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AMERICANS FORCE ISSUE WITH VETERAN ENEMY

PUSHING BACK CRACK PRUSSIAN TROOPS MORE THAN TWO MILES OVER A FIVE MILE FRONT THE MARINES CAPTURED IMPORTANT POSITIONS

SING YANKEE DOODLE ON NO MAN'S LAND

(By United Press)

With the American armies along the Marne, June 7.—The Americans along the Marne after hurrying the Germans back from one and a quarter to two and a half miles over a five mile front, northwest of Chateau Thierry, yesterday morning renewed the attack again late in the evening.

The battle has been increasing in intensity, and as this dispatch was filed violent fighting brought the Americans the occupation of Bysaires, Torcy, Boneschies Neuilly wood and part of Baillieu wood and the railway station of Boneschies.

Fighting began Wednesday night and at 3.45 yesterday morning the marines began to advance singing and whistling "Yankee Doodle," and trotted across "no man's land", with the infantry on their right. The marines advance in the face of heavy fire, but in less than four hours the marines had cleared Neuilly wood of the Germans taking more than one hundred prisoners and ten machine guns.

The French infantry on the left took on hundred and sixty prisoners.

Continuing the advance the Americans fought their way through the crack Prussian troops opposing them, pushing their way past Boneschies, and occupying Torcy, a part of Baillieu wood and village and the Boneschies railway station.

The Boneschies railway station was the scene of a desperate defense by the enemy which prevented the Americans from attaining some objective, but the attack was renewed later with great violence.

Paris June 7.—Fierce fighting is still going on northwest of Chateau Thierry, where the French and American troops have pushed the Germans back the French war office announces.

Allied gains of other parts of the front including the recapture of Bligny by the British is reported between Oureq and the Marne.

Local operations are going on in the region of Neuilly la Porterie Boneschies where the French progression continues.

The French took Vineywoods east of Neuilly la Porterie station and the northern borders of that village.

Further south the Americans took ground on Torcy Belleau Boneschies front, north of the Aisne. The French positions were retified east of Ambly and west of Chateau Thierry, where sharp French attacks gained hill no 204.

BRITISH RAID ENEMY POST

(By United Press)

London June 7.—"We raided a hostile post northeast of Bethune last night inflicting heavy casualties and capturing machine guns, our men returning without loss" is a cable received from General Haig this morning.

MAY PRODUCTION 344,450 TONS

(By United Press)

Washington June 7.—Exceeding the ship production of April by one hundred and twenty two thousand tons the Emergency Fleet Corporation turned out 344,450 dead weight tons for May the shipping board announces.

ENEMY U-BOATS STILL ACTIVE

(By United Press)

Washington June 7.—Navy officials began to believe that one or both of the U-Boat coast raiders were headed homeward but for the fact for their participation in the sinking which occurred further out at sea.

The fact that the Germans are beginning to use torpedoes led to the idea that he was turning back to his base.

RE-EXAMINE MEN FOR CLASS ONE

Washington June 7.—Provost Marshal Crowder sent orders to the local district draft boards to energetically re-examine men exempted, or placed in deferred classes, to determine the reason for the severity of class one men.

This action has been taken because a number of counties in many states fell below twenty seven and eight-tenths per cent average of class one men. North Carolina is among the states in which counties fell below even ten per cent of the classification of class one.

LIVELY GUN DUELS REPORTED

(By UNITED PRESS)

With the Americans in Lorraine June 7.—Lively artillery duels in this region was reported through out yesterday, and that the American batteries are effectively neutralizing the German bombardment.

CELLARS DE LUXE FOR THEATRES

New York June 7.—Cellars de Luxe for the use in times of German air raids are being prepared by the Shuberts in the basement of one of their playhouses here.

They are preparing the basement so that if an air raid should come when the show is on the players and audience can adjourn downstairs.

Other theatres are preparing their cellars as places of refuge during attacks.

FOUR N. C. LADS AMONG KILLED

Washington June 7.—General Pershing reported forty eight casualties to the war department today including seventeen killed in action, twelve deaths from wounds, seven deaths from disease, six from accident and six wounded severely.

Lieut Robert B. Anderson of Wilson, N. C.; Silas Trippett, of Huntington Creek, N. C.; Raymond E. Catbertson, of Nelo, N. C. and Lewis T. Strickland, of Garden, N. C. were among those killed in action.

Brigadier General Robert E. Myers, of Staunton, Va. is reported as having died of disease.

Replying to this message the Pope, through Cardinal Gasparie the papal secretary, telegraphed Cardinal Lucon, that he shares the sufferings of the people of Rheims and expressed anxiety regarding the fate of the magnificent cathedral of Rheims, declaring that he is about to petition the German authorities to spare what remains of the office.

ELEVEN HUNDRED ATTENDED CHAUTAUQUA

LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENT OPENS UNDER MOST FAVORABLE AUSPICES WITH LARGE CROWDS AT BOTH PERFORMANCES YESTERDAY.

MR. WHITESIDES COMPLIMENTS S. N.



QUEEN OF HOLLAND

With every one in good humor, ready to accept the treat in store for them, the Chautauqua tent filled yesterday afternoon awaiting the opening of the five day annual event that makes Scotland Neck a Chautauqua community center.

In very business like way, just a little late however, the Chautauqua was opened by the introduction of the superintendent, Mr. Harrah, by the first vice president Mr. A. L. Purrington in a few words and the stage was taken over by the Fisher Shipp Concert Co. who, both afternoon and evening, entertained with high class vocal and instrumental music and sketches.

Following the night musical Dr. Joseph Clare, who has spent five years in Russia spoke convincingly on the revolution, which gave all a clearer understanding of the difficulties through which that country is passing, and he reiterated that America alone was able to help those unfortunate people when the proper time came.

Mr. Loring Whiteside, president of the Chautauqua system, accompanied Dr. Clare to Scotland Neck and was strong in his favorable comment in the manner in which this town has handled the local affairs. He states that the news has gone as far as South Carolina that Scotland Neck is the only town that required no outside assistance in preparing the Chautauqua for its opening.

This afternoon at four thirty and again tonight at eight forty-five Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Winters will entertain with music, monologue and mimicry, which in the afternoon will be followed by J. Franklin Caveny, with cartoon and clay modeling demonstration. At the night session Albert E. Wigam will give an address on "The life of our boys in France."

In order that the people have as much comfort as possible we recommend that the ladies bring with them a cushion for their back as the seats are very roughly constructed, in fact it behooves all to make the best of conditions, and add their individual comforts. All should endeavor to make themselves at home, for this is community work.

AM. PRISONERS MAIL GOES FREE

Washington June 7.—American prisoners of war in Germany are entitled to receive and send letters money orders and valuables, and parcel post packages weighing not more than 11 pounds, when intended for international mail, free from all postal duties.

Mail should be addressed to the prisoner of war, giving his rank, the name of the prison camp where he is held, if it is known, followed by "Prisoner of War Mail, via New York."



SIGNOR CAPRONI

Inventor of the remarkable Italian airplane which is capable of carrying several tons of explosives for long distant flights.

JIM ED CONDREY WRITES HOME

The Commonwealth is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Jim Ed. Condrey Jr., written from Camp Jackson one week after arriving there, and, since Jim Ed., is so popular locally, we are taking the liberty of publishing a personal letter, which read as follows:

Dear Friends:

Just a few lines to let you know I am still thinking of you good folks. I hav'nt forgotten the lovely sendoff you people of Scotland-Neck us boys. I appreciate it so much and the paper, which is almost a personal letter from Scotland-Neck, and we read every word in it.

I look forward to every train for mail, but The Commonwealth is the only news that I can depend upon getting and it takes the place of that letter we didn't get.

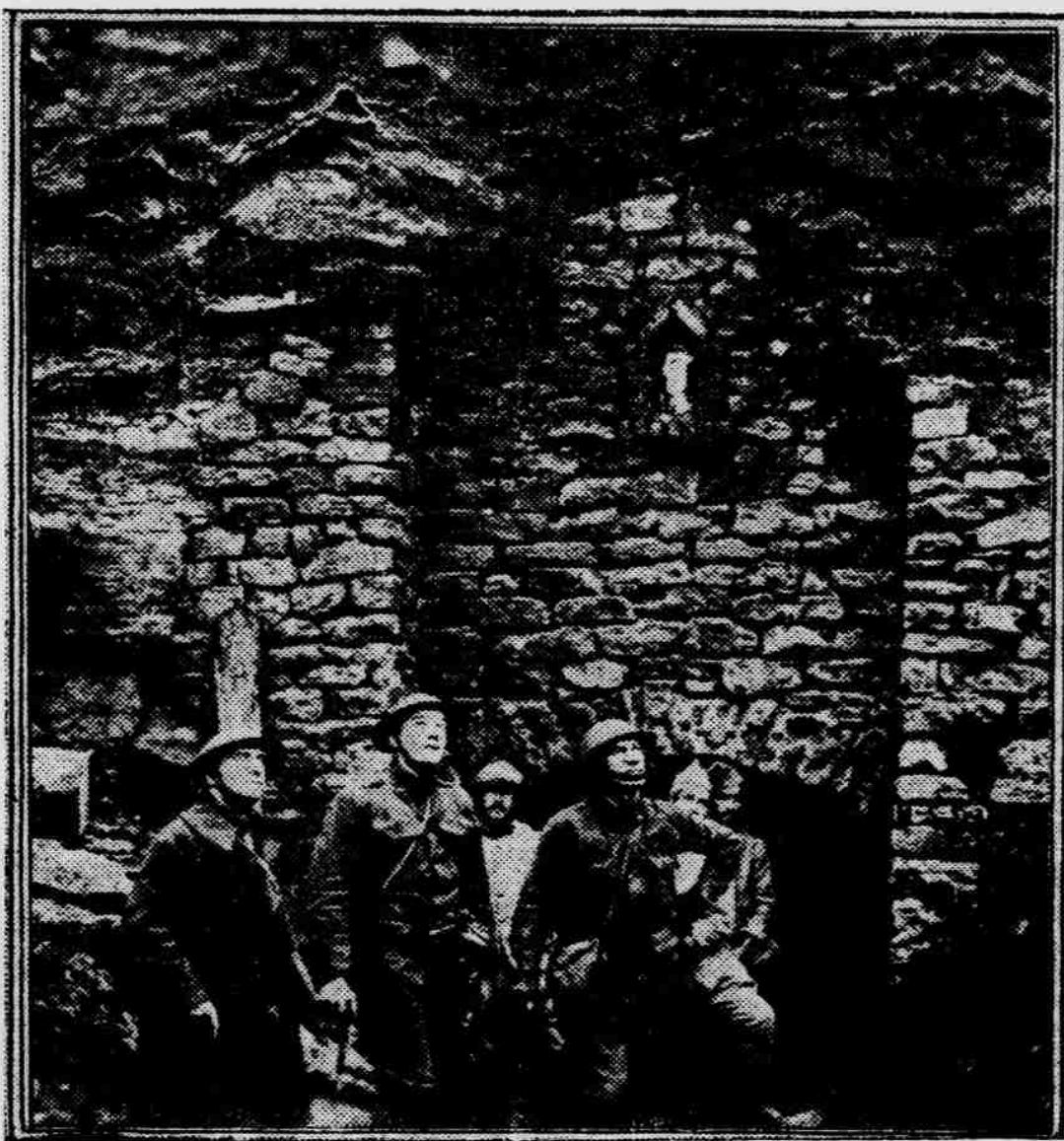
Don't think for one moment that I wouldn't come back if I were offered the chance, but really I am getting on fine and think after I get things a little better lined up I will be much better satisfied.

This life is the most sudden change I have ever experienced. I found that I could do so many things that I had no idea of, such as scrub floors, do my own washing, make up my own bed, cook and so many other domestic duties that I know that I will make some girl a good husband if I can get one to take the chance.

Regards to all of my friends and best wishes to you.

Sincerely,
JIM ED CONDREY JR.

GERMAN AIRPLANE U. S. OFFICERS WATCHING



They are standing in the shadow of a hill, directly below a Christian shrine which remains unharmed from Hun shell fire. One of the few religious shrines in the war zone that they have not been able to destroy.

COTTON MARKET.

	Open	High	Low	Close
July		25.93	25.78	25.78
Oct	23.75	23.75	23.53	23.53
Dec	23.28	23.28	23.07	23.07
Jan	23.08	23.08	23.89	23.89
Mar	23.15	23.15	21.89	21.89

Local Normal