

Allies Make New Gains in Flanders

PUSH FORWARD IN FACE OF BITTER RESISTANCE BY THE GERMANS

Westhook and the Whole Ridge Nearby in British Hands At Close of Day's Fighting—Teutons Suffer Heavy Losses In Counter Attacks.

GERMAN LINES NORTH AND SOUTH OF YPRES IN GRAVE DANGER

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, Aug. 10.—The battle of Flanders flared into full blast again today with the British and French on the aggressive. By nightfall they had registered important local gains on a nine-mile front between Bixehoote and Westhook, northeast of Ypres. The Germans rallied immediately after the initial blow and hit back all along the line. The fighting lasted all day. Fierce hand to hand grappling ensued. The Allies' troops maintained their gains and inflicted heavy losses on the Teutons.

As a result of the new push, the town of Westhook, which was partly reconquered by Crown Prince Rupprecht's troops in the first stage of the Flanders battle, is again completely in British hands, as is the whole ridge close by.

This evening word came from the front that the British advance was extended even further southward from Westhook, as far as the Ypres-Menin railway, which would make the whole attacking front one of nearly seven miles. Between Frezenburg (a little more than three miles southeast of Ypres) and the Ypres-Menin road, the British in their initial onrush penetrated to the depth of several hundred yards. The Bavarian Crown Prince promptly threw strong reserves into this sector and admittedly succeeded in halting the British advance. Fighting here lasted far into the night.

190 MEN NOW IN LOCAL FIELD BATTERY

Membership Gradually Climbing To War Strength—Only Part Equipment Received.

The New Bern Battery of Field Artillery is gradually filling up its ranks, the total strength having reached one hundred and seventy men. The battery was mustered in about two weeks ago with about one hundred and fifty members. The full strength is 190 men, and the officers are hoping to recruit to that number before being ordered to a training camp.

All of the men were vaccinated for smallpox a week ago, and the majority of the men carrying some arms. More than twenty-five have been in the hospital from the effects of the vaccination but in no one case is the condition considered serious.

Cots and blankets were received from the Quartermaster several days ago but so far no uniforms have been received. However, it is expected that these will arrive within a few days.

The officers are hard at work training the men. Regular drills are held for about three hours every day and the men are being whipped into good shape.

168 Craven Men File Claims For Exemption

Local Board Calls on Citizens For Assistance in The Investigations of These Cases; Full List Published Here—Ninety-One Quality and Ask No Discharge.

BOARD AGAIN WARNS 34 REGISTRANTS WHO FAILED TO APPEAR

Law Does Not Excuse Any Man for "Not Knowing"—To Be Certified To Army as Having Been Drafted If They Do Not Show Up Immediately for Examination.

The Craven county exemption board yesterday completed making up the lists of registered men who passed the physical examination, those who failed to pass and those who claimed and did not claim exemption, which shows that three hundred and sixty-nine of the four hundred and ten men summoned to appear for examination, were examined. Two hundred and sixty or seventy percent, qualified, physically. There were ninety-one who claimed no exemption, which is thirty-five percent of the number who qualified. The following report was given to the press by the board:

- 1 exempt.
 - 91 physically qualified who did not claim exemption.
 - 109 physically disqualified.
 - 168 physically qualified and claimed exemption.
 - 4 certified to other boards.
 - 34 called and failed to answer.
 - 3 held for re-examination.
- The board has asked that the attention of those who did not answer when their names were called, be called to the penalty for failure to report. The rules governing the draft make it incumbent upon the registered man to ascertain whether or not he has been called to appear before the board, and the mere fact that he has received no notice will not be accepted for his absence; neither is mis-spelled names or wrong initials an excuse for failure to report. All who have failed to report will be certified to the Provost Marshal General's office as having been drafted, unless they report immediately. Upon further failure to report the names will be given to United States marshals with instructions to locate the parties and arrest them.
- The following is the full list of those who have failed to report:
- William Hill, Faison; Tony Harris, 23 Rountree street, New Bern; Zack Tavay Luter, No. 31 Avenue A, city; Bonnie Sutton, Vanceboro; George Weston, Winton; Samuel Jackson, city; Henry Smith, city; Clyde Lupton, No. 19 1/2 Avenue A, city; Solomon Wood, No. 28 Bryan street, city; Mill Furney, Blades; Charles Cover, No. 38 Lees avenue, city; Raymond Dove, Askins; William W. Campbell, Vanceboro; Fred Chase, No. 5 Reisinger street, city; Charles Cornelius Staten, No. 14 Goldsboro street, city; Thomas Churchill Clark, city; Henry Jones, No. 25 Jones street, city; John McKimmons, No. 30 Pine street, city; James Arthur Calley, Dover; John R. Collins, Buffalo, N. Y.; Jonathan Roberts, Jr., No. 72 Elm street, city; Guy Freeman, Dover; Ed Owens, No. 36 Pine street, city; Hannibal Jones, Bridgeton; Julius Joyner, city; Rufus Kitchen George, Blades; John Edward Harris, R. F. D. 2, Vanceboro; Turner Gibbons, 24 Queen street, New Bern; Wiley Jones, 55 Middle street, New Bern; Willie Duke, 26 End street, New Bern; Willie Edwards, 21 First Ave., New Bern; Henry Kennedy (machinist at N. S. Shops), New Bern; Willis Jenkins George, North Harlowe; John Lee Hollowell, 32 Eden street, New Bern.

HOOPER GIVES RULES FOR FOOD SAVING

Administrator Calls on Every Individual to Reduce Food Consumption.

- 1. To eat wheatless meal a day.
- 2. To eat beef, mutton, or pork not more than once a day.
- 3. To economize in the use of butter.
- 4. To cut the daily allowance of sugar in tea or coffee and in other ways.
- 5. To eat more vegetables, fruit and fish.
- 6. To save in the home or the restaurant the necessity of economy.

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WOULD PUT ALL REJECTED MEN IN HEALTH CAMP

Senator Pomerene Says Over Two Million May Be Saved For The Flag.

ASKS APPROPRIATION OF HUNDRED MILLION

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 10.—More than two million men may be saved for the flag by an appropriation of one hundred million dollars asked for today by Senator Pomerene, of Ohio.

The Ohio senator proposed by "reclamation camp commission" the physical rebuilding of:

1. Men drafted and then rejected by surgeons because of curable physical defects.
2. Men who volunteer but who are rejected for the same reason.
3. Men who become disabled in the country's service but who may be rehabilitated.

Senator Pomerene's bill was devised by Dr. John H. Quayle, of Cleveland, Ohio. He has interested many prominent men of the country. It is proposed to form a national organization to stand back of the plan.

CATTLE QUARANTINE IS STILL ON CRAVEN

Farmers Cannot Ship Outside of Quarantine District, Says Dr. Smith.

Although the campaign for freeing the county of the fever tick has been temporarily stopped, the quarantine on the county has not been lifted, and farmers cannot ship their cattle to any market outside the quarantine district without violating the law.

FIND DYNAMITE ON PRISONER'S FARM

Officers Believe It Part of Stores of Union Active Against the Draft Law.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., Aug. 10.—Deputy Sheriff J. W. Cross and a posse from Sasakwa last night were led by William Hubler, a prisoner from Holdenville, to the farm of "Shorty" Elberly, already under arrest. On the farm seventy-five sticks of dynamite, two rifles and a quantity of strychnine were found buried. Marks on the articles led officers to believe they were part of the stores of the Working Class Union, which has been active against the selective draft law.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Aug. 10.

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MAY TAKE OVER ALL COUNTRY'S STEEL PLANTS

War Board to Use Commandeering Powers If Resistance Is Continued.

STEEL MEN RESIST THE PRICE-FIXING

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 10.—Every steel plant in the United States may be commandeered by the government in the event a disposition is shown by the steel companies to question the authorities of the war industries board to fix prices of the materials sold to the Allies as well as those purchased by the United States. The breach over the Bethlehem Steel Company contracts has given rise to reports that the steel men will resist every effort to have the prices fixed on goods sold to the Allies. The war board is prepared to meet the situation with its commandeering power.

The authority of the war board to commandeer steel plants has been questioned by men in this industry, it became known today, but the board is standing pat, and it was stated authoritatively that a flat refusal on the part of the steel interests would be resisted—should the cooperative plan fail—because it would once and for all settle the question. The war board feels so secure in its position, it was stated today, that it is not even expecting a small percentage of producers to question its authority.

A. & N. C. DIRECTORS ASK RETURN OFFICES

Resolution Protests to Norfolk Southern Against Moving to Washington.

Following the meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad Company held in Morehead City, Thursday, the directors met for the election of officers and to attend to other matters. During the meeting the directors adopted a resolution asking the officials of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, lessees of the A. & N. C., to reinstate their division headquarters which were moved from New Bern to Washington on the first of August. Report had it yesterday that such action had been taken by the stockholders at their meeting, but it was learned that such was not the case.

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"You say Gasterly has been in politics for a number of years?" "Yes," I presume he has had some varied experiences." "Well, no. In fact, there's little variety, so far as he is concerned. He gets defeated with monotonous regularity." — Birmingham Herald.

HOOPER NOW FOOD CHIEF

SIMMONS TELLS OF GREAT WAR COST TO U. S.

Stipulates Ten Billion Dollars for First Year, in Explaining Revenue Bill.

HITS BACK AT HOUSE LEADER KITCHIN

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 10.—Before the great war the total annual expenditures of the United States were between seven hundred million and eight hundred million dollars a year. This year they will reach something like ten billion dollars.

With this startling statement Senator Simmons began explaining today the great two billion dollar war revenue bill just completed by the Senate Finance Committee. The chairman of the committee took most of his time to closely following his report made public a few days ago. He also explained the difference between the House and Senate bills.

TO RECOMMEND CREATION OF AN AIRCRAFT BOARD

Senate Military Affairs Committee to Report Favorably on Sheppard Bill.

WOULD FACILITATE BUILDING PROGRAM

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 10.—The Senate Military Affairs Committee today decided to favor the creation of an aircraft board to supervise the industrial activities relating to aviation.

NEGRO HELD FOR HOUSE BREAKING

James Smith Is Charged With Stealing Pistol and Clothing From Bridgeton Home.

James Smith, colored, was brought to New Bern yesterday by Constable J. T. Lancaster, of Number One Township, and given a hearing before Justice of the Peace C. E. Hancock, charged with entering the home of Harrison Fenner, at Bridgeton, and stealing a pistol and some clothing. He was committed to jail in default of a five hundred dollar bond.

ROUMANIANS IN DEATH GRIP WITH TEUTONS

In Various Sectors Mackensen's Human Steam Roller is Put to Flight.

BERLIN AND VIENNA REPORT PROGRESS

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, Aug. 10.—With the tenacious heroism of men fighting for the last narrow strips of their home land, the Rumanians are throwing themselves into the teeth of Mackensen's human steam roller all along the Moldavian front. They are aided by Russian forces fighting with the same bitter stubbornness as yet untouched by the disaffection that brought on disaster in the north.

In various sectors the Russo-Rumanian troops were successful in stemming the Teuton tide. At one point they even drove the attackers to flight. In the vital portions of the front, however, according to official Petrograd admission, they were forced in the last twenty-four hours to yield ground. Slowly but steadily the Austro-Hungarian advance continues. Berlin today reported the capture of sixteen hundred men in the last two days in the Oltus sector. Vienna reported new progress in the clearing of the Southern tip of the Bukovina of the Muscovite invaders.

BRITISH LABOR TO TAKE PART IN PEACE MEETING

To Send Delegates to Stockholm Conference To Be Held Early Next Month.

CONFERENCE MERELY CONSULTATIVE, VIEW

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, Aug. 10.—British organized labor won its fight for participation in the socialist peace conference at Stockholm to be held early next month.

MISS BATTS TO LEAVE NEW BERN ARMY POST

To Enter Salvation Army College to Prepare for Higher Commission.

Miss Maggie Batts will leave within the next day or so for New York, to take an eight months' course in the Salvation Army College. After completing this course it will then be necessary for her to take a two years' correspondence course before qualifying as a commissioned officer in the Salvation Army service.

BEGINS TASK OF FEEDING A HALF BILLION PEOPLE

President Signs Executive Order Appointing Him, Immediately After Signing Food Control Measure—Powers Extend From The Farm to The Consumer.

HUNGER OR PLENTY LIES IN HIS HANDS

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 10.—Herbert C. Hoover, on his forty-third birthday, today became the arbiter of the diet of more human beings than any Roman Caesar ever dreamed of feeding.

Shortly after noon President Wilson affixed his signature to the food control bill, upon which the ink was hardly dry from the signatures of Vice-President Marshall and Champ Clark.

REVIVAL AT CLARK ATTRACTING CROWDS

Planned To Make Sunday The Biggest Day of The Campaign.

The attendance at the tent revival which is being held at Clark continues to grow with each service, and the interest being taken by the church members is very gratifying to Rev. J. W. Autry, the pastor in charge of the Craven circuit and under whose direction the meeting is being held.

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TO MOREHEAD CITY ON FISHING TRIP

Captain W. H. Newell, of Rocky Mount, general superintendent of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company, passed through New Bern last night in his private car en route to Morehead City to spend several days on a fishing trip.