was launched during the week ending May 29 the shipping board announces. The total launching for the month of May was 30 steel and 25 wooden ships.

## BAPTIST LEADERS ENTERTAIN BOYS GOING TO CAMP

One of the pleasantest and most inspiring events that has taken place in Scotland Neck was the large informal reception given last night to the draft men by the Baraca-Phylathea classes of the Baptist Church.

Probably three hundred people were present and after an address from Professor Wilson of Greenville, everyone adjourned to the basement, which had been delightfully and cozily decorated, where an enjoyable time was held, and some good things, such as the ladies alone know how to prepare, were imbibed.

Rev. Ruben Meredith presented comfort bags to all the draft men present, and others were sent to them by friends. In well chosen words Mr. Meredith spoke of the duty that lay before these men, and the lofty ideals which America had set for her soldiers, to go across the waters to give freedom to the old world.

The Commonwealth wishes the full names and addresses of all these men, their company numbers, and regiment, and camp, just as soon as they are drafted in at the camp, and even should they go to France, The Commonwealth is anxious to keep in touch with them, that they may, every one, receive the daily paper from their home town and thus be kept in close touch with home affairs.

## THREE ATTACKS UPON AMERICANS

(By United Press)

With the American army in Picardy May 28. Three determined attacks of the nature of large scale raids were delivered against the American lines yesterday morning the first between Fontaine sous Montdidier at 6:50 a. m.; the second and third simultaneously at 7:30 a. m. on the right of Cantigny and another again before Fontaine sous Montdidier. All were repulsed with heavy losses.

Not only were the attacks repulsed but the American drove the Boches from their trenches in a counter attack, and holding the captured positions until they were ordered to withdraw to their original line.

## Sir Rosslyn Wears Monocle

(By United Press)

London May 28.—Yes, Sir Rosslyn Wemyss wears a monocle, but he is a great success as first seafarer.

He has a square head, full of information about moving troops, loading them, unloading them and putting submarines where they will stay sub. He has great shoulders, and a bull neck, and a passion for timetables that keep time. He was present at the Dardanelles fighting, but he was not one of the blunderers. His party there was done well, and now his big job is peculiarly fitted for transport. Transport means everything just now, and Sir Rosslyn is doing everything so well that the plain Britisher likes him, monocle and all.