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HUNS ARE WAGING MONSTER OFFENSIVE ON WESTERN FRONT

Germans Stake All On Attempt To Wage Decisive Battle—Germans Are Slowly Advancing.

The Germans have massed forces of over a million men on the West front and are now waging an offensive attack which is not paralleled by the battles of the Somme and the Marne which have hitherto been recorded as the greatest military conflicts of all history.

The long expected attack began on last Wednesday and has continued over a 50-mile front without ceasing until now.

Slow but steady advance has been made by the attacking forces and the Allies have retired in good order and without confusion to positions prepared in the rear for this contingency.

At this writing Royce and Noyen are reported to have fallen but the invading army has been stopped. British, French and American soldiers are fighting shoulder to shoulder along the battle line.

The Allies are said to be making ready for a counter offensive from their new positions.

With the advance of the Germans in close formation the machine gun, artillery and rifle fire of the Allies mowed into them as a scythe cuts into wheat, but as the front lines of the enemy were demolished their places were filled with oncoming troops and little by little the Allies were forced from their positions and compelled to give way. While ground forces of the Allies were resisting the onslaughts of the German tanks, the German aircrafts hovered over the Germans dropping ton after ton of bombs into their massed troops and returning to their bases for more ammunition.

Losses on both sides have been appalling, but encouraging assurances are received from Allied generals that the advance has failed of its purpose and no more damage has been done than was expected. It is said by military experts that the Germans have not advanced over one-fifth of the distance that they had expected to cover at this stage of the offensive.

General Leonard S. Wood who has studied conditions at first hand on the Western front assures the American people that there is no cause for depression.

General Dupont of the French army at Camp Green declares that "the grand German offensive has failed," and expects the Allies with the aid of "great strategic reserve" to drive back in defeat the Germans as Joffre did at the Marne.

A correspondent of the London Daily Mail writing from the front says:

"The Germans suffered most from the machine gun fire. Their mode of attack in crossing No Man's land consisted of a first wave of two companies, marching almost shoulder to shoulder, with light machine guns. A hundred yards behind came two more companies, closely followed by a number of machine guns. Next after an interval of 200 or 300 yards came the light trench mortars, and the battalion staff. Again there was a space of 200 yards and then a new prepared exit from the German trenches the field artillery drove into the open in columns, forming into line of battle as soon as possible."

The new feature of this attack has been the monster gun that has been shelling Paris at a distance of 72 miles. While not thought to be of any great military value as necessarily shelling from that distance could do no considerable damage—it has been an added proof of German ingenuity. Shells which were at first thought to be from an air-raid fell in aris for more than two days and military experts are still puzzling over the construction of a gun that could shoot that distance.

Garfield and Aaron Pitts Not Guilty of Murder of Dr. E. A. Hennessee

Garfield and Aaron Pitts who were on trial in Burke county last week for the murder of Dr. E. A. Hennessee were acquitted. The evidence was circumstantial but witnesses testified to having seen the Pitts brothers run after the shot was fired which killed Dr. Hennessee. There had been an old grudge between the men.

Heated Patriotic Argument in High Point Results in Enlistment

A heated patriotic argument between five railroad clerks in High Point this week resulted in their boarding No. 86 for Greensboro where they enlisted in the army. The debate started during their rest period at noon by one man saying, "If you want to fight join the army." The entire crowd decided that they wanted to help whip the Kaiser so they resigned their positions and proved their patriotism by enlisting. They were among the most valuable clerks in the employ of the Southern Railway at High Point.

Miss Coltrane of Beda Entertains

On the evening of March 19 a birthday party was given by Mr. Robert Spencer and Miss Cora Coltrane of Beda in honor of Miss Mildred Thompson. The room was beautifully decorated with flowers and the party was a success.

GEN. FAISON WARNS AS TO DESERTIONS

ASSISTANCE OF PUBLIC ASKED IN KEEPING SOLDIERS FROM OVERSTAYING LEAVES—DON'T WRITE DOLEFUL LETTERS TO SOLDIERS

(Roy Cox.)

Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., March 22—Brigadier General S. L. Faison, acting commander of the 39th Division, has written a letter calling attention to the recent division order announcing that hereafter enlisted men absent without leave longer than 10 days and escaped prisoners who do not return within 2 days would be dropped from the rolls as deserters. This order puts an end to the practice, which at Camp Sevier was the announced policy, of waiting until a man had been absent 30 days without leave before dropping him from the rolls. It is a well recognized custom of the service to drop a deserter a man absent without permission longer than 10 days, and hereafter that custom will be followed here.

Gen. Faison's Letter

"The object in view is that parents, relatives and friends of soldiers stationed at this camp will take the matter up and write to their soldier friends strongly advising them to avoid leaving camp without an authorized pass or furlough. The crime of desertion is on the increase. It is believed that many soldiers leave camp without any intention at the moment of deserting but after getting home remain away frequently at the instigation of those dearest to them, so long a time that they are afraid to return for fear of dire punishment. The extreme penalty for desertion in time of war is death, and although this drastic punishment has not been meted out up to the present time, there is no certainty that such action may not at any time be forced upon our humane government. It is certain that many men leave here because of homesickness, frequently superinduced by doleful letters from their homes. It is the patriotic and humane duty of relatives to write cheerful letters to their soldier friends. We are in a struggle for our existence and anything that distracts the soldier's mind from his great task adds to his burdens, and which can be avoided, jeopardizes the lives of our soldiers and the safety of the nation."

Fault Is With Homefolks

General Faison in his letter has struck at the very heart of the reason for the boys leaving camps without leave. Many of the boys receive letter after letter from the folks back home pleading with them to come home a few days and painting the conditions of affairs back home at their worst. These doleful letters are absolutely uncalled for and the most unnecessary thing at all. If a cheerful letter can't be written it is better not to write at all. If affairs at home are in a bad way it is the height of folly to complain about them to the boy in camp. If his presence at home had been absolutely necessary he would not have been sent to camp by the Local Board. If the soldier is a volunteer it is much less necessary that he be at home else he would not have volunteered.

It should be borne in mind by those who have relatives in the service that the day the boy dons the uniform of his country he has for the time being ceased to be a civilian. He is a soldier subject at all times to the rules and regulations of the War Department. Just now all these rules and regulations are centered upon the one point, that of winning this war. The soldier must be kept free from anything which tends to detract from his usefulness as a soldier. Anything of this kind not only imperils his own life, but also jeopardizes the safety of the nation. For the better the man is trained the better are his chances for defending himself and saving his own life. Any kind of a letter from home other than a cheerful message tends to destroy the soldier's usefulness. No soldier can perform his full duty and obligations to his country unless his mind is on the job. This he cannot do if he is constantly reminded that he is needed so badly at home that everything is going to wreck during his absence. The folks at home should learn to make sacrifices in order to win this war. If complaint is being made over those being made now a fearful war will go up later when the pinch comes. And this will be a most effective way in which to give aid and comfort to the enemy.

A Model of Patriotism

A Tennessee mother, Mrs. M. E. Jenkins, of Holladay, mother of Regimental Sergeant Major William Jenkins, of the 304th Field Artillery, who recently died at Camp Upton, has written a letter to the commander of the base hospital there which by order of the commanding general of the cantonment has been posted in every barracks. In the publication order General Johnson said: "This letter will serve as a model of patriotism to the mothers of America." The letter is as follows:

"Allow me as one who has lived until I am now an old woman to express to you my thanks and appreciation for your many courtesies to me as mother of Sergt. Major William E. Jenkins. I had hoped my boy would get his chance in France, but it was not to be. I am as submissive to his death as if he had died in the trenches in Europe. Please accept my thanks for your courtesies and for the good example that was set."

ODESSA RETAKEN BY THE RUSSIANS

BLACK SEA PORT THROUGH WHICH GERMANS DEPEND TO GET GRAIN, LOST TO THEM

Odesa has been recaptured by the Soviets and Ukrainian troops. Germany had depended upon Odesa as a port through which she could obtain large supplies. Germany is reported to have left control of affairs in Ukraine largely in the hands of the Austrians while engaged in her great effort along the western front and they are apparently not as much "on the job" as the Kaiser expected.

LATEST WAR NEWS

Futile efforts of past week have cost Teutonic forces 400,000 men.

Huns have massed their drive in Rovey region.

Allies claim to have checked Germans.

The German efforts no nearer accomplished than first day of battle.

British, French and Americans standing together, present unbroken front in battle area.

JAPAN TRANSFERS SHIPS TO UNITED STATES

Japan transferred on yesterday several ships to the United States which amounted to 150,000 tons.

AMERICAN SUPPORT IS MOST VALIANT SAYS FRENCHMAN

A French military commentator in speaking of the valor of the Americans said yesterday, "At various points on the front our allies are bringing to the British their most valiant support."

Million Dollar Loss in Buildings and Food Supplies in Jersey City by Explosion and Fire

Fire following a series of unexplained explosion destroyed the Jarvis warehouse, a six-story building near the Erie terminal in Jersey City Tuesday and badly damaged the Erie repair shops. Loss is estimated at \$1,500,000. The goods stored in the warehouse included a quantity of chemicals, which was a total loss. Immediately after the explosion a large force of soldiers from Hoboken and a company of coast guards from New York were hurried to the scene and they aided in fighting the fire.

Third Liberty Loan Campaign To Be Launched, April 6th

The Third Liberty Loan campaign will be launched April 6th, features of which is a new amount of loan and rate of interest will be made known by Secretary McAdoo.

A vice chairman of the woman's Liberty Loan committee in Randolph county has been appointed in every township and it is urged that they notify Miss Kate Phillips, chairman, at once of their acceptance, that we may have such a strong organization as shall place our county alongside of the most progressive in North Carolina.

Parks Cross Roads Defeats Coleridge Second Time

A most interesting game of baseball was played at Coleridge Saturday the 16th, score being 13 to 0 in favor of Parks Cross Roads. This is the second game with them. The first game, score 12 to 2 in favor of Parks Cross Roads. Batteries for Coleridge White and Garner; Parks Cross Roads Green and Green.

With a sad heart I dictate these lines, but, with a quickening pulse and an accelerated being, I look forward to the day when victory shall come to the brave boys who are giving their lives for our beloved land. I shall ever love a soldier boy. May God's blessings be on you."

This letter is a riddle because of its noble restraint and its good courage. Sorrow glens in every line, yet it is nobly and gracefully subordinated to quiet pride that the son was serving his country and that he died that it might live. There is no passionate reviling against the nation because it went to war, no bitter complaint. Many soldiers get letters that, on the other hand, are full of gloom and criticism, full of useless utterance against what must be. That old Tennessee mother's thoughts are not so much of herself as of her gallant lad and the country he served. In her heart is calm faith in the triumph of American arms as upon the militant sons of the republic she invokes the blessings of Almighty God.

If you write your letters full of cheer and encouragement he will appreciate it more and you will be doing your country a most commendable service. You would not have him violate the laws of the State in civilian life, but many times he is advised to break the military law. The government dares to take drastic steps with those who transgress its laws by going absent without leave. Up to this time the authorities have been most lenient, but the day has come when violations will be summarily punished. The welfare of the nation is by far more important than that of any individual citizen. There should be as much pride taken in the career of your son as a soldier as a civilian. And until the proper attitude is taken by those as home discipline in the army will be blunted and its fighting power will be weakened.

HEARD ON THE STREET

What Our Town Correspondent Hears and Thinks. Matters of Public Interest Discussed.

There was another large crowd of people in town last Saturday. Asheboro is one of the largest towns in Randolph county and the merchants of Asheboro draw a big country trade. This is an important town that is not fully appreciated by the people of Randolph county itself. And sometimes we see men right at home who talk and act as if they either did not know or hated to admit that Asheboro is about one-seventh of Randolph county. They can hardly realize that about one-seventh of the wealth of the county is in Asheboro. But it is not wealth alone of which we can boast, the people are here and good people at that, no better at any place, and probably a one-seventh of the population of Randolph county live in Asheboro township. This is only the beginning, in ten years we should have twenty to thirty thousand. We have everything else. Fine farming section, an ideal climate, with purest water in abundance, to say nothing of our good roads—and there are no better schools. It is hard to find a more delightful place of residence than Asheboro. This does not mean that we are the only place that amounts to anything, not at all. All the rest of the county we take it feels just the same about the importance of their own immediate section.

Mr. H. S. Edwards, who is the popular manager of the Randolph Store Company, at Franklinville, has our thanks for a renewal of his subscription to The Courier.

Plant a good crop of Irish potatoes this spring and then plan to plant a late crop in July. Let every farmer plant at least a small area in sorghum, the crop will take the place to a great extent of sugar and meat. The seed is an excellent feed for cows and poultry. Plan for all the peas and beans you can get for no part of the farm is so profitable as a good garden. The conditions and make enough to feed one family and some to sell. Let us take warning before it is too late. Food will win the war and keep away want. Just think and act.

Mr. J. L. Lassiter, of Randleman and his brother at Greensboro bears the same initials. It is very rare that brothers have the same initials.

"Go to work or go to jail" is the slogan that is passing around. With the abundance of work needed to be done, the scarcity of workers and the good pay for workers, there is no excuse for idlers and slackers. Public sentiment will not longer tolerate the loafer.

The many friends of Mr. J. M. Brown, of Randleman Route 3, will be glad to learn that his condition is much improved. He had been quite feeble for some time.

We are glad to enroll Mr. S. A. Frazier, a prosperous young farmer of the Level Cross section, among our new readers.

Mr. J. M. Vanweary, a mighty good citizen of Randleman Route 1, was in town a few days ago.

Mr. W. R. Cox, of Franklinville, has renewed his subscription to The Courier. Mr. Cox is a fine fellow and popular with all who know him.

Life is put together considerably like a set of harness. There are traces of care, lines of trouble, bits of good fortune, branches of good manner, bridled tongues, and every body has to tug to pull through.

A man should endeavor to make the sphere of his innocent pleasures as wide as possible, that he may retire to them with safety and find in them such a satisfaction as a wise man would not wish to take.

Mr. W. G. Patterson, a well known citizen of Franklinville, has our thanks for a renewal of his subscription to The Courier.

Mr. Gurney Hoover, of Tabernacle township, was here last week taking in the court and the political situation.

Miss Josie Cox, of Franklinville, has renewed her subscription for another year. She says she cannot get along without The Courier.

Mr. J. W. Dixon, of Ramseur, was among our renewal subscribers last week. He has been a subscriber to The Courier for a long time.

Mr. H. Colon Parks, of Ramseur, has renewed his subscription to The Courier for another year, and by the way did it in such a good spirit that we enjoyed the call.

Mr. B. H. Check, of Franklinville, has favored us with a renewal of his subscription to The Old Reliable.

Mr. B. F. Snyder, a prosperous farmer of Sophia Route 1, was in town on business a few days ago.

Mr. A. E. Cande, a well-known and popular citizen of Liberty, was in the city one day last week on business.

Mr. J. W. C. Craven, of Franklinville, has favored us with a renewal of his subscription. Mr. Craven and his good wife have prospered and raised a fine family of boys and girls.

TELL DEMOCRATS TO RISE TO TEST OF A NEW TIME

MEN EVERYWHERE ARE SEARCHING DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES TO THEIR HEARTS; SAYS MEN WILL RETURN FROM TRENCHES WITH NEW VIEW AND NEW IMPATIENCE WITH MERE PHRASES

New Jersey Democratic leaders assembled last week for a re-organization and were greeted by a message from President Wilson as national head of the party, calling upon them to rise to the test of a new time when old party slogans have lost their significance and to commit themselves to disinterested service to humanity.

In a letter presented by Secretary Tumulty, the President said the necessity for his staying "on the job" made it impossible for him to be present, but it was clear that in the present posture of affairs in New Jersey he could not overlook his responsibility to point out what he believed to be the duty of the Democrats of the State in a great hour of crisis. He reviewed briefly the record of the party while he served as governor declaring that in every act of legislation "we cut a clear pathway of public service," and gave the people a government they could feel was their own, unhampered by special privileges.

"A time of grave crisis has come in the life of the Democratic party in New Jersey," the President wrote, "a time when its friends and supporters must face the facts of the situation of these terrible days of war and revolutionary change, when economic and social forces are being released upon the world whose effect no political seer dares venture to conjecture, bids us search our hearts through and through and make them ready for the birth of a new day, a day we hope and believe of greater opportunity and greater opportunity and greater prosperity for the average mass of struggling men and women of greater safety and opportunity for children."

Change of Mind

"The old party slogans have lost their significance and will mean nothing to the voter of the future, for the war is certain to change the mind of Europe as well as the mind of America. Men everywhere are searching democratic principles to their hearts in order to determine their soundness, their sincerity, their adaptability to the real needs of their life, and every man with any vision must see that, the real test of justice and right action is presently to come as it never came before. The men in the trenches, who have been freed from the economic serfdom to which some of them had been accustomed, will it is likely, return to their homes with a new view and a new impatience of all mere political phrases and will demand real thinking and sincere action."

"Let the Democratic party in New Jersey therefore forget everything but the new service which they are to be called upon to render. The days of political and economic reconstruction which are ahead of us no man can now definitely assess, but we know this, that every program must be shot through and through with utter disinterestedness, that no party must try to serve itself but every party must try to serve humanity, and that the task is a very practical one, meaning that every program, every measure in every program, must be tested by this question, and this question only: Is it just, is it for the benefit of the average man, without influence or privilege; does it embody in real fact the highest conception of social justice and of right dealing, without respect of person or class or particular interest."

"This is a high test. It can be met only by those who have genuine sympathy with the mass of men and real insight into their needs and opportunities and a purpose which is purged alike of selfish and of partisan intention. The party which rises to this test will receive the support of the people because it deserves it."

been making some improvements to his home that adds greatly to its appearance.

Miss Ella Brown, of Randleman, has our thanks for a renewal of her subscription. She has been a subscriber to The Courier for a number of years and believes in it.

Mr. W. A. Grimes, of Franklinville, is numbered among our renewal subscribers. Mr. Grimes is a congenial gentleman and has numerous friends in Franklinville as well as elsewhere.

Mrs. Janie Booth, of Franklinville, has renewed her subscription. She takes The Courier for the news and is not disappointed.

Mr. George Lamb, of Randleman Route 1, has had his subscription to The Courier moved up a year. Mr. Lamb says he just cannot afford to be without The Courier in his home.

Miss Lona Prevo, of Franklinville, is among our new subscribers this week.

Mr. Britt Poole and family have moved to Grant township where he will engage in farming.

The Troy Montegomery says fertilizers are being eagerly bought this season. One bushel of corn almost pays for a sack of sixteen per cent acid this spring whereas a few years ago it required two to three bushels of corn to buy the same fertilizer. Under these conditions it surely pays to use commercial fertilizers at this time.

Mr. M. M. Wall, of Randleman Route 1, was here a short while on business.

COLOR REGISTRANTS ORDERED TO CAMP

Jeffie Towns, Trinity. Henry Tracy Lane, Cedar Grove. Henry Clayton Brower, Asheboro. James Hurley Hooker, Randleman. Will Frazier, Trinity. Arthur Cotton, Charlotteville, Va. Jeremiah William McCloud, Strieby. Alfonso Hays, Randleman. William McCaine, Randleman. Lonnie Silar, Staley. Major Williams, Caraway. Eliza Goodyear Matthews, Ramseur. Charlie Milton Staley, Staley. Jessie Gray Lowe, Cedar Falls. Douglass Phelps, Staley. Robert Franklin Steed, Mechanic. John Wesley Alford, Trinity. Jessie Hedrick, Asheboro. Pearl Balfour, Asheboro. Noah Galloway, Stevens, Liberty Route 2.

Time Keck, Asheboro. Hurley Lee Green, Seagrave Rt. 1. Edd Allen Lynn, Caraway Route 1. James William Glover, Randleman. Charlie Emory, Core, Trinity. Everett Black, Liberty. Herbert Phillips, Ashboro. Ernest Smithman, Asheboro. Samuel S. Strickland, Asheboro. Walter C. Worth, Asheboro. Thomas Hatwood, Asheboro. Robt. L. Harris, Thomasville Route 4.

SECRETARY DANIELS AT A. AND E. COLLEGE

Spoke Monday and Said Young Americans Are Worthy of Foreparents

Secretary of the Navy Daniels in a speech at the State College in Raleigh Monday championed the cause of the American youth and vouched for the high purpose, zeal and patriotic spirit of the young manhood of the country, when he declared that the men of today are "worthy of the men who won liberties which today weighed in the balance. He said that before the war came, the general impression was that the young men of America had become flabby, lacked the spirit and purpose that the men of '76 and '61 had. "If the war had not come and quickened the life of the nation, and if the opportunity had not been thus offered them to show the stuff of which they were made, they might have lived and died in this false estimate of the world."

"The youth of today is different from that of Paul Revere, only in that Paul Revere was compelled to carry his thrilling message on horseback, while the young men of today carry their messages on the lightnings," he said. "They have the same courage, the same spirit of self-sacrifice and the same willingness to give all they are, all they have and all they hope to be for the cause of Christian civilization. They are worthy of the men who won the liberties which now hang in the balance."

Secretary Daniels reminded his hearers that it is upon the young men that the world depends today. The 300,000 men now in the navy, including the admirals, are, as an average, under the age 21 years.

High Point Route One News

Cedar Square school closed Saturday March 23 with an interesting program, recitations and dialogues and a splendid speech by Prof. English. Mr. Farlow taught a very successful school this year, and many of the little school children's faces were sad and eyes filled with tears when the good-bye song was sung.

Prof. English distributed among the scholars quite a number of diplomas and certificates to 7th grade, and those not being tardy or missing a day during the school term. A stringed orchestra furnished music for the occasion. Violin, Robert Vickory, D. E. Bulla, Miss Allen Pugh, Vester Coltrane, Ed Tomlinson, banjo, Jos Vickory, Miss Annie Vickory, Dewitt Richardson; guitar, John Adams.

Quite a large crowd attended the school closing, and that which everyone took a part was the good dinner which was especially prepared for the occasion.

A Strong Ticket Endorsed

We notice where the political pot is again beginning to boil in Randolph and we take this method of placing before the voters of the county the following ticket:

For house of representatives—T. J. Finch, Trinity.

For clerk of the Superior court—B. M. Brower, Liberty.

For sheriff—E. B. Leonard, Ramseur.

For register of deeds—L. F. Ross, Asheboro.

For treasurer—R. C. Johnson, Asheboro.

For surveyor—J. D. Welch, Pisgah.

For coroner—Dr. C. A. Hayworth, Coleridge.

For commissioners—Hugh Parks, Franklinville; A. B. Beasley, Randleman; T. W. Mitchell, Farmer.

The proper thing to do now is to nominate the above ticket in the coming primary and it will be elected next November.

DEMOCRAT

Mr. W. D. Maner, of Franklinville, has paid his subscription up to February, 1919. He is a jolly good fellow and believes in paying as he goes.

Mr. Duncan Love, of Franklinville, was among our renewal subscribers last week. Mr. Love is as straight as a gauge and his subscription is a good one.