

WEEKLY WAR REVIEW

U. S. Troops Occupy Trenches At Four Separate Points.

Washington, March 10.—Germany's sweep into Russia is described by the war department's weekly military review tonight as another futile attempt on the part of the Germans to shift the center of gravity of the war, which still remains on the west front where the Teutons face the French, British, Italian and Belgian armies and the ever-growing American forces. There, the review says, lie the key positions of the war.

American troops now occupy trenches at four separate points, and, as was recently disclosed, in the principal sector their front is four and a half miles long. They have been constantly engaged, the department says, and the scope of their activities is being constantly extended.

Nothing is found in the situation by the department to indicate that the Germans have abandoned their plans for a great offensive in the west, and it says the allies, while assuming an alert defensive, are content to let the enemy break himself against their impregnable line.

Intense air activities during the week are noted, with the statement that 214 enemy aircraft were brought down on the western front alone, while the allies lost only 88 machines on all fronts during the same period. The enemy loss on all fronts is placed at 273.

The review in part, follows: "In spite of the fact that 120,000 square miles of Russian territory have been invaded during the past three weeks and the enemy now is sweeping forward into the heart of Russia and has reached a point within 70 miles of the capital nevertheless, the center of gravity of the war remains in the west.

"The Germans have for the past three and a half years done all in their power to upset the center of gravity and shift it eastward. This explains the successive blows struck in Russia and later in the Italian theater.

"Notwithstanding the diversions of the minor campaigns in Mesopotamia, Palestine and the Balkans, the key positions of the war are France and Flanders.

"Here the strategic situation remains relative constant.

"The enemy is completing the redistribution of available forces.

"There are some new units flowing into the lines in the nature of replacements.

"Nothing in the situation should lead us to estimate that the Germans have abandoned their plans of a major offensive in the west.

"Considering tactical dispositions we note that the enemy has developed two principal axes of activity, the one pivoting on Rheims, the other in Alsace in front of Lunerville.

"The allies, while assuming an alert defensive, are resting content with allowing the enemy to break the strength of his assaults against their impregnable line.

"The morale of the French and British forces has never been better. They are keenly anxious to give battle to the enemy, confident of their superiority.

"Our own forces have been constantly engaged. The scope of their activities is being daily extended. The number of our detachments in the line is increasing. We now have troops in the trenches at four separate points.

"At dawn on March 5, the enemy attempted a strong raid against one of our advance posts further south. This thrust was repulsed with a loss to the enemy. Our casualties were slight and no prisoners or missing were reported. The French general commanding this sector congratulated our commander on the splendid manner in which our troops repulsed the assaulting columns.

"We now hold four and a half miles of the battle front in our principal sector.

"On March 7, the enemy making use of liquid fire, advanced to the assault against our trenches. This is the first time this weapon has been tried out against our men. The assaulting column was repulsed and the Germans were compelled to abandon the flame-throwing apparatus which was captured, and later brought into our lines.

"During this attack the liquid fire reached a trench segment which contained none of our men and little damage was inflicted.

"Our own patrols were continuously out on scouting missions, keeping in close contact with the enemy.

"In our Toul sector the Germans are carrying on extensive preparations, continuing to bring up fresh units, and accumulating material, apparently with a view to undertaking more extensive operations.

"During the period under review, the French along this front have remained relatively inactive. However, they carried out a very successful surprise attack east of the Meuse against enemy positions in the Calonne trenches. French units drove the Germans from

positions where they had recently gained a foothold in the vicinity of Fort Pompelle, southeast of Rheims.

"During the past seven-day period, the Germans conducted no less than 20 hard driven raids along the French front. The greater part of these were repulsed without difficulty, though the enemy was able to capture some 400 prisoners west of the Meuse early in the week, as well as retake part of the trenches in the region of the Butte du Mesnil, which the French had captured in February.

"Along the British front, the British continue to hold the initiative and drove forward a series of successful minor raids along the Ypres salient, as well as at many points southward.

"The Germans made raids into the British lines at a large number of points.

"Along the whole sector hostile raiding is increasing and during two successive nights the Germans undertook no less than ten operations which were more than mere raids.

"In the Italian theater, heavy snow in the mountain area has prevented further operations. Artillery duels were, however, lively from the Astico to the Brenta, and from the eastern slopes of the Monte Grappa to the Piave.

"Advices indicate that the enemy contemplates taking the offensive in the mountain area, possibly in an effort to debouch through the Val Lagarina into the plain. We may look for increased activity in this theater, which will, no doubt, develop spontaneously when preparations have been completed and weather conditions are more favorable.

"In the meantime Italian forces have now fully recovered from their losses of the campaign of last autumn. Their cadres are reorganized and the Italian army are operating in close conjunction with the British and French divisions now at the front in Italy.

"In Russia the situation is changing with eruptive rapidity. The Germans continue to advance inland."

Rhane Cross Roads News.

Rembert, S. C., March 11.—We have certainly been having some fine weather, for planting and plowing. The farmers are beginning to plant corn, cabbage are most ready to set out. The orchards are looking cheerful in bloom. Now if the cold will not come and kill them, so we may have a fine crop of fruit.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Watson and Mr. G. W. Elmore visited relatives at Bishopville last Sunday.

James, the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Shiver who has been very low with diphtheria we are glad to say is better.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Robertson, of Berkeley County, visited relatives of this section last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Owens of Sumter attended preaching at Pisgah Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Evans of Bishopville were at Pisgah Sunday.

Quite a large crowd was present Sunday afternoon at Pisgah. Rev. Lyles preached a fine sermon on "amen" a very interesting sermon.

Mr. D. J. Hatfield who has been sick for the past week is some better now.

A marriage of interest to the people of this place was that of Mr. John L. Shiver to Miss Pearl Robertson which occurred at Pisgah Church at five o'clock Sunday afternoon. Rev. Lyles performed the ceremony. Quite a large number of Sumter and Bishopville friends attended the marriage. We wish for them a prosperous and happy life.

Very Good Eddie.

The scenic production of Very Good Eddie which is booked at the Camden Opera House soon is said to be very elaborate. Act one shows the deck of the Hudson River boat, the Catskill on a summer afternoon, and Act two shows the interior of the famous Rip Van Winkle Inn. This act was designed and executed under the direction of Miss Elsie De Wolfe, the well-known interior decorator.

The deepest well in the world is being drilled near Clarksburg, West Virginia, and it has reached the depth of 7363 feet. It is being bored in the hope that a new oil supply will be found. The next deepest well is in Germany, and it is 7,349 feet deep.

Only the 12-cylinder type of Liberty motor for airplanes is now being built, it having been thought best in view of developments abroad to concentrate on the high-powered engine instead of the eight-cylinder.

CITATION

State of South Carolina, County of Kershaw.

By W. L. McDowell, Esquire, Probate Judge.

WHEREAS, W. J. Watkins made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of D. C. McQuage.

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said D. C. McQuage, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Camden, S. C., on Tuesday March 19th, next after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

"Given under my Hand, this 5th day of March, A. D. 1918.

W. L. McDowell, Judge of Probate for Kershaw County. Published on the 8th and 15th days of March, 1918, in the Camden Chronicle.

800,000 Men TO BE CALLED

Second Draft Movement Begins 29th of March.

Washington, March 12.—Eight hundred thousand men are to be called to the colors gradually during the present year under the second army draft, which begins March 29.

An announcement today by Provost Marshal General Crowder of the number was followed closely by an order for the mobilization of 95,000 men during the five day period beginning March 29, some 15,000 of them to be assembled under the second draft. Eighty thousand will be men of the first draft of 687,000 not yet summoned into service.

Details of how the second draft is to be applied will be made public later, after Congress has acted upon proposed legislation providing for the registration of youths attaining the age of 21 years and for basing state district quotas on the number of registrants in Class 1. In his first official statement on the subject, however, General Crowder assures the country that no sweeping withdrawal of large numbers of men at one time is contemplated, and that care will be taken to avoid interference with harvesting.

The 95,000 men now called, it is understood, are needed at once to fill up divisions and other units scheduled for early departure or to take the place of men transferred from other divisions to make up such deficiencies. Newly organized regular divisions are particularly short of men and heavy drafts on national army divisions to make these good have been necessary, seriously interfering with the training work of the national army divisions drawn upon. The call for new men makes it probable that no further transfers will be necessary.

The 800,000 men to be summoned this year represent the number necessary to fill up all existing divisions, to create all the army corps and field army troops to fill out the war machine for which the framework already exists, and to provide a quarter of a million replacement troops when they have been mobilized, which will not be completed before the first of next year, there will be more than 40 full infantry divisions of 27,700 men each and all the additional units necessary. No additional divisions of the national army or national guard will be credited this year, although the program for the regular army, now composed of eight infantry and one cavalry division, may be enlarged. The purpose of the war department is to complete the first field army in France. Probably this will be com-

TAX NOTICE

Office of Treasurer Kershaw Co. Camden, S. C., Sept. 24, 1917.

Notice is hereby given that the books will be open for the collecting of State County, and School Taxes from October 15th, 1917, to March 15th, 1918. A penalty of 1 per cent. will be added to all taxes unpaid January 1st, 1918; 2 per cent. February 1st, 1918, and 3 per cent. March 15th, 1918.

The rate per centum for Kershaw County is as follows:

State Taxes	8 1-2
County Taxes	10 1-2
Special Taxes	3
Road Taxes	3
School taxes	3
Total	22

The following School Districts have special levies:

School District No. 1	5
School District No. 2	4
School District No. 3	2
School District No. 4	2
School District No. 5	2
School District No. 6	8
School District No. 7	4
School District No. 8	4
School District No. 9	4
School District No. 10	5
School District No. 11	5
School District No. 12	7
School District No. 13	4
School District No. 14	3
School District No. 15	3
School District No. 16	4
School District No. 17	3
School District No. 18	4
School District No. 19	4
School District No. 20	4
School District No. 21	2
School District No. 22	7
School District No. 23	3
School District No. 24	4
School District No. 25	4
School District No. 26	4
School District No. 27	9
School District No. 28	5
School District No. 29	4
School District No. 30	4
School District No. 31	0
School District No. 32	4
School District No. 33	4
School District No. 34	8
School District No. 35	8
School District No. 36	4
School District No. 37	2
School District No. 38	5
School District No. 39	5
School District No. 40	11
School District No. 41	4
School District No. 42	3
School District No. 46	3
School District No. 47	4

The poll tax is \$1.00.

All able-bodied male persons from the age of twenty-one (21) to sixty (60) years, both inclusive, except residents of incorporated towns of the county shall pay \$2.00 as a road tax, except ministers of the gospel actually in charge of a congregation, teachers employed in public schools, school trustees, and persons permanently disabled in the military service of this State, and persons who served in the late war between the States, and all persons actually employed in the quarantine service of this State and all residents who may be attending school or college at the time when said road tax shall become due. Persons claiming disabilities must present certificates from two reputable physicians of this county.

All information as to taxes will be furnished upon application. D. M. McASKILL, County Treasurer.

posed of five army corps of six infantry divisions each. It has been estimated that with that force and its necessary auxiliaries at his disposal, General Pershing would be able to hold a 100-mile sector of the battle front, relieving the strain upon French man power during 1918 to that extent. What that would mean to France may be judged from published statements of French officials that on January 1, 1918, the Belgian army held about 15 miles of the western front, the British forces about 105 miles and the French about 350 miles.

Emanuel School Closing.

On Friday night the Emanuel colored school held its closing exercises before a large and packed house. The exercise which consisted of dialogues, drills, songs and recitations were very good and interesting. The teacher and children are commended for their good work and especially for the good music which consisted of some of the latest patriotic songs.

By special request chairman C. C. Lowery of the Thrift and War Savings campaign for the colored people of Kershaw County was present and delivered the annual address to the school. In the address the scholars and all the people of that entire community were urged to buy the thrift and war savings stamps. They were also asked to support the government in its efforts to win the war. All who purchase the thrift stamps are asked to report to me in order that I may make up and publish a thrift and war savings honor roll of the names of those who buy the stamps.

Trusting that all will play an active part I am, respectfully Chairman Thrift Campaign,

At the last meeting of the National Educational Association a program was proposed to better rural schools and asking Federal aid to the extent of \$140,000,000. The plan would be carried out in 10 years, one-tenth of the money being spent each year, the Government to cooperate with the States and counties.

All persons or firms engaged in importing, manufacturing, storing, or distributing fertilizers or fertilizer ingredients must secure licenses on or before March 20. Application must be made to the Law Department, License Division, United States Food Administration, Washington, D. C.

W. M. U. Notice.

The quarterly meeting of the W. M. U. of the First Division of Kershaw Association will be held at Pisgah Church the 4th Sunday inst. beginning at 10 a. m. Each Church in the Division is urged to send delegates to this meeting. The 1st Division includes the following Churches: Mt. Zion, Cedar Creek, Mizpah, Antioch, St. Charles, Swift Creek, Pisgah and Mt. Olivet.

Mrs. John Dixon, Pres. 1st. Division.

SUMMONS FOR RELIEF

(Complaint Served). State of South Carolina, County of Kershaw, In The Court of Probate.

Rena Meek as Administratrix of the estate of John E. Meek, deceased, Plaintiff.

against Clarence E. Meek, Jennie E. Meek, Minnaugh Meek, Glasgow S. Meek, Benwith Meek, Jimmie L. Meek, Hilda M. Meek, Hattie E. Meek, H. L. Schlosburg and Joseph Shebeen, Defendants.

To the Defendants: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office at Camden, South Carolina, within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

W. M. SHANNON, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Dated at Camden, S. C., the 6th day of February, 1918.

To the defendants, Minnaugh Meek and Glasgow S. Meek: You will please take notice that the Summons and Complaint in the above action have been filed in the office of the Probate Court for Kershaw County, South Carolina, the 7th day of February, 1918.

W. M. SHANNON, Attorney for Plaintiff. Dated at Camden, S. C. Feb. 20th, 1918 45-4-1.



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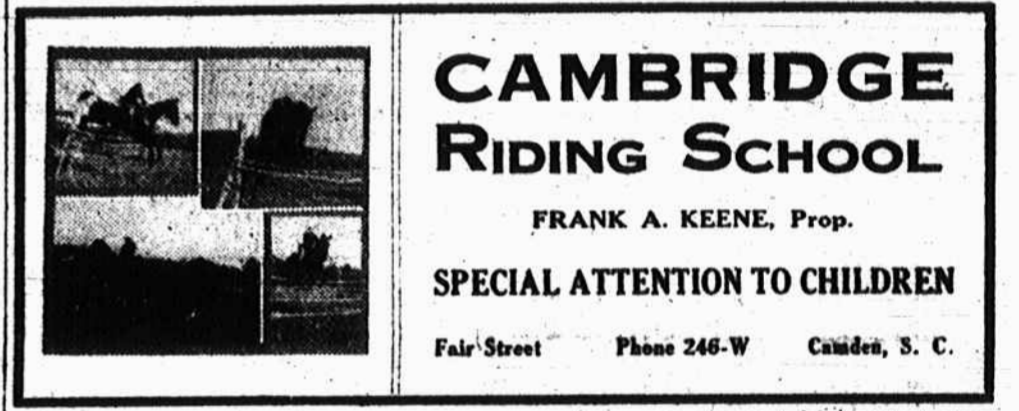
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