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YOUNG CAROLINIAN SPENT MANY DAYS IN TRENCHES

James Gray, of Broadway, N. C., Tells Story of Fighting in Army of England—Was in Battle of Loos, Where Many Fell.

James K. Gray, twenty years old, born in North Carolina, has just returned from France and England where he served 298 days in a British regiment and participated in several of the greatest battles so far fought in the European war. Gray tells an interesting and perhaps the first authentic story of the fighting in Europe, so far brought to this country, says the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

He was a member of the Third Brigade first division Gloucestershire regiment during the battle of Loos. He returned to America against his own will, having been forced to come back by the American consul, who discovered that he was an American minor and had enlisted against the wishes of his relatives. He was shot in the foot during a fight at Loos and spent two months in the Epson hospital.

His discharge, which is an excellent one, bears the signature of Lieutenant Colonel G. H. Burges, commanding the Third Gloucestershire regiment. His home is at Broadway, N. C., a small village about five miles from Sanford, N. C. He left the United States on March 8, 1915, on the steamer Almora, which cleared from New Orleans for Avonmouth. It required 26 days to make the voyage on account of storms. The steamer was chased by submarines and was obliged to go 300 miles off its course to escape.

British Outnumbered Germans
"The battle of Loos began on September 25 and continued for three days," Gray declared. "The British forces were larger than the Germans but the Germans outnumbered us in machine guns. They had about ten guns to our one."

"Among the British regiments participating in this battle, were the First, Second and Third Gloucestershire regiments. The King's Royal Rifles, The Eighth Lincoln Territorial

"Our brigade was commanded by Colonel Pagan, whom we called 'Patsy.' We were in the trenches seventeen days before the fighting began. Our brigade was put to work digging trenches, while other regiments marched on. We were told that we would not be called upon to go into this particular battle, but we were among the first to be called upon."

"After digging trenches in the rear of our main force all day, we were ordered to the front at night. It was 4 o'clock in the morning before we reached the trench from which we were to fight and we were ordered to lie down and rest."

"We had hardly done so, when the Germans, who were not more than 500 yards away began firing on us. They opened with big guns and we were all called upon to fight. The battle was along a front of 25 miles, and the fighting was terrific."

"We sent our gas brigade after the Germans the first thing, but they did not appear to mind this much and a number of our men did not return."

Regiment Slaughtered.
"The First Welsh Regiment was sent into the fray and more than 800 men failed to return. The slaughter was terrific. Then the King's Royal Rifles came up from behind and we followed. We had been expecting reinforcements which did not arrive in time."

"We lost all but 253 of our regiment, which originally numbered 900. We succeeded in taking the first, second and third trenches from the Germans, who had also suffered big losses. Expecting reinforcements we were ordered to skirmish over the open country after the Germans and we began to advance protected by a rapid fire from our machine guns."

"We were also protected by smoke bombs which our forces used to cover our advance and if possible foil the Germans. The enemy opened fire on the spot from where the smoke bombs were fired while we were advancing in another direction. We reached a railroad and began digging another trench. The Germans thought we were in the woods nearby and directed their fire to that point."

"It was raining and we worked under great difficulties. The Germans finally located us and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, began an attack from the front and rear. This battle continued until dark, without either side making any noticeable headway."

"Our machine guns drove the Germans back several times when they attempted to retake the lost ground by sheer attack."

DR. J. ALLISON HOGES HONORED BY DOCTORS

For Second Time Richmond Man is President of Tri-State Medical Society.

Dr. J. Allison Hodges, of Richmond, was elected president of the Tri-State Medical Society at the closing of the business session of the Jefferson Hotel yesterday afternoon. This is the second time he has held that honor, having been elected the first president of the society at the time of its organization at Virginia Beach in August, 1898.

Other officers elected yesterday afternoon for the coming year were: Vice-president from South Carolina Dr. H. E. McConnell, of Chester. Vice-president from Virginia, Dr. W. F. Drewry, of Petersburg.

Vice-president from North Carolina, Dr. Charles O. Laughinghouse, of Greenville. To vacancies on the executive council, Dr. J. Howell Way, of Waynesville, N. C.; Dr. Julius H. Taylor, of Columbia, S. C., and Dr. Julian Upshur, of Richmond.

Dr. Ralph K. Hughes, of Laurens S. C., was re-elected secretary treasurer. He has held that position almost ever since the society was organized, except during the year 1907, when he was president over the society when it met in Jamestown.

Dr. John R. Gildersleeve, of Richmond, was elected an honorary member, which relieves him of all duties but gives him full membership. He is one of the five or six physicians in the three states to hold this honor.

Durham was selected as the next place of meeting, the society to be called to order in that city on the third Wednesday in February, 1917. The election of officers was unanimous. There was no physician placed in nomination against Dr. Hodges for the presidency. He was the universal choice of the entire society.—Richmond Virginian, Feb. 18.

September, 26 while we were resting we were ordered to dig trenches. The Germans came at us again. But they did not make much progress and our machine guns drove them back.

Fire on Each Other.
"It was at this point that we were fired on from the rear, by what we thought was another force of the enemy, but which turned out to be our own people. The Eighth Territorial regiment was coming to our assistance and advancing through a wood they discovered us firing on the Germans from a trench and they thought we were part of the enemy force. They opened fire on us, and a number of men were killed before the mistake was discovered."

We were relieved by the Lincoln Territorials and were ordered back to a village which was used as a supply station, where we had ammunition and water stored. We had only 253 men left in our regiment and we were all fagged out. We were just ready to eat breakfast when we were ordered back to the firing line. We were obliged to fight all day and at night we buried the dead."

"The number of dead was frightful. Some of the bodies were badly mutilated and they shone like phosphorus. The next day we were ordered to Bethune to secure reinforcements. We marched about 15 miles. The reinforcements expected on Saturday did not come until Sunday. Had they come when expected, we might have won a great battle."

Got Lost in Fog.
"When we returned with reinforcements we got lost in a fog. The guides, many of whom are employed to lead the British troops over strange land, got lost and we hunted around for two hours before we found the trenches. The firing had ceased on both sides. Neither side could see the trenches of the other."

"After marching all night, we were again put to work digging trenches. We worked on trenches for several days and by October 8 we had some good ones ready. The Germans were only 500 yards away."

"At 1:30 o'clock on the afternoon of October 8 the Germans came at us stronger than ever. They tried to capture our trenches by storm, and they poured out of trenches and over the open ground like big droves of cattle."

"Whole regiments were mowed down by our guns. In one company every German except one man was killed. He came towards us with his hands over his head. He carried no gun and he shouted 'Comrades.' We made prisoner of him and our officers secured some valuable information."

"After the battle we advanced to trenches formerly occupied by the Germans. We found their trenches better arranged than our own. They

DESSIE WOOD OF WILSON TRIES TO KILL HIMSELF

Fuquay Springs, Feb. 27.—News was brought here yesterday telling of the attempted suicide of Dessie Wood at the home of A. J. Wood, near Wilson, Friday.

For several months past Wood, who is also known as Spain, has been trying to marry 15-year-old Annie Walker, and disappointment after disappointment killed his hope and at the same time kindled his desire for self-destruction. After learning that the mother of the girl had notified the authorities in the adjoining counties not to issue license to the pair, he grabbed his gun and tried to shoot himself, but the timely arrival of some of his friends prevented his carrying out his intention.

The Baptist church at Fuquay is adding some Sunday school rooms to its church building on Main street. The work is progressing nicely and the rooms will be ready for use within a short while.

Dr. Raymond A. Smith Elected President of Atlantic Christian College.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of Atlantic Christian College, President Raymond A. Smith, of Beckley, W. Va., was unanimously elected President of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, N. C. to succeed President J. C. Caldwell, the newly elected dean of the College of the Bible of Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. This action has met with the due and formal acceptance of President Smith.

Dr. Smith has creditably filled positions of distinction both in the ministry and Educational Institutions of the disciples of Christ. He comes so highly recommended, and with such evident qualifications that the trustees, faculty, students and friends of Atlantic College are highly gratified in his acceptance.

President Smith first graduated at Vincennes University 1894; received his A. B. from Butler College in 1900; his A. M. from the University of Indianapolis, Ind., 1904; and his B. D. from Yale University 1906.

of Philosophy in University of Pennsylvania in 1902 and 1903, and graduate student in Education in the University of W. Virginia Summer School 1914. He was minister of Kensington Christian Church, Philadelphia, Pa., 1900 to 1903, and at the same time taught in Elhanan Institute of that city. In 1904 he ministered to the Hillside Christian Church of Indianapolis, Ind., returning to this pastorate in 1907. In 1906 he was associated with President J. J. Harper as Professor in Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, N. C., thus acquiring personal knowledge of the Institution to which he is now called as President. From 1909 to 1913 he was pastor of Centenary Christian Church, Indianapolis, Ind. During his residence in Indianapolis he was active member of City's Commercial Club and President of the Christian Ministers Association of that city. From 1913 to 1916 he has been President of Beckley Institute Beckley, W. Va. during which time he has also served as the regularly appointed State instructor of teachers in Institute work.

Mrs. Smith has been active in the women's organizations of the Christian Church. During her residence in Indianapolis, she was an active member of the Sempers Fidelis Woman's Club, and at Beckley, W. Va. a prominent member of the local Federated Women's Club.

President Smith is expected to assume administration in his new position in June.

SAMPSON REPUBLICANS MEET

County Convention Selects Delegates and Adopts Strong Resolutions.

Clinton, Feb. 27.—The Republican convention for Sampson county convened in the courthouse in Clinton, Saturday, February 26. The convention was called to order by W. F. Senebous, county chairman. Richard L. Herring was elected secretary of the convention.

The courthouse was almost filled. Delegates were elected to the state and district conventions. Eloquent and interesting speeches were made by Maj. Geo. E. Butler, Jno. E. Fowler, Thos. E. Owen, Maj. C. M. Faircloth, Senator W. H. Fisher, J. T. Kennedy, E. L. Gavin and B. H. Crumpler.

The fishing boat Thomas F. Austin, of Philadelphia, was dashed to pieces off the Cape Fear bar Thursday night about 11 o'clock. Distress signals were sent out, and the skipper and crew of twelve men were rescued by life savers. The loss is estimated at \$10,000 with no

RALEIGH NEWS LETTER

Developments at State Capital Entertainingly Presented — Why the Re-election of President Wilson is Best for Our Country—State Republican Convention Meets—Activity of the Friends of the Gubernatorial Candidate — Important News Developments.

Raleigh, N. C., March 1.—The political atmosphere is fast becoming charged with interest in the possible events which will result from the developments of the gubernatorial campaign in the political life of the State. No election year since the War between the States has been fraught with so much interest and importance to the body politic and to the individual citizen; there has been no campaign in forty years in this country on which so much depended, and the accompanying developments and possibilities, especially as to the effects on our relations with foreign powers across the sea.

With the wrong man in the white house, the next we may see the United States involved in war, with all the attendant horrors which such a conflict would entail.

Importance of Gubernatorial Election. Who doubts the prospect of Roosevelt, a Republican presidential nominee, should be elected this year, yet it looks like the big game leader, who whipped the Democrats so unmercifully in the selection, will be allowed to remain this time.

If Wilson is elected we will avoid an unnecessary war with the European nations and will continue to steer the clear course of peace.

But if the Democrats are elected, we will be plunged into a war of hostilities. He would be called to the price of something as a nation and as individuals would emerge not only overwhelmed with and shattered of fortune.

Republican Convention. The meeting of the Republican State convention in Raleigh this week, beginning Tuesday, March 1st, marks the beginning of the State political gathering of which will be held in Raleigh this year. Chairman Frank Linney of Watauga is here to preside over the convention which he expects fully a thousand State Republicans to attend.

For reasons not very apparent to Democrats, the Republicans are making assertions that they will show more than their normal strength in the North Carolina primaries in June. Under the new law the primaries will be held on the first Saturday in June in all the counties, for all political parties, and the candidates for nomination by their respective parties for the various State offices will be voted for at that time, those poll the highest votes becoming the candidates to be voted for at the election in November.

Gubernatorial Candidates. It is stated here today that the Republican convention may endorse certain men and recommend that they be voted for for certain offices in the primaries. One report has it that E. Carl Duncan, national committee man and at present president of a national bank in Raleigh, will be "endorsed" for governor by the Republicans. There is some sentiment favoring Mr. Linney and Dr. Cy Thompson of Onslow for the same honor.

Activity Among State Democrats. Among the Democrats the Daughtridge people are first in the field actively for their favorite for governor, and they seem to be making considerable headway. Their candidate has made a fine impression as Lieutenant-Governor and he is very popular personally in this county and section where he is widely known and admired.

The managers of his campaign have opened headquarters here with J. E. Carraway of Wayneville, P. R. Capelle and J. O. Daughtridge of Rocky Mount in charge and these gentlemen appear to be confident of the success of their "farmer and business men's candidate." If the great mass of letters which your correspondent saw piled upon their desks one day this week is an indication, the people are undoubtedly interested in Mr. Daughtridge. Most

WORK ON YADKIN ROAD GOOD, SAYS McFAYDEN

Mr. John McFayden, county commissioner of Harnett county, was in Fayetteville yesterday and reported that the work being done by the convicts on the Yadkin road was progressing rapidly and favorably.

The road has been built about half way to Longstreet church, or about sixteen miles from Fayetteville. He declared that the convict camps were well kept and that the convicts were well treated and appeared contented if a convict can be contented.—Cape Fear News.

DUKE NEWS

Duke, Feb. 24.—Tuesday evening Mrs. F. M. Chapin entertained at a Leap Year Party. The home decorations, refreshments and games were all commemorative of Washington's birthday. The chief amusement was the contest in writing a telegram making one word beginning with each letter in the word Washington and using them in the order in which they come. Miss Edith McKay was the most successful one and took the box of candy as a prize. A happy New Year verse composed by the invitation, stating that it was a leap year party and that the girls would bring the boys. Those present were Miss Susan Rawlings with Dr. H. N. Williamson; Miss Mary Lucy Dupree with E. T. Daniel; Miss Nettie Broome with E. S. Kelly; Miss Nellie Broome with Robin Hood; Miss Nancy Kate Long with W. A. White; Miss Kate Wyche with Prof. B. F. Dalton; Miss Edith McKay with M. L. Burgess; Miss Eliza Greene with E. C. Weisner; Miss Isabel Smith with Dr. Huff; Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Duncan.

The Duke Graded School celebrated Washington's birthday Tuesday afternoon in a special chapel exercise. Prof. B. F. Gentry, superintendent of public instruction of Harnett county was the principal speaker. Each grade in school took part in the exercises. Revs. S. W. Oldham, N. C. Duncan and W. L. Mangum responded to the call of Prof. Dalton and each spoke of the life and character of the great man and his influence on the world.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church held a special meeting at Mrs. L. E. Stancil's Thursday night. This is the first of a series of special meetings and steps were taken to increase the membership.

Named for Annapolis. Mr. Alexander Eugene Cook, son of Judge and Mrs. H. L. Cook, has been named by Congressman Godwin for Annapolis. Mr. Cook is a young man of bright mind and much energy of purpose. He comes from a sterling stock, too, that usually improves every opportunity. We wish him success. A Washington dispatch says that Mr. Cook "gets Mr. Godwin's third place—the new one created by a recent bill."—Fayetteville Observer.

The safe in the West Durham postoffice was blown by yeggers Monday for the fifth time in a year. It is reported that all the money and stamps were taken, which, however, did not amount to very much.

of the letters, I was told were from farmers, mechanics and the working classes "who are close to nature" and want to see another farmer governor, after over 20 years of intermission.

The other candidates have not opened headquarters here yet, but probably will do so soon. There is no other point in the State that furnishes the advantages of Raleigh for meeting visitors from all quarters of North Carolina.

For More Drastic Prohibition Law. At a meeting of the board of trustees of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, just held here, it was decided to ask the next legislator for more drastic prohibition laws. What that organization now wants is, in part, as follows:

Legislation to prevent storing of liquor in club houses and by other social organizations; to make it illegal to have more than half-gallon of whiskey in any one's possession for any purpose; to prevent manufacture of wine for sale; to prevent the shipment of any liquor into North Carolina for beverage purposes; stricter laws for confiscation of vehicles used for transporting liquors.

Current Capital News Notes. Both Governor Craig and his private secretary, Col. J. H. Kerr have been confined to their rooms for several days by illness. Col. Kerr has been critically ill and is still sick.

Another North Carolinian has been chosen president of a college in another State. This time it is Dr. F. W. Sikes of Wake Forest who goes to Oberlin (S. C.) College.

WENSON BOOK CLUB MEETS

Benson, Feb. 25.—The John Chas. McNeill Book Club met with Mrs. W. O. Hackley on Thursday afternoon the 24th at 3 o'clock. The subject for this meeting was "Southern Literature." A paper, "The South's Literary Progress" was read by Mrs. O. A. Barbour. Mrs. J. R. Barbour and Mrs. M. T. Britt sang "Down by the Sea," with Miss Myrtle Ashcraft accompanying on piano.

"Southern Poets" a paper, was read by Mrs. T. T. Lanier, and "Current Topics" by Mrs. J. E. Barbour. After adjournment the hostess assisted by Miss Cooks served delicious refreshments. The invited guests were: Miss Mary Gordon, of Hamlet; Mrs. A. T. Lassiter, Mrs. J. G. Stanford, Mrs. J. M. Duncan, Miss Myrtle Ashcraft and Miss Mary Cooks.

To Hold Exercises in New Building.

Benson, Feb. 25.—An interesting program will be rendered in the new school auditorium, Friday evening, March the third, before beginning work the following Monday.

The program will consist of impromptu remarks by students, faculty and citizens of the town and community.

The chief address of the evening will be given by Dr. Charles E. Brew of Raleigh, one of the State's leading educators. His subject will be "Education as a Constructive Force."

Miss Kelly and Prof. Royal are expected to be present and make short talks.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following deeds have been filed for registration in the office of Register of Deeds:

M. L. Smith to E. F. Young, lots Nos. 7 & 8, Block "N" in Dunn; consideration, \$100 and other valuable considerations.

E. F. Young and wife to M. L. Smith, lot No. 5, Block "N" in Dunn; consideration, \$100 and other valuable considerations.

J. W. Fitzgerald et al to E. J. Godwin, lot No. 12 Block "B" J. A. Cook property in Dunn; consideration, \$500.

N. M. Laughlin and wife to Murdoch McNeill, one lot in town of Lillington; consideration, \$60.

J. W. Whitehead and wife to D. H. Hood, part of Block "O-A" in town of Dunn; consideration, \$150.

K. E. Barefoot and wife to E. M. Barefoot, 75 acres in Aversboro township; consideration, \$1,000.

K. E. Barefoot and wife to R. M. Barefoot, 41 1-4 acres in Aversboro township; consideration, \$2,400.

William K. McLean and wife to Viney Covington, 5 1-2 acres in Anderson's Creek township; consideration, \$50.

C. Hodges and wife to Florence L. Hodges, 37 1-2 acres in Grove township; consideration, \$962.50.

NEXT WEEK BABY WEEK

Doctors and Nurses to Tell Mothers More About Their Babies. Warding Off Baby Diseases in Hot Weather.

Next week beginning with Saturday, March 4, and continuing for seven days is the time set apart for considering the ways and means of giving the babies more of a square deal. A Bulletin from the State Board of Health says that big towns and little towns, rural communities and clubs of all denominations in the State are interested and are wanting to do something in behalf of the different towns and communities are being called on to tell during this week what they know about raising babies, especially how to keep them from getting sick. Trained nurses and baby specialists are to tell and show as well how to prepare baby's food, how to bottle him, and how the mother should care not only for her baby but for herself. "This is an visionary impractical scheme," says the Board, "but a plan to help North Carolina mothers raise North Carolina babies, and it is specifically directed against the coming hot weather months when babies sicken and die most."

According to the Board, many states and cities are spending large sums of money to bring about through this movement better conditions for their babies during the coming summer. They know from experience that money invested in a campaign of this kind pays. New York State, outside of New York City, during the past year saved nearly 2000 baby lives under one year of age, and all because mothers were told and taught how to care for their babies.

Everybody is not only invited but urged to be present on this occasion.

William J. Fugate. Clinton, Feb. 25.—William J. Fugate, aged 81 years, died here at the home of his sister, Mrs. Lilly Lamb, late Saturday night. He had been in declining health for some years and his death was expected.

Correction As to J. C. and B. F. Williams. The report from Dunn which appeared in the News and Observer in regard to the failure of J. C. and B. F. Williams at Angier was misleading. B. F. Williams, trading as J. C. and B. F. Williams at Angier, went into voluntary bankruptcy a few days ago. While J. C. Williams name was connected with the business he had nothing to do with it as he had been dead since July 8, 1912 and he died not owing a dollar to anyone and leaving an estate worth about \$30,000.—News and Observer.

Flower Bed Contest. The Woman's Club is offering prizes to the boy or girl under fourteen who makes the prettiest bed of flowers this summer. All those desiring to enter this contest will please be at the school house Friday afternoon at 2:30. Full information and suggestions will be given by committee.

MRS. J. J. WADE, Chairman.

The Senate Friday confirmed the nomination of Henry P. Fletcher to be ambassador to the Carranza Government of Mexico.

township; consideration, \$550.

B. M. Holmes and wife to W. U. Hobson, 83 acres in Aversboro township; consideration, \$600.

Bernice Wood and wife to E. M. Henley, lot No. 4, Block "F" in town of Coats; consideration, \$450.

B. F. Teal and wife to John Cypress, 111 78-100 acres in Barbecue township; consideration, \$1,600.

John Matthews and wife to Leander Parrish, 14 1-2 acres in Neill's Creek township; consideration, \$10 and other valuable considerations.

John M. Barefoot and wife to Nancy F. Barefoot, 13 3-4 acres in Grove township; consideration, \$350.

J. W. Strickland and wife to Georgia Anne Wood, 19 1-2 acres in Grove township; consideration, \$325.