

WEATHER.
North and South Caro-
lina: Fair tonight;
Sunday, fair in east;
showers in west por-
tion.

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ENEMY'S ATTACKING TROOPS ARE STILL BEING HELD BACK

German Big Guns Bombard
heavily the Allied Lines.

SOME LOCAL FIGHTING

Berlin Claims Repulse of
Small Attack by the
British Forces.

AMERICANS ARE BUSY

Bombarded Germans West of
Montdidier and in a Raid
Northwest of Toul—Artillery
Actions in Italy.

Whatever big move the Germans
may be preparing for on the western
battle front, they are finding an active
and alert foe confronting them.

The French official statement, in
particular fairly bristles with ac-
counts of intensive artillery and raid-
ing activities and more important
minor thrusts against the Germans in
various sectors. In addition the lat-
est British aviation report indicates
such thorough command of the air
that in one day's fighting 27 German
machines were brought down while
the British losses were only six ma-
chines. French troops figured in the
most telling strokes delivered by the
infantry last night, both in Flanders
and south of the Somme. In the
former area an operation was carried
out which advanced the French line
somewhat in the region east of Loere,
an important olding point against
banking operations directed at Mont
Rouge. British troops made a suc-
cessful raid near Meriville, to the west
of this area. On the southern battle-
front, besides carrying out several
profitable raids, the French bit into
the German line on the front between
Montdidier and Noyon. An appreci-
able gain of ground was made here
northwest of Orrillers-Sorel, seven
miles southeast of Montdidier.

There are indications that the Ger-
mans ran into serious trouble
as a result of their recent high
banded attack in the Ukraine. The
people are reported to have turned
against the occupying forces, and
patches from Dutch sources report
that Bavarian cavalry detachments
are being withdrawn from the western
front and sent to the Ukraine.

UKRAINE
London, May 11.—The situation in
Ukraine has become so disturbed
that the Germans have despatched
large detachments of Bavarian cavalry
from Flanders on the way to
Ukraine, the correspondent at Am-
sterdam of the Exchange Telegraph
reports.

Germany's attacking troops are
still held in leash, while the big en-
emy guns bombard heavily the allied
battlefields. Southwest of Ypres the
Germans have not attempted to re-
peat the futile attack of Wednesday
against the French and British be-
tween Voormeele and La Clytte.
The German artillery along this line,
however, is violent.

On the southern leg of the Lys
salient, the Germans are bombarding
the Robecq sector and also are pay-
ing attention to the British positions
about Vimy ridge on the Arras front.
On the Somme battlefield the British
have engaged in some local fighting
around Aveluy wood, between Albert
and Arras, and Berlin claims the re-
pulse of a local British attack here.

The French hold on Grivesnes park,
on the front south of the Somme is
still secure. The Germans are shell-
ing the new French positions intense-
ly but have not yet attempted coun-
ter attacks in force. West of Mont-
didier American gunners have been
bombarding the Germans in the vil-
lages of Cantigny and Mesnil St.
Georges, fires resulting. South of the
sector the German guns have been
active between Noyon and Lassigny.
American troops on the sector
northwest of Toul assisted the
French in a successful raid into the
German positions in Apremont forest
Friday. The American guns aided
the French and east of the raided
sector, American patrols made a di-
version by entering the village of
Apremont, which was found to be de-
serted.

Active artillery fighting is going on
on some sectors of the Italian and
Macedonian fronts. There also have
been patrol engagements on these
fronts, but no heavy fighting.

Lying 150 to 200 yards within the
entrance to the harbor of Ostend, the
old British cruiser Vindictive, it is
believed, will hamper the passage of
German destroyers. Whether she
will be able to keep the submarines
from coming in or going out is yet
uncertain, but she serves a useful
purpose in narrowing the submarine
passage. The action of the tides and
the movement of silt against the old
hulk will tend eventually to close up
the passage unless the Germans can
remove the obstruction readily.

Low Mark for Bonds.
New York, May 11.—The new lib-
erty 4-14 per cent. bonds sold down
to a new low record of 98.30 today,
the second day of the trading in them
on the stock exchange here. The
transactions were comparatively small
ones.

Official Report

BRITISH.
London, May 11.—French troops
advanced their line slightly yester-
day evening, east of Loere, on the
Flanders front, the war office
announces.

The statement follows:
"French troops advanced their
line slightly yesterday evening east
of Loere, and captured several
prisoners. We carried out a suc-
cessful raid near Meriville and brought
a few prisoners and machine
guns. A raid attempted by an
enemy east of Ypres was stopped
by our fire."

FRENCH.
Paris, May 11.—Heavy artillery
fighting on the front below
Amiens in the region of Grives-
nes and Mally-Raineval, is reported
in today's official communica-
tion.

The French gained ground on
the southern side of the Picardy
battlefront, near Orrillers-Sorel,
southeast of Montdidier.

The statement follows:
"During the night very splen-
did artillery fighting continued
all along the front in the region
of Grivesnes and Mally-Raineval.
North of Grivesnes our
troops carried out a raid and
took 15 prisoners. In a local op-
eration at Mareul wood, northwest
of Orrillers-Sorel, we made an
appreciable gain of ground. Thirty-
nine prisoners and several ma-
chine guns fell into our hands. A
German counter attack was broken
up completely by our fire."
"French detachments made sev-
eral incursions into the German
lines, especially southeast of
Montdidier, northeast of Thisou-
court, in the sector of Sapignoul
and in the Weover, taking prison-
ers and material."

"There is nothing to report
elsewhere on the front."

RUSSIA IS FACING A CRITICAL SITUATION

Germany Finds Economic
Dominion Insufficient and
and Seeks Military.

London, May 11.—Russia has been
suddenly faced with events that may
again change the political outlook,
the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily
Express telegraphs. Germany, he says,
has apparently found the economic do-
minion over Russia territory is in-
sufficient and is seeking military oc-
cupation.

An extra session of the Bolshevik
government council has been held in
Petrograd to discuss the situation
created by the ultimatum recently de-
livered by the German ambassador,
Count von Mirbach, which embodied
demands of a character apparently cal-
culated to turn Russia virtually into a
German colony. Premier Lenin's
speech at this meeting was extremely
pessimistic, the correspondent reports.

According to the newspaper Poinia
the question of transferring the cap-
ital to Nijni Novgorod was broached as
was the subject of immediate military
measures for the defense of Moscow
against possible aerial attacks.

TO LAUNCH FRENCH SHIP IN SAVANNAH.

Savannah, Ga., May 11.—The Sav-
annah Engineering and Construction
company is to launch a 1,800-ton
vessel for the French government on
Wednesday of next week. While the
vessel will be christened the Lees
her name is to be changed at once to
the Vrdun, commemorating the great
battle of that name. The verduin will
cost \$250,000.

War Labor Administrator.
Washington, May 11.—Felix Frank-
furter, of Harvard university, was ap-
pointed by Secretary of Labor Wilson
today as administrator of war labor
activities.

1,300,000 MEN HAVE BEEN CALLED INTO SERVICE BY DRAFT.

Washington, May 11.—More
than 1,300,000 men have been
called in the draft so far and
either are in France, in camp, or
under call to go into service be-
fore June 1.

The total of 1,300,000 includes
all men summoned in the May
contingent. There is every indica-
tion that even a larger incre-
ment will be summoned in June
than was summoned in May and a
progressive monthly mobiliza-
tion continue through the summer
and fall months as the canton-
ments are expanded. It is ex-
pected that at such a rate, the
army will reach a full strength of
well over 3,000,000 within the next
12 or 13 months. It is possible,
some officials say, that the num-
ber will be closer to 5,000,000
than 3,000,000.

OSTEND BLOCKADE IS ONLY PARTIAL

While Not Completely Ef-
fective, it is Very Useful.

WILL HAMPER EGRESS

Vessels Will Have to Use Ex-
treme Caution in Entering
the Harbor.

OBSTRUCTION GROWS

Tide and Silt Aid Work Start-
ed by the Vindictive—
Zeebrugge Blockade
Partially Effective.

London, May 11.—It is declared on
unquestionable authority that the
sunken cruiser Vindictive lies in the
neck of the channel at the entrance
to Ostend harbor at an angle of about
40 degrees. It is obvious that a ves-
sel 300 feet long lying at this angle
does not effectively block a channel
some 320 feet wide, but a useful pur-
pose has been served.

A partial and very serious block-
ade has been achieved and under the
conditions of tide and rapid silt pre-
vailing on the Belgian coast the ob-
struction will certainly tend to in-
crease. It is not claimed that the
sunken cruiser will prevent the egress
of submarines or even entirely stop
that of destroyers. However, it will
materially hamper both, German light
craft will not be able, when pursued
by British forces, to rush full speed
into the harbor.

Conditions were fairly favorable for
the venture. That part of the Bel-
gian coast is heavily armed and the
small number of British casualties in-
dicates the enemy was surprised.

With regard to Zeebrugge, the Brit-
ish government is satisfied the Ger-
man stories of unrestricted ingress
and egress are inaccurate. Air pho-
tographs are said to demonstrate
clearly the falsity of the enemy state-
ment.

In the case of Ostend it is com-
puted that at least three or four
days must elapse before the channel
can be cleared and buoys placed be-
tween the stern of the sunken cruiser
and the land. In the meantime the
tide and silt will be at work. In the
Zeebrugge case the silt is collecting
very fast, despite the work of enemy
dredges. The position of the block-
ing cruisers at Zeebrugge is such that
any attempt to blow them up would
be fraught with considerable danger
to neighboring permanent structures.
The smallness of the casualties sus-
tained at Ostend Friday does not in-
dicate bad shooting by the Germans.
The weather conditions were favor-
able to the raiders and the Vindictive
carried only sufficient men to work
her properly.

The old cruiser Vindictive went to
her last berth 150 to 200 yards with-
in the piers forming the entrance to
the harbor of Ostend, one of the Ger-
man submarine bases on the Belgian
coast, under a terrific fire from the
German naval guns and machine guns
on the shore, according to the Cen-
tral News.

Preparatory to the raid into Ostend,
the naval air force bombarded the
town and dropped bombs continuously
on the harbor works, causing fires.
Later the airmen were assisted by
destroyers and monitors in bombard-
ing the enemy positions heavily.

The entire operation was carried
out on similar lines to the raid of
April 23 of Zeebrugge. For the sec-
ond time in a month a smoke screen
was used successfully. About 2
o'clock in the morning a large force
of destroyers and coastal motor boats
steamed up toward the shore, the co-
astal motor boats going alongside it. The
weather was everything desirable un-
til 15 minutes before the Vindictive
was sunk when a sea fog drove in
shore and reduced the visibility to a
range between 300 and 400 yards.

The Vindictive experienced the
greatest difficulty in finding the en-
trance. The enemy employed star
shells and searchlights extensively
and for 20 minutes the vessel was in
full view of the enemy batteries.

As she cruised up and down seek-
ing the entrance she was hit repeat-
edly and several casualties were sus-
tained. It was 2:20 o'clock when the
piers were sighted almost alongside,
and then the German machine guns
opened a fearful fire.

Having found its bearings the cap-
tain swung his bow against the pier
around and rammed her stem against
the eastern pier, leaving his lieutenant
to work the engines with the object
of sending the ship across the chan-
nel. He then discovered that the
cruiser was aground aft and it was
impossible to turn her any farther. He
called his crew from the engine room
and stokehold and set off explosive
charges.

Airmen, according to the Central
News report, say the Vindictive is
lying submerged at an angle of 40 de-
grees at the eastern entrance with
her stem against the pier being aban-
doned two motor launches went along-
side under a heavy machine gun fire
and succeeded in bringing off the men,
including the wounded.

A large number of the officers and
men who took part in the operation

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THE WRECK YESTERDAY CAUSED NINE DEATHS

Private W. C. Bryson, of Can-
dler, N. C., With Victims,
Died Last Night.

Columbia, S. C., May 11.—The toll
of dead from the wreck yesterday at
Camp Jackson of an curward bound
troop train stood at nine this morn-
ing. Military authorities this morning
confirmed the unofficial report last
night of the death of Private W. C.
Bryson, of Candler, N. C., which oc-
curred in the base hospital. A thor-
ough investigation of the wreck has
been begun by a military board with
Lieutenant Colonel Halstead, of the
321st infantry, as president.

CLUB STEWARD IN COLUMBIA KILLED.

Columbia, S. C., May 11.—James Mc-
Laughlin, steward of the Eagles club,
was found dead in his room at the
club this morning, his skull over his
left ear crushed. Police immediately
began an investigation, but there is
no clue as yet to his slayer. Mr. Mc-
Laughlin had been dead several hours
when his body was discovered by a
member of the club. He was a na-
tive of Springfield, Mass.

EVERY AMERICAN SOLDIER ARMED

Washington, May 11.—Although
American troops are going overseas
in large numbers, the ordnance de-
partment has been able to keep up
with the new program and every sol-
dier who boards a transport is fully
equipped with arms, the ordnance bu-
reau announced today.

Artillery and machine guns already
are in France in sufficient quantities
it was said, to meet immediate de-
mands.

WOULD POSTPONE POSTAL RATE RAISE

Washington, May 11.—Notice was
given in the Senate today by Senator
Watson, of Indiana that next Monday
he will move to suspend the rules to
introduce a bill postponing for one
year, enforcement of the provision in
the war revenue act increasing second
class postal rates, which goes into ef-
fect on July 1.

Newspaper publishers have protest-
ed that the act is unworkable and that
its operation should be suspended until
congress can put the increases on a
scientific basis.

Swanson on Rules Committee.
Washington, May 11.—New commit-
tee assignment in senate include:
Senator Swanson, of Virginia, to
the rules committee.

Jimmy Johnston would like to
match his heavyweight Gunboat
Smith against Jim Coffey, but pro-
moters evidently are not keen for the
clash.

Joe Wood has developed into quite
a fancy gardener. The former star
pitcher of the Red Sox is putting up
a nice game for the Cleveland In-
dians.

Mike Brady, the well known pro-
fessional golfer, has left Boston to
join the naval reserves at San Fran-
cisco. On the way across the contin-
ent Brady will play exhibition
games in several cities.

Boxing experts who have been giv-
ing Benny Leonard the up and down
say the lightweight champion has
grown so heavy it is doubtful if he
can again make the weight limit.

The Giants appear to be using high
powered bats this season, the team
batting average being .316 for the
first dozen games.

The 'Old Man in the Navy' and His Grandson



On the left is Gaston V. Lowe, 20 years old, who enlisted in Kansas City, Mo., in 1917. On the right is Adolph L. Lowe, 77 years old, who served in the navy from 1861 to 1865. He re-entered the service on May 9, 1917, as carpenter's mate. Copyright, Committee on Public Information, Underwood & Underwood.

STOCKS VIGOROUS AND ACTIVE LAST WEEK

This is Accounted For by the
Constructive Tenor of
Conditions.

New York, May 11.—The construc-
tive and helpful tenor of the week's
many developments accounted for the
extraordinary activity and vigor-
ous rise in stocks, those being further en-
hanced by favorable technical con-
ditions.

The amazing success of the Liberty
loan campaign, the additional check to
the German offensive, excellent crop
prospects and the forward strides re-
ported in various industries embolden-
ed speculative interests to a degree
not witnessed before this year.

That banking interests were not al-
together averse to the bull movement
was indicated by the stable monetary
conditions, although time money re-
mained firm with no increase of offer-
ings.

United States Steel's undisputed
leadership at an entrance advance of
over 12 points was accompanied by
gains of 3 to 10 points elsewhere.

Encouragement extended to rails
also in consequence of the receipt of
numerous new March statements of
earnings. In well-informed circles be-
lieve in an early advance of freight
rates was general.

Further reaction in liberty bonds,
which later embraced four and quar-
ters lacked explanation, but had little
effect upon the investment market.
Foreign remittances were unchanged.

Washington, May 11.—An ap-
propriation of \$33,000,000 to provide
for the medical necessities of the forces
now under arms and about to be as-
sembled under the new draft, was
made of congress today by the war de-
partment.

This estimate is in addition to ap-
propriations already made for the
medical branch of the army, totalling
\$130,000,000.

CONFERENCE DECIDES TO ELECT SIX BISHOPS

Committee's Recommendation
Adopted and Voting Will
Begin Next Tuesday.

Atlanta, Ga., May 11.—On suspen-
sion of the rules, the general confer-
ence of the Methodist Episcopal
church, south, shortly after the open-
ing of today's session, adopted the
report of the committee on episcopacy,
recommending the election of
six bishops. It was ordered that bal-
loting for bishops be started next
Tuesday morning.

When Bishop Walter R. Lambuth,
of California, took the chair as pre-
siding officer he was greeted with
cheers from the delegates. The Rev.
T. H. Dorecy, of Corinth, Miss., con-
ducted the religious exercises. One
hour was set aside for prayer ser-
vices for the success of the centenary
movement.

The committee on education, after
much debate, has decided to ask the
re-appointment of a commission to
have charge of Emory university, At-
lanta, Ga., and Southern Methodist
university, Dallas, Texas, the two
leading educational centers of the
church. A strong effort was made in
the committee to recommend to the
conference the placing of both insti-
tutions under control of the general
educational board of the church.

GENERALLY FAIR AND NOMAL TEMPERATURE.

Washington, May 11.—Generally
fair weather with nearly normal tem-
peratures is forecast for the south-
western states during the week begin-
ning Monday. There will be showers
early in the week in the south At-
lantic states.

Eddie Rickenbacher, who has won
fame as an auto race driver, is now
distinguishing himself as a lieutenant
in the Flying Corps in France.

BRITISH AVIATORS HOLD REPUTATION

Been Much Air Fighting Dur-
ing Last Few Days.

TRIUMPHS RECORDED

Score of Victories Over Supe-
rior Enemy Forces Have
Been Reported.

BOMBING EXPEDITIONS

Great Work Done in Destroy-
ing Railroad Billets, Am-
munition Dumps, etc.—
Also Attack Infantry.

With the British Army in France,
May 11.—There has been much air
fighting during the last few days, and
the British airmen have fully sustain-
ed the great reputation they estab-
lished early in the war. Scores of
battles may be recounted in which
the British triumphed over greater
numbers of the adversary. All of
these stories were only as to details.

Several days ago, near Ypres, one
Britisher attacked the Germans sin-
gle handed. The Britisher engaged
one enemy and fought him until he
turned tail and fled. The English pi-
lot then went after another German
and pressed the attack so hard that
the enemy was forced into a nose
spin in an attempt to escape. The
ruse was futile, however, for the Brit-
isher followed him down, firing steady-
ly into the helpless German machine
until the latter finally turned on its
back and fell plume-like. Another
British plane was attacked by six
enemy machines, which came at it
from below and behind. The British
observer opened fire at close range,
riddling the leading German machine,
which dived and then burst into
flames. This finished the work of the
British pilot, who got away safely.

But fighting planes are not the only
ones that have been busy. The Brit-
ish bombing squadrons have been do-
ing wonderful work destroying rail-
road billets, ammunition dumps and
bombing enemy troops and trans-
ports. Tons of high explosives have
been dropped among masses of the
enemy at night, causing heavy casual-
ties.

The British machines also have
been employed constantly in attack-
ing the infantry from low altitudes
with machine guns and in many cases
veritable slaughter has resulted. The
artillery planes also have been doing
invaluable service directing the fire
of their guns, and this represents one
of the most important phases of the
duties of the air corps, or the pilots
are the eyes of the gunners.

In addition to destroying eight of
the 20 German airplanes which, as re-
lated yesterday, were engaged so suc-
cessfully on Tuesday by two British
machines, the British aviators sent
down five others damaged. The bat-
tle began when the British aviators
attacked seven German planes. Two
other enemy formations came up,
raising the total of German machines
to 20, but instead of retiring, the two
British fighters pressed the attack.

and out among the large enemy
force these two planes with their
gallant little crews, swirled and
charged, working their rapid fire
like mad. One enemy airplane sent
the air for a moment and then turning
its nose toward the earth crashed
down with sheets of flame bursting
from it.

The seven other German machines
were shot to pieces in rapid suc-
cession and took the final plunge, three
of them leaving a wake of fire and
black smoke to tell the story of their
fate suffered by the men strapped in
their seats. The five other enemy
machines were forced to land on the
ground because of their crippled condi-
tion were seen to dive away in the
hope of reaching the ground safely.

DUPLIN PEOPLE BUY WAR STAMPS

(Special to The Dispatch.)
Warsaw, May 11.—The sale of war
savings and thrift stamps is going
briskly on in this county. The tour
of O. B. Eaton, of Winston-Salem,
gave quite an impetus to the cam-
paign, 37,000 worth having been sold
in the county, which added to the
amount reported to the Warsaw post-
office, which is headquarters for the
stamps, in Duplin, makes something
over 50,000 sold to date.
Several organizations are buying
the stamps as an investment and
through patriotic motives. The East-
ern Star chapter of this place voted
to buy \$50 worth at its last meeting,
and the I. O. O. F. lodge purchased
\$400 worth.
Charles Carroll, chief clerk, railway
mail service, of this district, turned
in to the Pocky Mount postoffice
more than \$6,000, for stamps sold by
him and his clerks, during the month
of April.

In this town the largest purchase
of the stamps is Dr. J. C. D. Herring,
who bought the 11,000 limit. The
purchase of the stamps is not con-
fined to the white people alone, many
negroes having purchased to the ex-
tent of their means.



Members of the Camouflage Squad working on a model in which they will develop methods of concealing batteries, roads, etc., from the enemy view. Copyright, Underwood & Underwood.