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AUSTRIANS FAIL TO SMASH THROUGH

Heroic Italians and Allies Repel Austrian Attack.

BATTLE ON 100-MILE FRONT

Italians Take 3,000 Prisoners—Vienna Claims to Have Taken 10,000 Prisoners and Many Big Guns.

The Italian and Allied armies are bravely sustaining the weight of the Austrian forces which are attacking along the front of the Italian theater, from the northwest of the Asiago plateau eastward to the Piave river and thence along that stream to where it joins the head waters of the Adriatic sea, a front of nearly 100 miles.

The Austrians, having made extensive preparations for the drive by bringing up strong reinforcements in men and guns, are using them without stint in the effort to debouch from the mountain passes and cross the Piave river and gain the Venetian plains.

Extremely Sanguinary.

Everywhere the fighting is of an extremely sanguinary character, especially in the Brenta valley and on Monte Grappa. In the initial struggle the enemy succeeded in capturing several front line positions in the mountain region from the British and also in crossing the Piave. Counter attacks, however, have restored all the positions in the mountains.

Holding the Enemy.

At last accounts the Allied troops everywhere were strongly holding the enemy and were gallantly striving to throw back the invaders across the Piave. The Italians have taken more than 3,000 Austrian prisoners, among them 89 officers.

Americans Beat Huns.

In the famous St. Mihiel sector, where the Americans took over their first sector of the battle front, the Germans have delivered a stroke and were rewarded by being able to gain the village. Soon afterward, however, they were expelled and the position regained. Prisoners were taken from the Germans.

Probably having in mind President Wilson's promise that the war should not be ended until the wrongs of Alsace-Lorraine are righted, forces of American troops now are occupying sectors in the picturesque territory of Alsace. They have been there since May 21.

In Macedonia the operations daily increase in importance. Along the greater part of the front there have been heavy reciprocal bombardments and Bulgarian troops several times have endeavored to penetrate the Allied lines. All their efforts, however, were unsuccessful.

BOB LINK AND THE BULL FROG

Young Bob Link has finished a successful session at school and with the coming of vacation has begun to back up the government by going to work. He is delivering packages for the Rosenberg Mercantile Co., and when he came to our house last Friday told us that he delivered three train loads of groceries a day. That Mr. Tom Klugh, in Fort Pickens, ordered more groceries than anybody, that last Saturday he went there three times and the last time was eleven o'clock at night and that when he "crossed the bridge over the brang a big bull frog hollowed" All the soldiers are not in the army it seems, and we agree with Bob, that a man who lives a mile from the square should not order groceries at night.

Miss Sarah Haskell is spending this week in Greenville with friends.

Troops To Be Sent Overseas Rapidly

THREE MILLIONS IN SERVICE BY AUGUST 1ST, IT IS PLANNED.

Washington, June 15.—The American program contemplates 3,000,000 men under arms by August 1, General Crowder, provost marshal general, told the Senate military affairs committee this afternoon. Of this number, approximately 2,000,000 men would be draft troops, while the remaining million would be volunteers.

General Crowder also informed the committee that Class 1 of the draft would be exhausted next year, and that it would be necessary to take men from Class 2 unless the draft age limit was extended.

The situation on the western front is more favorable to the allied armies than at any time since the great German offensive was launched in March. This statement was made by General March to members of the Senate military affairs committee at their weekly conference with the war council.

Allies Gaining Strength.

The Allies are gradually gaining substantial numerical superiority over the Teutonic forces in France. This is due to the rapidity in which American troops are being sent across the Atlantic.

General March told the committee that already the United States has sent sufficient troops to make good the wastage of man power on the allied side since the German offensive began in March. Meanwhile, the Germans, having drained their man power to the utmost, have been unable to replenish their losses.

The American troop movement improved during the past week and there is every indication that the rapid pace set in May will be duplicated in June. Additional American troops are being thrown into the front-line trenches every day and gradual additions are being made to the sectors being held by the Americans.

There are more than 800,000 American soldiers overseas.

HELPING THE RED CROSS.

In publishing the list of the Red Cross subscribers several weeks ago, the names of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cannon were left off. Mr. and Mrs. Cannon gave a liberal amount to the committee from Ward 1. They have the interest of our soldiers at heart and are supporting the government in all its calls.

WILLING WORKERS.

The young boys around town are filling up the gap made by so many men being taken into the army. Last week Renwick Bradley, John Klugh, Hal Moore, Connie Starnes, Jim Cox and Jack Bradley spent three days in Donalds raking up clover seed on the Cothran-Link farms. The boys say they worked mighty hard but that they made a "heap of money."

HONORING THEIR BOYS.

The Baptist church at McCormick has fourteen young men in the service of their country and a handsome service flag was unveiled in their honor at the church last Tuesday. Interesting patriotic services were held.

BUSINESS CLOSED.

The business houses of the city are closing one hour each morning this week during the services at the Methodist church.

THOUGHT OF HOME SPEEDS WAR WORK

Congress Hurries for Mid-Summer Recess

MANY MEASURES UP

Budgets Carrying Unprecedented Sums for Pushing Conflict to Be Considered During Week.

Washington, June 16.—With the end of this fiscal year only two weeks distant, congress planned this week to speed consideration of huge war appropriations needed by July 1. With these measures out of the way, members hoped to be able to have a midsummer recess while the house ways and means committee drafts the war revenue bill, hearings on which were expected to end Thursday.

A mass of warbudgets carrying unprecedented sums is before the senate and house. The \$3,000,000,000 sundry civil bill was expected to be transmitted to the senate tomorrow by the house, while the two principal war bills, the \$12,000,000,000 army supply measure, and the \$7,000,000,000 fortification bill, were expected to be reported during the week. The former is before the senate military committee and the latter before the house appropriations committee.

The house is expected to vote early this week on important senate amendments to the \$1,600,000,000 naval appropriation bill, including that increasing the naval personnel from 87,000 to 131,485, which is strongly urged by Secretary Daniels. Nation-wide prohibition will be agitated before the senate agriculture committee which begins hearings tomorrow on an amendment to the \$11,000,000 emergency food bill which would prohibit the use of any foodstuffs in the manufacture of beer and wines during the war and bar the use of distilled spirits for beverages.

VISITORS FROM THE WEST.

Mrs. Charlie West, of Oklahoma, City, is in the city for a visit to her brother, Mr. L. C. Haskell. As Miss Sophia Haskell, Mrs. West is well remembered in Abbeville and old friends and acquaintances are glad to have her come back. Mrs. West is accompanied by her four daughters, Misses Jean, Lovel, Evaline and Mary Cheves, all bright pretty girls.

Mrs. West comes from San Antonio, where Mr. West is in Camp, having enlisted in the service of his country at the beginning of the war.

COL. BANKS.

Col. William Banks has severed his connection with the Columbia Record and will assume the editorship of the Carolina Stockman and Farmer, a paper recently launched by J. Rudledge McGee.

Mr. Banks has made the Record a good paper and we regret that he gives it up. Everyone wishes him success in his new field. The Colonel will soon be raising many fine acres of soy beans, goobers and alfalfa on paper every week while great droves of handsome Holsteins and fat Duroc-Jerseys will roam over his desk daily.

A LARGE CORRESPONDENCE.

Our cook told us Saturday that Mayor Moore Mars had written to "all the colored folks" that they must buy War Savings Stamps. She added that with "our boys going away this war gwine git all our money."

SEA WOLVES CLAIM TWO MORE VICTIMS

Kringsjaa and Samoa Sent to Bottom.

OFF VIRGINIA COAST.

Sailing Ship and Bark, Both Norwegian, Prey of Raiders Operating in American Waters.

Washington, June 16.—Germany's sea wolves have sunk two more neutral vessels in American waters.

The latest victims of the raiders, which first made their appearance off the Atlantic coast some three weeks ago, are the sailing ship Kringsjaa and the bark Samoa, both Norwegian. The crew of the former has been picked up by an American war ship and that of the latter was landed tonight at Norfolk.

Both vessels were sunk 90 miles off the Virginia coast. The Samoa was sunk by shell fire Friday morning, the navy department announced today, but the time and manner of the sinking of the Kringsjaa had not been reported to the department late tonight. Its announcement concerning the Kringsjaa said: "A United States man of war has picked up all of the survivors of the bark Kringsjaa, which was sunk about 90 miles off the Virginia coast. They are being brought to an Atlantic port."

Although the report to the department might indicate some of the crew of the Kringsjaa had been killed, officials believed that as they had done before, the Germans permitted all aboard the sailing ship to take to the boats before sinking the vessel.

The Kringsjaa was of 1,598 net tons and the Samoa of 1,051 net tons.

THE REVIVAL SERVICE.

The services in the Methodist church are being well attended and Mr. Danner is doing strong gospel preaching. Special services for the children Tuesday morning, at 11 o'clock.

Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, there will be an old folks service and we want all the old people to be present.

Friday morning there will again be special services, subject: "Home Religion." The families who come are all requested to sit in family groups. All members of the family will be expected to sit together.

Come to all these services and you will be blessed.

NOTICE W. S. S. WORKERS

All school teachers and other W. S. S. Workers are requested to meet at Abbeville Saturday, June 22nd, at 12 o'clock.

Come if possible, if not please send us a report of your canvass.

F. E. Harrison,
Co. Chairman.

OPEN AIR SERVICES.

The Presbyterians are clearing off the lot back of their church preparatory to beginning their open air service.

IN THE MOVIES.

In the Gaumont News, which is shown every week in Greenwood, Lieut. Coleman was shown last week getting his Cross of Honor in France. The picture was kept over for a day and the young man's parents sent for to see it. Friends easily recognized the young man.

AMERICANS BEAT PICKED HUN TROOPS

Certificates Cover Vast Indebtedness

PROGRAM FOR FINANCING GOVERNMENT FOR 4 MONTHS BEFORE 4TH LIBERTY LOAN.

Washington, June 16.—The government's financial program for the next four months was disclosed today by Secretary McAdoo's announcement that in preparation for the fourth Liberty loan, to be floated probably in October, about \$6,000,000,000 certificates of indebtedness will be issued. They will be offered in blocks of \$750,000,000 each, every two weeks, beginning June 25.

Every national bank and trust company is asked to assist the government by subscribing 5 per cent. of its gross resources monthly. The certificates will bear 4 1-2 per cent. interest like those preceding the third Liberty loan and will have varying maturity periods, none exceeding four months.

In addition, an undetermined quantity—perhaps \$2,000,000,000—of tax certificates will be issued during the summer for use in paying taxes a year from now.

The announcement of this program indicated that the fourth Liberty loan will be for at least \$6,000,000,000, the exact amount depending on government expenditures in the next few months. The treasury already has estimated these roughly at about \$12,000,000,000,000 between July 1 and next January 1.

GROVER CLEVELAND'S SON ENLISTS IN MARINES

Richard Folsom Cleveland, son of Grover Cleveland, twice President of the United States, enlisted Saturday in the marine corps, according to an announcement by Captain S. A. W. Patterson, officer in charge of recruiting. Mr. Cleveland, who is twenty years old, will go to Paris Island in a few days.

"Dr. Thomas J. Preston, husband of the former Mrs. Cleveland, said the young man had been anxious to enlist ever since the United States entered the war.

"We urged him to wait until he had finished his junior year," said Dr. Preston, "and when he did he received his mother's consent."

ATTRACTIVE FRONTS.

The show-windows of the stores in Abbeville are assuming the style and attractiveness in keeping with the best art in this line of display. Suppose somebody offers a prize for the best front display for the season.

THE SOLDIERS.

The most numerous and the best in personnel of the season, was the squad that marched around the public square at noon yesterday, to the music of their own band.

HOME FOR THE SUMMER.

Miss Ella Haskell came home last week from Oklahoma, where she has been teaching for the past year or two. Her friends are delighted to have her home.

A SUMMER VACATION.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Link and Gilbert and Ellen Nabers left Saturday for Wrightsville Beach, where they will spend a pleasant vacation.

Mrs. A. W. Clark leaves today for Monroe, where she goes for a ten days visit to her daughter, Mrs. Fairly Tiddy.

Our Soldiers Repulse Heavy Attack In the Toul Sector.

AMERICANS WIN IN ALSACE

Our Machine Gunners and Riflemen Repulse Heavy Attack—Germans Enter Xivray Village But Are Driven Out.

With the American Army in France, June 16.—About 600 German shock troops raided the American first line positions at the villages of Xivray, in the Toul sector, early this morning. Some of the enemy got into Xivray, but were soon driven out. At other points the Germans were badly beaten.

"The attack began at 3 a. m., after an extremely violent bombardment of the front line and American batteries and villages far in the rear. The Germans advanced swiftly to the attack, but were met by a heavy fire. Those who penetrated Xivray were forced speedily to withdraw, and elsewhere the enemy was completely repulsed.

"According to prisoners the object of the enemy was to take American prisoners. This object failed, as no American is reported missing."

The Germans, evidently angered by the failure of the attack, continued an intermittent shelling of villages in the rear throughout Sunday.

The American troops engaged at close quarters the small German force that entered Xivray. There was severe fighting with bayonets and clubbed rifles. The Germans left nine dead in the streets, and six prisoners were taken, two of them officers, one of whom was wounded. The prisoners came from the Thirty-sixth Landwehr.

HENRY FORD WILL RUN FOR SENATE

Washington, June 13.—Henry Ford announced here tonight that at the request of President Wilson he had decided to become a candidate for United States senator from Michigan, if the nomination should be offered him. Neither Mr. Ford nor those in his confidence would add to a brief statement making the announcement issued after the automobile maker had called at the White House. This statement did not specify what nomination would be accepted but the understanding among political leaders is that the president hopes to see the Republicans of Michigan accept the invitation of the Democrats to join forces in the election of Mr. Ford, a Republican.

ALWAYS WELCOME

Dr. J. S. Moffatt came down from Due West Sabbath and preached to the Baptist congregation in the morning, Dr. Swope being in Boston.

CASUALTY LIST.

Carolina casualty list since June 14:
Severely wounded: Robert G. Hayes, Monetta, S. C., Boyd Westbrook, Chesnee, S. C., Joseph E. Cely, Easley, S. C., William E. Burns, Greenville, S. C., Moye Hayes, Starr, S. C.

Miss Hazzie Betts is here from near Rock Hill on a visit to Mrs. Langdon Wilson. Miss Betts is a graduate of the Woman's College at Due West and has been a successful teacher. She comes of a long line of Seceder ancestors.