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GERMAN LEADERS STILL HESITATE TO RENEW THEIR DRIVE

Lull in Heavy Infantry Fighting on Western Front Continues

THE WEEK DECIDEDLY UNFAVORABLE TO HUN

He Has Found the Road Blocked Everywhere—Enemy Artillery Continues its Chorus of Hate.

Germany's leaders still hesitate to renew in force the offensive to which they are committed and the lull in Flanders and Picardy is still unbroken by heavy infantry fighting.

The past week has been a distinctly unfavorable one for the enemy. After capturing Mont Kemmel and heralding it as only the first step of a victorious blow in Flanders, the Germans have not been able to advance either southwest of Ypres or east of Amiens.

Checked by the heroic defense of the French and British in the north, they were also unable to gain south of the Somme.

In Picardy during the past few days the British and French, especially General Petain's men, have made important local gains and the Germans have not reacted in force, an unusual procedure.

The enemy has made no attempt to force the French from Hill 82, near Castel, and from the new positions around Haucourt. The British and French in the Flanders-Bretteners region also have not been molested except by the German artillery which continues a most violent bombardment south of the Somme and north and south of the Aves.

Intense enemy artillery fire on the north bank in Flanders has not been followed by infantry fighting. The Germans also are bombarding heavily the British north of Albert.

Anglo-French airmen continue to harass the German communication lines in Northern France and Belgium and have dropped thousands of bombs on important targets.

PROMINENT TARHEEL DIED IN WASHINGTON

Stephen B. Weeks Had Won Distinction in Historical Research

Washington, May 4.—Dr. Stephen Beauregard Weeks, a widely known North Carolinian, and one who has won distinction in the realm of historical research, died Thursday at his home here.

Dr. Weeks was the son of James Elliott Weeks and Mary Louise Mullen Weeks, of Pasquotank county, and was born February 2, 1865. His father died when he was 18 months old and his mother died when he was three years old.

He attended a preparatory school at Henderson and from there went to the University of North Carolina, where he took the degree of A. B. in 1886. During two years of postgraduate work there in English language and literature, German and Latin, he took A. M. in 1887 and Ph. D. in 1888.

At the close of his student work at the University of North Carolina he married Miss Mary Lee Martin, daughter of Rev. J. B. Martin, a prominent Methodist minister. Mrs. Weeks died May 19, 1891; two children were born of this marriage, and one, Robertson Jackson Weeks, survives.

Dr. Weeks was professor of history and political science at Trinity College from 1891 to 1893. He resigned in June, 1893, and spent a year as fellow by courtesy at Johns Hopkins University. "Even before this time," says Mr. Pittman's sketch, "Doctor Weeks had become interested in North Carolina history and a collector of the historical materials of the State. He became an untiring collector of everything pertaining to North Carolina."

In July, 1894, Dr. Weeks accepted a position with the United States bureau of education, and in addition to important and responsible duties in that department, found time for extensive historical work. In 1899 his health became so poor that he was compelled to change his residence and employment. He obtained a transfer to the Indian Service and was stationed at Santa Fe, New Mexico, as principal teacher in an Indian school. He rapidly advanced in station in the Indian Service and soon had attained high rank. Later he returned to Washington and took up work again with the bureau of education with which he was connected when he died.

GERMANS AT FORT M'PHERSON TRY TO MAKE AN ESCAPE

A Fifty-foot Tunnel Discovered From Under Prisoners' Barracks

ROW AMONG GERMANS CAUSED DISCOVERY

Prisoners Were Fighting Each Other, and When Guards Investigated They Discovered the Tunnel

Atlanta, Ga., May 4.—An apparent attempt at a wholesale delivery of the German prisoners at Fort McPherson was foiled late yesterday when the guards discovered a 50-foot tunnel leading from under one of the prisoners' barracks toward the double wire fence, which encloses the prison camp.

The discovery of the underground passage followed an investigation of some trouble among the prisoners themselves, the guards being compelled to advance with fixed bayonets before the crowd of angry Germans would disperse. They had been engaged in a heated discussion and several blows were passed among the Teutons.

The exact cause of the internal disturbance among the prisoners has not been established, although the camp officials are conducting a rigid investigation. When the disorder had been quieted guards began a systematic search of the prisoners' quarters and soon discovered the tunnel which had been dug with great secrecy. The excavation work evidently had consumed many days, the Germans having used all possible means to hide evidence of their work.

It is understood that several prisoners suspected of complicity in the attempt to escape have been placed in confinement pending the result of the official investigation.

MOST OF CASUALTIES FROM NEW ENGLAND

Today's List of 86 Names Contained Only Three from the South

Washington, May 4.—The casualty list today contained 86 names, divided as follows: Killed in action 3; Died of wounds 3; Died of accident 4; Died of disease 8; Died of other causes 1; Wounded severely 14; Wounded slightly 50; Missing in action 1.

The list included the names of Privates Simpson Hunter, Buell, Va.; and Harry Lewis, of Chicamauga, Ga., who died of disease, and Private Eddie B. Henderson, of Douglas, Ga., slightly wounded. The majority of the men named were from New England. The list shows the following officers: Lieutenant Wilson Marshall, Jr., of Bridgeport, Conn., died of accident; Lieutenant Albert E. Johnson, of Colvilleville, Conn., severely wounded; Lieutenant Maurice S. Redmond, of Pittsburgh, Pa., is reported missing in action. The following were slightly wounded: Captains Frederick L. Blair, Providence, R. I.; Joseph E. Felsted, West Haven, Conn.; and Alfred H. Griswald, New Britain, Conn.; and Lieutenants Arthur W. Desmond, of Dorchester, Mass.; Patrick F. Healey, of Charlestown, Mass.; Durant F. Ladd, Worcester, Mass.; and J. L. Leslie, of Flushing, N. Y.

Two Big French Generals



From left to right are Gen. Foch, the French general who is supreme commander-in-chief of all the Allied armies and Gen. Estain, the commander-in-chief of the French forces on the Western front.

KEMMEL BATTLE WAS THE WORLD'S SEVEREST

Verdun Fight Was Tame in Comparison Declare French Veterans

With the British Army in France, Friday, May 3.—Veterans of the defense of Verdun predominated among the French soldiers who so gallantly defended Kemmel Hill against the Germans. Many of them had fought at Fleury and they knew what hard fighting was, but declare that Verdun was child's play compared to the conflict in Flanders recently.

The bombardment at Verdun had set a highwater mark for concentration of guns of all calibres, but it was nothing compared to what the French troops experienced during the German drive against Kemmel. The French troops took up positions about Kemmel on April 22, relieving the battle-weary British.

Throughout April 23 and 24 before the Germans maintained a tremendous bombardment and threw hundreds of thousands of gas shells mixed with ordinary explosive shells. On the morning of the attack on Kemmel the German gunners placed 10 big shells per second on the crest of the hill and during that day the French put on their gas masks 50 different times, for as fast as the wind cleared the gas away another deluge of the poisonous vapor poured over the hill. Part of the time the gas had to sleep in their masks. Despite the great quantities of gas thrown the French had only 12 casualties from it, according to the latest reports.

A large part of the fighting was with machine guns of which the Germans always had great numbers and at times the Germans enfilading fire was terrific. The French artillery and machine guns, however, in their turn reaped a great harvest from the enemy. At times the French 75s got into heavy concentrations of infantry and literally tore them to pieces. The German losses in many instances are placed as high as 40 per cent. German airplanes were out in force. They flew at an altitude of 100 metres and used machine guns continuously against the infantry.

NEGROES DEAL WITH DISLOYAL SEA COOK

Pensacola, Fla., May 4.—John Murphy, a negro sea cook, was arrested yesterday by the federal authorities charged with violation of the espionage law. Murphy was rescued by the police from a group of men who were handling him roughly, having disloyal remarks. The negroes asked that they be left alone with Murphy, it was said. Waste and extravagance are Germany's silent allies.

SPEAKER SETS LIVELY PAGE FOR SWATTERS

His Batting to Date is .536. McCarty and Giants Lead Nationals

Chicago, May 4.—Tris Speaker has a comfortable lead in the race for the 1918 batting honors of the American league. Averages released today show him blazing the trail with a mark of .526 for eleven games. Candidate of Chicago, his nearest rival, is 62 points behind him. The averages include games of Wednesday.

Chapman, also of Cleveland, and Pipp and Gilhooly, of New York, are tied for honors in runs scored, each having registered a dozen. Jackson, of Chicago, Gedeon, of St. Louis, Burns of Philadelphia, Baker of New York, Shanks, of Washington, and Chapman have a home run each to their credit. Dave Shean, of Boston, is leading in sacrifice hitting with six.

Cleveland is leading in club batting with an average of .301 and St. Louis in team fielding with .975. The three leading batters: Speaker, Cleveland, .526; Gandil, Chicago, .464; Jackson, Chicago, .438. Members of the championship New York team are in possession of virtually all early season honors in the National League with Lew McCarty, the catcher, showing the way to the batters with an average of .600 for eight games. There are four New Yorkers among the 10 leading hitters. George Burns, the Giants' left fielder, is leading the base stealers with seven and is tied with Young, his team mate for honors in runs scored with fifteen. Kauff, of New York and Roush of Cincinnati, each have made five sacrifice hits. Fred Luderus of Philadelphia, is topping the list of home run hitters with two in 12 games.

New York is leading in club batting with an average of .320, and St. Louis is club fielding with .970. The four leading batters: McCarty, New York, .500; Smith, Boston, .428; Doyle, New York, .405; Paulette, St. Louis, .400. In the Southern Association, Flagstead, of Chattanooga, is leading the batters with an average off .400 for 12 games. He cracked out 20 hits in 50 times at bat.

Veteran Tommy Leach, who also is playing with Chattanooga, is pressing Flagstead with an average of .385 and is leading in runs scored, having registered thirteen. Bottom: of Little Rock, tops the base stealers with 11, and Graft, off Chattanooga, the sacrifice hitters with seven. Chattanooga is leading with club batting with 270 and New Orleans in club fielding with .966. Ten leading batters: Flagstead, Chattanooga, .400; Leach Chattanooga, .385; Paddock, Chattanooga, .378; Edmondson, New Orleans, .367; Blumh, New Orleans, .357; Bues, Mobile, .354; Gilbert, New Orleans, .350; Diguel, Little Rock, .348; O'Brien, Nashville, .344; Allenberg, Birmingham, .342.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN HAS GONE OVER TOP AND STILL CLIMBING

DISPATCH MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT OF IMPROVED SERVICE

Management Proposes to Do Its Full Part in City's Progress

IMPORTANT FEATURES WILL BE PUT ON

Splendid Fashion Service and the Beginning of a Remarkable Story Will Start Sunday Morning

Wilmington is at the beginning of an almost unprecedented civic growth. Plus now being formulated by the United States Shipping Board will call for the construction of more tonnage at the new Wilmington shipyard than was originally planned.

This increased work will bring a big addition in the city's population, will make necessary additional train service and will divert business activities of every description to this vicinity.

This rapid development of what is destined to be the most important city in North Carolina demands a simultaneous expansion and improvement of every business enterprise in Wilmington. Fortunately a great majority of local industries, have been built on a solid foundation that will permit swift improvements to meet the needs of a swift-growing population.

The Dispatch proposes to do its part in the forward movement. Arrangements are rapidly being completed to make this paper a news medium of the first rank. A special correspondence, stationed in Washington, will give Dispatch readers a comprehensive idea of nationally important events as they occur and will pay special attention to the activities of the United States Shipping Board, a government department in which Wilmington now has special interest.

In addition to a complete presentation of the news of the day, The Dispatch plans the addition of important features that will appeal to every class of readers. Beginning tomorrow (Sunday) morning, a special illustrated fashion service will be made a daily department. Tomorrow will also mark the beginning of a very remarkable story, called "His Stenographer," written by Dale Drummond, a writer of national reputation.

"His Stenographer" will be published in The Dispatch in association with the Philadelphia North American and the Washington Post. It is a vivid, gripping narrative of the adventures encountered by a young girl who attempts to earn her living in the business world. Although the author deals quite frankly with the problems that confront women who are thrown on their own resources, the story is above all else a tale of optimism and good, old-fashioned American pluck. The first installment will appear in the Sunday Dispatch and a new chapter will be published daily thereafter.

A. W. McLEAN GREETED BY FELLOW CITIZENS

(Special to The Dispatch.) Lumberton, N. C., May 4.—The larger portion of Lumberton was at the station this morning to greet Angus W. McLean, recently appointed one of the directors of the War Finance Corporation, upon his return from a business trip to New York and other eastern points. When the train came in and Mr. McLean appeared he was given a rousing reception by his fellow-townsmen. In a short address Mayor James D. Proctor expressed the gratification of the people of the city, county and state upon the signal honor that had been conferred upon their distinguished fellow-citizen. Mr. McLean feelingly replied to the words of welcome, expressing a most hearty appreciation for the unexpected demonstration, and reaffirmed his loyalty to all interests of his city, county, state and nation.

Minimum of \$3,000,000,000 Passed Today, but More is Wanted

HOPE TO INCREASE IT BY A BILLION

While the Minimum Was Reached, Officials Wanted to Make it Four or Five to Match Germany.

Washington, May 4.—The third liberty loan has been oversubscribed by \$6,888,900, the treasury reported today. Later figures are expected to raise the total far above three billions.

Although this insures that the minimum asked by Secretary McAdoo has been pledged, much work remained to be done today to bring the total to the four or five billion which the treasury hoped to get. The treasury called attention to the fact that the total now reached is "almost \$800,000,000 less than was subscribed by Germany in its eighth loan."

The San Francisco district has confirmed official figures its claim of being the fifth district to subscribe the quota. Liberty loan workers today are out for a billion dollars or more over-subscriptions before the campaign closes at midnight.

It was the busiest day of the four weeks' drive and probably the most productive. Local committees summoned every worker to aid in street corner speeches, house-to-house canvassing, office and factory soliciting, and telephone appeals to "subscribe the utmost."

"A home in every home" was the day slogan which workers sought to make good. Other campaign war cries were: "Buy Another Bond," "Match the President's \$50 Bond," and "Subscribe Before It Is Too Late." Reports of states which have reached their goals come rapidly today. Maryland, Vermont, Indiana, Virginia, and North Carolina were among those claiming the honor flag.

Scores of telegrams told of great numbers of small subscribers who participated today in the loan. Treasury officials said they expected the number of subscribers to exceed 15,000,000. New York Goes Over. New York, May 4.—With subscriptions still pouring in New York went "over the top" in the liberty loan campaign at noon today. The minimum quota of \$900,000,000 for this district had then been exceeded and millions were still to be tabulated, the liberty loan committee announced.

HELPING WILMINGTON TO REACH ITS QUOTA

City Must Meet the Demand Made Upon it—Match the President

Reports this morning carried the announcement that the nation had over-subscribed the minimum of \$3,000,000,000, and that every effort was being strained to move toward four or five billions. The announcement was made also that North Carolina had passed its \$19,000,000 allotment, and was still climbing. In Wilmington the campaign managers and corps of workers are stirring every nook and corner of the city in an effort to put this city over the top before night, and there is a strong hope that this goal will be reached, though it is realized that it will be only by the hardest kind of work and a most ready response by the people that this can be accomplished. Every person who has not bought should do so before 9 o'clock tonight, and those who have are urged to match the president and buy another one.

The Dispatch was among those today who "matched" the president and bought another bond. It was also announced this morning that 51 employees of the Wilmington Iron Works had bought bonds. Reports early today indicated that the day's efforts would result in many subscriptions, and those who have the pride of the city at heart are hopeful that the city's quota will be met by 9 o'clock tonight. After that hour it will be too late.

ANOTHER BIG GUN OUT OF COMMISSION

Paris, May 4.—News has just been received from the front that a French gun made a direct hit yesterday on one of the long range German cannon with which Paris is being bombarded, and put it out of action. Use more milk—U. S. Food Administration.

Want Higher Rate on Iron. Washington, May 4.—Southern railroads today applied to the interstate commerce commission for authority to increase rates on pig iron, iron and steel rails, billets and blooms, and cast iron pipe from southern producing points to Ohio and Mississippi crossings and Gulf and South Atlantic ports. The proposed increase would range from 15 cents to \$2.25 a ton.

Higher Rate on Sugar. Washington, May 4.—Increases of about 10 per cent. in carload commodity prices on sugar from New Orleans to points in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky, were approved today by the interstate commerce commission. Generally Fair Next Week. Washington, May 4.—Generally fair weather without temperature changes of consequence is forecast for the South Atlantic and East Gulf States during the week beginning tomorrow.