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BERLIN REPORTS AMERICAN LOSS

Reports German Loses About Three or Four Hundred

PICKED TROOPS WERE USED

French and Americans Worked in Closest Co-operation and by End of Day Had Restored Line.

Washington, April 22.—General Pershing's first report on the German assault upon the American and French forces in the Toul sector Saturday is understood to indicate that the Americans sustained more than two hundred casualties and to estimate the German losses at between three and four hundred.

It was learned that the report had been received, but War Department officials refused to make it public or comment upon persistent reports about the department concerning its contents. Secretary Baker is understood to be awaiting more details before making announcement though he probably will lay the information received before the House military committee when he appears tomorrow to tell of his trip abroad.

German Claims.

The Germans claim to have captured 183 Americans and to have killed and wounded many more, and so far there has been no official American answer to the claim. This situation will result in a revival of consideration at the War Department of the proposal that a daily statement be issued from the headquarters of the American expeditionary forces. The explanation heretofore given for the refusal to accede to the proposal has been that American troops are part of and are cooperating with large French and British units, and that an independent communique would necessarily duplicate British or French statements.

Denial Urged.

It is realized, however, that German claims, unless specifically denied from authoritative sources will be regarded as statements of fact with inevitable resulting anxiety to the people in this country. For that reason Secretary Baker is disposed to reopen the whole question with Gen. Pershing.

It has been definitely decided, that as soon as American forces in any considerable number are again acting as an independent unit, a daily statement as to its activities will be issued.

RECORD FOR QUICK WORK.

Charleston, April 20.—Springfield a small town in Orangeburg, has set a record for quick work, according to a report received by the South Carolina War Savings Committee. At a W. S. S. rally on the evening of April 10, between \$5,000 and \$6,000 worth of War Savings Stamps were bought and paid for. Previously to this meeting, Springfield, in four months, had purchased only \$513.50, and thus in one evening bought ten times that amount.

Nichols, a town in Marion County, also made a good showing at one meeting. At a W. S. S. rally between 50 and 60 persons attending, purchased stamps amounting to \$2,741.50. This represents a per capita sale of over \$45 and is considered a fine showing.

PRIVATE LOMAX.

Private Victor Lomax, of Camp Jackson, is at home on a short furlough. This is his first visit home and his friends are much delighted to have him back for a few days. He is looking fine.

Death of Mrs. A. V. Cochran

WHICH OCCURRED HERE SUNDAY MORNING AFTER A SHORT ILLNESS.

Mrs. Agnes V. Cochran died at her home on Magazine Street, Sunday morning at half past six o'clock, April 21st, 1918. She has been in declining health for some time but has only been seriously sick for the past week.

Mrs. Cochran has lived all her life in Abbeville County and has a wide circle of relatives and friends who grieve with her family at her death.

She was the daughter of James Irwin Gilmer and his wife, Matilda Erwin, a native of County Antrim, Ireland. Mr. Gilmer went to Ireland when a boy of twelve years of age and met and loved this pretty Irish lass. They were married in the old country and came to America and settled in Abbeville county.

Mrs. Cochran was born February 22nd, 1844 and was therefore in her seventy-fourth year. She was happily married to Mr. R. H. Cochran in 1868 and to them were born nine children, seven of whom are now living. C. L. Cochran and Miss Sodie Cochran died several years ago.

Mrs. Cochran was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church, she and Mr. Cochran holding their membership for many years at Upper Long Cane. When they moved to Abbeville they connected themselves with the church here and gave loyalty of their services and support. Funeral services were held in the church Monday afternoon at four o'clock, in the presence of a large concourse of people who gathered to pay respect to the dead and give sympathy to the living. The services were conducted by Rev. H. W. Pratt, assisted by Rev. J. L. Daniel, and the body was borne into the church by Messrs. James Chalmers, J. Stuart Miller, Joe T. Hughes, W. E. Hill, Wm. P. Greene and M. B. Syfan.

The floral offerings were most beautiful, breathing their fragrance of sympathy and affection. Interment was at Long Cane cemetery by the side of her husband, who died thirteen years ago.

Mrs. Cochran led a quiet, unassuming life, considering it her highest duty to make her home attractive and pleasant to her family. She was beloved of her neighbors, it being noticeable that all the old friends and neighbors from Long Cane came in Monday to pay their last respect to one who lived among them for so many years in pleasant and friendly relationship.

Mrs. Cochran is survived by the following children, all of whom are doing well in the world: A. B. Cochran of Monroe, Ga., Mrs. T. F. Black of Chicago, Mrs. W. J. McKee of Due West, J. R. Cochran of Waynesville, N. C., and Jas. S. Cochran, and Misses Hannah and Carrie Cochran of Abbeville.

The sincere sympathy of our people goes out to the bereaved family. Those who came from a distance were: Misses Emma and Bess Cochran and Cleo Bailey, of Anderson, and Mrs. Fred Stubbs of Fitzgerald, Ga.

SYMPATHY FOR MISS CAUSEY.

The friends of Miss Jennie Causey will regret to hear of the death of her father, at his home in Pinopolis last week. Miss Causey was very popular in Abbeville and friends and old pupils sympathize with her sincerely.

CLAIM BIG VICTORY AGAINST AMERICANS

Yankees Suffered Severely in Attack Says German Report of Battle

BOAST OF KILLING MANY AMERICANS

Teutons Claim Capture of 184 Americans With Twenty-Five Machine Guns.

Amsterdam, April 22.—A telegram to the Wolff Bureau, the semi-official German news bureau, on Sunday stated that the attack against the American positions on both sides of the Seicheprey, thanks to careful preparation and the cooperation of all arms, was a complete success. The telegram says:

"After an effective artillery preparation which caused severe enemy losses, the Germans stormed American positions over a front of two and a half kilometres and penetrated to a depth of two kilometres. Seicheprey was taken by storm and was found full of American dead. Bitter hand-to-hand fighting ensued around dugouts, vantage points and cellars whose occupants were killed almost to the last man.

"Severe hand-to-hand fighting also occurred about dugouts in Renneres wood. Here the American casualties were especially heavy. Dense columns of enemy reinforcements were discovered north of Beaumont and also beyond Bernecourt and were badly mauled by our destructive fire. Farther back, the German airmen treated enemy reserves filling up the trenches in Jury wood and attacked them with machine guns while our batteries worked fearful havoc in the closely filled trenches.

"After dark when the enemy's defence works and dugouts had been destroyed and blown up we evacuated the position according to our plans and unobserved by the enemy. Our losses were slight while those of the untrained Americans were most severe. We captured five officers, one doctor and 178 men as well as twenty-five machine guns."

DIXIE HIGHWAY.

According to plans a delegation went down to McCormick Friday afternoon to meet the logging committee of the Dixie Highway. They met them at Plum Branch and escorted them to this city, where they were entertained at supper at the Eureka Hotel by the people of Abbeville.

Those that went down Friday were: Mayor Mars, Supervisor Stevenson, Messrs. J. S. Morse, J. M. Anderson, R. S. Link, P. A. Cheatham, Henry Carlisle, J. S. Cochran, Bob McCantey, Charlie McKenzie, W. A. Calvert, Albert Henry, D. H. Hill and Dr. G. A. Neuffer. After spending the night here Supervisor Stevenson escorted the committee as far as Honea Path, where he turned them over to Mr. M. J. Ashley, who went on to Greenville with them.

RAILROADS TO BUY BONDS.

Washington, April 19.—"The Director General of Railroads announced today that railroad companies would be allowed to invest in the Third Liberty Loan any funds not needed by them for railroad purposes and available for investment in securities."

Respectfully,
Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond
Fiscal Agent of the United States.

COTTON MARKET

Cotton ----- 32c.

M'ADOO ASKS STATES TO DECLARE HOLIDAY

Secretary Asks Governors to Join in Great Drive for Liberty Loan Friday

BY GIVING ALL CHANCE TO LEND HAND

All Governors Asked to Declare Friday a State Legal Holiday to Aid Liberty Day Celebration

Washington, April 22.—All governors were asked today by Secretary McAdoo to declare next Friday a State legal holiday as President Wilson has proclaimed it a national holiday, to aid the Liberty Day celebrations by which it is hoped to boost sales of Liberty bonds well along toward the three billion dollar minimum. The 26th is Memorial Day in Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, and Florida and those States already have announced they will observe it by special efforts to increase Liberty loan sales.

Just as the nation's offerings of Liberty dollars passed \$1,500,000,000 today the St. Louis and Minneapolis federal reserve district managers sent word that they had exceeded their subscription quotas of \$130,000,000 and \$10,000,000, respectively. Until official confirmation is received tomorrow, the treasury can not determine which went over the top first and is entitled to stand at the top of the honor roll of districts.

The Minneapolis district record is considered particularly remarkable as its canvass started just a week ago today. By official reports tonight the St. Louis district had subscribed only 93 per cent. of its quota and Minneapolis 59 per cent.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

The memorial services held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 at the Baptist church was impressively beautiful. Dr. Jester of Greenwood, delivered the sermon and the address for the unveiling of the memorial, both being splendid in their eloquence and patriotism.

Capt. R. B. Cheatham of Camp Jackson, conducted the exercises instead of Col. Bailey of Greenwood, who could not be here.

Rev. H. W. Pratt offered the invocation and a prayer was made by Rev. M. R. Plaxco.

The musical program was very attractive as well as patriotic. The choir sang "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" and "He Brightens the Shadows." A B. M. I. quartette sang "Keep the Home Fires Burning" and "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground." "America" was sung by the whole congregation as well as the "Star Spangled Banner" led by Miss Fannie Stark.

Little Miss Alice Cheatham drew the veil from the memorial which bears the following names:

Infantry:—R. B. Cheatham, Allen King, Casper Little, John Armer, Forrest Clary, Reese Hall, Ansel Putnam, W. F. Jones, Gus McGee, Furman Longshore, Marion T. Brown.

Navy:—Laurie Hollingsworth, Worth Beacham.

SOLDIERS HARMED BY "BLUE" LETTERS

Washington, April 22.—Families of soldiers training in the United States were asked today by the war department not to write alarming or discouraging letters to the men. Division commands have reported that in many cases such letters have so worried the soldiers that they have hurried home without leave, thus violating rules and making themselves liable to punishment.

GERMANS PREPARING FOR NEW ATTACK

Death of Mr. A. W. Clark

WHO PASSED AWAY MONDAY—FUNERAL SERVICES HELD TUESDAY.

Mr. Alex Wilson Clark died at his home on Pinckney Street, Monday, April 22, 1918, after an illness of a week of pneumonia.

Mr. Clark was the son of Mr. and Neill Clark, and was born in Wilmington, N. C., April 18th, 1846. He comes of a sturdy Scotch ancestry and throughout his life he has walked in the paths of uprightness.

Mr. Clark spent his young manhood in North Carolina and in May 1870 he was happily married to Miss Sarah Wilson of Lincolnton. Of this union eight children were born, six of whom are living, Sherman and Thurston Clark having died several years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have been blessed in their children for all are occupying worthy positions in the world and repaying them in every way for their steadfast care, throughout their childhood and youth. All were here for the funeral. The children are: Mr. Neill Clark of Hickory, N. C., Mrs. Richard Tiddy, Shuford Clark of Raleigh, George Clark of Augusta, Mrs. Fairly Tiddy of Monroe, and Miss Lilly Clark, who made her home with her parents.

Mr. Clark has lived for the past twenty-five years in Abbeville, working all this time at the Seaboard shops being one of their most trusted employees.

For many years Mr. Clark was a member of the Presbyterian church, but recently transferred his membership to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church to be with his children. Funeral services were held here at four o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and were conducted by Rev. M. R. Plaxco. The interment was at Melrose cemetery and the burial was after the Masonic rights. Mr. Clark being a faithful Mason and standing high in the councils of the Lodge.

Many beautiful floral offerings were sent in as an evidence of high respect for the dead and tender sympathy for the living.

He leaves the heritage of a good name, and an example of honesty and upright dealing, worthy of emulation.

A young nephew, Sherman Shaw, of Dunn, N. C., came down for the funeral while many of the Seaboard engineers gathered in Abbeville to pay respect to his memory.

MR. MACE WRIGHT.

Last week Mr. Mace Wright was digging a well for Mr. Benton Robinson in the Long Cane neighborhood. It was almost completed when the bucket fell back in and struck Mr. Wright on the shoulder breaking his collar bone. He jumped to one side and that is all that saved him from being killed. He is getting on nicely now much to the delight of his friends.

CHANCE STILL LEFT TO LAND SHIP YARD

Washington, April 22.—It was announced at the office of Senator Tillman today that if the city of Charleston will send on a delegation of her best business men, Charles M. Schwab, director general of the emergency fleet corporation, may reopen the matter of locating a ship yard in Charleston.

Lieut. Gottlob A. Neuffer, Jr., of Camp Sevier, spent Sunday here.

Renewal of Hun Offensive Indicated by Daily Events

TWO BIG BLOWS EXPECTED

One Probably on Village of Rebecq, the Other Near Messnil to the North of Albert

Events along the battle line in France and Belgium seem to be shaping themselves for a resumption of the great German offensive. Since the savage attack on the American forces at Seicheprey on Saturday there has been no fighting of an extraordinary nature along the front, but there have been indications that the Teutons were almost ready to resume the sledge-hammer blows they have been aiming at the allied armies.

Great Turning Movements.

Unless recent operations have been feints, it is probable that the coming week will witness two great turning movements by the Germans. One probably will pivot on the village of Rebecq, northwest of Bethune on the southern side of the salient driven into the allied lines back of Armentieres. The other is expected to develop at or near Messnil, north of Albert on the north side of the Somme salient.

Purpose of Huns.

The purpose of these movements will be to cut deep into the allied lines on each side of the promontory that projects out into German-held territory and terminals on the old Arras-Lens front. The Germans have attempted two great frontal attacks on the defences of Lens and Arras, but they have been repulsed with terrible losses to the attackers. Since the second defeat at Festubert and Givenchy the Germans have not cared to take up the task of driving the Canadians from their positions along Vimy ridge and on each end of that great natural bulwark before Arras.

ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT

Charleston, S. C., April 18.—It has come to the notice of this office that many people fail to report suspicious and disloyal acts or manifestations of sympathy for the enemy, because of uncertainty as to the proper official to approach.

It is very important that the Government should have the assistance of all citizens in detecting enemy propaganda or suspicious activities of individuals, and you will do a service in notifying your friends that any communication addressed to "Intelligence Officer Headquarters Southeastern Department, Charleston, S. C.," will receive attention and be transmitted to the proper official of the Government for investigation. The names of informants will not be divulged and there need be no fear, on the part of anybody, of getting into trouble in case suspicions prove to be unfounded.

Informants should indicate the nature and source of their information, as well as the time and place.

HOME FROM MEETING.

Dr. G. A. Neuffer, Dr. C. C. Gambrell, Dr. Rayford Power and Dr. J. A. Anderson, who attended the meeting the State Medical Association in Aiken, returned home on Thursday afternoon. The retiring President, Dr. McLeod of Florence, invited the Association to meet at his home which was accepted.

Dr. J. A. Haynes, of Columbia, was elected President.