

BRITISH HOLD ALL NEW GROUNDS; FRENCH ADVANCE

Petain's Troops Win Brilliant Success at Verdun—Teuton Attacks Beat Off.

BERLIN ADMITS THE LOSS OF LANGEMARCK

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Aug. 18.—This was the eleven hundred and thirteenth day in the great war. It was the third day in the new Flanders battle and was in every way a successful one for the Allies.

The British held their newly conquered grounds everywhere. The French added to their gains. The Germans were forced to admit that Langemarck, the Belgian town five miles north of Ypres had been lost. The French beat off all Teuton assaults north of Aisne and in the Champagne. And to cap the climax they won a brilliant success at Verdun.

These were the outstanding operations of the last twenty-four hours in the west. They were all of a local nature but important. Berlin in finally conceding the loss of Langemarck says it was taken in a British "local surprise attack." and adds, "We occupy the flat bend in front of the village."

To the northwest of Lens, the Bavarian throne heir tried again with might and main to dislodge the Canadians from the slopes of Hill 70. But the wall of dogged Dominion troops stood firm. The Teuton "srock" troops did not even shock the Canadians in their first onrush.

RALPH DE PALMA WINS THE TITLE OF SPEED KING

Shows The Way to Oldfield and Chevrolet—Averages Nearly Two Miles a Minute.

OLDFIELD LAST IN TWO OF THREE RACES

(By International News Service.) SHEEPSHEAD BAY, N. Y., Aug. 18.—Ralph De Palma today dethroned Barney Oldfield as auto speed king. In a series of three races at thirty, twenty and fifty miles, in which De Palma, Oldfield and Louis Chevrolet met for the title, De Palma, in his Packard racer, showed the way to his adversaries. Oldfield finished last in the first two events and second in the fifty mile affair.

De Palma negotiated the thirty miles in 16 minutes, 36 and 4-5 seconds, the twenty miles in 10 minutes, 53 and 4-5 seconds, and the fifty miles in 27 minutes, 32 1-5 seconds.

CHOLERA EPIDEMIC KILLING MANY HOGS

Disease Raging on North Side of The Neuse—Many Herds Being Inoculated.

According to reports reaching New Bern, there is an epidemic of cholera among the hogs of a number of the farmers residing on the north side of Neuse river. The condition in that section of the county has become somewhat alarming and quite a number of the farmers are having their herds inoculated with the anti-cholera serum, and it is expected that quite a number will be saved in this manner.

Mr. W. G. Harrison, a prominent farmer of the county, visited that section yesterday and administered the treatment to several herds. This work is usually done by Mr. J. W. Hears, farm demonstrator, but he has not sufficiently recovered from injuries sustained in an automobile wreck last week to do work of this kind, and Mr. Harrison was called in.

SIX SEDITIOUS SUFFRAGISTS ARE SENT TO PRISON

Pickets to Serve Thirty Days in District Workhouse at Occoquan, Va.

NO MORE PARDONS BY THE PRESIDENT LIKELY

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 18.—The militant suffragists received setbacks today from four sources:

- 1. Six pickets were sentenced to serve thirty days in the district workhouse at Occoquan, Va., after a trial lasting less than an hour.
2. Senator Myers, of Montana, introduced a bill designed to stop all picketing of the White House and providing severe penalties for violations.
3. Major Pullman, chief of police, is understood to have received assurances that the President will issue no more pardons for the militants or interfere with arrests.
4. Supt. W. H. Whittaker, of the workhouse, announced that the suffragists will receive no favors and declared "If they stay here a month I'll send them home in better condition physically—and perhaps mentally."

BODY OF LATE PETER M. DRANEY INTERRED

Funeral Service Conducted from The Home Yesterday Morning.

The body of the late Mr. Peter M. Draney, who died at his home on South Front-street Friday, was laid at rest in Cedar Grove cemetery yesterday morning following the funeral service, which was conducted from the late residence by Rev. Euclid McWhorter, pastor of Centenary Methodist church.

Mr. Draney was one of New Bern's oldest citizens, and until a few years ago when he was forced to retire from business on account of failing health, he was active in the commercial life of New Bern.

BIG FOOD DRIVE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

Fall and Winter Gardens Receiving Special Attention—Large Grain Crops.

PLYMOUTH, Aug. 18.—A "Big Drive" is being made in Washington county this week in the interest of food production and conservation, the County Food Conservation Commission holding a number of meetings at strategic points throughout the county at which agricultural experts and well known speakers have discussed with the farmers the demands of the food situation and plans for meeting it. The matter of fall and winter gardens, the acreage of small grain and winter cover crops have received especial attention, with the result that Washington county this year will have the largest number of winter gardens and the largest acreage and cover crops in its history.

ARRESTS SELF WITH HIS OWN HANDCUFFS

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Aug. 18.—Abe Brown is a most accommodating man—he handcuffed himself and made his arrest a simple matter.

Brown had visited the home of James Fleming frequently. Several articles were missed and suspicion pointed to him. He gathered with the family one evening for a friendly chat and proudly exhibited a pair of handcuffs he had purchased. "Show us how they work," said Mr. Fleming. "Simple, just like that," said Brown and he accidentally locked them. "We'll call the police to unlock them for you," said Mrs. Fleming. "Fine, thanks," answered Brown, jovially. And when the police came, Mrs. Fleming told the police not to unlock them until she had put a charge of larceny against him.

TWO HUNDRED ARTILLERYMEN TO WAR ZONE

Graduates of Officers Reserve Schools to Proceed to France Immediately.

TO GO IN TRAINING BEHIND FIRING LINE

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 18.—Two hundred artillerymen, graduated from officers reserve schools, were today picked by the War Department to proceed immediately to France.

The fact that the youngsters, all of whom have been working with artillery of the size hitherto considered impossible for field use are to be sent to France, shows that the United States is prepared to play the game in the most modern fashion. The War Department already has announced that much heavy ordnance for our forces will be made in France. The young graduates probably first will be sent to the Crousset and other gun works to see their pieces made and then shown how they are handled in the mud of flanders and the mountains of Vosges.

FAREWELL SERVICE TO BE HELD TONIGHT

Special Program by Salvation Army Corps at First Baptist Church.

Captain Leonard Van Egmond, commander of the local post of the Salvation Army, will hold his farewell service in the First Baptist church tonight. He will leave for Atlanta this week to take charge of the army's work there.

He has arranged a most interesting program for his final service in this city, which will be participated in by Salvation Army officers from nearby towns. Special music will precede and follow Captain Van Egmond's farewell message, and the public is invited to be present.

COTTON MARKET

Table with 2 columns: Spots, Closed. Rows: January (25.65), October (24.41), December (24.66), Market closed steady; spots fifty points declined.

BILLY SUNDAY RAPS PRUSSIANISM AGAIN

"Glad I'm an American And I Can well say that We are with You, Woodrow Wilson."

(By International News Service.) HOOD RIVER, ORE., Aug. 18.—"Such a sight as this makes me glad I'm an American and I can well say that we are with you, Woodrow Wilson, and to hell with the Kaiser!"

shouted the Rev. Billy Sunday, evangelist, as he addressed 2,000 persons gathered to say farewell to the Twelfth Company, Oregon Coast Artillery, as it departed for its mobilization camp. "And proud we are of you, boys, for you are ready to do your part in crushing the Prussian autocracy that threatens the world. You are going to fight, boys, and if you cross the sea, for some of you this may be your last glimpse of these fir-clad hills of Oregon and old Mount Hood may be waving her farewell kiss."

"But not one of these mothers, not one of these fathers, not one of these children, even though they may not now be big enough to understand, but will be glad and proud, for they know you are fighting for that flag. The Stars and Stripes have been in many a fix since 1776, but never yet have they trailed the ground."

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO., Aug. 18.—Miss Amy Kinsey and her sister, Kathleen, prominent socially, plan to leave here early next month, to spend several years in kindergarten work in northern Japan.

SENATE STRIKES OUT TAX ON BANK CHECKS-DRAFTS

Committee Planned to Raise Ten and Twelve Millions by This Provision.

SMALL PARCEL POST PACKAGES EXEMPT

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 18.—By a vote of thirty-eight to twenty-two, the Senate today struck from the war revenue bill the provision imposing a one cent stamp tax on bank checks, drafts, non-interest bearing certificates of deposits and orders for payment. It had been expected that this stamp tax would yield between ten and twelve million dollars.

Thompson, of Kansas, made the movement to eliminate the tax. He was supported by Underwood, of Alabama, Smoot, of Utah, and Norris, of Nebraska. Simmons of North Carolina, and Lodge, of Massachusetts, defended the tax. The Senate accepted an amendment which will exempt small packages from the proposed parcel post tax. This amendment charges one cent for every twenty-five cents postage above the first cent of twenty-five cents. Originally the bill proposed charging this tax on each twenty-five cents worth of postage.

Debate began on the second-class mail matter provision. Hardwick, of Georgia, continued his fight to boost the tariff on newspapers and magazines. An amendment he introduced proposed a tax of one cent per pound on the reading matter in publications and a tax of three cents per pound on the part devoted to the advertising until June 30, 1918. From then until June 30, 1919, the reading rate would be one cent per pound and the advertising six cents. After June 1919 the rate would be one cent for the reading matter and eight cents for the advertising portion.

Broussard, of Louisiana, put in an amendment allowing the Allies to import raw sugar free into this country and export the refined product.

MRS. EBY NAMES COMMITTEE TO PREPARE FEAST

Lunch Baskets to be Presented To Battery Members After Watermelon Cutting

MEETING CALLED FOR TOMORROW MORNING

At a meeting held in the office of Mr. D. E. Henderson yesterday morning for the purpose of making plans to give the members of Battery A a watermelon cutting, Mrs. Clyde Eby was requested to name a committee to help provide lunch boxes filled with good things to eat, of which she is to be chairman. The boxes and their contents will be given to the troops immediately after the watermelon cutting, which will take place at the camp next Friday.

Mrs. Eby has named the following as members of the committee, and has called a meeting for Monday morning at 11:30 o'clock, which will be held in the Chamber of Commerce room, and all are asked to be present: Miss Jane Stewart, Miss Elizabeth Hyman, Miss Eula Cole, Miss Charlotte Howard, Miss Mary Louise Jones, Miss Dita Roberts, Mrs. Tom Roberts, Mrs. Bourdelaix, Mrs. Tom Williams, Mrs. Ed Clark, Mrs. Guion Dunn, Mrs. D. E. Henderson, Mrs. L. H. Cutler, Jr., Mrs. Chas. Ellison, Mrs. Henry Henderson, Mrs. G. W. Lane, Mrs. Jno. Holland, and Miss Bessie Hackney.

FEAST NEXT FRIDAY

The members of Battery A, Field Artillery will be given a watermelon cutting next Friday at Camp Hurst, where the battery is now quartered. The hour for the feast has not yet been named. In addition to the "juicy fruit" which will be served the boys in khaki, each man will be presented with a most little lunch box, which will contain good things to eat.

Plans are being made to have the battery give a public drill downtown, previous to the feast. However, this is not a certainty, as Captain J. H. Weddell, commanding officer of the battery, stated last night that he was not positive that the review would be held. The company has been practically put out of business, as far as drilling is concerned, during the past week or more, on account of the condition of the members, which was caused by the anti-typhoid treatment. There have been as many as sixty members in the hospital at one time during the past week, as the result of this treatment.

Nearly all the men have been discharged and if the yare able to drill and get in shape for the review, it is very likely that it will be held.

GOVERNMENT TO INTERVENE IN LABOR TROUBLES

Prepared to Invoke Drastic Measures if Strike Threat is Fulfilled.

IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE SITUATION

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 18.—President Wilson today took a personal hand in the labor situation in the northwest, where the Industrial Workers of the World have eluded a general strike among the trades in four states. He discussed the situation with Attorney-General Gregory and was informed of the measures the Federal Authorities are prepared to invoke to put down disturbances if the strike threat is fulfilled. The President is keeping in close touch with the developments through reports sent by Judge Harry Covington, his personal investigator.

Officials discredit reports that as many as fifty thousand workmen will walk out Monday. Every effort will be made to prevent delays on war contracts.

INTEREST GROWS IN MEDICAL MEETING

Prospects Are That Conference in Greensboro Will be Largely Attended

(Press Article of the North Carolina State Board of Health)

Interest throughout the State among the medical men is increasing in the meeting of the North Carolina Auxiliary Societies and the State Committee of the Council of National Defence, Medical Section, in Greensboro, Monday, August 20.

Major R. E. Noble, U. S. A., and Dr. Joseph Bloodgood, chairman of the Southern Committee for National Defence, and Dr. Edward Martin will be the speakers. Emphasis will be placed on the Medical Corps situation and the pressing needs of the war and the necessity for service on the part of the physicians of the State.

Particularly are the invitations to this meeting urgent upon the physicians who have become members of the Medical Reserve Corps or who are contemplating this. Dr. A. W. Knox, Raleigh, special examiner, Medical Reserve Corps and chairman of the Wake County Auxiliary Society, will preside.

ORIENTAL COUPLE COMES HERE TO WED

Miss Olive Aldridge Becomes The Bride of Mr. Leroy Harper.

A surprise marriage took place at eight o'clock last night at the home of Mr. J. W. Marrow, on Pasture street, when Miss Olive Aldridge and Mr. Leroy Harper, both of Oriental, were happily married. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. B. Everett, pastor of the Free-Will Baptist church, in the presence of a few friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harper spent last night in New Bern and will leave today for Oriental, where they will make their home.

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APPLICATION FOR PACKING PLANT CHARTER FILED

To Be Capitalized at \$100,000, With \$75,000 Paid In—Location Not Decided Upon

BUILDING CONTRACT TO BE AWARDED SOON

The committee appointed a short time ago to secure a charter for the proposed New Bern packing plant, have drawn up the application, which was mailed to the Corporation Commission yesterday. The company, which will be chartered as the Eastern Carolina Packing Plant Company, will be incorporated for one hundred thousand dollars, with seventy-five thousand paid in. The location for the plant has not been selected yet, but it is said that there are several suitable places which can be purchased for a reasonable consideration.

It is expected that the Corporation Commission will issue the charter within six days. Then the company will be fully organized; a board of directors and officers will be elected. The contract will be let as soon as the plans are drawn and time given contractors to prepare their bids.

Commerce Body to Send Names to U. S. and State Agricultural Departments.

LITERATURE FOR CRAVEN FARMERS

The Chamber of Commerce has compiled a list of Craven county farmers which will be sent to the United States and State departments of agriculture with the request that the names be placed on the mailing lists of the departments so the farmers will receive valuable literature which is being sent out by these two organizations.

While there is other literature which will prove invaluable to farmers in this section, that which the Chamber is most anxious for them to receive are the bulletins on crop reports.

ALLIED CATHOLICS OUTNUMBER TEUTONS

Persons of That Faith in Allied Nations Almost 2 to 1 in Central Nations.

(By International News Service.) NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Pope Benedict's peace message to the belligerents lends interest to the fact that Catholics among the Central Powers are outnumbered almost two to one by persons of that faith in Allied nations.

Roughly, the Central powers have 55,900,000 Catholics and the Entente Allies 100,000,000.

The Pope is the spiritual leader of about 237,000,000 souls. Catholics living in the principal belligerent countries are divided about as follows: United Kingdom 5,600,000 France 38,000,000 Germany 20,000,000 Austria-Hungary 35,900,000 Italy 32,500,000 Belgium 7,600,000 Russian Poland 12,800,000 Canada 3,000,000 United States 17,000,000 Total 171,500,000

From this total allowances must be made for the Catholics of overrun Poland and Belgium, who are not in a position to be belligerents.

This is certainly not a religious war. Not only do Catholics and Protestants fight on each side, but Germany's Mohammedan Turkish allies are opposed by millions of those who pray looking toward Mecca, owing political allegiance to Great Britain and Russia. India and the Caucasus and other southern portions of Russia have produced tens of thousands of brave fighters against Prussian autocracy.

100,000 U. S. TROOPS IN FIGHT BEFORE WINTER

Preparations for Moving National Guard to France are Underway.

'RAINBOW' DIVISIONS BE FIRST TO DEPART

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 18.—There will be one hundred thousand United States troops in France before the snow flies. It was learned today that, ample shipping facilities are already available for the transporting of troops as soon as they are ready.

Some of the divisions of the National Guard will be sent across before all of the regular army is ready and before any of the conscripts go. The order of their going has been tentatively mapped out with the "Rainbow," New England, New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois divisions favored with their first chance because they have been organized as divisional units for some years.

MOST REMARKABLE YARN ABOUT FISH

PORTLAND, ORE., Aug. 16.—When George H. Lynn returned from a Hood River fishing trip and cleaned one of his trout he found in the stomach of a 17-inch specimen a 7-inch mountain trout. Stomach fluids were just starting to digest the smaller fish. Curiosity prompted Lynn to open the stomach of the swallowed fish and there he found the remains of two still smaller trout.

POPE WILL MAKE ANOTHER EFFORT TO END THE WAR

Does Not Consider His Outline of Terms as Final; Will Not Stop at First Attempt.

TO SEND NEW NOTE TO BELLIGERENTS

By Agence Radio to the International News Service

PARIS, Aug. 18.—As soon as Pope Benedict has received replies from the various governments to his peace proposal he will send another note. This was stated as certain today by the usually well informed Secole, of Milan, according to dispatches from that city. The statement is regarded as significant here inasmuch as it indicates that the Holy Father does not consider his outline of terms as final and that he will not stop at the first attempt.

SOUTH URGES SWEET POTATOES FOR ARMY

Agricultural Heads of Several States to Seek to Make Them Part of Soldiers' Ration

(By International News Service.) JACKSON, MISS., Aug. 18.—Sweet potatoes for the soldiers! The Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture, P. P. Garner, with the agricultural heads of Georgia, Alabama and other Southern States, where vast quantities of sweet potatoes are being produced, plans to bring the sweet potato to the attention of Herbert C. Hoover, national food commissioner, with a view to inducing him to lay this vegetable before the army quartermaster's department, asking that sweet potatoes be made a part of the soldiers' ration.

The sweet potato crop of the South is very heavy and unless some system of marketing them is found the loss will be great, as more sweet potatoes are being produced here than can be consumed locally or shipped to the usual outside buying points.