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Lost 200,000 Before Verdun

French War Office Claims That Slaughter of Germans Has Been Gigantic.

Paris, April 7.—The German losses before Verdun up to the present have reached a total of 200,000 men, one of the greatest battle losses in the whole range of warfare according to the semi-official estimates made public here today. "The result of careful inquiry made in the highest quarters in which the figures have been rigorously checked and verified."

"Documentary and verbal testimony gathered and authenticated permit the giving of precise details concerning the losses suffered by the Germans and by us on the Verdun front," says the semi-official communication given to the Associated Press. "During the period from February 21, when the battle began, to April 1, it is known that two army corps, namely the Third and Eighteenth, have been withdrawn from the front, having lost in the first attacks at least one-third of their force. They have re-appeared since and have again suffered like losses."

"The German reinforcements are practically used up as fast as they are put in line. The total effectives of the Eighteenth Corps have in this way lost 17,000 men and the Third Corps has lost 22,000 men."

"Concerning the 121st division which took possession of North Vaux about March 12, we have precise information. More than one-half of the Seventeenth Regiment of its reserves was put out of action by our machine guns in the ineffectual attack against the slopes of the fort. The Sixth Regiment suffered like losses."

"The Nineteenth German Infantry had already suffered similar losses in attacking the village of Vaux on March 9. Its Thirtieth Company was surprised and annihilated. In entering the village houses its first battalion was reduced 60 per cent."

"Three regiments of the Eleventh Bavarian Division which led the attack on the Malancourt and the Avocourt woods on March 20 and 22 were each reduced by one-half. Their losses varied between 50 and 60 per cent. The same is true of the losses of the Fourth Regiment of the Second Division of Landwehr engaged under similar conditions."

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Construction Foreman Killed at Concord

Concord, April 10.—Phil Willis, negro foreman for the Thrasher Construction Company which has the contract for building a section of the double track for the Southern Railway, instantly killed this afternoon about 8:30 o'clock by the explosion of a stick of dynamite. The accident happened near the depot. Willis failed to get the danger signal.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

From a small beginning the sale and use of this remedy has extended to all parts of the United States and to many foreign countries. When you have need of such a medicine give Chamberlain's cough remedy a trial and you will understand why it has become so popular for coughs, colds and croup. Obtainable everywhere.

How Long Will People be Slaves

Thinks Lawyers Should Not Monopolize Legislative Jobs.

On the 17th page of the Progressive Farmer of April 1st there is a very thoughtful article on the subject of taxation. The question is the most important subject that can engage the attention of any people, and if all our editors would devote more time to the intelligent discussion of such subjects, their papers would devote more time to the intelligent discussion of such subjects, their papers would accomplish more and be read with much more interest. The editor of the Progressive Farmer is either right or wrong in the position he takes. If he is right, then the only remedy for us is to send men to the legislature who will amend our laws as to remove the injustice from which we now suffer. If he is wrong, then let us continue to send lawyers to the legislature to make our laws even worse (if possible) than they now are. How long, oh! how long will the common people continue to march up to the polls and vote as the asses tell them.

In the great European war there is not a soldier in the trenches that can give an intelligent reason why he is trying to kill his neighbor. He is fighting simply to gratify the love of power and greed of gain on the part of his rulers. And there is not one of the common people of North Carolina who can give an intelligent reason why he should vote for a lawyer to go to the legislature. It is simply to gratify the love of power and greed of gain on the part of our lawyers.

Let me say, lest I be misunderstood, that I have no unkind feeling toward our lawyers. Many of them I know to be nice gentlemen, but they should not have the three-fold power of making our laws, interpreting our laws, and executing our laws. It is well known that when the present constitution of the United States was made by George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, John Jay, Jas. Madison, etc., etc., the first thing they decided on was that it would not be wise to entrust the three-fold power of making the laws, interpreting the laws and executing our laws in the hands of any one set of men. Therefore they formed the government with three separate coordinate branches. Now either these great men made this government didn't know what they were doing when they made the government or we don't know what we are doing when we send lawyers to the legislature.—H. K. REID, Charlotte News.

The Aches of House Cleaning

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Good Roads Association to Meet

The Annual Good Roads Convention held under the auspices of the North Carolina Good Roads Association will be held at Wilmington and Wrightsville, N. C., June 20, 21 and 22. The Board of County Commissioners of New Hanover County and the Chamber of Commerce of Wilmington are making elaborate arrangements for this convention and it is expected that it will be the largest and most successful Good Roads Convention ever held in the State.

They are planning a big day to be known as "Governor's Day" when special trains will be run to Wilmington from Goldsboro, Fayetteville and perhaps other places.

French Loss Heavy

Fifteen Officers and 699 Men Taken Prisoner.

Berlin, April 10.—Via London.—Exceptionally heavy French losses are reported in connection with the German advance south of Haucourt, by which the Bavarian and Silesian troops now occupy the heights of the so-called Termiten hill. The French losses within a few hours were increased by a counter attack on the lost positions which failed utterly.

The captured positions are more than 2,000 yards in width. They are on the left bank of the Meuse about two-thirds of a mile southward of Haucourt and are a continuation of height 287. The taking of these positions tends to straighten out the German line before Verdun and is considered of great importance.

Fifteen Officers and 699 men were taken prisoner, including numerous recruits of the 1916 class who were captured unwounded.

The War office announced today that in the fighting near Bethincourt in the Verdun region, the town and two fortified points of the fort to the southwest were isolated. The French were cut off, losing 714 prisoners, two guns and 15 machine guns. The losses of the French in killed or wounded were considerable.

London, April 10.—In Asia Turkey the Russians have penetrated to the region of Diarbekr, Armenia, while in the district of B this several Turkish attacks have been repulsed. South of Lake Urumai region the invaders apparently are coming up with the Turkish main force, the latest official report announcing that in engagements fought with large numbers of Kurds, the latter were supported by regular Turkish infantry.

From the Dvina river to the lower Strips there has been sporadic fighting between the Russians and the Germans. Considerable activity by the airmen of both sides also has been shown. Near Kamere, in the Pripiet marsh region, a German attack, launched by means of boats, broke down under the Russian fire, while on the lower Strips the Russians captured a German trench and held it against counter-attacks, inflicting heavy casualties on the Germans.

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Vice-President to Speak at Normal

Washington, April 10.—Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall told Senator Overman today that he would accept the invitation to speak May 28 in Greensboro at the commencement exercises of the State Normal and Industrial College. Mrs. Marshall will accompany him.

The Vice-President received the first invitation two weeks ago when when W. C. Jackson, dean of the college, accompanied by Senator Overman and Congressman Steadman called on him. Mrs. Marshall received from the students of the college a pressing invitation to come.

Should Not Feel Discouraged

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Sparks Opening a Splendid One

Best Street Parade Ever Given. An Entire New Performance.

The best day, as far as weather was concerned, that has ever been experienced in Salisbury on Sparks circus day, was that of Monday, when this renowned circus opened the 1916 season at this place. The day was an ideal one and everybody seemed delighted that these shows had such an auspicious day for their opening.

At 11:30 o'clock the head of the street parade was seen coming in West Innes street from the show grounds and it turned into Fulton, then to Liberty, to Main, to Bank, to Ellis and to Innes, where it wended its way back to the show grounds. This parade was considered the best that has ever been given here by Sparks circus. It was nearly a mile in length and was made up of the usual variety of open and closed dens of wild animals, men and women riders in handsome costumes, acrobats, clowns, elephants, camels, etc., also two calliope, one of these being a new addition to the street pageant. Jack Phillip's band of excellent musicians rendered an abundance of choice selections along the line of march and at the performance. Several new wagons and the newly painted old ones and in fact everything in the parade gave evidence of the well-kept and clean character of the Sparks shows. A noticeable feature of the procession was the use of American flags only, Mr. Sparks being strictly neutral and believing in America first, last and always.

The afternoon performance was not as well attended as expected, considering the excellent weather, but the evening performance was quite well attended. The performance this year is without a doubt the best ever presented to the public by the Sparks management. Among the many acts, and one that held the attention of the audience from start to finish, was that in which Hillyary Long was the only participant. He performed some remarkable feats standing on his head. Among them were the seemingly impossible feat of sliding down a 100-foot cable, descending several steps of a small stairs, leaping the gap on a roller skate, besides several amazing feats on the trapeze, all performed with perfect equilibrium on his head without the use of his hands. In Mr. Long, who by the way is a North Carolinian, the Sparks shows have the most daring and highest salaried circus performer.

Much credit is due Captain Trierer, who presented a marvelous act with his trained seals, whose intelligence seemed almost human. Janelle and Whitcomb, the strong men, did some wonderful hand to hand balancing. The wonderful feat of the trained elephants, the splendid bareback riders, the wire walkers, trapeze artist, clowns, and in fact every act in the circus arena was given in a manner deserving of much praise. The show left here Monday night for Winston-Salem.

Told Him That There Was no Cure For Him

"After suffering for over twenty years with indigestion and having some of the best doctors here tell me there was no cure for me, I think it only right to tell you for the sake of other sufferers as well as your own satisfaction that a 25 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets not only relieved me but cured me within two months although I am a man of 65 years," writes J. G. Grubbin, Houston, Texas. Obtainable everywhere.

Fifteen Inches of Snow

Cumberland, Md., April 9.—There are 15 inches of snow at Thomas on the West Virginia-Maryland line and it is still snowing tonight. On Savage Mountain the fall is 12 inches.

County Commencement a Success

Over 4,300 School Children in Parade Rain Falls to Spoil Event.

Though hampered somewhat by inclement weather, the annual Rowan County School Commencement held last Friday turned out to be the biggest success of any commencement ever held in the county. In fact it was entirely beyond the expectations of those who superintended it, among whom County Superintendent, R. G. Kiser deserves credit as the guiding spirit.

A clear sky early in the morning gave promise of a good day, but on toward noon it began to rain and this continued throughout the rest of the day. The afternoon was exceedingly gloomy and while it probably did mar the success of the commencement somewhat, the majority of the large crowd of people who came here in the morning remained until the closing hours of the event.

The principal feature of the commencement was without a doubt the parade of the school children of the county. Long before the hour set for the parade to move, Main Street was lined on both sides with people, and the various schools, many of the latter being represented 100 per cent strong, were lined up at their designated formation points and it should be seen that this pageant was to surpass all other like parades. Chief of Police Miller, who was mounted and in charge of the parade, and other police officers looked after the safety of the crowd and especially the little folks not a single accident occurred during the entire day.

The parade started only a few minutes after schedule time and at the head was represented the Farm Life School of China Grove with two beautiful floats. These were followed by the municipal band. Then followed an automobile containing Dr. Archibald He derson, the principal speaker of the day, with several prominent citizens. The first section of school children, headed by County Superintendent R. G. Kiser and Mayor Walter H. Woodson on foot, came next, and this proved to be the longest line of school children ever gathered in Rowan County. The second division was made up of Spencer, East Spencer and Salisbury schools, these headed by the Salisbury band.

An official count of the number of children in line showed 4,324, these being in addition to the teachers, the members of the bands and a number of school committeemen and others. The parade formed in front of the court house and the neighboring streets and the route over which it moved was up Main to Bank, Bank to Fulton and Fulton to Innes, where it disbanded.

The athletic sports scheduled to be held on the Ellis Street playgrounds were called off on account of the rain. The other exercises, however, were held at the stated places and were a decided success. The principal exercises of the day were held at the Methodist Tabernacle, where Dr. Henderson delivered the commencement address. He was heard by a large and appreciative audience. Superintendent Kiser presided at the tabernacle exercises and prayer was offered by Rev. M. M. Kinard of St. John's Lutheran Church. Music was furnished by the municipal band.

In the song contest there were two entries, Crescent and Gold Knob schools, and the prize of \$2.50 was awarded to Crescent. Mayor Woodson after a splendid talk presented the certificates of promotion and perfect attendance. There were 128 of the former and 130 of the latter given out.

The recitations contests were held at the old court house. There were thirteen contestants and each delivered his or her recitation was "She Wanted to Know." The second prize was taken by Miss Ida Fink of Cleveland Township, who recited "The Dream of Sister Agnes."

Warships Join Chinese Rebels

Retirement of Kai Sought by Supporters of Republic, who Look to United States for aid

Shanghai, China, April 10.—Warships stationed at Canton have joined the rebels. The Central Government has recalled the Twelfth Division, 8,000 troops of which arrived at Shanghai, from Peking on Saturday. The government also has reinsured orders for the Tenth Division to proceed to Canton, presumably owing to disaffection among the men.

Supporters of the republican form of government here are endeavoring to bring about the retirement of President Shi Kai. They are desirous, however, that his retirement shall be accomplished by popular approval rather than by the action of another Nation. They are hopeful that the United States or Great Britain will induce Yuan Shi Kai to step down in the interest of peace.

Watch Child's Cough

Colds, running of nose, continued irritation of the mucous membrane if neglected may mean catarrh later. Don't take the chance, do something for your child. Children will not take every medicine, but they will take Dr. King's New Discovery and without bribing or teasing. It's a sweet pleasant Tar Syrup and so effective. Just laxative enough to eliminate the waste poisons. Almost the first dose helps. Always prepared, no mixing or fussing. Just ask your druggist for Dr. King's New Discovery. It will safeguard your child against serious ailments resulting from colds.

One of the best debates yet held during a county commencement here was that held in the city school auditorium and presided over by Prof. J. A. Leitch. There were six schools engaged, this being the largest number to enter a debate since the commencement was inaugurated. The essay "Rowan's Part in the War Between the States" was also held in the school auditorium and was one of the best parts of the program.

School field day exercises were held in the class rooms of the Ellis Street school and Miss Janie Shipman was in charge. There was a contest in reading, spelling, arithmetic and story telling in which every child in Rowan County had a chance to win a prize.

The declamation contest was held in the county court room at the court house and was in charge of superintendent M. I. Barnes of the Spencer schools. There were nine schools represented and every contestant showed splendid training. The first prize in this instance went to Sidney Saffrit of Gold Hill Township, whose subject was "The City of Poetry." He received a gold medal. Walter Davis of Providence Township, received \$2.50 as second prize.

The vacant storeroom in the Wallace building was utilized for the school exhibits. Here an array of exhibits in all lines of educational work was on display, tastefully arranged and more numerous than ever before. The room was crowded all day. The Farm Life School of China Grove had a splendid exhibit, the first to be made at a county commencement. One of the show windows was arranged with an exhibit of sewing by this school. The Salisbury school exhibit was one of the best yet made by these schools and occupied the larger part of the space in the room.

Many gold medals given by various business houses of the city were presented as first prizes to the winners of the different contests. There were several cash prizes. The exhibit prizes went to pupils of Oress, Kerr, East Spencer and China Grove schools. The school winning the greatest number of points in the various contests was Woodleaf, 875 points. A prize of \$10.00 given by V Wallace & Sons was presented this school. China Grove took second prize with 850 points and received a prize of \$5.00.

French Withdraw Wedge at Verdun

Paris Reports Capture of 150 Metres of German Trenches Southwest of Douaumont.

April 8.—The Bethincourt salient which for weeks had projected like a wedge into the German lines northwest of Verdun, has been evacuated by the French.

Evacuation was carried out under cover of darkness and without interference and the French, through the move, have been enabled to straighten out the line which now runs from the corner of the Avcourt wood to the south of the crossing of the Bethincourt Ennes and Nethincourt-Chattancourt roads.

Violent attacks by the Germans against the new positions found the French line unwavering, and all of them were repulsed except between the Avcourt wood and the Forges Brook, where the Germans succeeded in entering the French trenches, but were almost immediately driven out.

Northeast of Verdun around Pepper Hill and on the Douaumont Vaux sector, the Germans heavily bombarded French positions, but were unable to launch an infantry attack in the face of the fire of the French guns. Capture of 150 metres of German trenches southwest of Douaumont is reported by Paris.

On the rest of the line in France and Belgium artillery duels alone have been in progress.

The offensive of the Russians against the Germans in northwest Russia has simmered down to mutual bombardments and bombing attacks by the Germans and Russian aviators. Artillery actions in the Lake Narocz region continue, and an infantry attack by the Germans was repulsed by the Russian fire.

Considerable fighting between the Turks and the Russians has taken place in the Black Sea littoral, with the Turks the aggressors. Three attacks against the Russian entrenchments on the right bank of the Karadere were without result. The Russians are pushing their advance against the Ottomans in the upper Tochruc river region.

Along the entire Austro-Italian front, the artillery of both sides has been active. An unofficial dispatch from Saloniki reports an exchange of shots between German and French cavalry on the Macedonian front and the shelling, without effect, of French trenches by the Germans in the region of Givervill and Doiran.

The British steamers Adamton and Avon have been sunk, presumably by submarines, while the Danish steamer, Asger Ege, supposedly torpedoed, has been sighted, badly damaged south of the Isle of Wight.

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Weather Forecast for April, 1916.

From 2 to 10 frequent showers local around, by cool winds and some changeable, some warm.

From 10 to 27, changeable with local rain, and cool wind along, and warmer.

From 17 to 24 fair, with threatenings but if wind is southwest, at 8 to 10 p. m. the 17th, slight hail round, but if northeast, slight snow flurries.

From 24 to May 2, fair and clear, with changeable threatenings to rain, with short storms.

So no broken weather yet to the 24th, look for short storms about from 8rd, 7th and 18th, and May 1st, or about these dates.

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