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"OVER THE TOP"

By Arthur Guy Empey to Be Published in The Courier

The Courier will begin the publication of "Over the Top," the great war story by Arthur Guy Empey, the American boy who got into the war two years ahead of his country. For a year and a half, until he fell desperately wounded in No Mans' Land, this American, battling at the side of the British Tommies, saw more actual fighting and real warfare than any war correspondent, and more, probably, than any other man who has written about the war. His experiences are grim, but they are thrilling and their recital is lightened by a touch of humor—the same humor that has enabled this boy to pass through the scorching fires of war and come out, wounded in body but sound and sunny in spirit.

With all its dramatic moments, "Over the Top" is not a recital only of the horrors and the perils of modern war. In relief, there are accounts of the fun and the comradeship of the trenches. There are compensations for the hardships and the dangers that the soldiers are forced to face and these are described by Empey in a most interesting way. The story is a startling mixture of sunshine and shadow, and strange as it may seem, the sunshine predominates.

The story, also, is full of information that is of practical value and very great interest to all Americans right now. One reads in "Over the Top" how bombs are made and thrown, how trenches are dug and consolidated, how barb-wire is used to ensnare the charging enemy, how machine guns are operated, how the fighting men are fed and clothed, how the soldiers occupy their time when not engaged in actual fighting.

RUSSIAN AND GERMAN ARMISTICE TERMINATES

Expires At Noon Today and State of War Will Be Resumed—Petrograd Denounced Armistice

Berlin, Feb. 17.—(British Admiralty, per Wireless Press)—The armistice between the Russian and German forces which has been in existence for several weeks on the Russian front will expire at noon tomorrow.

Germany Has Terminated Armistice With Russia

Amsterdam, Feb. 17.—An official statement issued by the German imperial government states that the Petrograd government by its conduct has denounced the armistice which had been in existence on the Russian front. This denunciation is regarded as having occurred February 10.

In conformity therewith, the official statement says, the German government must, after a lapse of several days, give notice of the termination as provided for under the treaty and reserve a free hand in every direction.

RAILROAD CONDUCTOR DIED AT GREENVILLE

Allen Hale, Southern Railway Conductor, Dead.

The remains of Allen Hale, who died at his home in Greenville, S. C., were brought to Randleman and interred at St. Paul's cemetery, Randleman, Tuesday of this week. The deceased was born and raised at Asheboro and for a number of years was an employee on the Asheboro and High Point Railroad and a conductor on the Asheboro train for a short time, during which time he made numerous friends and acquaintances. Afterwards he was on the main line for a few years. He followed this run up until six or eight years ago when he was transferred to a run out of Greenville, S. C.

He married Miss Annie Henley, of Randleman, who survives. She has quite a number of relatives in Randolph and Guilford counties and this section who will be grieved to learn of the death of her husband. Mrs. J. W. Clinard of High Point, was a sister of the deceased and there are other relatives in that section.

His last wife was a daughter of Mr. P. H. Henley, one of Randolph's most prominent citizens. He married Miss Henley nine years ago and his wife and two children T. A. Hale, Jr., and Sam survive him.

Miss Henley was the second wife of Mr. Hale, his first wife being Miss Lena Hill, a daughter of the late William Hill and Cornelia Steed Hill, and died about fourteen years ago.

Mr. Hale was a son of the late Samuel Hale and Mary Hale. He has three brothers Joe, Ed and Adam Hale living in Indiana, and Mitt Hale who lives near Jackson Springs and Mrs. Duane Stafford, of Guilford county, and Mrs. W. F. Riggins, of Thomasville.

Wm. Hale, of Morrisville, Tennessee, Mrs. J. W. Clinard, of High Point. Mr. Hale was married the last time nine years ago. The deceased was 73 years old and died after an operation for appendicitis. He had been employed by the Southern for 17 years.

Many Insured

Governor Bickett has received assurances from Captain Fuller, division insurance officer at Camp Jackson, that 98.5 per cent of the men of the division are insured for an average of \$3,486, while there are only 259 men in the entire division without insurance. The negro regiment in camp has insurance for 99.7 per cent of its personnel. Three men have failed to make application, and the average of the whole is a better percentage than that of the white troops.

ZEBULON WEAVER



The only Congressman from North Carolina who voted for the Suffrage Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

MR. A. S. PUGH DEAD

Leading Citizen and Good Man Gone
Alfred Sampson Pugh died February 18, 1918. Son of Jesse Pugh and Kasiah Lineberry Pugh, his mother being a sister of the late Rev. A. W. Lineberry, D. D. He was born near Gray's Chapel, Randolph county, Nov. 25, 1853. He was a brother of the late J. Wesley Pugh, his two living brothers are Thomas Kelly Pugh and Franklin Pugh, both of Providence township, Randolph county.

Mr. Pugh's father died 19 years ago and his mother 11 years ago. Mr. Pugh was first married to Sarah Crowder about forty-three years ago. There were born to them eight children, Fannie, who married David Kemp, now dead; Casey, Kishah, who died when a child; Ina, who also died in childhood, Balfour, Alie, who married Daniel Henley, Mattie and Arlie Pugh. His first wife died more than 26 years ago. His second wife was Sarah Jane Kemp, daughter of the late Joab Kemp. She died four years ago. There were four children born of this marriage, Myrtle, Vernie, Hazel and Roy Pugh. Mr. Pugh lived four miles east of Asheboro on the Buffalo Ford road of the Hadley H. Hendricks place, first owned by Eli Spoon, who moved west before the Civil War.

Mr. Pugh first owned a farm on Gray's Chapel to this section and for a number of years was engaged in farming and merchandising. He also acquired other lands and became one of the leading farmers of his section, all the while operating a country store. He was one of the county's best and most substantial citizens.

PEOPLE OF STATE NOT SAVERS

North Carolina Ranked Second Lowest in Per Capita Wealth—Mississippi Lowest State Great Producer
That something is wrong with North Carolina in that she has the lowest per capita wealth of any State in the Union, except Mississippi, is the conclusion reached by Gilbert T. Stephenson, director of service for the War Savings Committee of North Carolina, after a close study of the figures which represent North Carolina's total accumulated wealth compared with the value of her annual production. According to Mr. Stephenson, North Carolina's wealth is \$2,000,000,000 while she produces every year the sum of \$500,000,000. This means he says, that the State produces every four years as much wealth as she has been able to accumulate in 250 years.

That we are a people who waste and spend unnecessarily Mr. Stephenson doesn't hesitate to say. He has facts to prove it. The average wealth per family in North Carolina, he says, is \$845, or \$169 per capita. Recent surveys show that a fair standard of living calls for \$709 per family or \$142 per capita. This leaves a surplus of \$136 per family or \$27 per capita, which is far above that required by an efficient standard of living.

"If every individual," says Mr. Stephenson, "will save his \$27, this year and lend to the Government only \$16.72 of that amount, which he has been asked to do by the Government by purchasing War Savings Stamps—United States Government Bonds—North Carolina then will have no trouble in raising her \$50,000,000, the amount apportioned her for financing the war." This, Mr. Stephenson thinks the people will do, and believes that from this year on North Carolina will become a State of savers and will leave her unenviable position at bottom of the list of savers.

Negro Lynched Following Kidnapping of an Infant

"Bud" Conby, a negro was lynched on Feb. 17 by a mob of Fayette county, Georgia, citizens, after he had attempted to rob the home of Mrs. Barney McElwain, near Abbeville, Ga., and had kidnapped her two year old child. The child was found by members of the mob in a hole in the ground.

CAMP SEVIER NEWS

Interesting Place—Company K Receives Another Lieutenant

Camp Sevier is always interesting to Randolph county people, because of their great interest in the members of Company K. My second visit has proven quite an interesting one. The continued bad weather has made the roads from the camp to Greenville almost impassable but the few pretty days last week improved them, so that there was the usual rush to and from the camp. Saturday is half holiday and a large number of the boys go to town for a change. They patronize the numerous cafes and go to the shows when they are open. All of the churches, schools, moving picture shows and public meeting places have been closed on account of contagious diseases, especially meningitis in the city but there is great improvement in that. Another attraction in Greenville is the girls and it is rumored that nearly all of the boys of our company have girls, each one claiming to have the fairest and sweetest; one of the boys told me that the judge of the recorder's court had the sweetest daughter, another that the mayor's daughter was the prettiest. We came near having a contest to settle the dispute.

The usual good fellowship and kindly interest in each other seems to have grown into brotherly love. The faithful performance of duty seems the uppermost desire in the hearts of the boys. The health at the camp is greatly improved; Company K has only one man in the base hospital, that is Moss Spoon, son of Mr. Graham Spoon, of Asheboro Star Route, who had pneumonia several weeks ago and then a relapse. There are about ten of the boys at the divisional infirmary, but with no serious ailments, mumps and cold being the worst. The Company received the numbers for the men on Saturday and each man will be numbered, a record of which will be kept in the war department. Lieutenant William Landis of Oxford, has recently been assigned to Company K, as second lieutenant. This fills up the list of officers for the company; as yet the company only has 206 men but after the 23rd they will probably be recruited to 250 men, which is war strength. The boys are very much interested in the Smilge Books, and a large number of them have received them.

On Sunday our way out to camp we met twenty-two large four-horse wagon loads of stable manure which was being removed from the camp; some of it is taken to a part of the government's tract which will be used for trucking which will be carried on by prisoners. There are 18,000 horses in the 70th division and several of them die daily and are hauled away and buried. "Father and son day" was observed Sunday. Governor Bickett was to have been one of the speakers but sent Hon. A. L. Brooks, of Greensboro, in his place. Governor Bickett, of this State, was present and made a stirring patriotic speech. He has six sons in the army. Dr. Weber, of Tennessee, was also present. The speakers visited three different places in the camp and made speech. The fathers of the boys were invited to come for the day and a large number were present.

One of the most interesting places at the camp is the bayonet field where the men are drilled in the use of bayonets. Scaffolds are built and then suspended bunches of short sticks with marks for head, heart, etc.; the men use their bayonets in these dummies, which represent the enemy. Ladies are not permitted on the company streets and since this ruling lady visitors are not able to see as many of the boys as heretofore. The boys receive their lady relatives and visitors in the tents of the officers. The men at camp do not seem to know any thing more of the date of their departure for France than we in Randolph county.

Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer.

Substitute Rule Explained

Washington, Feb. 19.—Because of many misunderstandings of the regulations regarding the sale of wheat flour substitutes, the food administration tonight issued a statement calling attention to the fact that retailers are required to sell only three pounds of substitutes for every five pounds of whole wheat or Graham flour.

Twelve Pound Bags of Flour

North Carolina householders and retail merchants will welcome the announcement that the milling division of the Food Administration has issued a new ruling which will allow the packing and sale of 12-pound bags of flour. The use of 12-pound bags was prohibited weeks ago before the recent combination sale order was dreamed of. It has been found desirable now to have smaller packages.

Curfew Law For Lumberton

The town commissioners of Lumberton have passed a curfew ordinance which makes it unlawful for children under 17 years of age to be in any street or alley or in any public place in town after eight o'clock at night. The parents and guardians are prosecuted who permit it, as well as the children.

Another ordinance enacted by the same town is one preventing dog running at large for a period of forty days from February 16th.

Boone Township voted last Thursday to donate \$27,000 to the Linville River Railroad Company in order to extend the line to Boone.

RAMEUR NEWS

Prominent Citizen of Rameur Community Dies, Mr. Wm. M. Parks, Other News

Rameur, N. C., Feb. 18.—Mr. Wm. Parks, one of our prominent farmers on Rameur Rural Route 2, died at his home last Friday morning after about three days' sickness. He suffered a stroke of paralysis last Thursday morning and was unable to board the train at Rameur for Greensboro. He was carried some and growing worse died Friday, his sudden passing away is a shock to the community. He was 59 years of age and leaves one son, W. H. Parks, of Rameur, and several relatives, and a host of friends to mourn their loss. The remains were laid to rest at Parks' Cross Roads Saturday at 10 a. m.

The Rameur Knob Co. sold its stock, house and lot to Mr. D. A. Curtis last Saturday. It is understood he will run the shop right on as usual adding other machines, etc.

Mrs. Ellwell who has been sick is improving.

Mrs. C. A. Marley is visiting relatives in Greensboro this week. Mr. Numa Curtis, of Greensboro, spent a day or two with relatives and friends here last week.

Master Ashley Watkins celebrated his birthday with a lot of his little friends one day last week. The boys took a hay ride in a wagon out to his home about two miles from town where they enjoyed themselves with games, refreshments, etc., returning to town as they went out. They wish him to have birthdays real often.

C. B. Smith went to Greensboro on business one day last week. Rev. H. C. Byrum went to Greensboro, High Point, and Winston on business last week.

H. E. Brady, H. B. Moore and family went to Greensboro on business last Thursday.

Mrs. V. C. Marley is away buying spring millinery this week.

Rev. Rivenbark preached very forceful sermons at the Baptist church here last Sunday morning and evening.

E. B. Leonard is building a splendid garage.

Mrs. W. H. Watkins, Sr., went shopping at Greensboro last week.

Miss Lucy Brantley is home from Mebane.

Mr. E. Watkins and family and Miss Sarah Cole and Mr. Waldo Capeland, of Greensboro, spent Sunday at Rameur.

Miss Vida Kivett and Sudie Baldwin left Monday for market to buy spring millinery.

Mr. N. D. Martin has recently erected a nice corn and feed mill on Liberty street.

Mr. J. F. Aiken spent a few days at home last week.

Mrs. J. E. Covington, Mrs. W. O. York, Miss Elyta Scott, Miss Kathleen Black and Mr. Clarence Lane went to town last week.

Mr. J. D. Hinton spent Sunday at home. Mrs. Hinton who has been very sick is rapidly recovering.

Mr. Russell, one of Rameur's former lads, was in town last week from Camp Sevier.

Mr. Pres Covington, of Hamlet, spent some time with his people here last week.

Miss Cladie Johnson, of Greensboro, spent the week end with Miss Beulah Whitehead and other friends here.

Mr. Dinl York who has a mania for old "long Tom" clocks, bought another one last week. He has several now with many other curios.

The "Blues" of the Baptist Philathea entertained the "Reds" according to promise for being beaten in a contest recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Brown last Saturday night. The program of the evening consisted of games, contests, music, etc. Delicious refreshments were served to the delight of all. The evening was very much enjoyed.

The Junior Cecilia Club met with Miss Katharine Leonard Saturday. The subject was "Robert Schumann." Several interesting papers were read and piano selections were rendered by a number of the class. A three course luncheon was served by the hostess which attested the hospitality of Mrs. Leonard.

The Nordica Club entertained the Boys Glee Club at a "Tacky Party" at the auditorium Friday the enjoyment of all present. About fifty were there attired in the most becoming costumes and featuring the evening with a contest for the best story, which contest was won by Mr. Alton Craven and Miss Martha White. The prize was a handsome box of stationery. Prize for the most ridiculous costume was given to Miss Katharine Black and Mr. Otis Whitehead. The entertainment was a "howling success."

One of the best entertainments of the season was given here last Thursday evening at the auditorium when Miss Meredith Clarke, expression teacher, of Greensboro College for Women, charmed the audience with her readings and recitations. She moved the folks first to tears with a touching story and then to laughter with some frolicsome joke.

The other feature of the program was the wonderful singing of Prof. Bates of the same college, voice teacher. He held the audience spellbound with his wonderful voice in many fine selections. The occasion was furnished by the music club and they realized a snug sum for it as well as furnishing such a splendid evening of enjoyment to those who attended. We hope to hear these splendid artists again.

Our postmaster tells us he has sold \$700 worth of War Savings and Fourth Stamp notes. He stands

HON. LEE S. OVERMAN



Junior Senator from North Carolina, who introduced the bill giving the President more power.

County Sunday School Association Reading Course

As a part of the teacher-training work now being encouraged and directed by the Sunday School Association a reading course has been mapped out which will afford a splendid opportunity to all teachers and officers and workers in general to increase their efficiency. The course will cover two years of work or reading. The first year course has been outlined and the second year course will be announced later. The reading for the first year will consist of two books, one general book and one departmental book. The general book will cover the field of Sunday School organization and management and will be read first. Following this the departmental book will deal with the particular department in which the reader is interested. The list of books follows:

General book: "How to Run a Little Sunday School," Ferguson. Departmental books: "The Elementary Division Organized for Service." This book will be used by teachers of pupils up to twelve years of age. In the secondary division any one of the following four books may be chosen: "The Secondary Division Organized for Service," "The Unfolding Life," "The Intermediate Worker and His Work," "The Senior Worker and His Work." In the Adult Department "The Adult Worker and His Work" will be used. The book for superintendents will be announced later.

Anyone wishing to do so may substitute denominational book covering the ground of any of the suggested books and receive the same credit for reading it.

Upon the completion of the first year course a card of recognition will be given and upon completion of the whole course a handsome reading course diploma will be given. Those taking the reading course will receive recognition at the township conventions and schools and townships will receive credit for reading course work at the county convention.

Who should take the reading course? Every officer and teacher in the county who is not taking the regular teacher-training could profitably take the reading course. Every superintendent should make an earnest effort to enroll every teacher in his school at once. Teachers and officers in one school can take the course at little cost by passing the books as they are read but wherever possible every one should own the books for himself as they should be a part of every worker's library.

The price of the general book, "How to Run a Little Sunday School," is 75 cents and can be had from Mr. R. C. Johnson, of Asheboro, in a few days. The departmental books will be on hand by the time there is a demand for them. Mr. Johnson has consented to handle the books for the convenience of those taking the course thus eliminating the necessity of ordering from the publishers.

Those wishing to enroll for the course should send their names to the superintendent of religious education so that they may receive credit for the work done.

ready to push their campaign for all it is worth and hopes to sell many more of the folks these stamps which are to help win the war and at the same time be a profitable investment.

Mr. Cleveland Dorett and family from near Greensboro moved to Rameur recently.

Mrs. C. S. Tate went the past week with her sister, Mrs. M. C. Cobb. She returned home Monday, accompanied by Mrs. Cobb.

Mr. Ernest Turner, one of our progressive farmers, is keeping fully abreast with the times by planting the best corn seed obtainable. His favorites are Hickory King and Tennessee Red Cob and they are hard to beat.

Messrs. V. C. Marley, C. B. Smith and N. F. Marsh attended quarterly conference at Franklinville Monday.

Mr. Ira Scott, of Greensboro, was a welcome visitor in town last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. J. M. Whitehead, who has been sick for some time, is rapidly improving, much to the delight of his many friends.

LLEWXAM'S LETTER FROM THE CAPITAL

(By Maxwell Gorman.)

Raleigh, Feb. 19.—Sunday was prohibition day in Raleigh, with Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson the chief orator of a half dozen speakers from other states who filled the pulpits morning and evening at the evangelical churches and the big city auditorium in the afternoon being taxed to hold some 5,000 people gathered to hear the hero of the Albatross of 20 years ago.

Capt. Hobson talked war as well as temperance and abstinence and he made a convincing good speech, as usual.

The reason he talked prohibition at this time and place (where everything is already so bone-dry that \$10 a quart will not get the goods except occasionally) is this:

Working for Dry Legislators

The time is approaching when the members of the next legislature are to be elected—and the next general assembly will either ratify or refuse to ratify the new amendment to the Federal Constitution, recently submitted to the States by Congress.

At first blush it looks like a waste of energy to put up a fight at this time against a corps as dead as Old Booze appears to be in North Carolina.

But when one reflects upon the cold deck headed out to the prohibition organization of the State in the last house, over which Col. Pete Murphy presided, it is no wonder that Bro. "Rye Liquor" Davis and his pals have decided not to take another such chance and are already up and doing. There is no question about it this year that will take perchance over the "licker record" and present position of the legislative candidate on the subject of prohibition—and national prohibition at that.

The man who opposes the adoption of the new amendment to make prohibition nation-wide may win in some of the counties—but he will not have a walk-over, for there will be some to run against him in every county.

The anti has not been as demonstrative here as in Alabama and some other States, as yet. But they will get into the fight and are certain to have their candidates (labeled or not, most probably not) in many counties—and they will spend some money, as usual.

Woman Suffrage Amendment

Since Senator Simmons has formally told the State Normal College girls he could not oblige them by supporting the proposed woman suffrage amendment to the Federal Constitution (he believes the states should regulate this matter) it looks like the suffrage amendment will have hard sledding in North Carolina where only one of the Congressmen voted for it. One of the phases of the situation that is already a pestering of the professional politicians is this:

If a legislative candidate is for the prohibition amendment and against the suffrage amendment, can he pull through all right?

The answer is simply, namely: Let his oppose Federal prohibition and embrace the suffrage amendment and then see how big the hole must be to let him out of his predicament!

Greater Food Production Urgent

The State Food Administrator says a greater production of corn, soy beans, peas, Irish and sweet potatoes, sorghum for syrup, and all hay and feed crops is extremely desirable and urgent. No family in North Carolina that has an opportunity to cultivate a garden should neglect to do so.

Any individual in North Carolina or America who neglects or fails to do his utmost in crop production or to make every square foot of his soil and every hour of his time count during the coming season is a slacker and is unworthy of citizenship in this state and nation. I am sure, however, that we have few such citizens in North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Masten's Home Burned

The Frankfort Crescent-News, of Frankfort, Indiana, gives an account of the burning which badly damaged the new home of Mr. C. B. Masten, the estimated loss being \$3,000.

We clip from the Frankfort paper as follows:

"The blaze was first noticed by neighbors shortly before 8 o'clock and at that time, the entire roof was ablaze. The fire department made a quick run but it was impossible for them to save much of the upper stories. Neighbors and friends rushed to the scene and assisted in carrying out most of the furnishings on the first floor but practically all of the fixtures of the second floor were either destroyed by fire or badly damaged by water.

"The origin of the blaze is a mystery although Mr. Masten believes that it probably started from defective wiring in the attic.

"While the loss is heavy, Mr. Masten carried \$6,000 worth of insurance on the house but had no insurance on the household goods."

Mr. Masten will be remembered by many as the gentleman who spent part of a year in this section for his health several years ago. He is a prominent business man of Frankfort. His wife was Miss Ida Ingold, so well known by Courier readers as the writer of special articles for The Courier.

Secretary Lane has recommended a bill for the further protection of men engaged in the present war who prior to entering the service had obtained claims on public lands.