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## AUSTRALIANS AND ALLIES RESIST ATTACK

THIRTEEN HUNDRED GERMAN PRISONERS TAKEN BY AUSTRALIANS AND AMERICANS ALONG THE SOMME IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHT.

## ONE HUNDRED MACHINE GUNS ALSO TAKEN

(By United Press)  
London July 5.—A German counter attack at Hamel, which was captured by the Australians and Americans yesterday morning was repulsed, reports General Haig. Prisoners were taken in our advance along the Somme will exceed thirteen hundred the statement said. German field guns, one machine gun and a number of trench mortars were also captured.

## NEW WORKERS IN EXTENSION FORCE

Raleigh N. C., July 5  
Mr. W. S. Thomas, formerly of the Department of Entomology of Clemson college, S. C., has been employed by the North Carolina Agriculture Extension Service for the work in the proper control of insects enemies of food crops. Mr. Thomas is an emergency worker, with the fund for his employment being derived from the national appropriation for increasing food production, and which is handled by the United States Department of Agriculture. He will work under the direction of Mr. Franklin Sherman, Chief of the Division of Entomology, and will co-operate with county agents and farmers throughout the state. Mr. Thomas began his duties in this state on June 15th. Having been in insect control work for a number of years it is expected that the experience and qualifications which he brings to his present position will enable him to be of much value in increasing food production in North Carolina through proper insect control.

## GREAT AERIAL BATTLE TODAY

With the American on the Marne July 5.—(4 P. M.) Three German aeroplanes were shot down in two aerial battles which took place at this front this morning. Two American airmen are missing. Four American and six German machine guns participated in each fight. The first occurred north of Bois des Américains (Belleau Wood) when 1 Boche was brought down and two Americans failed to return to the lines. The second took place north of Chateau Thierry when Lieutenant O'Neill & Riabie report that they believe they brought down one each.

**COTTON MARKET**

	Open	High	Low	Close
July	26.85	27.25	26.85	27.25
Oct	24.05	24.43	23.59	24.08
Dec	23.59	24.08	23.59	24.08
Jan	23.46	23.90	23.46	23.90
Mar	23.49	23.93	23.49	23.93

Local Market Nominal

## ARMENIANS IN FORCE CAPTURE ERIVANS

(By United Press)  
Amsterdam, July 5.—Vienna dispatches received here announce that twenty five thousand Armenians have occupied Erivan.

## RUSS PROBLEM SETTLED SOON

(By United Press)  
Washington July 5.—The settlement of the Russian problem is believed to be only a matter of a few days, according to advices of the Inter-allied Supreme war council, and the full text of which will be available quickly. The absence of a findings of the council yesterday explains President Wilson failure to discuss the problem in his speech yesterday at Mount Vernon.

## FINLAND MAY ATTACK ALLIES

(By United Press)  
Stockholm July 5.—Finland is reported on the verge of declaring war against the allies. The Fins in co-operation with fifty thousand Germans are reported to be ready to carry a campaign into the Russian Murman district where an allied force, including a few Americans are guarding military supplies.

## ITALIANS MAKE BEST ATTACK

(By United Press)  
With the Italian armies afield July 5.—An Italian attack took place along the lower Piave and was preceded by one of the most formidable bombardments of the present campaign. Austrian small bridges were set afire by floating burning petrol in boats down the river. The larger bridges were destroyed by artillery. The Italian troops then surrounded and captured several groups of the enemy among the many canals in this region.

## HUNS PROPOSE AGAINST BOMBING OUTSIDE TOWN

(By United Press)  
Amsterdam July 5.—Rumors are being circulated here that Germany is considering a proposal to the allies that a mutual agreement be reached against bombardment of towns outside the war zone. The sentiment favoring the move is strong in Germany.

## FRENCH TAKE MANY PRISONERS

(By United Press)  
Paris July 5.—Patrol activities resulted in additional prisoners the French war office announces. This took place between Montdidier, the Oise, Champagne and along the right bank of the Meuse.

## BRITISH DOWN 10 HUN PLANES

(By United Press)  
London July 5.—Ten German airplanes were accounted for by British airmen on Wednesday according to an official aviation communique just issued. "During the night and day 16 tons of bombs were dropped on enemy targets. July the third the weather was cloudy and the enemy activity slight."

## GREAT JULY 4 PROPAGANDA

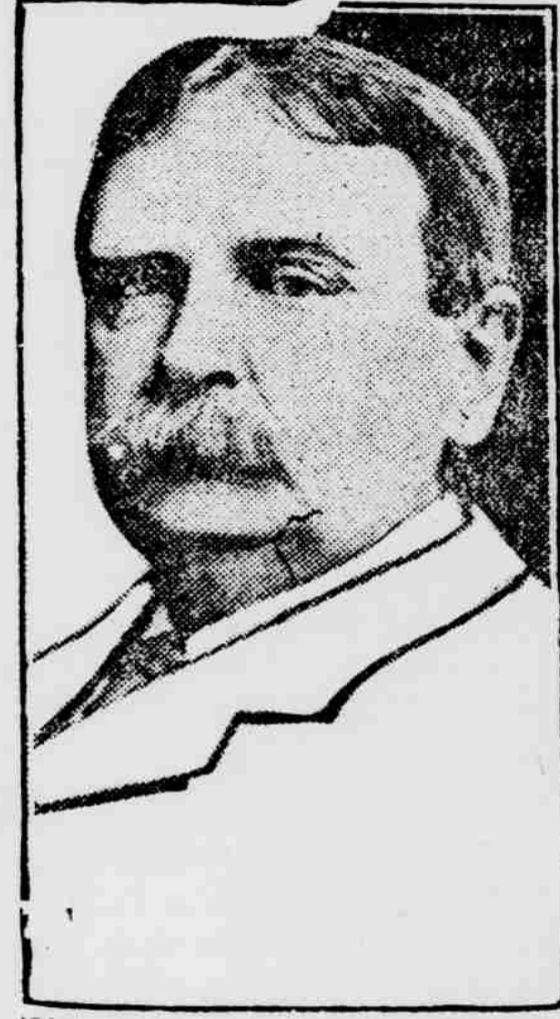
Washington July 5.—America is completing the greatest propaganda efforts of the war. New pledges of foreign born at various celebrations yesterday are being flashed to all parts of the world, and the president's address at Mount Vernon, and the details of great Fourth of July celebrations are being sent broadcast. Messengers are carrying the news into Russia and all the isolated corners of the earth, even to the extent of crossing both Germany and Austria. Allied airplanes are dropping the president's speech and resolutions to foreign born over the enemy's lines.

## HIGHWAY COMMISSION WILL HEAR COMMITTEES

ELEVEN O'CLOCK MONDAY IS THE TIME SET FOR THE LOCAL AND CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEES TO PRESENT PLANS FOR ROANOKE BRIDGE.

## SURROUNDING COUNTIES TO PARTICIPATE

### "THE HEADSMAN" IS DEAD



The Scotland Neck committee empowered to see the Highway Commission to get a bridge across the Roanoke River contiguous to Norfolk's will have their opportunity to present their claims as the commission has agreed to meet that and other counties and their committees on Monday at eleven o'clock in Raleigh and give the matter full consideration.

So important is this proposition and so great is the local interest in the plan that the committee that goes to Raleigh Monday should be fortified with all necessary facts in order to gain the consent and co-operation of the highway commission.

In answer to the message from one of the committee, one of the commission, W. C. Riddick, stated in a letter this morning that the Scotland Neck delegation and those from other districts, advancing their claims to this proposition would be received and given consideration at the meeting of the Highway Commission just before noon Monday next.

In view of this strong committee from Tarboro, Rocky Mount, Wilson and Hobbgood should accompany the committees from Scotland Neck and Bertie county in support of Scotland Neck's contention.

## CZERNIN NEW AUSTRO MINISTER

(By United Press)  
Amsterdam July 5.—Following a conference between Emperor Carl, Count Czernin and Baron Burian the Vienna Neu Frie Presse declared that Count Czernin will be appointed foreign minister.

## GERMANS WANT TO SETTLE WAR

(By United Press)  
London July 5.—"The German peoples desire peace and strong sensible accommodation by the allies is bound to lead to its realization," the Berlin Vorwarts declares.

"Germany is reeling for the loss of raw materials, due to her overseas isolation."

## TCHITCHERIN OFFERS PROTEST

(By United Press)  
London July 5.—Delayed dispatches from Moscow announce that foreign minister Tchitcherin had protested to Berlin against the participation of German soldiers in Cossack raids against Germans in their advance upon Nikolaieff.

## 23 ON THE CASUALTY LIST

(By United Press)  
Washington July 5.—Twenty three army casualties are reported by the war department of which five were killed in action, seven deaths from wounds, two from disease, one from accident three wounded severely and five missing.

## SELLING BONES FOR FOOD IN ENGLAND

(By United Press)  
Washington July 5.—Over in England at the height of the meat shortage and before the populace was put on rations they sold bones at the rate of five pounds for one shilling. Policemen regulated long lines of people patiently standing out on the side walks, waiting, not for their favorite matinee idol to pass, but for a chance to enter a food shop and buy a small quantity of food. It takes about three minutes for the shop keepers to dress their windows, over there, merely because there are, perhaps, but a few cans of condensed milk and a box or two of corn beef to be displayed.

Yet over here in America, bones hay, even fats and precious scraps of meat are going into the garbage pails! Although in many cities there were long lines of people waiting last winter for supplies of coal, there has as yet been no pinched-faced mob pleading for food. True, there are frequently long lines of people on the street but mostly they are buying tickets to shows! In the busy street, but in town and cities, shop keepers display elaborate arrangements of all kinds of delicacies in their show case windows. They would scorn a "display" of corned beef and condensed milk.

The food shortage is real. Save food and "carry on".

### FIRST SECURITY LEAGUE MEMBER TO DIE IN WAR.



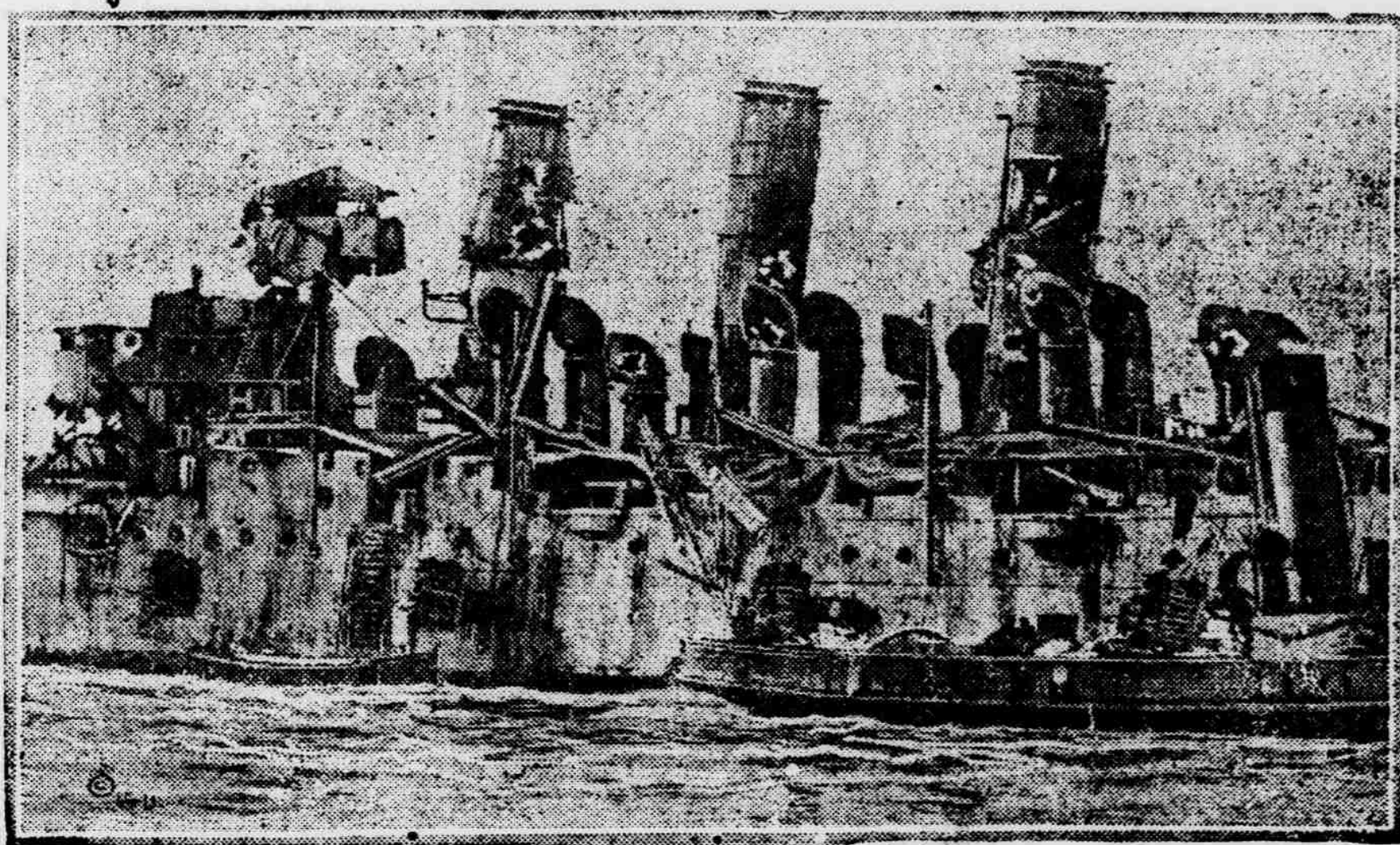
CAPT. EDWARD MCCLURE PETERS

## PUSHING THE BEE KEEPING WORK

Raleigh N. C., July 5  
Mr. C. L. Sams, Specialist in Beekeeping, is this week engaged in holding local meetings of beekeepers in the counties of Gaston, Lincoln, Burke and McDowell, and will then continue the trip into the counties of Madison, Buncombe, and perhaps, Yancey.

In view of the sugar shortage which will evidently continue serious for years, all beekeepers are advised to manage their hives for highest production of honey, and also to increase the number of their colonies. At the same time, consumers are urged to use honey as a substitute for sugar. A careful and conservative calculation, based on certain known facts indicates the surprising fact that at least 2,000 tons of honey, the most healthful sweet known, went to waste in North Carolina in 1917.

## British Cruiser Vindictive Bore Brunt of Effort to Close Zeebrugge; Later Sunk to Close Ostend Harbor



H. M. S. VINDICTIVE