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While full official reports are still lacking, it is now believed that South Carolina has trebled its quota in the Red Cross war fund drive. In fact, this State is reported as being one of five States in the union to accomplish this. While it is almost too much to hope that this is correct, it would certainly prove to be a glorious thing if true. South Carolina has always led the nation since the days of the revolutionary war, and she will continue to be right at the front in all things that count.

If Germany figured the psychological effect on America in consequence of a submarine raid would be to produce terror, it needs to revise its figures; for the exact opposite has been the result. America will probably not go unreservedly into this fight until she experiences some of the horrors of the war. Every casualty list adds to America's determination to win this war. And she will win it if it requires every man in the country to do it, and the expenditure of every dollar that the country possesses.

The Herald joins with the war savings committee in the sincere hope that South Carolina will go across during the war savings drive from June 14th to 28th. A few days ago we were mortified to read that South Carolina stood at the bottom of the list of States in the amount of war stamps bought up to date. It will be a disgrace to the State to fall down on this proposition. It is not South Carolina's style to fail to come up when called on. And Bamberg's standing among the counties of the State is not at all an enviable one. This situation must be remedied at once. Let everybody put forth every possible effort to bring the State out during the drive.

DRIVE HAS SLOWED UP.

French Withstand Heavy Assaults and Regain Ground.

June 4.—Although it cannot be said that the Germans, in their new offensive, have been definitely stopped, there is, nevertheless, a marked diminution in the speed with which they started out and their gains since Saturday have been relatively small when compared with those of the previous day.

And according to the accounts of unofficial observers, wherever they have been able since the stiffening of the allied lines to attain new positions at exorbitant price in lives has been exacted from them. So great has been the casualties suffered that the Prussian Guard division, "the pride of the German Crown Prince," is declared to have been withdrawn from the battle.

Bitter Fighting.

Particularly hard fighting again has been in progress between Soissons and Chateau-Thierry, where the Germans are endeavoring to push further forward toward Paris, but not alone have the French troops almost everywhere successfully withstood the onslaught but on several sectors themselves have taken the initiative and gained ground. As a whole the situation along this line is relatively unchanged.

Admitted By Huns.

The German war office at last has admitted that the allied line on the west has been reinforced by fresh units, but it asserts that they have not been able to hold the positions to which they were assigned. Nevertheless the fact is patent from an observation of the war maps that almost everywhere in the region of the German line, for the moment at least, is being held.

From Chateau-Thierry eastward along the Marne and thence to Rheims the situation is virtually unchanged from that of Sunday. The enemy now holds the southern bank of the Marne for a distance of about fifteen miles, but yet he has made no serious endeavor to cross the stream.

The news of what it has cost the German armies in men killed, wounded or made prisoners in the present battle is reaching Germany through a no less authoritative source than the semi-official Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung. This journal prints a letter from a German colonel at the front, who urges the people to bear their losses with patience and confidence.

Little fighting aside from the usual small affairs between raiding parties is taking place on the Flanders front. The British have carried out successful raids on several sectors and taken nearly 300 prisoners. In the Italian theatre the operations continue of a minor character.

American aviators are giving good account of themselves over the battle line in France. Since April 14, when they first took the air offensive operations, they have shot down at least thirty-three enemy planes and themselves only lost seven.

BALANCE OF POWER.

Vital Factor in Big Battle, Says General Bridges.

Washington, June 1.—American troops have become a vital factor in the great battle in France and may hold the balance between defeat and victory, Gen. Bridges, head of a special British military mission to the United States, said here tonight in discussing the renewal of the German drive.

The objectives before the Germans, the general said, appear to be three-fold: the capture of Paris, the divi-

sion of the main Allied armies by an advance through Amiens, and the capture of the channel ports.

In concealing their preparations so as to make a surprise attack, Gen. Bridges said, the Germans were aided probably by four factors:

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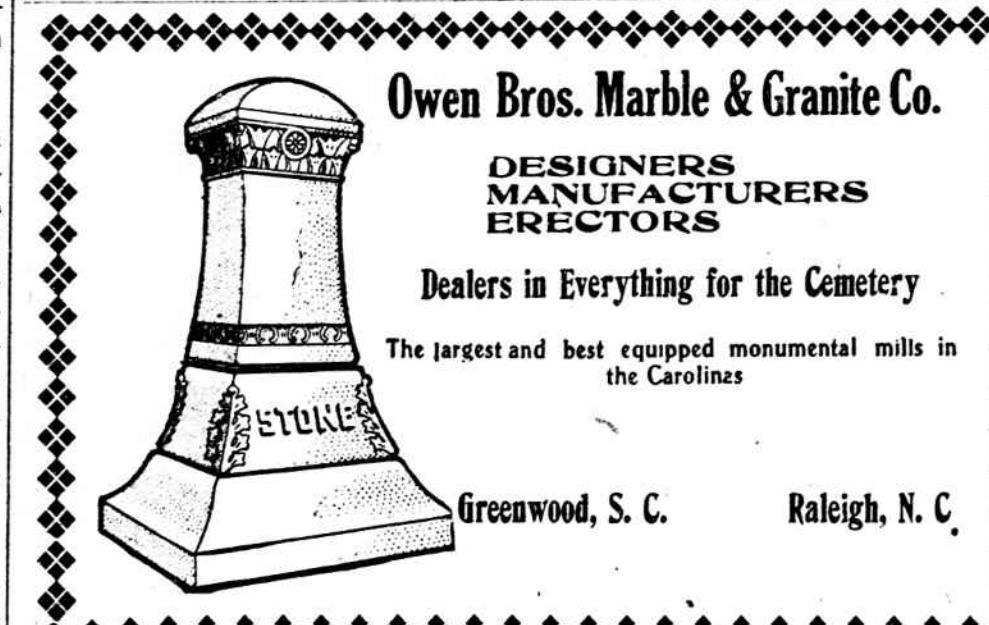


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