FIELD GRAY LINES OF GERMANS FLEF

Retiring Teutons Apply The Torch To Cover Their Retreat

BAPAUME RIDDLED BY SHOT AND DYNAMITE

Defensive Works, English Find, Are All Germans Claim For Trenches and Veritable Forests of Barbed Wire To Aid Redoubts

From a Staff Correspondent of The Associated Press, British Headquarters in Frence, March 18, via London.—In the city of Albert, where the famous gilded leaning Virgin still suspends, miraculously from the lofty tower of a rather guady and fantastically shelltorn church there has long been a Brit-ish sign reading "to Bapaume." It has pointed the way along the narrow, straight road toward the quaint picardy town, transformed by the Germany into what they term a modern field Gibral-

Between Albert and Bapaume lie the battlefields of the greatest martial struggles of all history. They are called the battle of the Somme, but, more correctly, might be termed the battles of the Bapaume road. It has been a long ten It has been a long ten miles, but at last Bausame has been taken, and the British khaki line ex-

ends well beyond it in all direction.

The field grey German lines are falling back now on a front aproximating forty miles. They are dissolving in clouds of blue-grey smoke, for the German have lighted fires to screen in their wake. No village is being spared from the torch. The retreat on the British front now extends from well below Chaulnes on the south, almost to Arras on the north, and covers about one-third of the entire British line. It has even

Today the British pushed into Peronne, where they had to fight vir-tually every step of the way. There of orders directing the Federal mustering since Friday. The Germans also burned the suburb of Halle before abandoning it.

have been taken by the British during were to be granted, it was said. the day and it was reported tonight that patrols had reached as far as Nesle, southeast of Chaulnes.

For a time it seemed as if the German retreat would swing from Le Transloy as the southern pivot, but already it has eigh's well known edizens, died sud-gone far beyond that. Everywhere along denly of heart trouble at 11:30 o'el ek this wide front the British are pressing the ficeing German rear guard, and Blount street.

Bapaume witnessed lively street fight- Her death

deal to the men in the trenches. Oue British battalion due to be relieved yesterday from a term of strengous work, actually requested that they be sent forward in order that they might see Bapaumo cleared of the enemy.

In a war where the fighting is often confined for months to a maze of trenches a noted town like Bapaume stands out as a great goal to the sol-diers. Under the probetic sign in Albert pointing in that direction hundreds Raleigh, of thousands of British soldiers have trudged since last July, many never to return. The Bapaume highway, reaching out over the rolling fields of Piacardy, has indeed been the high road to "the great adventure". Out on this road ambled the British "tanks' 'on their startling way to battle renown. It is this road that pierced Pozieres, and on either side lie the unforgettable villages of Thiepval, Flora, Courcelette, Contal-maison, Fricourt, Mametz, Martinpuich, and Besument Bamel and the notorious Butte de Wariencourt

Hardest Fig. 1616 Roup Rewords. It was particularly fitting that the knion State High Schools upon the troops which fought the hardest about query, "Resolved, that the Federal the Butte last autumn should be among the first to reach Bapaume, of which the Butte had long been regarded as the key position. There was no flying of flags or beating of drums as the British penetrated the town, for there was fighting ahead and Bapaume is Blake, of the Burgaw School. Follow filled with underground strongholds ing this delate there will be a spelling But it was not long before the advance guard sent back over the telephone wires, which ever keep pace with the onward movement of the troops, that the enemy rear guard had "all been ac-

Later came a second message, reading

in true soldier language: "The mopping

up of Bapaume is now completed."

Fires were smouldering in many parts, remnants of the incendiarism which had been rampant during the last days of German occupation. No house was left intact, for those still roofed exposed interiors all burned out. There were plentiful evidences of dynamiting on all sides. Certain sections of the town appear as having been swept over by a cyclone, walls having been blown out by interior explosions, allowing the slate roofs to slide almost undamaged into the streets.

The upper part of the famous old clock tower had been blown off to pre-vent its being used for artillery registering by the British. All day and most of last night the Germans poured shells into Bapaume, paying particular attencertain sections on which they had carefully registered before leaving. the Germans with evacuated positions ever since the battle of the Somme Them With Net Work of Faidharbe, who defended Bapaume against the Germans in 1870, is missing, it having been removed to Germany.

Defensive Works Splen. 1. The defensive works about Bapaume were all that the Germans claimed for them. Splendid trenches formed a net work about the place and there were veritable forests of barbed wire. Redoubts and other for fiel points about the town had been transformed into modern defenses. In the town itself the numberless underground galleries. constructed from old cellurs and constructed nnew, must have housed at times thousands of German troops. British heavy shells had penetrated of skelctons behind.

The road to Bapaume shows scars of to \$300 or more. many mines exploded under it before the German retreat began. Through British line tonight came further re- to account each quarter. ports of progress. The German retreat

gaining in speed. Prisoners taken and identifications German divisions, including one recent-

MUSTER-OUT HALTED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia, S. C., M rch 18 .- The musextended down where the French lines tering out of the Second South Caro-begin. | lina Infantry, recently returned from the border and in camp at Styx, S. C. have been many fires in Peroane burn- ing officer to await further instructions. Only the sanitary detachment of the

organization had been discharged from Port Arthur, Texas, in ballast, was sunk Federal service when the orders were A score or more of towns and villages received. No leaves and furloughs

> SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. WILLIAM MONCURE

> Mrs. William Moncure, one of Rallast night at the home on 525 North

Her death came without the least warning, bhe was apparently in good The taking of that town meant a great health a few minutes before passing away and there was no sign of the attack. Her husband, who is well known in the South as a railroad builder and ivil engineer, was with her at the end Mrs. Moncure had lived in Raleigh about 40 years. She is survived by her husband and three children, Dr. William Moneure of Hamlet, who was a physician of this city until a few years ago: Miss Vivienne Moneure, of New Nork City, and Miss Belle Moneure, of

> Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

PENDER COUNTY TO HOLD ITS COMMENCEMENT NEXT WEEK

Burgaw, March 18 .- Pender county's chool commencement will be held here n Friday, March 23. The program which has been prepared for this oceasion embraces many interesting features and everything points to the success of the commencement.

The program, in part, consists of a debate between the Burgaw and At-Government should own and operate the railroads." The affirmative of the question will be debated by Miss Ar line Metthews and James Lewis, of the Atkinson School, while the negative will be upheld Ly Clifton Moore and Wyatt ing this delate there will be a spelling match, declamation contest, athletic contest and exhibits. Dinner will be served at one o'clock on the courthouse

A mescenger boy is a novelty in moving pictures.

square.

PROUD OF RECORD

The organizers of credit unions in the State are pointing to the first an nual report of the Carmel Union, made by Treasurer W. H. Pharr with pride. The report follows:

"The Carmel Credit Union was organized and incorporated under the laws of North Carolina, January 26, 1916. "We began business with \$217, paid on shares, \$150 on deposit, and \$11.75

entrance fees total, \$378.75. Loans made during 1916, \$1,970 amount borrowed during 1916, \$1,155. "Statement January 31, 1917, shower \$627.10 share capital, with deposits of \$333.87; loans outstanding, 50.00; amount borrowed, none; applications for loans pending approximate \$2,000; number of depositors, 14; total mem-bership, 63, with 78 shares subscribed

for at par value of \$10.

"Our aim is to secure \$1,000 in paid up share capital, increase this by \$1,00 r more each year, so that within a few years we will have enough or our wn funds to take care of the needs of

the borrowors. "Share and deposit money received found to members at 6 per cent. We have to pay 5 per cent for what we so with this transaction we have only a small margin of prout. "During the first year's business however, we paid all expenses and ere-

ated a reserve found of \$13.90. "All idle money is deposited in a bank a Charlotte for safe keeping, and on some of these shelters, leaving a toll this money we get 3 per cent interest on daily balances when same amounts

"We would call your attention espe the German retreat began. Through chally to the savings feature. During the haze of smoke that overhung Bathe year 1916 we paid on savings defarm so far as agriculture is concerned paume itself last night could be seen posited total interest of \$7.45. All is that of making a living and getting the glow of burning villages beyond, money deposited on savings account marking the path of the retreating Ger- draws interest at the rate of 4 per cent From all parts of the out flung annually, and is either paid or credited

"The Credat Union treasurer is a bonded officer. "Officers and committeemen of the obtained from the dead show that fresh Carmel Credit Union elected for the year 1917 are as follows:

the Rumaniana, have been thrown in Hutchison, vice-president; C. M. as a screen to shield the retiring troops. dove, with S. D. Faulkner and W. R Alexander, Credit committee, S. D. Faulkner, J. M. Waiker and W. R. Alexpuler. Supervisory committee, W. Pharr, J. E. Denton and J. C. Reid.

CREW OF THE ILLINOIS ALL SAFELY LANDED

(By The Associated Press.) London, March 1s .- The American steamship Illinois, from London for at 8 o'clock this morning. The erew was

landed safely. Newport News, Va., March 18.-The American steamship Illinois, reported sunk by a German submarine, was built at the plant of the Newport News Ship-building and Drydeck Company here in 1913 for the Texas Yompany. She was originally named the Texas, but her name was changed to Illinois when the owners built another steamer and named

Texas. The Illinois was the third oil tanker built at the Newport News shippard. She was 390 feet long, 521 feet wide and 30.8 feet deep. Her gross tonnage was 5 225 and net tounege 3, She carried a crew of 35 men her home port was New York. She had BALTIC FLEET JOINS been here several times for repairs.

APEX FARMERS FORM ASSOCIATION TO SECURE FEDERAL BANK LOANS

in the "Federal Farm Loan Bank" by Sweden, organizing the Apex National Farm enpital stock of \$10,000, but may begin business when \$1,000 has been subscribed.

J. L. Crowder is named as secretary treasurer of the new association and piling up five runs when the directors are W. T. Beckwith, J. F. ned in the eighth inning. Ragon, C. H. Wilson, Herbert Council, Score: I. F. Ellis, H. G. Howard and H. T. Brooklyn

Goodwin. The organization of this farm loon association is the first of its kind in Wake county and the association will become active in availing its members of the provisions of the Federal Farm Loan Act. It will enable them to transact business with the Federal Farm Lean Bank at Columbia, S. C.

FORMER EMPEROR NOW IS PLAIN NICHOLAS ROMANOFF.

(By The Associated Press.) Petrograd, March 18, via London, March 19,-Nicholas Romanoff, as the former emperor now is designated, left with his staff today for his personal estates at Livadia, on the south coast of the Crimen. .

OF CARMEL UNION HE MAKES APPEAL FOR SAFE FARMING

Mr. C. R. Hudson Urges Farmers Not To Depend Upon Money Crops

Mr. C. R. Hudson, State Demonstra tion Agent, is making an appeal through Mr. W. C. Crosby, Secretary of th-North Carolina Community Service Bureau, for safe farming in all th organized communities of the State. It. urges farmers not to hear the siren cal of high prices now prevailing 197 mone crops and turn away from the safer saner plan of making a living first. His appeal follows:

"Whenever the greed for a money erop unbalances the wisdom of let-bandry, the money crop is a curs When it stimulates the general econo of the farm it is the profit of farming. "The experience of Sauthern farmer

in relying largely upon one or two salereps has proved that the above statements by the late Heary W. Grady to true. High prices of farm products present may cause farmers in uname course. Now white arrangments are being made for this year -rops, it is the time to consider the

"While the selling price of cotton tobacco, e'c., is high, yet the purchas a price of those crops is no greater on the whole than it has been in the past, be nuse the price of meat, flour, hay, et-is accordingly high.
"The most important thing on ever

a Little eash surplus. When it all of the money crop to buy food as and. When all the things needed for the family to live on are grown on the irm, even though the money crop small, yet as a rule there is some our ormer has already found out that h can grow corn, pork, hay, syrup, but ter, poultry, etc., a great deal cheape han he can buy thom. In fact, it the growing of there crops that w ring him a cash before

really makes a profit on them.
"The following outline, if fellowed properly, ought to make any farm in dependent, and gradually the farmer should get ahead financially in the world.

"1. A home garden for every famil

"2. Produce enough corn, hav, forage and small grains to last the family or I've stock a full year with a little sur rolus for safety.
"S. Produce all the meat, poultry

egen and butter needed for the family ravided for, grow cutton, tolores, and ther sale crops in but h acreage as can hen be done.

"5. Sell or exchange the surplus ducts of the garden, or hard, poultry live stock, etc., to cover the necessir onning expenses of the farm durin

"If farmers would follow the five F Saithfully, we would have fewer fullar, and falver farms. Get the following thoroughly into your mind, and think to over for yourself. Formers Nord. Pert'le Sell Food and Feed Crops First.

RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

Lendon, Mar. 10. The entire Pussian Baltic fleet and the fortres es at Viborg and Steatory have joined the revoluspatch to the Evelunge Telegraph Com-Farmers of the Apex section of Wake pany from Copenhagen, which is base! reports received from Haparanda

> MAYS WEAKEN IN EIGHTH Hot Springs, Ark., March 18.-Th. Brooklyn Nationals defeated the Bos on Americans, 7-to 2, here today is the first game of the envire series five runs when Mays weak-

Counts, Cadore, Dell and Miller Meyers; Share, Ruth, Mays and Cady, Thomas, Agnew

"Live at Home" Wadesboro Ansonian.

Mr. J. H. Dawkins of Rethel, in Gulledge township is an old former of the new school. He is an earnest advaeater of the "live at home" policy and says with emphasis that he has no intention of going over to Germany to Wastest ore Ansonian. fight the "boches" but will land a helping hand to make it warm for them in case they head this way.

no attention to you or me.

EODY OF YOUNG HETH

Roanske, Va., March 18-The re ains of Stockton Heth, Jr., who was not and mortally wounded by Prof. harles E. Vawter in the latter's home on the Virginia Polytechnic Institute campus at an early hour Tuesday morning, were buried at Radford to-day. The funeral services were held from "Norwood," the family home of the Heths.

The ceremonies were conducted by he Rev. Robert Nelson and C. A. R. Marshall, of Blacksburg, assisted by Nev. D. J. Woods, of Blacksburg, and he Rev. J. H. Whitmore, of Radford-The pall-learers were George Miles, of Marion: Fitzbugh Campbell,

Saptain Stockton Heth, father of the or early hour today.

RUSSIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS TO BE FREED

as unseed by Emperor Nicholas, that the second are to be no lack of mon duers, by the fill quieter await an expression

a a title. The foregoing dispatch fighting lines that are hows that he is still in command of Foung men in wartime. be Caucha on front.

TOMMY DIGS GARDENS AS WELL AS TRENCHES

(By The Associated Press.)

London, March 18.-The British ommy, home on leave from trench aging and guarding the line, now seling truck gardens in his notice land, doing this he is nugmenting the ud army of civilians at home and thousands of soldiers in training at the arrows military essues in England who al time to do their "bit" in the gar-

compless the length and breadth of is island, around the military camps aperially along the railway lines. a Associated Press correspondent Las on well hid out gardens or alletments he first of February there were 25,000 the plate under cultivation in this ontry, thus giving some blea of the need with which the people have taken the spale and play since the auhorities have tried to arouse them to be danger of sturvation as threatened the submarines. The government rentered to communicat es it was cultivated. The result was hat farmers everywhere got busy and there is now very little land "going On thousands of seres British Tom-

ies are to be seen working beside old women and children, turning up he soil and getting it ready for the only foodstuffs are to be raised. In I andon and other big cities every only who lives near a plot of usable and has bought seeds. They are assisted by the Vacant Allotment Society n organization whose ramifications exnd Paranghout the island and whose usiness it is to attend to the applicaone of householders for a plot of annel in which to raise vegetables. the hindewners turn their vacant land over to the society without charge. The about 90 feet square. These can be ster the duration of the war for the count of a fee of 50 cents or one r to cav r cost of administration if the homelalder fails to make the and produce foodstaffs it is taken away from him by the society, which is a Seril government institution. Emphasis is placed on the need for graving potatoes of which there is now

a great scarrity.

Sees Wolf.

The great "varmint", "hooga" wolf or whatever it is has been enusing so much | department in which they reside. They An egotist is merely a fellow who is Lobert Ingram says he saw it one night when called out will receive the full pay so wrapped up in himself that he pays in t week and it looked like a wolf to and allowances of their grade in the latin.

BURIED AT RADFORD GIVE COMMISSIONS TAKING STEPS FOR

Grade Second Lieutenant Now Thrown Open To Men Without Experience

Washington, March 18.- The grade of second lieutenant in the officers reserve corps of the army has been thrown open by Secretary Baker to men without any military experience whatever, provided they are physically and men. United States has inaugurated several of Wytheville; Julian H. Addison, of provided they are physically and men. United States has inaugurated every synchlurg; G. H. and H. C. Tyler, of tally adapted to military life. An urg-changes to reduce the cost of living to the American people. The food riots desiford: Major M. B. Bright, P. P. ent plea has been sent out to men the American people. The food riots amplied and B. M. Floyd, of Blacks between 21 and 32 years all over the in New York were followed in Washing. country to send in applications for com-missions with assurances that the army will supply after enrollment the mili-terior for the production of more of the dead man, arrived from California at will supply after enrollment the mile tary training necessary to fit them for

duty.
Under the national defense act the (By The Associated Press.)

London, March 18.—Grand Duke
Leafons has ordered the release of the reserve in the loss than 1 1000 men have been given reserve commission in the line, depute reserve commission in the line, depute prepare a series of attements for the reserve commission in the line, depute prepare a series of attements for the reserve commission in the line, depute prepare a series of attements for the line of the line in our line line instructions as to the in assa, Reuter's Titlis correspondent tion for more than eight mouths. Applications are coming in slowly and the trand Duke enjoined senior and after oil ors are using every means in their theory to altrue the soldiers and their power to aftract young men to alors, now that the throne has been this service as a patriotic duty.

I will from the Lundan people. It is serve, such as the engineer corps, they their energy duty, the Grand Duke said, the countries and the release to the countries and manufacturing to event not to even the lawful chiefs, and sometimes the country from its enemies the course have been issued to provide State," said P. P. Clarton Commissions. ad by their actions to support their the special arms for a million troops, er of Education, there are approximate-It is fighting men who are lacking, line by 6,000,000 boys and girls between the There has been some uncertainty as front in time of war. Army efficers school less than 1,000 hours in the year, believe the failure to fill up this relicited for chief command of the Rus. figling lines that are aftractive to hours a day not counting Sundays. National and state laws make it impossible

> ing Corps, composed of units at universities, schools and colleges, will provide more than 6,000 men a year, it is and falling into vice. They must be fed est mated, for reserve commissions. The and clothed. For 4,000,000 of these chilfirst fruits of this scheme for educating dren there is seess to back yards, side intil fills and then not more than 3,000 might be cultivated as small gardens junior officers can be expected to be for the growth of vegetables and small bility many of these will be required Mr. for regular army commissions, reducing for reducing the cost of living. He has found that profitable results can be had.

> The law prescribes that no man shall aying provid examination. The War who can spare an hour a day and avail-D partment has realized that lack of able men and women might easily proprevious military experience of any duee on the available had an average est their college days from making ap. their own tables or for sale in their implication. For that reason every effort mediate neighborhoods. This would add throughout the country that military the country without cost of transp experience is not required. Men will be tation or storage and without profit of enimissioned who have never worn a middlemen. This estimate is very con-uniform or faced a d-ill sergeant. The servative as has been shown by many ormy will gladly undertake to furnish experiments." hose who are otherwise suitable with the necessary professional training after

This applies, however, only to the enants captains and majors must show previous military experience to earn the Interior Department will try to put heir commissions. The heavy responshilities for the care of troops that goes with such grades necessitates this redriction.

Applicants for second lieutenants ommissions are being assured that very opportunity will be given them for enrollment in that grade to ad once themselves to higher rank. The department has appealed to young

men who care to offer their services to apply without delay to the commander they live for necessary papers and information. Letters should be addressed to the Commanding General, Eastern Department, Governors Island, Central Department, Chicago, Ill., South ern Department, San Antonio, Texas, or Western Department, San Francisco, Cal, They will a seive prompt attention and arrangements for the examination of an applicant will be made to suit his con venience as nearly as possible, To those who receive commissions the

summer training camps of the army will be open and they will receive travel al lowances and pay that will more than offset any espense to which they may be put. Only a simple field uniform is required for reserve officers, involving little expense, and the government assumes this cost also eventually. In war time reserve officers would

be required to report for duty either in person or by letter, as he may direct, to the commanding general of the tement in other parts of the county will be assigned to regular or volunteer regular service.

IN RESERVE CORPS MORE PRODUCTION

Government Departments Tell The People How To Help Increase Food Supply

> News and Observer Bureau, By H. E. C. BRYANT (Special Leased Wire)

Washington, March 18 .- Within the last few weeks the government of the necessities of life on the waste lands of the towns and cities of the country.

In every state in the Union, aided by corps should be able to furnish officers for a force of Linkland volunteers in Federal experts, people are planning to

putilie, giving instructions as to the growing of vegetables and fruits. Secctury Lane, through the Bureau of Education, has made an appeal to the school teachers throughout the nation to organize their pupils into food pro-"In the schools of the cities, towns,

ages of nine and sixteen. They are in Eventually the Reserve Officers Train. for most of them to do any profitable work in mill, mine or shop, and many of them are forming habits of idleness yards, front yards and vacuat lots which Mr. Claston has tested out his plan

The law prescribes that no man shall "Properly directed," said be, "these remainisationed in the reserve without school children and elder boys and girls

Secretary Lane thinks that these re-sults can be attained by placing over every hundred children between the ages of nine and sixteen, one teacher skilled in gardening and paid for all the year round. Through Mr. Clayton into operation this plan for the reducofficials here are very much interested in it and it has been tried out on a

small scale and has worked well. Through the boys and girls rural slubs under the direction of the Department of Agriculture, Secretary Houston will aid the back-yard garden movement

It is predicted by experts in experts prices that the falli of the military department in which exports because of the German ruthless submarine war will materially reduce foodstuff prices. The loss last month amounted to \$147,032,659. No figures are available at the Department of Com-merce to show what articles dropped back, but it is understood that agricultural products suffreed most.

Mr. Claxton has had his representatives in North Carolina and other Southern States.

SLASH PINE IS FAST REPLACING LONG LEAF

Washington, March 18.-A comparanost often called slash pine is fast replacing long-leaf pine in many sections of the South, says the Forest Service. In some respects this tree is considered a better tree than long-leaf. Its growth, according to the Foresters, is more rapid, and its yield of turpentine larger, while the wood is said to be the heaviest, hardest and strongest coniferous wood grown in the country.

An amateur may be a person who has entered the first stage of ignorance.

