

GREATEST BATTLE OF THE WORLD RAGING TODAY

Greenville Tobacco Market Opens With Greatest Sale In History

ENGLISH AND FRENCH LAUNCH ATTACKS ON 430 MILE FRONT

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(United Press Staff Correspondent)
WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES AFIELD.—
The greatest battle of the world is being fought today from the seacoast to the Swiss frontier, over a distance of more than four hundred and thirty-five miles.

The Allies are fighting in a practically continuous offensive, and France's great assault at Verdun, which is still driving on, completes the huge chain of battles that have welded the forces of war into one gigantic action of unparalleled and unprecedented extent.

The great battle started with the Anglo-French offensive in Flanders and extended to the British offensive at Lens, thence to the French attacks around St. Quentin, then to the French offensive at Chemin des Dames, and concluded with tremendous fighting at Moronvilliers and Verdun, with heavy artillery fighting in Alsace-Lorraine down to the borders of Switzerland. Never before in the history of the world has there been such an extensive battle, nor has the superiority of the Allies been everywhere so clearly demonstrated.

With three months' more fighting weather before the winter comes, Germany's hold on the Western front may yet become precarious before the year is gone.

WOMEN'S CLUB PROTESTS AGAINST ETHEL LEE'S VERDICT

The members of the Department of Civics and Social Service of the Women's Club wish publicly to protest against the flagrant miscarriage of justice in our County Court last week. An effort had been made to rid Greenville of some of its vice and of some of the influences which are working for the debasement of our community and lowering of the moral standards in our homes.

In the face of convicting evidence the offenders were declared not guilty.

We voice the feelings of disappointment, of disgust and disgrace of the community. We have no voice in the making of laws, no power in the enforcement. We are dependent upon the upright and fidelity of men to make for the uplift of the community, the morality of our men and boys, and the sanctity of our homes. We depend upon the good men who must be in this city and county to see that this verdict does not stand unchallenged.

MRS. H. E. AUSTIN,
Chm Depts., Civics and Social Service.

The Gun Fund is Steadily Increasing

The fund for the Home Guards \$200 to \$300. The contributors to this fund have been increased from addition will be published in tomorrow's Daily News.

There will be a drill of the Home Guards tomorrow night.

Mayor's Court

Herbert Jones, assault. Fined \$5.00 and the costs.
Herbert Anderson, Will Haurahan, Isaac Barco, Landron Clark, Henry Outerbridge and Fred Tucker, gambling. Bound over to the county court.
Roy Stubbs, speeding auto. \$1.00 and the costs.

PROGRAM White's Theatre

TONIGHT
Baroness Valyrien DeWitz, premier Danseuse of the Danish Ballet, (Denmark) in
"HIDDEN VALLEY"
(Five Reels)

RUSH WORK ON AVIATION CAMPS



Carpenters working on new hangars at one of the aviation training schools "somewhere in the United States." Each day as more men join the air service the need for greater training camps becomes pressing. Every camp is being enlarged for the great corps of flyers Uncle Sam is training.

GERMANY WILLING TO GRANT AUTONOMY TO ALSACE-LORRAINE

(By United Press)

ZURICH, Switz.—The German Chancellor, Dr. Michaelis, will announce Germany's decision to grant autonomy to Alsace-Lorraine this afternoon at a session of the main Reichstag Committee, according to a special agency dispatch received here.

DRAFT LAW IS CONSTITUTIONAL SAYS UJDE SPIER OF GEORGIA

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON.—The Draft Law has been held constitutional by Federal Judge Emory B. Spier of the Southern District of Georgia, according to official word received here.

Uncle Sam Grants Increase in Wages to the Strikers

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON.—A nation-wide strike in the steel ship yards working on government contracts will be prevented by a wage increase to be paid by the government. In his first clash with organized labor in war work, Uncle Sam will recognize the claims that the increased cost of living warrants a higher wage scale. The final decision will be left to a committee of three to be appointed by President Wilson, Samuel Gompers and the Shipping Board.

Youth Claims to be Sec. Daniels' Son

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON.—The Secret Service force is on the trial of a youth representing himself as the son of Secretary Daniels, who obtained \$250 from Dr. Hutchinson, and \$30 from the Superintendent of the Edison plant. The impostor is described as 5 ft. 7 inches tall, and about 135 pounds in weight, with blue eyes and wavy hair.

Gas Tank Wrecked by Run-a-Ways

The gasoline tank belonging to the Johnson Grocery Co., on Dickinson Avenue was completely demolished this morning when a team of horses belonging to Tucker & Clark ran away. They were pulling a load of building stone when they became unmanageable, and when the wagon struck the tank one of the heavy pieces of stone struck it and smashed it to the ground. The negro driver jumped and escaped injury. No other damage was done.

British Seaplanes Active at Zeebrugge

(By United Press)

LONDON.—Many tons of bombs have been dropped upon the Ghent railway station and the great Bruges docks by British seaplanes, the Admiralty announces today. Much damage was done.

POWERFUL GERMAN COUNTER ATTACKS ARE THROWN BACK

(By United Press)

LONDON.—The most powerful of all German counter-attacks to regain the ground captured by the British south of Epehy, was thrown back by British fire early today, according to General Sir Douglas Haig's report to the War Office.

More Exemption Claims Granted

The following men have been exempted from military service by the Pitt County Exemption Board for other than physical deficiency:

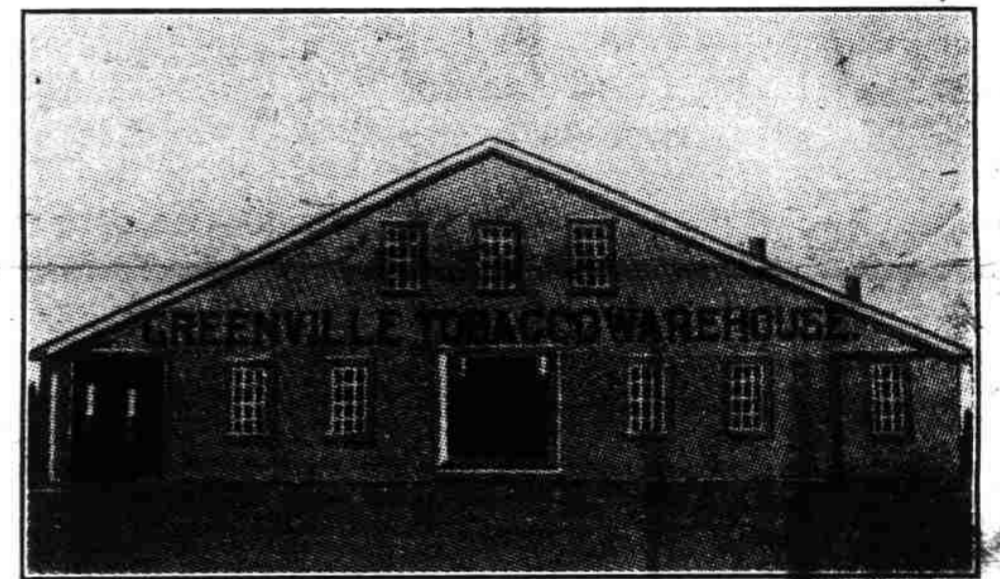
- 2639 Sandy Peele, Greenville, d.wc.
- 1057 Tump Adams, Grimesland, dpc.
- 3535 Charley Carmen, Winterville, d.wc.
- 353 T. W. McBride, Arden, d.wc.
- 2655 Zeno Daniels, Arden, d.wc.
- 1152 Geo. R. Godley, Grimesland, d.wc.
- 979 Ananias Clemons, Stokes, d.wc.
- 3532 J. H. A. Bryant, Winterville, d.wc.
- 985 Jarvis Whichard, Stokes, d.wc.
- 3191 Jas. Wilson, Greenville, dp.
- 2679 Lloyd Mayo, Greenville, d.wc.
- 2702 Joe Fleming, Greenville, d.wc.
- 21990 Geo. T. Corbitt, Greenville, d.wc.
- 3432 Jas. Coward, Winterville, d.wc.
- 2843 Luther Lunsford, Greenville, d.wc.
- 691 Will O. Ford, Greenville, d.wc.
- 3468 A. D. McLawhorn, Winterville, d.wc.
- Guy R. Lanier, Greenville, dp.
- 2178 Wm. G. Craft, Greenville, d.wc.
- 861 Frank Perkins, Bethel, dp.
- 2704 Ed Flowers, Greenville, d.wc.
- 3516 Chas. Dancy, Grifton, d.wc.
- 1258 T. C. Sutton, Chicod, d.wc.
- 3141 Frank Floyd, Pocolus, d.wc.
- 3370 Geo. Tyson, Grifton, d.wc.
- 829 Garland Judd, Bethel, dp.
- 2344 W. F. Langley, Greenville, dp.
- 1933 A. A. Phillips, Farmville, d.wc.
- 1011 Wm. Little, Stokes, d.wc.
- 288 M. R. Harris, Greenville, d.wc.
- 712 Will Jones, Bethel, dp.
- 2794 Ed Johnson, Greenville, d.wc.
- 2815 Oliver Joyner, Greenville, d.wc.
- 1050 Zeno Whitfield, Stokes, d.wc.
- 2303 A. G. Harris, Birmingham, Ala., minister.
- 2810 A. C. Jordan, Greenville, d.wc.
- 2072 A. Johnson, Farmville, d.wc.
- 2397 A. D. McFadden, Arden, dp.
- 2306 C. J. Harris, Greenville, dp.
- 581 J. L. Harris, Greenville, d.wc.
- 935 F. A. Nelson, Parmele, d.wc.
- 929 Jas. A. Manning, Parmele, dp.
- 211 G. H. Worthington, Winterville, d.wc.
- 191 C. G. Tripp, Arden, d.wc.

THREE-QUARTERS OF A MILLION POUNDS OF WEED IS MARKETED

With miles of automobiles lining the streets of the city, with the largest crowd that ever attended a tobacco sale in Greenville, with the largest amount of tobacco ever seen here in one day, and with the highest prices ever paid for the weed in the history of tobacco, the Greenville Tobacco Market opened the 1917-18 season in a blaze of glory today.

All yesterday afternoon and far into the night countless wagons loaded with Pitt's golden crop rolled steadily into town swelling the total amount until every nook and cranny of tobacco town was filled to overflowing. It looked last night as if all of it was already in town, but the rush that came this morning made last night's amount look like a small portion. With the coming of daylight hundreds of automobiles and buggies came in an unbroken stream to town until they were lined up two deep on every main street of the whole town.

All during the night throngs of farmers and workmen lined the streets so that Greenville seemed to have waked from her summer slumber



Greenville's First Tobacco Warehouse

New Industries Chartered for N. C.

(By United Press)

RALEIGH.—The East Carolina Packing Company of New Bern, has been chartered for the meat packing business, with a capital authorized of \$100,000, \$75,000 of which has already been subscribed. The incorporators are W. F. Abernethy, W. L. Hand, O. W. Love and others.

The Stanley county Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company has been chartered for the mutual insurance of farm property.

- J. R. Davis, Farmville 1.00
- D. Wakam, Farmville 1.00
- Farris Bros., Farmville 1.00
- J. W. Holmes, Farmville 1.00
- W. M. Lang & Co., Farmville, 1.00
- C. R. Townsend, Farmville 1.00
- W. J. Turnage, Farmville 1.00
- Bank of Farmville 1.00
- W. C. Askew, Farmville 1.00
- McD. Horton, Farmville 1.00
- W. M. Ballard, 1.00
- Reported by Felix Labaki:
- Everett Stroud50
- P. M. Johnston 1.00
- Y. E. Touma 1.00
- David Hatem 1.00
- J. Saieed 1.00

Total to date \$363.50
There will be a drill of the Guards tonight. Every member is urged to be on time, and a cordial invitation is extended to those who have been certified to the army and candidates for Oglethorpe.

STAR WAREHOUSE DAILY MARKET REPORT:

One of the largest and most satisfactory sales ever held in Greenville was held at the Star Warehouse today. Our sale of about 150,000 pounds averaged from 26 to 27 1/2 cents, including about one hour's sale of damaged and scrap tobacco. We regret that several hundred of our customers were not able to get their tobacco on our floor on account of our entire floor space, including the new addition, being filled up. We do not look for another rush for some time. We would advise our patrons and friends to market their tobacco in good condition and do not sell when the market is glutted. Bring your tobacco to us and we will make you the highest sale you have ever made. SMITH & SUGG.
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SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE GUN FUND

Amount previously reported \$293.00

- Reported by V. E. Staton:
- M. G. Moye (country) \$1.00
 - N. S. Stocks (country) 1.00
 - S. G. Worthington (country) 1.00
 - G. H. Rouse (country) 1.00
 - Ed Moore (country) 1.00
 - J. P. Allen (country) 1.00
 - W. H. Dail 1.00
 - T. R. Andrews, Bethel 1.00
 - Alex Blow 1.00
 - W. A. Tucker (country) 1.00
 - M. J. Moye (country) 2.00
 - A. T. Moore 1.00
 - Greenville Wholesale Co. 5.00
 - J. E. Warren (country) 2.00
 - J. Key Brown 5.00
 - R. L. Nichols (country) 1.00
 - Dr. J. E. Nobles 1.00
 - Cash 1.00
 - J. R. Allen (country) 1.00
 - W. H. Smith 2.00
 - Taft & Vandyke 2.00
 - E. Carson (country) 1.00
 - D. A. Tucker (country) 1.00
 - Roy E. Davenport (country) 1.00
 - Paul G. Balafas 1.00

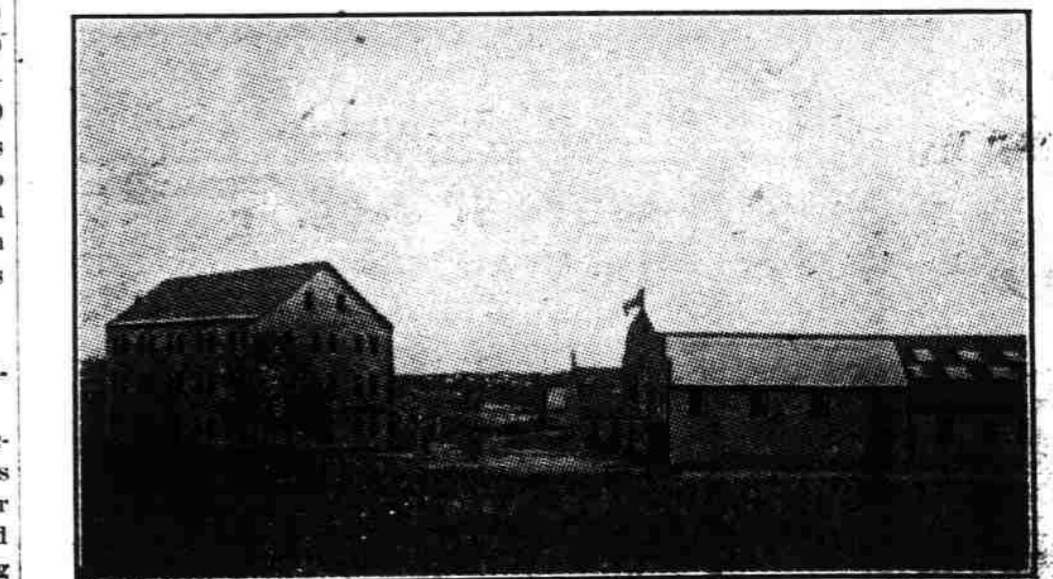
Reported by Snowdie Smith:

- Ernest Jones 1.00
- J. H. Whitfield 1.00
- R. A. Worthington (country) 2.00
- F. E. Tripp (country) 1.00
- S. A. Stocks, Chicod 1.00
- Mrs. E. O. Smith (country) 1.00
- S. V. & J. E. Joyner, Arthur50
- J. Lee Wilkerson, Arthur50
- W. M. Peel, Bruce50
- K. R. Wooten, Falkland 1.00
- J. F. Warren 1.00
- Reported by J. H. Mobley:
- J. R. Smith & Bro., Arden 2.00
- Josh W. Smith (country) 1.00
- Reported by — — Leggett:
- Dr. J. W. Perkins 1.00
- J. B. Johnston 1.00
- J. E. Caldwell 1.00
- R. L. Davis, Farmville 1.00

and to have been turned overnight into a rushing, roaring, mining town. Five miles of autos and 3,000 people is a conservative estimate of conditions in Greenville today, and eight hundred thousand pounds is approximately the amount of tobacco on the floors. In addition, many loads were hauled back to the farms after their owners saw the conditions that confronted them on the opening sale.

Promptly at nine o'clock the auctioneers of the Star and Centre Brick warehouses cried the first bids and the season was on. Prices were carried skyward on every pile until the like have never before been seen on a warehouse floor. All the buyers bidding, the warehousemen starting the sales, the auctioneers' shrill cries, the whoops of the farmers, all joined into a bedlam chorus to give the opening a proper send-off.

After the first rush of the beginning had subsided, the men settled down to the grim task of handling the largest sale that the market ever



Greenville's Tobacco Town in 1903

had, and the efficiency of the tobacco town organizations was strikingly shown by the facility with which every detail of the sales moved off. No misunderstanding, no unnecessary confusion, no delays, but the steady grind that is necessary to handle the tobacco to the best advantage.

Every house was full to its capacity, and in spite of the increase in the rate of selling, there will be (Continued on Page Four)