



GREATEST HONOR EVER ACCORDED TO A FOREIGN NATION

Great Britain Makes Formal Recognition of United States Entry into War

STARS AND STRIPES FIRST PUT UP TODAY

For First Time a Foreign Flag Floats Over Parliament Buildings Occurs Today in Commemoration of U. S. Entering the War.

London, April 20.—The British people and the Americans in this country celebrated America's partnership in the world's war by a religious service at St. Paul's Cathedral attended by the official heads of the nation and a great congregation which included hundreds of Americans and many prominent British men and women.

The stars and stripes floated from the highest tower of the parliament building at Westminster for the first time a foreign flag was ever displayed on that eminence and flew above all government buildings in the British capital.

MASONS MEETING IN WILMINGTON

Wilmington, April 20.—Scottish Rite Masons are in possession of the city just now and are enjoying themselves in no uncertain manner. Their festivities will be closed with an elaborate banquet in the dining hall of the Masonic temple early Friday evening and hundreds of Scottish Rite Masons are invited and expected to be in attendance.

DORSEY SAYS THAT HE WILL ENLIST

Birmingham, Ala., April 20.—Lex Dorsey, the Australian pugilist, whom American authorities have barred from participating in fights in various parts of the country on the ground that he was a shaker, today agreed to enlist under the American colors if permission is given him by the military authorities to engage in several fights he has booked for next June and July.

COTTON MARKET

New York, April 20.—Cotton futures opened steady at 19.00, July, 19.47, October, 18.10; December, 18.45; Jan. 18.41.

New York, April 20.—The cotton market showed renewed weakness early today. The opening was steady at an advance of 1/2 to 3/4 points but prices sold off right after the call owing to continued good weather in the South.

THE COTTON MARKET CLOSED

New York, April 20.—The cotton market closed: May, 19.18; July, 19.13; October, 18.01, December, no quotation.

COTTON MARKET

New York, April 20.—Rails were the strong feature at the opening of today's market leading issues advancing between 1 and 2 points on the provisional freight increase granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission which stimulated prominent industrial and specialties to higher levels.

NO RETARDING TO FRENCH ADVANCE IN THE WEST FIGHT

Advance However Has Not Been As Spectacular As Preceding Day

GAIN GROUND IN MANY OF SECTORS LONG LINE

The French Continue Their Efforts to Advance in Several Sectors and Repel Germans Counter Attack In Each Instance.

Write the French advance last night was not so spectacular as the preceding days along the Aisne and in the Champagne, progress was nevertheless continued in important sectors. This was notably true of the region northwest of Soissons where the lines of envelopment were radically being drawn nearer to the important railway center of Laon.

The French here gained ground in the vicinity of LaFauz. The advance being characterized in the official statement as "considerable." The Germans reacted strongly but were unable to make any impression on the new French line.

General Nivelle's pressure here is calculated to force the Germans speedily out of the salient to which they have come projecting toward the Aisne in the direction of Comble.

The advance towards Laon also was continued on the Valenciennes plateau of most directly south of this city where the French are pushing northward of the Rheims-Laon road.

On the plains north of Rheims where the Germans are clinging stubbornly to their strongly entrenched positions, several of the trenches near Cleury were carried in grenade attacks.

Headway also was made east of Laon in this section. In the Champagne the Germans launched their expected violent counter attack which the French troops were amply prepared to meet.

The artillery and machine guns out loose on the advancing columns, the result was that the Germans, although their attack had been prepared by heavy bombardment, were badly cut up and failed to attain their object.

Signs of reduced activity that appeared yesterday in the British front in the Arras battle field where some gains in the Lens region and east of Sempuough were reported extended last night to the district northwest of St. Quentin.

London, April 20.—General Maude, commanding the British forces in Mesopotamia has attacked the Turkish main position and completely routed the Turkish forces says an official statement issued today by the British War Department. So far 1,241 Turks have been taken prisoners.

ACTIVE FIGHTING ON WESTERN FRONT

Peterborough, April 20.—There have been fighting and rifle firing on all the fronts, says today's War Office statement.

WOULD FIX THE PRICES OF FOOD

Washington, April 20.—Secretary Houston today recommended to the Senate that the Council of National Defense be empowered to fix maximum and minimum food prices.

In case of extreme emergency the government should have power to purchase, store and subsequently dispose of food products to groups of people and committees organized in some form and to fix maximum and minimum prices," Secretary Houston wrote.

"Perhaps the exercising of this power could be lodged in the Council of National Defense to be used only in the discretion of the President.

COLLEGE STUDENTS ENLIST AS FLYERS

Raleigh, April 20.—Two Croatan Indians from Robertson county are among the latest North Carolinians to apply for enlistment in the regular army, according to the daily statement issued here today by recruiting headquarters. Charles O. Butler and Nathaniel D. Piers, North Carolina Agricultural and Engineering college students are also awaiting examination. They desired to enlist in the aviation section of the signal corps and after one year's service will try to attain commissions in this branch of the service. Nine white men and two negroes have made application at the Raleigh offices since yesterday afternoon and numbers of others are at auxiliary stations about the State awaiting examination. Eleven recruits left Gastonia yesterday for Fort Sтивен, Ga.

LIFEBOAT FROM NEUTRAL SHIP IS SHELLED AND THREE KILLED---SUBMARINE CREW LOOTS SHIP

UNITED STATES WILL SEND SCORES OF AIRPLANES LIKE THIS TO WESTERN FRONT



One of the very latest models of U. S. aircraft and Brig. Gen. George O. Squier, who is in command of the army aerial forces.

For many months American airmen in France have been giving a good account of themselves, and it was recently announced that they had destroyed thirty German planes. These airmen fought under the French flag until a few days ago, when they exchanged the tri-color for the Stars and Stripes. It is likely that they will be joined this summer by scores of fellow Americans, who will be sent to France by their government. The airplane shown above has just been adopted by the army, and has shown up extremely well in practice tests.

The Norwegian Ship Is Torpedoed; as Crew Put Off the Life Boats are Shelled and Three Members of the Crew Are Killed, Says the Official Statement.

London, April 20.—A Renter's dispatch from Christiania says that an inquiry into the sinking of the Norwegian steamer the Star, was revealed that the attacking submarine fired on the lifeboats as they were lowered. Afterwards the Germans looted the steamer. The dispatch also says that the captain of the Norwegian steamer Toonwag reports that a submarine fired on his boats as they were being lowered, killing four sailors. He adds that the attackers looted the cabins.

NASHVILLE SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Nashville, N. C., April 20.—The commencement exercises of the Nashville Graded School began Wednesday and will close today. Pleading programs have been arranged by the pupils and teachers of the school for the entertainment of the people of Nashville.

The first exercises began Wednesday night and the graduating exercises will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. The medals and diplomas will be awarded to the pupils tonight. The graduating class is composed of Misses Pauline Rouse and Addie Jenkins and Messrs. Carl M. Cooper and Henry Overton.

MME. BERNHARDT CONTINUES IMPROVE

New York, April 20.—The condition of Sarah Bernhardt again showed a slight improvement this morning. The actress passed a quiet night, the advisers said.

TOBACCO FIRM TO PLANT FOR FOOD CROP

Durham, April 20.—All vacant land owned by Liggett and Myers Tobacco Co., will be devoted to the production of food crops this year, according to an announcement of local representatives of the corporation. Advances to this effect were received here yesterday from the general office of the company.

THE RIFLE CLUB ORGANIZE SQUADS

The Woman's Rifle Club met this morning and selected captains for the different squads into which the organization has been divided. There was a good attendance and the meeting was one of the most enthusiastic ever held by the new club.

The highest marks in the shooting practice this morning was made by Mrs. L. D. Bullock, who made eighteen hits. Mrs. T. L. Bland and Mrs. John Ricks followed with 17 and 15 hits respectively.

The club was divided into eight squads under their charge: Squad number one, Mrs. L. D. Bullock; squad two, Mrs. C. G. Dunn; number three, Miss Maude Bunn; number four, Mrs. R. L. Patterson; number five, Mrs. J. M. Ricks; number six, Mrs. R. S. Wilson; number seven, Mrs. J. M. Fox and number eight, Mrs. J. Britton.

TO ISSUE TREASURY CERTIFICATES SOON

Washington, April 20.—Treasury certificates of indebtedness authorized up to two billion dollars in the seven billion dollar war finance measure now before Congress, will be issued. Secretary McAdoo announced today as "may be necessary to meet the requirements of the treasury as soon as the bill becomes a law." The bonds authorized by the bill probably will not be offered any earlier than sixty days.

EVIDENCE ALL IN IN NELSON CASE

Speeches of Counsel For the State and Defense Begun. Case May Go to Jury Tonight of Tomorrow.

The taking of testimony in the case of W. C. Nelson, charged with the killing of Officers Gwathney and Biggan, Tarboro police officers, and the wounding of Mayor J. P. Keech, of that town, was completed this morning. The speeches of the counsel for the State and defense will begin at once and it is thought that they will complete their arguments today and that the case will go to the jury tonight or early tomorrow.

The only plea offered by counsel for the defense in behalf of their client is that of insanity.

The chief witness for the State yesterday was Mayor J. P. Keech and he testified in a direct and unhesitating manner, showing that he, with the two officers were shot down in cold blood by Nelson when they discovered the liquor in his home.

Chief of Police L. E. Fulley suffered a nervous breakdown following the tragedy and as he has not recovered fully from his illness his testimony yesterday was rather vague.

R. A. Beverly, who was also in the house at the time of the shooting, gave a good witness for the State and gave only such facts as he saw.

This first speech was by counsel today in the superior court at Tarboro, with Judge H. W. Whelton presiding, will be that of young Don Gillon who will argue the case for the State. His speech will be followed by O. M. T. Fenatran and Hon. F. S. Sprill for the defense.

Then Solicitor R. G. Allbrook will make his address to the court and the closing argument will be made by Walter E. Daniels, of Enfield, who is aiding Mr. Allbrook. It is thought that these men will conclude their arguments today and that if the court is worked tonight the case will go to the jury then, but if Judge John Dyer adjourns until tomorrow the case will not hardly be given to the jury until then.

An interesting incident in the proceedings yesterday was furnished when a negro was testifying on the stand. His interrogator was telling him how a man who is partially insane is liable to do things at times in a fit of insanity and then asked the negro if Nelson did not have some "lucid moments."

"Boss I don't know what you mean, but there was s'omethin' loose about him," the Ethiopian witness replied and a shout of laughter went up from the spectators in the court house.

STRIKES STARTED IN MUNITION PLANTS OF GERMANY

Amsterdam, via London, April 20.—Strikes have broken out in various munition factories in Germany, including the Krupp's, the Telegraf says it learned from German sources.

WAKE FOREST TEAM HERE ON SATURDAY

To Close Exhibition Season With the Tar Heels. Many Loyal Supporters Here of Visiting College.

The exhibition season with the local ball club will be brought to a close to-morrow afternoon when the Wake Forest college team comes here to battle the Tar Heels, and there is every indication of a battle royal. The facts are that the Collegians are looked upon as one of the strongest baseball aggregations in the State and they claimed an easy victory over the Raleigh club during the exhibition season, and the dissenting opinion of the locals against the Capitals will be recalled—and though the Tar Heels are fully fifty per cent stronger now than then, it yet indicates that the Virginia leaguers have battle ahead if they are going to win.

Manager Ryan looks upon the Tar Heels as about in shape for the coming season which opens next week, and the club has shown a wonderful improvement since a first strike has changed the position of the left garden. The seasonable weather of the past several days has given the locals an opportunity to get in some daily batting practice and their showing at letting the ball is expected to be decidedly better than during the past.

Wake Forest college is a great favorite here and it is confidentially known that not only will there be local and unstarred support from the local corner of the association but this will be augmented by a number from the nearby towns, and unless there is a larger attendance upon the part of the ladies and local supporters than there has been at previous games the home and bank will predominate in the stands. The game will be called tomorrow at 3:30 o'clock.

NASHVILLE'S WATER PUMPS TROUBLESOME

Nashville, N. C., April 20.—The failure of the five pumps of Nashville and other appliances for pumping water from the deep well from which the town will get its water supply is causing considerable delay just at this time. The necessary parts of the equipment of Nashville's water works system were purchased about a year ago and they have not been received as yet.

The shipment if promised for the 25th of this month, but as so many promises have been broken by the company from which they were purchased not much reliance is placed in it. When the appliances do arrive it will take a little time to install them and put the water system into service.

AVIATOR DIES UNDER U. S. FLAG

Paris, April 20.—Edmond C. E. Genet, the American aviator, whose death was officially announced yesterday, was the first American to die in France fighting under the American flag.

Genet, who was a grandson of former Governor Clinton, of New York, and great grandson of "Citizen" Genet, French minister to the United States in Revolutionary times was killed near Troy while escorting Sergeant Raoul Lufbery.

Genet was known as a daring and skillful flyer and was very popular on account of his cheerful and optimistic nature. His home was in Ossining, N. Y.

VARYING RULE AS TO MILITIA

Discharges Are Not To Be Granted Solely Because a Guardman Is a Married Man.

Washington, April 20.—Discharges from the National Guard will not be granted enlisted men solely because they are married, according to instructions sent out to adjutant generals by the militia bureau. Where a soldier has independent means that will prevent his family from becoming a charge on the government he will not be mustered out. The War Department has been flooded since the order was issued with inquiries and protests.

Many men have been discharged against their wishes because they were married, a supplementary statement of policy was necessary as in numerous cases national guard regiments are being reduced to mere skeleton organizations by the rigid application of the dependant family rule. The War Department is resolved, however, to relieve the government of the necessity of taking care of the families of men who join the colors. More than four million dollars was disbursed in this way as the result of the Mexican border mobilization.

ENOUGH FOR FAMILY AND FOR ONE SOLDIER

Wilson, April 20.—"Enough corn for my family and a soldier at the front," is the slogan adopted by Wilson county farmers at the County Farmers Union. Speakers at a mass-meeting yesterday advocated a heavy reduction in acreage devoted to tobacco because of the uncertainty of the prices for the leaf during the war and that live stock production be increased.

DIES FROM SHOCK AFTER EXPLOSION

Petersburg, April 20.—Mrs. Mary Lee Belcher, widow of A. T. Belcher, who was murdered while guarding a convict camp near Ettrick several years ago, died at her home, 32 River street, at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from shock and excitement as the result of the bomb explosion at the home of A. B. Gizek, about two hundred yards from her home, last night.

Immediately following the explosion at the Gizek home, Mrs. Belcher slipped into unconsciousness and continued to grow weaker until her death, never regaining consciousness. Besides ten children she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Dance of Chesterfield county, two sisters and four brothers.

Thursday night at 10:45 o'clock the home of A. B. Gizek, a prominent Bohemian farmer of Chatham county, was almost completely wrecked by bomb plotters.

VESTAL CANDIDATE IN SECOND WARD

Municipal Primary To Be Held on Friday, May 4th, and Election on Monday, May 7th.

In the second ward Mr. P. C. Vestal has thrown his hat into the ring to defend his seat among the Board of Aldermen against all comers. Mr. Vestal is a candidate for re-election and if no opponent shows up to contest his place, he will have the field to himself.

The municipal primary will be held Friday, May 4, instead of Saturday, April 28, as announced yesterday's issue of the Evening Telegram. As the primary will come off the Friday before election day, the election will take place Monday, May 7.

The candidates for mayor and aldermen have all signified their intention to run and the race is now on. The closest contest is expected in the majority race between T. T. Thorne and P. M. Draughn, both sides claiming that their respective candidate will win.

Two of the aldermanic races promise to be interesting. Dr. John Battle in the first ward is to defend his title against G. R. Dixon, and W. H. Horne, is after Alderman Parish's seat in the third.

NO SESSION OF MUNICIPAL COURT

The law breakers of Rocky Mount have been running overtime lately and they took an off day today to recuperate, therefore there was no session of the municipal court. It is thought that the vacant lot movement or Billy Sunday's presence in New York has unsettled the transgressors and they decided out of the goodness of their hearts to give Judge Fountain and the venerable police department a holiday.

If business don't pick up however in a few days the police force will have arrest itself for vagrancy. An off day now and then is all right but the lawbreakers must not make it too often for the producers of the peace have to live and eat just like anybody else.

MISS ALICE DAWSON ENTERTAINS CLUB

Miss Alice Dawson delightfully entertained the members of the Jonah Club on Wednesday afternoon at her attractive home on Pearl street. Delightful refreshments were served in "no course."

Those present were: Misses Lula Daughtridge, Lottie Rose, Annie H. Wilkinson, Josephine Smith, Agnes Warren, Taylor Harris, Chloe Cooper, Annie Sorsby and Frances Scott.

Messrs. N. S. Bennett, E. W. Bullock, W. S. Wilford, and H. L. Ross.

REV. COPELAND IS BISHOP OF ATLANTA

Macon, Ga., April 20.—The Rev. Robert S. Copeland of New Orleans today was elected by the Episcopal diocesan convention here, bishop of the Atlanta diocese to succeed the late Bishop C. K. Nelson. The election came on the 17th ballot.