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AMERICANS DIE IN AGONY FROM GERMAN GAS.

Many Artillerymen Among Those Overcome by Poison Gas—Doctors, Working All Night Over Victims, Curse Huns Savagely.

(Washington Post.)

With the American Army in France, Feb. 27.—Sixty-one American soldiers, gas victims, lay in the hospital today, following a night of horror. The doctors worked all night on the cases. Five others were killed in the gas attacks. Many of the hospital cases include artillerymen, who were overcome by fumes from gas shells.

The first victims included boys from Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Indiana, Kentucky, New Jersey, Tennessee, Rhode Island, Ohio, New York, Washington and Arkansas.

The attack came suddenly early yesterday morning after a long day of rain. The clouds had parted and the moon was shining brightly in the trenches. Stillness prevailed.

Suddenly there was a huge flare from the German trenches as the minewerfers were discharged. Then came the detonations of high explosives, with the quick spread of deadly gases.

Three officers ran into a dugout and closed the curtain so tight they nearly died through asphyxiation from the charcoal fire. They were taken to a hospital, but their condition is not serious.

Three men were killed and nine overcome in this sector alone, during the first attack.

When the gas came over the men endeavored to adjust their gas masks. Those who weren't quick enough were soon gasping for breath.

These were carried to a hospital. A child could not look more helpless than these Americans. Their huge chests raised and lowered as they fought for breath. As their breathing grew louder and more difficult and choking started, the doctors hurried an oxygen tank to side of one victim's cot. He drank in the oxygen from the rubber cup with a sign of satisfaction at the temporary relief.

The army has gas equipment and will use it as the occasion demands, but it is a matter of self defense. The Boches introduced the gas terror to the world. Its first use against the Americans has aroused the entire army to the stage of "seeing red."

Stirs Fighting Blood.

It would stir the fighting blood of every American to view the hospital where lay the victims of the first German gas attack.

At the hour of cabling five were dead and scores were in hospitals struggling like drowning men for breath.

At the field hospital where the first twenty victims of German gas frightfulness were taken, the doctors were stirred to the deepest hatred toward the Boches after having seen the suffering. The struggles of victims for life could be heard 100 feet away.

Every effort to relieve the sufferers was resorted to. Blood letting and the giving of oxygen were tried. Every breath was a groan. As the sufferings became worse the men's hands were outstretched as though they were drowning. Their fingers distended, they stiffened, there was a sudden foaming at the mouth, then—the end.

The doctors cursed the Boches for every minute the men suffered. Watching gas victims is like watching men slowly drowning or dangling from a rope gradually suffocating.

Between 1 and 2 o'clock Tuesday morning, gas projectiles were hurled from minewerfers. Minewerfers are fired electrically, the entire battery being set off simultaneously, the second attack coming before a barrage of gas projectiles. The projectiles were equipped with time fuses. They did not explode until they had landed in the American trenches. This is the first time the Boches have used time fuses.

Services at Johnson School House.

There will be services at Johnson School House on the second Sunday afternoon in March at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. E. Lanier. This is a change from the third Sunday in each month to the second. This change will continue through the year.

HEAR MR. BEVERIDGE TONIGHT

Canadian Officer Who Has Been in the Thick of the Fight Over There to Speak in the Court House Tonight Beginning at Eight O'clock.

Sunday night the people of Smithfield had the rare treat of hearing Captain David Fallon, English-Australian Army officer, tell of the awfulness of the terrible war of frightfulness now being waged in Europe by the scientific German people against the Allies.

Tonight the people are to have the opportunity of hearing another man who has been through the storm and stress of trench-storming and the privations and sufferings that come to one who is doing his utmost to defeat the Germans who are engaged in scientific murder of all peoples who oppose their ideas of Kultur. The man who is coming is Sergeant John D. Beveridge, a Canadian who has been through some of the most terrible fighting of the war. He will bring to us first hand stories of how the war is waged. He was wounded nine times and suffered untold agonies while lying in a dugout in the mud terribly wounded waiting for a chance when he could get away without being fully killed by the men in the Kaiser's army.

Mr. Beveridge is one of the most eloquent speakers who have come this way. He will bring to his hearers an idea of what German frightfulness is.

The speaking will be held in the Court House tonight beginning promptly at eight o'clock. Let every man and woman and boy and girl who can attend hear him. His message will arouse the people to a fuller sense of their duty at the present time.

Johnston County Club At U. N. C.

Chapel Hill, March 4.—At a recent meeting of the Johnston County Club at the University of North Carolina the following were elected to fill the following offices for the Spring Term:

Clenon F. Boyette, President.
W. Gillam Wilson, Jr., Vice-President.

Jesse F. Morgan, Secretary.
William B. Wellons, Treasurer.
Frank O. Ray, Corresponding Secretary.

A good feed was enjoyed by all present. There being no more business to come before the club it was adjourned, with the hope that a one arm man who has slept on the ground at the Bentonsville battlefield will fulfill his duty as president as ably as the past president.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Congressman Irvin L. Lenroot has announced his candidacy for United States Senator from Wisconsin to succeed Senator Paul Husting who was accidentally killed last October.

Through the efforts of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, 2,000 shipworkers drafted into the military service have been returned to the yards. Thirty thousand workers, subject to call, have been placed in the deferred classification list and will remain there as long as they are engaged in ship construction.

Chicago is the world's greatest lumber market. The total receipts during 1917 show that a new high total of 3,354,117,000 feet was reached. This was 11 per cent more than the receipts of 1916.

Fifteen million people in this country are shoveling coal, of whom one-fourth are firemen on railroads or in power plants. In a day they have converted 3,300,000 tons of coal into ashes.

The fleet corporation is seeking an arrangement with the army for the return of workers who volunteered for service, of which there are said to be several thousand now in the various branches. Great Britain was forced to draw from her armies many thousands of volunteers who left the shipyards early in the war.

Mrs. Virginia Evans Bragg, widow of the late General Braxton Bragg and sister of Mrs. Augusta Evans Wilson, the authoress, died at Mobile last week. Mrs. Bragg was a member of Mobile county's oldest and most prominent families. She is survived by four children.

The sieve has yet to be invented that will strain the bad taste out of seemingly pleasant sin.—Epworth Herald.

RUSSIA HAS BOWED TO TEUTONIC ALLIES.

Bolshevik Commissioners Sign Treaty of Peace—Give Turks Territory—German Socialists Have Attacked the Peace Treaty and Charge Facts Withheld—Western Front Fighting

(Sunday War Summary)

Russia has bowed to the Teutonic allies. The Bolshevik commissioners sent to Brest-Litovsk have signed the treaty of peace presented by the Germans, according to an official statement from Berlin which adds that military movements in Great Russia have ceased.

It was reported on Sunday by the Bolshevik commissioners that they were about to sign the treaty. This report was telegraphed to Lenine and Trotzky after the delegates sent to Brest-Litovsk had met the German emissaries. There is little information available as to the details of the meeting between the peace delegations but the Bolsheviks said they realized that any further delay would mean more onerous conditions and they would sign the treaty without further discussion.

Russia lost by the delay that ensued when Trotzky announced that the war, so far as Russia was concerned had ended, but refused to sign the formal treaty. In the interval between the breaking up of the first Brest-Litovsk meeting and the one held late last week, the central powers added materially to the demands which were outlined when the now famous "Hoffman line" was drawn by the commander of the German forces on the eastern front.

Turkey was the beneficiary of these changes in the peace terms. The new demands included that Russia relinquish the regions of Batoum, Kars and Karaband (Karabagh) to the Turks. These regions are in Transcaucasia and mark a considerable addition to the sultan's dominions in that section of the world. The doctrine of the right of peoples to self-determination was the pretext upon which the new terms were added to the treaty. It is probable that the Bolshevik delegation acceded to the new demands.

While it is understood that all the Teutonic allies have signed the formal treaty ending the war with Russia, it is said the economic and legal phases of resuming peaceful relations will be taken individually by each country.

The German socialists have bitterly attacked the peace treaty with Russia. In a debate in the reichstag there were charges that Germany and Austria already are quarreling over the spoils of war and that the real truth of the situation in the east is being kept from the German public.

While Berlin says that the German invasion has ceased, Austrian troops have occupied three more towns in Ukraine and have captured three divisions of Russian army corps. Attacks by the Germans in various sectors along the French front have featured the official reports from Paris for the past couple of days. In one raid near Rheims, the Germans occupied a small position, but were immediately ousted by the French. In their engagements the French beat off their assailants.

No further fighting has been reported on the American held sectors near Chemin des Dames and north of Toul.

Semi-official German and Austrian statements say that peace negotiations between the central powers and Rumania are "progressing favorably." One of the demands made by the Teutons was that King Ferdinand of Rumania relinquish his throne to his brother, Prince William of Hohenzollern.

Airplane Mail Service.

An airplane mail service is to be established on April 12 between New York and Washington. Daily trips are to be made between the two cities. One of the objects of the service is to train aviators for the army. An army officer will pilot the machines used in the aerial postal service.

Not to exceed 300 pounds of first-class mail, occupying a space of not more than 25 cubic feet will be carried each trip.

It is expected that the trip between Washington and New York, including the stop at Philadelphia, will be made inside of three hours.

CAPTAIN FALLON'S ADDRESS.

Spoke Here Sunday Night to the Biggest Crowd that Ever Assembled in a Smithfield Church. Told the People in Graphic Pictures Some of the Awfulness of German Frightfulness.

The biggest crowd that ever assembled in a Smithfield church assembled in the Methodist church here Sunday night to hear the address of Captain David Fallon, the English-Australian army officer tell of some of his experiences in the great war in Europe.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. W. W. Cole. It was opened with prayer by Rev. H. F. Brinson. Mr. Cole then in a few words presented Captain Fallon. The Captain began his address by telling something of the happiness and prosperity of the people of Belgium and Northern France before they were swept by the army of the Kaiser's Huns. He told of how the German Emperor was the anti-Christ of the twentieth century and how he sought to dominate the world by the power of the sword.

For one hour Captain Fallon carried his auditors with his through the hell of war brought about by the ambition of the German Kaiser. In picturesque and most graphic language he stirred the blood of those present as he told of the scenes of carnage with a hail of steel and bullets falling thick and fast about him, with his comrades falling on either side as the men charged on the German trenches where they met the foe in hand to hand combat. Most graphically he told of a charge made by one of the great thirty ton tanks that swept over everything before it, even running through the stone walls of a German sugar plant, knocking the building down and burying the inmates beneath the falling roof, while the tank swept onward until she was disabled and then her own men blew her up to keep her from falling in the enemies' hands.

Captain Fallon told of many most interesting things which showed the sufferings and privations of those who are fighting civilization's battles over there. He paid a glowing tribute to the greatness of President Wilson and pleaded with the people to stand by the government in every way possible—by helping the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., buying Liberty Bonds and investing in War Savings Stamps. He said that the war might end in 1920 or it might last until 1940, but that if it is to be won for liberty and civilization every man and woman must do his part.

The speech was greatly enjoyed by the great audience which came from all quarters of the county, nearly every town in the county having representatives present and many were here from the country districts.

Following Captain Fallon's address Mr. Ragsdale, Chairman of the War Savings Committee, urged the people to buy War Savings Stamps and do it right away.

SMITHFIELD HIGHS DEFEAT THE DONALDSON CADETS.

Fayetteville, March 2.—Smithfield high school defeated Donaldson military school at basketball, by a 23 to 11 score on the floor of the F. I. L. I. armory last night. The Smithfield quint showed better form and much more accurate shooting, and the result was never in doubt after the first few minutes of play. Peterson, Smithfield center, was easily the individual star of the engagement, his all-around work being far better than that of any other man on the floor, though Sears, Donaldson's left forward, led in individual scoring, with nine of his team's 11 points to his credit. The lineup: Smithfield—Jves, l. f.; Gordon, r. f.; Peterson, c.; Parrish, l. g.; Wallace, r. f. Donaldson—Sears, l. f.; Hotchkiss, r. f.; Lonon, c.; Hutaff, l. f.; Lingan, r. g.

Death of Mr. Hafton Hudson.

Mr. Hafton Hudson, who lived near Peacock's Cross Roads, died last Friday afternoon at about three o'clock. He had been in poor health for several months. He was buried Saturday in the family graveyard.

Mr. Hudson, who was a son of the late John William Hudson, and a little over 50 years of age and was never married.

"Buy War Savings Stamps and help to win the war."

THE FEAST OF SEVEN TABLES.

Unique Entertainment for Red Cross. Gasoline Sold for Kerosene. Farmers' Union to Open Store at Kenly.

Kenly, March 2.—The local chapter of the Red Cross Society gave an entertainment Friday night called "The Feast of Seven Tables." Practically everybody in town attended, and the program was a most delightful one. A table of delightful refreshments was set in each of the following homes: Mrs. J. C. Grady, Mrs. R. A. Hales, Mrs. J. G. High, Mrs. C. P. Jerome, Mrs. W. J. Hooks, Mrs. J. W. Darden, and Mrs. R. A. Turlington. The fifty cent admission fee entitled the guest to enjoy the feast in each home. The good women of the community put forth a great deal of effort to make the entertainment a success, and they succeeded admirably well. The money realized will be used by the Red Cross Society, of which Mrs. H. F. Edgerton is chairman.

One of our local merchants accidentally sold gasoline for kerosene to a family in this community. Someone from the home of Mr. Oscar Hawley borrowed enough of the gas to fill up a lamp. Later little five-year-old Bertie Hawley lighted the lamp; immediately an explosion occurred, giving the child a severe burn. Her face and neck were painfully hurt. It is pleasant to report that little Bertie is improving.

The store room formerly occupied by Mr. D. B. Sasser has been rented by the local division of the State Farmers' Union, the moving picture machine has been taken out, and the store is being fitted up with a large stock of goods to be handled on the co-operative plan. It is the purpose of the managers to put in a six thousand dollar stock and to accommodate as many of the farmers as possible.

Professor and Mrs. M. B. Andrews, with their little son, are spending the week-end in Macesfield as the guests of Superintendent and Mrs. Robert K. Hoke. Mr. Andrews acted as a judge in the debate contest between the teams of Macesfield and Tarboro Friday night. It is interesting to observe that Professors Andrews and Hoke were close friends while in college and that Mrs. Hoke was one of the first students Prof. Andrews ever taught.

Red Cross Notes from Four Oaks.

The Red Cross Room in the attic of Mrs. B. B. Adams is open every Tuesday afternoon. The members are expected to come, and any one interested to see what the workers are doing is invited to come. We particularly desire the wives of some of the farmers of our community to visit us and be one of us. When you come do not wait to be invited in for on this particular afternoon everybody is working, and you will find a notice on the front door directing you how to find the room.

Just now we are making hospital shirts, outing pajamas, muslin bandages, gauze wipes, and knitting sweaters and socks.

Our greatest trouble is to get material as fast as we can work it up. Our members and citizens have been loyal as has been our Mother Chapter, and each time that we have closed a work day using the last yard we have been supplied before the next meeting.

This past week the chairman met with a pleasant experience and a generous response. On Saturday she attended service at the Primitive Baptist church and was kindly permitted to represent the Red Cross cause. The members of this church represent some of the best farmers and staunchest citizens in our county and they proved their patriotism by donating \$34.50 to the Red Cross there in about ten minutes. On the way home the chairman had a bolt of goods given her by our big hearted merchant, Mr. G. K. Massengill, who is Treasurer of the "Four Oaks Red Cross Branch."

Thank you, friends, for this assistance. We are going to cut, sew, press and knit with a vim and just before this gives out we shall call again, for our boys must be cared for, as they fight for us in that far off land.—Reporter.

Mr. Hammer Renominated.

United States District Attorney W. C. Hammer, of the Western North Carolina District, has been renominated by the President. Mr. Hammer is editor of the Asheboro Courier.

THE MASONS MAKE A CALL.

From Kenly Lodge No. 257 A. F. & A. M., to the Masons, Wardens and Brethren of the Subordinate Lodges Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina A. F. & A. M.

Brethren:

OUR NATION IS AT WAR! Many of our people are awake to this fact, but thousands have not yet realized what it means. The preservation of your liberty and freedom, your homes and loved ones is at stake. More than a thousand North Carolina Masons and another thousand sons of Masons are in this fight, and this is but a beginning unless we put our hearts and time and money into the cause. There can be no doubt of final victory if we support our Government as we should.

At a meeting held in Washington in December, representative of all fraternal orders being present, the President and Secretary of the Treasury requested our co-operation and help. Our representative at this meeting pledged the loyal support of North Carolina Masonry.

The annual communication of the Grand Lodge held in Raleigh last month fairly thrilled with patriotism and resolution was unanimously adopted calling upon the Masons of this grand Jurisdiction to assist the Government in all of its endeavors, especially in the sale of its securities, and instructing the Grand Master to issue his proclamation accordingly:

Now, therefore, I George S. Norfleet, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, do call upon every loyal member of the craft to aid and assist our Government and its agents in every way possible in the conservation of food and fuel, in the sale of all its securities, in gifts to the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. war funds, and in the cheerful payment of all taxes imposed upon our people, to the end that our Army and Navy and those of our Allies may be sufficiently clothed, amply equipped, properly fed, and diligently cared for, that this horrible war may be brought to a speedy and successful end.

Cost of Living Still Rising.

Another 2 per cent added to the retail prices of food from December 15, 1917, to January 15, 1918, made a total of 25 per cent, which the cost of living advanced in the year ending on the latter date.

The bureau of labor statistics has announced that 11 of 15 standard articles increased in price from December to January, the greatest advance being 8 per cent in hens.

Flour decreased 2 per cent, and lard, bacon, corn meal 1 per cent each.

In the 12 months from January, 1917, to January, 1918, potatoes alone registered a decline in price, being 16 per cent cheaper. Corn meal advanced 77 per cent; butter 64, lard 53, milk 35, hens 29; bacon 25, eggs 23, sugar 18, and flour 17.

SANDY SPRINGS NOTES.

We are glad to note that Mr. Manly Narron is improving rapidly from a jar he received from being thrown out of his buggy recently when his mule ran away.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hinton spent last Sunday with their son, Mr. A. D. Hinton, in the Emit section.

The following were week-end visitors in this section: Miss Erma Narron, of Emit, with Miss Maude Hinton; Miss Lizzie Scott, of near Bailey, with Mrs. Phealon Boykin; Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Boykin, with Mrs. R. P. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Deans spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. W. G. Hinton near Thanksgiving.

Mr. R. R. Narron and Mr. Graham Lee have received notice to hold themselves in readiness to go the training camp.

Mr. A. D. Johnson went to Smithfield Saturday.

Mr. W. R. Oneal recently lost another large hog from hydrophobia.

Mr. Marvin Creech has purchased a new car.—H. O. J. February 28th.

Royall School.

There will be a box party and other entertainment at the Royall School House (Elevation Township) on Saturday night, March 9th. The public is cordially invited to come and have a good time.