

SEC. IN SECTOR WHERE AMERICANS FACE HUNS

For Half an Hour He Plodded Over Duck Boards.

With the American Army in France Tuesday, March 19.—Secretary Baker had his baptism of fire this morning in the front line trenches and while he was returning a German shell burst within less than 50 yards of his motor car. He was not injured.

The secretary went into the trenches in a sector, the location of which must not be revealed, where American troops face the enemy nearby. For half an hour he plodded over the duck boards. The Germans maintained an active fire with heavy pieces and machine guns. Nevertheless, Mr. Baker made his way to an advance sap, entered a listening post and talked for several minutes with the soldier on duty there. But the narrowest shave was on his return to headquarters. The German shell, of 105-millimeters, roared down and burst clearly less than 50 yards from the automobile containing the secretary of war and the escorting officers. The shell hit a roadside dugout, digging a big crater. Mr. Baker wished to stop and ascertain whether there were men in the dugout, but the chafeur, realizing the danger, opened the throttle and made his best speed until the danger zone was passed.

Hard, Exciting Day.

This was the secretary's hardest and most exciting day in France. On Monday evening, accompanied only by a general commanding a division and one other officer he motored to a point accessible to the sector selected for his inspection. He dined and slept in the chateau of French friends of the officers. Retiring early, the secretary arose at 4 o'clock in the dark of an overcast chill March day. Taking breakfast quickly, he drove through the misty dawn to his destination.

As the lines were approached, the steady roar of the guns signalled great activity of the artillery. This was confirmed when, on arrival it was found that the road selected for approach to the trenches was under brisk fire. Indeed, the firing was so active as to cause the general considerable apprehension for the safety of his distinguished guest. He endeavored to dissuade Mr. Baker from going on with the expedition, explaining the danger. But the secretary overrode his protest. Accordingly another route was reluctantly selected.

Walks Over Shell-Cratered Region

The party re-entered the motor and was driven to the selected point as far forward as motoring was safe. With the general and the other officer, Mr. Baker walked over the shell-cratered region to a communication trench. He wore civilian clothes, covered with a trench coat, kahaki breeches and boots borrowed from a colonel of about his size. He also put on a shrapnel helmet.

The secretary was first put through the regular gas mask drill. He carried his mask slung at the prescribed position when he went in. A sentry halted the party as it was entering the trench and demanded a pass.

"Division commander and secretary of war," replied the general.

"Didn't you know that was the secretary?" the sentry was asked, as the party passed by.

"Yes, sir; no, sir," stammered the confused soldier.

Mr. Baker displayed the keenest curiosity in the surroundings, so strange to him, asking explanations of everything unfamiliar, its purpose and use, and frequently breaking in with interrogations as technical matters were being explained. Several times he asked the caliber of shell which burst close by.

"Ah, that's a machine gun!" he exclaimed when one opened up from the American trench.

Often the secretary stopped to speak to the men, asking homely questions, such as: "Well, how is it going?" or "Where are you from?"

"Fine, sir" or "Going very well, sir" was the usual reply. Once the secretary asked a private if much was going on.

"Its pretty quiet, sir" came the easy response.

Mr. Baker's questions showed familiarity with machine gun construction and technicalities which had been

gained from study. There was no mistaking his unrestrained and eager interest.

Troops from Ohio were among those in the trenches. Several of the men were known personally to Mr. Baker and he talked freely with them about their homes and families. One man said he was from Iowa, another from Chicago.

The secretary kept up running comment upon the strangeness of the circumstances under which men from all over America were fighting in distant France. Once he remarked: "I have been from farm to factory at home, and now I am in the front line."

Finally, notwithstanding the protests of the officer Mr. Baker made his way through the sap to the listening post. Peeping over the parapet into No man's land, he said:

"Now I am on the front of freedom."

The secretary asked the listening post sentry if he saw Germans often.

"Not very often, sir," was the response. Then he asked whether the Americans' shooting was better than that of the enemy and seemed greatly pleased at the emphatic reply, "Yes it is."

Mr. Baker entered dugouts and inspected other features of trench works as far as possible, being given miniature demonstrations of everything experienced in the American sector. His determination not to overlook anything frequently compelled to exercise restraint.

Returning to the trench, Mr. Baker encountered working party, laying duck boards. He saw a hammer lying in the mud, stooped over, picked it up and handed it to a soldier.

"You need not do that, sir," said the man.

"Well, the mud is so deep that I thought it might get lost," said Mr. Baker.

White Plains Notes.

For several weeks a War Savings campaign has been carried on in the White Plains High School. On February 21st, a society known as the Home Guard War Savings society was organized with 50 charter members. A certificate has been received signifying that this society is affiliated with the National War Saving Committee, Washington, D. C. At present the members of this society have invested in thrift stamps and War Savings Stamps amounting to \$160.25 and Liberty Loan Bonds amounting to \$4400 making a total of \$560.25 invested in government certificates.

Saturday morning March 9 a number of patron pupils and friends came together at the school building and set out 50 silver leaf maples on the school grounds, which will add to the attractiveness of the school plant.

It is hoped that by fall the grounds will be ready for the sowing of grass seed.

Paint has been purchased for the building and will be put on as soon as spring opens.

R. A. Sullivan, Prin.

Mt. Airy R. F. D. No. 1, News.

The farmers are very busy in this section preparing for the largest tobacco crop they have ever made.

Mr. Luther Haymore has a new boy at his house. Also Mr. R. L. Reeves has a new girl boarder at his house.

Mr. A. D. Barker made a business trip to Crutchfield N. C. Thursday of last week returning Saturday.

The two little sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Frances who have recently been confined with pneumonia are improving, we are glad to note.

Miss Roxie Samuel is at home from Shelton-town where she taught school during the past winter her school having closed a few days ago.

The young folks are all very busy this week planning for their Easter trips, next Sunday and Monday.

A Billious Attack.

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COURT CALENDAR

Surry Superior Court

April Term, 1918

Thursday, April 25th, 1918.

MOTION DOCKET.

- 7. J. D. Lane vs. Sallie Perkins, et al.
10. A. A. Knight and wife, vs. G. O. Key, et al.
12. E. B. Sparger vs. W. E. Patterson, et al.
13. W. R. Badget et al. vs. C. F. Simpson.
16. C. P. Cox, vs. C. V. S. Boyden.
21. Sarah C. Sides et al., vs. Banner Mfg. Co.
32. Thomas J. Hedgeco, vs. Tint Hedgeco.
35. Corporation Commission, vs. Pilot Bank & Trust Co
42. C. M. Sheets vs. W. F. Cooper.
46. Thos. W. Kallam vs. West Hill Co.
57. H. Shafer vs. LayFayette Crisman.
60. J. H. East vs. J. H. Gwyn et al.
63. S. J. Pegram vs. W. B. H. Pegram.
64. C. W. Bunker vs. Adelaide Bunker et al.
79. W. A. McCraw vs. Lela McCraw.
87. J. R. Creed vs. Jackson Smith.
88. S. J. Atkins vs. Wm. Wall, Guard, et al.
99. W. C. Johnson vs. Mary E. Johnson.
109. W. B. Cooper vs. Florence Cooper.
116, 117, 118, 119, 120. Surry County Dry Prize Co. vs. W. H. Atkins et al.
122. National Furniture Co., vs. W. J. Nixon.
131. W. K. Johnson vs. M. L. Dockery.
144. Jacob D. Key et al. vs. W. B. Williams et al.
145. Town of Elkin vs. W. A. Hendrix et al.
148. A. M. Smith et al. vs. J. C. Forkner et al.
149. Mary Childress vs. Henry Coffey.
150. Robt. Culler vs. Lucy Culler.
155. O. N. Swanson vs. W. T. Hunt.
172. J. H. Folger et al. vs. G. W. Simpson.
175. M. J. Bryant et al. vs. Noah Grace
181. John A. Cox vs. Martin Anthony.
182. Armour Fertilizer Works vs. B. W. McArthur.
199. W. T. Haynes vs. J. M. Bledsoe et al.
222. W. T. Haynes vs. J. M. Bledsoe et al.
227. W. T. Haynes vs. W. H. Fowler.
228. W. E. Sisk vs. J. A. Fry.
234. S. S. Irvin vs. J. M. Flippin.
246. Eclipse Paint Mfg. Co. vs. Job Hiatt.
247. Warren Piano Co. vs. W. R. White.
248. W. P. Moore vs. R. A. Freeman et al.
255. Dayton Marshall vs. F. E. Marshall et al.
256. N. T. Dinkins vs. W. C. Nichols.
260. A. M. Smith et al. vs. John Hatcher et al.
264. J. W. McCraw vs. Jeff Hawks.
277. J. M. Parker Guard vs. Highway Commission, Mount Airy Township.
278. W. A. Marion vs. H. T. Moore.
281. J. M. Fulton vs. Charlie McArthur.
289. T. L. Brim vs. J. L. Atkins.
292. West Hill Co. vs. Mt. Airy & Eastern Railway et al.
308. A. A. Layell vs. Marvin Willey.
313. Dr. W. M. Stone vs. H. B. Willy.
320. H. H. Cockerham vs. Wm. Marsh et al.
323. R. T. Riggs vs. C. R. Badgett.
326. Armour Fertilizer Works vs. J. B. Tickle.
328. J. T. Monday vs. L. D. Cook.
340. Hutchens vs. Dockery.
344. Frick Co. vs. J. E. Boyles.

Friday April 26th.

- 178. J. W. Cassidy, adm. vs. The Town of Mt. Airy.
18. W. J. Nixon et al. vs. C. F. Finch.
25. W. R. Doss vs. Thos. E. Snow.

Saturday April 27th.

- 121. H. R. Key vs. S. C. Chamblin.
146. R. C. Freeman vs. W. W. Hampton, admr.
169. National Furniture Co. vs. T. L. Brim.
163. S. H. Venable vs. Wm. R. Cox and S. B. Brown.
166. Illinois Sewing Machine Co. vs. J. D. Overby.
170. Thos. Moore vs. W. W. Hampton, admr.

Monday April 29th.

- 190. Fowler & Marion vs. Emma Apperson et al.
193. Jno. A. Martin vs. James Atkins et al.
261. Jno. A. Martin vs. Charles Reeves.
337. Jno. A. Martin vs. Eugene Simpson et al.
20. Jno. H. Dohson vs. H. Holyfield.
194. T. D. Golding vs. L. G. Waugh.
207. Marion & Fowler vs. Emma Apperson et al.
212. Piedmont Tobacco Co. vs. Joe Tilley.
214. J. M. Fulton vs. B. Johnson.

Tuesday April 30th.

- 201. O. A. Davis vs. R. C. Shaw et al.
173. S. W. Scott et al. vs. S. T. Flippin Exr. et al.
223. E. G. Robertson vs. Western Union Telegraph Co.
226. K. H. Atkins and wife vs. J. W. H. Whitaker et al.
233. E. F. Inman vs. J. F. Vaughn et al.
241. State & Etta McLaughern vs. Bob Montgomery.
243. C. B. Strange vs. Elkin Furniture Co.
249. E. F. Inman vs. J. F. Vaughn & B. L. Vaughn.

Wednesday May 1st.

- 263. Andy J. Key vs. Henry Simmons.
272. Mary C. Robertson et al. vs. J. E. Southern.
280. South Atlantic Lumber Co. vs. S. W. Stanley.
290. Lee Bottoms vs. Ambrose Ayers.
293. A. C. Inman vs. W. H. Hollingsworth.
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295. A. C. Inman vs. W. H. Hollingsworth
297. Martin Bros. vs. Cal Todd et al.
301. Geo. T. Butcher vs. H. V. Simpson.
302. E. V. Johnson vs. W. Roy Parks.
304. Surry County Loan & Trust Co. vs. Daisy Norman.
306. A. C. Inman vs. R. S. Collins.
462. Luther Hollingsworth vs. George Hodge.
307. B. F. Folger & C. W. Snow vs. L. D. Cook.
309. The Minerva Clink Co. vs. W. E. Jackson.
312. Bedford Wall et al. vs. Jno. W. Stanley et al.
321. J. F. Fulk vs. S. W. Atkins.

Thursday May 2nd.

- 330. O. A. Davis vs. Robt. Slaydon.
333. P. G. Martin vs. Geo. S. Nichols et al.
334. Globe Realty & Auction Co. vs. W. R. Welborn et al.
336. O. A. Doss vs. W. D. Taylor & H. E. Taylor.
338. F. L. Smith Hdw. Co., vs. F. B. Douglas.
339. Herbert Spencer Co. vs. C. W. Hodga.
341. Luther Nichols vs. Joe Reavis.
343. S. W. Garner vs. J. C. Snow.
345. F. L. Smith Hdw. Co. vs. Joe Philips.
352. A. P. DeHart vs. David Earl.
353. W. H. Anderson admr. vs. T. L. Brim.
521. E. C. Bivens, trustee vs. A. D. Wagoner.
525. P. L. Hawks vs. P. S. Rothrock.

Friday May 3rd.

- 356. E. K. Hall vs. A. H. Danly.
369. W. C. Douglas vs. H. R. Key.
378. Dr. C. A. Baird vs. Jake Jackson.
379. W. M. Atkins vs. T. L. Brim.
S. H. Simmons vs. H. M. Dunbar.
Baltimore Bargain House vs. Geo. S. Nichols.

Senate Sets Price

of Wheat at \$2.50.

Washington, D. C.—By a vote of 49 to 18, the Senate on Thursday adopted Senator Gore's bill fixing the minimum price for the 1918 wheat crop at \$2.50 delivered at the nearest railway station or the nearest elevator. The decided majority in favor of a higher price is taken to indicate a general belief and conviction that after all, the main question is one, not of price to be paid but of insuring the maximum production. The sponsors of the measure have no doubt that the higher price guaranteed under the Gore bill will materially affect the planted acreage this spring.

The testimony adduced before the Committee on Agriculture indicated that farmers all over the country were dissatisfied with the price fixed under the President's proclamation as being inadequate in view of the greater cost of farming implements and the drain on farm labor by industries paying a much higher scale of wages.

Many senators, who were of the opinion that the farmers were amply protected under the existing guaranteed price, voted for the bill simply on the ground that it promises increased production.

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