



WEATHER FORECAST

Fair tonight; Thursday probably showers.

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INSANE DIE IN HOSPITAL FIRE AT COLUMBIA
Allies Getting Back at the Germans and Meeting Their Attacks
ROWAN MEN LEAVE THIS EVENING FOR CAMP JACKSON, S. C.

INSANE PATIENTS DIED IN THE FLAMES

Columbia Hospital Loses a Frame Building by Fire and in Flames Some of the Inmates Died.

RESCUED AND RETURNED TO THE BUILDING AS IT BURNS

Fifteen Rescued But Returned to a Horrible Death and Could Not Be Held Back.

(By the Associated Press)

Columbia, S. C., May 29.—Sixteen patients at the South Carolina hospital for the insane perished in a fire which destroyed a one story frame structure on the grounds of the state hospital early in the day.

Fifteen of the number were burned to death in the building, having run back into the flames after they had been rescued and brought to a place of safety. The other dead man was rescued a second time, but not until he had been so severely burned that he died a few hours later. Four more were more or less injured by burns.

There were forty-five patients in the ward and it was with great difficulty that they were rescued. The building was an old one and fell an easy victim to the flames which spread rapidly from the first and were beyond control before the rescuers could reach it.

The hospital authorities stated that the patients were all removed to a place of safety, but it was impossible for them to be held back by the nurses and attendants.

The origin of the fire is unknown, the only suggestion being that it originated from defect electric wiring.

Hospital authorities refuse to give out any list of the casualties they say on the advice of Governor Manning. An investigation was begun at once.

W S S GENERAL WOOD.



General Leonard Wood has been ordered to take command of an army post in the west. He has been extremely anxious to go to the European battle front. Much gossip is the rule about Washington over the Wood case, and it is intimated by one well known newspaper correspondent that General Pershing does not desire him in France. Referring to the orders which send him to a new command General Wood said: "I am a soldier and stand ready to obey any orders that are given."

THURSDAY THE DAY TO FAST AND PRAY

In Obedience to the Call of the President the Nation is to Pause and Pray.

PROCLAMATION CALLED NATION TO ITS HIGH DUTY

All Over the Nation the Day is to Be Observed in Proper Spirit by the People.

(By the Associated Press)

While lacking a definite and organized leadership to direct the movement of the citizenship on tomorrow—Thursday, the 30th—Salisbury will join the people of America in responding to the call of the President to prayers. President Wilson's proclamation of a few days ago was one calling the people to devote this day to prayer and fasting and to unite together in earnest prayer to the God of Heaven to aid, protect and guide the nations at war and to safeguard the interest of the fighting allies.

Much of the business of the city will be suspended. Many of the business houses will close the entire day and churches have arranged for services, such as they thought best for the day and occasion. Banks will observe the day as a national holiday and business houses that by reason of their activities will observe special hours and devote the day to an observation of the spirit of the day.

The President would have the American people to turn to God and devote this day to prayer and fasting. Whether we work or close the whole business it is necessary that the spirit of the day be kept and the day's activities be brought to the very minimum.

The Presbyterians of the city and Spencer will hold a union service at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning at the First Presbyterian church. Dr. Clark the pastor and Revs. C. B. Heller, of the Second church and the Rev. Wood, the new pastor at Spencer, will combine in the service.

The office of the Evening Post will be closed for a short while to give opportunity to attend such services as the force desires. The business of the city will likely be practically at a standstill during the hours of services.

W S S RED CROSS AT PATTERSON.

Fine Meeting Held in Patterson School House and Splendid Chapter Formed—Principal Address By Rev. Warren W. Way.

(By the Associated Press)

A fine meeting was held at the Patterson school house Tuesday night and a branch organized with one hundred members. Dr. Irving E. Shafer was temporary chairman and the principal address was made by Rev. Warren W. Way, chairman of the Salisbury chapter. Mrs. Edwin C. Gregory and Mrs. E. W. Burt, made bright short talks and explained the sewing and knitting work to the women, using a number of garments as samples. There was hearty singing and it was a grand, good meeting.

The officers are: Chairman, Mrs. J. S. McCorkle. Vice Chairman, Mrs. T. De Witt Patterson. Secretary, Miss Essie Smith. Treasurer, Mr. James A. Fleming.

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After the banana, the potato has always been depended on as one of the staple food crops of the Canary Islands.

The eggs of the turtle vary in number from 60 to 100, and at first they resemble damp parchment in the texture.

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The amount of land above the sea-level in the world would make a crust 600 feet thick if evenly distributed all over the globe.

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Not the least in interest in the news of yesterday was that which recorded the success which which the Americans achieved. All the local papers are featuring this accomplishment, which is the first of importance coming to the Americans in a single action. All reports agree that they acted like veterans. This is taken as pronounced indication that the time is close at hand when the American forces will be helping most decidedly.

Allies Before a Mass of Enemy. Paris, May 28th.—(Tuesday night.)—The German offensive made only slight gains today. Seeing the heavy masses opposing them the allies gave way in the center and the Germans crossed the Vesle in the region of Bazoches.

Casualties Relatively Light. Washington, May 28.—American troops in Picardy attacked this morning on a front of one and a quarter miles, captured the village of Cantigny, took 200 prisoners and inflicted severe losses in killed and wounded on the enemy, says General Pershing's communique made public tonight at the war department. The American casualties were relatively light.

W S S CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM CALLS FOR BRIEF SUMMER VACATION.

Agreement Reached on Plans for Handling Proposed Revenue Bill—Congress May Take Temporary Adjournment July 1st. (By the Associated Press)

Washington, May 29.—Setting June 6th as the date for the beginning of hearing the new revenue legislation the House ways and means committee approved today, subject to change if developments necessitate, the proposal for a summer vacation after the appropriation bills are completed.

The committee agreed that the four billion dollar, in addition to revenue to be raised, shall come chiefly from excess profits, incomes and taxes on luxuries.

The vacation plan contemplates a recess of congress about July 1st until August 1st, during which the committee will prepare the revenue bill. Passage of the bill in the House is expected between August 1st and 15th and a recess of the House will be taken probably for thirty days pending Senate consideration of the bill.

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MORALE AMERICANS OUTSTANDING FACT

Sammies Start Out Across "No Man's Land" Joking About Having Boche for Breakfast.

FOUGHT AS THOUGH THEY WERE SEASONED VETERANS

Germans Counter Attack Against the Americans Near Cantigny and Meet a Heavy Repulse.

(By the Associated Press.)

London, May 29.—German troops who counter attacked last night against Americans, who captured Cantigny west of Montdidier, were repulsed with heavy losses, reports a Reuter's correspondent at British army headquarters today.

Americans Fight Way Through. With the British Army in France, May 28.—(By the Associated Press)—The American troops on the French front near Montdidier delivered an attack against the German positions, fought their way through all objectives, including the village of Cantigny, and captured 140 prisoners.

German Patrols Meet Americans. Washington, May 29.—In addition to General Pershing's communique for yesterday, given out by the war department, today's reports are that two German patrol attacks on May 26th and 27th were repulsed by the American troops.

Lieuts. Rickenbacker and Campbell, American aviators, downed one enemy machine while fighting six.

General Pershing sighted an American sergeant who drove off an enemy patrol of four, although wounded.

Huns Driven Back by Americans. Paris, May 29.—American troops to the west of Montdidier, the French statement says, have repulsed two German counter attacks against the village of Cantigny.

In the center, the war office continues its announcement, the fighting is going on with varying success on the heights on the southern bank of the Vesle river where French troops bravely and admirably defended the position.

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Heavy fighting continues all along the front from south of Pinon to almost north of Rheims. Overwhelming numbers enabled the Germans in the first attack to penetrate the allied lines to beyond the Aisne and capture more than half a score of villages and 15,000 prisoners. The greatest advance was made in the center, four miles to the Aisne and then six miles to the Vesle, a total of ten miles.

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Cotton Market Opened at Decline. (By the Associated Press)

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FATHERED MOST IMPORTANT BILL OF THIS CONGRESS



SEN. LEE SLATER OVERMAN

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FITTING GOOD BYE TO ROWAN BOYS

County's Largest Contingent Left This Afternoon for the Training Camp at Columbia, S. C.

DINNER ON CREGO LAWN; PARADE TO THE STATION

A Great Crowd Turns Out to See the Boys Leave and They Are Given a Royal Send Off.

(By the Associated Press)

Rowan's largest contingent of young men left this afternoon at 2:45 o'clock for Camp Jackson, at Columbia, S. C., to go into training for the purpose of joining the forces across the seas and help drive German culture and German militarism from the face of the earth. Every section of the county was represented in that splendid body of fine young Americans gathering at the Federal building this morning to answer the muster roll. The men were supplied with proper badges and the members of the local board designated Mr. Sidney Blackmer, an captain in charge of the men and he was given fifteen lieutenants.

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