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## ITALIANS CONSOLIDATE MOUNTAIN POSITIONS

AUSTRIANS DEVELOPING A STRONG ATTACK ON THE POINTS AROUND MONTE DI VALBELLA CAPTURED FROM THEM LAST WEEK.

## ENEMY LEFT DEAD AND WOUNDED

(By United Press)  
With the Italian armies afield July 2—Further Austrian attempt to recapture Monte di Valbella are developing.  
The Italian left at least fifteen hundred dead on the slopes after yesterday afternoon's assault and nearly two thousand prisoners were taken yesterday and the preceding day.

## MARINES HAVE SLIGHT LOSSES

(By United Press)  
Washington July 2—The marine report of casualties showed that three men were missing in action of whom one was a Virginian, Cedre E. Lyon, of Hopewell, Va.

Washington July 2—A second marine casualty list totaling 29 names has been issued. This contains two deaths from wounds, one wounded in action and 26 missing in action.

## ENEMY ATTACKS AGAINST BRITISH

(By United Press)  
London July 2—The enemy attacked northwest of Albert in an effort to recapture the ground gained by us Friday night, but was repulsed with heavy losses except at one point where the enemy gained a foothold, states British Field Marshal Haig in a dispatch received this morning.

The British armies in Grance July 2—British counterattacks delivered shortly after midnight are believed to have driven the Germans from some points where they had obtained a footing north west of Albert yesterday.

## ARMY LOSSES EIGHTY ONE MEN

Washington, July 2.—The army casualties reports eighty one men, according to advices received today from the front.  
Eight were killed in action, ten died from wounds, one from disease, forty eight were severely wounded, two wounded to a degree undetermined and ten missing in action.

Of the southerners Lieutenant G. L. Jeffers of South Richmond Va., Cross of Franklinville, N. C., and Thomas C. Gardner, of Richmond, Va., were severely wounded.

Weather Report of week ending June 30, 1918.  
(By J. Y. Savage)  
Temperature highest 85° on 30  
lowest 52° on 24

## NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITAL

By Maxwell Gorman  
Raleigh, N. C. July 2. The Superior Court clerks of North Carolina are assembling here in state convention today, the first time such a meeting has been held. It is more of a social gathering than anything else and no weighty questions of state or war will come up for their determination.

**ASHE COUNTY DESERTERS**  
Governor Bickett did not return directly to Raleigh from Ashe county where he went Saturday to attempt a pacification of the serious trouble there arising out of the "desertion" of some forty men drafted for service in the war. He is filling engagements in the mountain section of the state this week.

But a newspaper man who went there to report the situation, returned today and he has doubts as to whether some of them will come in and get their letter (promised by the governor) to the military camps, recommending leniency.

Most of them are expected to do so this week, but the indications are that others will continue to hide out and defy the law unfortunately. Of course the latter will finally be taken by the federal authorities, and their punishment is likely to be severe.

On the whole the governor's visit and speech did good and brought about a better feeling between two factions in the county which had been fighting each other.

The widow of Robert L. Temple, the drummer killed in Memphis Saturday by the father of a girl he was about to marry, as alleged in the dispatches received here, has been located as a resident of Raleigh of late. She is now on a visit to Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Temple was Mary Bond, of Edenton before marriage & much sympathy is felt for her. Templebody, by her direction, is being taken to Elizabeth City, his native town, for interment.

**Raleigh Bells Call to Prayer**  
The fire bell and church bells of this city began their new duty yesterday of calling people to prayer (wherever they are) at seven o'clock each afternoon. The special subject of prayer is, of course, the success of American the allied arms in the great "world war" and the Christian's God, whose all-seeing eye knows what we have done and are doing for humanity, mercy, civilization and religion, as contra distinguished from the record of the German and other "Central Power" nations' will hear and answer our prayers. Never doubt it.

Average high 72 4/7  
low 62 3/7  
Rainfall 1.21 inches

## SIXTY KILLED BY EXPLOSION

(By United Press)  
London July 2.—Over sixty persons were killed in an explosion of a munition factory in the midland counties. The women workers behaved splendidly.

## WILL LAUNCH 14 DESTROYERS

(By United Press)  
Washington July 2.—The Bethlehem Union Plant at San Francisco, launches eight of the fourteen destroyers to take the water on July 4, the navy department announces.  
The Newport News Ship Drydock company contributes three; the William Cramp Sons Co., of Philadelphia, launches two and the Fore river Shipbuilding Company, of Boston, will launch one.

## SECTY BAKER URGES CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS

(By United Press)  
Washington July 2.—Advocating a permanent government control of communications Secretary Baker urged the house commerce committee to report quickly as well a resolution empowering the president to take over telegraph, telephone, radio and cable systems.  
"Military control is not necessary at this minute but it may become so next minute", stated Secretary Baker.

## COTTON CROP NOW LARGER THAN IN 1915

(By UNITED PRESS)  
Washington July —An increase of nearly four million bales of cotton for the year is the forecast by the department of agriculture according to conditions of the crop June 25.

This represents 85—58 100 per cent, indicating a yield per acre of two hundred pounds, or a total of fifteen million three hundred and twenty five thousand bales, or nearly 200,000 bales more than 1915 the last banner crop year.

## SANITARY AND HEALTH UNDER TREASURY DEPT

(By UNITED PRESS)  
Washington July 2.—President Wilson has issued a proclamation placing the sanitary and health service under the treasury department.

## AMERICANS WILL LEAD PROCESSION

(By United Press)  
London July 2.—American soldiers headed by their band will be the first to crowd the new Wilson Bridge at Lyons during the fourth of July celebration.  
James Kearney, representative of the American committee on public information, has arranged for an exhibition of American war films in celebration.

## WILSON DEFINES AMERICA'S PLAN TO END WAR

(By United Press)  
Washington July 2.—The world will soon know the definite purpose of the United States in its herculean war efforts, exerted to end the struggle in 1920.  
President Wilson has completed the formulation of his doctrine aid, and as a finished product holds out America's hand not only to Russia but also to all oppressed people under teuton militarism and to embattled nations themselves now and in the future.

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## AMERICANS INFLECT HEAVY ENEMY LOSSES

OUR TROOPS ADVANCE OVER A TWO MILE FRONT WEST OF CHATEAU THIERRY AND MAINTAIN DOMINATING POSITIONS ALL ALONG THE LINE.

## FOUR HUNDRED & FIFTY PRISONERS TAKEN

(By United Press)  
Chapel Hill, July 2.—In accordance with the order recently drafted by the War Department designating the University of North Carolina as a Reserve Officers Training Camp, word has just been received from Washington that Lieutenant-Colonel Gustav W. S. Stevens, U. S. Army retired, has been detailed as professor of military science and tactics. He has been directed to proceed to Chapel Hill and report for duty. Born in Virginia, Lieutenant-Col. Stevens was appointed from Louisiana as a Cadet to the U. S. Military Academy in 1882; and since that time his rise in the military world has been rapid.

He will be assisted in his work by Captain J. Stuart Allen, director of military tactics at the University during the past year, and Mr. J. V. Whitfield a former commandant of the Horner Military School and Adjutant at the University during the past session.  
Two University Alumni Die in France.  
Two University Alumni have recently been killed in action in France, Joe Orr, of Mathews, of the class of '20 and David S. Graham, of Charlotte, of the '01 class.  
**Special Engineering Course to be Offered**  
In response to urgent appeals from the Government to speed up the training of technical men the University will offer, beginning next fall, a special three year course in engineering, leading to degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering. Such a course has heretofore required four years.  
The course will provide three ways in which a young man may obtain a thorough, intensive training in engineering. In the first year all students will take the same courses in the fundamental sciences. In the second year specialization will begin, one group of courses preparing for service in the engineers' corps, another for the Signal corps, and a third for the steam engineering in the Navy.  
These courses furnish a fine opportunity, it is felt, for young men having a liking for science to train themselves for immediate practical service in the Army and Navy not only for times of war but for times of peace.  
Professor P. H. Darggett, Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering, is attending the convention of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers at Atlantic City.

With the Americans on the Marne July 2—(10:55 a. m.) The American troops advanced along a two mile front west of Chateau Thierry last night to the depth of half a mile, taking four hundred and fifty prisoners and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. The Austrians losses were extremely heavy.  
Our men took the village of Vauxhall, Roche wood and penetrated Clermbaut wood.  
Combined French and American attacks at Vaux were reported as successful after a bitter battle.  
These attacks are important as the new positions now dominate Chateau Thierry and much of the country to the left.

## IMPLEMENT MEN CONVENE HERE

Scotland Neck will be the host to seventy five or one hundred Implement Dealers tomorrow who come here to hold their monthly conference and it is hoped that the people will show how well they can entertain out of town visitors.  
The Merchants Association will have charge of the social side of the affair and they will serve suitable refreshments during the day.  
By the courtesy of Mr. R. J. Madry the Dixie theatre will be the place of meeting, which will convene at eleven o'clock, and the meeting will be called to order by the president, Mr. J. Graves Smith of Goldsboro, after which an address of welcome will be made, then the routine business will be proceeded with which is of interest only to the members.  
This organization is known as Local No. 7 of the Implement Dealers Association of America, and comprises the light leaf tobacco belt, taking in the counties of Sampson, Wayne, Wilson, Greene, Lenoir, Pitt, Martin, Beaufort, Nash, Edgecombe, Halifax, Northampton and Bertie, and from most of these visitors are expected.

## COLORED PEOPLE CELEBRATE 4TH

Thursday July 4, Independence Day, will be celebrated by the colored people at the colored Hall at one o'clock when the first part of an extensive program will be rendered and Professor Nataniel S Hargrave principal of the Higgs Roanoke Seminary, will deliver the oration. A musical program and some other speeches will make up the afternoon program.  
At eight o'clock in the same hall the exercises will continue, but mostly of a musical nature, and there has been quite a large program arranged for the night event.

AMERICAN AND ALLIED AVIATORS AID ITALY.



Photo shows Aviation base, from several camps Allied aviators have flown to Italy, where they have been of great assistance to the Italian army, beating down the Austrians, bombing the enemy supply warehouses, and attacking the infantry with machine gun fire.

COTTON MARKET				
	Open	High	Low	Close
July	27.67	27.67	26.98	26.98
Oct	24.75	24.75	23.98	23.98
Dec	24.40	24.40	23.48	23.48
Jan	24.30	24.30	23.36	23.36
Mar	24.33	24.33	23.50	23.50