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BRITISH ARE ON THE HINDENBURG LINE

ARE SMASHING THE GERMAN LINES IN A NUMBER OF PLACES. THEY MOVED THE ENEMY THIR MORNING TWO MILES OVER A FOUR MILE FRONT AND HVAE BAUPAUME NEARLY SURROUNDED

THEY HAVE CAPTURED 20,000 PRISONERS SINCE AUGUST 21, BUT THEIR CASUALTIES ARE HEAVY

British on the Hindenburg Line

London, Aug. 26.—British troops attacked this morning on the Scarpe east of Arras and are making good progress according to the statement from the war office. Sadreville 1 1-2 miles northeast of Bapaume has been captured and the British have advanced beyond that village the statement adds. The British positions southeast of Morrey and west of Croiselles have been improved and the British are advancing to the north and south of Bapaume and have made a slight advance near Maricourt four miles northeast of Bapaume, the statement adds.

British Attacking in Several Places

London, Aug. 26.—This morning the British launched an attack between the Scarpe river and Sampaux and the heights northeast of Merville-Vitesse. In a few hours the British had advanced two miles on a front of four miles. Mouchy-le-Treux, Guermatte and Warcourt, a little less than five miles southeast of Arras were taken in today's attacks. Further south the British have taken Morey southeast of that village.

The French Moving Right On

London, Aug. 26.—In the battle area southeast of the Somme General Dedemey commanding the French army, has captured Srenyces-Roye, about three miles north of Roye and General Mangin has also slightly advanced his forces between the Ailette and the Aisne. 100 prisoners were taken yesterday by him. The town of Mouchy-le-Tremotte and Warcourt were on the Hindenburg line as shown on the map of March 21. In this situation the Germans drove ahead slightly but were held up on the succeeding days fighting, but after that time they could not get near Arras. This between the Cojeuil river and the Scarpe and adds four miles to the battle front.

British Take 20,000 Prisoners.

Paris, Aug. 26.—The number of prisoners taken by the British according to the Paris newspapers since August 21st is 20,000 and they also say that three new German divisions have appeared against the British. Since August the 8th fifty divisions have appeared against the British.

The Fighting Yesterday.

With the British Army in France, Aug. 25.—The British continue smashing the Germans toward the old Hindenburg line, which has almost been reached on the northern battle zone. The defenses of Bapaume have either already been captured or are in process of being captured. Bapaume itself must fall shortly. The Germans exhibit signs of cracking at some places but are offering desperate resistance. Many more guns, some of large calibre, have been taken. One British corps alone has counted eighty guns. There is evidence of confusion in the enemy rear. Units of the same

divisions huddled into the battle have been taken at points separated by many miles. Quantities of material are falling into British hands because the Boche has not troubled to apply the torch or explosives. Boziers, to the north of Albert fell this morning. British patrols were seen entering Martinquich, where apparently the Boche made good his escape.

High Wood, a strong position near Loneveval (northwest of Comblès) is reported captured while Saucourt L'Abbaye, Contalmaison and Courcellette have been occupied by the British.

Two Hydroplanes Collide

Washington, Aug. 26.—The collision of two military seaplanes with the loss of three of the crew including Lt. Donald C. Perro of Fire Island Sunday afternoon is recorded.

British Casualties 23,500

London, Aug. 26.—The British casualties between August 21 and August 24 have been 23,500 according to advices from the front, but the British have taken more than 20,000 German prisoners in their drives during the same time on the Ancre river.

THE GERMANSS ARE HOPELESS

British Army Headquarters, Aug. 25.—Reuters—The demeanor of hundreds of German officers taken prisoner recently is in striking contrast with the attitude of officers captured last spring. Then German officer prisoners were arrogant and meant to crush the British to earth, but now they are depressed and very anxious. They appear very willing to talk and the tenor of their conversation may be summed up as follows: They say Germany entered the war with enthusiasm, but this has long since disappeared and the struggle has now become an economic one with Great Britain.

They admit that Germany is in practically a hopeless condition, both economically and from the man-power point of view and ask whether Great Britain cannot now consider Germany sufficiently reduced to be no longer a dangerous trade rival or whether the Allies intend to crush her altogether. In the latter case, they say, Germany will be forced to fight to the last, but they make no effort to conceal their impression of what this means for the fatherland.

3 AMERICAN VESSELS SUNK IN FOREIGN WATERS

Washington, Aug. 23.—Sinking of three American vessels in foreign waters by German submarines were announced today by the Navy Department. The steamship Lake Edon, an army chartered cargo transport, was sunk on August 21, the U. S. West Bridge, of 8,800 tons, on August 16, and the U. S. Cubore of 7,500 tons, on August 15.

Sixteen of the crew of the Lake Edon are missing, thirty-nine having been accounted for. The names of the missing have not been reported to the Navy Department.

Three men were reported lost in the sinking of the West Bridge. There was no loss of life among the crew of the Cubore.

The West Bridge and Cubore were homeward bound when sunk.

CASUALTY LIST SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

Killed in action14
Missing in action15
Wounded severely111
Died of wounds11
Died from accident and other causes11
Died of disease1
Wounded, degree undetermined66

Total169
The following North Carolinians are included: Allen McDonald R. No. 3, Grand View, N. C.

Casualty List Today

Killed in action98
Missing in action56
Wounded severely106
Died of wounds39
Died from accident and other causes5
Wounded, degree undetermined87
Died of disease3
Died of airplane accident...1

Total395

The following North Carolinians are included in the list: Raymond Barnes, R. No. 5, Taylorsville, N. C. wounded severely. Erwin Christopher, R. No. 1, Culberson, N. C. Paul Haysed, Andrews, N. C. William B. Johnson R. No. 3, Kednesville; Will Z. Pearson, Elkville, N. C., killed in action. Ernest Willoughby, Goldsboro, N. C., wounded severely.

MILTON W. HARRISON COMING TO N. CAROLINA

Winston-Salem, Aug. 26.—Milton W. Harrison, saving and banking expert of the American Bankers Association, New York City, has been secured by the North Carolina War Savings Committee for a series of special conferences and addresses on the subject of "Why North Carolina Cannot Afford Not to Subscribe and Buy Her Allotment of War Savings Certificates." The committee will have Mr. Harrison's services the week of September 2-9. During this time he will visit many towns and counties in the state where he will hold special conferences and make public War Savings addresses.

Mr. Harrison will be remembered as the first representative sent to this State from the National War Savings Headquarters who rendered valuable assistance in the early part of the campaign in forming the State organization. Mr. Harrison is one of the organizers of National Headquarters and has since that time been intimately associated with Mr. F. A. Vanderlip. He is now Secretary of the Savings Bank Section of the American Bankers Association and is considered one of the country's greatest experts on saving and banking. The War Savings committee feels that it is fortunate in securing Mr. Harrison's services at this particular time in the State Campaign.

MARKETS

COTTON

New York, Aug. 26.—Cotton futures opened barely steady with October 32.80 to 32.60, December 31.10 to 32.35, January 32.20 to 32.10, March 32. to 32.15, May 32.15.

STOCKS

New York, Aug. 26.—The week in the stock exchange opened with indications of continual strength of last Saturday's showing. Although the gains in some instances were unimportant, United States Steel opened slightly higher and recorded an advance of 1 1-2 points on initial sale of 5600 shares. Canadian Pacific also advanced to 115.

THE STORM AT WRIGHTSVILLE

Wilmington, Aug. 26.—It will take \$15,000 to replace the damage done by the storm to the railroads and cottages on the beach and the growing crops between Wrightsville and Wilmington which raged Saturday on the coast. The cotton and corn were damaged by the high winds.

THE SUGAR SITUATION

So Interesting Has it Become to Housewives That We Publish Matter

REGARDING THE SUPPLY

Plenty of Sugar for Canning, Says Food Board

Housewives can get sugar in 25-pound lots if they have certificates. A statement was issued by the Federal Food Board Saturday assuring housewives that though sugar is scarce there is plenty for canning and preserving, which may be secured in 25-pound lots, and more whenever necessary, upon the presentation of a certificate stating that the sugar is to be used solely for such purposes.

"Reports have reached the board that some housewives are ultra-conservative this season in the matter of home canning because they know that sugar is scarce," says the statement. "It would be unfortunate if any fruits or vegetables were permitted to go to waste for lack of sugar. Housewives are therefore advised that sugar is available for all requirements for canning and preserving fruits and vegetables. Neither fruits nor vegetables should be allowed to go to waste."—Journal of Commerce, August 19, 1918.

Louisiana Sugar Report

The percentage condition of sugar-cane on August 1, based on nearly 200 special reports from cane growers and the observations of the Louisiana field agent, was 85.2 per cent of a normal or full crop, against 95 per cent a month ago, or a deterioration of 9.3 per cent for the month. The condition on August 1, 1917, was 89 per cent and on August 1, 1916, 97 per cent. The 10 year average of condition on August 1 is 85 per cent, or 0.2 per cent below the August 1, 1918 condition.

GET COTTON GINS IN SHAPE

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 27.—with the approach of another cotton ginning season and with the value of cotton and cotton seed increasingly great and these products most vital to the welfare of not only the South but the entire country and the allied world, there is the greatest necessity for special attention to getting the cotton gins all through North Carolina in the best condition possible to avoid destruction or damage by fire. The State Fire Marshal of Texas, Hon. S. W. English, has issued a booklet on "Safe-guarding Cotton Gins, Cotton and Cotton Seed Against Fire." It lays down rules to be observed in protecting ginneries and their products.

The regulations include application of fire resisting whitewash or paint, cleanliness of premises, prohibition of smoking, no ginning of wet cotton, precautions in storing cotton with none in less than 100 feet of the gin building, particular attention to the power and lighting equipment, metal flues, abundance of barrels and baskets with salted water, ample chemical fire extinguishers, steam jets properly placed standpipes and hose, employees organized in fire brigade for service in case of fire, a capable and dependable watchman and attention to the "gin bale" to see that no fire lurks therein after the fire in the gin has been extinguished.

Then there are general precautions to be observed that apply to general Fire Prevention effort and that every prudent and thoughtful person should exercise. That it is of utmost importance that every person having to do with a cotton gin this fall should practice great care in fire prevention is the insistence of State Insurance Commissioner James R. Young, fire marshal of the state, who is counting on co-operation of ginneries, farmers and cotton dealers to save cotton fire waste.

FAIR TONIGHT AND TUESDAY

For North Carolina fair tonight and Tuesday except probably thundershowers in the mountain districts with light west winds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION

Plan for Exchanging Certificates

Washington, D. C., Aug. 1918. To All Cane Refiners and Food Administration Sugar Distributing Committee:

On July 25th we addressed a letter to you authorizing you to call upon jobbers to have their numerous retailers' certificates of small denominations converted by local Federal Food Administrators into certificates of larger denominations covering the aggregate amount of the smaller certificates surrendered.

On July 29th we addressed a letter to all Federal Food Administrators, giving necessary authority and instructions to enable performance by them in accordance with our letter to you.

Having continued to receive complaints or advice of the great burden placed upon refiners and sugar producers by the handling of large numbers of small certificates, we are now urging that they immediately perfect necessary arrangements for carrying out the proposed conversion of certificates.

Also, we are issuing a letter to all wholesale grocers, calling upon them to assist the Food Administration by having their small certificates converted into larger certificates for lodging with refiners and sugar producers.

It is now up to refiners and sugar producers to insist upon having only certificates of large denominations.

The Food Administration is highly appreciative of the efforts of refiners and sugar producers to carry out the certificate plan of distribution and earnestly desires to place upon them only the minimum burden necessary. To this end we have to say we will not ask refiners and producers to go into any more detail in their records than is necessary to permit us to check up their certificates with their production, and we are willing, for the present, to accept certified statements of their auditors that the required certificates have been received, cancelled and returned to Federal Food Administrators by whom issued.

Very truly yours,
U. S. Food Administration,
By Horace C. Earle, Sugar Div.

EXPIRATION OF CONVERSION PRIVILEGE

Notice to Holders of First and Second Liberty Loan Bonds

To the Banks, Trust Companies and The Public of the Fifth Federal District:

Holders of the 4 per cent Bonds of the First Liberty Loan, converted, and of the Second Liberty Loan may avail themselves of the privilege of converting into 4 1-4 per cent Bonds by presenting their Bonds for conversion through the banks which handled the original subscriptions.

These bonds are not convertible after November 9, 1918, even if subsequent series of Bonds should be offered at a higher rate. Therefore, the conversion privilege must be exercised, if at all, on or before November 9, 1918.

The Bonds to be delivered upon his conversion will bear interest at the rate of 4 1-4 per cent per annum from the last interest date (May 15, 1918, or June 15, 1918). No payment of accrued interest is required.

Holders of the 3 1-2 per cent Bonds of the First Liberty may convert their Bonds into 4 1-4 Bonds on or before November 9, 1918, or may convert into any subsequent series of long-term bonds offered during the continuation of the war, bearing interest at a higher rate than 3 1-2 per cent. (For detailed explanation, see page 6 of Treasury Department Circular No. 114.) If the holder of 3 1-2 Bonds elects to exercise the present conversion privilege, accrued interest at the rate of 3 3-4 per cent per annum from June 15, 1918, to the date the Bonds are received at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond for conversion, must be paid to the United States. The Bonds to be delivered upon such conversion will bear interest at the rate of 4 1-4 per cent per annum from June 15, 1918.

Respectfully,
Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond,
Fiscal Agent of the United States.

MAN POWER BILL PASSED

House Saturday Night With Only Two Negative Votes. Jewish Relief

WILL EXCEED QUOTA

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New York, Aug. 26.—Because of suspicion that German submarines operating off the Atlantic coast were communicating with Teuton agents on shore, Federal authorities are considering establishment of an exclusion zone along the coast. The greater part of the New York coast, from New Jersey coast, it was learned here Saturday.

Washington, Aug. 26.—The \$500,000,000 revenue bill, providing for the greatest tax program in the history of the United States, will be agreed on finally by the House Ways and Means Committee Monday and reported to the House Thursday. The program was announced Saturday night by Chairman Kitchin of the House Ways and Means Committee, with the prediction that the House will pass the bill after a week's consideration.

The contract for constructing the great \$18,000,000 artillery camp at Fayetteville will go to John Stewart and Company of New York, it was learned unofficially Saturday.

Washington, Aug. 26.—General Order calls for 186,883 men to enter for camps August 3 to September 15. North Carolina's military quota is 500 to Camp Jackson; colored 475 to Camp Lee. Limited service 500 whites to Camp Humphreys.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 26.—Federal and local authorities Saturday night swooped down upon the Brown-Sherer Carnival exhibiting here and picked up 200 members of the show. When they started out about 100 were found not having registered for the draft.

UNSKILLED LABOR SHORT MILLION

And Further Curtailment of Non-Essential Production is Planned

Washington, Aug. 23.—The fact that there is now a shortage in work of 1,000,000 unskilled laborers and that the reserve of skilled workers is exhausted developed today at a conference of field agents of the Federal Employment Service. Further curtailment of non-essential production is planned to release men for war work.

The labor shortage is so serious that completion of a number of important war projects for the army and navy is being delayed it was stated at the conference. The agents decided that the only way in which the needed laborers could be secured was to take them from non-essential industry.

WOULD NOT EXEMPT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Washington, Aug. 24.—When the hour arrived for consideration of the Man Power representative, Madden, of Illinois, introduced an amendment to exempt government employees. This was defeated by a vote of 140 to 128.