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GERMANS REPULSED AT ALBERT

Energetic Fighting Continues Along Battle Front.

AMERICAN ENGINEERS HELP HOLD THE LINE

London, April 1.—General Haig reports local operations in the neighborhood of Serre, 7 miles north of Albert. Reported yesterday 109 field guns captured.

The Germans twice attacked the outskirts of Albert last evening but were completely repulsed.

With British armies in France, March 31.—Energetic fighting continues from one end of the battle front to the other, British and French being engaged. Germans tried in vain to reach Paris-Calais railway attacking heavily in the region of Moreuil but were thrown back. Cavalry dashingly aided in clearing up the situation, especially in the forest northeast of Moreuil. Fighting similar to this is going on around areas in Ancre valley at Albert and astride Ancre at Luce.

The enemy has failed to make any advance worth mentioning anywhere. Stories are told of heroic efforts of American engineers, who dropped their picks and shovels and grabbed their rifles, helping to hold the line.

The enemy is reported concentrating at various points and present comparative quiet may be broken at any time.

TOWN PRIMARY APRIL 30.

Mayor to Be Nominated and One Commissioner From Each of 4 Wards—Town Donates \$15 to Local Red Cross Chapter for Prizes for Children in War Gardens Contest.

At a meeting of the mayor and town commissioners Friday it was ordered that the municipal primary for the nomination of a mayor and 4 commissioners be held on Tuesday, April 30. The election to confirm nominations made at the primary will be held on the first Monday in May.

Messrs. A. K. Morrison, Jno. F. French, Jno. C. Fuller, D. B. McNeill and Ed. J. Pope were appointed primary managers; Mr. D. R. Shaw, registrar; Messrs J. Robt. Prevatt, Chas. P. McAllister and R. M. Norman, Jr., judges of election.

The last Legislature amended the charter of the town so as to create four wards, the voters of each ward to elect a commissioner, two commissioners to be elected for two years and two commissioners for one year. It was ordered by the board, decision being made by lot, that commissioners from wards Nos. 2 and 4 be elected for a term of two years and that commissioners from wards Nos. 1 and 3 be elected for one year.

The town clerk and treasurer was ordered to give public notice of the primary and election, a description of the boundaries of the several wards and a brief statement of the provisions of the law by posting same at the court house door and also by publication in The Robesonian and The Tribune, for one issue, at least 20 days prior to date of the primary.

A street committee reported the appointment of H. B. Robinson as street foreman and sanitary officer to succeed J. S. Thompson, resigned, the salary to be the same as the salary paid Mr. Thompson, \$75 the month. The appointment was affirmed.

The board appropriated \$15 for the use of the local Red Cross chapter as prizes to the children in the War Garden contest. This sum is to be paid on voucher of the chairman of the woman's work committee of the Lumberton Red Cross chapter.

MEN OF SECOND DRAFT.

12 White Men of Second Draft Off to Camp Tomorrow—45 Negroes Leave This Evening For Camp Grant.

In Thursday's Robesonian was published the names of 16 white registrants of Robeson division No. 1 who are called by the local board to report in Lumberton tomorrow ready to be sent to Camp Jackson. Twelve of these men will be sent to camp, this being 5 per cent. of the quota of this district in the second draft, the entire quota being 240. The local board has not been advised when to send additional men of the second draft to camp.

In Thursday's Robesonian also was published the names of 45 negroes who were called to report in Lumberton today to be entrained for Camp Grant, Ill. Forty negroes will be sent from Robeson division No. 2, making a total from the county of 85 negroes.

Superior Court.

A two weeks' term of Superior court for the trial of civil cases convened this morning at 10:30 with Judge W. A. Devin of Oxford presiding.

Up to the noon hour two divorce cases had been disposed of. These were:

Charity Powell vs. Aaron Powell; divorce granted.

Alice G. Weatherly vs. A. C. Weatherly; divorce granted.

ENTENTE FORCES UNDER SINGLE COMMANDER.

General Foch Made Generalissimo of Entente Allied Armies in France—Pershing Places American Troops At Disposal of French Commander.

The Entente forces opposing Germany in France are for the first time during the war fighting under the general command of the great French strategist, to whom has been accorded much of control of a single commander. General credit for the victory of the Marne in September, 1914, is generalissimo of the Entente allied armies in France. This report was received on Friday morning in the form of an official dispatch from London, but in the evening it was officially confirmed by advices to Washington from Paris.

Early in the day President Wilson sent a personal cable message of congratulation to General Foch and General Pershing placed at the disposal of the French commander the American forces now on French soil. General Foch is given supreme command over all the men on the battle lines and, in addition has a strategic reserve force, the size and location of which is not known but which, judging from reports, is very large.

This means unification of all the armies opposing the Germans, a step which the American and French military men long have urged and which apparently has been brought about by recognition of the imperative demand for concentrated effort to hurl back the gigantic thrust of the enemy in France.

Democratic Primary.

Lumberton Township Elects Executive Committee and Delegates to County Convention.

At the township Democratic primary held in the court house Saturday afternoon the following were elected township executive committee: H. E. Stacy, T. L. Johnson, W. P. Barker, S. McIntyre, E. L. Hamilton. After the election the committee met and elected Mr. Stacy chairman.

The following were elected as delegates to the county convention to be held here Saturday of this week: J. D. McLean, S. McIntyre, T. A. McNeill, Jr., W. P. Barker, A. B. Small, M. G. McKenzie, E. C. Floyd, M. N. Folger, Frank Gough, H. E. Stacy, T. L. Johnson, R. E. Lewis, F. Grover Britt, M. W. Floyd, B. L. Doby, E. L. Hamilton, I. S. McManus, A. W. McLean, A. E. White, C. M. Bryan, Wm. Stone, Chas. Deaton, W. P. McAllister, W. L. Dawkins, R. E. Sentelle, Wright J. Prevatt, J. I. Barnes, Jenkins Bennett, Dr. T. F. Costner, Dr. W. A. McPhaul, R. D. Caldwell, W. S. Britt, W. K. Bethune, M. A. Geddies, A. J. Prevatt, J. D. Taylor, J. Robert Prevatt, F. M. McDaniel, J. A. Wooten.

Chairman Stacy presided at the convention and F. Grover Britt was elected secretary.

Running on New Time—Some Confusion at First.

All timepieces were supposed to be turned ahead one hour Saturday night in accordance with the daylight-saving plan of the government, but many people forgot about the new regulation and there was some confusion yesterday. Some people who did not suppose it was going to be necessary to knock folks down with a club to make them put into effect at once so simple regulation rent to Sunday school at the regular hour by the clock only to find that the Sunday school and church services were to be held according to the out-of-date time, and some people missed their trains yesterday and this morning by failing to be on time.

It will take only a few jolts, however, to convince everybody that when timepieces are moved up one hour they cannot live according to the way their timepieces registered last week. There is nothing confusing about it. The only thing to do is to set your timepieces right. If you have not set your timepiece since Saturday you are simply an hour behind time.

Government May Fix Price of Meat.

Determination of a national policy governing meat production, sale and distribution during the war which may include virtual price-fixing and definite control of actual Federal operation of the big packing houses has been entrusted by President Wilson to a special commission of five prominent government officials.

This step announced last night at Washington, was taken at the recommendation of Food Administrator Hoover, who advised the President that he found himself powerless to protect properly all branches of the cattle industry and that the government's present course is "almost intolerable in criticism from both producer and consumer."

Red Cross Auxiliary Organized.

The pupils of the 9th grade of the high school organized a Red Cross auxiliary Friday and every pupil in that grade joined. Mrs. A. V. G. Wishart, ninth-grade teacher, was elected chairman, Miss Carolyn Webb was elected vice-chairman and Miss Elsie Thompson, secretary.

Other grades in the high school will organize auxiliaries at once.

FIRST CALL OF SECOND DRAFT

Eleven Men in First Call of New Draft to Be Sent Camp Jackson From Robeson Division No. 2 Tomorrow.

Special to The Robesonian.

Red Springs, March 29.—Twelve men, one an alternate, composing the first call of the new draft, have been called by the local board of Robeson division No. 2 to report at Red Springs tomorrow, April 2nd, for military duty, and will be sent to Camp Jackson, S. C. The list of names follows:

A. H. Fine, Maxton.
William P. McCallum, Maxton.
Davis B. Beasley, Maxton.
Murdock Clyde Taylor, Maxton.
Duncan Jas. Sinclair, Maxton.
William Howard Hasty, Maxton.
George Hector Carter, St. Pauls.
Archibald E. Watson, Rowland.
James Floyd Freeman, St. Pauls.
L. Preston Smith, Maxton.
John D. Bullard, Parkton.
William Vance McLean, Maxton, alternate.

Public Meeting for Instruction of Bee Keepers.

A public meeting for the instruction of beekeepers will be held at the apiary of Mr. L. E. Tyner at Lowe Wednesday next, week, at 10:30 a. m. Practical discussions and actual demonstrations in the management of bees will be given.

This meeting will be held in the interest of better bee-keeping, to encourage production of more honey so as to add to the nation's food supply, to utilize resources and eliminate waste. The special object of the work is to encourage those who already know something about bee-keeping to enlarge their operations.

Every person who has been invited and urged to attend this meeting, and to ask other bee-keepers to attend.

A bulletin in regard to this meeting is being sent out by Dr. A. H. Kerr, county farm demonstrator, and it is expected that Mr. C. L. Sams, specialist in bee-keeping of the Extension Service of the State Department of Agriculture, will be present.

Boy Run Over By Auto But Escaped With Minor Injuries.

Yates Warwick, 9-year-old son of Mrs. Geo. Warwick, was run over by a Maxwell automobile driven by Mr. C. V. Brown Friday morning. He suffered a slight bruise on the back of the head, but was able to be out Saturday. The accident happened on the school campus. Young Warwick was playing with some other boys and ran backwards in front of the car, which was running at slow speed. Mr. Brown was taking one of his children to school and those who saw the boy when he was struck by the auto say Mr. Brown was not to blame. He stopped the car after the front wheel had passed over the boy's body.

Mr. Brown took the boy to the Thompson hospital and had his wound dressed.

Patriotic Meeting at Buckhorn.

A very interesting and enthusiastic patriotic meeting was held at the Buckhorn school Tuesday night of last week under the auspices of the home demonstration work. Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church; Prof. R. H. Taylor, principal of the Lumberton high school; Dr. A. H. Kerr, county farm demonstration agent; and Miss Lulu M. Cassidey, county home demonstration agent, were on the program. The meeting was for the purpose of promoting sale of War-Savings and Thrift stamps and encouraging Red Cross work and agricultural interests. This community has organized a very enthusiastic Red Cross society and Home Demonstration club under the auspices of the teacher, Miss Nellie Driver.

341 Tons of Nitrate of Soda Distributed Last Week.

Three hundred and forty-one tons of nitrate of soda purchased through the Government was distributed to Robeson county farmers last week. Mr. W. K. Bethune, county distributor, is advised that the entire amount for which Robeson county farmers placed orders will be delivered. The 341 tons delivered last week represents about 10 per cent of the entire amount.

FREE SEEDS.

The Robesonian has received from Congressman Godwin a bag containing several varieties of seed. They seem to be mostly flower seeds, though the entire contents of the bag have not been examined. They are for free distribution to any Robesonian readers who care to call for them.

Negro Dropped Dead.

Jim Davis, colored, aged about 40 years, fell dead at the home of Mr. Memphrey Britt, with whom he worked, near Long Branch early yesterday morning. Jim was apparently in good health and ate a hearty breakfast just a short time before he received the final summons.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS TO THE FRONT

Will Fight With British and French Troops in Titanic Struggle.

ENEMY HELD AND PUSHED BACK

Allied Troops Have Cancelled Hindenburg's Dinner Engagement.

This morning's Associated Press summary gives the following:

The American army in France is to fight shoulder to shoulder with the British and French troops who now are engaged in the titanic struggle with the Germans in Picardy. General Pershing's entire force having been given into the hands of General Foch the new generalissimo, who is to use the men where he desires.

More than 100,000 Americans, intensively trained and fully accoutred, are available for use in aiding to stem the tide of the German hordes and large numbers of them, on rail road trains and in motor trucks and even afoot, already are on the way to the battlefront eager to do their part in defeating the invaders.

The miserable weather which has broken over the country is proving no deterrent to the Americans as they push forward from all directions toward the battle zone.

From the region of the Somme southward to where the battle line turns eastward furious fighting has continued on various sectors, but everywhere the enemy has been held and even pushed back at some points.

Nowhere has he been able, although he continued to throw great masses of men into the fray, to gain ground, except an infinitesimal from the French north of Moreuil. British and French machine guns and riflemen, as in the days past, again tore great holes in the ranks of the field gray as they endeavored to press on.

So great have been the losses of the Germans in front of the British north of the Somme that Sunday saw their unwilling eagerness to break up the gage of battle. Along the Scarpe the British themselves went on the offensive and to the East of Arras captured the village of Feuchy. On the southern end of the line, where von Hindenburg is endeavoring to pierce through to the old German positions, as they stood before his retreat in 1916, the British and French troops, fighting together have met the enemy in furious combats, but everywhere defeated him with sanguinary losses.

The town of Moreuil changed hands four times, but finally rested in the hands of the British and French, while the woods to the north of the village were captured by the French. In the bend of the line between Moreuil and Lassigny the Germans made frantic efforts to break through, but the French held them in their tracks and in addition recaptured several villages.

Not alone has von Hindenburg lost large numbers of men killed or wounded, but both the British and French armies have taken a considerable number of new prisoners and also captured machine guns. At last accounts the Germans had launched a fresh attack in the region between the river Luce and Avre and fierce fighting was in progress.

The reports from both the British and French war offices seemingly indicate that the allied troops have reached the limits of their retrograde movement. In any event, they have cancelled the engagement Field Marshal von Hindenburg made with himself to take dinner in Paris on All Fool's day. Instead of the truffles and other viands with which the German commander-in-chief had predicted he would regale himself in the French capital on April 1, his fare will be that of the German army; and instead of passing triumphantly through the boulevards of the city, a victor over the French and British troops, he will be busily engaged in dodging the shot and shell hurled at him by them and endeavoring to withstand the heavy thrusts of their infantry against his battle line.

On the other battle fronts the fighting continues of a minor character, although the maneuvers in the Italian theatre still seem to indicate the near approach of hostilities of a major character. The British troops are now holding a portion of the Asiago plateau sector, over which strategists have predicted that the Teutonic allies would endeavor to pass in their attempt to gain the Venetian plain.

The aerial activity in this region continues intense. Since the British flying corps began operations there they have accounted for 83 enemy planes and themselves lost only 10.

Considerable dissatisfaction continues to be manifested by the Dutch government over the seizure by the United States of Dutch mercantile marine vessels in American ports. An official statement says it was an act of violence which Holland "will oppose with all the energy of its conviction and its wounded national feeling."

The board of county commissioners, the county board of education and the county road board are holding regular first-Monday meetings here today. Many people are in town.

WASHINGTON THRILLED.

Glad Day Has Come When American Troops Can Take Part in Gigantic Battle.

Washington Dispatch, March 31.—Washington was thrilled today by the news that American soldiers actually are on their way to the fighting lines to take places besides their hard-pressed British and French allies.

Too much may not be said about the number and position of the American troops, because of military reasons. It is no violation of the censorship, however, to say that probably 100,000 or more American fighting men are available at once to be thrown into places to strengthen the British and French lines.

Every officer of the American general staff and every member of President Wilson's administration has been looking forward to the day when American troops would take their places in the big battle now raging. Easter crowds on parade on Pennsylvania avenue about the White House grounds everywhere heard the news and gathered about newspaper bulletin boards where the Associated Press dispatches were posted.

"Officials here are hopeful that the orders given American troops will set them in the offensive columns which they believe General Foch is organizing for this counter-blow. They are confident that Gen. Pershing now has available a sufficient force of seasoned veterans of trench life in the American sector to render effective aid in the counter attack.

At the War Department meanwhile officials are studying every angle of the transportation problem anew with a view to expediting delivery in France of additional American divisions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL QUARTERLY

Large Crowd Attended Mt. Elim Sunday School Institute Meeting At Long Branch Yesterday.

More than 1,000 people attended the quarterly meeting of the Mt. Elim Baptist Sunday school institute at Long Branch yesterday. A most interesting and instructive program was carried out.

The meeting was opened at 10:45 (old time) with Scripture reading by Mr. J. Z. Stone, president of the institute, and prayer was offered by Rev. L. E. Dailey. Mr. W. H. Lamb of the Long Branch school made the address of welcome and Mr. Okey Stephens of the Mt. Elim school responded. The Sunday school lesson was commented upon by Mr. J. P. Price of Proctorville.

Prof. R. H. Taylor, principal of the Lumberton high school, was the principal speaker of the occasion. Prof. Taylor's subject was "Virtue of Reverence," and his address was a gem. The usual singing contest took place in the afternoon and the singing was grand.

The next meeting will be held at Broad Ridge church the fifth Sunday in June.

British Have Restored Their Lines South of Somme.

London Dispatch, March 31.—The British have restored their line south of the Somme in the Luce valley, after a vigorous counter-attack, says the official communication issued this afternoon. Two strong attacks by the Germans on the front from Marcellave to the Somme were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. North of the Somme, the Germans attacking with four waves of infantry, were beaten back at all points.

In the neighborhood of Serre (north of the Somme, seven miles above Albert), the British advanced their line, taking 230 prisoners and 40 machine guns.

Notice of New Advertisements.

Tailoring display today and tomorrow; farmers supplies, etc.—K. M. Biggs.

Stock and fixtures of J. P. Newman & Co. to be sold at public auction—E. M. Johnson and R. H. Crichton, receivers.

Dort cars—D. M. McMillan, Red Springs, N. C.

Put your money where it will be safe—First National Bank.

Americanism and the third Liberty Loan—National Bank of Lumberton.

Slight advance in ice prices—M. A. Geddies.

Program at Pastime this week. Pocketbook found.

Have your piano tuned by expert factory tuner.

Pure-bred Poland China pigs—A. T. McLean.

Mules for sale—C. M. Fuller.

E. D. Miller has qualified as executor of estate of late W. S. Miller.

Million Dollar Fire at Atlantic City This Morning.

Atlantic City, April 1.—Fire early today destroyed a block on Atlantic avenue from York to Tennessee avenues. The loss is estimated at one million dollars.

Bridge at Mayesville Re-Built.

Mr. Ed. Taylor of Howellsville township, who was a Lumberton visitor Saturday, advises The Robesonian that the bridge at Mayesville, Lumberton to Tar Heel road, which bridge was burned recently, has been rebuilt.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—The condition of Mrs. Daisy W. Jenkins, who has been sick for a few days, is improved today.

—The condition of ex-Judge T. A. McNeill, who has been sick for several days, is somewhat improved today.

—Miss Georgia Whitfield has accepted a position in the National Bank of Lumberton. She began work Saturday.

—There was considerable frost Saturday morning, and some ice, and no doubt much tender garden truck was killed.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Giles W. Mercer and Belle E. Roberts; Ed Hurst and Annie Hill.

—A meeting of the U. D. C. will be held in the directors' room in the National Bank of Lumberton building Thursday afternoon of this week at 4 o'clock.

—Miss Nannie Townsend has accepted a position at the Lumberton Bargain House. She began work this morning.

—The condition of Mrs. W. P. Barker, who has been sick for several weeks, continues about the same as it has been for some time.

—Mr. Elester Lovett, one of Robeson's selectmen at Camp Jackson, returned last evening to camp after spending a 15-days' furlough visiting his family near Orrum.

—Mr. J. P. Hester, formerly of Bladenboro, has accepted a position as salesman in Mr. K. M. Biggs' department store. Mr. Hester has moved his family to Lumberton.

—It is learned from yesterday's Wilmington Star that Dr. B. W. Page, former county health officer in Robeson, has moved from Clinton to Wilmington and will practice medicine there.

—Many people who failed to move up their timepieces Saturday night missed the trains on which they expected to ride yesterday by around one hour. Others were left this morning.

—Miss Baii, who is representing child welfare work and who spent several days in the county making a school survey, left this morning for Raleigh, where she makes her headquarters.

—Mr. Eli Hurst and Miss Annie Hill, both of the Dresden cotton mills were married Saturday evening at 6 o'clock in Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd's office. Justice M. G. McKenzie officiated.

—Lester McNeill, colored, was given a hearing before Recorder E. M. Britt Saturday on the charge of breaking a boat loose from where it had been locked. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of cost.

—Lieut. F. Eli Wishart, who is stationed at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., spent Saturday and yesterday here visiting relatives and friends. Lieut. Wishart has recently been promoted from second lieutenant to first lieutenant.

—Mr. A. L. Jones and two daughters, Misses Cathrine and Annie, of Fairmont, were among the shoppers in town Saturday. Mr. Jones says the road between Lumberton and Fairmont is the best now that he has ever seen it.

A patriotic meeting will be held at the Centerville school Wednesday night of this week under the auspices of the home demonstration club. The purpose of this meeting is to promote War-Savings and Thrift stamps and agricultural club work.

—Among those home from college for Easter were: Misses Margaret Pope and Jeannette Biggs from Meredith college, Raleigh, and Miss Rachael McNamara from Salem college, Winston-Salem. Miss Pope was accompanied by Miss Pattie Herring, who is a student at Meredith.

—Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, returned Thursday from Birmingham, Ala., where he attended a conference of Southern health officers. He came back by way of Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga., to see his brother, Mr. H. B. McPhaul, who is in the medical corps of the 117th artillery.

—Mr. H. E. Stacy spoke at Baltimore school house, near Fairmont, Friday evening in the interest of War Savings and Thrift stamps. Around 500 people heard Mr. Stacy speak and he says the people seemed very much interested and are anxious to do something towards helping to win the war.

—Miss Lucy Kinlaw of East Lumberton had her left arm badly lacerated and suffered other minor bruises, and Miss Grace Lowder, also of East Lumberton, was somewhat bruised yesterday afternoon when a Ford car in which they were riding turned over. The car turned over on the Creek road near Mt. Elim church.

—Mr. R. W. Freeman, district farm demonstration agent, of Wilson, will speak Thursday and Friday of this week with Dr. A. H. Kerr. Mr. A. G. Oliver, State agent for the poultry club work, West Raleigh, will spend the week of April 8th to 13th in the county assisting Dr. Kerr and Miss Lulu M. Cassidey, county home demonstration agent.

—Mr. Gregory A. Hardin of the Blomington section returned home Friday night from Camp Jackson, where he was sent last week for the second time. He was discharged on account of physical disability. Mr. Hardin said that Mr. Rufus M. Sanderson of Lumberton had also been discharged because of physical disability and would return home this week.