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BIG VICTORIES FOR ALLIES

Allies Take Offensive and Drive Huns Across the Marne

AMERICANS UPHOLD BEST TRADITIONS

Break Through German Lines, Taking Many Guns and Thousands of Prisoners

Following the breaking down of the German offensive last week, the Americans and French launched a drive of their own on Thursday morning, on a front of about 25 miles on the Aisne and Marne, which proved quite successful. In that day's fighting, more than 20 villages were captured by the allied forces, the lines were advanced from four to six miles, thousands of prisoners were captured, besides large quantities of guns and war materials. The Americans at one point west of Soissons, captured 4,000 prisoners, 30 guns, and much war material. The advancing armies were within a mile of Soissons after a few hours' fighting. The American troops carried everything before them in the drive and proceeded so fast that cavalry was thrown into the action. The offensive extended from the region west of Soissons to the northwest of Chateau Thierry.

On Friday, the Americans and French battered their way farther eastward and successfully withstood a terrific counter attack by the Germans southwest of Soissons. According to the war office announcement Friday night, the Franco-American offensive had yielded 17,000 prisoners and 360 guns.

Saturday night the report was that there were no Germans south of the Marne except prisoners and dead, while the Americans were thundering at the gates of Soissons.

Fighting continued Sunday along the entire 60-mile front between Soissons and Rheims, the Germans steadily losing ground despite stubborn resistance on some sectors, almost all gains made by them in their recent drive being blotted out. Chateau-Thierry, which represents the point in the battle line where the Germans had driven their wedge nearest to Paris, was recaptured by the French, and about the same time the village of Brasles two miles away and the heights northward fell into the hands of the poilus.

American and French troops acting together struck the Germans another hard blow northwest of the city of Chateau-Thierry. They broke through the German lines and drove through them at some points more than three miles. Large numbers of prisoners were taken and the machine guns of the Allies literally mowed down the Germans who tried to stay their progress.

Heavy German counter attacks launched Monday for the purpose of checking the progress of the Allies between the Marne and the Ourcq were without avail, the Allies making further advances. Several additional towns and villages were taken by the Americans that day.

The railroad from Chateau-Thierry has been broken up, depriving the Germans of their main reliance in the matter of supplies. Thousands of Germans are in a precarious situation in a "pocket" on the Marne, with the Allies battering at their flanks on either side. The French and American troops have been hammering on the east, while the French, British and Italian forces have battered the west flank of the enemy position. The Germans have been making resolute efforts to hold the way open for their forces toward Chateau-Thierry, but their situation is very hazardous.

The Germans threw large reinforcements into the new battle line and the British also moved several divisions from Picardy to the scene of recent action.

The latest reports are that fighting continued throughout Tuesday north and northeast of Chateau Thierry, the Allies still advancing, though the German resistance is said to be growing stronger. Numbers of machine guns were taken Tuesday and the entire personnel of a machine gun company swelled the already big list of prisoners taken by the Americans.

The battle continues, and with success to the Allied cause, Americans, French, British, and Italians all doing their part.

During the whole Allied offensive, the American soldiers have upheld the highest reputation for valor that our armies have ever held. One French correspondent, writing of the capture of the village of Vierzy, said:

"The finest thing of the battle was the dash of the Americans. You ought to have seen these great fellows with tunics off and shirt sleeves rolled up to the elbow crossing the river with the water up to their shoulders, flinging themselves on the boches like so many bulldogs."

"The Germans, at sight of them, fled or surrendered without waiting for the first order, throwing down their arms, or in case they had them down, unbuttoned their braces and ran toward our lines haggard with mud and fright."

Probably a quarter of a million Americans are taking part in the offensive.

OUR RALEIGH LETTER

(By Maxwell Gorman.)

Raleigh, July 23.—Never since the United States entered the war has there been so much encouragement displayed by North Carolina folks as at present over the developments on the war front, where the American troops are giving such a splendid account of themselves. Students of the war situation who often visit Raleigh (and we have a few local judges also) believe the tide of battle has turned at last—and we all know that the presence of over a million American soldiers was the deciding factor in turning it. Just as the arrival of another billion before the year ends (and other millions later, if need be) is going to win the war for the Allies—for Christianity, for Civilization, for Democracy, for Decency and for the safety of representative government the world over.

It is something for North Carolinians to be proud of, when they reflect upon the splendid work of the United States Navy, under the guiding hand of Josephus Daniels, in safely carrying overseas under the convoy and protection of war ships, of this great army of fighters, without the loss of a single troop ship or of a single soldier—despite the threats of the German submarine menace. It is unparalleled, it is a glorious achievement.

Off to Press Convention
Bearing the president of the N. C. Press Association (Stanford Martin) and other more or less distinguished quill drivers; the special team for Asheville is leaving here today for the annual meet of newspaper men.

Mr. Martin says he has information that the attendance will be larger than in years—and this in spite of the fact that the boys this time have to put up the cash for their transportation, instead of paying in advertising or otherwise as in the years ago, before "Marse Mac" took over the railroad.

We are still being asked to give much free space in our papers to government advertising, but no more "reciprocity" on Uncle Sam's part. Uh, huh!

Summer School Closes
The State A. and E. College summer school closed today after one of the most successful terms in its history and one of the most largely attended. And this is important for the State never needed more competent teachers than it does today.

Third District Congressman
There is considerable interest yet in Abernethy's contest for the primary nomination for Congress in the third district, and it is not impossible that his court proceedings may break out in a new place soon. Dortch was here a few days ago, but he is not talking.

UNITED STATES CRUISER SUNK
Was Sunk Off Long Island Shore, Probably by a Mine

The United States armored cruiser San Diego was sunk not far from the entrance to New York harbor last Friday. At first, it was thought a German submarine had sunk the ship, but later conclusions are that the cruiser struck a mine, either one placed in the water for our own coast protection or one left by German sea raiders of the past few weeks.

The ship was of comparatively small value to the Navy, and practically all the crew were saved. The crew included 1,144 men, and not more than eleven of these lost their lives. At the latest reports, eight men were still unaccounted for, but they may have been on leave of absence and therefore safe. It is hoped that the only casualties will be three men who were killed by the explosion.

Lieut. Quentin Roosevelt Reported Killed
Lieut. Quentin Roosevelt, youngest son of the former President, was reported last week as killed in an airplane fight with two German machines behind the German lines. The report came through the semi-official Havas news agency.

Later a cablegram from Col. Roosevelt's son-in-law, Major Richard Derby, received at Saratoga, by the Colonel, said that Lieutenant Roosevelt's companion aviator was confident that the young man landed unhurt, and it is believed that he is now a prisoner in German hands.

Gaston B. Means Was German Agent
Gaston B. Means, in testimony at the hearing in Chicago last Wednesday to determine the legality of one of two wills purporting to dispose of the \$3,000,000 estate left by the late James C. King, of Chicago, admitted that he had served as a secret agent of Germany before the United States entered the war, and charged that some of New York's most prominent lawyers had done the same.

HEARD ON THE STREETS

WHAT OUR TOWN CORRESPONDENT HEARS AND THINKS—MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST DISCUSSED

We are all creatures of habit, and the Thrift Stamp habit is an excellent one. Cultivate it.

Many superstitious people are prophesying that the world is coming to an end. It will—in time.

Mr. J. L. Lawrence and family have moved back to Randleman from High Point.

Many of the Asheboro people evidently are not suffering from a shortage of food, judging from the number of wheatless days kept by them. We clip the following from the Sanford Express: People are asked to conserve to help win the war. Idlers and loafers are given to understand that they must go to work or go to the front and fight. This is right and proper and the people of the country will hold up the hands of the government in seeing that this is done. But while every able bodied man, who is not at the front fighting, should be required to have regular employment, why let boys who are under the draft age idle away their time as is being done by some of the boys here in Sanford? We noticed last week some eight or ten of these boys, both white and colored, throwing horseshoes on one of the back lots of the town. A citizen of the town who also saw these boys while engaged in this game, tells The Express that there were boys in that crowd as large as one of his sons who gets \$1.50 per day for his labor. A smaller son gets 50 cents per day for his work. The demand for labor is great and the boys, as well as the men, should have regular work. If parents can't induce their boys to work, the town authorities should take the matter in hand and see what can be done.

Every man knows how mean his neighbors are, but he is never absolutely sure about himself.

Mr. Ed Webster, a good farmer on Millboro Route 1, made 280 bushels of wheat.

Heard in a nearby dentist's office: "Be sure and get the right tooth, doctor." "Don't worry, I'll get it if I have to pull out every tooth in your head."

Mr. Sam Barnes, of Caraway Route 2, spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

Mr. E. Moon, of Cedar Falls, has been unable to be in the store for several days. All hope that it will not be long before he will be able to resume business.

Mr. Dan Trogdon, who resides half way between Asheboro and Franklinville, has a fine farm and is a good farmer and believes in improved stock.

When folks in Asheboro squim and fume about the "high prices" they should remember that it is better to have them and the money to pay the price than to have low prices and no money.

If you do not want The Courier be nice enough to pay up and ask us to stop it.

Mr. Ernest Kime has moved from Cedar Falls to High Point.

People might make less complaint at the high prices if what they buy was any good. For instance, a \$7.00 pair of shoes now gives not near the service that a \$4.00 pair gave a few years ago.

Attorney R. T. Poole, of Troy, was here one day last week attending court.

A large number of citizens from almost every section of the county visited Asheboro Saturday.

Mr. C. H. Cox, a good citizen of Worthville, is moving to Franklinville this week.

Mr. Brower York, a prosperous young farmer of Millboro Route 1, was in town a few days ago.

Mr. H. G. Redding, of Cedar Falls, has a fine field of corn. It would pay you to go and take a look at it.

Mr. J. M. Breedlove, of Cedar Falls, has subscribed for The Courier. He is a splendid fellow.

Mr. Alfred Graves, of the Spero section, has moved to Randleman.

Mrs. A. F. Brown and children, of Randleman, spent a week in Raleigh recently.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. E. O. York, of Central Falls, who has been quite feeble for the past few days, is much improved.

Mr. A. F. Brown, of Randleman, has returned from a visit to his brother in South Carolina.

Mr. W. H. Loyd, a prominent citizen of Back Creek township, was in town a few days ago.

Mr. K. G. Coltrane, of Level Cross township, owns a beautiful home and a fine farm. He is one of the county's best and most highly respected citizens.

Mr. G. P. Barker, of Providence township, is a forceful example of the reliable business man and one whose spirit of enterprise is demonstrated in many ways. He has accumulated considerable holdings in real estate.

Mr. T. G. Coble, of Julian, is not only a progressive merchant but he is public-spirited and greatly interested in the future prosperity and material growth of Julian.

Mr. A. W. Gray, of Randleman Route 1, is a good farmer and owns lots of fine land and always raises good crops.

Mr. Roddy Fields, of the Level Cross section, owns a beautiful home and a fine farm. He is one of Randolph's most progressive citizens.

Mr. M. U. Canoy, a good fellow on Randleman Route 2, has subscribed for The Courier.

PASSENGER TRAIN WRECKED AT GREENSBORO

Miss Lizzie Cameron, of Liberty, Among the Injured

Passenger train No. 131, bound from Sanford to Mt. Airy, was wrecked near Greensboro, last Thursday afternoon, by a head-on collision with a switch engine, which was backing a heavily laden freight car.

A score of passengers were injured, but none seriously. The engineer and fireman of the passenger train escaped death by jumping, and some of the passengers jumped, while others remained on the train and took their chances. The members of the switching crew appeared to be ignorant of danger till the collision came.

Following is a list of the injured: Miss Nell Hanner, Spring Garden street, Greensboro, lip cut.

Miss Lizzie Cameron, Liberty, side injured slightly.

K. E. Moffitt, of Greensboro, suffered a cut on his lip, but Mrs. Moffitt, seated with him, escaped injury.

George Wolcott, of 58 Worth street, New York, got his face bruised.

G. L. Smith, of Marilla, Tex., suffered loosened teeth and an injury to his nose.

Lydia Black, of 16 Middle street, Proximity, neck hurt.

E. S. Black, who was with the foregoing and whose address was the same, escaped injury.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Tate, of Kannapolis, were on the train together. His nose was hurt, but she escaped injury.

L. J. Johnson, of route 2, Bear Creek, suffered injury to his nose and lip.

H. M. Robinson, of Lynchburg, Va., neck injured.

W. H. Blackburn, Kernersville, chin cut.

K. C. Denny, High Point, head, nose and back injured.

Mrs. Carter and Mr. Walker, who could not be more clearly identified, were slightly injured.

Earl Harper, of Earle, N. C., teeth knocked loose.

J. J. Wilson, R. F. D. 2, Kernersville, bruised.

Mr. J. C. Julian, of Level Cross, has been a subscriber to The Courier for a long time. He is a fine fellow.

Ex-sheep J. W. Birkhead, who is farming down in Union township, spent Sunday in Asheboro with his family.

Mr. J. G. Brown, a prominent merchant and citizen of Randleman, was here a few days ago.

Mr. Ed Frazier, of Providence township, owns a beautiful home and a fine farm. Mr. Frazier occupies a high position among the leading citizens of his section and is always found willing and eager to lend his time to matters looking to the uplift and development of his section.

Mr. S. F. Pugh, of Millboro Route 1, is a Confederate soldier and one of Randolph's best citizens, has been a subscriber to The Courier for a long time.

Mr. John Stout, of Red Cross, owns a beautiful home and a fine farm and does a good mercantile business.

Mr. J. P. Fields, of Climax Route 1, has a farm worth looking over. He is a fine fellow.

Mr. L. M. Caudle, who has been in the mercantile life of Randleman for a long time, has our thanks for a renewal of his subscription to The Courier.

Mr. G. A. C. Freeman, of Randleman, has renewed his subscription to The Courier. He is a splendid fellow and does a good shoe repair business.

Mr. H. J. Fields, of Climax Route 1, is a good farmer and a good citizen, and has been reading The Courier for a long time.

Among our renewal subscribers this week is our esteemed friend, Mr. O. K. Yow, of Randleman, who has been a subscriber for a long time.

Mr. Gurney Hoover, of Trinity Route 1, was in town one day last week. He is a hustling young man and has scores of friends.

At last the work is mos. done and a season of leisure is in store for the farmer.

Some people would rather tell their troubles than keep their popularity.

Mr. A. C. Pugh, a prosperous farmer and saw mill man, of Millboro Rt. 1, has a beautiful home and a fine farm.

Mr. J. F. Routh, of Randleman Rt. 2, is a good farmer and well liked by all who know him. He is a big-hearted, public spirited man who has the material progress of his county at heart.

Mr. J. E. Davis, the depot agent at Randleman, spent a short while in town Saturday evening.

Every indication points to the fact that our farmers will sow a big wheat crop this fall.

Mr. A. L. Briles, of Cedar Falls, spent Saturday evening in Asheboro.

Mr. J. M. King, a good citizen of Grant township, was in town one day last week.

Mr. Stanton King, of Climax Route 1, has a farm worth looking over. Mr. King is a good man and a good farmer.

The corn crop, from the present outlook, is not going to be as good as it was last year.

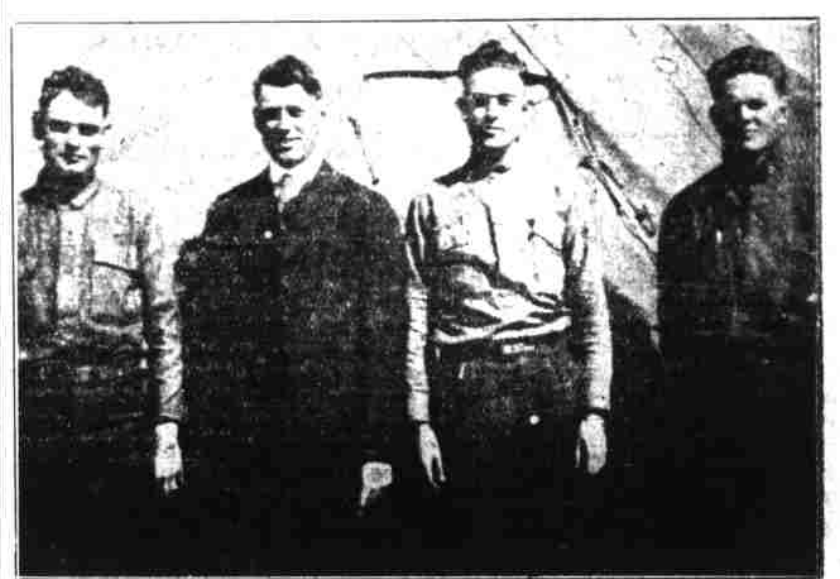
Mr. E. J. Maness, a prosperous farmer of Montgomery county, was in town one day last week.

Mr. A. K. Pugh, of Climax Route 1, has a fine farm and is a good farmer and believes in improved stock. He is one of our best citizens.

Mr. D. M. Greeson, of Climax Route 1, has been a subscriber to The Courier for a long time. There is not a better man in the county than Mr. Greeson.

A FAMILY OF FIGHTERS

THREE MEMBERS OF COMPANY K ARE BROTHERS—ALL SONS OF MR. AND MRS. S. W. KIVETT, OF ASHEBORO



From left to right: Divisional Electrician C. M. Kivett, Mr. T. Lee Kivett, Artizan George Kivett, and Private John Kivett.

The above is a picture of four sons of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Kivett, of Asheboro. Divisional Electrician C. M. Kivett, Artizan George Kivett, and Private John Kivett are all with Company K, 120th Infantry, in France. The two older soldier boys have been members of Company K for about four years, while Private John Kivett enlisted last year.

Mr. T. Lee Kivett is superintendent of a large electric plant at Greenville, S. C., and in that way is helping to aid Uncle Sam by doing useful work for the country. He writes The Courier that he is thinking of enlisting and going to France to look for Company K and the Kaiser, in spite of the fact that he has a family.

TYPICAL GERMANS ON THIS SIDE

Huns Shelled Mainland of Massachusetts Where Civilians Congregated—No Casualties

A German submarine attacked a tow off the easternmost point of Cape Cod, last Sunday, sank three barges, set a fourth and their tug on fire, and dropped four shells on the mainland. The action lasted an hour and was unchallenged except for two hydroplanes from the Chatham aviation station, which circled over the U-boat causing her to submerge, for only a moment, to reappear and resume firing. However, the hydroplanes appeared a second time and the submarine submerged again and did not reappear.

The crew of the tow, numbering 41 and including three women and five children, escaped amid the shellfire in lifeboats. Several were wounded, but only one seriously. This happened to be John Botovich, an Austrian of the crew of the tug. His right arm near the shoulder was torn away by a fragment of shell. The minor injuries of the others were from shell splinters.

The barges were in tow of the tug Perth Amboy, owned by the Lohigh Valley railroad and were bound from Gloucester for New York. One was loaded with stone but the others were light, being on their return trip after bringing coal to New England.

Attack Without Warning
The attack without warning and only the poor marksmanship of the German gunners permitted the escape of the crews.

The firing was heard for miles and brought thousands to the beach from which the flashes of the guns and the outline of the U-boat were plainly visible. Possible danger to the onlookers was not thought of until a shell whizzed over their heads and splashed in a pond inland. Three other shells buried themselves in the sand of the beach, but no one was injured.

Next Call for 4,500 Men

The Adjutant General's department has called on the North Carolina local boards to furnish 2,500 white men for Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, South Carolina; and 2,000 colored men for Camp Greene, Charlotte, during the next ten or twelve days.

Mr. H. B. Baie, of Franklinville, was in town Saturday.

Mr. O. T. Macon, of Providence township, is a good farmer and is making great improvements on his farm.

The United States now has over 1,200,000 men in France.

The newspaper is in no sense a child of charity. It earns twice over every dollar it receives, and it is second to no enterprise in contributing to the building of a community. Its patrons reach far more benefit from its pages than its publishers and in calling for support of the community in which it is published, it asks for no more than in all fairness belongs to it, though generally it receives less.

Mr. C. W. York, of Cedar Falls, will receive weekly visits from The Courier from now on.

Mr. A. L. Cox, a prosperous farmer of Climax Route 1, is very busy with his crop. He has a good farm and knows how to work it.

A Ford owner, on his deathbed, requested that the machine be buried with him, saying to those about him, "That little old car has pulled me out of many a deep hole and it may pull me out of this one."

Mr. E. Whitley, a prosperous gentleman of Ulah, was in town the other day.

Mr. Sam Stanton, a prosperous farmer of Level Cross township, was in town one day last week.

Messrs. George and Glenn York, of Central Falls, spent a few hours in town Saturday.

RAMSEUR NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Steed, of High Point, spent a few days with Mr. Steed's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Steed, returning home Saturday.

Miss Nell Browning, of Hillsboro, spent last week with Mrs. R. I. Kearns.

Miss Nancy White, of Asheboro, spent last week with friends here.

Miss Kate Warwick, of Newton, is spending some time with her room mate, Miss Sarah Cole, of this place.

Miss Mary McMasters, of Farmer, visited Mrs. Kearns last week.

A number of our boys leave for Camp Hancock, Ga., this week. Our best wishes go with them and hope for them a speedy return.

Dr. F. C. Craven who underwent an operation at St. Leo's hospital last week is recovering rapidly.

Miss Nina Tate is spending some with friends at Clarkton, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Patterson, of Liberty, visited Mr. E. A. Moffitt and family here last week.

Bowman's picture show was here Friday and was enjoyed by all.

Rob B. Moffitt left Sunday afternoon for Plattsburg training camp.

Miss Sadie Baldwin, who has been in the millinery business at Salisbury has returned home.

Mrs. J. B. York spent a few days at Reidsville last week with relatives.

Mr. J. E. Covington had the misfortune to turn his Ford over Friday evening as he was coming in from Ohio and making the last block near his home. He and his driver were bruised and scratched up right much but not serious. Driver said something got wrong with the steering gear.

Interesting Meeting at State College
A meeting and conference of agricultural teachers and workers began at the State College at West Raleigh July 22, and will close tomorrow, July 26.

Tuesday, July 23rd, in the agricultural building of the State College, round-table discussions and conferences were held under the supervision of Prof. T. E. Browne, of the department of vocational education. He was assisted by Mr. L. E. Cooke, associate professor, and by Mr. C. H. Lane, Federal agent for vocational education in the South. Various talks and addresses were delivered by men now engaged in teaching agriculture out over the State, as well as those interested in the extension and teaching work of the college.

Sugar Famine Threatens State
Unless sugar consumers in the State cut the consumption of sugar to much less than the maximum ration of three pounds per person per month, North Carolina will be in the throes of a sugar famine within thirty days.

In addition to requesting all consumers of sugar to cut their consumption of sugar to the lowest possible quantity, Mr. Page is requesting that all fruits be canned without sugar, the sugar to be added when the fruits are consumed and the sugar situation is easier. The drying and canning of fruits is advocated in preference to preserving which requires considerable quantities of sugar.

Doctors to be Drafted
The government is about to assume control of the entire medical profession in the United States. This will probably be done to obtain sufficient doctors for the army, and at the same time to distribute those remaining to the localities or services where they are most needed for civilian work. Of the 143,000 doctors in the United States, it is estimated between 80,000 and 95,000 are in active practice, and 23,000 are in the army and navy. Nearly 50,000 will be required eventually for military service.