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AMERICANS CONTROL ALL BELLEAU WOOD

Capture Prisoners and Inflict Heavy Losses in Men Killed or Wounded. Italians Cleaning up Piave Battle Front. Gathering Together The Spoils of War and Making Stragglers Austrians Prisoners.

The war news has been growing more encouraging for the past few days. The Associated Press summary for Wednesday's operations is as follows:

While the Italians have been busily engaged in cleaning up the Piave battle front, gathering together the spoils of war and making straggling Austrians prisoner, the American troops stationed in the Belleau wood northwest of Chateau Thierry have been devoting their time to showing the Germans again the fighting timber of which they are made.

In the demonstration the Americans gained control of the wood in its entirety, advanced their position materially northwest of the wood and made prisoner 264 of the enemy, in addition to inflicting heavy losses in men killed or wounded.

The attack was launched Tuesday night with the purpose of driving out the few remaining nests of Germans in the wood—nests from which enemy parties constantly were harassing the Americans. It followed a hurricane of artillery fire, the intensity of which stunned even those of the Germans who previously had gone through the terrific drumfires of the British and French. The hammering of the guns was kept up for thirteen hours before the infantry set out to accomplish its task, and the havoc wrought by the American shells, many of them of high explosive, was evident from the number of enemy dead strewn the ground and the state of general demolition that prevailed.

The capture of Belleau wood is of considerable strategic importance, owing to the fact that from it the Germans had been able to rake the Allied positions on all sides of it with their artillery. Its eastern edges also command the railroad behind the German lines running to Chateau Thierry.

All the positions still held by the Austrians on the lower Piave, constituting the Capo Sile bridgehead, have now been taken by the Italians, and the entire western bank of the Piave is clear of the enemy. Nearly 400 prisoners were taken in the enterprise. Aside from this fighting there has been little activity in the southern section of the Italian theatre. In the mountains heavy bombardments are in progress in various, and intensive aerial operations are going on along the entire front. The Rome war office re-asserts that all the artillery lost by the Italians to the Austrians in the initial stage of the fighting has been recaptured.

On the battle front in France and Flanders the operations continue of a minor character. The British both in Flanders and Picardy have carried out successfully attacks against the Germans and taken further prisoners and machine guns. Likewise, the French northwest of Montdidier have raided an enemy position, inflicted losses and taken prisoners.

AMENDMENT OFFERED TO MAKE DRAFT AGE 20 TO 40

Washington, June 27.—Debate on the Fall amendment to the twelve billion dollar army appropriation bill providing for extension of the draft ages to 20 and 40 years was resumed in the senate today, but consideration of the measure was so delayed by the fight on the suffrage amendment resolution that a vote was not reached. Leaders tonight hoped to dispose of the amendment and possibly to pass the bill tomorrow.

At the conclusion of the brief discussion today, Senator Fall said he expected that his efforts to extend the draft ages would be futile and the general opinion of senators seemed to be that the amendment would be rejected.

Visitors in Live Oak Section.

Rev. J. G. Johnson, of Smithfield, Miss Margaret Etheredge, of Selma, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Snipes and others spent Sunday with Mrs. Sarah Peterson, in the Live Oak Section.

THURSDAY IN THE GREAT WAR.

No Activities on A Big Scale Is Reported, According to Associated Press Summary in Today's Papers. American Regiment to Italy.

With the return of almost normal conditions on the Italian front and with no indications apparent that it is the intention of Austrians in the immediate future to launch another stroke against General Diaz's armies, the eyes of the world are being centered once more in expectancy on the battle area in France and Flanders as the possible theatre of early encounters on a large scale.

Although the infantry operations except by the Americans in the Belleau wood, have scarcely risen in importance above patrol encounters recently, nevertheless the Germans are trying out with their artillery the stability of the British and French positions on various sectors from Flanders to the region of the Marne.

When or where the next offensive is to be launched cannot be foretold but it is expected that it will be started and carried out in an ambitious manner, for it seemingly is realized that time now is working against German arms in the west and that haste is necessary.

For the moment the Germans seem resigned to their loss to the Americans of the Belleau wood, northwest of Chateau Thierry. No counter-attacks have been made in an endeavor to regain the lost ground. The latest account of the Americans' victory shows that the troops from overseas, in addition to killing and wounding many of the enemy, took 311 prisoners, 11 machine guns and 10 automatic rifles and a large quantity of ammunition and other war stores.

Announcement has been made by Secretary of War Baker that a regiment of American troops from the expeditionary forces of General Pershing has been ordered to the Italian front. On their arrival, which is expected shortly, the Austrians will have facing them men from Italy, the United States, Great Britain and France.

THE SUGAR SITUATION.

The seriousness of the sugar situation has not yet been fully understood by the people at large. State Food Administrator Page has announced that on and after July 1, certificates will be issued to all buyers of sugar with the exception of household consumers. No sales of sugar must be made July 1 and thereafter except upon surrender of certificate issued by Food Administration except sales to household consumers.

All commercial users of sugar are being required to make a new statement of sugar on hand and in transit on July 1, and those who have more sugar than they are entitled to will be required to dispose of it under the direction of County Food Administrators.

Since our national supply of sugar does not come from stocks, but arrives monthly, it is of the utmost importance that no one hoards sugar. When this is done someone fails to get his part. Commercial users or individual users will be severely punished who seek to provide ahead. The Food Administration will keep tab on them through the new system of inspection.

CAUSES FOR RATIONING.

The extension of the rationing plan for the distribution of sugar is the result of a number of causes that have cumulated to make the sugar situation more difficult than could have been anticipated even a few weeks ago, according to a statement issued by Mr. Page yesterday.

On account of the shipping situation it is impossible to secure the sugar which is available in remote markets and there has been a smaller yield of sugar in the West Indies. The domestic beet and the Louisiana crops have also fallen below anticipation. In addition to this, a considerable quantity of sugar has been lost by submarines.

A household consumption of three pounds per month per person, together with the special allowance for home canning, means a reduction of some 25 per cent in these branches of consumption from normal but it is still nearly double the ration in the Allied countries and is ample for every economical use.

For the purpose of issuing these

certificates the various users of sugar are divided into the following groups:

A. Candy makers, soft drinks, soda fountains, etc.

B. Commercial canners, vegetables, fruit, milk, etc.

C. Hotels, restaurants, clubs, public institutions and public eating places generally, in which term are included all boarding houses who take care of 25 persons or more.

D. Bakers and cracker manufacturers of all kinds.

E. Retail stores and others selling for direct consumption.

Requirements of Dealers and Users.

In addition to giving the quantities on hand the statements which will be required from dealers and manufacturers in the above groups will give the following further information upon honor. In the case of Group A, that is candy, soft drinks, etc., must show the amount of sugar used during the months of July, August and September, 1917, and certificates will be issued if the statements are correct, be based upon 50 per cent of such average use. Ice cream makers will be entitled to 75 per cent. A certificate will be issued separately for each month's purchases.

Group B, that is, commercial canners, etc., will be given certificates for their necessary requirements but any resale of sugar by them except under the express direction of the State Food Administrator will constitute a violation of the regulations and subject them to closing of business for the war. Any sugar in hand at the end of the season must be placed at the disposal of the Food Administration. The Administration appeals to this group to economize on consumption in every direction.

Group C, that is, public eating places, will be issued certificates upon the basis of three pounds for each 90 meals served. This includes all public eating places using sugar.

Group E, that is, retail stores, will receive for July purchases certificates based upon the average of sugar sold during the combined three months, April, May and June, 1918. Retailers must not sell sugar to any of the other groups, that is, to no one except householders, without taking up the certificates of such persons.

Allowances For Householders.

A retailer is expected to sell no more than three pounds per person per month to householders. All householders are requested and expected to purchase all sugar supplies from the same grocer in so far as possible.

Householders canning and preserving fruits for home use will be allowed only 25 pounds of sugar for the entire season except upon specific authorization from their County Food Administrator to purchase an additional amount. Canning club girls and others canning and preserving fruits for the market can secure certificates from the Sugar Division of the Food Administration upon filing a statement of their requirements upon blanks which will be furnished for their purpose.

It will be seen by this plan that there is no direct rationing of the householder. It would cost the Government \$5,000,000 to put the householder on a ration card and would take the services of 100,000 people to carry it out. We cannot afford the labor or money and if householders will co-operate it can be avoided.

Miss Godwin Entertains.

Kenly, June 26.—On last Saturday evening June 22, Miss Etta Godwin delightfully entertained a number of her friends in honor of her guests, Misses Sadie Renell, Mildred Bullock, and Hazel Finch. The crowd gathered about nine o'clock. After playing many interesting games, delicious refreshments consisting of cream and cake were served.

At a late hour the guests departed, declaring Miss Godwin a most charming hostess. Those present were: Misses Sadie Renell, Mildred Bullock, Hazel Finch, Clyde, Agnes, and Myrtle Watson, Lessie Gully, Bettie and Elma Renell, Agnes, Bessie and Jessie Massey, Alberta Boyette, Nellie Hardison, and Ica Godwin, Messrs. Arthur Godwin, Viron Edgerton, Jesse Watson, Wayne Boyette, Floyd Wellons, Haul Gilbreth, Oscar, Edgar, and Joe Boyette, Donald Kirby and Haywood Sasser.

Save your money and thrive, or pay the price in poverty and disgrace.—Andrew Jackson.

CROWDER CALLS FOR 220,000 MORE MEN

Formal Notice to Governors for Mobilization of Men July 22-26. N. C. Quota 3,000 To Camp Hancock, Ga. This Call Expected to Exhaust Men in Class One Available For Service.

Washington, June 25.—As a further step in carrying out the War Department's plan to have 3,000,000 men under arms on August 1, Provost Marshal General Crowder tonight called on the Governors of all States except Arizona and Illinois for the mobilization between July 22 and 25 of 220,000 white draft registrants qualified for general military service.

This call is expected virtually to exhaust the number of men now in class one available for active military service, and when added to school requisitions of 23,436 men, brings the total calls so far announced for July to 243,436. To complete its program for the remainder of the present year the department will have to depend on the 400,000 class one registrants expected from the June 5 enrollment and the 250,000 or 300,000 to be obtained through the reclassification now in progress.

In the call announced tonight New York leads the list with 22,141 men.

Iowa is third with 17,849 and Wisconsin is third with 13,200.

Virginia 3,500, Camp Lee, Va.

North Carolina, 3,000, Camp Hancock, Ga.

South Carolina 1,800, Camp Jackson, S. C.

EDGAR TURLINGTON TO STATE DEPARTMENT.

Son of Late Prof. Turlington Gets Passport Position at Washington. Douglass Ellington, Another Johnstonian, Gets an Appointment in The Navy Department.

Washington, June 24.—Edgar Turlington, of Chapel Hill, a member of the faculty of the University of North Carolina, today became identified with the passport division of the Department of State. He will draw a salary of \$2,500 a year. Senator Lee S. Overman used his influence in behalf of the Tar Heel citizen. Mr. Turlington is a native of Johnston County, a graduate of the State University, and Rhodes Scholar to Oxford University of England. He is rated as one of the best students that has attended the university with a decade. His scholarly attainments made him a fit subject to meet the requirements of the scholarship to Oxford University where he studied law.

Upon the completion of his law course in England, he returned to the United States and became a member of the faculty of the university. At the outbreak of the war he sought to enlist, but his services were rejected owing to a slight deafness. He repeatedly attempted to enlist for war duty, but was completely rejected. Mr. Turlington in his extensive travels through England, became acquainted with many English people, who are now fighting the war of democracy, which fact accentuated his anxiety to become a soldier. Edgar Turlington is widely known to University students of the past seven or eight years. Scholarly research and the mixing qualities of a prince of good fellows, evenly proportioned in his student life. Debater, Y. M. C. A. worker, a friend to the freshman, a leader of student thought—thus his college life was well rounded.

Douglass D. Ellington, a native of Clayton, N. C., but since 1916 professor of architecture in the Carnegie Institute of technology, has received an appointment in the Navy Department. He has a notable educational career. Graduating from the Clayton High School in 1904, he took a special course in Philadelphia, pursued educational work at Randolph Macon College, obtained the degree of bachelor of science at the University of Pennsylvania in 1912, he thus paved his way for a three-years scholarship in an institution in Paris. He won the Paris prize in architecture. Mr. Ellington in recent years has been instructor in architectural design at Columbia University, Carnegie Institute, and engaged in the practice of architecture in New York City and Pittsburgh.—S. R. Winters, in News and Observer.

AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER.

Death of Mr. Richard B. Stevens. Death of a Child. War Savings Drive a Success. Items of Personal Interest.

Benson, June 27.—Mr. William Canaday, of Richmond, Va., is here this week at the home of his sister, Mrs. O. A. Barbour.

Miss Eloise Turley, of Clayton, is here for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lee.

Misses Myrtle Ashcraft and Annie Laurie Wicker are spending a few days with Mrs. R. U. Barbour.

Mr. Edgar Johnson, of Oxford, was here Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson.

Mr. Elmer Lassiter, who is in the United States Navy, stationed at Norfolk, is here on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Walter Massengill.

Miss Dorothy Finch, of Wilson, is here for several days visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Stevens.

Mrs. J. A. Johnson returned the first of the week from a short visit to her sister who lives near Bentonville.

Mrs. C. A. Barbour of Raleigh, has been here for several days at the home of partners, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Canaday and Mrs. S. J. Duncan spent Sunday in Fayetteville with relatives.

Mr. Vick Austin, of near Clayton, was here Sunday and Monday on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Jesse McLamb.

Rev. J. T. Stanford left Sunday for Rich Square where his wife is spending sometime with relatives.

Mrs. Bradley McLamb has been quite sick for the past several days at her home near town. Her condition is somewhat improved at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bryant and children of Goldsboro, spent several days here recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wheeler.

Miss Annie Parker, a registered nurse formerly of our town, is now located at a base hospital in Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Ellis Thomas left yesterday for Raleigh where he will spend several days on business.

Mr. Elmer Lassiter, Miss Ellie Morgan and others went down to St. Pauls today visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Barbour, and O. A. Jr., Misses Julia Canaday, Flora Canaday, Lillie Canaday and Mr. William Canaday are spending the day in Angier with relatives.

The 14 months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith died at their home in Elevation township Monday and was buried Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. W. B. Matthews and children, of Rocky Mount, are here for several days to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Creech.

Rev. G. W. Rollins left today for Wrightsville Beach to attend the Baptist Seaside Assembly.

Mr. Richard B. Stevens, of Elevation, died at his home Tuesday afternoon and was buried Wednesday at the family burying ground near his home. He was 55 years of age and was a highly respected citizen, having raised a family of seven children. He had been sick for several months and his death was not unexpected. His son, Mr. Arthur Stevens, was in the United States Army at Camp Jackson.

Among the boys who left yesterday for Camp Jackson, was Mr. Jesse T. Morgan, a son of our townsman, Mr. J. D. Morgan. Mr. Morgan has just completed his course in pharmacy at the University of our State.

Of the \$64,000 allotted to Banner township to be raised in the War Stamp Drive for this week about \$49,000 was subscribed for on Monday, the opening day of the campaign. The balance will be raised this week. There are about 12 limit members thus far in our township, and it is hoped that before the week is over there will be several others who will join the limit club.

CALL TOTAL OF 875,000 MEN BY FIRST OF YEAR.

Washington, June 26.—Chamberlain announced late today that it is proposed to call in August 300,000 draft men; in September, 150,000; in October, 150,000; in November, 150,000, an din December, 125,000. These 875,000 men, he said, are expected to exhaust class one.

Make all you can; save all you can; give all you can.—John Wesley.

FIRST SOLDIERS TO FRANCE A YEAR AGO

America Now Has 650,000 Actual Combatants Overseas, in Addition to 250,000 Men in Supply and Transport Lines.

Washington, June 25.—The first division of the American army landed in France one year ago tomorrow, 18 days after General Pershing reached French soil. In the 12 months that have since elapsed this division has grown to an army and by July a million men will have been sent forward.

Behind this million another 1,000,000 men are equipped in camps and cantonments and a third million will rapidly fill up the gaps left at home as the divisions sail for the front.

The first division has now been expanded to a fighting force of 650,000 men, backed by an organization of the supply and transport lines that it takes 250,000 men to make effective.

On this basis it is clear that General Pershing now has under his command the substance of the first field army, comprised of 18 infantry divisions with all necessary auxiliary troops. So far as known there has been no opportunity yet for the actual information of this army as a military unit, but the day probably is not far off when it will be possible for General Pershing to assemble his first army.

American troops are now holding sectors in at least six places on the battle line. To meet the emergency presented by the German drive, however, they have been drawn away from the region formally assigned to the United States and are face to face with the enemy on the Marne, in Picardy and Flanders.

The real American sectors, however, lie on the right flank of the great battle front. From within sight of the Swiss border where they stand on German soil, almost to Verdun, American troops are in the trenches.

The location of the strictly American sectors makes it appear that the United States has been assigned the task of holding the right flank, as British armies holding the left, leaving France free to concentrate in the center along the road to Paris.

JUNE 28 SHOWDOWN FOR W. S. S.

Reputation of Every State in The Union at Stake. Over 800,000 American Soldiers Awaiting America's Answer.

June 28 is to be a showdown for the people of the United States. This day the President of the United States has declared National War Savings Day, on which every man, woman and child is expected to become an investor in War Savings Stamps. The Secretary of the Treasury who has charge of financing the war, has called on the people to observe this day. So has the Governor and War Savings Director of every State in the Union. In fact the reputation of every State is staked upon the record that will be made by its citizens on this day.

The eye of the world is upon the American people on that day. The 800,000 American soldiers in France will be eager for the cablegram bearing the news that the United States has oversubscribed her quota to the War Savings Loan, as she has done already three times for Liberty Bonds. The Kaiser and the Crown Prince, Von Hindenburg and Ludendorff, are awaiting fearfully the news that the United States has once more shown its determination to finance the war and win it. The English, the French, the Italians, and all the Allies, are watching eagerly to see what will be the American people's answer to this call of the Government.

Every county, township and ward in North Carolina that subscribes its quota on or before Friday of this week, will reflect an undying credit upon itself. Just as the County's and township's record is being made and preserved so is the individual's. On June 28 history will be written that can never be unwritten. Let no individual, township or county have aught to regret on this day.

Safe Arrival Overseas.

Mr. J. D. Capps, of Pine Level, has received a message announcing the safe arrival in France of his son, Junie W. Capps.