

WEATHER FORECAST.

North and South Carolina--Probable local thunder showers tonight and Friday.

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AMERICAN WARSHIPS ARRIVE FRANCE

BRITISH MAKE BIG DRIVE ON GERMANS WITH FINE SUCCESS

With Fury General Haig's Troops Refute Claim of Halt in Attack SWEEPING SALIENT IN FRONT LILLE

Trouble at Kronstadt Has Faded and Russian Government Again in Full Control. Quiet Along The French Front Today.

General Haig has launched his expected blow at the German lines in Belgium, striking early this morning along a nine-mile front on the Messines-Wytschaete ridge, between Tournai and Lille. Success marked the opening of the offensive, the British winning all their initial objectives and pushing on. Their further progress is reported to be satisfactory along the whole front.

A sweeping salient in front of the city of Lille has been created by the British attack and in a broad sense this salient is now under threat from both the north and the south.

Believing the recent German boast that the British offensive from Arras had come to a halt, General Haig earlier this week proved that he had not lost his initiative there, by making a successful drive to the south of Arras, carrying a mile of the German front north of the Scarpe.

The French front is comparatively quiet. The only development of note here is a German attack north of St. Quentin. This was quickly checked by the French fire.

Conditions in Russia appear more promising from several angles. For one thing, the incident at Kronstadt, with its resulting fortress garrison and declaration of independence, has been adjusted, self-constituted Kronstadt authorities recognizing the authority of the provisional government.

FRENCH GREET U. S. WARSHIPS WITH JOY. (By Associated Press.) Paris, Wednesday, June 6.--The Ministry of Marine announced tonight that American warships have anchored off the French coast. The announcement adds: "The French navy greets with joy on their arrival, these new brothers in arms, who, under the flag of the great American republic, have come to participate until final victory in the struggle against the common enemy."

VILLISTAS DEFEATED BY CARRANZA TROOPS (By Associated Press.) Juarez, Mex., June 7.--After three hours of hard fighting the government forces of General Cordova Espinoza defeated the command of Francisco Villa Monday at Pueblo, 6 miles south of Ojinaga, according to an official announcement by General Gonzales, acting commander of the Northeastern military zone.

RED CROSS FUND CAMPAIGN IN NEW YORK (By Associated Press.) New York, June 7.--The campaign for donations totalling \$10,000,000 as New York City's share of the \$100,000,000 fund for the Red Cross was begun today at a meeting of bankers, lawyers and business men who have been invited to join the Speakers' Bureau. The formal opening of the drive for contributions will begin June 18.

VILLAS INJURED BY KICK FROM HORSE (By Associated Press.) Presidio, Mex., June 7.--Francisco Villa was injured when his horse fell and kicked him in the chest during the battle of Saucedo, May 27. This became known when the man at whose house Villa stopped, at San Jose came here yesterday and said he had entertained Villa. He said Villa remained at his house three days, until he had recovered sufficiently to rejoin his troops. This accounted for Villa's absence from the Ojinaga fight.

HEAVY FINE IMPOSED ON CITY OF MONS (By Associated Press.) Amsterdam, (Via London), June 7.--The city of Mons has been fined 20,000 pounds sterling because a Belgian paper, published in Holland, announced that Crown Prince Rupprecht, of Bavaria, was in Mons when the city was bombarded by Allied airmen.

RAILROADS WOULD RAISE LUMBER RATES (Special to The Dispatch.) Washington, June 7.--D. M. Godwin, representing southern railroads, told the Interstate Commerce Commission today that if the 15 per cent. increase was granted, the carriers would raise lumber rates one cent a hundred pounds from the Mississippi Valley and southeastern points to the Ohio river. The average increase would be considerably less than 15 per cent., both railroad men and shippers declared.

GENERAL WOOD VISITS COLUMBIA To inspect Camp Site--Deliver Addresses--Review Troops--Reception. (By Associated Press.) Columbia, S. C., June 7.--Major General Leonard Wood, commander of the Department of the Southeast, United States Army, arrived in Columbia from Birmingham, Ala., last night to be the guest of the city today at an elaborate reception and demonstration given in his honor.

The senior general of the army commenced the day by making a visit to the site of the proposed cantonment, about 6 miles east of the city, following which he is scheduled to deliver an address to the students of Allen University, a negro institution of this city.

FATHER KILLED BY HIS CHILDREN The Infant Patricides Enact the Tragedy Before The Court. Durant, Okla., June 7.--The four children of R. L. Wilkerson, the oldest of whom is 13, told Judge Lewis Pauldin in the county court today, how they planned and explained the slaying of their father at their home on a farm here last Thursday night.

OUR WARSHIPS DOING GOOD WORK In The Submarine Zone--A Destroyer Rescues Crew of Torpedoed Ship. (By Associated Press.) An Atlantic Port, June 7.--An American destroyer, on patrol off the coast of Ireland, recently came upon a German submarine shelling the life boats of a ship it had sunk, according to survivors of the submarine's victim reaching here today.

REBUTTAL STATISTICS FILED BY RAILROADS (By Associated Press.) Washington, June 7.--The railroads today presented to the Interstate Commerce Commission rebuttal to statistics filed by shippers protesting against the proposed 15 per cent. increase in freight rates.

TAX ON BANK CHECKS PLACED IN TAX BILL (By Associated Press.) Washington, June 7.--A new tax of two cents on all bank checks and drafts over \$5, expected to raise about \$1,500,000 in revenues, was added to the War Tax bill today by the Senate Finance committee.

TO DIXIE MUSIC AND REBEL YELLS OLD 'VETS' MARCH

Nation's Capital Witnesses Inspiring Spectacle in Confederate Parade. GREAT CLIMAX TO THE 1917 REUNION Cheered by Thousands Members of the Peerless Confederate Hosts March in Front of President.

TAR HEELS MAKE A HIT. (By Associated Press.) Washington, June 7.--A sign that attracted the attention of the President, read in letters two feet high, "Damn a man who ain't for his country, right or wrong." It was carried by North Carolina veterans.

Washington, June 7.--The Nation's capital resounded today with the martial airs of Dixie and the rebel yell as 10,000 Confederate veterans, carrying their battle-scarred flags with the stars and stripes, tramped through blocks of cheering thousands along Pennsylvania avenue and passed in review before President Wilson and Vice President Marshall.

The veterans rose early to prepare for the climax of their reunion and an hour before the pageant was to move they began gathering at Twelfth street and Pennsylvania avenue, where they wore to assemble.

During the waiting hour, bands would strike up "Dixie" and the thousands of veterans would wave their hats and flags and give the yell that resounded upon every battlefield from Manassas to Appomattox.

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Italy to Cut Coal Consumption. (By Associated Press.) Washington, June 7.--Italy has determined to cut its consumption of coal and iron in half as a war measure to reduce its ship tonnage in line with the general policy adopted by the other Entente Allies in meeting the submarine menace, the Italian mission announced today.

SPLENDID WORK OF OUR GUNNERS IN U-BOAT FIGHT

For Hour and half the Silver-shell Battles With German Submarine. BOLDLY AWAIT THE ENEMY BOAT Sighted at Seven Thousand Yards, Decisive Shot at Twenty-three Hundred. Tar Heel on Gun Crew

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 7.--The Silver shell is the steamer referred to in yesterday's State Department announcement as having sunk a German submarine, after an exchange of sixty shots in a running fight of an hour and a half.

William J. Clark, of New York, a warrant officer from the battleship Arkansas, commanded the armed guard aboard the American steamer Silvershell, which sunk the German submarine in the Mediterranean.

As turret captain of the dreadnaught Arkansas, Clark has held high rating among warrant officers for the navy and was selected to command the guard on the Silvershell because of his ability and steadiness proven through years of naval service.

Secretary Daniels did not say what grade he was contemplating in the promotion of Clark. The other members of the Silvershell's crew were George B. Brine, Jameson, Md.; Thomas F. Atwell, Providence, R. I.; Frank Brousseau, Southbridge, Mass.; Joseph S. Celone, Ansonia, Conn.; Donald F. Chisholm, Jersey City; Walter R. Hearn, Boston, Mass.; Thomas J. Leahy, Springfield, Mass.; William Martens, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Leo Maurer, New York City; Jerris L. Patterson, Forsythe county, Georgia; Lawrence B. Ray, Brunswick, N. C.; Herman L. Sedorf, Brooklyn, N. Y.

NEW YORK BOMBARDED WITH BOMB LITERATURE (By Associated Press.) New York, June 7.--An aerial bombardment of bombs of literature designed to rouse those who have not subscribed to the Liberty loan, was the feature of the subscription here today.

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U.S. ARMY TRANSPORT GUARDED BY WARSHIP IN FRENCH WATERS

TO SAFEGUARD ALLIED SHIPPING British Experts Arrive For Consultation--Conditions Improving in Shipping.

Washington, June 7.--Two British experts, Under Secretary J. A. Salter, of the Ministry of Shipping, and Thomas Royden, a director of the Cunard Line, arrived here today to discuss the shipping situation of the allies. They came at the request of American officials and will aid in effecting an efficient shipping distribution.

ALIENS ARRESTED IN VIRGINIA CITY For Failure to Register For the War--One, German, the Other Russian. (By Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., June 7.--Failure to register resulted in the arrest yesterday of Wolfgang Berger, an alien enemy. Berger admitted that he had not enrolled on Tuesday.

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MOTOR SCHOONERS FOR THE GOVERNMENT (By Associated Press.) Pensacola, Fla., June 7.--Six 1,000-ton motor schooners are to be built by F. F. Bingham for the United States government, provided the proposal of Mr. Bingham is satisfactory to the shipping board. The government desires Mr. Bingham to begin immediately construction of six vessels, all to be built along the lines of the ones now under construction by him.

Thousands of Tons of Wheat Reach Port Safely For Future Use. Collier Jupiter Made Safe Voyage With Immense Amount of Stores--Other Preparations For American Soldiers, To Be Sent to Front. (By Associated Press.) Paris, June 7.--A large American transport containing wheat for American troops which are to come later, has crossed the Atlantic under the protection of American warships, the Martin announces. The transport is now being unloaded at a French port, the newspaper says.

Collier Jupiter Carries Supplies. (By Associated Press.) Washington, June 7.--The naval collier Jupiter has arrived in France, Secretary Daniels announced today, laden with 10,500 tons of wheat and other supplies. The ship sailed from an American port without any intimation of her voyage having been given out in advance and is now at anchor in a French port.

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