

FIGHTING TOGETHER AMERICANS AND FRENCH DROVE ENEMY STEADILY BACK

GERMANS BROKE IN RETREAT UNDER STRONG AMERICAN COUNTER-ATTACK

FRENCH GENERAL COMMANDING GROUP OF ARMIES

Sent Congratulatory Message To American General Commanding the Forces Which Beat Back the Enemy; Germans Resumed Shelling Later On American Sector; Heavy Fighting.

With the American Army on the Marne, July 15.—A strong American counter-attack south of the river bend completely upset the Germans, who broke in retreat. The American troops drove the enemy back all the way to the railway skirting the Marne in the region southwest of Jaulgonne. This position now is being held.

In the counter-attack many prisoners were taken. They included a major, two captains and 400 men, so far counted.

The French general commanding the group of armies on this sector sent a congratulatory message this afternoon to the American general commanding the forces which beat back the enemy.

At 5 o'clock this evening the Germans were heavily shelling the American forces, but were getting shell for shell in return, and their fire seemed to be diminishing. The Vaux district is comparatively calm now.

On the American right heavy fighting is in progress. American machine gunners along the river assisted materially in breaking up the early boche plans, for they stuck to their posts and poured deadly streams of bullets into the enemy and only withdrew when their guns were so hot they could not be fired. One group of machine gunners happened to be in a place where the Germans were anxious to erect a bridge, but their efforts were fruitless. The American bullets piled up the German dead on the opposite side of the river every time the enemy started to cross.

South of Jaulgonne the enemy crossed the Marne this morning on six pontoon bridges hurriedly thrown over the stream and masses of infantry swarmed forward. The artillery constantly had the bridges under the heaviest fire and at least two direct hits were made, two of the bridges being blown up.

After sharp artillery work, German troops advanced behind a great smoke cloud, which completely obscured them for a time from view. The low visibility also aided the enemy in his operations.

The fighting continues with fierce intensity in this district while the battle rages with equal ferocity on the right, where the French are reported to have delivered a smashing blow against the enemy. From this section of the battle front it appears that the German offensive at least for the time being, has been badly shattered.

The Americans now commanded the river front at the bend. At the left of the bend, the famous German tenth division has made repeated attempts all day to cross, but all assaults have been smashed by the splendidly directed fire of the American gunners, and not a single German had succeeded in getting over at this point up to 9 o'clock tonight.

THE DAY'S WAR STORY.

The expected renewal of the German offensive in France has begun. Fierce battles are in progress on both sides of the famous cathedral city of Rheims, which since the last offensive along the Marne has stood the apex of a sharp salient into the German line.

West of Rheims the Germans with the pressure of large numbers of troops, the unleashing of which was preceded by a veritable hail of high explosives and gas shells, have been enabled to cross the Marne at several places.

ON 65 MILE FRONT.

East of the city, however, they have been held for the smallest gains by the tenacious resistance of the defenders of the line. Altogether the two

LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH.

We are requested to state that there will be Communion service at the 11 o'clock hour at the Baptist church on next Sunday morning. At this service Pastor Collins topic will be "By Way of Remembrance." At the night service at 9 p. m., the pastor will discuss "Rowing Against Wind and Tide." The public is cordially invited to attend each of these services.

RECEIVE TAX LIST.

The Board of County Commissioners met on Monday and received the tax lists from the several list-takers. They also revised the jury list. The latter was begun Monday afternoon, but was not completed until Wednesday.

SQUIRE UZZELL DISMISSES CASE AGAINST TOWN COMMISSIONERS BY HUDSON.

On Grounds that Town Charter Requires Treasurer to Make Statement, Therefore State Law Conflicts—Appeal.

The case which has been expected to create quite a little interest to our people was disposed of very quietly in the court house on Tuesday when Squire W. E. Uzzell called the case of Hudson vs. the Town Commissioners for failure to publish an annual statement for trial. A good sized crowd had gathered to hear the case. There was only one witness put upon the stand. The plaintiffs placed Mr. C. C. Hudson upon the stand who, in answer to direct examination stated that the town had published no annual statement since 1914, except the one in the past few weeks published by Mayor Joyner, which covered only the street improvements, that he had made investigations of same before suit was brought. On cross examination he admitted he had submitted in a town case a few weeks ago, had no malice, that his reasons for bringing suit was that the town had levied privilege licenses, in addition to regular taxes, and he wanted to see what was becoming of the money, that he had known of this law since Joyner brought suit several years ago and had read the law twice since.

At this point a discussion came up between the attorneys when Yarbrough told the court that under the town charter it was the duty of the Treasurer to make the statement in view of this fact the State law under which the suit was brought did not apply.

The court held that the town charter took precedence over the State law and therefore dismissed the case. The plaintiff gave notice of appeal.

THE YOUNG WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Young Woman's Missionary Society met with Miss Louise Thomas, on Church street, Tuesday evening, July 16th, 1918, in a Missionary Meeting.

The subject for the evening was Buddhism.

The meeting was called to order and led by Mrs. Osmond Y. Yarbrough, she had the following program arranged: Scripture Lesson—Ruth. Chap I—Mrs. O. Y. Yarbrough.

Minutes—Miss Louise Thomas. Oriental Religions in America—Mrs. E. F. Thomas.

Pacific Coast Oriental Missions—Miss Fannie Lillian Massenburgh. Buddhist Temples—Miss Lydia Inasco.

Solo—Oh Eyes That Are Weary—Miss Annie Belle King. A Nickel that Saved a Life—Mrs. O. J. Hale.

Quarterly Report by Treasurer—Miss Sue Alston.

Those present at the meeting were Mesdames O. Y. Yarbrough, O. J. Hale, E. F. Thomas and Misses Sue Alston, Hodgie Alston, Fannie Lillian Massenburgh, Lydia Inasco, Louise Thomas.

We were glad to have with us as a visitor Miss Annie Belle King, who so beautifully sang for us. Oh Eyes That Are Weary.

The society adjourned to meet on Tuesday evening, July 23rd, 1918 at the home of Mrs. J. M. Allen, in a Study Circle meeting promptly at 9 o'clock.

Recording Secretary.

TO FILL APPOINTMENTS AT KATESVILLE.

We are requested to state that Rev. N. H. D. Wilson will fill regular appointments at Katesville school house on the third Sunday in each month at 4 o'clock, new time. Sunday school will be held each Sunday at 3:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

TAG DAY BIG SUCCESS.

Young Ladies Very Appreciative of the Support of the Public. The tag day for the benefit of the Belgian Babies held on Saturday by the members of the Young Woman's Missionary Society, was a most unexpected success. The tags were put on sale early by the young ladies and it was soon learned that a second supply of tags would have to be supplied. The total sales during the day amounted to about \$115.00. The sales were very evenly divided, practically everybody in town on that day was wearing one or more tags. The young ladies of the Society very greatly appreciate the liberal patronage of the entire public in this most worthy cause.

NOT OVER 60 CENTS A HUNDRED POUNDS IS THE PRICE OF ICE FOR LOUISBURG THIS SEASON.

Committee Met on Friday Night and Made Final Rulings—King Agreed Saturday Morning.

The ice committee for Louisburg met in Dr. A. H. Fleming's office on last Friday night and again took up the question of the price of ice with Mr. King.

Mr. King stated that he had met the requirements of the committee at its former meeting for the two week's trial and he had found that he could not sell ice at 60 cents straight without a heavy loss, and submitted a schedule of prices as follows: Single blocks, \$1.60; two blocks \$3.00; 2000 pound book \$13.50; 1000 pound book \$7.00; 500 pound book \$3.50; 300 pound book \$2.00; 200 pound book \$1.35; all retail ice from wagon and ice house, without coupon books, 75 cents per hundred for all lots of 25 pounds or over, all other lots at 1 cent a pound.

Mr. H. A. Page, of Raleigh, State Food Administrator was present and the committee took the matter of wholesale price discrimination against Louisburg up with him. Mr. Page stated that he had taken the matter up with Johnson & Johnson of Raleigh and told them he did not think it right to charge Louisburg \$7.50 per ton for ice and ship it to other towns for \$5.00 per ton, that it was a discrimination that would have to be justified. To this Johnson & Johnson fled with him a sworn statement showing that the ice plant had lost over \$300.00 this season and that they could not reduce the price of ice, and that they could not sell it at a loss.

They also stated that if Mr. King would step out of the ice business they would take the deliveries over and deliver ice anywhere in town for cash or tickets at 60 cents a hundred.

During the discussions the committee ascertained from Mr. King that he had not put on sale the 100 pound books ordered at a former meeting, also that he had sold some ice at \$1.50 per block, and that he had made deliveries contrary to the requirements of the committee.

Upon motion the committee rejected Mr. King's schedule of prices.

The committee unanimously ordered that Mr. King put on sale 100 pound ice tickets.

It was moved and carried that ice shall sell for not over 60 cents a hundred pounds, except that delivered from the wagon for cash which may be at the rate of 1 cent a pound.

To this Mr. King stated he could not agree and insisted upon his schedule of prices.

Upon motion the committee gave Mr. King until 10 o'clock Saturday morning, July 13th to decide whether he would accept or reject their terms.

Saturday morning the matter was again taken up with Mr. King when he submitted another schedule of prices as follows: 100 pounds 60c; 50 pounds 35c; 40 pounds 30c; 25 pounds 20c; under this 1 cent a pound. These prices to apply at ice house for cash.

The committee rejected these taking the position that the prices had been settled at the former meeting and asked for an answer to the proposition offered him on the night before. To this request Mr. King answered with his acceptance.

THEY CAPTURED VILLAGE OF ST. AGNAN, HILL 223, CAPELLE MONTBODEN

that it was everything but fair to Mr. King. As the ice situation now stands the price of ice must not be over 60 cents a hundred, except where a person goes out to the wagon to buy for cash. It can be anything less than Mr. King wishes to make it. He is required to make only one delivery a day and to keep his ice house open from 8 to 11 o'clock on Sunday mornings and that ice ticket books must be sold in denominations from 100 pounds up.

This arrangement is closed for the season in the opinion of the committee.

LIGHTNING SETS HOUSE AFIRE. During a light electrical storm on last Friday morning lightning struck the house belonging to Mr. G. W. Ford and occupied by Mr. J. D. Winfree, on South Main Street near the old colored cemetery, and set it afire. The fire department responded immediately and soon extinguished the blaze. The damage was small, the lightning knocking off a part of the chimney.

The striking of the house by the lightning was seen by some of our people who happened to be looking that way.

MOVES TO LOUISBURG.

The many friends of Dr. J. O. Newell will be glad to learn that he has moved his family to Louisburg. He is occupying the residence of Dr. H. A. Newell on North Main street, and has his offices located over Aycock Drug Co.'s store.

AMONG THE VISITORS

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Folks and Their Friends Who Travel Here and There.

Miss Martha Leah Rose, of Henderson, is visiting Miss Eleanor Perry.

Miss Mattie Parker, of Goldsboro, is visiting Miss Louise Macon, near town.

Mr. F. B. McKinley returned the past week from a trip to Lake Junaluski.

Judge J. Crawford Biggs, of Raleigh, was in town here last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Rose, of Henderson, were visitors to Louisburg Friday.

Mr. B. H. Saunders visited Raleigh Tuesday. While there he traded automobiles.

Mr. E. L. Vaughan, of Nashville, was in Louisburg Tuesday, on professional business.

Chief and Mrs. D. C. High visited their daughter, Mrs. G. R. McGrady, in Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. Gray R. King, Miss Laura Scott and Mrs. Mollie King, of Nashville, were visitors to Louisburg Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman M. Lynn, of New York City, are Louisburg visitors, guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Malone.

Messrs. W. H. Allen and J. A. Turner left the past week for Nashville, Tenn., to be present at a big land sale.

Miss Annie Laurie Macon, who has been taking treatment at a hospital in Henderson, returned home Monday much improved.

Chief Justice Walter Clark, of Raleigh, passed through Louisburg Wednesday returning home from his farm in Halifax county.

Mrs. D. T. Smithwick and son, Macon, and Miss Laura Macon, are visiting friends and relatives in Matthews County, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Kline and little daughter, and Miss Lynn Hall left Sunday for the Northern Markets to purchase the fall stock for L. Kline & Co.

Dr. A. H. Fleming, Secretary Frank in County Fair Association, left yesterday for Baltimore and other points to arrange for shows for the fair this fall.

Mr. S. S. Meadows was at home Saturday from Olanza, S. C. He says the tobacco sold for ten dollars a hundred higher on that market at the opening this year than last year.

GERMANS WITHDREW THEIR FORCES THERE TO CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE

Large Force of American Troops Reported To Be Engaged; German Statement Practically Concedes That "Violent Counter-Attacks" of Allies Have Stayed The Progress of the Enemy; Day's War Story.

With the American Army on the Marne, July 16.—French and American forces fighting together have recaptured the village of St. Agnan, Hill 223, to the northwest, and La Chapelle-Montbouden.

In co-operation with the French the Americans launched a heavy counter-attack this morning between these two villages, driving the enemy steadily back.

On the American right the French made rapid progress and all through the section the Germans were fiercely attacked by the Allies, with the result that they have withdrawn for a considerable distance. Comparatively large forces of Americans have been engaged, especially in the region of Descriev, where they were brought up to support the attacking French.

Within a short period the Americans were hotly engaged in the fighting.

DAY'S WAR STORY.

The German offensive east and west of Rheims has had the brakes vigorously applied to it by the strong resistance of the American, French and Italian armies.

Nowhere has the enemy found it possible, as in days gone by, to press forward and tear his way through opposing positions to points of vantage chosen as early objectives.

True some gains have been made by the Germans but they are infinitesimal when compared with those of other attacks. Instead of in miles they may be reckoned almost in yards. And from some of the positions captured the enemy has been ejected summarily under vicious counter-attacks delivered by the American troops fighting alone as a unit and Americans fighting shoulder to shoulder with their French comrades in arms.

GERMANS CONCEDE IT.

Tactful admission that the enemy horde has been retarded in their assaults, if not halted, seemingly is contained in the latest German official communication, which, in dealing with the fighting of Tuesday asserts that the Allied troops on the Marne front have delivered "violent counter-attacks" and that to the east of Rheims "the situation is unchanged."

The claim made to any success by the Germans is that there were "some local successes to the southwest of Rheims."

FRANCO-AMERICAN SUCCESSES. The successes of the Americans and the French give back to them points of strategic value on the heights dominating the Marne valley.

The Americans alone recaptured Fossey and Crezaney east of Chateau Thierry and at one point near Fossey drove back the enemy across the river and took a number of prisoners. Aided by the French, the recapture of St. Agnan, Hill 223 and La Chapelle-Montbouden, south of Dormans was accomplished.

HEAVY FIGHTING SOUTH MARNE. Throughout the region lying to the west of Rheims, especially south of the Marne, the Germans made desperate attempts on various sectors to increase their penetration of the Allied front, but where they were able to gain any advantage it was only a foot at a time. The French meeting their onslaughts with the greatest bravery and making the enemy pay dearly for every inch of ground he took.

Eastward from Rheims hard fighting is still going on almost to the western fringes of the Argonne forest, but apparently the enemy here also is meeting with ill success. Attacks attempted near Brunay, and Stuppes came to naught under the French fire, while further east, near Crosnos and Tephre, efforts to break the French line were repulsed with heavy losses.

PRISONERS BY BOTH SIDES. The German official communication in dealing with the fighting of Monday says the Germans took 13,000 prisoners. The French on their part are reported to have taken thousands of captives and it is known that the Americans have made prisoner between