THR CONCORD TIMES. SHERRILL, Editor and Publisher. PUBLISHED MONDAYS THURSDAYS AND \$1.50 a Year. Due in Advance. OLUME XLIII. CONCORD, N. C., MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1918. NO.T inste Library ITISH DRIVE BACK GERMAN FORCES FIELD MARSHAL HAIG IS CONGRATULATED BY **AMERICAN ARTILLERY** GERI MANS LOSING WHICH HAD CROSSED SOMME YESTERDAY SHELLS EFFECTIVELY 100,000 MEN A DAY PRES. WILSON ON STAND AGAINST GERMANS e Repulsed the Powerful Many of the American Shells Deductions Made By Mem-CALM OVER HUN DRIVE. STOCKS BREAK TODAY. President in Message Cabled ttacks Made By the Ger- Has Earmarks of Failure in End. Offibers of Allied Military Mis- Further Heavy Setting Impelled By the Being Thrown Have Fallen to General Haig Today rans Yesterday Afternoon Albert W. Fox in Washington Post. in the German Trenches, It sions From the Nature of War News. Predicts a Final Victory The result of the first stupendous (By The Associated Press) Northward of Bapaume. is Announced. Fighting on West Front. German thrust against the allies' line For the Allies. New York, March 25.-Stocks broke can now be recorded with some defrom 1 to 3 points at the opening of cress of accuracy. It has had all the **GERMANS VIRTUALLY** ALLIED LOSSES ESH ATTACKS the market today on further heavy ADMIRATION FOR boasted power that the Germans said they would put in the blow, but it has selling, impelled by the war news. The BY THE GERMANS accomplished nothing to upset the calm ABANDON ONE PLACE ARE FAR LESS weakest issues again included equip-THE BRITISH STAND confidence which reigns here in official ments or war shares, and special inand military circles. As a spectacu-Battle Continues With lar military drive it has been a tem-Considerable Activity on the Figures Obtained from Num- dustrials. "The Perfect Confidence of porary success. As an achievement reat Violence on Whole likely to affect the final military decisber of Troops Employed Toul Front. - Americans BRITISH COUNTER-ATTACKING All Americans is That You ion it has already all the earmarks of Front. - Germans Driven an ultimate failure. And Strength of the Allied Between Mesles and Ham. - French Shell Towns of St. Bauf-Will Secure a Final Vic-The Germans, by sheer weight of Resistance. Back With Great Loss. fant and Boqueteau. Also in Action. massed man power and artillery, have tory," Says the President. accomplished, the following results: (By The Associated Press) They have bent the British line back, London, March 25 .- The British this (By The Associated Press) (By The Associated Press) (By The Associated Press) particularly over a 17-mile stretch, (By The Associated Press) Washington, March 25-Members of morning were counter attacking be-With the American Army in France. March 25.-Fresh attacks which has enabled them to establish Wishington, March 25-President March 25 .- On the Toul front there the allied military missions said today tween Mesles and Ham, Reuters cordermans have developed north- a new line from Bapaume via Peronne Wilson today cabled Field Marshall was considerable activity during the that in the nature of the fighting on respondent at British Headquarters. ad southward of Bapaume, the to Ham, an average distance of 6 Haig, congratulating him on the Brisnight. American guns heavily shelled the west front the Germans must be miles nearer the heart of France. reported. The French also were in acish stand against the German effensive. the German front line positions. Ene- losing at least 100,000 men a day. They British repulsed the powerful They report 25,000 prisoners and 400 my batteries replied using many gas made this deduction from the Gerand predicting a final allied victory. tion. vesterday evening northward guns captured. The President's message read North of Bapaume, he states, the sheils. Later photographs were taken mans' plan of massed attack, the num-"May I not express to you my warm They are in a position to advise from airplanes of the damage inflictber of troops they are employing and Germans were attacking a consider-British drove back to the east their military prowess throughout the admiration of the splendid steadfastthe strength of the allied resistance. ed by Americans. able force at dawn, but did not get of the Somme bodies of German central powers for the encouragement ness and valor with which your troops The allied losses, it was declared, -W. S. S.as which had crossed the river be- of their own peoples. have withstood the German onset and through the British barrage. AMERICAN ARTILLERY would be far less than those of the Gerthe perfect confidence all Americans Licourt and Brie, south of Pe- They have bought the terrian won

he statement follows :

morale of their troops and doubtless attle continues with great vio- mentum which always goes with any

given them, that magic military mo- Many of the Shells Fell in German GERMANS CANNOT BREAK Trenches.

SHELLS EFFECTIVELY

mans, because they are fighting on the defensive.

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al victory."

eks delivered by the enemy yestersome were heavily repulsed. Only their first thrust is described by milime point did the German infantry tary men here as follows: h our trenches whence, they were ediately thrown out, Elsewhere back with great loss.

paring the night and this morning h hostile attacks have again denext in this neighborhood, and also is south of Bapaume.

south of Peronne bodies of German who have crossed the river bep Licourt and Brie were driven to the east bank by our counter-

he withdrawal of the British along battle front in France was long planned in the event of the Gers attacking in great force. This uncement comes from the British t through the Associated Press corhdrawal, made possible by gallant ek troops in the front lines, who eked the advance of the Germans, ile artillery, machine gun and rifle worked appalling slaughter among German high command was to break masses of German infantry as they e sent forward. this enabling the in body of the British to fall back

herately and without confusion. is army, it is declared, has been and up to the present very counter-attacks have been made ist the Germans. Where the Britit's stormed the Germans' newly al positions they have driven ek. But each mile of advance sthe bringing up of supplies to man artillery and infantry and more difficult, and unquesthe British strategy, as derefed since the beginning of the allack, is to let the enemy, so is he may, wear himself out a powerful defense:

British and French forces, te their lines meet, south of St. the are watching events with oplistic eves.

-W.S.S.-

ERMANS CLAIM TO HAVE

## fronne, Ham and Chauny Reported

hours was predicted by American Coun-Mrs. T. L. Earnhardt Dead. paume and Peronne the Germans have dently is firm. The British are still Admiralty, per Wireless Press) | ticles we are making, does four short sul Treadwell in a dispatch that reachreached the Transloy-Combles-Maure- well to the east of the lines long held, Salisbury Post. "Germans have captured Peronne hours- a week seem long enough?" ed the state department today, dated Mrs. L. T. Earnhardt, aged 68 years pas line, where they are held up by the for instance, at the Somme. There are Ham and defeated British and On her recommendation the surgical March 20. Virtually all Americans have died at her home two miles below Gold British. On the north end of the great plenty of prepared positions if needed. near regiments brought up from dressings work room will be open four left the city, the dispatch said. Hill Friday morning after an illness battie line where sanguinary struggle The shelling of Paris at a range of 50 confirment for a counter-attack on days a week beginning with Tuesday -W. S. S.has not halted for many hours, the Ger- miles mystifies, but it is evident a high of several years. The funeral and in-HOSTILE AIRSHIP IS ", according to the war office afternoon, from 2 to 5 o'clock. o'clock at Wesley Chapel, Misenheimer. mans have reached Chauny an impor- velocity gun throwing 9 1-2-inch shells The quality of the work done by one terment took place this morning at 11 SEEN AT CAIRO, EGYPT ment today. tant point on the Oise river, southwest could not have been rushed forward statement adds that more than chapter is perfect as the report from Mrs. Earnhardt was the widow of of LaFere. Here, however, their ad- and emplaced in two days; therefore, the prisoners have been captured headquarters show. On the last three Public There Warned of Possibility of the late L. T. Earnhardt, who died vance has not been so great as directly the thing is only a fresh manifestation and guns have been taken by the boxes sent in the following remarks have been sent back to us: On a box about four years ago. Nine children west of St. Quentin where they have of frightfulness. The use of German Air Raids. "They in the battle which has been of pajamas, "splendid;" on another box survive, among these being Mrs. D. V. progressed more than ten miles. The cavalry may indicate the exhaustion of (By The Associated Press) British and French lines meet near infantry. In any case there is evident "I hear Monchy, Cambrai, St. Quen- of pajamas, "This lot was standard, Peeler, of Salisbury. London, March 25.-The inhabitants Mrs. Earnhardt was a most estima-Chauny, and the French lines along little probability of open fighting west of Cairo, Egypt, were informed official-" La Fore is claimed by the Ger- thank you for it," and on a box of The British third and fourth surgical dressings, "Excellent, thank ble women and had many friends in the Chemin des Dames, and east toward of Cambrai, where the British are still ly last Thursday, according to a Rheims would be menaced if the Ger- well to the east of Bapaume. The St. the Gold Hill section .. Reuters dispatch that a hostile airship and parts of Franco-American you." With such a record the need of mans advanced as far as Compeigne on Quentin development took place mostly had been observed on the coast. The -----W. S. S.declared to have been our chapter is not more perfect work, the road to Paris. But Compeigne a Thursday. The Crozat canal position, With Our Advertisers. public was warned of the posibility of "In the heaviest loss on the but more work and more people to covering Peronne, had been foreseen. air raids, and ordered to observe neces-The Browns-Cannon Co. have a new good 20 miles southwest of Chauny. an Bapaume to Bouchevesnes work. The French official of tenight has not ad, today. Easter wearables now sary lighting regulations. Somme, between Pe------W. S. S.--W. S. S.yet been received. - TH. - H. - H.ready. GERMANS NOW STANDING SECRETARY BAKER BOMBARDMENT OF PARIS Rare and rich offering in smart -R. R. R. TO NORTH OF THE SOMME ARRIVES IN LONDON ---- W. S. S.--BRITISH FOUGHT WITH dresses can be found at Fisher's. See THE COTTON , MARKET. RENEWED AT 6:30 TODAY GREAT STUBBORNNESS Teutons Claim to Have Taken More new ad. **Crosses Channel After Visiting King of** Don't forget the big Easter Sale at Willing War News and Weakness The Bombardment, However, Was In-Than 45,000 Prisoners. Belgium. Artillery Splendidly Saerificed itself in the Parks-Belk Co.'s, which continues terrupted, After the Second Shot, in Liverpool Causes Decline. (By The Associated Press) through next Saturday. New goods London, March 23 .- Newton D. Ba-Covering Retreat. Berlin (British Admiralty per wire-(By The Associated Press) less press) March 25.-The Germans are being received by every express. (By The Associated Press.) ker, the American Secretary of War, (By The Associated Press.) Paris, March 25 .- The long range York, March 25.-The influ-Select that Easter suit today. visited King Albert of Belgium and the London, March 25 .- The British in are now standing to the north of the bombardment of Paris was resumed musettling war news and weak-Hoover's have what you want. Belgium front yesterday. Somme in middle of the former Somme Secretary Baker arrived in London their retreat defended every hill, ridge at 6:30 o'clock this morning, but was Liverpool was reflected in op--W. S. S.from Calais at 5 p. m. He was accom- and fortification with the greatest interrupted after the second shot, decline of 25 to 51 points in the battlefield, says todays official state-Germans Cross the Somme River. panied by Maj. Frederick Palmer. The stubbornness, messages from the Germarket here today. The old ment. Bapaume was captured in the After a brief interval two more shots London, March 24 .- "Fresh hostile secretary was met by Ambasador Page. man war correspondent on the western were fired. The bombardment was months were relatively weak with night fighting. In the evening Mesles was taken by attacks developed this morning in great under Saturday's close under storm, the statement adds. British, strength on the whole battle front," Gens. Biddle and Bartlett and by Col. front say according to Central News again suspended at 9:10 o'clock, selling down's to 32.37, or 53 iquidation, while October broke American and French were thrown says Field Marshal Haig's report from Lord Duncannon, representating the dispatches from Amsterdam. The Brit------W.S.S. ish artillery, it is added, splendidly The following names should have of or 24 points net lower on call, back through sparsely wooded country. headquarters, "and they have contin- British war office. Mr. Baker drove to the house of Am- sacrificed itself in covering the retreat been in the list of those colored men More than 45,000 prisoners and more ued throughout the day. "South of Peronne the enemy suc- bassador Page, whose guest he will be the batteries only breaking up when who will leave this week for camp: offerings were absorbed at this the German storming troops arrived John Howice, Bost Forest, Mack Forhowever, and the market soon than 600 guns have been captured, the ceeded, after heavy fighting, in cross- during his stay in London. within a few hundred yards of the posi- ney and Eugene Arnold, the steadier. Before the end of statement says. Before the end of statement says. Guiscard and Chauny were captured ing the Somme at certain points. These -----W. 8. S.---Rev. B. G. Whitley, of Greensboro, tions, The British gunners then fired ----passed through Concord this morning their last ammunition and retired. Mrs. Kate B. Lockett and Mr. Will-Detober to 30.68. in the evening. Violent fighting has developed for -----W. S. S.-Cotton futures opened irregular. iam T. Johnson, of Richmond, spent "Farm and Garden" will be the sub- on his way to Mt. Pleasant where he the possession of Combles and the A baseball game of interest will be N. 32.43; July, 31.58; October, 30.54; vesterday and toslay here. They will ject of the talks at the moving picture will hold a series of revival meetings heights west of the town. The enemy staged in Mount Pleasant on Monday leave for their home tonight. "ember, 30.30; January, 30.20. shows this week. Speakers will be as in the Baptist Church. afternoon, when the Mt. Pleasant Colwas defeated the statement says. -----W. C. R.---W. S. S .---follows: 'Tonight, Mr. G. Ed Kestler; Mr. R. E. Ridenhour, Jr., has been Mr. Paul Yates, of Winston-Salem, legiate Institute team will meet the Miss Blanche Dorton, of Charlotte, -----W. S. S.--Tuesday, Mr. C. S. Smart, and Wed-Fisher's is today receiving a shipnfined to his home for several days tenn of Lenoir College. was the week end guest of home folk. ment of handsome new summer gowns. nesday Prof. J. B. Robertson, spent Sunday here with friends. a account of ilness.

the whole front. Powerful forward movement or success With these advantages ceded temafternoon and evening north of porarily to Germany, the debt side of

They have bought the terrian won at a price in lives which sound miliattacks were stopped by rifle, tary strategy regards as absolutely gun and artillery fire in front prohibitive, for it is understood that cositions, and his troops were the British have shot away tens of thousands from the masses of men

used to press forward. virtually abandoned. The terrain won is over devastated areas and ruined villages and is value

less from the military standpoint unless it can be made the stepping stone for further advance.

The new positions of the Germans are exposed to counter attacks regarded as certain to inflict further

heavy toll on the invaders. The attack has if anything strengthened the dogged fighting spirit of the British and demonstrated the unbroken morale of the allies now eagerly await-

ing their chance to strike back. long the battle front is recorded · Military men say that the capture pondent, who describes the opera- 5,000 prisoners is insignificant com- in the throes of a fierce conflict in ish efforts are centered on withdraw- extent or importance of their effort. Ing Maj. Gen. March, chief of staff, depared to the scope of the effort and which they have done excellent work ing as the occasion requres and per- Only when a partial success had been sacrifice made. The Germans them- in transportation.

selves lost more than 50,000 prisoners to the allies in their retreat on the GERMANS BOMBARD TOWN Somme. The undoubted hope of the down the resistance and the morale of

the British by this unprecedented drive, made without thought of losses. The reported presence of the kaiser

and all other indications are that the Germans hoped to smash all resistance so decisively that the road would be open to them for their major planseither a drive on Paris or toward the channel ports. The momentum of their this kind is almost invariably the positions greastest.

W. C. S. MRS. CLUIS' VISIT HERE.

#### Inspected Red Cross Work Room and Was Much Pleased.

Mrs. V. M. Cluis, head of women's work in the southern division of the Red Cross, inspected the Concord work room last week. She was very much surprised at the short hours our chapter works on surgical dressings. She said: "In view of the great sacrifice made by the men for whom we are

### (By The Associated Press)

With the American Army in France. Sunday March 24.-The American artillery on the Toul sector continued today to shell effectively the enemy first line and communication trenches, the town of St. Bauffant and billets and dumps north of Boqueteau. Many of German trenches, and the first two lines in at least one place have been

AMERICAN ENGINEERS IN THROES OF CONFLICT

A Further Advance By the Germans Late Yesterday is Recorded. (By The Associated Press)

British Army Headquarters in France. (By The Associated Press.) March 25.- A further advance late yesterday by the Germans at some points

-W. S. S.

Many Gas Shells and Some High Explosives Fall on American Positions. (By The Associated Press)

Sunday March 24 .- For the third suc- ing made for its possession. cessive day, the German artillery today bombarded heavily with gas shells a

# AMBASSADOR REPORTS

**Report Made by American Ambassador** 

### (By The Associated Press)

Washington, March 25.-Ambassador Sharpe, in Paris, reported to the State Department today the bombardment of

THROUGH BRITISH DEFENSE

#### Four Days of Great Offensive Has Not Brought Decision for Attackers.

#### (By The Associated Press)

Persistent attacks with strong forces of infantry and lavish use of artillery the American shells have fallen in the have not enabled the Germans to break through the British defense and after four days the great offensive blow in northern France has not yet brought the first step toward them by breaking God bless them, and give them strength a decision from the attackers. Heavy through the alies' line near the junc- in this time of trial" fighting is in progress around Bapaume, near Peronne, and where British and French fronts join.

Field Marshal Haig's withdrawal, a colossal blow with masses of guns previously planned in case of heavy and men hitherto never used together enemy attack has been executed in a on any battlefield. There is no surmanner described as masterly, and prise that the British line has been great credit for its success is given forced back. Lines of defense have to the small units which, sometimes bent before all great offensives in this outnumbered eight or nine to one, clung war. What the British people look to to their posts, and impeded the Ger- the army for is that it shall not break. man advance. The British have made | With usual caution, the German of-American engineers nave again been tempted has been successful. The Brit- did not reveal to their own people the confirmed today, and officials includ mitting the enemy to wear himself recorded was Emperor William desigout before the British defense. Sunday nated as commanded-in-chief, and the the fighting forces in the north reached crown prince mentioned. IN AMERICAN LINES the old battlefield of the Somme, from

ago. Again Bapaume and Peronne are news from the western front. the center of the most bitter fighting. Bapaume is the key to the position between Arras and Albert and Berlin re- by the employment of trops regard-With the American Army in France, ports that a "gigantic struggle" is be- less of sacrifices, are nearly always ANOTHER AIR RAID

The greatest danger point at present seems to be where the Germans appar- the situation refers to the failure of certain town within the American ently have driven through a great the British report to say anything lines. Today's bombardment was made width of the region they devastated about prisoners, and adds: effort has apparently carried them a in two periods each a half hour in in retiring in 1917, as the Paris statescant six miles, and, military experts length. Many gas shells and a few high ment today reports heavy fighting in ponents have been notoriously inexact." explain, the first shock in a blow of explosive shells fell on the American the region of Noyon. The town itself

> ny in the region of which Berlin yes- began their offensive partly through terday reported the repulse of the excessive egotism and also in despera-Franco-American reserves, but the Ger- tion. man advance probably has been met

consideradly short of Noyon. The wedge driven into the allied line is evidently a deep one, however, as the French troops are reported by Paris

to be contesting for the heights to the north of the Oise, with important runs south of Noyon.

French government in which the fact by the Germans but heavy fighting is it is admitted tonight the losses are Washington, March 25.-The German was announced to the public. taking place north of it, and south believed to be those already announced to Have Fallen. occupation of Petrograd within along the Somme river. Between Ba- by the Germans. The northern line evi--W. S. S.--wind March 24. (Via London, working, an dthe great need of the ar-

of Complete Victory.

# London, March 23 .- While clouds of London, March 25 .- King George toworld's greatest battle, the guns of Marshal Haig which are heard in London tonight. tion of the French and British armies.

The attack thus far has shown no new strategy, but appears to be simply

such dimensions the attacking forces, the British forces, enabled to force first line positions.

The Evening News in its comment on

"In the matter of figures, our op-The military expert of the Westminis some ten miles to the west of Cau- ister Gazette says that the Germans

#### PREVAILING OPINION IS SERIOUS BUT CONFIDENT

#### British Have Plenty of Prepared Positions if Needed London Says.

London, March 23 .- Opinion tonight Virtually All Americans Have Left the German forces. The Oise on this part pleased with the work, but very much TAKEN THREE TOWNS Paris at long range by the Germans. He varies. Prevailing sentiment is serious City. forwarded the official statement of the 'rhe capture of Peronne is claimed but confident. In prisoners and guis (By The Associated Press)

War Will End if Germany Falls Short King George Also Congratulates Hair.

feel that you will win a secure and fin-

uncertainty obscured the details of the , day sent the following message to Field

"I can assure you that the fortitude. there is a measure of relief felt that courage and self-sacrifice with which Germany has finally showed her hand, the troops under your command con The purpose and method of her long- tinue so heroically to resist the greattalked-of blow are now plain. Hinden- ly superior numbers, are realized by burg's objective is undoubtedly the me and my people. The empire stands channel ports, but he purposes to take calm and confident in its soldiers. May

> -.... AMERICAN TROOPS NOT IN THE BIG OFFENSIVE

> Nothing to Story That Any American **Troops Have Been Attached to Brit**-

## ish Forces.

#### (By The Associated Press)

Washington, March 25 .- The German statements that American troops had taken part in the fighting on the rattacks but every one st. ficial reports of the first day's fighting. British front in France had not been clined to comment on the reports.

Although a detatchment of American engineers was caught in the German counterattack on Cambrai salient sev-"Serious, but not alarming," sums up eral months ago, officers indicated there which the Germans retreated a year the reception by London of today's was nothing here to show that any American troops others than engineers It is pointed out that in battles of or special units had been attached to

-----W.B.S.--

#### ALARM IN PARIS

In Forty-five Minutes All Was Clear and Parisians Were Able to Resume Their Beds.

#### (By The Associated Press)

Paris, March 25 .- Another air raid alarm was sounded shortly after one o'clock this morning. After three-quarter hour firemen's bugles and church bells anounced that all was clear, and the Parisians were able to return to their beds.

#### W. S. S. GERMANS WILL SOON OCCUPY PETROGRAD

EOMBARDMENT OF PARIS to State Department.

# -W. S. S.-