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Best War News

Withdrawal of Troops From the Gallipoli Peninsula Feature of the Past Few Days—One of the Greatest Chapters in War's History.

Dispatch, 20th.

Announcement of the British withdrawal from Gallipoli overshadowed all other war news tonight. For the first time public the abrupt war of movement marks the end of one of the great chapters of the war's history.

The shock of the news was hard to bear by the fact that rumors were current in the street for days, and the withdrawal of troops had been a matter of common knowledge. Lord Ribblesdale's famous speech in Parliament in which he declared that withdrawal had been recommended by a high military authority.

The feeling of the man in the street was generally one of relief with regret. A popular half-penny paper sums up the British attitude as follows:

The enterprise of which the highest hopes were built and which if it had succeeded, would have turned the tide of the war. Our troops from the first to the last were within a few miles of victory.

The policy underlying the Dardanelles expedition may yet be carried to a successful issue in some part of the Near East but the prospect of forcing a way to Constantinople through the famous Straits is entirely relinquished.

British troops continue to occupy the peninsula at Seddul-Bahir commanding the entrance to the straits where many British have been killed. The position here is protected by a double line of ships and assumed that this will be held.

A fair degree of quiet has been maintained on the war fronts during the 24 hours and none of the oft-mentioned threats of a big offensive in the north Russia, Galicia and Balkans has yet actually materialized.

Recent reports of a Greco-Bulgarian encounter, resulting from a surprise attack have been followed up by the Greek statement that the encounter took place in Albania. No one was killed and few were wounded. Order was restored promptly and an amicable settlement is proceeding.

It is announced from Paris that a Greek detachment has yet crossed the Greek frontier. Meanwhile work on the defensive lines around Saloniki is being pushed and the Greek forces in the neighborhood of the city are being evacuated by the population.

Military circles declare they are convinced that the forces opposing the Allies will not attempt to cross the frontier, the Bulgarians believe they realize the danger of provoking Greece and the Germans believe they are grateful for Greek neutrality and because they realize the tremendous cost which the enterprise would entail.

BIG LAND DEALS.

More Linville Farms Sold to Western Carolina Lumber Co. at Good Prices.

Several more transfers of farms on the Linville river to the Western Carolina Lumber Co. have been made since our report. R. D. Nobblitt and E. S. G. have sold a farm for \$6,000; J. D. Gimsey, about 600 acres, containing \$23,000; J. D. Benfield, 1,000 acres, \$15,000; W. I. Ross, 1,200 acres, \$12,500; J. M. Ross, farm \$5,000; Benfield, 30 acres \$1,000.

Carl Hudson, who is a travel salesman, is here to spend Christmas with his wife.

O. T. Battle, of Mt. Airy, is at home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Collett came home Monday from Dallas, Texas, to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Mary Collett. Miss Daisy Collett will come to Charlotte for the holidays, Miss Collett from Greensboro and Mr. T. Walton from Lenoir.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton returned Tuesday for a visit of several months in the Rapids.

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT.

(Lucy Larcom.)

Oh, Christmas is coming again, you say,
And you long for the things he is bringing;
But the costliest gift may not gladden the day,
Nor help on the merry bells ringing.
Some getting is losing, you understand;
Some hoarding is far from saving.
What you hold in your hand may slip from your hand;
There is something better than having.
We are richer for what we give,
And only by giving we live.

Your last year's presents are scattered and gone,
You have almost forgot who gave them;
But the loving thoughts you bestow live on
As long as you choose to have them.
Love, love is your riches, though ever so poor;
No money can buy that treasure:
Yours always, from robber and rust secure,
Your own, without stint or measure.
It is only love that we can give;
It is only by loving we live.

For who is it smiles through the Christmas morn—
The Light of the wide creation?
A dear little Child in a stable born,
Whose love is the world's salvation.
He was poor on earth, but He gave us all
That can make our life worth living;
And happy the Christmas Day we call
That is spent for His sake in giving.
He shows us the way to live;
Like Him, let us love and give.

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Judge Shaw's Decision in the Matter of Morganton Sidewalks.

As there has been much discussion over Judge Shaw's decision in the Superior Court last week in the matter of the Morganton sidewalks, many not understanding the decision, The News-Herald asked Mr. W. C. Ervin about it and Mr. Ervin said:

"Judge Shaw's decision in the matter of the Morganton sidewalk assessment was simply to the effect that a proceeding to enforce a lien for sidewalk improvements under the old Morganton charter, should have been brought in the Superior Court and not before a Justice of the Peace, although the amount of the assessment was less than \$200. The Judge held that a proceeding was a proceeding in rem against the abutting property, and that no personal judgment could be taken against the lot owner. This decision does not affect the new town charter at all, and does not prevent the collection of such assessments out of the property improved. In cases that Judge Shaw was trying, suits had been brought before a Justice of the Peace, and a personal judgment had been rendered against the lot owners and a lien declared by the Justice on the lots which were improved. This was the extent of the decision, and instead of holding that the assessments were not valid, the Judge held that they were valid, and could be enforced in the Superior Court."

The Massachusetts Child and the North Carolina Child

Greensboro News.

The lady president of the Teachers' Assembly, Miss Mary Owen Graham of Charlotte, pointed out that in Massachusetts \$25 is allowed each child, in the educational expenditure, whereas in the Southern States the amount ranges from \$3 to \$10.

In 1912, there were enrolled in the common schools of Massachusetts a little more than 70 per cent of the school population; in North Carolina nearly 72 per cent. The percentage of enrollment in average attendance was 83 in Massachusetts and in North Carolina 63. The cost per capita of average attendance in Massachusetts was \$49.13; in North Carolina, \$11.36; and for this the Massachusetts child got 186 school days and the North Carolina child 109 days.

The Massachusetts child is not worth that much more, nor any more, than the North Carolina child.

Miss Eloise Williams, who has been teaching at Table Rock, spent last week here visiting relatives.

Miss Bowman of the Deaf School faculty, will spend Christmas at her home at Oak Ridge. Misses Lewis and McGill will spend several days at the home of Miss Lewis in Kentucky.

Messrs. Alexander Woodward, Frank and Nollie Patton are at home for the holidays from Trinity College.

Pension Checks

\$11,180 From the State Being Distributed This Week to Confederate Soldiers and Widows in Burke.

Clerk of the Court L. A. Bristol has been kept busy for the past few days delivering pension checks from the State to the old Confederate soldiers and widows of soldiers in Burke. There are on the pension roll for this county two old soldiers in the first class receiving \$70 each annually; four in the second class receiving \$60 each annually; twelve in the third class receiving each \$48 annually. There are 175 old soldiers in the fourth class on the pension roll who also receive \$32 annually, and 137 widows of Confederate soldiers who also receive \$32 annually. There are two old soldiers—Ambrose Bowman and H. A. Adams—on the roll as totally blind, and these receive \$10.00 per month each. So the amount of State pension money coming to Burke amounts to the sum of \$11,180, divided as follows: 175 soldiers in the 4th class, \$32 each, \$5,600; 137 widows of soldiers (4th class) \$32 each, \$4,384; 12 in the 3rd class at \$48, \$576.00; four in the 2nd class, \$60 each, \$240; two in the 1st class, \$70 each, \$240, and two totally blind \$10 per month each, \$240.

The News-Herald's Subscription List Continues to Grow.

Every week gives The News-Herald new subscribers, sometimes the number more, sometimes less, but it is gratifying that the increase is gradually causing us to print more and more papers every week. The paper has every cause to be thankful for the appreciation which is thus materially shown in the addition of new subscribers and the renewals of so many of our old friends; it is a rare case now that a subscriber requests his paper discontinued.

The past week has been a sample of what we consider a rather good week's business in our subscription department and we herewith make acknowledgment of subscriptions received since we last corrected our list a little over a week ago: Renewals, R. M. Conley, Petaluma, Cal.; Thomas Avery, Route 1; John Peyronel, Valdese; G. L. Stacy, Route 1; Will Giles, Gibbs; J. W. Winters, Route 5; John Carswell, Route 4; J. R. Taylor, Bridgewater; R. M. Powell, Route 2; J. C. Laughridge, Mt. Airy; F. W. Hossfeld, Morganton; J. T. Patterson, Chicago; Mrs. J. A. Curtis, Morganton; Thomas Walton, Route 5; A. P. Warlick, Meeker, Colo.; D. A. McNeely, Connelly Springs; O. B. Lackey, Memphis; T. N. Hallyburton, Morganton; J. L. Mull, Route 3, Connelly Springs; J. K. Clark, Route 3, George S. Ramsaur, Morganton, and Fred Meytre, Route 4, Connelly Springs. New ones are Mrs. M. A. Gordon, Morganton; J. E. Hood, Route 3; D. S. Lail, Connelly Springs; Mrs. G. G. Allen, Concord; Miss Lettie Nelson, Patterson; Miss Lucy Bradley, Nebo; J. D. Bradley, Connelly Springs; I. O. Brittain, Covina, Cal.; Miss Belle Rhyne, Thomasville; R. V. Pearson, Willows, Cal., and H. A. Adams, Route 4, Hickory. A number of these, renewals and new, are sent as Christmas gifts.

Again we repeat our suggestion of sending the home paper as a Christmas gift to the absent relative or friend. It's not too late yet; come in and let us enter the name to begin with this issue, if you wish, or the first of the year.

Swiss Hospital Named For President Wilson.

A dispatch from Berne, Switzerland, says President Wilson has written an inscription for the Soldiers' Home bearing his name and dedicated with elaborate exercises at Berne on December 21.

Americans in Switzerland have contributed \$6,000 for three of these homes, which are suitable for being transported along the frontier where Swiss soldiers are guarding the long line under rigorous mountain conditions. The first home was named George Washington, the second Abraham Lincoln and the third Woodrow Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. X. H. Cox will spend Christmas at Patterson.

Mrs. George Taylor and children, of Bristol, Tenn., and Miss Mary Dickson, of Rock Hill, S. C., will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dickson.

ITALY PREPARES TO ADD ANOTHER MILLION TO ARMY

Italian Campaign Not Understood By Outsiders But the Operations Have Aims and Much Has Been Accomplished By Them, Thinks Associated Press Correspondent at Rome.

Rome Dispatch, 23rd.

Italy now has 2,000,000 men engaged in the war and is preparing to add another 1,000,000. About 1,000,000 men are on the fighting line, stretched along the mountains from Trentino in the West to the Austrian stronghold of Gorizia in the East. Another million is in reserve for emergencies and to fill gaps in the fighting line as needed, or for operations in the Balkans. The third million is represented in the additional classes in process of being assembled during the coming months as the scope of offensive and defensive military operations may become enlarged.

The Italian campaign is well understood by every Italian; but the outside world has had only a vague understanding of the meaning of these operations. The military operations and what Italy has accomplished are best understood by taking a map of Italy showing the northern frontier. The Alps sweep in a great semi-circle from the French frontier on the Mediterranean to the Austrian frontier on the Adriatic. This sweep from west to east is a sort of natural bulwark or boundary of Italy. But in two places this natural sweep of the Alps is dented deeply to the southward, first in the Trentino region in the west and then in the Triest region of the upper Adriatic. Thus the natural boundary of the Alps is broken at two vital points and Austria has stretched down at both these points and firmly established her political control, her control of Trentino dating from the time of Napoleon and of the Triest region from the war of 1866.

The first object therefore of Italy's campaign is to get back the two provinces which dent the natural frontier of the Alps, thus regaining former Italian territory and re-establishing the great mountain range as the strategic defense against the nations of the north. This main objective has necessitated dividing the campaign into two parts, one in the west, with Trent as the center, and the other in the east, with Triest as the chief object. Between 400,000 and 500,000 men are engaged in the western operations centering at Trent and about 600,000 men in the eastern operations directed toward Triest—in all about 1,000,000 men with another 1,000,000 in reserve.

The main drive of the Italians has been toward Triest. The military leaders say Triest could have been taken any time in 15 days—but it could not be held as the Carzo mountains sweep around back of Triest and form a circle 15 miles back from the Adriatic with Austrian batteries posted at every crest of these encircling mountains. The Italian commanders therefore decided that instead of taking the rich prize of Triest it was a military necessity first to control all the approaches and mountain defenses sweeping around Triest. This in reality has been the campaign going on during the last six months.

The Italian commanders express satisfaction with the progress they have made.

Morganton to Have a Municipal Christmas Tree Again.

The Community Club is preparing to have a municipal Christmas tree, the second one the town has had. As last year's tree was such a success it is thought that this year's will be even more successful. The plans are to have the tree on the graded school grounds Christmas day from 4 to 6 in the afternoon. If the weather is unfavorable the program will be carried out in the auditorium instead of out doors. Everybody who attends is requested to join in the singing of "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing!" and "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."

Miss Gladys Coffey, teacher at Obeth, Miss Celia Kirksey, teacher at Dréxel, and Miss Addie Coffey, who teaches at Enola, are at home for the holidays.

Miss Pearl Hildebran will come home tonight from Chapel Hill and Miss Mary Hildebran tomorrow from Gastonia to spend the holidays.

Miss Vivian Simpson, of Glen Alpine, spent Tuesday in Morganton.

Glen Alpine News

Death of Mr. Abel Pitts, in His 90th Year—Silver Creek Bridge Falls in With Horse and Wagon—Other News.

Correspondence of The News-Herald.

Thursday evening about 6 o'clock Mr. Abel Pitts, Sr., passed into rest. He had been in failing health for some time. He was in his 90th year. He came from Catawba county and by frugality and industry had acquired considerable estate. His family connections are large, among whom are some of the most promising and prosperous citizens of the county. He was an old Confederate soldier, having served honorably throughout the Civil war. He was unassuming in his nature, noted for his honesty and faithful in his friendships. Those who knew him best have lost a good neighbor and friend. Rev. A. C. Swofford officiated at his obsequies.

One of the children of Mr. Charlie Saulman was buried recently at Zion church.

Beginning with the first Sunday of the new year there will be services at 11 a. m. on the first Sabbath of each month and each Sunday night at the Methodist church.

Miss Horne, music teacher of the high school here, left for her home in Rutherford county last Saturday night on the receipt of a telegram announcing the sudden death of her father.

Silver creek bridge near Morganton fell in last Monday when Bill Mike Talbut was crossing. The horse and wagon was gotten out, the horse getting skinned up though not seriously. A lucky escape. This entails a serious inconvenience. Some are using the old ford but this is dangerous. A team of horses with a load of wood had to be cut out of the wagon, leaving the load in the ford.

The lads and lassies who are off at school are coming in every day to be with loved ones at the Christmas Tide.

Christmas of 1915 is upon us and the old year will soon be a memory. Changes have taken place—vacant chairs in some households—but taken all together we have large cause to be grateful and thankful to the Giver of all gifts. Quoting from a writer, "Every Christmas makes the world a better, sweeter, purer place to live in, reclaiming millions of hearts from desolating selfishness, bringing the blessings of sympathy to hearts that were hardening, the gift of understanding to hearts which were bitter and sore. Blessed be Christmas for ever and forever."

JAP.

Glen Alpine, Dec. 22, 1915.

Marriages.

On last Sunday, December 19th, at the residence of the officiating magistrate, Esq. H. A. Adams, in Icard township, Mr. Robert Reinhart, of Catawba county and Miss Lillie Cline, of Burke, were happily married in the presence of a number of friends and relatives who came along to witness the ceremony.

On Friday, December 17th, Mr. Marion Huffman and Miss Mattie Herman, both of Bandy township, Catawba county, were united in Marriage at the residence of Esquire H. A. Adams. A number of friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony which was performed by Squire Adams.

At the home of the officiating minister, Rev. C. L. Rogers, Dec. 19, Mr. Michael Hipps and Miss Bessie Mangum were united in marriage. They entered to the strains of Lehengrin's Wedding Chorus and were attended by Mr. Bryan Mangum, as best man, and Miss Ellen Gettys, as maid of honor. The bridesmaids and groomsmen were as follows: Mr. Kimbal Carswell and Miss Louise Ghigon, Mr. John Henry Cowan and Miss Maggie Neil. The bride was becomingly attired in a handsome suit of blue cloth and the bridesmaids were also attired in blue. The groom looked handsome in a suit of brown. Miss Mangum is the beautiful and attractive daughter of Mr. G. D. Mangum, a prominent citizen of Burke county. Mr. Hipps is the son of Mr. Geo. Hipps of this county and is a popular and progressive young farmer. The many friends of this popular young couple wish them much joy and prosperity.

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Brief Notes of Recent Happenings in North Carolina.

Belmont has voted \$25,000 in school bonds.

There was a heavy snow in the eastern part of the State Tuesday.

There are twenty-nine hundred canning club girls in North Carolina.

W. C. Lisk, a revenue officer, is a victim of smallpox. He is at his home in Rowan county.

Davidson students Friday sent a telegram of congratulations to President Wilson, a former student.

The amount of cotton ginned in North Carolina to Dec. 13 this year was 667,113 bales against 766,445 on the same date last year.

H. Hoyle Sisk, of Lexington, 27 years old, has been appointed consul at Amoy, China. Mr. Sisk lived in Japan for several years.

K. W. Barnes of Wilson county will become secretary of the State Board of Agriculture after January 1st, succeeding Mr. Elias Carr, resigned. The position was offered Mr. Wright, superintendent of schools for Wilkes county, who declined it. Mr. Barnes was formerly a member of the Board of Agriculture.

W. C. Lyda, who lives near Hendersonville, fell prostrate on the floor at his home Friday from a stroke of paralysis and while his wife called for help their 16-year-old son, Dawson Lyda, who was convalescing from fever and diphtheria, fell from his chair and with the utterance, "I'm dying," passed into death.

The News and Observer Company will rebuild the office for that paper on the site of the building burned November 6. The new building will be of reinforced concrete and an effort will be made to make it fireproof. An offer of \$45,000 was made for the Capital club building in Raleigh, for the News and Observer, but the club refused to sell.

Miss Harriet Jarratt of Yadkin county and Mr. Henry Lemuel Cook, a native of Davie county, now of Key West, Fla., were married at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. A. H. Jarratt, in Charlotte on the 15th. Friends state that this marriage was the culmination of a courtship begun more than 20 years ago; that several times the couple were on the point of taking the marriage vows but in each instance something occurred to break up the match. Two or three years ago the nuptials were all but consummated, but there was a hitch and another delay resulted.

A. W. Hicks, former cashier of the Spencer branch bank of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., who had served nearly all of a two-year sentence in the penitentiary, received a pardon from Gov. Craig last Thursday. Hicks had been a most exemplary prisoner and the prison officers all joined in special pleas for executive clemency.

The Avery Herald says that Walter Hartley, who went to Missouri about five years ago in a wagon, returned a few weeks ago in a wagon to visit friends and relatives, and while at Blowing Rock was married. They spent the night with his sister, Mrs. C. Blankenship in Elk Park, and the next morning started on their long trip with two rusty grays and a good wagon for Bland, Mo.

Entertainment at Glen Alpine.

An entertainment consisting of three short plays was given by the Glen Alpine high school last night. They were: "How the Story Grew," "Jumbo Jum," and "The Sweet Family." Those taking the principal characters in "Jumbo Jum" were Messrs. Judge Bowers, Paul Conley, Lawrence Garrison, Felix Griset and Willie Arney, and Misses Louise Stacy and Nannie DeVault. The members of the "Sweet Family" were Misses Louise Conley, Claudia Harbison, Velma Byrd, Swannie Giles, Annie Giles, Mary Lou Harbison and Edward Giles.

"Rube and His Ma."

Correspondence of The News-Herald.

A play entitled "Rube and His Ma" will be given at the Bost school house Wednesday evening, Dec. 29th, at 7 o'clock, for the benefit of United Farm Women. The public is cordially invited. A small admission fee will be charged at the door.