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CASH IN ADVANCE.

THE WAR.

Again the Germans are trying to gain a great victory that will make them masters of the world. Last Sunday was the French 4th of July. It is a great occasion to them of celebration, and is observed each year very much as is our 4th of July.

Evidently the Germans thought the French would be in no condition to resist after a day spent in celebration, so on Monday morning they launched a great attack on a front of 65 miles. They had brought up big guns and planted them back of the lines, supposed to be naval guns, and with these they are able to bombard towns 25 miles back of the Allied lines.

The Germans had been concentrating forces for a month on this front, doing most of the work at night and covering up all signs of their plans as best they could, but it now appears that they were not able to take our armies by surprise, for the progress made the first two days amounted to almost nothing. At this writing, Wednesday, it is hard to say what the outcome of the battle will be, for it is supposed to rage for a week or more. It is said to be one of the greatest offensives that the Germans have launched since last March.

In this battle the American armies are taking a most important part, and so far the Americans have covered themselves with glory in the manner in which they have held their lines everywhere. The reports say that they are proving to be the best of soldiers.

In the meantime the Germans are throwing out feelers for peace. They have given out through one of their leaders an interview in which he discusses the probability of England and America fighting over which will control the world if Germany is defeated.

World power is the key note in the German mind, and if Germany is not able to conquer the world then they pretend to see that either America or England will be the conqueror. And they pretend to foresee a great contest in which England and America will fight to see which shall be this world power.

The papers also have much to say about a peace league of many states, and 24 nations of the world have already indicated their willingness to enter into such league for the future of the peace of the world. The talk now is to form this league of peace and refuse Germany admission to it, thus leaving Germany on the outside as an outlaw nation.

In the meantime this country is preparing for war in the greatest possible manner. The building of ships, the training of soldiers and transporting them to France is going on at a rate that is more than satisfactory to military leaders, for the work is progressing faster and more satisfactorily than they ever hoped it could be done.

Great events are now in the balance, and the next few days may make history that will determine events for ages to come. Just what the present great German offensive will amount to is the one subject of comment. The German leaders have told the rank and file of their men that this is the last great battle, and that this one will bring victory and peace. The world anxiously awaits the conclusion of the great contest.

PHONE RATES INCREASED

The telephone rates in this city are to be increased from \$1.25 in residence to \$2.00 and in business houses from \$2.50 to \$3.00. The Telephone company came before the Town Commissioners last spring and asked that this increase be allowed, but withdrew the request before it was passed upon by the Commissioners.

Last week they asked the Corporation Commission at Raleigh to allow

the increase and it was granted.

Now there is much street talk by prominent business men as to the action that has been taken. The hitch seems to come by reason of the stock dividends that have been declared in years past. When the business was bought some years ago from Mr. Hines it was capitalized at \$15,000.00. Later the earnings in the way of surplus were put back in the business and the stock increased up to \$24,000. Now the earnings on the capital of \$15,000.00 would pay a dividend and leave a surplus, but when the stock was increased up to \$24,000.00 the rates charged did not create a sufficient dividend on the increased capital stock.

At a Special meeting of the Town Commissioners Tuesday night of this week it was decided to appeal from the action of the Corporation Commission. This will mean that the case comes back to the Superior court of this county and will be heard at the August term of court, if all parties to the case are willing and ready for trial.

THE LOCAL FOOD SUPPLY.

The report of the first threshing in this county as made elsewhere in this paper shows clearly that this section is not going to produce as much wheat as we will want to use. And so the facts are that right here in one of the finest farming sections of the land we are so living as to call upon other sections of the nation to furnish bread. Some of the twenty farms that have been reported to us are among the very best in the county, and yet on these twenty farms the average yield of wheat is less than six bushels to the acre, and not more than six acres to the farm in wheat. Some of the farms produced as low as three bushels to the acre.

These facts should convince the people of this section that there is need here for an awakening on the subject of producing food. We can never be a prosperous farming people so long as we farm and yet buy farm products. The weather conditions here have had much to do with the present low average of wheat, but the fact remains that our farmers do not average more than six acres in wheat, and weather conditions have had nothing to do with the small amount of land sown.

Forty years ago the land in England averaged about eight bushels of wheat to the acre, but they learned how to produce wheat and now the average is 22 bushels to the acre. The same increase will be made here as soon as our farmers learn how to get results.

ABOUT TELEPHONES.

Now that this Town is at loggerheads with the local telephone system and the courts and lawyers are to thresh it out, it will be a good time to adjust some matters that have long been out of alignment.

For years it has been the custom here to charge the town man who phones his neighbor out in the country but the country citizen could phone his neighbor in town free of cost. All this has brought about confusion and discord. Citizens have gone to the expense of building phone lines about in the country districts and yet were not able to get satisfactory connection made here with the phone system in the Town. Now every phone system in the county should have direct connection with the system here.

The business disagreement has brought about a condition that citizens have tried to correct by establishing little local switchboards right in the suburbs of the Town.

This is a condition that should be remedied in some way. It is being talked that another franchise should be granted to business men who are willing to so operate a system as to allow the lines out in the country to connect with the town system and permit a subscriber here in the town to use the line out in the country in a way to be of service. The conditions now are such as to be a constant annoyance to both the people in the country and to the people in the town. And so while the adjusting of the rates is up it is a good time to adjust the differences between the town system and the country lines.

POLITICS IN SURRY.

The Republican party in this county is having an interesting contest over who shall be the nominees at their primary next Saturday. There are many candidates for the various offices, and be it said to the credit of the party there are a number of young men of worth who want office this time. They are out among the people asking for support, and we have heard of no questionable means being resorted to as is sometimes, unfortunately, the case. But again, unfortunately, these young men are bucking a ring of politicians that, to a large extent is composed of a few old ring politicians who are not willing to step down and allow the younger men a chance. Somehow it has become to be understood that Surry, like a great many other counties, some of which are Democratic, is controlled by a few ring politicians, and this being the case the younger men have a very poor showing. Surry has a few old men who just must be taken care of each year or something would actually bust.

LIFE AT THE CAMPS.

Mr. Dwight H. Cook is in the city spending a few days with his family after being away at Camp Hustus for some time. This camp is between Norfolk and Richmond and is for artillery balloon and aviation training. The camp covers a section of country eight miles long and three broad. Mr. Cook has been serving as foreman of a squad of 24 men, and his job has been to erect houses for the soldiers, each house being about 60 feet long and 30 feet wide, two stories high. These houses, to say nothing of mess halls, hospitals etc., are being put up by the thousands. The buildings are of frame structure, weather boarded and ceiled on the inside with a kind of paper ceiling, the whole making a good comfortable building. Mr. Cook says that at almost any time of the day one can look up from his work and see airplanes sailing about overhead. Sometimes they are down near the ground, and sometimes they are so high up that they appear to be about the size of a man's hat and to be moving so slow that one would think they are making about five miles an hour. Mr. Cook says the enthusiasm in military circles is such that it is hard to conceive of it unless one is there among the many thousands who are into the real work. Every soldier one sees is wanting to get to France and take an active part in the game.

Nurses Wanted.

Elsewhere in this paper an advertisement will be found telling of the opening for Nurses at Martin Hospital in this city. Every girl who enters training at this time makes it possible for a trained Nurse to give up her present position and enter the army service. And so the young woman who enters a hospital now to take training is as much a soldier as the man who goes to the front. There is no more important person in the service of the people at this time than the Nurse, for a woman can do the work in the hospitals better than a man, and every woman who enters the service thus liberates a man for work that she is not qualified to do. Today no doubt thousands of men are aiding about the hospitals who would be out doing heavier work if there were more Nurses in the service.

And so if there is a young woman in the country in whose breast beats a patriotic heart she does not have to go to France to show her patriotism, she can help here, and thus indirectly help over there.

Good Citizen Passes.

Mr. Harry Clark whose home was a few miles north of this city died Sunday after an illness of only a few days with fever. He was in this city on the 4th of July and was not well at the time. He was only 24 years of age at the time of his death and leaves a wife and many relatives. He was a splendid young man with a bright future before him and his untimely death casts a shadow over the community where he lived. The remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground at the home of Robt. Clarke Monday afternoon.

GERMAN LINES PUSHED BACK BY ALLIED FORCES

German Newspapers Indicate That Government is Worried Over Russian Situation.

Paris, July 12.—Further progress is reported in the war office's announcement tonight, an operation in the neighborhood of Longpont enabling the French to cross the Saviere river opposite Catifet farm.

Rainy weather in northern France has caused the thorough soaking of the ground particularly in the low-lying portions of the battle front, and not inconceivably has had something to do with the delay of the Germans in renewing their offensive.

It is a month not since the last offensive died down, swamped by the tide of a French success on the banks of the Matz, north of Compiègne, and there is as yet no sign of the enemy's being ready to strike again.

Meanwhile the allies have been pushing back the German lines little by little at various important points, hardly a day going by without a French or a British attack. These in the aggregate have gained valuable defensive ground and resulted as well in the taking of Germans prisoner.

Airing War Aims.

Meanwhile the German diplomats are again airing their war aim program and engaging in peace discussions among themselves. The German chancellor has touched upon the vital question of Belgium in the relation of the status of that nation to peace, and has declared that Germany does not intend to retain that country "in any form whatever." She is holding it as a pawn in the negotiations, he asserted, and the German government finds it expedient to explain this utterance in an official statement in which it is declared that the holder of a pawn does not intend to keep it "if the negotiations bring a satisfactory result."

Germany also is exercised at the situation in Russia, for the utterances of the newspapers go for anything. The idea that the bolsheviks are retaining power by the veriest thread is reflected in advices to some of the German organizations, and the fear that the bolshevik regime will fall, and with it the elaborate edifice erected in the German interest by the Brest-Litovsk treaty, is openly expressed. Disquietude over the hold the Czechoslovaks have secured upon Siberia and at the prospect of an allied descent into interior Russia "from the north," the Murman coast evidently being meant, is likewise voiced. In this connection, it may be noted, it was announced in Washington yesterday that British reinforcements have been sent to Siberia to assist the Russians and Czechoslovaks in protecting the allied stores at Vladivostok.

More Peace Feelers Expected.

Washington advices reflect the view there that further and more definite peace feelers may be expected from Germany, which is felt in high quarters to have her eyes turned to the east, with the gaining of control in Russia outweighing in her estimation all that she might have been inclined to make an effort to retain upon the western front.

American military effort, meanwhile, is growing apace, it being announced by the chief of staff in Washington that the number of troops dispatched to France has grown to 1,100,000, some 90,000 men having left in the past week. The formation of three army corps from the troops in France, each corps comprising from 225,000 to 250,000 men, was also made known.

The Albanian campaign, although entirely subsidiary to the operations on the western front, has continued to be the most active theater of war, so far as extensive gains of ground are involved. The advance, made mainly by the Italians with the French on the right flank, has already reached a maximum depth of 22 miles on a front of some 80 miles, straightening the allied line as it runs from the Adriatic and links up with the Macedonian front.

Mr. Joe Phillips received the first melons of this season last Saturday getting a car load from South Carolina. They are fine and are being sold for one and a half cents a pound.

Men to Leave Next Week.

The following is a list of about fifty men, forty of whom will be sent to camp Hancock, Ga., July 25.

Ernest A. Callaway.
Eli Martin Cook.
Roscoe A. Shuckelford.
John W. Scott.
John F. Sparger.
Walter S. Shumake.
Benjamin Shinnall.
Oscar Chipman.
Luther Culler.
Charlie B. Coleman.
Earnest A. Doss.
William D. Taylor.
George B. Thompson.
Vestal C. Taylor.
Luther S. Dockery.
G. Dunnevant.
Walter B. Edmunds.
John William Coe.
John F. Easter.
Benjamin H. O'Neal.
Rufus Millard Nunn.
James D. Cockerham.
Paul Emory Bureh.
Virg Carl Cockerham.
William C. Mann.
Nathan Hiatt.
Grady Hayes.
Floyd O. Edmonds.
James E. Miller.
Richard L. McGee.
Floyd H. Marsh.
Samuel T. Creed.
Morris Haymore.
William B. Badgett.
William H. Sneed.
Zebulon N. Adams.
Zebulon V. Snow.
Charlie W. Bryant.
Francis H. Bergson.
General Henry Shelton.
Emory E. Slawter.
Robert E. Snow.
Thomas J. Lawrence.
Rector Elliott Welborn.
Luther Culler.
John H. Hardy.

NEWS FOR FARMERS.

Hartsville, S. C. July 10th 1918.

Editor J. E. Johnson,
Mount Airy, N. C.

Dear sir:

I was asked by so many farmers around Mount Airy to let them know how the tobacco market opened in South Carolina that I can't write them all so I am going to ask you to give them this information through the News.

Last year on opening sale here (Hartsville, S. C.) we sold 107,000 lbs. at an average of 17 1-2 per pound. This year on opening sale we had 98,000 lbs., which made an average of a little over 26c per pound. However, this don't mean that the crop in the old belt will be 50 per cent higher than it was last year as the South Carolina crop was sold last year before the big advance in prices. It does look like prices are going to be mighty high and especially the low grades and I would advise the farmers to save every leaf of their tobacco as I believe the primings that used to be thrown away will pay for the fertilizer used under the Tobacco; if they are properly taken care of. I think the South Carolina crop will be sold by September 1st and all the buyers will be on the Mount Airy Market by that time. Thanking you in advance for this favor I am,

Yours truly,
J. W. LOVILL.

Walked out Window in Sleep.

Miss Hester the popular young daughter of Mr. A. M. Smith, of this city is confined to her home as the result of a peculiar accident. Last Thursday it appears that she walked in her sleep, anyway the first she remembers of her unfortunate experience is that she woke from the shock of falling to the ground from the window in her room on the second floor of the residence. The supposition is that she walked in her sleep and fell from the window and the shock of the fall caused her to wake up. In the fall she was right painfully injured, her arm being broken and her ankle sprained. Such experiences are not common, and yet it is well known that a great many people have the habit of walking in their sleep. Miss Smith is an accomplished young woman and has never been troubled with anything of this nature before, and to her it is evidently a most annoying experience.

Quentin, the youngest son of President Roosevelt, was killed in airplane fight in France last Sunday. His machine was seen to be engaged in battle with two German machines and suddenly his made a dive and plunged to earth inside the German lines.

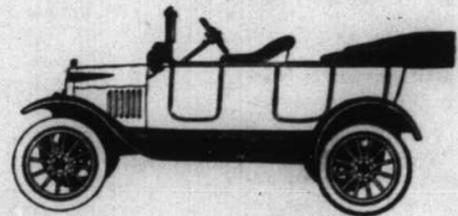
"BEST MEDICINE FOR WOMEN"

What Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Did For Ohio Woman.

Portsmouth, Ohio.—"I suffered from irregularities, pains in my side and was so weak at times I could hardly get around to do my work, and as I had four in my family and three boarders it made it very hard for me. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was recommended to me. I took it and it has restored my health. It is certainly the best medicine for woman's ailments I ever saw."—Mrs. SARA SHAW, R. No. 1, Portsmouth, Ohio.



Women who are suffering as she was should not drag along from day to day without giving this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, a trial. For special advice in regard to such ailments write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass. The result of its forty years experience is at your service.



Fords For Sale!

I will be at Granite City Garage, in Mount Airy Friday and Saturday, July 19 and 20, with six second-hand Ford cars, 1916 and 1917 models. All in good running condition.

See me for a bargain.

W. D. George
Winston, N. C.