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HERTLING FAILED TO MAKE BREACH BETWEEN ALLIES.

Paris and London Officially Reject Any Proffers of the Olive Branch.—Teuton Drive Continues—Additional Russian Cities Captured—Offensive in the West is Not Far off. A Brief Account of War Activities for Wednesday!

(Associated Press War Summary).

Imperial Chancellor Von Hertling has failed to drive a wedge between the entente allies by his reply to President Wilson. The declaration that German aggression in the east is not intended for conquest has come at a time when German acts belie the words of the Chancellor and Paris and London have officially rejected any proffers of the olive branch that the more hopeful of the people saw in the acceptance in principle of the four points enunciated by President Wilson as the basis for peace negotiations.

Balfour Sounds Keynote.

Arthur J. Balfour, the British secretary for foreign affairs, sounded the keynotes of the entente allies when, speaking at London, he said that until German militarism was a thing of the past and there came into existence a court armed with executive powers making the weak nations as safe as the strong, the war must go on. He characterized Von Hertling's attitude toward Belgium as unsatisfactory and insisted that German practice does not coincide with President Wilson's propositions.

Scheidemann Voices Protest.

Philipp Scheidmann, the German socialist leader, has voiced the protest of his party to the peace that is being forced on Russia. In a debate in the reichstag he said that Germany must negotiate a peace by understanding and that the independence of Belgium must be secured. He says that the Flemings and Walloons must settle their own differences.

German Advance Continues.

While the German imperial government is trying to convince the world of its disinterestedness in the future of Russia, the advance of the Teuton armies toward Petrograd still goes on. It now appears there will be no armistice on the Russian front until peace is finally consummated. In spite of the claim by the Bolshevik government that the Russians were fighting hard for the city of Pskov, the Germans have pushed far to the eastward of that town.

Cities Are Captured.

It is rumored that the Teutons have reached the city of Luga, midway between Pskov and Petrograd. Borisoff, 60 miles northwest of Minsk, has been captured by the Germans. The German official report says that the Teuton troops in Ukraina have reached Corostisheff, east of Znitomir, which brings the invaders within 50 miles of Kiev. The Russian troops have refused to fight and those who have not abjectly surrendered are fleeing in a disorderly mob toward the capital. If there is any resistance to the German invasion it must come from the peasants.

American troops have been subjected to a heavy bombardment of gas shells from German batteries. Three Americans are reported to have died from the effects of gas and nine others are said to have suffered severely.

German Drive Probably Near.

There are not lacking indications that the long-expected German drive along the French and British fronts is impending. Aerial activity of great intensity is reported by the Germans who claim to have brought down fifteen entente ariplanes. At the same time the infantry is not idle and raids have been attempted at widely separated parts in the past 24 hours. One of these was an attack in considerable force by the Germans against French positions near the Butte du Mesnil, which the American artillery assisted in capturing recently. The other was north of the Chemin des Dames, where American troops are understood to be in training. Both assaults were broken up by the prompt action of the allied artillery.

British Hospital Ship Sunk.

German "frightfulness" has again been exemplified by the sinking of the British hospital ship Glenart Castle. According to the latest advices there are 164 persons missing from the ship, which was fully lighted and car-

SERGT. BEVERIDGE AT BENSON.

Canadian Officer Who Has Seen Service Over There To Speak in Benson Graded School Auditorium Monday Night, March 4th.

The people of Benson and community are to have a rare treat next Monday night, March 4, when Sergeant John D. Beveridge, the Irish-Canadian Officer will speak on life in the army trenches in the land across the sea.

Sergeant Beveridge was in business at Montreal, Canada, when the great war began and at once volunteered and went over. He was later wounded and sent back home. Recovering he again volunteered and went back to Europe where he saw some of the fiercest fighting of the war. He was at the second and third battles of Ypres where he was wounded. He was also wounded in the battles of Hill Sixty, Messines, Armentieres, and Braie. He was badly smashed up in the great battle of the Somme. He has seen all kinds of fighting and can tell the folks who hear him about it.

Mr. Beveridge recently spoke in Asheville. The Asheville Citizen speaks in the highest terms of Beveridge as a telling speaker who makes the awful scenes live before his auditors.

In a private letter from Prof. Vermont who heard him in Asheville, he says that he sat and listened to Mr. Beveridge for two hours and could have listened to him two hours longer. Listening to such men as Beveridge and Fallon will help to arouse the American people to a clearer sense of what the War Over There means. A great crowd should hear Capt. Fallon at Smithfield in the Opera House Sunday night, and Sergeant Beveridge at Benson in the school auditorium Monday night.

PROF. GILES JOINS FORCES.

Member of State Board of Examiners Offers His Services for Sixty Days in War Savings Campaign.

News comes from Winston-Salem that Prof. D. F. Giles, former County Superintendent of Schools of Wake County, and now member of the State Board of School Examiners and Institute Conductors, has tendered his services to the War Savings Committee for the next sixty days. In a letter to Col. F. H. Fries, State Director, Prof. Giles says:

"Use me anywhere and for anything," said Mr. Giles, "for I must do something for my country and I believe this is the greatest work for us all to do at this time. I have three brothers in the war, one in France, giving their services, and lives too, if they are needed, and here I am to do all I can do. Put me to work."

RED CROSS DRIVE MAY 6 TO 13.

Plan Will Be To Raise \$100,000,000 More.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 27.—The next Red Cross drive will take place the week of May 6 to 13, and will be to raise \$100,000,000, according to a telegram received here late today from the National War Council of the organization in Washington.

The telegram was received at the local headquarters of the Red Cross and said that J. I. Johnson, of St. Louis, had been re-elected chairman of the Southern Division.

ried the distinctive markings of the hospital service when fired upon. American torpedo boats assisted in picking up the survivors.

Unrest in Ireland, which was believed to be very serious, is now said to be of little consequence. The centers of the threatened uprising are reported in the west and south, but arrangements have been made to cope with the situation. Sinn Feiners who have been "hunger-striking" have been released in a number of instances.

Defeat Poles Ambition.

Negotiations looking to a union of Lithuania and Saxony with Prince Frederick Christian, son of the king of Saxony, as king of the new state, are said to be under way. The Polish ambition to bring about a resumption of the ancient union between their country and Lithuania seems to be doomed in the light of recent developments.

During the past week 18 British merchantmen were sunk by mines or submarines.

CAPTAIN FALLON IS COMING.

Famous English-Australian Officer to Speak in Smithfield Opera House Sunday Night at Eight O'clock. Some Extracts From Wilmington Star Showing the Impression He Made in the City by the Sea.

Captain David Fallon, an officer who saw service at Gallipoli, will speak at the Smithfield Opera House Sunday night at eight o'clock. He was in Wilmington Tuesday night where he spoke at the Academy of Music. Hundreds were turned away because the big hall would not hold them.

The following paragraphs from Wednesday's Wilmington Star will give an idea of how the Captain's speech was received:

"An officer of Kitchener's 'contemptible little army,' with the marks of his sacrifice upon him, stood last night before such an audience at the Academy of Music as Wilmington has seldom seen before, and held them gripped in the spell of his story, moved to laughter, to tears, and to heights of intense patriotic enthusiasm, and the immense throng gave Capt. David Fallon such a greeting as has not before been extended a speaker in this city since war was declared. * * *

"The soldier's address was a wonderful thing; but perhaps it was his personality that caught the imagination of the crowd. Hundreds of those who were in the audience have sons, or brothers, or sweethearts or friends that have gone 'over there' to do their part in the struggle. But the captain has come back. He has been through all that the American boys may suffer, and he is back. He is a sort of embodiment of the hope that fills every American heart that the boys may come home again.

"Captain Fallon is Irish, which means first that he has a sense of humor and second that he is a fighter. He was an instructor in the military academy of Australia when the war broke out in 1914. He was with the first contingent of Australian troops that came up from the end of the world to take part in the struggle. As every one knows, it was the Australians that paid with blood for the mistake at Gallipoli. * * *

"After the abandonment of Gallipoli, with all but 40 of the 1,000 of the Captain's battalion dead, he was transferred to the still more terrible realities of Belgium and northern France. For an hour he told of the things that he had seen and taken part in in that stricken land. He piled story on story of the atrocities that he had seen. Stories of women outraged, and their tongues cut out that they would tell no story of the shame that the Huns had worked them; of infants murdered, of nuns crucified on the doors of their convents because they sought to protect their houses from the hand of the invader. * * *

"His manner of speaking was direct, simple, forceful and spiced with strong anathemas hurled with the force of a terrific and righteous hate that grew from memories imbedded in the captain's mind. Some of the audience were inclined to be shocked at the plainness of his speaking at first, but it wore off, and changed to wonder that he was so temperate with such cause for embittered invective."

BONAR LAW SAYS THE WAR WILL NOT END SOON.

London, Feb. 26.—Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, spoke confidently of the progress of the war at a luncheon in the Aldwych Club today which was presided over by Lord Northcliffe.

Mr. Bonar Law said it was obvious the war was not going to end soon. "Germany's conduct in the Russian negotiations," the Chancellor added, "shows that she still is determined to carry out the policy with which she entered the war—the conquest of neighboring territories and peoples."

Typhoid fever seems to be "petering out" in North Carolina if we are to believe recent statistics compiled by the state vital statistics department and bureau of contagious disease. In North Carolina 839 people died from typhoid in 1914, 744 in 1915, and only 700 in 1916. The records for 1917 are not quite complete, but it is believed that last year will not show over 600 deaths from this disease.

EVENTS OF WEEK IN SELMA.

Red Cross Work Room Open Every Wednesday Merchants Association Enjoys an Oyster Supper. Dr. Mayerburg Back in Selma. Rev. R. R. Lanier, of Durham, Accepts Pastorate of Baptist Church. Local and Personal Items.

Selma, N. C., Feb. 27.—Hon. James H. Pou, of Raleigh, was here Monday for a few hours on business.

Mr. Bud Bissett, a prominent farmer from near Corinth, was here Monday for a few hours.

Mr. W. E. Smith moved his family to Wilson last week. Mr. Smith is President of the Peoples Bank at Wilson.

Mr. A. V. Driver has bought the handsome home of Mr. W. E. Smith on Railroad Street, and moved his family there last week.

Messrs. J. D. Massey and C. A. Corbett spent Monday in the Capital City on business.

Lieut. Maurice Waddell, of Camp Sevier, is home to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Waddell.

Mr. W. L. Stencil spent Sunday in Wilders township with friends.

Mr. B. H. Woodard and Miss Bertha Woodard have moved here from Princeton, and are making their home with Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wiggs on Green Street. We welcome these good people to our town.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Mitchener left last week to spend some time with their son, Mr. A. M. Mitchener, in Miami, Fla.

Mr. L. D. Debnam returned last night from Spartanburg, S. C., where he was called to the bedside of his daughter, Mrs. A. S. Oliver, who was seriously ill. Mr. Debnam reports her condition very much improved.

Miss Bettie Edgerton has as her house guest this week, Miss Maizee Homburger, of Lexington, Pa., and Miss Ada Ballentine, of Middlesex, N. C.

Dr. I. W. Mayerberg, after six months service at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., has returned home to resume his practice. Dr. Mayerberg has a host of friends here who welcome him back home.

There was an interesting meeting of the Red Cross Chapter and the Associated Charities at the Graded School building, Monday night, with a good attendance. These two organizations are working hard along their separate lines, and many things are being accomplished. The Red Cross Work Room is open every Wednesday.

Mr. C. W. Stallings, who has been in the employ of the Durham Life Insurance Company here for some time, has resigned his position, and leaves today to accept the position of Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court at Durham, N. C.

Messrs. Thornton, Talton and Hill are moving their barber shop this week, to Dr. Vick's old office next door to the Selma Drug Co.

Mr. Tom Abdalla is in northern markets this week, buying goods for the firm of Abdalla-Vinson Company.

The Merchants Association had their guest the other business men of the town last Thursday night at an oyster supper. A good crowd was present, and various problems of interest to the town was discussed. The addresses of Rev. C. K. Proctor, and Supt. E. H. Hoser were especially enjoyed, as was also the address of Mr. N. E. Edgerton. Other meetings of a like nature will be held in the future.

Rev. R. R. Lanier, of Durham, has accepted the call as pastor of the Baptist church here, and moved his family here last Monday. They are living in the house recently vacated by Supt. Moser on Anderson Street.

Mr. J. W. Smith, of the Polenta section, was here for a few hours last Monday on business.

Rev. C. K. Proctor returned Sunday from a preaching and speaking tour in the southern part of the county.

Attorney W. W. Cole, of Smithfield, was here yesterday and last night on professional business.

The State Food Administrator has called attention to reports that Selma merchants were violating the food regulations as to the sale of flour. An investigation by the local food administrator does not show any evidence of this violation, and we are inclined to believe the report erroneous. The merchants of Selma are patriotic, law abiding citizens, and if there has been any violations here, we think it

CAPT. FALLON TO SPEAK HERE.

Wounded English Officer Will Tell North Carolinians Their Duty by the War. Will Speak in Smithfield Next Sunday Night.

Captain David Fallon, an English-Australian Army Officer who has been wounded fifteen times in battle and who, though battle-scarred and with right arm useless, is still fighting the Kaiser in this country in his thrilling talks and addresses, will be retained one week more in North Carolina, till March 9th, in the interest of the War Savings stamps Campaign. The towns which will have an opportunity to hear Captain Fallon by the request of State Headquarters of the War Savings Committee to the Federal Directors at Washington to extend his time of speaking in North Carolina one week longer, are to be congratulated.

Captain Fallon is the kind of speaker that he was a fighter—fearless and uncompromising. He sends home to all his hearers not only the thrilling message of his experiences at the front, but the conviction of what is their duty as regards this war. He makes it plain that life on the battlefield is not being sacrificed as a sport, and it is not for those who are not doing their part at home that the boys are giving their lives.

He says: "You talk of the war being over in weeks or months; don't think it. The Germans are terrible fighters and they have prepared for several more years of this war." However, Captain Fallon says he believes the war will end in 1920; that is, if the United States is of a mind to get in and show them that it can be done. "Germany doesn't yet know that Americans can fight," he says, "and you've got to show them."

Captain Fallon will speak in the Opera House at Smithfield Sunday night, March 3rd, beginning at eight o'clock. His itinerary calls him to speak at Dunn, Fayetteville, Sanford, Southern Pines, Asheboro, Thomasville, Newton, Hickory and Asheville next week.

CARTER'S CHAPEL SCHOOL.

The people of our section were much delighted to have Mr. Robert L. Fitzgerald, banker at Micro, to speak for us at the patriotic rally Friday, February 22nd.

The school rendered a program, after which Mr. Fitzgerald spoke. His speech was principally on George Washington and LaFayette, recalling their bravery and courage and thereby stirring our girls and boys to nobler and higher ideals. He also very ably explained War Savings and Thrift Stamps, telling how he would secure the stamps for us through the bank.

The kind and thoughtful ladies had prepared an excellent dinner which was served picnic style. It was with genuine regret that we all departed.

Teachers.

The War Savings Campaign.

E. S. Parker, of Alamance County, reports that live War Savings speeches were made in every one of the fifty-five schools of that county on Washington's Birthday. Supt. L. J. Bell has sent word to Col. Fries that every pupil in the Rockingham schools owns a Thrift Card.

Other counties reporting a speaker on the subject of Thrift and War Savings in every school in their county on the twenty-second are Wilson, New Hanover and Buncombe. Mr. T. F. Pettus, Chairman of Wilson County's War Savings Committee, writes that seventy-two speeches on "Thrift, Economy and Patriotism" were made at the forty-one school houses in that county on Friday.

Plant a garden and buy War Savings Stamps.

was in ignorance, and not done willfully.

Mr. E. S. Moore, of Greenville, S. C., Mrs. Edwin S. Moore, of Birmingham, Ala., and Mrs. J. C. Scarborough, of Raleigh, who have been visiting Mrs. R. J. Noble, left for their respective homes last Monday.

Dr. R. J. Noble left Thursday night for Charlotte, to attend a meeting of the Oasis Temple, at which the Imperial Potentates will be entertained. It is rumored that several candidates from Johnston County will be there to join the caravan in its pilgrimage over the hot sands to Mecca.

FROM BOON HILL'S CAPITAL.

A Nine Year Old Boy Invests All His Pennies in Thrift Stamps. Rev. J. W. Alford Preaches Patriotic Sermon. Successful Pie Party at the School Building. New Methodist Pastor Preaches Good Sermon.

Princeton, N. C., Feb. 27.—Mrs. Arthur K. Eason, of Durham, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Whitley.

Miss Rochell Hinton and Miss Blanche Dixon, of Raleigh, visited relatives and friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Massey and daughter, Miss Odessa, from Wilson's Mills, were visitors in town Sunday.

Rev. J. W. Alford, from Morehead City, delivered an excellent sermon to a full house at the memorial services in the Methodist church Sunday morning. It was one of those soul-stirring, patriotic sermons, in which he declared that there were only two classes of citizens in this country today, and those were patriots and traitors. He emphasized the fact that all good people should be praying for God to direct and guide our officers, that our forces might be victorious in the name of the Lord.

Prof. L. T. Royall, of Smithfield, gave the children of the graded school, and others present, a patriotic talk on Friday evening, urging upon them the necessity of buying Thrift Stamps, and giving aid to our government.

One patriotic little boy, Henry Holt, has been saving every penny that he could make for five years. He is only 9 years old and has never spent a cent for candy or foolishly. A few days ago he said he wanted Uncle Sam to whip the Germans, and he invested every cent he had, amounting to eight dollars, in Thrift Stamps. He says that he is going to make every penny he can and buy Thrift Stamps. Little Henry has a brother on the U. S. S. Oklahoma.

Our people of Boon Hill township have not yet realized that our government has entered the greatest war the world has ever known. They don't hear the cry for help. Our government wants every one to do his bit. If you are not in a position to buy two Thrift Stamps, buy one, every little counts. Thousands of our boys are in France and thousands more to go. They are depending upon homefolks to feed them, and we are now called upon to deny ourselves some of the necessities of life in order that they shall be fed and clothed.

Miss Bertha Woodard is visiting relatives in Selma this week.

The pie party at the school house Friday night was entirely satisfactory. There were pies for everybody. Miss Odanis' pie sold for the highest price, and those who got a taste of this pie declared that it was delicious. There were many other pies also that were delicious, and the girls who made them were just as sweet. Some of the girls were a little disappointed because the wrong boy got her pie.

One old married man bid off one delicious pie, and the girl was so sorry that she could not eat any at all. So he eat the pie himself. Nearly forty dollars was realized from the sale of pies, and the large crowd of boys and girls present seemed to have such a nice time. It is pretty sure that there will be another pie party some time soon.

There were thirty bales of cotton ginned here at the electric gin one day this week and four turned away.

The Rev. E. C. Durham, the new pastor at the Methodist church, filled his appointment here Sunday night. Every one present seemed highly pleased with him. He delivered a strong sermon, introducing patriotic appeals for a united effort from all the people.

* Mrs. Ellen Eason, of Smithfield, is visiting her son, Mr. Willie Eason.

A Feast At Kenly.

The Feast of Seven Tables will be given Friday night, March 1st, beginning at Dr. J. C. Grady's home—from there you will be taken into six other homes where refreshments and music will be furnished for the sum of 50 cents.

This will be given under the auspices of the Red Cross and the proceeds will go to that organization. Everybody is invited and urged to attend. It is guaranteed to be worth while.—X.