

BATTLE OF FLANDERS.

ALLIES DISREGARD WEATHER TO ATTACK THE DEMORALIZED GERMANS.

Objective of Drive is Believed to Be Roulers-Menin Railroad—French Moving up Their Lines.

Without regard to the highly unfavorable weather conditions and in a surprisingly short time since their last thrust, the British and French early this morning launched another attack in Belgium. They struck east and northeast of Ypres in about the same section as that in which the British won a victory Thursday. Both London and Paris early official reports say, the battle is developing satisfactorily for the allies. A considerable force of French troops participated in the Flanders drive of July 31st, but since that time most of the major movements have been on the British front. It is believed that the time is now considered opportune for bringing the French line more to the north on level with the British front which has been steadily pushed forward. The drive this morning indicates that the Roulers-Menin railroad, about five miles from the point of the British wedge is the British objective at Broodseinde. The theory is expressed that Gen. Haig wanted to hit the Germans even in bad weather while they are apparently staggering from the last hard blow.

Germans Pushed Back.

British Front, Oct. 9.—The British pushed the Germans back through Poel-Cappelle and are fighting at the eastern outskirts of the city. The British and French advanced twelve hundred yards in some places. The attackers pushed forward a considerable distance down the Broodseinde ridge slopes.

London, Oct. 9.—The British attacked this morning on a wide front northwest of Ypres at the scene of Thursday's successful drive, the war office announced. The statement said the "attacks were in conjunction with our allies," and satisfactory progress was made everywhere.

Recent dispatches from the front said that rain and mud had made conditions under which an attack could hardly be expected. The attack apparently indicates a purpose to force a decision before cold weather sets in or before the Germans have a chance to recover from Thursday's blow.

Paris, Oct. 9.—The war office announced today that the French attacked today with the British in Belgium. The battle is developing successfully.

TO HAVE LABOR COMPANIES.

War Department Authorizes Organization of Negroes Into Working Companies.

Washington, Oct. 9.—Army orders have been issued authorizing the organization of twenty-four labor companies "by the voluntary enrollment of conscripted colored men after organization." If this is not sufficient men will be accepted on voluntary enlistment.

NEW REVENUE TAX LAW.

No Authorized Copy Received in Columbia.

Columbia, Oct. 9.—About the only thing that seems to be certain about the new revenue bill is that five cents cigars are to be advanced six cents, ten cent cigars to 12 1-2 cents and three for a quarter to ten cents straight. It seems to be about equally certain that the revenue tax on these cigars will be about one-tenth of a cent each for the five cent cigar, and three-tenths of a cent each on the ten cents and three for a quarter cigars.

No authorized copy of the bill has yet been received by the collector. All the information received by him is that published in The State October 5. An authorized copy is expected soon. It may require expert analysis to apply it.

The collector in a statement yesterday relieved some fears as to the tax on incomes. He pointed out that the tax is to be on incomes for the year 1917. These, of course, can not be reported until the end of the year. Blanks for use in reporting them will not be had until December. The incomes are to be reported before March 1, 1918.

The new bill reduces the exemptions on single persons from \$3,000 to \$1,000, and on the head of a household from \$4,000 to \$2,000. The amount of the tax, however, is not known.

LOANS TO ALLIES.

English and French Each Borrow Forty Million More.

Washington, Oct. 9.—An additional loan of forty million each was made to England and France today.

PEACE OFFER COMING.

GERMANY AND AUSTRIA AGREE ON TERMS OF NEW PROPOSAL.

Will Agree to Surrender Belgium and French Territory and Renounce Claim for Territory and Cash Indemnity.

Amsterdam, Oct. 9.—Germany and Austria-Hungary have agreed to another peace offer. The Deutsch Tages Zeitung of Berlin says it learns on good authority that the offer will have as a basis no territorial aggrandizement, the surrender of Belgium and French territory, the renunciation of positive territorial acquisitions for cash payments and no indemnity on either side.

PEACE MEETING IN VIENNA.

Thousands of Persons Take Part in Great Demonstration.

Amsterdam, Oct. 8.—A dispatch received here from Vienna describes an imposing peace demonstration which was held by the Christian Socialist party in the town hall Sunday. Thousands of persons were present.

Prince Alois Lichtenstein, president of the lower Austrian Diet, opened the proceeding by announcing that the meeting had been convened out of gratitude to the Pope and the emperor to demand peace by agreement and general disarmament and arbitration as outlined in the recent speech of Count Zernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister.

"We offer our hand for honest peace," said Prince Lichtenstein, "but if it is rejected we shall seize the sword which is thitherto with God's help, will decide in our favor."

Councillor Kunschok followed with an eloquent speech in the same tenor and was frequently applauded.

"We are assembled," said the councillor, "to declare how warm and glowing are our longings for peace. But the leading men in enemy States must be warned against drawing false conclusions from this admission * * * We want peace, but not at any price. * * * We demand peace in the name of Europe, which is sinking to exhaustion while her competitors are waxing fat."

Expressing suspicion of President Wilson's demand of a democratized Europe because America herself was far from real democracy, Councillor Kunschok concluded his address after a tremendous ovation, by praying for blessing on the peace exertions of Pope Benedict and Emperor Charles.

TIGER SHOT ARMY OFFICER.

Lieut. Mattson Returns Fire and William Lands is in Dying Condition.

Spartanburg, Oct. 8.—Lieut. Randall M. Mattson, of Rochester, N. Y., member of the military police of the Twenty-seventh division, U. S. A., was painfully wounded and William Lands, a white man past fifty years of age, is perhaps fatally wounded, as the result of a raid late last night by civil and military authorities at Lands' home, just outside the city limits, where, it is alleged, liquor has been sold to soldiers. As the police approached Lands' place, having previously arrested W. F. Bullington and Joe Lookabill, nearby, on the charge of selling liquor to soldiers, Lands ran out and encountered Lieut. Mattson. Both men fell to the ground and from that position Lands fired one shot into Lieut. Mattson's body. The fire was returned and five balls from an automatic pistol entered Lands' abdomen. At the hospital tonight there is said to be little hope of his recovery.

Gen. Phillips, commanding officer at Camp Wadsworth, was notified of the affair and issued a statement in which he commended Major Shanton for the manner in which he had acted and commended Lieut. Mattson for his bravery. Lieut. Mattson has been placed under arrest by the military authorities and will be given a military trial after he has sufficiently recovered and after the extent of Lands' injuries is finally determined.

Major Shanton was on the scene of the shooting twenty minutes after it had taken place. He was supplied by the civil authorities with the city patrol, and with ten other military police, he rushed to the scene. He made a careful search of the place where the raid was made and says that he found plenty of evidence of illicit whiskey trading.

RUSSIAN STRIKE SETTLED.

Railroad Workers Granted Wage Increase Demanded.

Petrograd, Oct. 9.—The railway strike caused the government to decide to grant the wage demands of workmen as of September 1st, which will necessitate an expenditure of seven hundred and fifty million rubles annually. This will be met by rearranging the rates. The government will promulgate a law providing a special food supply for railroad men.

FIRE ON ALLY.

AMERICAN DESTROYER ATTACKS ITALIAN SUBMARINE.

Secretary Daniels Cables to Italian Minister of Marine Expressing American Government's Deep Regret Over Unfortunate Incident and Tendering Sympathy.

Washington, Oct. 8.—Vice Admiral Sims cabled the navy department today that an American patrol vessel, on duty at night in the war zone, had fired on an Italian submarine, which failed to answer recognition signals, killing one officer and one enlisted man.

Secretary Daniels at once sent a message to the Italian ministry of marine expressing the deepest regret over the unfortunate occurrence and tendering his and the American navy's sympathy in the loss of life.

The navy department tonight issued this statement:

"The navy department has been informed by Vice Admiral Sims that recently an American patrol vessel, while on patrol duty at night, encountered an Italian submarine, and that when the latter failed to answer the established recognition signals, the patrol vessel opened fire, which resulted in the killing of one officer and one enlisted man before the identity of the submarine could be established.

"Vice Admiral Sims is thoroughly investigating the unfortunate occurrence and reports will be forwarded later to the department.

"The secretary of the navy, upon receipt of the first news, dispatched the following message to the Italian minister of marine:

"I have learned with deepest regret of the unfortunate occurrence which resulted in an American patrol vessel firing, through a misunderstanding, upon an Italian submarine, causing the death of one officer and one enlisted man on the latter.

"As our patrol vessels are in European waters primarily for the purpose of cooperating with the Italian and other allied vessels in our common cause, the unfortunate encounter is all the more regrettable. Due to the recent unusual activity of enemy submarines in this region, which have resulted in the loss of several vessels, the patrol had been strictly maintained and the unfortunate fact that the patrol vessel did not obtain the recognition signals resulted in her opening fire. Please accept on behalf of myself and the American navy sincere and heartfelt sympathy for the loss of life which has resulted.

(Signed) "Josephus Daniels."

SURE TO RUN, SAYS DIAL.

Laurens Banker Wishes Senatorial Race Started Tomorrow.

Columbia, Oct. 8.—Regardless of whether or not Senator B. R. Tillman makes the race for re-election next year, Col. N. B. Dial, of Laurens, lawyer, banker, farmer and business man, said that he intends to offer for the United States senate and to prosecute a vigorous campaign. Mr. Dial was here today in connection with the plans of the flotation of the second issue of the liberty loan.

Col. Dial said that at this time he was somewhat averse to discussing politics, for he considered that it was every citizen's first duty to assist the government in prosecuting the war to a successful and victorious conclusion. He said that he is a firm supporter of the administration and thinks that President Wilson is one of the greatest chief magistrates the American republic has ever had.

The Laurens candidate said that he has not been brought out by any faction, but has entered the race as an independent candidate. He stated that he has always been an outspoken man and will enunciate his own thoughts on and off the "stump." Col. Dial announced that he would prepare his platform of principles in the near future, so as to let the people know what his position is on various issues.

"As you know," said Mr. Dial, "I announced some time ago that I would be in the race. Nothing has changed my decision to run for the United States senate and I only wish the campaign could begin tomorrow. I shall be in the race to the finish."

NO CONCESSIONS GRANTED.

Washington, Oct. 9.—No concessions for private amusements will be granted for training camp precincts, it was formally announced today by the war department.

Out on Bond.

Columbia, Oct. 8.—Dr. J. L. Hanahan and K. C. Harden, who were held last night for manslaughter on the recommendation of the coroner's jury in connection with the death of Claude Lenwood Shaw in an automobile accident Sunday night, were released today on \$2,000 bonds each.

GREEK ARMY PREPARES.

NEARLY READY TO ENTER FIELD AGAINST GERMANY.

Greece Mobilizes Her Strength to Throw it With Entente Against Kaiser and His Militarism.

Washington, Oct. 8.—Greece is nearly ready to put a large and effective army in the field to cooperate with the allies, according to dispatches from the Athens foreign office to the Greek legation here. Lack of equipment is being remedied rapidly with the allies' aid.

Minister Roussos today gave a summary of the situation in his country as described in the legations' dispatches:

"The situation in Greece is becoming more satisfactory every day. The people are thoroughly confident of the efficiency of their government and they are willing to allow the present ministry to continue in the work of reorganization of the resources of the country so that Greece may throw her full strength into the war.

"There is now no pro-German party in Greece. In fact, such a party never existed save in the person of King Constantine and aided by certain members of his court. But he knew the real feelings of the Greek people, who were attracted by tradition and sympathy with the Western principles of Europe and never dared openly to expound his German connections. He did his best, on the contrary, to conceal them.

"The Greek people had a real affection for their king and had confidence in his word. Finally, certain acts of the king's entourage created a suspicion in the minds of the people and they balked in his Saloniki movement, which brought Greece frankly and loyally into the war.

"Today the real state of affairs as regards the court has been exposed. The abdication of King Constantine without bloodshed or an uprising of the people indicates the absence of any organized pro-German feeling.

"The reasoning people of Greece had long realized that Constantine's policy was carrying the country to ruin and relief was felt when he abdicated. Perfect order now reigns throughout the country and the malcontents have been disposed of.

"The French troops were received with great enthusiasm when they landed at Piraeus. All events have proved that M. Venizelos' policy was the only one Greece could adopt.

"King Alexander is in perfect accord with his people and with the government and his good faith is unquestioned. Greece will now use every effort to aid the common cause."

FIGHTING FOR EMPEROR.

German Government Will Not Consider Peace as Long as the Kaiser is Attacked.

Amsterdam, Oct. 10.—In speaking of peace the German chancellor said that so long as Germany's enemies demanded German soil or sought to drive a wedge between Germans and their emperor peace is impossible, according to advices received here.

ASSIGNING NEGRO OFFICERS.

Will be Commissioned and Distributed to Command as They are Needed.

Washington, Oct. 8.—Army officers left here today with commissions to be presented to successful candidates at the negro officers' training camps at Des Moines, Iowa, who are completing a four months' course of instruction. The new officers will be assigned to negro units in the regulars, National Guard and National Army as needed, and it is probable that none will hold higher rank for the present than company commander.

The war department has worked out completely its policy in the mobilization of negro troops and will announce the full plan tomorrow. Officers familiar with its details believe it will provide for efficient use of the troops and prove entirely satisfactory in all sections of the country.

WOMAN FATALLY INJURED.

Mrs. H. C. Rohr, Laurens, is Struck by Auto.

Laurens, Oct. 9.—Mrs. Helen Goldsmith Rohr, wife of H. C. Rohr, proprietor of the Laurens Hotel, died tonight shortly before 10 o'clock from injuries received this afternoon in an automobile accident.

Sultan of Egypt Dead.

London, Oct. 10.—The Daily Telegraph says it learns that the Sultan of Egypt died at noon Tuesday.

Huss Eln Kemal was chosen by Great Britain in 1915 to succeed his uncle, Khedive Abbas Hilmi, as ruler of Egypt, simultaneously with the proclamation of a British protectorate. His father was Khedive from 1865 to 1879.

A STRONGER NAVY.

PLANS TO DOUBLE PRESENT DESTROYER FLEET.

Daniels' Program Calls for at Least Forty Ships on Two Contracts Alone

Washington, Oct. 8.—Contracts to put into immediate force the \$350,000,000 destroyer project approved by congress just before adjournment were made ready today to be signed by Secretary Daniels tomorrow. Preliminary contracts made with ship, boiler and engine-building companies, providing for the completion of the big job in not more than 18 months, were of a tentative nature and some minor changes were necessary.

The plan, in a general way, is to build additional shops and shipyards at which destroyers enough to more than double the present American fleet, built or building, will be laid down. The private builders could not undertake this unaided and probably more than half of the appropriation will go into plant construction which will either pass to the government or be purchased by the companies when the work is done.

The navy department has requested that the number of new destroyers to be built be not published, although there are indications that under its new policy of taking the public more into its confidence, where military precautions will permit, this information and other facts showing the enormous work progressing in American ship yards soon will be revealed. It is a generally known fact that at least two of the new destroyer contracts call for 40 boats each.

FOOD AND MONEY.

Liberty Bond and Food Conservation Campaigns go Hand in Hand.

E. I. Reardon, Sumter, S. C.

I today received the following telegram from Herbert Hoover, national food administration:

"Please advise all members of your enrollment campaign organization that United States food administration campaign organizations, both national and State, are committed to do their utmost to cooperate with liberty loan forces. We are asking the people for national service and saving and increasing the nation's resources. Family enrollment week October 21st to 28th, if generally observed and properly managed, will promote a better understanding of war needs and increase the receptiveness of the people, and carry the second liberty loan to even greater success than the first. It is fortunate that these two campaigns, the one marshalling the nation's financial resources, and the other aiming to conserve its food supply, should be dated simultaneously. The government will require money with which to buy food for our army, and to lend to our allies for the purchase of food, therefore the liberty loan. The government must also find food available for purchase, therefore family enrollment for food savings. The interest of those two campaigns interlock, both must succeed. While exerting every effort for family enrollment, please do not forget to do all in your power to promote liberty loan."

JOE SPARKS,

Executive Secretary, Food Administration for South Carolina.

BIGGEST CORN CROP.

Despite Estimated Loss of 37,000,000 Bushels in September, Forecast is 3,210,795,000.

Washington, Oct. 8.—Despite an estimated loss of 37,000,000 bushels during September, the country's corn crop still will be the greatest in its history. Latest figures issued by the department of agriculture today show the crop will be 3,210,795,000 bushels, and also despite an estimated loss of 9,000,000 bushels during the month the spring wheat crop will exceed last year's. Other crops approach bumper records.

FIRE TUESDAY MORNING.

Roadmaster's Office at Atlantic Coast Line Station Burned.

From The Daily Item, Oct. 9.

The office of Roadmaster T. E. White in the Atlantic Coast Line yard was badly damaged by fire at 6.30 o'clock this morning. The fire department extinguished the blaze before the building was entirely consumed, but practically all the records stored in the office were burned. The firemen had some trouble with the chemical engine when they first reached the fire and could not get it to work, so had to resort to water to extinguish the flames. The origin of the fire has not been determined. No one had been in the building since about 7 o'clock last evening, there had been no fire in it and there was nothing about the building to cause a fire, unless it started from the electric wiring.

NEW LEAGUE FORMED.

MR. WILSON ENDORSES LEAGUE TO LEAD PUBLIC OPINION ON THE WAR IN THE UNITED STATES.

States Germany Must be Whipped and Talk of Peace Before Germany is Defeated is Evidence of Misdirected Thought.

Washington, Oct. 8.—Americans who are discussing early peace with Germany forget that it would mean crushing the democratic ideals for which the United States has always stood, said President Wilson today to the organizers of a patriotic educational movement who called at the White House. He said the only way to end the war is by complete victory of the nations representing those ideals over Germany's doctrine of force.

An extensive movement to lead and express public opinion on the war was inaugurated here today by the formation of the League For National Unity, representing church, political, labor, agricultural and industrial organizations to which President Wilson gave his endorsement in an address emphasizing the need for team play by the forces of American thought and opinion.

Welcoming the leaders of the movement at the White House in a brief speech, the president expressed the belief that American public opinion, although understanding the war's causes and principles, needs guidance to remember that the war should end only when Germany is beaten and German's rule of autocracy and might are superseded by the ideals of democracy.

This is the issue which the American people should always keep in mind, the president said, in order to avoid being misled into byways of thought and of the resultant scattering of the force of public opinion. Talk of early peace before Germany is defeated is one of the evidences of misdirected thought, he suggested, and should not cloud the vision of those who understand that the United States is fighting now for the same ideals of democracy and freedom that have always actuated the nation.

The president gave warning that it should not be forgotten that Germany's success would mean not only prevention of the spread of democracy, but possibly the suppression of that already existing.

The league, which will have headquarters in New York, chose as honorary chairmen Cardinal Gibbons and Dr. Frank Mason North, president of the Federal Council of Churches. Theodore N. Vail is active chairman, with Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor; Charles C. Barrett, president of the Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union and George Pope, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, as vice chairman. The object was stated as follows:

"To create a medium through which the loyal Americans of all classes, sections, creeds and parties can give expression to the fundamental purpose of the United States, to carry on to a successful conclusion this new war for the independence of America and the preservation of democratic institutions and the vindication of the basic principles of humanity."

The league plans an active campaign to educate Americans in the idea that unity of thought and purpose is as essential to successful prosecution of the war as cooperation in material proportions.

Conferences of leaders in the numerous organizations represented will be held frequently, statements of principle formulated and attempts will be made to direct public thought through the mediums of the pulpit, press, public platform and many kinds of public and semi-public organizations. The league will seek suggestions of individuals and small units of forces united in the organization formulation of statements of principles. Thus it is designed to serve the double purpose of being a definite means of expressing thought and of disseminating this thought through the component organizations.

OIL SPECULATION FORBIDDEN.

Food Administration Puts Stop to Gambling in Cotton Seed Oil.

New York, Oct. 9.—Speculation in cotton seed oil has been forbidden on the New York produce exchange, at the instance of the food administration.

Steamship Co. Meets Conditions.

Amsterdam, Oct. 9.—The Netherlands steamship company announces that it has acquiesced to the American conditions for granting bunkering facilities which provided that the company's vessels for every voyage between Java and the United States shall make a return voyage with cargoes exclusively American or partly Canadian.