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Germans Set Torch To City of Lens

France's Coal City Devastated by Ruthless Teutonic Forces in Second Strategic Retreat

(By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS)

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

With the British Armies Afield, May 18.—Lens is being set aflame.

The fires and explosions in France's coal city were plainly visible from the British lines through out last night.

The Germans plainly know the danger they are running now of the British sweep that is closing in a circle to trap them.

Unable to shake the Allied hold on the Hindenburg line Germany seems preparing for "another strategic retreat." From the French front comes word that the enemy is adopting the same tactics of destroying towns and villages that preceded their other famous retreat.

Rain for the past few days has turned the battle field dust into mud. Only minor operations are in progress today around Bullecourt, just taken in whole by the British. All is quiet north of the Scarpe where mud is so thick that infantry operations are impossible.

Persistent German attacks northeast of Creanne on the French front are reported repulsed.

JAPAN NOT TO BE OUTDONE

AMERICA'S DECISION TO PROSECUTE WAR AGAINST GERMANY HAS STRONG INFLUENCE UPON JAPAN

(By United Press)

Washington, May 18.—America's decision to prosecute vigorously war against Germany has created an increasing desire on the part of Japan not to be outdone in this respect, according to information received today by the United Press from well informed circles.

"Japan," the United Press informant said, "has undergone a complete change of front."

He stated that the chief reason that the British admiralty had permitted the publication of the arrival of American destroyers in the North Sea, even before the naval authorities wanted it known, was to have this information precede the announcement today of Japanese gunboat activities in the barred zone.

COLORED DELEGATES ENTERTAINED

An interesting feature of the Episcopal here this week was the attendance of the colored delegates of the colored Episcopal churches of the Diocese. It will be remembered that the Episcopal church, unlike the other Protestant churches of the South, has held the two races together in organization. In this manner inestimable good has been rendered and a much neglected work has been done by this denomination.

The colored delegates were entertained Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brown on White street. The delegates were: Rev. Griffin of Griceville; Rev. Brown of Washington; Rev. Downing of Roper; and Mr. Lucas of Washington.

RETURNS FROM BALTIMORE

Dr. B. Gregory has returned from Baltimore, where Mrs. Gregory was operated on Thursday. She is doing nicely after the operation.

LOAN WILL NOT TAX RESOURCES

AMERICAN PEOPLE ABUNDANTLY ABLE TO SUBSCRIBE AMOUNT OF "LIBERTY LOAN" MANY TIMES OVER

Washington, May 18.—The Comptroller of the Currency has issued the following statement:

"There are in the United States at present more than ten million (\$10,000,000) individuals and corporations who are able to make subscriptions to the new Liberty Loan in amounts ranging from \$100 to \$100,000,000 each.

This estimate is conservative when we consider that there are more than 40,000,000 persons engaged in gainful occupations in this country besides the large number of men and women whose income is derived from their investments. If every individual in the United States should subscribe to the new bonds to the extent of only five per cent (5) of his or her total possessions, the loan will be subscribed to six times over.

A few months the German Government offered a new loan of several billion dollars, and although this issue had been preceded by four or five other Government bond offerings, it is reported that applications were received from 5,250,000 subscribers. The population of Germany is less than two-thirds of the population of this country, and the estimated total wealth of the German empire, according to a computation made shortly before the outbreak of the war by Dr. Helfferich, Secretary of the German Treasury, was placed at from 69 to 76 billion dollars, or about one-third of the wealth of the United States, which is now estimated at more than 220 billion dollars.

"The reports of our national banks of March 5, 1917, show that on the day named these banks had a total of 15,737,969 accounts. This is an increase of 1,448,910 since May 1, 1916 when the total number of Deposit Accounts was 14,288,059.

"It is significant that 1,258,691, or seven-eighths of this increase, was reported by the country banks, indicating the wider diffusion of the wealth of the country.

"The total increase of Deposits in the national banks in this period of 10 months was approximately two billion dollars.

"The bank reports also show that on March 5, 1917, there were 459,619 shareholders in the national banks of the country, including 138,204 women stockholders.

"The latest bank returns indicate that the total resources of the banks of the United States at this time, including national banks, state banks, trust companies, savings banks and private banks, is approximately thirty-five billion dollars (\$35,000,000,000), exceeding by far the greatest banking resources ever before shown in any country.

"Fifty years ago we raised over three (3) billion dollars to provide for the expenses of the Civil War. The wealth of this country today is eight times as great as it was then, our banking resources are twenty times as great as they were then, or even at late as 1870. At this time we are in a position to raise, with far less effort, ten (10) billion dollars or fifteen (15) billion dollars, or more; and if the money should be needed, it will be provided and provided promptly.

WEATHER

Fair tonight, Saturday and probably Sunday, little change in temperature, gentle shifting winds.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING Y. M. C. A. TONIGHT

The Chamber of Commerce membership meeting will be held in the Y. M. C. A. tonight promptly at eight o'clock, instead of the Court House as has been previously announced, due to the fact that the Court House is being repaired.

All members are urged to be present as a report of the year's work will be read, and recommendations from the present Board of Directors to the in-coming Board will also be read and the election of Directors will take place.

A prompt attendance is urged since the Banquet to be given at the Southern Hotel will take place at nine o'clock.

Manager Pugh calls to the attention of members of the Chamber of Commerce the following clause in the membership card: "It is understood and agreed that I have the right to cancel this agreement at the expiration of the first annual period or at the end of any succeeding annual period by giving notice in writing to the Secretary at least thirty days prior to the expiration of said annual period."

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AT NINE TONIGHT

The Chamber of Commerce Anniversary Banquet will be held at the Southern Hotel tonight at 9 o'clock. Admission by tickets only. A good program has been arranged and an attractive menu will be served. It is expected that those present will spend not only an enjoyable evening but participate in a profitable gathering.

Tonight's Show At Alkrama

Friday is Special Feature day at the Alkrama and Charles Ray and other Triangle stars have been booked to present "The Honorable Alky" which Manager Kramer says is one of the pictures that you can't afford to miss. Pearl White in "Pearl of the Army" is another picture for Friday night, and one that is sure to please.

Saturday at the Alkrama matinee and night William Fox offers "The Sins of Her Parents," featuring Gladys Brockwell.

Mr. Kramer says that this picture is up to the usual Fox Film standard and that it is one that every mother ought to see. The special matinee on this picture will commence at a quarter to three and those who attend the matinee can be sure of a seat and will avoid the rush at night. Mr. Kramer urges all who can to attend the afternoon show for this reason.

Musty Suffer in "The Pirate Bold" is the comedy for Saturday afternoon and night and the two pictures make an unusually good show at the usual prices of admission.

FOR SECOND OPERATION

Mrs. J. H. White left Friday morning with her daughter, Miss Ruth White for Newport News, Miss White recently underwent an operation at the Elizabeth Buxton Hospital at Newport News and is returning for further treatment and possibly a second operation.

ATTENDED FUNERAL

Mr. N. G. Grandy, Miss Lillie Grandy and Mr. Charlie Grandy attended the funeral of Mrs. Bettie Norman at Norfolk Thursday. Mrs. Norman was the sister of Mr. N. G. Grandy.

STOLE BIG HAM.

Upon going into the pantry of her home in Selden street, Friday morning, Mrs. John L. Wells was surprised to find that a large country ham which was hanging in the pantry the day before had disappeared. The windows and doors were fastened, but the ham had disappeared and was nowhere to be found.

RETURNS HOME SAFELY.

Mrs. A. C. Stokes about whom such a furor of excitement raged on Thursday when she went to the home of her sister here in the city for a brief visit, is at home again today, entirely safe and sound.

MUST FIGHT AS THO ALONE

THIS REALIZATION MUST BE FACED BY AMERICA BEFORE THE END OF THE WAR CAN COME

(By LOWELL MELLETT)

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

London, May 18.—"This war will not be over until the full weight of America has been thrown on the scales. Not until America begins making war as though she faced Germany alone can there be even the possibility of predicting when the end will come."

So spoke Lord Derby, England's secretary of State, Kitchener's successor, adding: "It's a bigger blow than America is able to deliver, but the sooner she delivers it the quicker the war will end. Then a new order of things will be assured."

MUST STOP WASTE TO WIN THIS WAR

Raleigh, May 18.—Experts of the Department of Agriculture at Washington have estimated that if just one ounce of edible meat fat is wasted in the United States by each of the twenty million families in the country each day it means a total waste of one and a quarter million pounds a day and the staggering total 465 million pounds in a year, the equal of 875 thousand steers or three million hogs.

If one ounce of bread is wasted by each family each day it means throwing away 875,000 pounds of flour each day or one and a half million barrels each year—enough to make 365 million loaves of bread. Stated in terms of wheat it is seven million bushels.

Secretary Lucas of the State Food Conservation Commission has figured out that North Carolina's share in this waste is equivalent to ninety thousand hogs and ten million loaves of bread.

"These figures simply show," says Mr. Lucas, "what a very small amount of waste counts up to in the aggregate. As a matter of fact an ounce an ounce a day of meat and bread does not begin to approximate what we destroy of these two products. To say nothing of the waste of vegetables, milk, poultry products and other edibles. North Carolina's part of the national waste of \$700,000,000 is approximately twenty million. A very great part of this waste is unnecessary and preventable. Of course there will be some waste under the most careful and economical management, but even if we would cut our waste in half we would save ten million dollars. These figures are based on normal prices. At the present level of prices they would be just 100 per cent higher, making the total waste in North Carolina \$40,000,000.

"Just as our women are responsible for most of our economies they are largely responsible for this waste, and in its prevention they can most effectively do their bit."

ITALIANS ARE FORGING AHEAD

(By United Press)

Rome, May 18.—Austria has ordered all civilians to evacuate the Isonzo section in which the Italians are steadily forging ahead.

Trieste is panic stricken at the approach of the Italians. Banks are closed, government offices and leading business houses have hurriedly shipped all records to Vienna.

MEDICAL UNIT REACHES ENGLAND

(By United Press)

London, May 18.—The first contingent of the American army medical unit arrived in England today.

To-night At New Theatre

"Without A Soul," will be shown at the New Theatre tonight, in which Clara Kimball Young is more than beautifully lovable, deals with a most interesting question—namely the question of life after death.

In this photoplay Dr. Barnhelun contended that the soul did not escape from the body at death. His life work was devoted to experiments which might prove his theory. He finally succeeded in bringing the dead to life, but it was by no means a pleasant accomplishment. It was the drama of his life, and few there are who would care to undergo the same experiences that were his. If you have never given serious consideration to the question of life after death "Without A Soul" will set you thinking. It will also thrill you, charm you and leave you tremendously entertained.

Saturday Charlie Chaplin will be at the New Theatre again in "The Night Owl" in two reels presenting the \$670,000 dollar Gloom chaser of millions. Charlie Chaplin the original laugh producer of the Universe. He will be seen on the street in some of his original stunts. Watch for him. In addition to the Chaplin picture "The Romance Journey" will be shown a Pathe feature in five parts. No doubt the people of Elizabeth City have read this wonderful story and now have the opportunity of seeing it on the screen.

RESENTS BEING CALLED THEORIST

JOHN PAUL LUCAS SAYS THAT HE IS PRACTISING WHAT HE PREACHES TO CAROLINA FARMERS THESE DAYS

Raleigh, May 18.—Hoe for Carolina! This is the motto hung conspicuously in the office of President J. D. Andrews of Catawba College at Newton. Mr. Andrews, writing to the North Carolina Food Conservation Commission, states that he is one of those who have been preaching and practicing diversified farming and increased food production for these many years. Dr. Andrews has nine sturdy children and rather hints that food production has been a necessity.

Secretary John Paul Lucas of the Food Conservation Commission was much pleased with Dr. Andrews' letter, except for one clause that rather riled him. "Your theory has been my practice for all these years," wrote the doctor.

"I have no theories," declared Mr. Lucas. "I am practicing what I preach. I work eight horses on my farm and, as I was already practicing diversified farming, I had only 50 acres of cotton last year. I have put about 25 extra acres of land into cultivation and have cut the cotton acreage 20 per cent from the small acreage of last year. In addition to a considerable acreage of wheat, oats, rye and corn, I am planting 40 acres of soy beans for food and seed, enough sorghum to make 600 to 1000 gallons of syrup, several acres each of sweet and Irish potatoes, and forage on every acre of stubble land that does not go into soy beans or corn."

"I resent being called a theorist."

GUARDS CALLED INTO SERVICE

CAROLINA BOYS WILL ANSWER CALL ON JULY 25th. ESTIMATED WILL BE READY FOR FIGHTING IN TWO MONTHS

(By United Press)

Washington, May 18.—The National Guard will be called into Federal service on July 25th and August 5th.

This announcement, issued today, affects those not already in Federal service.

It is estimated that the guards can be in "war condition" within two months.

The Virginia and Carolina boys are called in the second group,—on July 25th.

RUSSIA WILL DO HER PART

NEWS OF SETTLEMENT OF DOMESTIC TROUBLES GIVES RISE TO THIS BELIEF ON THE PART OF THE ALLIES

(By United Press)

London, May 18.—The encouraging news that Russia has settled her domestic troubles and that her army power is by no means lost gives rise to the belief that the Allies may soon count on Russia's bearing her part in the onslaught on Germany.

It is predicted that Germany may soon find it necessary to hurry back to the Russian front some of the men recently transferred to the western front.

DO NOT DEPEND UPON RUSSIA

(By United Press)

Washington, May 18.—Careful military observers of the Russian situation here express the view that Russia may be able to hold together, but at the same time, they reiterate what they have often predicted, that Russia as an important factor in the war can be counted out for the next two years.

It is not believed that even with a more solid government the Slavs can be inspired to real offensive work or even more than half hearted defensive efforts.

MUST NOT REPEAL CHILD LABOR LAW

(By United Press)

New York, May 18.—The repeal of the National Child Labor Law in order that children can replace the men called to war would be as great a crime as any that could be committed during the conflict. Mrs. Carrie Catt, President of the National Woman's Suffrage Association, declared today in a statement to the United Press.

YOUNG AMERICANS FOR A R SERVICE

London, May 17.—America has the type of young men who will be most valuable for the air service, a high military said today, in suggesting ways in which the United States can help win the war.

Air battles increase in size and importance of effect daily, and England and France are mobilizing some of their finest fighters for this branch of the service.

The type of man best fitted for aerial warfare is typically American—young, aggressive, keen and healthy, and English military authorities look for the greatest assistance from an American air corps, once one gets into operation on the west front.

WILSON SIGNS BILL TODAY

PROCLAMATION WILL BE ISSUED CALLING YOUTH OF NATION TO REGISTER SO THAT SELECTION CAN BE MADE

Vice President Marshall and speaker

(By United Press)

Washington, May 18.—President Wilson is to sign the selective service bill today.

Vice President Marshall and speaker Clark will then issue a proclamation calling the youth of the nation together at their appointed registration places on a fixed date and sign cards from which the process of selection can be deduced.

Special prices on ladies coats, suits and dresses at MITCHELLS. Values up to \$25.00.....now \$11.75. Value up to \$35.00.....now \$14.75

Remember the big Thos. H. Ince Show at the Alkrama tonight, also