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## BRITISH HALT ENEMY

Field Marshal Haig's Report Is the Encouraging News in This Morning's Dailies.

## FRENCH PUSH THEM BACK.

Furious Fighting All Along the Battle Line With Success in Sight.

## GERMANS AWFUL LOSSES

General March Says Allies Will Win the Fight.

(News and Observer.)

London, March 28.—After an all day battle north and south of the Scarpe, with Arras as the chief centre, the British forces have beaten off the Germans, with heavy losses to the enemy, according to the report from Field Marshal Haig tonight.

The text of the statement says: "Heavy fighting occurred during the day along the whole British line from southeast of the Somme to northeast of Arras, a battle front of some 55 miles.

"This morning after an intense enemy bombardment and covered by a cloud of smoke, the enemy opened a fresh attack in great strength on a wide front south and north of the Scarpe. At the same time a series of partial attacks was delivered by him along our line southward to the Somme.

In the new sector of battle, east of Arras, the enemy succeeded in forcing his way through our outpost line, and hard fighting as been proceeding all day in our battle positions. Here all the enemy's assaults have been repulsed with heavy loss to him.

Fierce fighting is still taking place south of the Scarpe.

"At Boyelles, Moyenneville, Ablainville, Bucquoy and Puisieux, our troops also have been repeatedly attacked and have beaten off a number of determined assaults. At Dernancourt the enemy succeeded in forcing his way for the second time into the village, but was driven out more by our counter-attacks, with the loss of many killed or taken prisoner.

"South of the Somme our troops have been fiercely engaged all day in the neighborhood of Arvillers, Vrely and Hamel. Different localities have changed hands frequently in bitter fighting but our positions have been maintained. Heavy fighting continued in this sector also.

Out of the confusion of the battle and the contrary claims of the contending armies, two new features stand out. The first is that the French, over a front of six miles, have driven into the German lines along the southern side of the salient established by the Teutonic drive. The other is that the Germans have begun a new operation to the east of Arras, which may be the inception of a widening of the area of battle to the northward.

At the present moment the allied world is looking anxiously for news of the success of the French thrust into the flank of the German forces. The fact that the drive progressed rapidly and cut a deep notch into the German-held ground in the region of Noyon may indicate that this movement is the center offensive which has been expected for the last three days.

Paris, March 28.—One the front from Lassigny to Noyon our troops have advanced over a line about ten kilometres long to a depth of two kilometres, says the war office statement issued tonight. The repulse of the Germans in villages farther west also is announced.

Washington, March 28.—In a statement tonight Major General March, acting chief of staff, assured the American people that there is no cause for alarm in the advances made by the Germans in the great battle now raging in Picardy, and expressed complete confidence in triumph of the allied arms.

General March said: "Whatever may be the present ground held by the Germans; whatever sacrifice of men the situation must entail, the allies will see it through and will win."

## READY FOR THE BIG DRIVE.

Beulah Township Under the Leadership of Rev. J. G. Johnson and Prof. M. B. Andrews Will Make a Fine Show For War Savings Next Week.

Rev. J. G. Johnson, who was appointed at the meeting of War Savings committees held here Monday, in co-operation with Prof. M. B. Andrews, to have charge of the big drive in Beulah township, visited Kenly Wednesday. He and Prof. Andrews held a conference with a number of the business men of the town together with some citizens from the country and talked over the plans of the work which is to be carried on in Beulah for War Savings next week. The conference was an enthusiastic one and much interest in the work and the plans was manifested. The plan of campaign outlined in a general way is for a big rally in one end of the township on Wednesday night, another in the other end on Thursday night, with a generally rally at Kenly on Friday night. Outside speakers are expected to be present at these rallies.

Committees for the rural districts are being arranged for the work and no doubt great success will result from such well laid plans. Mr. Johnson and Prof. Andrews have gone about this work in earnest. They are getting to hearty co-operation of getting the hearty co-operation of some of the best farmers and this is going to add much strength to the campaign they are planning to wage next week.

## BROGDEN SCHOOL NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hartley and sons Delton and Edwin, spent last Saturday night with relatives near Princeton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rose and children, Roger and Person Lee, accompanied by Misses Sadie Peedin and Viola Hartley, spent last Sunday with relatives and friends near Kenly.

Miss Alice McGee spent the weekend at her home in Mount Olive.

Mr. Marvin Sanders and Miss Blanche Moore, of New Hope, spent Sunday in our community.

Mrs. Fred Sasser, of Rocky Mount, spent a few days here the guest of Mrs. Jo Creech.

Friday night, March 22, Mr. Merritt, our moving picture man was with us and gave us a most enjoyable time. Some of the best pictures to be had, not only good pictures but the very best machine we ever had the pleasure of seeing. The community and adjoining schools came in full. Just before the picture began Little Rachel Creech sang "Star Spangled Banner."

The teachers and girls served ice cream just before and after the picture show. The receipts were \$21.00 which will go on their new piano.

Saturday, March 23rd Brogden girls and boys accompanied by Misses Culbreth and Perry took a flying trip in Mr. Roger Smith's truck to New Hope to play ball. The line up was as follows: Brogden Boys: right forward, John Creech, left forward, Graham Green, center, Thomas Pittman, right guard, Herman Capps, left guard, Rexford Garner, sub. Milton Pilkington.

New Hope Boys—right forward, Warren Massengill, left forward, Nathan Massengill, center, Henry Lee, right guard, Roland Hayes, left guard, Andrew Johnston.

Brogden Girls—Right forward, Cleo Howell, left forward, Elsie Mae Gardner, center, Sallie Faircloth, right guard, Ethel Faircloth, left guard, Rosa Howell.

New Hope Girls—Right forward, Nellie Lee, left forward, Pauline Sanders, center, Lula Hayes, right guard, Rena Lee, left guard, Lena Massengill.

The score was 18-11 in favor of New Hope boys. 8-4 in favor of Brogden.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gardner have returned from Hopewell, Va., where they visited their son, Mr. Carl Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Rufus Creech spent Tuesday afternoon in Smithfield.

Brogden School has purchased \$268.10. in War Saving Stamps.

We are looking forward to our next moving picture show on Friday night, April 5th. Everybody come out and enjoy the evening. TEACHERS.

Years ago a man introduced to the world a thin copper strip for protecting shoe tips and received \$4,000,000 in royalties.

## MR. BRYAN IS COMING

America's Most Famous Orator Will Speak in Smithfield Thursday, April 25th.

Will Speak Under Auspices of Turlington Graded School.

Through the efforts of Supt. H. B. Marrow, of Turlington Graded School, Hon. William Jennings Bryan, America's most famous orator and citizen of the world, will speak in Smithfield on some topic connected with the World War, in Smithfield, April 25th.

It is useless to comment on who Mr. Bryan is. Since 1896, when he first ran for the presidency he has been prominently before the public. He is regarded as a man of the highest principles and is honored throughout the world.

Smithfield and Johnston County are to be congratulated that Mr. Bryan is to speak here. The hour will probably be at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon of Thursday, April 25th. The place the Center Brick Warehouse.

It is expected that there will be a great throng of people to hear America's foremost orator. The proceeds will go for the benefit of Turlington Graded School.

## ITEMS FROM FOUR OAKS.

Death of Mr. Ransom Wallace. Several Boys Home for a Visit to Relatives and Friends.

Four Oaks, March 27.—Mr. Lenzy Cole, one of Uncle Sam's sailor boys, spent last week here with relatives and friends.

Hunter Strickland, who is in school at Oak Ridge, spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Strickland.

Mr. W. E. Barbour made a business trip to Raleigh Friday.

Mr. Robbie Massengill, who is in the Navy at Norfolk, spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Massengill.

Lieut. J. W. Stanley, of Camp Sevier, is here for a five days furlough to see his wife who is very sick. Attorney James A. Wellons and Sheriff Grimes, of Smithfield, were in town Tuesday.

The many friends of Lena Barbour will be glad to learn that she is getting along nicely after an operation at a Raleigh hospital for appendicitis.

Lieut. H. B. Adams, of Camp Gordon, spent Saturday and Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Adams.

Mr. Paul Davis left Wednesday for Boston, Mass., to enter the Aviation Corps.

Mr. Ransom Wallace, one of Four Oaks, oldest citizens, died at his home here Friday evening and was buried Saturday at the family burial ground.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Adams are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Ben F. Royall at Morehead City.

Attorney J. D. Parker, of Smithfield, will address the Junior Order of Four Oaks Council 337, Sunday afternoon, April 7, at 3 o'clock, at the school building. Everybody invited to attend.

Mr. Carol Barbour, of Camp Jackson, is at home for a few days shaking hands with his friends.

Messrs. Delton Lee, Tom Canaday, Shade and Jeff Lassiter and Rev. W. R. Coats, have returned from Toledo, Ohio, and Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Metrice Barbour spent Sunday in Smithfield with her sister, Mrs. O. E. Matthews.

## BOMBARDMENT OF PARIS SURPRISE TO GERMANY

People There Knew Nothing About Monster Cannon—Newspapers Unable to Give Information.

London, March 26.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen says:

"The bombardment of Paris by a long-range gun was as great a surprise to Germany as to other parts of the world. The Berlin Vorwaerts says that had the statement not been officially confirmed it would have been considered an unusually heavy war lie. The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, which like the other German newspapers, is unable to give any information about the construction of the gun, says the cannon must be provided with very long bore as the shells travel 1 1/2 kilometres per second."

## BIG W. S. S. DRIVE ON

Great Effort to Be Made Next Week for Sale of War Savings, Stamps.

Committees and Teams to Make Canvass of Townships.

The several teams and committees appointed here last Monday are getting down to work in earnest to make the big drive all over Johnston County for War Savings Stamps next week. It is the intention of the County Central Committee to try to get half of Johnston's quota sold and pledged next week.

Every team is expected to make a report of the progress made to Chairman Ragsdale tomorrow. Another, and final report is to be made next Saturday, April 6th.

The amount of money which is expected to be raised for the Government this year through the War Savings plan is as follows:

United States	\$2,000,000,000
North Carolina	48,538,314
Johnston County	910,822
Banner Township	64,966
Bentonsville Township	30,296
Beulah Township	78,474
Boon Hill Township	75,966
Clayton Township	100,364
Cleveland Township	30,008
Elevation Township	51,062
Ingrams Township	62,964
Meadow Township	39,710
Oncals Township	69,080
Pine Level Township	25,564
Pleasant Grove Township	34,234
Selma Township	74,690
Smithfield Township	103,576
Wilders Township	44,902
Wilson's Mills Township	25,936
Clayton (town included in township)	31,700
Selma (town included in township)	29,282
Smithfield (town included in township)	29,634
Micro Township was created after the 1910 Census. Its part may be ascertained by multiplying its present population by \$20. The apportionment to the townships out of which Micro was made must, of course, be diminished accordingly.	

## DEATH OF BENSON CITIZEN.

Dr. F. T. Moore, Prominent Physician and Public Spirited Man Died Last Week.

Benson, March 23.—Dr. F. T. Moore died at his home here Thursday afternoon and was buried at Dunn Friday afternoon at three o'clock. The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. A. T. Lassiter, in the Presbyterian church here. The primary cause of his death was heart failure, of which he had been suffering for years, accelerated by an attack of several days.

Dr. Moore was 62 years of age and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Addie Moore, who was Miss Addie Adams before her marriage 32 years ago to Dr. Moore. One child died at the age of eighteen months 27 years ago.

Dr. Moore had lived here eighteen years, having moved here from Dunn. LaGrippe from which he suffered for doctors and citizens in Johnston county and was well and favorably known throughout this entire section. He was a member of the Presbyterian church here, being teacher of the Bible class of the Sunday school of that church. He was also a member of the board of trustees of the graded school here and was serving his second term. He was at one time a member of the town board of aldermen and helped to steer the affairs of the town at a time when a great battle was on between lawlessness and right.

The entire town feels the great loss caused by the passing of one of its beloved sons. All business houses were closed from one o'clock until two-thirty while the funeral services were in progress.

His great heart, broad vision, kindly disposition and the fortitude with which he bore his affliction and the readiness with which he served humanity, both rich and poor, endear him for all time in the hearts of every one.

The number of Filipinos emigrating to Hawaii since 1909, when the movement started, has reached a total of 23,625.

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK IN SELMA

New Paper to Be Called "The Johnstonian" Which will Appear About May 1st. Personal Items of Interest.

Selma, March 27.—Messrs. C. A. Wilson and R. M. Oneal returned Tuesday from Coatsville, Pa., where they have been employed.

Messrs. F. B. Whitley and S. B. Creech spent Tuesday in Raleigh on business.

Miss Alice Kirby returned Tuesday to her school in Oxford, after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Kirby.

Mr. R. H. Biggs, of Wendell, was a business visitor here for a few hours Monday.

Messrs. J. I. Barnes and J. B. Barbour, of Clayton, were here Tuesday for a few hours on business.

Mr. Roger H. Burris, of Raleigh, who will be editor of Selma's new paper, The Johnstonian, is in Selma this week. He will move his family here in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pool, Jr., spent Sunday in Wilders township with relatives and friends.

Mrs. L. D. Debnam spent Tuesday in Raleigh shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Morgan returned Sunday from Wilson where they had been visiting their daughter, Mrs. C. D. Wood.

Attorney E. J. Wellons, of Smithfield, was here Monday for a few hours on business.

Mr. Joe Pearce was among the young men sent to Camp Jackson last Saturday by Local Board No. 2. Mr. Pearce has three brothers already in the service, two in the army and one in the navy.

Local Board No. 2 will send their first consignment of negroes to Camp Grant, Ill., next Saturday, March 30th. The original date of entrainment was March 31st, but a recent order of the War Department changed this date to Saturday, March 30th.

Messrs. N. E. Edgerton and L. D. Debnam spent Wednesday morning in Benson and Dunn on business.

The City Fathers are to be commended for having the watering trough at the First National Bank connected with the city water supply, and providing means for the farmers and others to water their stock when in town. The trough is conveniently located, and will be appreciated by those who drive here from the country.

Judge Gilbert T. Stephenson, of Winston-Salem, spoke here Monday night on the War Savings Campaign to a packed audience in the City Hall. The speech was enjoyed by the audience and around \$10,000 was subscribed for War Savings Stamps.

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class will appear at the City Hall, Friday night, March 29th. The entertainment promises to be patriotic and entertaining, and doubtless a good attendance will hear them. The entertainment begins promptly at 8:30 o'clock and admission will be 15, 25 and 35 cents.

A meeting of the stockholders of Selma's newspaper was held in the Merchants Association office Tuesday night with a good percentage of the stockholders present. Various committees were appointed to secure the character, collect the money from the stockholders, etc. The corporation will be named The Johnstonian Publishing Company, and the name of the paper will be The Johnstonian. The equipment for the plant will be bought promptly, and it is hoped to be ready to issue the paper by May 1st. Another meeting of the stockholders will be called in a few days for purpose of electing the officers.

## Death Near Moore's School House.

On March 20 our community was made sad by the almost sudden and unexpected death of Mr. Hubert Narron. He was a son of Mr. Wiley Narron and brother to Messrs. Jarvis, Newsom and Langley Narron, all well known merchants of Johnston County, and was brother to Davis and Boon Narron and Mrs. Charley Bailey. He was a young man only about twenty-eight years of age, well known in this section of the County and very much admired by his many young friends. His funeral was preached Thursday, March 21, to a large congregation of people at Mizpah Presbyterian church by Rev. C. E. Clark, and he was buried in Mizpah church cemetery. X.

## HEAVY GERMAN LOSSES

Fighting Continues Sanguinary But the British and French Lines Still Hold.

## TOWN OF ALBERT IS LOST

Germans Make Other Gains But Suffer Various Repulses at Hands of British

## ENEMY LOSSES ENORMOUS

Killed, Wounded and Captured Placed at More than 400,000

The news of Wednesday's war events is thus summarized for Thursday's dailies by the Associated Press:

The strength of the German offensive in France apparently is fast diminishing. On the seventh day of the titanic battle there were strong indications that the enemy was feeling materially the strain he had undergone and that his power had been greatly impaired through hard usage.

While the town of Albert has been captured from the British and west of Roye the French have been compelled to give ground in the face of greatly superior numbers, the British have repulsed heavy attacks, both north and south of the Somme, and also driven back across the Ancre river the Germans who forded the stream Wednesday.

## Fighting Still Sanguinary.

The fighting still continues of a sanguinary character on all these sectors but everywhere the British and French are holding the enemy. Especially severe has been the fighting west of Albert, where the Germans in an endeavor to debouch westward, were repulsed by Field Marshal Haig's men with the heaviest casualties.

## Two Towns Recaptured.

The British gains between the Somme and Ancre regions are represented by the recapture of the town of Marlandcourt and Chipilly. South of the Somme they have advanced to Proyart, which lies to the south of Bray.

## Country Re-devastated.

All along the 50-mile front from the region of Arras to the south of the Oise near Noyon the effects of what was to have been the final stroke to end the war in a victory for the Teutons are only too plainly evident in the re-devastation of the countryside and the wreck and ruin of the towns, villages and hamlets through which the armies have passed.

Westward from where the old battle line reared itself the Germans everywhere have pushed forward for material gains, but with foes before them who fought with the greatest bravery and stubbornness and ceded no ground unless recompensed at usurious rates in men killed, wounded or made prisoner. It is estimated that in the great attacks delivered in mass formation more than 400,000 of the nearly a million men the Germans threw into the fray are dead, wounded or in the hands of their foes.

## Enemy Flanks Dangerously Open.

About 25 miles represents the greatest point of concentration made at any place by the enemy in his advance, and on the northern and southern ends of the big salient he has left his flanks dangerously open to counterattacks which, if successful, possibly might result in a retreat greater than the 1916 retrograde movement of Von Hindenburg and nullify in its entirety the drive that has been accomplished. It is not improbable that British and French reserves and possibly American troops, known to be behind the battle front, soon will be thrown against the weakened enemy.

Notwithstanding the strength of the German drive nowhere has the British or French front, along the latter of which American troops have given a good account of their ability as fighters been dented. Ground has been given, it is true, but so skillfully and with such precision of movement that from north to south a surveyor scarcely could have worked out a more even line. Still intact in the hands of the allied forces are portions of the old line from which Hindenburg fell back in his "strategic" retirement in 1916.

The five days' Red Cross drive in the Philippine Islands enrolled more than 7,000 new members.