

ESTABLISHED 1861.

GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED

FRENCH TROOPS MAKE SOME PROGRESS AND GERMANS SUSTAIN A HEAVY LOSS TO DESERT ALL FOR CORNWELL

German Raid on Trench Occupied by Russian Troops Successfully Met.

EMPEROR IS AT THE FRONT Contingent of Russian Troops Disembarks at Brest after Long Sea Journey.

LONDON, July 17.—German second line positions northwest of Brzemetz-Petit wood have been captured by the British in a stormy attack, the war office announced Monday.

BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE. via London, July 17.—The British Monday captured a German trench in the neighborhood of Pozieres.

The capture of the trench strengthens the new British line in this vicinity.

The British also cleared out nests of German machine gun operators, who had been holding out in cellars and behind barricades in the ruins of Ouyllers and LaBoisselle.

Otherwise the situation along the British front is unchanged.

A total of about 100 officers and men surrendered to the British, who have steadily closed in upon them, using bombs and trench mortars, the Germans being short of food.

In an enormous cellar at Bezanin le Petit the British found several hundred Germans who had taken refuge there. It was tragic business for the British litter bearers bringing them back through the German shell fire which was meant for the British reserves and gun positions.

There were cases where a litter-bearer was wounded and put on a stretcher emptied when a wounded German on it had been killed by the same shell. The British persisted until all who had not received a fatal wound in transit were safe in the rear.

A captured remnant of a German battalion showed that 600 of its number were killed or wounded by the British shell fire in the bombardment before the attack began.

RUSSIAN CONTINGENT DISEMBARKS AT BREST

PARIS, July 17.—A contingent of Russian troops disembarked Monday at Brest, France.

The Russian troops will be sent to camp from Brest and later to the front. This is the sixth contingent of Russian troops, the arrival of which in France has been reported.

FLOOD REFUGEES ARE TIED IN TOP OF TREE

And Are Not Drowned as Was the Report at Asheville, N. C., Sunday.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 17.—Miss Nellie Pipe and Mrs. Leo Mulholland, reported drowned Sunday when the home of their father, J. C. Pipe, at Blount, was washed away, were found Monday tied in the top of a tree, according to reports received here.

No reports of further loss of life have been received. The Swannanoa and French Broad rivers are falling rapidly Monday.

Scores of large industrial plants around Asheville law idle Monday in the grip of the flood that followed last week's rain storm and hurricane which swept in from the Carolina coast and flooded portions of North and South Carolina and adjacent territory of Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia. Five persons are known to have been drowned, fifty are missing and hundreds are homeless.

Russian soldiers, after a land and sea journey of about 17,500 miles from Moscow, where they are assembled to Port Dalpey, Manchuria and thence by water via the Suez canal. The number of men in the first contingents has not been officially given, but is believed to be about 25,000.

EMPEROR WILLIAM IN SOMME BATTLE SECTOR

LONDON, July 17.—An official telegram from Berlin says that Emperor William, of Germany, is now in the Somme battle sector, according to Reuter's correspondent in Amsterdam. The emperor has received reports from the chief commander, visited hospitals, distributed iron crosses and made speeches, the telegram stated.

RUSSIANS CONTINUE SUCCESSFUL ADVANCE

PETROGRAD, July 17.—The Russians are continuing their successful advance in the region of the lower Lipa, the war office announced Monday.

The number of prisoners taken by the Russians in Volhynia Sunday was near 13,000.

GERMANY ANNOUNCES TROOP WITHDRAWAL

BERLIN, July 17.—A withdrawal of German troops under General von Linsingen southwest of Lutsk to a point behind the river Lipa is officially announced by the war office Monday.

BISHOP SHAFER COMING.

The Rev. Bishop C. T. Shaffer, D. D., presiding bishop of the Third Episcopal district of the African Methodist Episcopal church, consisting of the Ohio, North Ohio, Pittsburg and West Virginia conferences, will preach at the Pride Chapel African Methodist Episcopal church tonight. The public in general is cordially invited to hear him.

RURAL CREDITS BILL IS SIGNED BY WILSON

In Presence of Group of Senators and Representatives Who Applaud Warmly.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—President Wilson Monday signed the rural credits bill passed recently by Congress. A group of senators, representatives and officers of farmers' organizations applauded warmly as Mr. Wilson affixed his signature.

Just before signing the measure, which creates a system of twelve land loan banks under direction of a federal board, the president made a short address pointing out the benefits he believed both farmers and the investing community would enjoy under its operation.

Secretary McAdoo conferred with the president later on the selection of members of the new farm loan board who will be appointed in the near future.

Among those understood to be under consideration for membership on the board is J. L. Coulter, of West Virginia.

CRADDOCK BUYS Art Printing Company's Plant on Second Street and Will Operate Same.

Joseph N. Craddock, mayor of Broad Oaks, is now owner and business manager of the Art Printing Company, whose plant is located at 216 South Second street. Mr. Craddock closed a deal with the former owners of the company Saturday and took full charge of the business Monday morning.

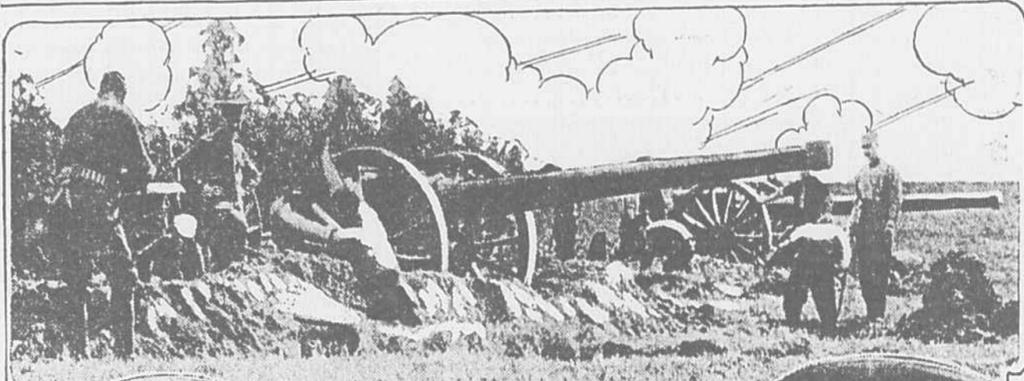
Mr. Craddock is an old time newspaper man and knows all about the printing business. He should make a success of the business.

FLOOD CREST

At Charleston Will Be Not More Than Thirty Feet Instead of Thirty-Eight Feet.

WHEELING, July 17.—Flood conditions throughout West Virginia were somewhat improved Monday. Reports to the United States engineer's office here showed that the Kanawha river had risen to only 21.7 feet at Kanawha Falls, which, it was stated, would make the crest of the flood thirty feet at Charleston, where thirty-eight feet was expected Sunday night. Twenty feet was expected at Point Pleasant.

MEN AND GUNS BEHIND HUGE BRITISH OFFENSIVE ON THE WESTERN FRONT



British big guns on western front, and English generals directing offensive. Left to right: General A. B. Scott, General R. E. W. Turner, Major General Keary and General Carson.

Directed by the master minds of the British army, the citizen soldiers of England are pushing back the German war machine. Much of the credit is due to the giant British guns, which level everything in their path. The British are bearing the brunt of the struggle west of Peronne and north of Somme.

DEATH CHEATS LAW

WHEELING, July 17.—Death early Monday removed the indictment of Dr. B. H. Stillard, a negro physician and member of the city council, who was charged with having contributed to the death of a young woman patient. Dr. Stillard collapsed after his arrest and never completely rallied.

BACK WATER AT CAMP KANAWHA

From Flooded Kanawha River But No Damage Appears Threatened.

CHARLESTON, July 17.—With back water from the flooded Kanawha river within a few feet of hearquarries, it was thought Monday that no damage would be done at Camp Kanawha where the Second West Virginia infantry is being prepared for border duty. Recruiting in the southern part of the state was suspended by the high water and reports said that miles of telegraph and telephone lines were down. Another report was to the effect that washouts had compelled the suspension of traffic for twenty-five miles on the Virginian railway east of Princeton.

Although danger of serious damage in and around Charleston appears from reports received by the United States engineer's office to have passed much damage has been done at upper river points. Many coal barges have broken loose from their moorings at river mines and are being carried downstream. Numbers of them have struck the bridge piers here causing some loss.

POWELL CELEBRATING

Birth of Daughter and Will Not Be Able to Work for Several Days.

Clayton M. Powell, genial and obliging collector of the People's Furniture Company, is not working today and many of the patrons of the company who were accustomed to seeing "Clate's" smiling face at their door early every Monday morning were anxious about him today and called the store to find out if he was sick. The whole trouble with Mr. Powell is the stork left him and Mrs. Powell a fine seven-pound daughter Sunday evening at 6:15 o'clock and he is still celebrating.

When a friend offered to buy the baby carriage Monday, Mr. Powell told him it was not necessary as he was going to have handle bars put on his Ford runabout and use it for a baby carriage.

Mrs. Powell and the baby are getting along nicely at St. Mary's hospital where the child was born, and Mr. Powell's friends think he will be able to resume his duties at the furniture store in a few days.

FEWER DEATHS

And Fewer New Cases of Infantile Paralysis for the Day Are Announced.

NEW YORK, July 17.—A further decrease in the number of deaths and new cases in the epidemic of infantile paralysis was reported by the health department Monday. During the twenty-four hours ending at 10 o'clock Monday morning fourteen children died of the disease and there were ninety-five new cases in the five boroughs of New York City.

MUCH DAMAGE

Is Done by New River along the Norfolk and Western Railroad.

ROANOKE, Va., July 17.—Swollen by heavy rains in southwest West Virginia, and western North Carolina, New river, which early Sunday morning reached the highest stage that it has known since 1878, has damaged houses, bridges and railway tracks along the Galax branch of the Norfolk and Western railway and along the main line of both Norfolk and Western and Virginian railways.

Many buildings were swept away, several large houses at Radford being completely destroyed. Four bridges on the Norfolk and Western

PLEASANT SURPRISE FOR CLUB MEMBERS

Genuine Gem of the Diamond Cutter's Art to Be Given for Most Business.

Here is a pleasant surprise for the members of the Telegram 10,000 Club. To the member turning in the most business for the week, we will give a beautiful \$125 diamond ring. This ring is not a make-believe diamond, but a genuine gem of the diamond cutter's art. You will be proud to own a ring of this kind and it is yours for a little special effort.

The business that you turn in to get this ring will go a long way towards winning one of the big Overlands and at the same time win the ring for your work. This will be the only offer of this kind that will be put in effect during the life of the 10,000 Club and should appeal to all of you as a means of owning a beautiful diamond without one cent of cost to you.

If you are a new member of the club and have not had a chance to get out and get business, now is the time to show your friends that their confidence was not misplaced when they nominated you as a member of the 10,000 Club. Even though you only win the ring, you will have had a very profitable week.

LARGE "SCHOOLS" OF SHARKS SEEN

By Captain and Members of the Crew of the British Steamer Meriometh July 6.

NEW YORK, July 17.—The captain of the British steamer Meriometh, in Monday from Gibraltar, reports that on July 6 and on succeeding days he and members of the crew sighted sharks ranging in length from eight to ten feet in large "schools."

The American steamer Charles Beatty, which reached here from Tilt Cove, Newfoundland, reports the ocean alive with sharks. Captain Seely says he never before saw so many sharks. From fifty miles east of Fire Island to port he saw schools of sharks, probably several hundred in number, from six to twelve feet long.

Captain Meyer of the Dutch steamer Beukelsdyk, from Rotterdam, also reports sighting sharks in large schools.

Galax branch were wrecked and one on the Potts Creek branch was damaged but is yet standing. A small bridge on the Little Creek extension was washed away.

One man was drowned while ferrying over the river near Radford. The dam of the Washington mills at Fries was destroyed.

MRS. PATTON DEAD

Widow of Bert Patton Dies at Home of Daughter, Mrs. Harry Ford.

Mrs. N. Catherine Patton, aged 66 years, widow of Bert Patton, died at 12:15 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Ford, on Jackson street following a short illness of acute indigestion and heart disease.

The deceased woman is survived by her daughter Mrs. Harry Ford, a son, nine sisters and a brother.

A short funeral service will be held at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Ford home on Jackson street. The Rev. W. C. Taylor, pastor of the First Baptist church, will have charge of the services. Following the services the funeral party will go to Parkersburg on Baltimore and Ohio passenger train No. 8, and the burial will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery there upon the arrival of the train.

FOREIGNER ARRESTED

By Deputy Sheriff Laco Wolfe for an Alleged Violation of Prohibition Law.

Frederick Belseto, charged with violating the prohibition law by carrying intoxicants for another, will be given a hearing at 7:30 o'clock Friday evening in Magistrate Jackson V. Carter's court.

Belseto was arrested Sunday morning by Deputy Sheriff Laco M. Wolfe in the west end of the city for carrying seven cases of intoxicants from the Monongahella Valley Traction Company's line at Beyle's stop to a building on Gycamore street. The intoxicants were all properly labelled.

Belseto appeared in Magistrate Carter's court Monday morning and furnished bond for his appearance and was released.

Messrs. Lynn S. Hornor and J. Carl Vance have returned from White Sulphur Springs where they attended the state golf tournament.

Is the Watson Combination and Senator Chilton is Even to Be Sacrificed.

WATSON TO "KEEP" PARTY

Democracy of West Virginia is Now Cocky over Cash with Watson in the Saddle.

(By Charles Brooks Smith)

WASHINGTON, July 17.—Who the underlings of Democratic State Chairman Lewis will be in his organization to elect John J. Cornwell principally and other candidates of his party secondarily, will be settled on at a meeting of the committee to be held in Parkersburg tomorrow. There are reasons why the politicians here are more interested in who will be selected than they have been in any organization that the Democratic party in West Virginia has effected at the outset of a campaign in many, many years.

The principal reason is that the party is cocky over cash. It has the assurance of ample funds with which to set up the best organization headquarters it can command, and sufficient currency ammunition with which to wage such a battle as it may make this year. This is a condition of affairs that it hasn't enjoyed since the second Cleveland campaign in 1888, and that was so long ago that most of the party leaders now in control can remember only indistinctly, if at all. In that memorable year the party had, as it has now, a national administration to call on, as well as an entrenched official organization in the state. The latter resource it now has only partly so much as is embraced in the federal patronage. Incidentally, it may be well to insert right here, that the outcome of the 1888 campaign was disastrous to the Democratic party.

Lies in Watson's Lap. Another cause for the present cockiness is the fact that the West Virginia branch of the party lies in the lap of Clarence Wayland Watson—bribe and breeches. It has turned itself over to him on the implied promise that it is to be "kept." It has transferred its affections from such old-time suitors and steady providers as Col. John McGraw and thrown its wanton arms about the heavy treasure chest of the Baron of Bituminous. Even Senator William Equanimous Chilton who, by virtue of the loftiness and solitariness of his official position should be a leader second to none, is tossing in the waves of C. Wayland's wake there may be no way to succeed him with a life line should he need one—none if it would interfere with their own selfish business, it is said.

Still another reason for the intensity of interest here in the outcome of the meeting to appoint the crew for headquarters is Charles Cameron Lewis, Jr., "himself." Charles Cameron is a novelty, and the capital contingent having just had the opportunity to give him the once over, is undecided just how to appraise him and fix his worth as a directing head of a campaign which everybody expects is going to be a hum-dinger. He is a raw recruit in the game of politics, as raw in his inexperience in that respect as politics is claimed by a lot of people to be raw in all other respects. He is a business man, and accused of being an efficiency expert. On the strength of that reputation which has been given him it is expected that he will undertake to apply efficiency methods to his party's campaign. That will be a new thing for that party, and a dread thing doubtless to the leisurely personnel which has characterized the Democratic headquarters in West Virginia for many years up to and including the outstanding campaign administration of the Hon. Stewart W. Walker in 1912. Efficiency is, however, nothing new to the Republican party. It was given it years ago by the late W. M. O. Dawson, and carried to a high degree of excellence by James S. Lakin four years ago.

Important Position. Among the positions to be filled there is none, in view of the way campaigns are run now, more important than the publicity department. Advertising is a large part of any kind of a campaign in these times, and the man directing that department is of great importance.

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