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THE ENEMY PUSHES ATTACK.

German Field Marshal Driving Attack After Attack Against British Lines Between Arras and Ypres. Loss of Armentieres Admitted By British; U. S. Troops Not There.

Swinging his heaviest and mightiest guns far to the north of the Picardy battlefield, Field Marshal von Hindenburg against the British lines between Arras and Ypres. Charging across the level country behind a tempest of high explosive and gas shells, the Germans have succeeded by terrific fighting in penetrating the British defences at points over a front of nearly thirty miles to a depth of almost six miles just to the south of Ypres.

The loss of Armentieres is admitted by the British, but this was expected from the trend of events in that sector during the last few days. The enemy had driven in on both sides of the town and holding out longer by the British would have imperilled the whole line.

The British have stood firm at vital points along the line. Wytshchaete is still held by Field Marshal Haig's men, who also maintained their grip on Messines Ridge, Lestrem, Ploegsteert and Ploegsteert Wood and Hooelbeke, against which furious assaults have been launched only to break down or be nullified by British counter-attacks. A terrific attack made against Hooelbeke and Wytshchaete was completely repulsed with great loss to the Germans.

The drive south of Ypres has developed into a major operation, it would appear, and the Germans, using their massed attack system, are not counting in the losses inflicted upon them in their advance. So far they have gained little of great tactical value. The high ground along the front is still held by the British forces and the retirements here and there have not as yet endangered the integrity of the line from Arras to the North Sea. While this battle is going on, there is a lull in the struggle before Amiens.

Since the announcement that American troops had made their appearance in the sectors occupied by the British, there has been nothing to show that they have actually entered into the battle.—Associated Press Summary in today's News and Observer.

Washing Guano Sacks.

In washing guano sacks it is not necessary to take them to a wash tub and scrub them like wearing apparel is washed, but they should be placed on the ground or on grass or straw just before a rain and then let the rain water do the work. Even soda sacks may be washed this way. In the case of soda sacks it might be necessary to turn them over after the first rain and let them get the advantage of a second rain. Care should be taken not to let sacks lie out too long or they might mould and rot. But they can be cleaned of guano or soda by rain water and this will save considerable work in washing them. If put out in one or two rains the work will be done.

Every farm should have one or more sack racks may be placed when emptied.

Liberty Dollars.

Liberty needs defenders. Defenders who go forth to fight need help. Help costs money—heaps of money—for munitions, for food, for clothes, for ships. Money, the symbol of effort, of labor, of service, is a kind of seed, produced by service and growing up in more service. Thus this seed, scattered on the good ground of patriotism, spring to life in armies for the defence of Liberty. Every patriot must sow if he is to reap. His planted dollars flower in fighting men, in food for fighting men, in transports to carry them to the lines where justice is to be carved out of brute rock. Be an earner of the seeds of Liberty and a planter of the dollars of devotion!—Baltimore American.

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN CLAYTON

Clayton, April 10.—Mr. Vaughan Poole, who holds a position at Norfolk, is spending a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Poole. Mr. Garland Wall left Sunday afternoon for Camp Jackson after spending a week here with relatives.

Mrs. Paul Brantley, of Wendell, spent last week-end here, the guest of Mrs. J. D. Barbour.

Mr. Ranson Penny spent last Sunday in Raleigh with relatives.

Miss Atta Debnam spent last Sunday in Selma.

Dr. T. A. Griffin has gone to Michigan for a few days. He is to bring back with him a new Buick which he has purchased.

Mrs. Bennette Nooe returned a few days ago from Charlotte where she has been for some time visiting her husband, Lieut. Nooe.

Mrs. J. H. Austin and children returned Sunday to their home at Four Oaks, after spending sometime with Mrs. M. E. Gattis.

Mr. Lawrence Priddy, of New York, has been here for several days visiting his sister, Mrs. C. W. Carter.

Last Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Baptist church, Miss Bertha Carroll, State Secretary of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, addressed the ladies of the town who were interested in Missionary Work. All who were present were benefited. In the evening at 8:30 a special Missionary program was rendered by the Intermediate and Junior Departments of the Baptist Sunday school.

Mrs. B. A. Hocutt returned this week from Leaksville-Spray where she has been visiting friends for some time.

Mr. Julian Anderson, of Raleigh, was here Sunday visiting friends.

Mr. Edgar Lynch, a member of the faculty of Buies Creek Academy, was here for the past week-end visiting his sister, Mrs. A. C. Hamby.

The commencement exercises of the Powhatan school were held last Friday evening. Miss Duba Ellis who had charge of the music department, arranged a very interesting program. It was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Several of our town people heard the speech of Hon. William G. McAdoo in Raleigh yesterday at 12 o'clock. His subject was the Third Liberty Loan and was full of facts from beginning to end. He told the people in plain English what they must do to help win the war. He came through here on the noon train and when he stepped off for a minute was graciously greeted by Mr. C. W. Horne and others.

Mrs. W. F. Weathers returned Sunday from Sanford where she has been visiting relatives.

Mrs. J. H. Haynes, from Bainbridge, Ga., and her daughter, Mrs. S. P. Lewis, from Salemburg N. C., spent the week-end with Mrs. C. B. Turley.

"The Girl Who Dared," is the title of the play to be given in the auditorium here Wednesday night April 17th. This is a bright musical comedy presented with local talent under the auspices of the Jesse T. Ellington Chapter, Children of the Confederacy. It is being directed by Miss Bessie Burheimer, of Wilmington. Between 65 and 75 of our town people are in this play included children, young people, old people, men and women. The proceeds will go to the Clayton Red Cross Chapter.

Miss Helen Rogers spent last Sunday in Rocky Mount.

Clayton leads the county in Liberty Bonds and we have several members of the Limit Club.—W. S. S.

Tomorrow (Thursday) our high school debating team goes to Chapel Hill to contest for the Aycock Memorial Cup. The contest comes off Friday afternoon. The debaters are: Affirmative—Ransom Averett and William Connor; Negative—Eloise Turley and Mary Creech Williams. All of these are seniors and we hope they will come back home wearing a smile of victory.

Guano Sacks.

Very few things the farmer buys have advanced more than the sacks in which he gets goods. When a ton of guano is paid for at least three dollars of the money goes for sacks. Almost any kind of sacks will cost now from twenty to twenty-five cents each. Guano sacks have to be stronger and better than some other sacks, and of course, cost more. All sacks should be kept until needed. All good sacks can be sold to advantage.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. SMITH.

Wife of Mr. J. B. Smith Passed Away in Petersburg Tuesday Afternoon. Funeral Held Here Thursday Morning.

After an illness of only two days Mrs. Sarah Smith, wife of Mr. J. B. Smith, died in a hospital in Petersburg, Va., Tuesday afternoon, April 9, at 4:30 o'clock. Mr. Smith has been engaged on the construction work at Camp Lee for the past several months and sometime about the first of the year Mrs. Smith went to live with him in Petersburg. She had not been in the best of health for the past year or so, but she was in her usual health up to last Sunday morning when she was taken sick. Monday she was no better and on Monday afternoon, Mr. Smith notified some of their children of her illness. Their daughter, Miss Lula, who lives in Smithfield, went to Petersburg Monday night. The next day Mr. Will R. Smith, of Selma, Mr. Bobbie Smith, of Smithfield, and Dr. Wharton left on train No. 80, but before they reached Petersburg, Mrs. Smith died. She had been taken to the hospital Tuesday morning.

The remains were brought to Smithfield on the afternoon train Wednesday, accompanied by Mr. Smith and his son, Mr. Will R. Smith, and daughter, Miss Lula.

The funeral was held from the home Thursday morning at 10:30, the services being conducted by Mrs. Smith's pastor, Rev. A. S. Anderson. The interment was made in the new Oakland Cemetery. The grave was literally covered with beautiful flowers, a silent token of the love and sympathy of the friends of the deceased and her family. The pall-bearers were J. H. Eason, N. B. Grantham, J. D. Spiers, J. D. Boyett, H. L. Skianer, C. A. Creech, E. S. Edmundson and T. J. Lassiter.

The deceased, whose maiden name was Sarah Selina Lee, was born January 19, 1862, was in her 57th year. She was the daughter of Gideon and Mary Ann Lee. She was married in April 1881, to Mr. J. B. Smith and to them were born seven children, four boys and three girls. All are living and have reached manhood and womanhood. They are:

Mr. Will R. Smith, of Selma; Mrs. J. L. Lee, of Meadow; Mr. J. Rufus Smith, of Dunn; Mr. Allen S. Smith, of Smithfield; Mrs. Robert E. Smith, of Dunn; Miss Lula Smith and Mr. Bobbie S. Smith, of Smithfield. All of the children and their wives were here to attend the funeral. Besides her husband and 12 grandchildren, Mrs. Smith leaves two half-brothers, Messrs. J. S. and J. M. Lawhorn, and one half-sister, Mrs. Bright Bass.

The deceased was a good woman and had for many years a devoted member of the Presbyterian church. She was a good wife and loving mother, a faithful friend and kind neighbor, and lived such a life that all who knew her felt the uplifting touch of a sincere Christian woman. She was greatly missed in her home, her community and her church. She has gone on to receive the reward of the faithful.

JOHNSON CHAPEL NOTES.

The people in this section are busy planting corn and some have planted cotton.

Messrs. Robert Parrish and Almond Johnson went to Camp Jackson last Friday to visit Mr. Parrish's brother, Mr. James F. Parrish. They returned Sunday.

We regret to note the illness of Mrs. Jenkins Johnson. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Misses Alice and Annie Johnson spent the week-end in Benson with their grandmother who is quite sick.

Sunday School has been organized at Johnson's Chapel Church. We hope a good crowd will come out every Sunday at ten o'clock.

Master Glenn, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Allen, is seriously ill. Hope he will soon be out again.

Mr. Ira Allen went to Smithfield last Saturday.

There will be an moving picture show at Royall some time in the near future, (date will be announced later.) Let everyone come out and enjoy the evening. Admission ten cents.—Q. L.

The name of General Ferdinand Foch, the head of all the Allied Armies, is pronounced as though it rhymed with "bosh."

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN SELMA.

Mr. Sencil Appointed Tax Lister For Selma Township. Clean-Up-Week In Selma. State Explosive Inspector Visits Selma.

Selma, N. C., April 11.—Mr. M. C. Winston went to Durham Monday on business.

Attorney E. J. Wellons, of Smithfield, was here Saturday on legal business.

Miss Viola Morgan went to Raleigh Sunday to visit Mrs. Sallie Upchurch, who is a patient in Rex Hospital.

Postmaster W. H. Etheredge is ill at his home on Anderson Street. His friends hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Covington, Jr., of Laurinburg, spent the week-end here with relatives.

Mr. Charlie Mitchiner, of Kinston, is here this week the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. C. P. Bethel.

Mr. L. D. Debnam and party returned Sunday from Charlotte where he went to get a consignment of Buick automobiles, traffic conditions being so congested that he can not get them shipped by freight.

Mr. Bennett Creech and Miss Hester Mazingo spent Sunday in Goldsboro with friends.

Misses Lillian Snipes, Julia Winston Ashworth, Bertha Moser, and Elmore Earp leave today for Chapel Hill, where they will represent the Selma school in the debate tomorrow night.

Mr. W. A. Strickland has rented the building formerly occupied by the Selma Chronicle on Railroad Street, and has opened up a cold drink and cigar stand.

The annual meeting of the Selma Merchants Association will be held in the Association's offices next Thursday night at 8:00 o'clock. This being the annual meeting, the officers for the ensuing year will be elected, and it is hoped that the entire membership will be present.

Mr. W. L. Stancil has been appointed Tax Lister for Selma township, and announces that he will be in his office over Selma Supply Co. each day from May 7th to May 27th for the purpose of listing the taxes of the township.

This week has been designated by the Civic League as Clean-Up-Week for Selma, and every citizen of the town is asked to do his or her bit towards making Selma a cleaner town to live in. The weather so far this week has been such that very little progress has been made, and the campaign will probably be continued until next week.

Hon. W. G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury made a ten minutes speech to the citizens of Selma Tuesday afternoon from the rear platform of his private car at the Union Station. Secretary McAdoo was enroute from Raleigh to Wilmington, and his car was attached to Southern train No. 108. A fair sized crowd braved the stinging wind and rain and were at the station to hear their distinguished countryman.

Mr. F. B. Whitley spent Monday in Raleigh on business.

Mr. T. C. Henry, of Wilson, spent Monday in Selma, returning Monday night.

Mr. D. A. McDonald, State Explosives Inspector, of Carthage, N. C., was in Selma today checking up the Local Explosives Licensing Agent, Mr. W. L. Stancil. Mr. McDonald asks that more publicity be given the Explosives Licensing Law, which requires that every individual or corporation using dynamite, fuse, caps, detonators, or any other kind of explosives or their ingredients, shall procure a license. There are six Licensing Agents in Johnston County from whom license may be secured. They are in Clayton, Selma, Kenly, Smithfield, Four Oaks and Benson.

MR. COTTON AT ROCK HILL.

He Will Speak at School House Monday Night, April 15th.

There will be a speaking at Rock Hill school house in Ingrams township on Monday night, April 15th. Our linotype made us say in Tuesday's Herald that it was Friday night, April 15th. The time is Monday night, April 15th. The speaker is Rev. S. A. Ton, and the subject is the Big War. Mr. Cotton is a very enthusiastic speaker and always has a message worth while when he addresses an audience.

LOWER JOHNSTON ITEMS.

The cold wet weather has killed most all the little garden plants through this section.

Rev. G. W. Rolins filled his regular appointment at Calvary Baptist church Sunday.

Miss Maggie Smith, from near Maxton, N. C., is the guest of Mrs. Mordcai Lee, this week.

Mr. George W. Wilson, from near Shady Grove, spent Sunday at Dr. Barefoot's.

Miss Esther Langdon, from near Benson is spending several days with Miss Mary Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Lee and family, from Peacocks X Roads, spent Sunday at Mrs. L. D. Johnson's.

Miss Myrtle Barefoot spent Sunday with Miss Ruby Smith near Oakland school.

Mr. Oscar Barefoot returned from Fayetteville hospital Sunday where he has been for several days for special treatment.

Mr. Graydon Johnson left several days ago for Hot Spring, Arkansas, and other points of interest for sight seeing.

Mr. Casper Jackson, and mother, Mrs. J. E. Jackson, from Mt. Elem church, spent Sunday at Mr. C. B. Johnson's.

Messrs. Shadman Warren and G. L. Wilson, from near Shady Grove, spent Sunday afternoon in this section.

Mr. John Kilby Tart was at home a short while last week from Camp Jackson. He was called home on account of the death of his grand-mother, Mrs. Winnie Tart.

Miss Merdie Denning is visiting friends and relatives at Dunn this week.

Misses Nolia and Marvin Matthews of near Angier, recently spent several days in Lower Johnston.

Quite a number of young people in this community attended the picnic at Fuquay Springs, Easter Monday.

Mr. Henry P. Johnson, made a business trip to Goldsboro last week.

Mr. Kilby Tart and Miss Laura Esther Lee of this section greatly surprised the people in this community when on last Sunday morning they went to South Carolina and were married. They later went to Columbia where Mr. Tart is in training at Camp Jackson. We wish them well.

Mrs. Winnie Tart died last Thursday morning at the home of her son, Mr. A. D. Tart, and was buried Friday afternoon near there. She was 87 years and 24 days old. She lived a noble life and bore a good name. She was thought well of by all who knew her, and will be greatly missed by all.

REPORTER.

BENTONVILLE NEWS.

Mr. G. H. Massengill left Tuesday for Camp Lee, Va., in answer to his country's call.

Messrs. Wellons and Wellons, of Smithfield, are callers in this section Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Casey, of Mt. Olive, spent the week end in our burg with Mrs. Casey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beasley.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Narron, of Smithfield, spent Sunday in this section with Mrs. Narron's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Williams.

Mr. W. B. Beasley, of Camp Jackson, returned Sunday after spending a week in this section with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beasley. Bert looks good and says he is faring fine.

The new bridge across Mill Creek at the N. B. Toler place is completed and passable. We understand this is the best bridge across Mill Creek. Last Thursday evening a severe storm passed over a portion of this part of the county doing considerable damage to timber, houses and fences. The wind was very high, and the longest hail storm we ever witnessed lasting something like twenty minutes, and covering the ground, later which the rain fell in torrents and is a good many places the land is too wet to plow at this writing.

Messrs. Norman Westbrook and Conley Langston and Misses Flora and Annie Lassiter motored to Goldsboro Sunday to spend the day with Mr. Lacy Lassiter, a nephew of the Misses Lassiter. Mr. Lassiter is in the U. S. Navy and has made fourteen trips across the Atlantic.

Bentonville, April 9th.

AT THE CAPITOL OF BANNER.

Death of Mrs. Eliza Hudson. Revenue Officers Make a Raid Near Benson What a Ten-Year Old Boy Thought of His Father's Patriotism. Other Items.

Benson, April 11.—Mr. James W. Langdon, of Four Oaks, spent Sunday here with relatives and friends.

Mr. Ernest Young, of Asheville, was here Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. M. T. Britt and G. W. Rolins were visitors to Raleigh Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Dr. Wilson, of Newton Grove, was here Tuesday on business matters.

Mrs. R. C. Pool returned this week from Wilson where she has been for several days treatment at a hospital. Capt. J. W. Goodrich, who is in the railroad hospital at Rocky Mount, is reported as slowly improving.

Mrs. J. M. Sloan, of Broadway, died suddenly at her home Monday. She was a sister to our townsman, Mr. S. D. Stone, and was about 40 years of age. She left a husband and several children surviving.

Mr. C. T. Johnson left the first of the week for Baltimore where he is taking his wife for treatment in Johns Hopkins hospital.

Miss Martha Barbour, of Four Oaks, was here for a few days recently on a visit to relatives.

Messrs. John W. Wood, Daniel Wood and Mang Wood, of Meadow township, are here today on business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hudson took their little girl, Lettie Hudson, down to Fayetteville this week to a hospital for treatment for an injured leg.

Mr. J. G. Smith received a phone message this week from Angier stating that his son-in-law Mr. Randal Overby was seriously sick with pneumonia. He is reported better at this time.

Messrs. Ezra Parker, James Raynor and A. L. Barefoot went up to Greensboro this week to attend the republican convention there.

Mrs. J. G. Gagle and children arrived this week to spend a few days with relatives and friends here.

Prof. L. T. Royall, of Smithfield, was in town yesterday in the interest of the public schools of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rose and children spent Sunday with relatives in Smithfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Linnie Reeves, of Raeford, are in town this week with relatives for a short visit.

Mrs. B. A. Grant, of Goldsboro, arrived yesterday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. McLamb.

Mr. Edwin J. Clifton, of Elevation township, spent Wednesday here with his son, Mr. arson Clifton.

Mrs. J. F. Lee and daughter, Miss Mary Lee, went down to Camp Jackson and spent a few days recently with Mrs. Lee's son, Paul, who is in training at the camp.

Messrs. M. T. Britt, Ezra Parker, Jim Raynor, Alonzo Parrish, W. H. Massengill and J. R. Barbour, were visitors to Smithfield today.

"If nobody has done any more for the government than you have she would not be able to fire a gun." This is the statement of a 10-year old boy of our town recently made to his father when they were discussing the war situation together. The father says that when he thought the matter over he arrived at the conclusion that his son was correct in the statement and that the boy had sized the situation up as it really was. There was nothing left for the father to say other than set an example by investing in some Liberty Bonds.

Deputies George Moore, J. Will Moore and Chief Henry made a raid last Saturday and captured a still in full blast a few miles below Benson. They also apprehended the operators and gave them a hearing which is set for trial next Saturday at Dunn.

Mrs. Eliza Hudson, mother of our townsman, Mr. A. B. Hudson, died at her home near here last Thursday night and was buried Friday at the city cemetery here. She had been in poor health for some time and was taken with pneumonia from which her death resulted. She was about 63 years old and was a consistent member of the Primitive Baptist church. She is survived by five sons and three daughters.

As there comes a warm sunbeam in to every cottage window, so comes a lovebeam of God's care and pity for every separate need.—Nathaniel Hawthorne.