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## MANY TROOPS TO FRANCE SENDING SOLDIERS FAST AS POSSIBLE

Arrival of American Soldiers in France Has Kept Pace With War Department's Expectations, Says Secretary Baker in Official Statement—Declines to State, However, How Many Are There.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Arrival of American troops in France has kept pace with the expectation of the war department, Secretary Baker said tonight in the first statement he has ever authorized in connection with the progress being made in increasing General Pershing's forces.

Mr. Baker declined, however, to state the number of troops forwarded or to indicate whether he anticipated delay from this time. Movement of the forces, he said depended on two elements, the training and equipment of the men and the availability of ships.

"As fast as they are ready, ships and men will be combined," the secretary said. "As many American troops are now over seas as we expected in the beginning to have over seas at this time."

Mr. Baker indicated that an official statement of the number of American troops in France was not to be expected at any time during the war. He caused an inquiry to be made of the military censor, Major General McIntyre, however, which may result in more liberal regulations as to publication of the designations of regiments, brigades or companies which are engaged in action on the front from time to time.

If there is no sound military reason for suppressing that information, Mr. Baker said, he desired to give it out.

The secretary's attention was called to the fact that the British official statements recently have named at least by geographical designation the troops used in various offensives. Apparently a new policy in this regard has been adopted in London and the war department may do likewise.

## MEANS TRIAL BEGAN TODAY

Concord, Nov. 25.—Defense and prosecution are ready, both said tonight, to start the trial here tomorrow of Gaston B. Means, charged with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, wealthy New York widow, who was shot to death here last August.

The prosecution, as far as has been outlined, relies on a mass of circumstantial evidence to fasten upon Means the charge of murder, and, it is understood, will seek to show that a fortune of \$2,000,000, which Mrs. King might have inherited through a second will of her husband, the late James King, of Chicago, provided the motive.

Means, a native of Concord, had been the woman's business agent for some time before she met death while here on a visit to his relatives, and according to statements made by District Attorney Swann's office in New York, evidence has been brought to light to show that a second will was to be offered for probate. Mrs. King had inherited more than a million through the first will.

Counsel for the defense declined tonight to discuss their line of defense, but it was intimated from a source close to the defendant that its contention would be that Mrs. King accidentally was killed in handling the pistol which she had picked up while she and Means paused at Blackwelder Spring, near the target field, for the latter to get a drink.

## WANTS RUSSIA FOR AN ALLY

(By International News Service.)  
THE HAGUE, Nov. 27.—The Russian situation is swiftly drifting into a new phase fraught with the utmost danger to the allies. German agents are not only trying to bring about a separate peace, but are trying to line up Russia as a potential ally of the central powers. Lenin is a pro-German and many commanders along the front have arranged separate armistices with the Austro-Germans.

### TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.

(By International News Service.)  
NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—The cotton market opened with January contracts selling at 29 cents; May 28.50.

### TESTIFIED IN DE SAULLES CASE

(By International News Service.)  
MINEOLA, Nov. 23.—The prosecution in the De Saullès case fired its biggest gun today when the father, sister and chum of the dead man took the stand and described the shooting. George Ward, the chum, upon whom the prosecution mainly depends, was subjected to a relentless cross examination in which it was brought out that he had been arrested on various charges.

## CONVENES NEXT MONDAY CONGRESS BEGINS NEXT SESSION DEC. 4

Believed by Many Members That Approaching Session Will Rival the Last One in Importance—Members Are Returning to Washington This Week.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Members of Congress are beginning to return to Washington for the opening of the second session of the war December 3. Most of them expect the new session to rival the last in important action, and few think it will end before the general Congressional campaigns next fall.

Appropriations for the war promise to require much time and there is much new as well as unfinished war legislation to be dealt with. President Wilson's opening message soon after Congress reconvenes will determine, in great measure, the program of new legislation. Many domestic matters, including prohibition and woman suffrage, are promised attention. Future relations between this nation and Germany's allies may be determined early in the session.

Many members of Congress expect the President's opening address to deal with the question of whether war shall be declared against Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria. Sentiment in favor of such action is general among members now here.

Work on the appropriations bills for the next fiscal year already has been begun by the house appropriations committee, which will have a constant stream of the supply bills to go through the Congressional machinery. Appropriations estimates are being assembled at the treasury department for submission.

More bond issues probably will be authorized but actual consideration of amended war tax legislation is not anticipated until after the session is well under way.

During the coming week several leaders plan to confer with President Wilson regarding the session's program. Among those already here are Speaker Clark, Senators Martin, of Virginia, and Gallagher, of New Hampshire, respectively Democratic and Republican Senate leaders; Republican Leader Mann, of the house; Chairman Stone, of the senate foreign relations committee, and Senators Lewis, of Illinois, and Curtis, of Kansas, respectively Democratic and Republican whips.

The first formal pre-session activity will be the re-opening tomorrow of investigation by a senate committee of Senator LaFollette's alleged disloyal St. Paul speech. An executive session tomorrow of the sub-committee to determine procedure will be followed shortly by examination of witnesses, probably including former Secretary Bryan, during the week.

The Gazette goes all over Gaston—and then some. Only thrice-a-week paper in the State. Two dollars the year, and cheap at that.

### COMMANDS BRITISH FORCES IN ITALY.

(By International News Service.)  
LONDON, Nov. 24.—Gen. Plumer, chief aide to General Haig, has been given command of the British forces in Italy, it is announced today. Lieut. Gen. Marshall succeeds Gen. Stanley Maude in Mesopotamia. British troops are within 5,000 yards of Jerusalem, having taken Nebi Sami ridge, West of Jerusalem, by storm.

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### PETROGRAD ONCE MORE GAY.

(By International News Service.)  
STOCKHOLM, Nov. 24.—Calm has finally been restored in Petrograd says a Rapanda dispatch today. There is much gaiety and theatres and restaurants are crowded nightly. The entente legations are refusing to deal with the Bolsheviks. Goods in transit to Russia are being stopped at the frontier.

### DICKERING FOR ARMISTICE.

(By International News Service.)  
COPENHAGEN, Nov. 24.—A news dispatch today says that actual negotiations looking to an armistice on the Eastern front have been opened.

### BELMONT BUDGET.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
BELMONT, Nov. 23.—Superintendent Underwood, of the J. B. McCrary Co., of Atlanta, contractor on the town system of sewerage and waterworks, has been making rapid progress in work of installation during the recent favorable weather.

Little William Bowen, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bowen, suffered a painful accident Thursday afternoon in falling upon the cement sidewalk and breaking his right arm. First aid treatment was rendered by Dr. P. B. Hall, who took the little fellow to the Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, for an X-ray examination.

## MRS. BRISON'S FATHER KILLED

The many friends of Mrs. Lee L. Brison sympathize deeply with her in the sorrow which has come to her through the tragic death of her father, Mr. J. M. Sides, of Connelley Springs. The accident in which he lost his life is thus chronicled in the Connelley Springs correspondence of The Greensboro News under date of Friday, the 23rd:

"J. M. Sides, of Connelley Springs, was struck by passenger train No. 11 this morning being seriously injured was immediately rushed to a hospital in Hickory where he died this evening at 5:45. He is survived by a wife, who is now in Summersett, Ky., hospital, and by 11 living children, one son and two daughters living in Greensboro. The other children are E. L. Sides, Mrs. Tom Hinton, Mrs. Artie Jackson and Mrs. L. L. Brison, of Gastonia; Mrs. Joe Connelly, of Linville Falls; A. C. Sides, of Connelley Springs; Claude Sides, of U. S. S. Jason, New York; Miss Mabel Sides, Linda and Lena Sides, of Connelley Springs.

"Mr. Sides was a boarding house keeper and had started across the tracks with a load of lunch boxes and falling to get clear of the track he was struck by the engine and knocked to the ground."

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made because of the fact that it was hoped that Claude Sides, a son, who is in the navy would be able to come.

## FLOWER OF ARMY IS SHATTERED

(By International News Service.)

ROME, Nov. 24.—Flower of the Austro-German armies have been shattered by the Italians. The battle between the Piave and Brenta valleys is still raging, but the Teutonic invaders are still held at bay on the Asiago Plateau. The Italians voluntarily withdrew from some advanced posts which were unimportant, from a military point of view, but the main positions are intact. The invaders are using great waves of gas on the lower Piave.

## GETS ANOTHER GERMAN U-BOAT

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Another German submarine has been accounted for by American destroyers in the war zone, it was announced by Secretary of the Navy Daniels today, following advices from Vice Admiral Sims. The submersible was badly damaged by shell fire and "depth bomb." It is believed that the commander and crew of the U-boat are prisoners of war aboard American ships. The date and location are not given.

## BRITISH SMASH GERMAN LINES

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, Nov. 24.—The battle of Cambrai was resumed today. The gap torn in the Hindenburg line by a mighty British smash Tuesday has been enlarged. The British assaulted the high ground around Bourton wood this morning, carrying it by storm. The ground East and West of Cambrai was also won from the Germans. The Germans were driven from strategic positions between Moeuvres and Queant with heavy losses.

Another gain was made in the sector around Bullerouet after furious fighting, the British taking prisoners. Since Tuesday the British have captured over a hundred guns. Many big pieces were taken on the Cambrai sector. Today's gains bring the British nearer Cambrai, placing the German defensive works at the Western end of Droucourt-Queant in utmost peril.

### TO STAMP OUT SOCIALISM.

(By International News Service.)  
BUFFALO, Nov. 23.—By a unanimous vote the American Federation of Labor today took steps to stamp out the socialistic hotbed in New York fostered by the exclusiveness of the United Hebrew trades. The executive council of New York was directed to solidify the central federation unions in New York, regardless of race. This will render the socialists of the Hebrew organizations less powerful.

## CHILD BITTEN BY UNMUZZLED DOG

Helen, the ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Morris, 413 South Broad street, was bitten on the leg last Wednesday evening about dusk by an unmuzzled dog. She was on Third avenue between Oakland and Marietta streets, on her way home when the vicious dog attacked her, tearing her stocking and lacerating her flesh. Whether the dog was rabid or not could not be ascertained. It is not known to whom it belonged. A man, woman and child were walking in an opposite direction on the other side of the street from the child. The man walked over and took the dog, asking the child if the dog bit her. It is supposed that he was the dog's owner, though the child did not know him and efforts to identify the dog or its owner have not so far been successful.

Out of an abundance of precaution the child is being given the Pasteur treatment and is getting a long very well.

Speaking of the matter to The Gazette Mr. Morris severely criticised the city officials for permitting the dog muzzling law to be flagrantly violated. He pointed out the fact that unmuzzled dogs run loose at will. Even one of the city's own bloodhounds, he pointed out, is allowed to lie around in front of the city hall frequently unmuzzled. Since this occurrence there has been considerable expression among the citizens of the town of criticism of the city administration for allowing this condition of affairs to prevail.

## MR. DAVENPORT IS NOMINATED

(By International News Service.)

Mr. R. K. Davenport, of Mount Holly, was nominated as the choice of the Gaston county unit of the Bankhead National Highway Association for a place on the board of directors of the National Association at a meeting of the unit held at the courthouse Friday night. In the absence of President Davenport, who was unable to attend owing to illness in his family, Vice-President T. L. Craig presided. The object of the meeting was stated by Secretary Fred M. Allen.

It is understood that Director W. R. Lynch, of Spray, has removed to Virginia. This leaves a vacancy from North Carolina and while the annual meeting of the association will not be held until April it is hoped that the directors may be induced to elect a man to fill the unexpired term. In the hope that Mr. Davenport might be chosen he was nominated by the Gaston unit.

### BYNG MADE A GENERAL.

(By International News Service.)  
LONDON, Nov. 23.—Lieutenant-General Sir Julian Byng has been promoted to the rank of General as a result of his great victory.

### GERMANS ARE OPTIMISTIC.

(By International News Service.)  
AMSTERDAM, Nov. 24.—German agents in Petrograd have notified the Berlin government that Russia seems ready for peace. German feeling is optimistic with regard to a separate peace with the Bolsheviks.

### SENT TO JUAREZ FOR SAFETY.

(By International News Service.)  
EL PASO, Nov. 23.—Six hundred Carranza soldiers and a hundred and fifty refugees who fled across the border at Ojinaga were sent across the river to Juarez today.

### ALARMED AT FRENCH ADVANCE

(By International News Service.)  
PARIS, Nov. 23.—Alarmed at the new French advance toward Leon, the Germans began a series of heavy counter assaults north of the Aisne last night, but were unable to make any gain. There is only artillery activity elsewhere.

### PAN-GERMAN PAPER SUPPRESSED.

(By International News Service.)  
THE HAGUE, Nov. 23.—Word has been received that the Pan-Germanist paper Deutsche Zeitung has been suppressed.

### SOLDIER BURNED TO DEATH.

(By International News Service.)  
MACON, Nov. 24.—Sgt. Bastry Chaud, of La Grange, Ga., was burned to death this morning when the mess hall burned.

### HOLDING A COUNCIL OF WAR.

(By International News Service.)  
GENEVA, Nov. 24.—The Kaiser, Emperor Charles, of Austria, King Ferdinand, of Bulgaria, and Enver Bey, the Turkish Minister of War, are holding a council of war on the Italian front. One object of the council is to divide the spoils captured from the Italians.

## GASTONIA AND GASTON LATE EVENTS IN TOWN AND COUNTY

Attorneys Named.

Governor Bickett has appointed three attorneys in each of the 100 counties of the State who will serve as legal advisory boards to the county exemption boards for the draft army. Those appointed for Gaston county are O. F. Mason, A. C. Jones and P. W. Garland.

### Cotton Ginned.

According to report made to the Bureau of the Census by Mr. W. E. Johnson, of Belmont, county crop reporter, there were 3,258 bales of cotton ginned in Gaston county prior to November 14 of this year, compared with 2,432 bales of the 1916 crop ginned prior to the same date last year.

### Union Thanksgiving Service.

A union Thanksgiving service, participated in by the members of all the up-town congregations, will be held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in Main Street Methodist church. Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway, pastor of the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, will conduct the service. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### Aldermen to Meet.

A called meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held at the City Hall on Tuesday, November 27th, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of considering a petition of the Gastonia & Suburban Gas Company for an increase in rates. The citizens of the town and the public generally are invited by both the Board of Aldermen and the Gas Company to be present at this meeting.

### To Take Degree.

Capt. W. H. Taylor and Mr. Ed C. Adams, of Gastonia, and Messrs. J. P. Hoffman and L. D. Gribble, of Dallas, will take the Knight Templar degree in Masonry at Charlotte tonight. Knight Templars from Gastonia who will attend the ceremonies will be Rev. J. H. Henderlite, Messrs. Chas. Ford, R. C. Warren, G. H. Marvin, R. B. Babington and J. T. Sadler.

## IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

### MISS FERGUSON HOSTESS AT THEATER PARTY.

Last Wednesday night, in honor of Miss C. Cole, of Carthage, Miss Lillian Ferguson gave a theatre party at the Ideal. Those making up the party were Misses Cole, Bess and Jean Withers, Mary Ramsay and Mrs. Henderlite. After the show the evening's enjoyment culminated with a couple of hours of fun and refreshments at Miss Ferguson's room, 327 West Main.

### BARBEE-ALEXANDER MARRIAGE.

Mr. R. W. Barbee, manager of the Southern Power Company's local transformer plant, and Miss Maude Alexander, of Charlotte, were married at the Arlington Hotel here Saturday afternoon at one o'clock. Rev. J. H. Henderlite, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiated. The groom has many friends here who will congratulate him upon this event and who will welcome his bride to Gastonia.

### PHILATHEA OFFICERS MEET TONIGHT.

A meeting of the officers of the Senior Philathea Class of Main Street Methodist church will be held this evening at 7:30 in the league room. This is the first meeting of the new officers. The committees will be appointed and work will be mapped out for the coming six months. Much work is in progress and indications are that the coming six months will be the busiest in the history of the class.

Also at this meeting definite plans will be made for the parcel post booth which the class will have at the ladies' bazaar of the Methodist church in the early part of December. Much work has been done by the members of the class and it is probable that as many as 300 parcels will be offered much to the joy and pleasure of those who buy. The next social meeting of the class which will be held on next Monday night, December 3, will be devoted entirely to this work.

### SOLIDLY BEHIND THE PRESIDENT.

(By International News Service.)  
BUFFALO, Nov. 24.—The American Federation of Labor overwhelmingly went on record today as being behind the President. Mr. Gompers, the president; Mr. Morrison, the secretary and eight vice-presidents were re-elected. Tobin succeeds John Lennon as treasurer.

### RUSSIAN PEOPLE STILL FOR WAR.

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—The Russian people will not consent to withdraw their troops from war against the Central powers, Ambassador Bismell assured Secretary Lansing today.

## BIG ROBBERY IN CLEVELAND

(By International News Service.)

CLEVELAND, Nov. 27.—Cash estimated at \$40,000 and several thousand dollars worth of fine furs were secured by four robbers who last night held up three night watchmen at Higbee's Department store and looted the vault. The robbery was not discovered until the watchmen were found in the vault this morning.

## DELAYS IN THE MEANS CASE

(By International News Service.)

CONCORD, Nov. 26.—Through error in summoning of the grand jury the Means case was delayed this morning. It is necessary for the court to charge the grand jury. This and other information occupied the entire morning session. Means is pale and haggard from long confinement. The selection of a jury is expected to get well under way this afternoon.

## COTTON REACHES THIRTY CENTS

(By International News Service.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Thirty cents the highest figure ever received on the New York exchange was paid for December cotton today.

## PROPOSALS FOR AN ARMISTICE

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Proposals from the Bolshevik government for a three months armistice are before President Wilson today, Secretary Lansing announced. Beyond saying that the proposition was being considered, the secretary would make no statement. It is accepted as certain that this government will not reply. The Bolsheviks will not be recognized in any way.

## MRS. DESAULLES ON THE STAND

(By International News Service.)

MINEOLA, Nov. 26.—Blanca De Saullès today bared the story of her marital unhappiness to the jury. She told of her husband's disappointment when he found her fortune was only about \$100,000. She shuddered and turned her head when asked to identify the pistol which De Saullès had bought and instructed her how to use. She described the loneliness following her husband's continued absence, and stated that her mother-in-law was unkind. Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt and many other society women packed the court room.

## INVESTIGATION WAS POSTPONED

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The investigation into the alleged disloyalty of Senator LaFollette was postponed at the eleventh hour today on account of the inability of William J. Bryan and other members of the probe committee to be present. It is hoped to resume the hearing before the end of the week, but the committee have asked Congress for an extension of time.

## COUNTER ATTACKS PROVE FUTILE

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, Nov. 26.—Exhausted by futile counter attacks the Germans last night ceased their efforts to dislodge the British from Bourlon village and Bourlon wood, the war office announced at noon. Artillery duels in Flanders increased to great violence during the night.