

GERMANS DIE BY THOUSANDS.

Field of Battle Strewn With Soldiers Who Died in Defense of Imperial Government. British Pushing on South of the Scarpe. Capture Bihem, Midway Between Arras and St. Quentin; Fifteen German and Six British Airplanes Sent Down. Artillery Violent Along French Front.

The War Summary of the Associated Press carried in Thursday's daily papers reads as follows:

Many thousands of German dead, strewn the battlefields over which the British and Germans have been engaged for the past three days in titanic struggles for mastery.

The British troops have made further gains south of the Scarpe river in their advance toward Cambrai, and also have captured the hamlet of Bihem, east of the Havrincourt wood, which lies midway between Arras and St. Quentin.

Violent fighting continues around Monchy, where the British attacked three times, but were repulsed with losses according to Berlin. In a continuation of the intensive air fighting fifteen German airplanes have been forced down by British airmen and six British machines are missing as a result of fights in the air.

French Artillery Active. Along the French front the artillery activity everywhere continues violent. Twice the Germans essayed infantry attacks, but in each instance they were stopped by the artillery fire of the French. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the Germans in an effort to wrest the Hurbiz farm from General Nivelle's forces.

In Belgium artillery duels continue. German torpedo boat destroyers early Wednesday morning shelled Dunkirk and sank a French torpedo boat.

On the Carso plateau of the Austro-Italian theatre, the Austrians south of Gorizia delivered an attack against Italian positions, which was successful at one point. The concentration of troops in the Trentino region is being continued by the Austrians, probably presaging an early offensive there.

There has been considerable activity by the Russian artillery in northwest Russia.

Turk Defeats Continue. Further progress has been made by the British troops against the Turks in Mesopotamia, the Ottoman forces having been driven from the west bank of the Shatt-el-Adhem to within a short distance from the junction of this river with the Tigris. Large captures of men, guns, rifles, ammunition and other war stores have been made by General Maude's men in their drive against the Turks.

After several days of violent artillery preparation the British troops in the Doiran Lake sector of Macedonia have delivered an attack against the Bulgarians on a two and a half mile front, and advanced their line about 500 yards over a front of one mile and put down counter attacks. To the west they also were able to enter the enemy's trenches, but could not hold them.

THE NEWS OVER SELMA WAY.

Mr. William B. Johnson, of Smithfield township, was a visitor at Dr. W. B. Johnson's, his son, last Saturday.

Mr. C. E. Pearce has moved to Mrs. Coley's house on Massey Street. Mrs. Ed. Dillard, of Spring Hope, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Walter G. Ward, and Mrs. Joe Ward, of Wilson, is visiting her sons, Messrs. N. E. and W. G. Ward.

Messrs. B. L. Talton, C. E. Kornegay, M. R. Wall and W. R. Weaver motored to Goldsboro last Sunday.

Miss Minnie Peedin, who has a position with Hudson Belk Co., at Raleigh, is at home for a few days.

Mr. W. H. Call returned from Wilson last Saturday, where he had been for some weeks, much improved.

The good news came from Mrs. N. E. Edgerton, who is in a hospital in Richmond, that she is improving nicely now, though it will be a couple of weeks before she will be home. Mr. Edgerton who was called to see her last week, returned Wednesday night.

Mrs. R. J. Noble and Miss Anne Noble spent a short time in Clayton last Tuesday afternoon, the guests of Mrs. E. B. McCullers.

Rev. and Mrs. C. K. Proctor spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Wilson.

Mr. N. E. Edgerton, Jr., returned from Richmond where he had been to visit his mother, last Monday, who is very ill at a hospital. He reports that she is much better now.

It is reported that Messrs. Loomis D. Debnam and John W. Futrell will leave about the middle of May for Flint, Michigan, to get one of the new Buick autos, of which only eighteen have been allotted to the South and North Carolina is to have two. They will drive the car home by way of Toronto, Canada, Niagara Falls, Buffalo and other northern cities.

Your correspondent found some se-

lected cotton seed a few days ago that were ginned in 1911. He examined them, finding them sound. He planted some and they were sprouting fine when an old hen got to them and scratched them up. How old must cotton seed be before they will lose their vitality?

Last Sunday afternoon the Tarboro murderer, W. C. Nelson, passed through here on his way to the penitentiary for safe keeping, till he could be tried again for the murder of the two men, who, as officers of the law, were searching his house for blind tiger liquor. The jury stood eleven for murder in the first degree, to one for manslaughter. The learned judge saw the signs of the times and sent the murderer to Raleigh for safe keeping. It is just such verdicts as that that make the people take the law into their own hands and forces Judge Lynch to act. While waiting for the Southern train to come he stood by the depot laughing and talking with some friends of his, all evidence of insanity gone, he was safe from the law for a while. He snapped his fingers at the law, which the people of the State had voted, and when he saw a road sentence staring him in the face added murder to his list of crimes and played the insanity dodge, successfully for awhile. Selma, April 26th.

An Expression of Confidence.

We the undersigned, as citizens of the town of Four Oaks, the great commonwealth of North Carolina and the United States, feel it appropriate to voice our regret and our resentment to remarks made concerning our estimable and loyal fellow-citizen, the Rev. R. M. Von Miller, being conscious that the remarks bore the stamp of untruth, savoring of maliciousness and signify the absence of common sense. In view of these facts we deem it our duty to give to Rev. Von Miller and the public an expression of our confidence in him.

Ever since Rev. Von Miller has resided in our midst we have found in him a loyal citizen. We have had ample opportunity to gather from his public utterances, his private conversations and his daily life, that he is a loyal supporter of all our American Institutions, and an enthusiastic admirer of our highly esteemed President and his policies. His 25 years as a naturalized citizen in America, his marriage to one of our own Southern ladies, his 20 years of an active gospel ministry, in which he has won for himself not only the confidence but the esteem of the Clergy of this and other States, but also thousands who have gladly waited on his public ministry. Few of us could prove better than he has by sentiment, word and daily life, that he is a loyal and patriotic American citizen. Senators, members of the House of Representatives and even one of our former Vice Presidents of the United States in commending him to the Foreign Governments during the time of his traveling abroad in the following terms: "I commend him to your courteous consideration as a Gentleman of the very highest standing and character." His arduous labors, his fine democratic sentiments, his unflinching loyalty to our flag and his efficiency as a minister, merit for him our sincerest confidence and our esteem.

(Signed)

- J. B. CREECH. J. W. SANDERS. R. A. WILLIAMS. R. A. BAIN. W. A. MASSENGILL. DR. J. H. STANLEY. J. Wm. LANGDON. B. I. TART. T. E. SANDS. D. H. SANDERS. W. ALTON MASSENGILL. A. H. PHELPS. B. B. ADAMS. J. A. KEENE.

Four Oaks, N. C., April 26, 1917.

STEVENS CHAPEL NOTES.

The farmers of this section are about done planting corn and cotton, and are preparing for their tobacco.

Mrs. Lizzie Capps, of Autreyville, has returned home, after spending several days with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Creech, of near Brogden school, spent last Saturday night with their uncle, Mr. Ira Thompson.

Mr. Garlie Rose spent last Saturday night with his brother, Mr. J. H. Rose.

Miss Annie Holland, of near Micro, is spending several days with friends and relatives in this section.

Misses Nora and Rosa Kemple spent last Saturday with their cousin, Miss Nettie Creech.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Thompson spent last Saturday night with relatives near Princeton.

We are sorry to note the death of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Thompson's little girl, which occurred last Saturday afternoon. BLACK EYES.

A diplomat is one who knows how to get what he wants without fighting for it.

BRITISH TAKEN BY SURPRISE.

Most Notable Dinner at White House Given in a Generation, in Honor of Secretary Balfour. After Visit to President, Balfour Says That Alone Justified His Trip.

Washington, April 23.—Great Britain's war commissioners spent today in the American capital receiving every mark of honor and courtesy within the gift of the government.

Foreign Secretary Arthur James Balfour, formally presented by Secretary Lansing to President Wilson in the morning, was the guest of honor to-night at the most notable dinner given at the White House in a generation. During the day he was presented to Vice-President Marshall at the capitol, lunched with Ambassador Jusserand at the French embassy, and received cards or calls from many prominent persons, including former Secretary Bryan.

Meanwhile Lieutenant General Bridges and other British army officers called on Secretary Baker, Major General Scott, chief of staff, and war department officials; Admiral De Chair and his naval aides called on Secretary Daniels, Admiral Benson and other navy department officials, and Lord Cunliffe, governor of the Bank of England, called on Secretary McAdoo at the treasury department.

The conferences so far, with the enthusiasm that the people of the capital have shown and the courtesies and cordialities extended by the officials, have taken the British commission completely by surprise. Mr. Balfour, after three quarters of an hour's conversation with President Wilson, remarked enthusiastically that his trip had been justified by that meeting alone.

KENLY SCHOOL NOTES.

Kenly, April 26.—Perhaps the most creditable achievement of the Kenly State High School this spring was the formal opening of a large new library and reading room in the high school building this morning. The Faculty and students of the school were escorted into the new library room; the names of the donors were read by the Superintendent and the Hall was presented to the students, the Faculty, and the public in these words: "You Are Welcome." The library will be open throughout the entire school day and all students not on class will be privileged to make use of it. The rules and regulations are based upon those of the libraries in large cities and Universities.

Another creditable achievement of the school was the raising of a large beautiful United States Flag, which was recently placed on top of the magnificent school building. The money for the buying of the flag was subscribed by the students and Faculty in sums of five cents each. Still another achievement was the recent planting, by the members of the Betterment Association, of trees, shrubs, violets, and canna lilies, in accordance with the recent proclamation by the Governor of North Carolina. This work has been in progress for nearly two years, and the entire community is proud and glad that it has been finished.

The attendance Honor Roll of the students for the month of April is as follows:

First Grade.

Miriam Edgerton, Jake Hales, Sallie Moore, Pennina Wood, Catherine Askew and Annie Louise Richardson.

Second Grade.

Louisa Coleman, Hazel Askew, Cathrine Alford, Carlyle Daughtie, Felton Watson, James Bowman, Wilbur Alford, Aaron Holland, Eloise Grady, Elizabeth Woodward, Hazel Watson, Herta Rakoske and Clara Lassiter.

Third Grade.

Kenneth Watson, Jesse Watson, Leeman Watson, Roland Woodard, Eloise Darden, Mollie Fields, Annie Rose Godwin, Zula Hough, Beatrice Watson, Leonora Cooke, Elizabeth McKenzie, C. D. Askew, Leon Crumpler, and Edward Hales.

Fourth Grade.

John Woodard, Glenn Edgerton, Henry Hough, George Ballance, Ruby Watson, Louise Collier, Margaret Hooks, Bettie Boykin, and Mary Belle Tiner.

Fifth Grade.

Byron Richardson, Flora Jerome, Verona Lassiter and Geneva Godwin.

Sixth Grade.

Thelma Moore. Mildred Darden, Jewell Edgerton, Marie Lassiter, Alma Kirby, Leonard Peele and Leon Watson.

Seventh Grade.

Ada Lee Bailey, Nellie Ballance and Edga Bailey.

Ninth Grade.

Nellie Hardison, Nathan Watson and Floyd Wellons.

Eleventh Grade.

Mildred Godwin.

THE NEWS IN CLAYTON.

Delightful Entertainment Given at the Home of Mrs. D. H. McCullers. Mr. J. M. Turley Succeeds Himself To the Mayorship of the Town. Many Personal Items of Interest.

Mrs. H. A. Page and Hugh, Jr., who for some time have been visiting at Sanford, returned home Monday. Mr. Clifford Gully, of Raleigh, was in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Thurston and Mrs. E. R. Gully motored to Wake Forest Monday of this week and spent the day.

Mr. Robert Boone visited his daughter, Mrs. R. C. Sears, at Apex, this week.

Messrs. John Stallings and Bowda Allen, students of A. & E. College, spent the past wee-end here with friends.

The regular meeting of the Halcyon Club was held Wednesday of this week with Mrs. B. M. Robertson.

Following is the program for the school commencement beginning May 4th, with recital by music pupils of Mrs. Chas. G. Gully: Sunday morning, May 6th—Annual Sermon, by Rev. G. T. Rowe, of High Point.

Monday evening, May 7th—Recital, by Music Pupils of Miss Ruby Penny.

Tuesday, May 8th—No exercises.

Wednesday, May 9th—A Play by the Senior Class.

Thursday night, May 10th—Program by Mu Sigma Phi Society.

Friday morning, May 11th—Class Day Exercises.

Friday evening—Graduating Exercises and Annual Address, by Dr. H. W. Virgin, of Calvary Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va. Miss Lois Massey returned to Oxford Monday to take up her regular work in the college there. She has been out since Easter on account of sickness.

Mr. J. M. Turley is again nominated for Mayor of Clayton.

Mr. A. V. Gully went to Fuquay Springs Wednesday on business.

The lovely and attractive home of Mrs. D. H. McCullers was a place of much merriment and laughter last Friday night when the Junior girls and boys entertained the Seniors. An interesting contest was carried out in Senior Class colors. Cream and Cake was served in Class colors also. Each and every one spent a most delightful evening.

Mr. J. H. Pridgen, of Selma, was in town one day this week.

Mr. Carson Durham, of Burlington, visited relatives here a few days this week.

Mr. J. M. Beaty of Smithfield, was in town a few hours Tuesday.

Mr. J. W. Vinson, of Wilson's Mills, was here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Ellington, of Smithfield, were here Sunday visiting Dr. and Mrs. B. A. Hocutt.

Mrs. W. P. Creech and Miss Alma Hall will leave Thursday for Lillington to spend a few days with relatives and friends.

Robert Sidney Tuck Dies Under Operation.

News and Observer, 21st.

Robert Sidney Tuck, one of the best known and most popular business men of Richmond, and formerly of Raleigh, died Thursday afternoon at St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond, the result of a serious operation, after a short illness.

Mr. Tuck was born in Freestone County, Texas, November 23, 1870, was educated at Bingham School, Asheville, and became connected in business early in life with Cary J. Hunter, general agent of the Union Central Life Insurance Company, at Raleigh.

From there, when a young man of 25, he went to Richmond in 1896 as general agent for Virginia of the same company, and he remained in charge of the company's growing business in Virginia to the day of his death. He was also secretary and treasurer of the Richmond State Company, of Arvon, Va., and had other business interests.

In 1895 he married Miss Hattie Dobie, of Petersburg, who survives him. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Georgia Winston Tuck, of Selma, N. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Mamie Tuck Candler, of Selma, and Mrs. R. A. Ashworth, of Port Norfolk, Va., and one brother, Claiborne Tuck, of Selma.

The Nation needs for its normal domestic requirements about 640,000,000 bushels of wheat per year. Last year we were able to carry over 170,000,000 bushels of wheat. From July 1, last year until March 1, 1917, we exported about 130,000,000 bushels.

It is estimated that grain to the amount of \$145,000,000 went into alcohol last year.

Plain, intellectual women are just the least bit married of handsome, silly ones.

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ANOTHER LOT OF CHILDREN'S books, suitable for children from 4 to 10, just received at Herald Book Store.

FOR SALE—COOK'S STRAIN OF Buff Orpington Eggs from Madison Square Garden prize winners, \$2.00 for a setting of 15; \$6.00 fifty; \$10.00 for 100. I also have Byrd strain giant bone Mammoth Bronze Turkey Eggs at \$2.00 for 10; \$4.50 for 25; \$8.00 for 50. Peole Farm, J. W. Poole, Manager, Smithfield, N. C.

JOHN DEER CORN PLANTERS \$12.50. Cotter Hardware Company, Smithfield, N. C.

FRESH JERSEY COWS FOR SALE by E. F. Boyett, Smithfield, N. C.

WE HAVE WIRE FENCING IN any height. Cotter Hardware Co., Smithfield, N. C.

SEED CHUFAS \$1.00 PER PECK. C. S. Powell, Smithfield, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2.

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PLENTY OF OLD PAPERS NOW on hand at The Herald Office at 5 cents per bundle.

TOBACCO BED—180 SQUARE yards—for sale. Plants ready to set May 1st. Fine, vigorous plants. M. C. Carr, Benson, N. C., R. No. 1.

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THE SMITHFIELD BUILDING & Loan Association has helped a number of people to build homes. It will help others, and maybe you. New series of shares now open. See Mr. J. J. Broadhurst.

THE COTTER HARDWARE COMPANY can sell you galvanized roofing cheap. Smithfield, N. C.

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A GOOD MILK COW FOR SALE OR will trade for beef cattle. L. T. Royall, Smithfield, N. C.

SALE OF MORTGAGED LAND.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed from George M. Holt to J. M. Green, default having been made in payment of the note secured thereby, the undersigned mortgagee will offer for sale in the town of Smithfield, N. C., at the Court House door for cash, on Saturday, May 26th, 1917, the following described real estate lying and being in Wilson's Mills township, Johnston County:

Being Lot No. 2 and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake, corner of Lot No. 2, and runs South 88 East 72 poles to a stake; thence North 18 West 79 1/2 poles to a stake; thence North 88 West 46 poles to a stake; thence North 3 East 78 3-10 poles to the beginning, containing thirty-one and seven-tenths (31 7-10) acres, more or less.

The time of sale will be at 12 o'clock, noon, on Saturday, May 26th, 1917, and terms of sale Cash.

See Book 18, Page 237. This April 26, 1917. J. M. GREEN, Mortgagee.

LEON G. STEVENS, Attorney.

It is your duty as a good citizen to come to Mr. D. T. Luncford, the Registrar for Smithfield township, one day this week and register so you can vote in the road bond election on Tuesday, May the 8th. There is too much involved for you to neglect to register. Registration books close Saturday evening, April 28th.

NOTICE.

One George Fisher, of Salisbury, N. C., having obtained from me by misrepresentation a note for \$37.50 due on January 1st, next, I hereby warn the public not to buy or trade for said note, as I shall resist the payment.

This April 27th, 1917. W. H. BARHAM, Smithfield, N. C.

\$25.00 REWARD.

I will pay twenty-five dollars for the capture and delivery of Charlie Pilkington, white, at the Camp of Smithfield township roads, who ran away Friday, April 20th. Said Pilkington is 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, a little stoop shouldered, blue eyes, light hair, weight about 140 pounds. Age 30 years.

GEO. L. JONES, Supervisor of Roads, Smithfield, N. C.

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L.M.Summerlin Princeton, N. C.

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