



Huns Withdraw Toward Bapaume

And Signs Indicate Possibility That Retirement to Hindenburg Line May Already Have Begun

With British Armies Afield, August 15.—German withdrawal toward Bapaume, ten miles north and east of Albert and four miles east of the Ancre, is apparently under way.

The boches now have their backs toward Amiens cathedral which was re-dedicated today.

It had been evacuated and locked up, protected with sandbags, since the civil evacuation of Amiens in March.

FRENCH CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS

Paris, August 15.—The French are continuing their infiltration of the German positions in the Oise valley, north and east of Ribecourt.

Their outposts are established in the borders of Pimprez, one mile east of Ribecourt, and Dresencourt, one mile north of Ribecourt.

They have reached the southern part of Ourcamps forest, extending from Pimprez to within two miles of Noyon.

The Germans are heavily gassing Lassigny Grove, a mile southwest of the village.

GERMAN PRISONERS NOW NUMBER 73,000

Paris, August 15.—Including the 10,000 prisoners taken by General Humbert in operations still developing, the prisoners captured by the allies on the western front now total 73,000.

Seventeen hundred guns have been seized by the allies within the same period, Echo de Paris estimates.

BIG GERMAN WITHDRAWAL INDICATED

London, August 15.—German withdrawal from forward positions north of the Ancre presages a retirement of considerable magnitude, in the opinion of military writers here.

Some authorities believe that the enemy will retire as far as the Somme while others think that the retirement will go back to the old Hindenburg line.

The retirement to the Hindenburg line in 1917 started in a manner very similar to that being followed in the present German retirement.

NUMBER PRISONERS TAKEN

London, Aug. 15.—German prisoners taken in Picardy total 30,344, reports Haig. The British captured 21,844 and the French 8,500.

112 CASUALTIES

Washington, Aug. 15.—112 casualties are reported today. No southerners are listed in this report.

MANY VISITORS ARE EXPECTED

The one grave proposition which is now facing the officials who are now planning for the District Fair, to be held this fall is the means of accommodation for the thousands of visitors who are expected to attend the fair. The hotels and boarding houses of the city are not numerous enough to provide rooms and meals for the large crowds which are expected to flock to the city on those days. The officers of the Fair Association, who are directing the fair, earnestly request that all private families of the city and surrounding vicinity do all that is in their power to provide for visitors on those four days, October 15, 16, 17 and 18. Anyone who can take care of any person for any number of persons at that time will please notify W. Ben Goodwin, Secretary of the Fair Association. This is done so that a list may be made up and that the Association will know just how many can be cared for in the city at that time and so that there will be no difficulty whatever in finding places where rooms and meals can be furnished the visitors.

The full co-operation of the people of the city and entire district is appealed for. All persons expecting to make exhibits at the fair are requested to get in touch with the Secretary at an early date so that reservation of the space needed may be made at

once. Grover W. Falls, County Farm Demonstration Agent, has been appointed General Superintendent of all Farm and Garden Products and Exhibits and also of the Live Stock Exhibits. Miss Marie Albertson, County Home Demonstration Agent has been appointed Superintendent of the Canning Exhibits and Mrs. D. W. Morgan has been elected to supervise the Women's Department, which embraces fancy work, art and juvenile work, curios and historical data. The premium list will be ready for mailing about September 1st. This list not only includes the premiums which will be awarded but also other information about the fair.

MYSTERY HAUNTS VIRGINIA BEACH

(By United Press) Richmond, Aug. 15.—Mysterious signals flashing from the shore of Virginia Beach attract the vacationist who happens to be awake during the early morning hours. A brilliant white light is being used by the signalers who disappear in the darkness whenever anyone comes.

An airplane was recently seen to drop depth bombs near there.

Tempting hot weather menus—try one of Scott & Twiddy's regular dinners. They are delicious and cost only Fifty Cents.

SCHOONER ATTACKED BY SUBMARINE

Washington, August 15.—The schooner, Dorothy Barrett, was attacked off Cape May, New Jersey, by a submarine yesterday, the Navy Department announces.

WEATHER

Fair tonight and Friday. Cooler Friday. Light north to northeast winds.

Have you tried one of those regular dinners at Scott & Twiddy's Cafe? Only 50 cents and you get twice your money's worth, really. Try one.

CHAMBER COM'RC WILL PARTICIPATE

Chairman Spencer Appeals for The Assistance of Chamber of Commerce in Greatest Drive Ever Launched in this County

The Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce will take a great part in the Fourth Liberty Loan Campaign, which is to be launched in Pasquotank County about September 27th.

Mr. E. F. Spencer, County Chairman for Pasquotank, appeared before the Directors of the Chamber of Commerce at their regular monthly meeting held Tuesday night and asked for their assistance in this great work. The Chamber voted to use the offices as local headquarters during the campaign and to co-operate with the County Chairman in the Campaign in every possible way.

In 1912 the United States had no national organization for the welfare of business and commercial standards. It was then that Mr. Taft called together representatives from the various bodies of the country and this meeting resulted in the organization of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America, which is today the largest commercial body in the world.

It is not generally known that Germany has had such an organization for national welfare of business and commercial interests for over fifty years. All laws relating to industry, commerce and all business have been approved by this organization before they were passed upon by the Reichstag, the wonderful trade expansion of Germany, the work of which was undertaken in the 80's has resulted

HEINIES WARNED TO QUIT "TELLING"

By HENRY WOOD (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

With the French Armies, Aug. 15.—Copies of an order issued June 10 by Ludendorff and which have just been captured from German prisoners reveal the fact that Germany's plans for a victorious offensive on the western front are steadily being thwarted by information given the French and allied commands by German prisoners.

That the German soldier has become so weary of the war that when he is taken prisoner he makes no effort to conceal what he knows about the German's offensive plans becomes only too apparent in the order issued by Ludendorff in which he freely admits that two of the big German drives of this year have been checked partly as a result of information divulged by German prisoners.

in the placing of 1200 secret agents in the United States.

The United States has at last such an organization, the work of which is to correct the blunders of all legislative activities. The value of such a body to our nation, not only in time of war but in time of peace, and the duty of every local commercial body to look out for the business interests of the community is well shown by the fact that 75 per cent of the laws of the legislature, relating to business and commercial interests have been given to this organization for correction. Wishing to help the Government of the United States in every day possible and to be of more value to the Government the Directors of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce have voted to make application for membership in the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America.

HELP FOR THE HELPLESS

A Proclamation

By The Governor

Last year the whole world was thrilled when the news flashed over the wires that Jerusalem had been delivered from the hands of the Turk. The feeling was universal that the Holy City should be restored to the people who had builded it and with whose history it is forever associated. This is a fine sentiment, but finer and vastly more important than the restoration of the Holy City, is the salvation of millions of Jews from hunger and disease and death. In Turkey, in Palestine, in Lithuania, in Russia, in Poland and in Galicia, starvation stares the children of Abraham in the face. Daily Jewish husbands see their wives grow thin and pale and fade away into the Great Silence. Daily Jewish babies tug frantically at breasts that are withered and dry; and above the din of battle is heard once more the voice of Rachel weeping for her children, and refusing to be comforted because they are not.

I call upon the good people of North Carolina to harken to this cry, to rally to the help of the helpless and once again to show themselves worthy of the high service they are privileged to render. The hounded, hungry Jew can well afford to die. We cannot afford by indifference and inaction to have his blood on our hands.

Therefore, I, Thomas Walter Bickett, Governor of North Carolina, do hereby set apart Monday, the 19th day of August, 1918, as Jewish Relief Day. I ask all newspapers to give wide publicity to this day, and especially ask that on Sunday, the 18th day of August, notice be given in all the churches in the State that the following Monday will be observed as Jewish Relief Day, and the people will be given an opportunity to help this stricken race.

On Monday, the 19th day of August, I beg all our people to give to this most worthy cause generously and gladly. Let Jew and Gentile touch elbows, and work together for the relief of these millions in distress, and may He, who made and loves us all, bestow upon every giver and every gift his Heavenly benediction.

Done at our city of Raleigh, this the 3d day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and in the one hundred and forty-third year of our American Independence.

THOS. WALTER BICKETT, Governor.

By the Governor:
SANTFORD MARTIN,
Private Secretary.

Man Power Bill For Speedy Peace

With Men Made Available Under Proposed Change in Draft Law Allies Will Be Able To Smash Hun's Western Line at Will

Washington, August 15.—An American army of four million men, working in conjunction with our allies and under one commander, would enable us to go through the German line wherever we please, declares General Peyton C. March.

Testimony to this effect, given the Senate Military Committee, was made public today when Senator Chamberlain submitted the Committee's report on the new man power bill to the Senate at noon.

With the bill Senator Chamberlain submitted a report recommending quick action and quoting much testimony given by military authorities behind closed doors, and hitherto unpublished.

General March's testimony indicated that heavy inroads would have to be made into the ranks of young men below the age of twenty-one in order to raise the army to the strength needed.

"All the men obtained under the proposed change in the draft law, or approximately 2,300,000, we expect to have in France by June 30, 1919.

Something Big On at Washington

Officialdom in Capital City Without Tangible Evidence to Support Belief, Senses Imminence of Diplomatic Crisis.

Washington, August 15.—Without necessity of tangible evidence for the conviction, there is nevertheless a distinct feeling in official quarters here that diplomatic events of the first magnitude are brewing.

President Wilson, after a long conference with Secretary Lansing yesterday afternoon, suddenly decided on a visit to Colonel House at Magnolia, Massachusetts. He left on this visit last evening on a special train.

It is officially stated that the President is off for a rest, with the explanation that the President has been wanting to get away from his duties for a few days for some time; but that events have been such as to prevent him from carrying out his wishes heretofore.

The President is said to have carried with him to Magnolia several problems which he wishes to discuss with his adviser.

Germans And Turks Quarrel

London, August 15.—The British admiralty has received by wireless news that differences between the Germans and the Turks are becoming frequent and bitter. The information comes from Constantinople.

During the quarrel with Talatt Pasha recently the German ambassador is reported to have threatened to bombard the city.

The advices say that leaflets dropped by British aviators have been read by the population with sympathetic interest.

Posters were recently found on the walls of Mosques and Government buildings declaring that the Germans are the real enemies of Turkey. The posters called forth strong protest from the German ambassador who demanded an investigation and inquiry.

BOY SCOUTS, ATTENTION!

Every Boy Scout of Troop One are requested to be present at the business meeting of the Troop, which will be held at nine o'clock Friday night at Bartlett's Beach. The Scouts are requested to meet at Scout Headquarters, Y. M. C. A. building, at six thirty o'clock and then hike to the beach. It is vastly important that every Scout be present as the Troop has held no meetings within the past few weeks.