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FRENCH BEAT OFF ALL ENEMY ATTACKS

ON MANY SECTORS ACTIONS HAVE SIMMERED DOWN TO LOCAL RAIDS, ALTHOUGH CANNONADING OVER TWENTY MILE FRONT IS REPORTED.

MANY HUNS TAKEN AT VARIOUS POINTS

(By United Press)
Paris June 14.—The fighting along the entire Oise and Marne battle fronts simmered down to local actions the French war office announces.
A German attack failed in the center of the Oise area.
Active cannonading over a twenty mile front, between Villers-Cotterets west of Chateau Thierry was reported.
Elsewhere only raiding operations were reported.
Only slight local actions took place north of Grivenes, four miles north of Montdidier.
A French raid north of Courcelles resulted in the capture of 30 prisoners. The French progressed to Ferme des Loges.
A German attack failed in the Anhuil region.
French patrols took prisoners at Bussieres, west of Rheims and in the Champagne region.

WALTER CRUMP TELLS BIG FISH STORY

Hereunder we have the pleasure in printing a fish story received from Walter M. Crump, and old Scotland Neck Man, who is now living in Florida, but who receives The Commonwealth and keeps in close touch with his home town affairs.
Seffner, Fla., June 10.—I guess it is about time for the promised fish story, or rather the tale of the largest fish ever caught, as partly related by its exhibitors at the Tampa Bay hotel docks, Tampa Florida.
The fish is forty feet long and seven or more feet from bottom to top where the dorsals fins begins. Its eyes are not more than an inch in diameter, its mouth about forty six inches across, plenty large enough to swallow the largest man. It had no bones, but instead a tough rubber-like substance which when dry, was not unlike gutta percha. The joints in its spinal column were shaped different something like the octagon discs, seen in field harrows. Its gills too were different from all other fish known, they consisted of four openings on each side, very much like the ventilator of an automobile. These slats were about eight inches wide and perhaps 20 inches long with openings between for oxygen to pass. They seem to need no air as they are supposed to exist all the time on the bottom of the deepest part of the ocean.
This fish was caught a year ago by Captain Thompson off the Tela Keys and was landed at Miami, where thousands viewed it. It weighed 30,000 lbs and took 19 barrels of fluid to preserve it with the aid of one of the most expert taxidermists.
Think what a meal this fish had aboard; a live octopus that weighed 1,500 lbs, with the coral rock that was gasped in its tentacles.
This is a fish not a mammal, like the whale and porpoise, that suckle their young.
This is the place for all fishermen to come who love the sport.
Last Friday I caught four fish weighing nine pounds, one a four pound trout.
I noticed in the Commonwealth a resume of the play given twenty five years ago in which I took part "Ten Nights In A Bar-room"; and I note some of the actors, W. E. Whitmore and J. Y. Savage, who were then quite old. They have been here a long time; that's all that ails them. May they and all of you continue young and blessed.
President Wilson's address to Congress concerning the revenue tax sounded well to the ears of all except the profiteers.

MARINES FALL FOR COUNTRY'S GLORIOUS HONOR

(By United Press)
Washington June 14.—Sixty two more marines are placed on the country's honor roll as the result of the fighting in France.
Their casualty list shows eight of them killed in action, six died of wounds, forty eight were severely wounded.
Sergeant Cecil Augustus Williams, of Asnogil, N. C. and Private Walter Harry Smith, of Winston Salem, N. C. were among those wounded severely in action.

British Down 26 Boche Plans

London June 14.—Twenty one German airplanes and a balloon were destroyed and four enemy machines were driven down out of control during the day and night fighting of British airmen Wednesday and Thursday, the war office announced.
Four British planes are missing. Several tons of bombs were dropped on enemy objectives.

AMERICANS BOMBED METZ

With the American army in Loraine, June 14.—The American air squadron carried out the first of all American bombing raids yesterday destroying certain German military establishments near Metz.
Eight airplanes dropped ten bombs each on contonments supply sheds and railroads in the vicinity of Metz and Dorancourt, returning in perfect formation and without the loss of a single machine.

GERMANY WILL DECLARE DANGER ZONE ON E. COAST

Amsterdam June 14.—The German admiralty intends to declare the east coast of the United States from Mexico to Canada a danger zone, and will warn all shipping accordingly, reports Berlin.

SUPREME COURT REHEARS CASE

Washington June 14.—Declaring the supreme court's decision in the United show machinery case offers an avenue for escape from the Sherman anti-trust law and again surrounds with doubt the limitations or patent grants of the government the court has been petitioned to rehear the case.

Spanish Ships Carry Goods

Madrid June 14.—The Spanish ambassador to the United States has received instructions that all Spanish ships in American waters shall transport to Spain such materials as are authorized by the American government.

Wilson Supports Labor Boards

Washington June 14.—President Wilson has come out flatly in support of the National war labor boards decision and the right of the union organization of the big telegraph companies of the country should be adhered to.

BIG EXPLOSION AT PILSEN WORKS

Paris June 14.—An explosion at the Skoda Munition Works, near Pilsen on May 25 killed over 300 hundred persons and injured seven hundred others, according to information received here by le Petit Journal. The explosion was heard one hundred and fifty miles distant.

30,000 WOMEN OF AUSTRIA IN FRONT LINES

(By United Press)
Geneva June 14.—Thirty thousand Austrian women and girls of all ages and classes have been forced to join Women's Battalion, working close to the front lines according to reports from Austria.
The women are complaining of long hours, small pay and meagre rations, and officials are being bombarded with demands for their release.
Enlistment terms provide that they shall keep working until the end of the war.

DUTCH TRIED TO LYNCH GERMANS

(By United Press)
A mob of Dutch firemen, angered because a German submarine shelled the lifeboats of a fishing smack it had sunk, tried to lynch German airmen interned at Ymuden.

STRINGENT RULE GOVERNING SUGAR

TO ALL TOWNSHIP FOOD ADMINISTRATORS OF HALIFAX COUNTY:
I announce to all dealers through local papers or otherwise maximum quantities of sugar that may be sold reduced to five pounds for country consumers, two pounds to town consumers twenty five pounds for canning and preserving purposes only upon certificate. Do not wish preserving and canning restricted but desire utmost in use of sugar. Individuals requiring more than twenty five pounds at one time will be allowed to purchase more only upon approval of County Food Administrator. Instruct all dealers to keep accurate detailed records of every sale of sugar from this date.
Yours truly,
R. C. DUNN
Food Adm., Halifax County

SUBMARINE SINKS SHIP OFF VIRGINIA

BRITISH STEAMER KEMEUM OF NINE THOUSAND TONS SENT OUT CALLS FOR HELP AT NINE O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT.

NO WORD RECEIVED AS TO CREWS FATE

FATE DRAPER WRITES HOME

(By United Press)
At and Atlantic port June 14.—Attacked by a German submarine the British steamer Kemeum, of 9074 tons, is believed to have been sunk off the Virginia coast at 9 o'clock last night. No word has been received as to the fate of the crew.
A steamer arriving here from an European port reported having picked up the Kemeum's wireless call for help. They were heard off Nantucket but the Kemeum's operator gave his ship's position as off the Virginia coast.
We are always glad to publish news from the boys in camp, and we are in receipt of a letter from Lafayette Draper who is in Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C. He sends us the telephone story of the Kaiser and the devil which has already been published in these columns.
"I am still in South Carolina but don't know how long. Am expecting to go over seas at any time, but until I notify you please continue to send Commonwealth here.
"We boys are getting along fine.
"I would thank you to run my address in the paper so that I may hear from home folks and also from the boys in Camp Jackson which is Co. A, Provis Batn, Camp Sevier, Greenville S. C.
The following local citizens have generously contributed to the expense of postage of the papers to the "Boys Over There", and, if there are others who wish to do likewise they should send in word what they wish to subscribe and same will be noted in these columns.

Mr. R. L. Hardy \$5.00
Mrs. R. C. Josey Jr. 5.00
Mr. F. P. Shields 5.00
Mr. J. H. Alexander Jr. 5.00
O. J. Moore 5.00
Mr. Hugh Johnson 5.00
Mrs. C. W. Dunn (Kinston) 3.00
C. J. Shields 2.50
Balfour Dunn 2.50
R. P. Byrd 2.00
J. E. Bowers 2.00
Mrs. W. H. Rogister 1.00
Mrs. W. W. Manning 1.00
B. G. Neblett 1.00
Mrs. G. K. Moore 1.00
Dr. A. C. Livermon 1.00
Mrs. A. M. Riddick 1.00
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Rupert Allsbrook 1.00
L. M. Pittman 1.00
Mrs. Lawrence House 1.00
Mrs. Streeter Cherry 1.00
Bessie Smith (Col) 1.00

CASUALTY LIST CONTINUES LARGE

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington June 14.—A casualty list of one hundred and fourteen names was published by the war department this morning including twenty nine killed in action, five died of wounds, six died of disease, three of accidents, seventy wounded severely, one wounded to a degree undetermined, and five missing in action.
Sergeant James L. Woodside, whose next of kin is Robert R. Woodside of Statesville, N. C. was reported as one of those killed in action.

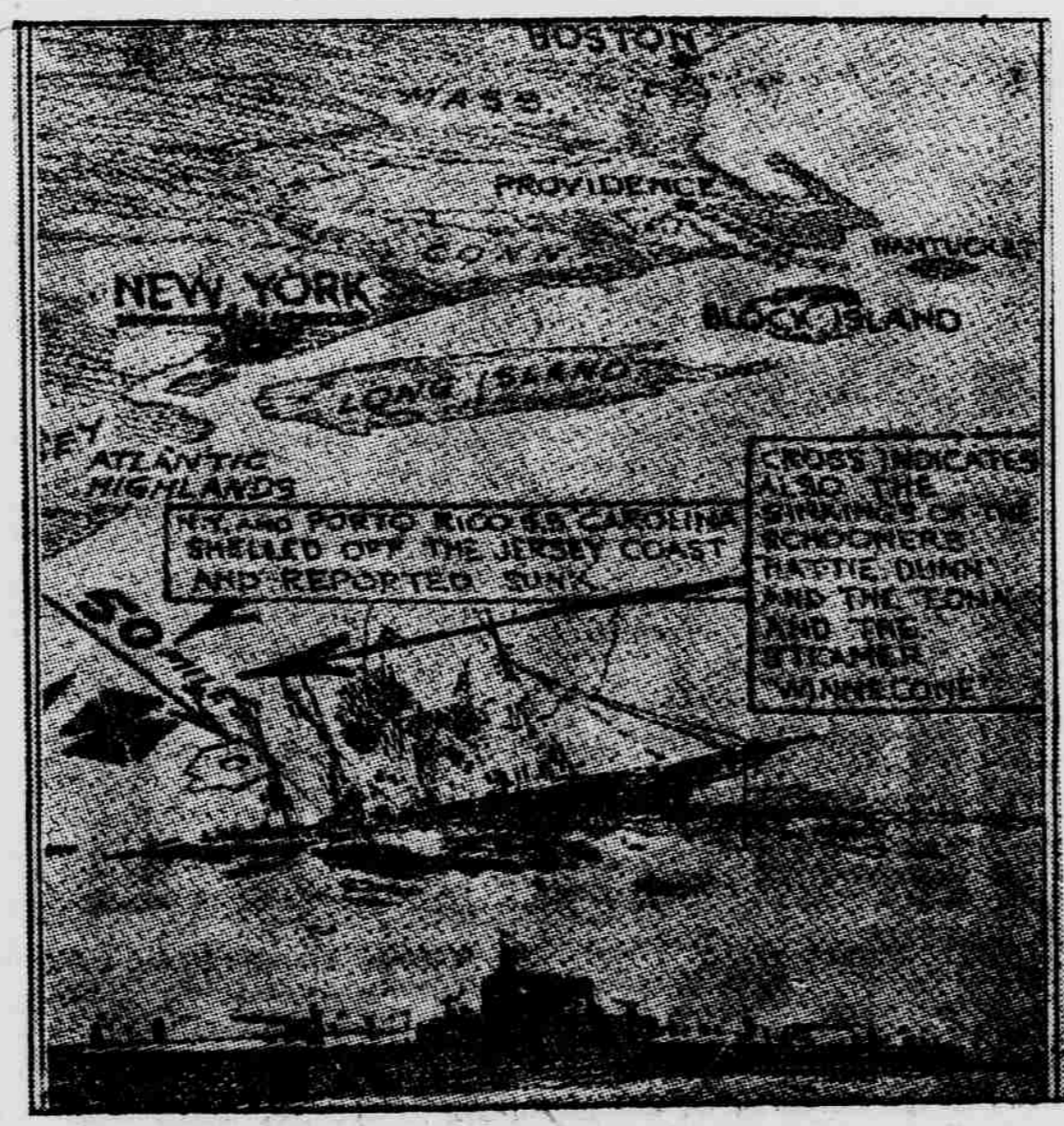
GAS MASKS FOR HORSES

(By United Press)
Washington June 14.—The gas Defense Service is now manufacturing about 5,000 horse gas masks per day. These are being sent to France, and it is expected within a short time every horse connected with the American Expeditionary Forces will be equipped with the new masks.

RATIONS CUT IN GERMANY

(By United Press)
Washington June 14.—In Bavaria the monthly meat ration has been cut 20 per cent— from 1,000 to 800 grams—according to German newspapers. The monthly meat ration in Saxony has been reduced from 800 to 700 grams. Public officials are reported in the Prussian press as discussing the possibility of a further reduction of the bread ration in Prussia.
A Munich paper reports that from the beginning of the war to March 1 1918, Barvarian hog stocks have decreased from 2,106,312 to 766,391 head. The Danish hog census shows a decrease from 1,651,000 hogs July 12, 1917 to 789,000 December 5, 1918 or a decrease of one-third the number at the beginning of the war.

U-boats Attack Off United States Coast



Map showing coast line of the United States where the U-Boats sank 13 American vessels with a loss of at least 24 lives. The U-Boats are of cruiser type and carry 4 large size deck guns.

COTTON MARKET.

	Open	High	Low	Close
July	26.00	26.23	25.77	25.77
Oct	24.34	24.18	24.20	24.20
Dec	23.88	24.18	23.88	23.90
Jan	23.75	24.06	23.75	23.77
Mar	23.75	24.01	23.71	23.71

Local Normal