

HINDENBURG ATTACK SPENT ITS FORCE

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GERMANS MUST HOLD FAST HERE OR LOSE LENS

General Neville's Troops Holding Fast to Chemin-Des-Dames Plateau, Important Position.

(By Associated Press.) Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's tremendous drive of yesterday in an effort to stem the tide of British victory on the Arras battlefield speedily spent its force and all of his lavish expenditure of men and material bids fair to be wasted.

Already the British have attacked so strongly that most of the ground lost in the vicinity of Fresnoy has been regained. The Germans are still clinging to the village itself but their hold upon it is so insecure that its recapture and the entire restoration of the British positions appears imminent.

It is a vital necessity for the Germans to hold fast here if they are not speedily to lose Lens and its valuable coal fields and find their whole line on the northern sector of the Franco-Belgian front imperilled. Even of more urgent necessity is it for them to hold the French around the great bend in the line northeast of Soissons where the German stronghold of Laon, considered by some military critics the key to the entire German position in Northern France, is the French objective.

The persistence and violence of the German counter attacks on Chemin-des-Dames plateau, command of which was won by the French in last week's great drive, indicates the importance German high command attaches to the lost ground. General Neville's troops are yielding no inch of it and are gradually forging ahead in this important sector.

The German counter attacks last night were particularly heavy and costly and at no point were they successful, Paris announces.

From two other war theatres news comes that opens up many possibilities. Fighting on the Macedonian front has constantly developed in severity and extent and gives renewed color to the belief that General Surral is initiating operations of major importance and possibly a general offensive. Mesopotamia offers the second point of interest with the announcement from Petrosrad that Russian troops are again on the move on the Persian border.

British Casualties Decrease. London, May 9.—Andrew Bonar Law, member of the British war council, said today in the House of Commons that the British casualties in the recent offensive on the Arras front in France were 50 to 75 per cent fewer than those in the battle of the Somme.

London, May 9.—The loss in the neighborhood of Fresnoy on the Arras line has been regained by the British.

London, May 8.—The Germans today in the neighborhood of Fresnoy succeeded after heavy counter attacks in gaining a foothold in the British trenches northeast of the village. Later, however, the British in a counter attack regained the lost ground. Still later in the morning east of Fresnoy the Germans returned to the attack with two fresh divisions. The British stubbornly resisted, but finally were compelled to withdraw from Fresnoy village and wood.

A NEW DEVICE OF GREAT VALUE

Railroad Man Invents a Device by Which the Auto Will Show its Speed When it Approaches the Grade Crossing.

(Special to the Post.) Taylors, S. C., May 9.—Green D. Poole, clerk in the Southern Railway System depot claims to have made a substantial contribution to the movement for the conservation of human life through the invention of a device which will positively prevent accidents to automobiles at grade crossings.

The working of the attachment is simple and is explained by Inventor Poole as follows: "While the car is running 15 miles per hour a white bulb shows on the radiator, at 25 miles a green bulb appears, at 40 a red bulb, and when the driver begins to 'bat' em out around 60 per a music box under the seat begins to play 'Nearer My God to Thee!'"

Some people appreciate beautiful things, but most people merely care for ornaments.

CHINA TALKS WAR RESOLUTION TODAY

Premier and Entire Cabinet Urge Parliament to Make a Declaration of War.

MEMBERS WANT CABINET REORGANIZED BEFORE WAR

There Was Stormy Debate in the Chinese Senate When the War Resolution Was Discussed.

(By Associated Press.) Peking, May 9.—The Chinese premier and the entire cabinet addressed a secret session of the Parliament and urged the adoption of a resolution declaring war on Germany. The resolution was referred to the standing committee for consideration on Thursday.

Much opposition to the resolution was developed and there was a lengthy debate. In the Senate the discussion caused a stormy scene.

The opposition to the resolution takes the ground that there should be no declaration of war until the cabinet is strengthened.

ENORMOUS DAILY EXPENDITURE.

Andrew Bonar Law Moves for a Vote of Credit of Five Hundred Million Pounds.

(By Associated Press.) London, May 9.—In moving a vote of credit for 500,000,000 pounds in the House of Commons today Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, said that the alarming feature of the figures were that they represented a total daily expenditure of 7,450,000 pounds.

PRESIDENT WILSON TAKING CONGRESS IN CONFIDENCE

President Summons Thirty Leaders in Congress to the White House for a Conference on the Administration's War Plans.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 9.—President Wilson began taking Congress into his confidence today on the administration's war plans by summoning 30 leaders to the White House.

At the capitol it was said the President had recognized the criticism that Congress was not being taken into the President's full confidence on the measures he is asking to have passed for the conduct of the war.

Among the subjects discussed, it was said, were the billion dollar appropriation to build a merchant fleet which is to overcome the submarine menace, and disputed points in the army bill on which the House and Senate conferees are deadlocked, and principally over the Senate amendment to permit Colonel Roosevelt to send a division to France. The espionage bill and other subjects were also taken up.

TURNING HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA.

French Commission Arrived in the Quaker City This Morning and Are on Sightseeing Tour.

(By Associated Press.) Philadelphia, May 9.—Former French Premier Viviani, General Joffre and other members of the French commission arrived here at 9 o'clock this morning under escort. They at once began a whirlwind tour to view points of historic interest in the city.

Russians Troops Again Active.

Petrograd via London, May 9.—Russian troops on the Rumanian front northeast of Denne yesterday broke through the tunic position and advanced toward Jenawer, says an official statement issued today by the Russian war department.

THE BANK OF ROCKWELL.

Rockwell, May 9.—The Bank of Rockwell which was organized sometime ago, and which was chartered with \$25,000 capital and which Dr. G. W. Choate of this city is President and Mr. T. R. Garner of Salisbury, is cashier, began its active work this week with the construction of a nice brick building and it is being constructed on the main corner in town.

THE LAST DAY OF THE VAWTER TRIAL

The Indications are That the Case Will Go to the Jury This Evening.

PROFESSOR WILL SOON KNOW FATE FOR SHOOTING

Jury Was Brought to Tears by the Attorney Who Pictured the Case.

(By Associated Press.) Christiansburg, Va., May 8.—This promises to be the closing day of the trial of Prof. Charles E. Vawter for the killing of Stockton Heth, Jr. It is expected that the case will be in the hands of the jury this evening by 7 o'clock and a verdict is looked for during the evening.

Brought Jury to Tears.

Christiansburg, Va., May 8.—A sudden and dramatic delay was caused in the trial of Prof. Charles E. Vawter, charged with the killing of Stockton Heth, Jr., when Judge W. W. Moffett was forced to adjourn court to let the jury compose themselves after R. L. Jordan, speaking for the defense, had caused every member of the jury, many of the audience and newspaper men to break into tears. When the climax of the speech came, Attorney Jordan so vividly pictured the tragedy that the jury completely broke down and wept. Commonwealth's Attorney R. I. Roop, opened the argument for the prosecution during the morning session. In strong language he arraigned Vawter for the alleged bargaining of his wife. He reviewed the events of the night of the tragedy, drawing a terrible picture of conditions in the Vawter home, saying, "It is a cause of wonder that the God who destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah had withheld fire and brimstone from such a place of sin."

Attorney R. L. Jordan, speaking for the defense, attacked Heth's character in bitter terms, saying that Mrs. Vawter had atoned for sins as no human could. He scored Roop for saying that the defense would come in with a bucket of tar and whitewash the tar to blacken Heth's character; and the whitewash to smooth over Mr. and Mrs. Vawter. Attorney Allen Harless for the defense, bitterly arraigned Heth's character and wound up by saying that he got his just deserts. He scored Heth's estimate of Virginia women, using the testimony of Mrs. Vawter, who stated on the witness stand that Heth had said to her, "Rachael, all women will do the same thing if you go at them in the right way."

WORKING ON DEVICES TO COMBAT SUBMARINE

Scientists and Naval Experts Continue to Plan to Combat the German Submarine and Progress Has Been Made, it is Announced.

Washington, May 9.—Additional information on experiments with devices for combating the German submarine were sent to the navy department today from scientists who are working independently of the naval consulting board.

A number of conferences were held while the board's members who were present at a conference last night at the home of Secretary Daniels also remained in the city and continue to work with naval experts.

Neither the secretary nor any naval official would discuss the result of the meeting last night further than to say progress had been made and that further experiments would be carried forward without delay. In several cases expert practical tests were made with striking results.

REFUSED THAW REQUISITION.

Pennsylvania Governor Refuses to Give Harry K. Thaw Up to New York Authorities.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 9.—Governor Brumbaugh today refused to extradite Harry K. Thaw to New York City where he is wanted on an indictment for assaulting a Kansas City school boy.

Thaw is now in a Philadelphia hospital where he was taken after an attempt at suicide.

It is just 75 years since the Naval Observatory at Washington was founded.

The telephone switchboard at the Boston Navy yard is operated by girls.

Many a man thinks himself a genius because he lives by his wits.

A COUNTY BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

Board of County Commissioners Hold Two Day Session and Transact Business.

BUILDING SALISBURY AVENUE DELAYED

A Number of Road Matters Considered and County Authorized to Borrow Sum of \$50,000.

The board of county commissioners met in regular monthly session Monday and Tuesday with chairman J. S. Hall presiding and all members being present. The following business was transacted:

Ordered that petition relative to Baxter Daniels be accepted and he be sent to the Caswell Training school at Kinston at the expense of the State.

Ordered that certain taxes paid by the Allman shows in East Spencer be (Continued on Page 6)

VICTOR CARLSTROM NOTED AVIATOR FALLS TO DEATH

Machine Plunges Downward Three Thousand Feet at Newport News With Two Men.

CARLSTROM'S COMPANION WAS ON HIS INITIAL TRIP

Machine Smashed Into Splinters and Aviator and Student's Bodies Mutilated Terribly.

(By Associated Press.)

Newport News, Va., May 9.—Victor Carlstrom, aviator instructor at the Atlantic Coast Aeronautical Station here and one of the foremost flyers in America, and Cary B. Epes, of Newport News, a student flyer, were instantly killed at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon when an airplane in which they were flying collapsed at an altitude of about 3,500 feet and fell like a plummet to the earth. The machine was smashed to splinters and the bodies of the victims were horribly mutilated, beyond recognition.

The fall was witnessed by hundreds of persons in various sections of the city and caused a near-panic among the children at one of the public schools who were watching the fliers at the noon recess.

Carlstrom was giving Epes his initial lesson. They left the ground and rapidly rose to about 3,500 feet. They were flying along smoothly when those watching the machine saw it suddenly crumple and plunge down. As the crippled machine fell observers saw a portion of it fall. Afterward it proved to be the right wing which evidently gave way and caused the remainder of the machine to collapse.

Carlstrom had reached the zenith of his fame when he flew from Chicago to New York for the New York Times several months ago. Previous to that time he flew from Newport News to New York without a stop, setting a record for cross country flying. He also held the American record for altitude with pilot and one passenger, having ascended to a height of 16,500 feet here a year ago. Early in his flying days Carlstrom flew from Toronto to Buffalo. He won numerous laurels in the aviation world and was awarded the medal by the Aerial Club of America. A few weeks ago Carlstrom received an appointment as first lieutenant in the aviation reserve corps of the United States army.

THOUSANDS NEGROES NORTH.

Statistics Compiled by President of Colored League Show That More Than a Quarter of a Million Have Migrated During Past Eight Months (By Associated Press.)

Richmond, Va., May 9.—James W. Poe, president of the Colored Citizens' Patriotic League with headquarters in Richmond has gathered statistics indicating that 308,949 negroes have left the South during the last eight months.

Of this number North Carolina contributed 35,376, Virginia 49,768 and South Carolina 27,560. Poe reports most of these negroes seeking employment in Northern "war plants," 73,000 going to Pennsylvania alone. He says they would better be cultivating Southern food crops.

The matchlock musket was invented at Nuremberg, Bavaria, just 400 years ago, in 1517.

BURTON WINS IN MAYORALTY RACE

Mayor of Spencer Wins Out in the Fight for Head of City for Next Two Years.

McNINCH IN CHARLOTTE STAFFORD IN GREENSBORO

Election Held in a Number of N. C. Cities on Tuesday, Greensboro Makes Changes.

(By A. W. Hicks.)

Spencer, May 9.—Considerable spice was thrown into the municipal political arena late Monday evening when Mr. J. D. Dorsett threw his hat in the ring as the Republican candidate for mayor against Mayor W. H. Burton who had already received the Democratic nomination. There was no time for newspaper publicity and barely time to have the additional tickets printed for use when the polls opened Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock. The Democratic nominees for aldermen and prosecuting attorney received the endorsement of the Republicans and the only contest was as to the mayor. The voting was spirited throughout the day though at no time did the Democratic candidate appear to fall in having a good lead over the Republican aspirant. The Republicans, it is said, almost to a man, voted for the Democratic nominees for aldermen and cast the ballot for the Republican candidate for mayor. Democrats who had gone into the primary April 28th felt honored to support the nominees and did so. The result of the contest as counted out by the judges about 8 p. m. gave Mayor Burton a majority of 76 over Mr. Dorsett. The entire Democratic ticket was also elected including for aldermen J. E. Connell, J. D. Carter, R. H. Klutz, Braxton L. Young, Clyde L. Bunch and H. W. Holt. For Prosecuting Attorney J. G. Hudson was re-elected.

The judges of the election were Prof. V. E. Wyant and J. P. Crowell with J. R. Cruse as registrar. A total of 286 votes were cast. The judges met at 10 a. m. today and declared the result of the election and the new board will be sworn in May 29th.

The East Spencer election passed off quietly with Prof. H. J. Peeler as the new mayor elect, having received a majority of 11 votes over his Republican opponent S. A. Earnhardt. Prof. Peeler, who is at the head of the East Spencer school, entered the race at the last hour, coming out late Monday afternoon. He is regarded as a good man for the place and is expected to give the town a successful administration. Mr. Earnhardt had received the endorsement of a meeting of citizens some two weeks ago but the voters thought different and gave the place to Mr. Peeler. The newly elected aldermen in East Spencer are Messrs. F. A. Sides, T. A. Howell, C. W. Waller and B. W. Loflin.

Two detachments of guardsmen reaching Spencer last night have pitched tents near the stock yards and will keep a close eye on the premises. The guardsmen came from Asheville and Charlotte and are expected to remain at Spencer for quite awhile.

Chairman C. L. Bunch of the Spencer school board has called a meeting of the body for Thursday night for the purpose of electing a superintendent and teachers for next year.

Mayor Murphy, of Greensboro, was defeated by his opponent, former Mayor Stafford. The mayor and the commissioner of safety went down in defeat. The only old officer re-elected was Commissioner of Works, J. G. Foushee.

In Charlotte Frank R. McNinch was elected mayor without any opposition. The other two members of the new commission were Arthur Wearn and Horace Moore.

William P. Ragan was elected mayor of High Point over Mr. Charles F. Tomlinson.

SHIPPING RELEASED.

British Shipping Released as a Result of Agreement Between Sweden and Great Britain.

(By Associated Press.) Stockholm, May 9.—Approximately 90,000 tons of allied shipments, which have been tied up in the gulf of Bothnia since the beginning of war, will be released today, as result of an agreement between Great Britain and Sweden which was perfected today.

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GOVERNMENT PAPER WILL BE PUBLISHED

Planned to Print a Daily Paper Show What is Doing in Preparation for the War.

APPROPRIATION FOR THE MERCHANT MARINE

President Sends for Senators on Appropriation Committee to Discuss Ways and Means.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 9.—Beginning tomorrow the government will issue a daily newspaper, giving the news and making announcements of all departments relative to war preparations. The publication will be official bulletin and issued under the direction of the committee on information. It will be mailed to all newspapers, to commercial bodies and such others as make application for it. The postmasters have been directed to post it daily in the lobby of the office. A weekly bulletin is planned especially for weekly newspapers which will be used to make such use of the bulletin as they may see fit.

President Wilson today began work on getting the one billion dollar appropriation for merchant marines and sent for several senators on the appropriations committee. The committee informally discussed the matter before going to the White House and considered the matter of putting the new appropriation on the \$2,800,000,000 army and navy deficiency bill which has already passed the House. The bill is about completed and can be reported to the Senate in a few days.

CRIMINAL DOCKET COMPLETED AND CIVIL CASES NOW ON

A Number of Defendants Sent to the Roads and Sentence in One Case is Reduced—Believed to be Case of Mistaken Identity.

The criminal docket of Rowan Superior court was completed late Tuesday afternoon and the court is now busily engaged in disposing of the civil docket, which was taken up this morning. The first case called on this docket was that of J. R. Nicholas vs. Norfolk Western Railroad Company for damages in the loss of a merry-go-round with which his son was traveling with a carnival and which was burned aboard the railway cars. Cases disposed of in the criminal court and not reported are:

Andrew Walker, larceny of a grip from a shanty car, guilty, eight months on the roads.

Dave Mooney, false pretense, motion to quash allowed.

Bob Massey, selling liquor, judgment continued on payment of costs. Harvey Wood, breaking and entering, eight months on roads.

Drew Boyden, larceny, eight months on the roads.

Robert Wood, larceny of grip from caboose on Southern's local yards, not guilty. This was a peculiar case and was evidently a case of mistaken identity, it now being believed the man's brother was the real criminal. The defendant, a young white man, lives in Wilkes county.

The sentence of ten months imposed on Caldwell Ide in a liquor case was reduced to eight months.

ENFORCE CLOTURE RULE.

Efforts to Invoke New Ruling for Shutting Off Debate—Argument Over Espionage Bill the Cause.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 9.—Efforts to invoke the Senate's new cloture rule to force through the administration's espionage bill with the drastic newspaper censorship and embargo sections is under way with Senator Williams of Mississippi leading the attempt.

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CITIZENS TICKET AT CHINA GROVE

C. G. Bost is Named Mayor of China Grove and Citizens Ticket Gets an Endorsement.

BOST WAS ON BOTH TICKETS CITIZENS AND PEOPLES

Granite Quarry Elects R. M. Brown for Mayor Over J. J. Lysterly, Full Ticket Named.

In the China Grove municipal election Tuesday there were two tickets, the Citizens and Peoples. There was but one candidate for mayor, Mr. C. G. Bost being on each of the tickets and was, of course, elected by a splendid vote.

The vote was as follows: Citizens Ticket—For Mayor, C. G. Bost 166.

Commissioners—J. E. Correll 163, (Mr. Correll was on each of the two tickets.)

W. J. Swink 163. J. B. Walker 128. Chas. H. Deal 139.

A. A. Hurley 147. Peoples Ticket: H. J. Eddleman 48. Mc-L. Ritchie 37.

Geo. R. Davis 43. D. B. Gobel 39.

Brown Wins at Granite Quarry. Out at Granite Quarry there was a contest for mayor, the opposing candidates being R. M. Brown and J. J. Lysterly. The vote stood as follows:

R. M. Brown 26. J. J. Lysterly 14.

For Aldermen: D. H. Lysterly 39. J. W. Hudson 26.

B. L. Frick 26. J. M. Lysterly 38. R. B. Peeler 16. L. L. Walton 15.

The election was for four aldermen and the first four named were chosen, as the vote indicates.

Mayor Young Re-elected at Lexington.

Lexington, May 8.—Mayor Charles Young was yesterday re-elected by a plurality of 26 over George L. Hackney and G. Foster Hankins, Hackney leading Hankins by four votes. A small vote was cast on account of rain late in the day. The most interesting contest was over city commissioners, where three candidates were running against the slate nominated at a citizens' mass meeting. One of the three, C. L. Leonard, defeated H. H. Kootz, running on the "regular" ticket. The old board of commissioners hold their final meeting tonight and turn over the affairs of the town to the newly elected commissioners, five of the eight being new. At the next regular meeting the "favours" will be given out and already a number of applicants are wanting to take jobs away from men connected with the city administration.

One Ticket in Concord.

Concord, May 9.—A very quiet and uninteresting election was held in this city Tuesday resulting in the election of Mayor C. A. Isenhour and his board of aldermen as nominated in the Democratic primaries.

There was an opposition ticket, a Citizens ticket, headed by F. C. Niblock. This was defeated throughout, carrying only one box in the first ward. There was very small interest and a very light vote cast.

The Allies insist on helping von Hindenburg to retreat to victory a little more.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

LOCAL MILL PEOPLE GET A TEN PER CENT BONUS

Cannon Manufacturing Company Announces Increase in Wages on Account of High Cost of Living—Kessler Mills of This City Included.

The Concord Tribune of Tuesday has the following regarding an announced increase in the wages of employees of the chain of Cannon mills, including the Kessler mill in Salisbury:

The Cannon Manufacturing Company, of this city and Kannapolis, makes the announcement today that it will give to all its employees here, at Kannapolis, at China Grove and Salisbury, a bonus of ten per cent of their wages and salaries. This new move on the part of the officials of the mills will become effective at once.

The high cost of living is given as the reason for the bonus. The officials of the mills state that they will continue the bonus so long as living conditions demand it. The mills to be benefited by the increase are the Franklin, Cabarrus, Gibson and Cannon Mills at Kannapolis, the Patterson Mills at China Grove and the Kessler Mills at Salisbury.



Fair tonight and slightly warmer Thursday, probably frost in mountains.