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FRENCH CONTINUE NIBBLING PROCESS

SPASMODIC ATTACKS AT DIFFERENT POINTS ON WEST FRONT HARRASS THE ENEMY AND KEEP DELAYING THEIR NEXT BIG DRIVE.

GAINS MADE YESTERDAY OVER 5 MILES

(By United Press)

Paris July 12.—French make important gains driving forward over a five mile front, capturing the village of Longpoint and several adjacent strongholds, the war office announces.

German artillery is active in the Verdun sector.

The French have made successful raids in the Champagne region and north of Montdidier.

DR. ENDORSES MILITARY COURSE

Raleigh, July 12.—The delegates of the American Medical Association in recent convention through emphatic resolutions declared for universal military training and based the endorsement upon the disclosed fact that the youth of the nation needs such training to be fitted not only for war but for peace. There were five thousand physicians from all sections of the United States present, representing a membership of 125,000.

The physicians who have been examining the recruits and draft men for the American armies did not give much consideration to the war values of the universal system. These values do not need consideration for they have been thoroughly established. The peace values, however, have been underestimated, or given little thought.

These physicians have seen the raw material going into the soldier for training and have watched the results. They have seen many remarkable changes, not in a few isolated instances but in practically all, and they have declared for universal service upon the ground that it will save, develop, and strengthen the human material of the nation.

N. C. BOYS ON CASUALTY LIST

Washington July 12.—Fifty two names were reported by General Pershing to the war department today as yesterday's casualty list in the army.

Of these nine were killed in action, seven died of wounds, seven from disease, two from airplane accidents, four from accidents from other causes, fifteen severely wounded, one slightly wounded, two wounded to a degree undetermined and five missing.

Lieutenant Augustus M. Rotter of Camden S. C., John Painsley of Gibsonville, and private Harry Frank Jones, were killed in action; Sergeant F. Allen Brown, of Petersburg, died of disease; Lieutenant William D. Robbins of Raleigh and John C. Wilford, of Asheville died of airplane accident, and Samuel T. Johnson, of Dot, Va., was severely wounded.

FIVE PLANES ARE MISSING

Washington July 12.—Five American airplanes are missing as the result of a bombing expedition, General Pershing reports. An enemy raid of the Vosges was repulsed with losses without reaching the American lines.

NO WIRE CENSOR SAYS WILSON

Washington, July 12.—President Wilson will forbid the censorship of news dispatches under the plan of governmental control of wires.

He assures congressional leaders, press associations, press bureaus that their business will be left undisturbed, and asked that the senate be so informed quickly, since that body expresses fears the Postmaster General Burleson will establish a censorship if given control of the wires.

ITALIANS ENVELOPE CITY OF BERAT

ACTIVITY DEVELOPING OVER THREE HUNDRED MILE FRONT FROM THE ADRIATIC TO THE GULF OF RENDIANA

GREAT QUANTITY OF BOOTY TAKEN

By United Press
Washington, July 12.—Berat City has fallen into the hands of the advancing Italian troops according to official cables to the Italian Embassy here.

Berat is the strategic centre road through Serbia, and is the immediate objective of the allied offensive.

In Albania has been captured a great quantity of war booty and numerous prisoners have also been taken.

Rome, July 12.—Austrian defeat in Albania proportionately and overwhelmingly a reverse as the

GERMANY READY FOR PROPOSALS

(By United Press)
London, July 12.—"Germany military leaders, as well as political heads are ready to receive sincere peace proposals," Chancellor von Hertling declared in a speech before the main committee of the Reichstag.

TURKS GUILTY OF OUTRAGES

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, July 12.—Turkish regulars are responsible for the outrages against American property at Tabriz, according to information from the Spanish government furnished the state department.

This tends to aggravate the situation between the countries and corroborated the expected response from Turkey, which will probably prove a casus belli.

STRATEGIC LEADERS CONSIDER QUESTION

ADVOCATES STRONGER AGGRESSIVE ACTION AT AUSTRIAN-HUNGARIAN BACK DOOR BY ITALIANS, WITH AID OF AMERICANS AND SLAVAKS

WHAT STRENGTH HAS GERMANY'S NAVY?

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, July 12.—Two huge military possibilities are under grave consideration here at present.

First the government authorities are urging a new smash at the Austrian-Hungarian back door, via Italy.

Second the government leaders are keeping a watchful eye on the chance of a naval engagement of magnitude as a result of Germany increased strength caused by the seizure of Russian naval units and the probable construction of new vessels of her own.

The first plan has received considerable backing. The proposals would not weaken the western line in the least now, but new units, perhaps authorized units from the Slavic region, and other American troops, might be detailed to support the Italians in the drive.

The second idea of a naval engagement is clouded by uncertainties and lack of definite data, however it seems likely that Germany may get a fourth increase to her strength by grabbing some major and minor serviceable Russian ships, though her building program is unknown.

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FORMATION OF RUSSIAN MISSION

Washington, July 12.—A probable working arrangement between the interallied economic mission on Russian business interests is near solution, according to the United States Chamber of Commerce conferring with Russian throughout this week, determining not only upon a business plan but also much of the mission's personnel was indicated. Daniel Willard, formerly head of the war industries board and president of the Baltimore and Ohio, might be head of the American branch of the mission.

Washington, July 12.—The prohibition bill, which is part of the agricultural measure was yesterday temporarily disbanded in order to force through the wire control resolution, giving the president power to take over under government control all telephones, telegraph and cable lines.

Though deferred the agricultural appropriation bill, to which is attached the prohibition amendment, may, if pressure be brought by the dry advocates, be passed upon before recess, early next week but if no pressure is brought to bear it will await the re-opening of congress August 12, and recess will be taken tomorrow.

PROHIBITION BILL DEFERRED

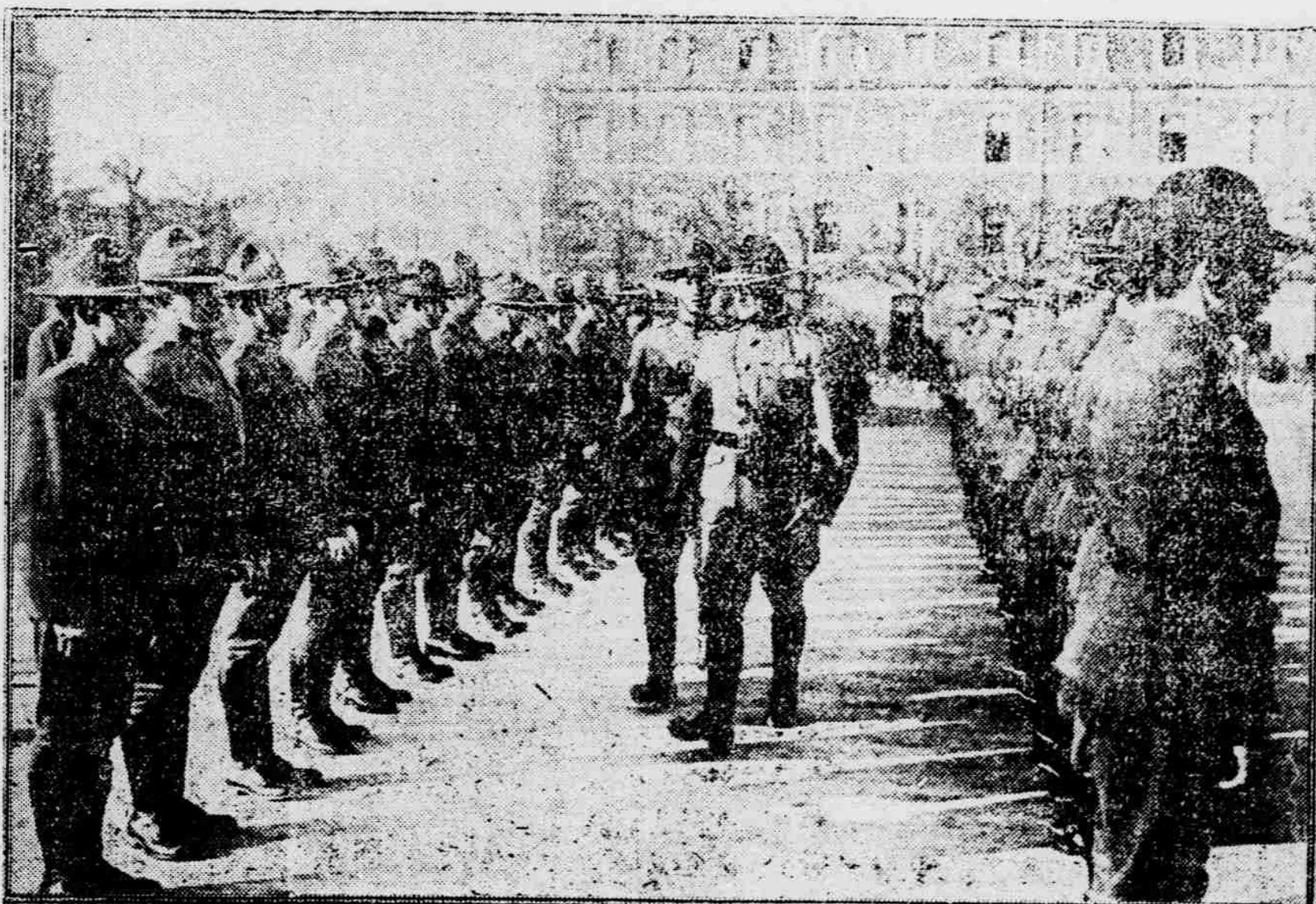
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P. MITCHELL LAID TO REST

New York, July 12.—Major John Purroy Mitchell, former mayor of New York, was laid to rest yesterday in Woodlawn cemetery in the presence of five thousand mourning citizens after a remarkable and impressive funeral.

The obsequies were characterized by the presence of men prominent in world affairs, including former President Roosevelt, Joseph P. Tumulty, representing President Wilson, envoys from the War and Navy departments, and official representatives of England, France, Italy, Japan, Cuba and Persia.

GENERAL PERSHING INSPECTS AMERICAN TROOPS IN FRANCE



The picture shows General Pershing inspecting American soldiers "Somewhere in France". The high efficiency of our soldiers new "Over there" is due to the strenuous training and to the rigid inspection by the officers.

NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

By Maxwell Gorman
Raleigh, July 12.—The future news developments of state-wide interest in Raleigh this week will include the Caswell Training School (for the feeble minded) inquiry, which Governor Bickett is expected to order concerning the "escape" of the fourteen year old girl, Lida Spruill, and the printed charges of lax discipline, etc., at the institution.

Dr McNairy, the superintendent wants vindication and some of his critics hope for an investigation so an inquiry should please both sides. Though the Governor has just returned after a ten days absence from his office and the case will be presented to his attention at once.

Corporation Commission Affairs
This week the Corporation Commission will be asked to get busier than it has been in an effort to get a modification of certain rates in the recent railroad freight order, and the commission will also give a hearing to the telephone and street railway people who want to advance rates.

The Blackmail Tragedy
The triple tragedy Saturday evening at Kittrell, when O. W. Blacknell, one of the best known men in this section, suddenly shot his wife and daughter to death and then killed himself, has terrified the entire State. The man (raised as a gentleman and in affluent circumstances) was crazed at the time he did the awful and unnatural deed, is believed by those who knew him well. Recalling his peculiarities it is very probable, and this certainly is the most charitable view to take of it.

Judge Pell Recovers
Judge George P. Pell, corporation commissioner, who was seriously ill last month, is now up and again performing his official duties. As he is the only "resident" member of the corporation commission, those having business with that court will be able to secure a "hearing" at shorter range than during his recent illness.

BRITISH BOMB CONSTANTINOPLE

(By United Press)
London July 12.—Another British air raid on Constantinople, is announced. The air force attacked Constantinople on July 7, dropping half a ton of bombs.

COTTON MARKET

	Open	High	Low	Close
July	27.85	27.85	27.85	27.85
Oct	24.78	24.78	24.72	24.72
Dec	24.28	24.28	24.06	24.06
Jan	24.09	24.09	23.92	23.92
Mar	24.02	24.02	23.95	23.95

Local Market Nominal