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SLOGAN: "EVERY ONE FOR EACH OTHER AND ALL TOGETHER FOR SCOTLAND NECK."

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## ARCH DUKE JOSEPH'S TROOPS MUST SURRENDER OR DIE

### TWO AUSTRIAN ARMIES FACE ANNIHILATION

ENEMY WAR OFFICE VAINLY TRIES TO SHOW THAT TO RETREAT WAS VOLUNTARY WHILE ITALIANS NAILED THE LIE BY FACTS.

### ITALIAN CAVALRY FOLLOW CLOSE ON HEEL

(By United Press)  
 Rome June 25.—The Austrians have been swept across the Piave on the whole front from the Monte Bo to the sea, except for three miles on a sector between Musile and Capezelle, where a covering force still stands out.  
 The Italians have occupied all of the enemy trenches at Monta Vallebella and Monta Asolove, and have captured hill 14 with seventy three prisoners.

London June 25.—It is learned from authoritative sources that the Italians have started a counter offensive in the mountain region.  
 The Austrians are strongly resisting the Italian gains.

Washington June 25.—Italian forces are preparing a great drive against the Austrians in Trentino and expect to report the amount of disaster inflicted upon the enemy along the Piave.

With the Italian armies afield June 25.—The Austrian retreat continues and the importance and scope of the Italian success grows hourly.

It is reported that the troops of Arch Duke Joseph and General Von Wur must surrender or be annihilated.

The Piave is choked with the enemy dead and the debris of their equipment.  
 An attempt of the Austrian war office to represent that the retreat was voluntary is false.

The river is only fordable at a few scattered places and these are under the constant pounding of the Italian artillery an airmen The handful of bridges are also being pelted with shells and airbombs. The Italian cavalry is pursuing far beyond the Piave, the horsemen pushing towards the line between Conegliano and Orderzo. The infantry followed across and is operating on the east bank at three points on a twenty mile front between Montello and Ponte del Piave.

### COULDN'T WAKE UP THE DEAD

(By United Press)  
 London June 25.—The impossible simply can't be accomplished even for the War Bonds. Thus, a British aviator's pamphlets brought no subscriptions when they fluttered down from the clouds urging people to wake up and buy War Bonds, and land in Chiswick Cemetery.

### SEABRISK, SUGAR ADMINISTRATOR

(By United Press)  
 Washington June 25.—G. A. Seabrisk has been named sugar administrator with entire control over the problem of sugar distribution.

### MARINES LOSE NINETEEN MEN

Washington June 25.—The Marine corps casualties numbered 19 the navy department made known this morning of which eight were killed in action one died of wounds and ten wounded in action.

### STRONGER NEXT YEAR THAN NOW

(By United Press)  
 Washington June 25.—Confidential state department information shows that Germany is spreading propaganda among her own people preparing them for the next years campaign and asserting that next year will find Germany stronger than at the beginning of this year's offensive.

### 20,000 GERMAN WORKERS STRIKE

(By United Press)  
 London June 2.—Twenty thousand munition workers struck at Mulheim on Thursday on account of the reduction of the bread rations.

No previous mention of actual bread rationing in Germany has been made, although official announcement that same was in contemplation had been issued, Hague dispatches assert.

A general strike has been called at Budapest which has crippled the general dispatch and railway postal telegraph service.

### Draft Lottery Staged Tomorrow

Washington June 25.—A draft lottery of numbers of the registered twenty one year old men will be staged in the senate office building, at nine o'clock Thursday morning Secretary of war Baker announced today.

Seven hundred thousand young men will learn the order of their call into military service on that day.

Arrangements have been completed for approximately twelve hundred numbers will be placed in capsules and drawn from a huge bowl in the conference room of the senate office building.

The drawing will take two hours.  
 The first large call of draftees for general military service for the month of July is expected to be issued tomorrow by Provost Marshal Crowder.

### REFUSE PLEDGES ABOUT BELGIUM

(By United Press)  
 Amsterdam June 25.—Foreign Minister von Kuehlmann declared in the Reichstag that Germany cannot bind herself to pledges regarding Belgium, according to advices received here.

### PROHIBITION DIVIDES CABINET

(By United Press)  
 Washington June 25.—Cabinet members are divided on the prohibition hearing of the senate agricultural committee.  
 Secretary Daniels espouses the measure while Postmaster General Burleson sides with the wets.

### 97 CASUALTIES YESTERDAY

(By United Press)  
 Washington June 25.—The war department reports ninety seven casualties on the west front yesterday according to advice from General Pershing, of which fifty-four were killed in action, seven died of wounds, five of disease, one aeroplane accident, two from accidents from other causes, twenty six severely wounded and two wounded to a degree undetermined.  
 Lieutenant Paul Waples Derriekson, of Norfolk, Va., Private Thomas D. McCracken and David M. Wright, of Lincolnton were killed in action, and Private Bernice M. Lewis, of Weems, Va., died of disease.

### SAVE ANIMALS FROM DESEASE

Washington June 25.—The fight on animal tuberculosis is being pressed this year by federal and state authorities, hand in hand. Of the former, 64 are now co-operating with 54 state officials in a campaign in 31 states. The annual loss from this scourge hitherto has been about \$25,000,000.

### GERMAN- BUT NOT AT HEART

London June 25.—Frederick Brandauer, German millionaire, preferred death by suicide to being repatriated to the Fatherland. Though confined in a British internment camp on the Isle of Man Brandauer found life enjoyable. He took poison when informed he was informed that he was one of the chosen to be one of the next repatriation party.  
 Brandauer had lived thirty year in England and his naturalization was validated only by a technicality. His sister is the wife of a German general fighting the allies on the Western front.

### CHOYCE RINGS KNELL GERMAN MILITARISM

VIVID PORTRAYAL OF THE HORRORS OF WAR AND THE VILLANY OF AN UNSCRUPULOUS AND REVENGEFUL ENEMY.

### LIFE IN THE TRENCHES WELL TOLD.

### MASS MEETING AT THE PALACE

Tonight, immediately following the committee meeting of the war savings campaign in the Palace theatre there will be a meeting probably at half past eight, or a little later, of the citizens to consider appointing a committee with power to get the government national highway from Norfolk to Wilmington to pass through Scotland Neck, instead of by way of Williamston, as at present planned.

This highway will be built regardless, and it is up to the Scotland Neck people to get the benefit of same, if we want it, therefore it is very important that the people attend this matter at once as what is done must be done quickly.

The survey will be made at once under the direction and personal supervision of Mr. Monro, of the Seaboard Air Line, and the only expense incurred in getting a survey made through Halifax county is for the county commissioners to defray the expense of the help such as chain bearers, and other laborers, as all salaries will be borne by the government.

This road will be a forty foot stone highway, running from Norfolk to Williamston, which will be invaluable to this community as it will directly connect Halifax, if we get it this way, with Bertie and Northampton counties and, if run this way, will save fifty miles of highway and many hundreds of thousands of dollars over the proposed highway thru Williamston.

### RED CROSS AUXILLIARY

The colored people of Mary's Chapel, to whom Professor Shields spoke Sunday evening in the interest of War Saving Stamps and Red Cross Work, formed an auxiliary to the Scotland Neck Red Cross chapter with nineteen members, the officers elected being Mrs. Leah Shields, President; Mrs. Carrie Shields, secretary; and Mrs. Armata Smith treasurer.

\* COTTON MARKET \*

	Open	High	Low	Close
July	26.70	27.90	26.70	27.90
Oct	24.79	25.37	24.79	25.37
Dec	24.40	24.99	24.40	24.99
Jan	24.33	24.85	24.33	24.85
Mar	24.25	24.68	24.25	24.68

Last night before an audience of fully eight hundred citizens Lieutenant Choyce, of the British army, unfolded a story of the actual conditions on the war front, so intensely interesting, although harrowing, that his audience was carried away from convulsive laughter to tears within a breathing spell.

In the most natural manner Lieut. Choyce gave an epitome of his experiences, and privations, in the front line trenches on the Arras battle line, when the lice infested the men and rats gnawed their toes and faces, while the machine gun and scrapnet showered the men continually. He made a special feature of these conditions for the benefit of the American boys who are now in the trenches showing with what bravery the allied troops are holding firm against all adversity.

His story of "going over the top" with eight hundred Lancashire men of whom only forty wounded Tommies crawled back; of his own wounds and suffering for twenty four hours in "no man's land" with schrapnel wounds in thigh, his orderly, with part of his face shot away, lying across his feet while the Germans continued a scorching fire night and day, was the most frightful, and yet clear statement ever brought to our people.

Every now and then the speaker was brought to utter expletives as an explanation of the frightfulness of the enemy, and showed how desperately in earnest the allied troops have become, and how determined they were to crush out for all time a foe that knows no humanity.

Picking up a biscuit, like a soda cracker, he told of the cakes the men carried in their pockets, one corner of which they would nibble for breakfast, another for dinner and a third for supper, and this had been the food of the officers and men and himself for five days.

"Thank God you will not be brought to the condition of want that my own people—the women of England have been. I have seen cultured women get thin and wan, depriving themselves of actual necessities that their men might be fed, because they had to work. This fortunately, will not come to you, for you have ample and are doing great work in providing for the armies of the allies as well as the civilian population of England, France, Italy and Belgium," stated the speaker.

He further touched upon the possible ending of the war, but only (Continued on back page)