

AMERICA MUST BEAR THE BURDEN

Military Experts Declare That Allies are Nearly Exhausted and United States has not Realized Situation

(By WEBB MILLER)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Washington, May 25.—Russia is out of the war as far as military power is concerned for at least two years.

France is about at the end of her main power.

These are the cold facts about the war situation as seen by military men in a position to know through American observers abroad.

While Great Britain still has considerable power left, these military men believe that the struggle abroad is rapidly reaching the point where the United States must bear the main burden of the war, which they say will be long.

America's half million men to be drawn in September will be only a drop in the bucket and must be followed by other vast increments if conditions continue as at present.

The west front struggle, these observers say, is misinterpreted and unrelia- bly reported either through the Allies unwillingness to let the real facts be known or through failure on the part of American newspapers to exactly state the facts. In this way, the experts declare, Americans are led astray as to the real situation. The Allies are not making the headway this country is led to believe. In this connection they say that the solution of the submarine menace must eventually determine to a great extent where victory shall rest except for what part the United States shall play in the struggle.

LOSS OF LINER IS REPORTED

(By United Press)
New York, May 25.—The loss of the liner, *Belleville*, with at least 100 lives and 1000 tons of cargo is reported to have occurred somewhere in the Atlantic on the 23rd, the vessel reported missing from the ship, which was torpedoed without warning.

The rescuers also reported the sinking of the British steamer *Main* under an American charter and flying an American flag.

BRITISH MISSION LEAVES AMERICA

(By United Press)
Washington, May 25.—The British mission left Washington last night and crossed the Canadian border today, concluding their visit to America.

OTHER COUNTRIES WILL ENTER WAR

(By United Press)
Washington, May 25.—The prediction that "some or all of the South American republics, China, Spain, Scandinavia, Holland and Switzerland" will probably declare war on Germany was made by Justice Kell in a speech today at the annual meeting of the American Iron and Steel Institute.

BELVIDERE BRIEFS

Belvidere, May 24.—Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Parker of Elizabeth City and Miss Ruth Hurdle of Winfall spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Q. R. Hurdle.

Miss Lillie Mae Rifeord left today for White Springs, Florida to visit relatives.

Miss Eunice Parker after successfully serving as principal of Belvidere Academy for the past term left Saturday for her home in Aulander.

Mr. Julian Chappel has returned from Blue's Creek where he attended school.

Miss Willetta Coffield has returned to her home in denton after visiting friends here.

Mr. Walter White of High Point has been visiting his father, Mr. Rufus White of Belvidere.

NOT ALL WORK AND NO PLAY

BUT IN UNCLE SAM'S NAVY SPORT AND AMUSEMENT HAVE THEIR PLACE AS WELL AS HARD WORK

(By CARL D. GROAT)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

With the Great American Fleet, May 25.—The Modern Jack tar plays as hard and as wholesomely as he works out with the great fleet, you see him in thousand lots—getting joy out of movies, vaudeville (home talent), baseball, boxing, cards, phonographs, fishing now and then, band concerts, and good reading.

On the theory that too much work "makes Jack a dull boy," commanders of the great fleet see to it that their program is varied, that there is clean, healthful amusement.

Movies and vaudeville perhaps furnish him his chief amusement aboard ship, while baseball ashore proves beyond question that it is the great national sport.

Saturday afternoon and Sunday are days of rest with the great fleet, unless conditions require otherwise. Only the essential labors are performed. Such ships as can do so permit a part of their men to go ashore on "leave" and see to it that on one of the two days a goodly portion shall have a chance at baseball.

If you want to see wild fans and professional players for several minutes—just take a look at the amusement hours for baseball.

The movie fans are just as enthusiastic but perhaps not quite as numerous. Look on over the fleet on play nights and you see dancing. Pickers suggest the night—the movies play for to hundreds aboard ship. Each night enhances its films, and there is a wide variety. Melodrama thrills them, but romance seems to appeal to men whose lives and works are based on one of the greatest of romances—that of the sea. The movies take the lads back to other days and to strange worlds and situations. But as for going home, they don't want that. The only place they want to go is out on the naval fring lines.

One film showed a farm scene—father and son doing their ploughing. "By, gosh, that looks like home," I heard a sailor lad remark, "but believe me, this is the life. No ploughing for me." "None," his partner replied. "This subs me from the waterline up."

When it comes to vaudeville, you can get some real talent in the fleet. Male quartets, dancers, humorists, acrobats—the whole list can be found in abundance aboard any dreadnought and the show they produce compares favorably with any dollar show in any town in the land.

Boxing always draws a big crowd, and the prize is guaranteed to be a hell ringer every time.

Below decks, some of the men tuck themselves away in corners and play cards, or rather in knots to listen to a phonograph. Still others get a lot of fun out of the reading room.

There is an amusement fund aboard each ship, so there are fresh records for the phonograph and new films as soon as they can be obtained. Incidentally, some patriot could do a fine service by arranging for the fleet to get up-to-date films before they have gone the rounds of the hickelodeons and are worn down.

Mail time aboard the fleet is a happy time. The gallant men can receive all the mail they want, but their own communications are limited by the censor.

The dispatch boats bears a precious load out from an American port, along with supplies of fresh meats and vegetables. Stopping at each of the battleship string, the despatch boat leaves its sacks of letters, papers and magazines and the scramble a little later on ship shows what a precious thing a message is. A cheerful letter from home is about as good a tonic as a green man or a seasoned one can have on ship.

An officer told me that it's about the worst thing that can happen to a boy to have the folks back home getting mournful about him, and what might happen to him. He doesn't want or need sympathy, and if a letter sounds like a funeral, it will have the wrong effect, whereas a cheerful note about what sister Mary or dad or mother or somebody else is doing will add to the personal comfort of the man and to morale of the whole organization.

A SIGN OF PROGRESS

In nothing is progress in Elizabeth City so forcibly in evidence as in the increased use of the motor truck on the city's streets. Many firms have within the last few weeks begun to use these trucks in the place of delivery wagons drawn by horses and it is no unusual sight, since May Pears have begun to move freely to see the pea baskets filled on farms outside the city rushed to the freight depot on these trucks. Among the firms which have recently purchased auto trucks are: A F Toxey and Company, J B Flora and Company, The Gas Company, Silverthorn-Morrisette and Company, Cartwright's Bakery, Norfolk and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, W J Woodley and Company, and R E Quinn and Company.

TEACHERS LEAVE FOR THEIR HOMES

Miss Daisy OJnes, teacher of Latin in the Elizabeth City High School left Friday for her home in Durham.

Miss Martha Doughton, teacher of English in the Elizabeth City High School, left Friday for her home in Guilford.

Miss Daisy Faison, teacher of one of the fifth grades of the Elizabeth City Grammar School left Friday for her home in Faison.

BERTHA BRIEFS

Bertha, May 24.—Mr and Mrs W H Barnard spent Sunday with Mrs Barnard's parents, Mr and Mrs D W Saunders.

Mrs W A Corbell is slowly improving from a severe case of sore eyes. Roy Byrum and wife spent Saturday night with Mrs G W Lane.

Mr Thomas Robertson returned to Norfolk Tuesday morning after visiting his mother Mrs A A Owens in Bertha, N.C.

Mr H Chappell spent Monday night with Mr and Mrs A A Owens and returned to Norfolk Tuesday morning.

The crops of Bertha are doing fine. The warm weather has approached, and Mrs Mary and Mrs Dixie spent a nice evening with Miss Houlah Corbell on Sunday.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK TO AWARD PRIZES

The First National Bank has offered a prize to the winner of a game of cards and two to the Boys Corn Club of this county. The first prize to the winning club will be to the member putting up the largest number of canned goods in one day and the second to the member putting up the second largest number in one day. The prizes in the Corn Club boys will be awarded for the largest and second largest number of bushels to the acre.

The prizes for the Canning Club and the Corn Club will be a bank book crediting the winner with a deposit of five dollars for the first prize and \$2.50 for the second. The prizes are given with a deposit credit rather than in gold to encourage thrift.

The prizes are offered by the First National Bank in the hope of encouraging increased production of food-stuffs.

ADJUTANT APPEALS FOR MORE RECRUITS

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Richmond, May 24.—The adjutant general today issued an appeal for more recruits to fill the ranks of the Virginia MHBH in the hope of encouraging increased production of food-stuffs.

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SOCIALISTS STATE TERMS

THERE SEEMS NO LIKLIHOOD OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS NATIONS

(By ARTHUR MANN)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Stockholm, May 25.—The Scandinavian Socialists announced their suggestions for peace today as follows:

The re-establishment of Belgium, Servia, Montenegro, and Rumania as separate entities; the future of Alsace-Lorraine to be left for settlement on a basis of the national right of freedom of action; belligerent parliamentary assemblies to be requested to work for speedy peace, general disarmament, and the establishment of a court of arbitration.

The publication of this outline of terms but served to direct attention again to the scant likelihood of any sort of agreement in the Socialist deliberation here as well as the failure of the plan for any general conference.

The Bulgarian Socialists demand Dobruja and Macedonia for Bulgaria not as "annexation but as return of territory rightfully Bulgarian through original ownership."

To-night At New Theatre

The luck of some nurse girls is blurring the papers with news. Every few days we read Red Cross romances from foreign battlefields, and about home many a girl is a rich man's wife because she was detailed to nurse the invalid through more or less physical stress or pain. There will be no end to it and long ago newspaper readers have come to regard these stories as matters of fact to be expected.

Now it's Miss Rogers' who, for 24 hours, had to be nursed by a nurse who had the general idea of a nurse and instead of nursing her, she kept her in a room where she could be seen by the doctor. And the fact that she was in good health and a good deal of herself against every thing that Miss Rogers' could do, proved that the girl won a victory without taking any of the customary nurse girl advantages.

Miss Rogers' encountered Dr. Prime while the two were ministering to the wealthy Harvey Gorman who was suffering from badly injured and worrying about nothing but the necessity of staying within doors—recalling the liability of rich invalids falling in love with their ministering "angels." Mr Gorman held out against Dr. Prime's decree that a girl must be introduced to the sick room as an assistant to the male nurse.

Finally Dr. Prime was compelled to resort to strategy. He telephoned for a nurse and before old Gorman knew anything about it Miss Rogers' a girl Dr. Prime had never set eyes upon landed on Gorman's front porch and entered the sick room unannounced. When Gorman saw her beautiful blonde hair, her deep blue eyes, and her soft white skin, he heard her speak in the dulcet tones of a heron's voice—"But there's no use going on any further. If you would kiss all about the case right now, I'll give you a ticket to the New Theatre tonight when Mary Lane appears in the Bluebird play, 'Wanted A Home'."

ATTENTION, BOY SCOUTS!

There will be a business meeting of the Boy Scouts Friday night at 7:30 at the Y M C A. All Scouts are asked to be present.

FIRE THURSDAY NIGHT

The fire alarm was turned in on Thursday night at about 10:55 and the fire department was called to the extreme end of Ehringhaus street, to find a house belonging to J D Winslow burned to the ground. The house was worth about six hundred and fifty dollars.

FUNERAL OF MR. PARKER

The funeral of Mr Andrew M Parker was conducted Friday afternoon by Rev J L Cunningham from the residence of his parents, Mr and Mrs N R Parker, on Ehringhaus street. Interment followed in Hollywood Cemetery.

Mr. Parker's death occurred at Fort Wayne, Indiana, where his father and mother were called to his bedside last week by a telegram. He was forty six years of age and had been in the middle west since his early manhood.

His wife and one child survive him also a sister, Mrs D R Morgan, and four brothers, C C Parker, N P Parker, J C Parker and I B Parker.

SCHOOL'S SESSION HAS CLOSED

The High School exercises Thursday night closed the 1916-17 session of the Elizabeth City Graded School.

The commencement address delivered by Dr W I Cranford of Trinity College was pronounced most practical and interesting by those who heard it.

Miss Katherine D Jones won the best prize for an essay on "Origin of Money Coined by the United States Government," given by the First National Bank. Miss Jones won the D. A. R. Essay Medal last year. Mr. Clarence Ashby won the second prize on this essay. The prizes were presented by J B Ehringhaus and the Judges were J B Leigh, T J Markham and Herbert Peele.

Mr. Graham Evans won the prize offered by the Daughters of American Revolution for the best essay on Sir Walter Raleigh. The prize was presented on behalf of the Chapter by I M Mookins.

A Victrola was presented to the school from the senior class by its president Miss Ruth Winslow.

Mr. Clarence Ashby was leader of the senior class this year and Mr. Graham Evans took second honor.

GUINEAS VALUABLE TO THE FARM

Raleigh, May 25.—If better known by the average body in charge of the poultry operations on North Carolina farms, a small book of guinea would be kept on every farm in the state. Dr. B. F. George, Faculty Director, in charge of the North Carolina Extension Department, the guinea is an excellent bird to raise against fleas, crabs, and other parasites of the poultry yard. Long legs, those guineas reach the yard, the slight penetrating croak alarm from the flock will speed its foot them and send them away in headlong haste. The least suspicious noise, at nights, is also quickly noticed and any animal or other disturbance soon learns that it means discovery to go into the yard where guineas are kept.

The only great objection which may be raised against them is their wild nature. When properly raised, however, most of this wild instinct may be eliminated. It is a good idea to buy the eggs, when beginning with a flock, rather than to buy the old birds. These eggs should be hatched by a hen, and when hatched, it is a good idea to give the old lady a few chicks to carry along. These will mind her, and will cause the young, wild guineas to follow their example. It takes four weeks for guinea eggs to hatch. The young birds are very active and as they grow up will destroy many insects about the farm. They should be fed about the same as turkeys.

The guinea hens are very prolific and lay during the entire summer taking good care all the time to carefully hide their nests. It is quite an easy matter to find them by the peculiar noise made and when the flock has been watched, it only takes a few minutes to locate the nests. In the summer they like to roost in trees near the house. Their flesh has a flavor similar to game, and is relished as a great table delicacy.

MR. DEMPSEY WINSLOW DEAD

Belvidere, May 24.—Mr. Dempsey Winslow died at the home of his son, Ira, last Friday morning, following a stroke of paralysis.

Mr. Winslow was nearly eighty years of age. The funeral was conducted at Up River Friends Church by Mrs. Elizabeth White and the body was laid to rest in White-stone cemetery.

MAKE PROGRESS AGAINST SUBS

BRITISH HAVE GREATEST SUCCESS LAST THREE WEEKS SINCE BEGINNING OF SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN

(By United Press)

London, May 25.—"We have dealt more severe blows at the submarine menace during the last three weeks than during any corresponding period," declared Premier Lloyd George in the House of Commons today.

"Our ship losses for May," he added "are probably under those for April. We are making satisfactory progress."

The Premier paid eloquent tribute to the Americans destroyers in the submarine fleet.

"We can congratulate ourselves on early and unexpected improvement in dealing with the submarine menace."

ADMINISTRATION FOR PAY-AS-YOU-GO PLAN

(By United Press)

Washington, May 25.—The decision of the senate Finance Committee to modify the pay-as-you-go plan of financing the war met with vigorous opposition from the administration today.

President Wilson and Secretary McAdoo let it be known that the full four billion, eight hundred thousand must be raised by taxation on the present generation. The administration deems it inadvisable to try to beat more bonds.

Congressman Kitchin says the fight is an attempt to foist the bond issue plan on the revenue bill.

DR. CRANFORD ENTERTAINED

Dr W I Cranford who made the commencement address here Thursday night was entertained at the Southern Hotel just before the High School exercises and former Trinity students who reside here were invited. Dr Cranford made a few remarks and the organization of an Alumni College here was discussed and it is hoped will be effected at an early date. Supper was served and all enjoyed the occasion. Those present were Dr W I Cranford, Dean of Trinity College, C R Pugh, Rev C B Culbreth, Rev G T Adams, L M Parker, William Weatherly, A E Burgess, Fleetwood Dunstan, William Woodley, D Walter Harris, Chas Raulfs, L. S. Daniels, A S Daniels, Dr O McMullan and Jas Brooks, Miss Adley OJnes, Mrs Virginia Burgess of Norfolk, Va., Mrs H D Walker and Mrs C R Pugh.

PATRIOTISM AT BELVIDERE

Belvidere, May 24.—There is no lack of patriotism at Belvidere. The following young men have voluntarily enlisted: David Rogerson, Clarence Rogerson, Cannon Noewell and Henry Perry. All of these were students at Belvidere Academy within the past five years, and one, Clarence Rogerson, was a student there last year.

CITY ROAD METHODIST

The pastor, Rev C B Culbreth will occupy the pulpit at both the morning and the evening services at the City Road Methodist Church on Sunday.

The Sunday School will meet at 8:30 with Mr C R Pugh as Superintendent.

The Epworth League will meet at 7 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

JORDAN—WOODHOUSE

Mr. Waverly Russell Jordan of Princess Ann Va. and Miss Mary Geneva Woodhouse of Ocean View, Va., were married Thursday by Justice of Peace, J W Munden at his residence on Selden Street.

WEATHER

Probably showers tonight and Saturday gentle to moderate west winds becoming variable.