

## BRITISH PRESS FURTHER INTO GERMAN TERRITORY

### Now are Behind Hindenburg Line at Most Important Point--Prisoners Number Eleven Thousand--German Line Turned by Recent Advances by Tommies.

(By the Associated Press)  
Victory's pressing their great offensive on the Arras-Lens front, the British have pushed further into the German rear territory behind the famous Hindenburg line.  
Today's official statement from London reports the capture of the village of Munchy le Prux, nearly five miles southeast of Arras and just north of the Arras-Cambrai main road.  
Satisfactory progress along other sections of the fighting line continues.  
Apparently the first swift rush of the offensive is over, but the reports from correspondents indicate that the work of consolidating the ground won was taken up speedily and done thoroughly while during the progress of this task there was an interception of the pressure on the retreating Germans. Already more than 11,000 men and more than 100 big guns have been captured.  
The morning advance has been effected in the sector of Vimy ridge, the northern part of the Hindenburg line, now turned by the British where the German resistance was naturally stiffer in view of the commanding hill position. Nevertheless the British correspondents at the front report continued progress.

## MAJOR LEAGUES BEGIN BALL SEASON

(By the Associated Press)  
New York, April 11.—Baseball, the national safety valve for pent up emotions and tense nerves, took the fact today before the nation at war. The approval of the military authorities is evidenced by the fact that Major General Leonard Wood will open the American League season here by tossing up the new ball.  
National League games were scheduled at Chicago, Cincinnati and Brooklyn. The opening game with Boston in this league was declared because of snow.  
The American League will start with games at Philadelphia, St. Louis, Detroit and Cleveland.  
The weather promises to be generally fair, but temperatures remain too low for ideal baseball conditions. Club owners expect a bare living out of the attendance this year.  
They are encouraged, however, by the fact that the game flourished during the Spanish-American war and by the fact that the International League's game attendance increased in Canada last year.

## MILITARY COMPANY SECURING RECRUITS

Six young men Tuesday joined Co. A, first infantry, North Carolina National Guard, and it is expected that the full war strength of the company will be recruited in a few days.  
Captain Lyerly is carrying an advertisement asking for 15 young men, single and able bodied, and he has no doubt that they will be forthcoming.  
Since the order was sent out from Washington to recruit to full war strength enlistment has been lively. Most young men, realizing that the colors eventually are joining now, so as to be with friends in case of trouble.  
The Lincoln Cavalry company obtained two recruits Tuesday afternoon.

## Hold Mass Meeting Here Thursday Night in Behalf of More Food Production

A mass meeting of the citizens of Hickory and this section is called for Thursday, April 12, at 7:30 p. m., at the Chamber of Commerce, to discuss present and prospective food problems.  
The necessity for producing the greatest possible quantities of food products is apparent to all. Every bushel of food realized during the past year has not been enough to meet the needs of a national problem, and the spirit calls for work, and more

## VOLUNTEERS TO LEAVE HERE SHORTLY

Capt. D. G. Coy, commander of the local camp of Volunteers of America, probably will be asked to surrender his work here by a committee of the Associated Charities appointed to investigate the conduct of the Volunteers here for the past three months, and southern headquarters may be given an opportunity to send another officer to Hickory to take charge of the work.  
The appointment of the committee was the result of rumors that Captain Coy and Lieutenant Lloyd had taken a few days off the latter part of last month and gone to Atlanta to celebrate some festival occasion of their own. Street reports had it that they blew in considerable money and that the trip cost them, or the people of Hickory who contributed to the fund, \$200, more or less.  
When the Volunteers came here they were welcomed by the ministers and the Associated Charities with the distinct understanding that they would make monthly reports of their collections and expenses to the Associated Charities, this statement to be published. There has been no published statement since the first of the year, and there was no way of knowing how the funds were collected or administered.  
On the report that the captain and his assistant had gone south to celebrate, Dr. J. L. Murphy appointed Dr. W. H. Nicholson, Rev. J. G. Garth and Mr. A. K. Joy to investigate and report back. Mr. Garth is out of the city and the committee will not report its findings until his return. None of the members has indicated what the report will show or recommend.  
Captain Coy has not been charged with any statutory offense, however. The money he deposited in the bank was to his personal credit and there was no way of preventing his checking it out. The report of his alleged escapade, however, has ended his usefulness here, in the opinion of many people. Those who have contributed to the support of the Volunteers are not knocking the officers, but simply feel that the home cannot be conducted in this way. The public regards the whole affair more in sorrow than in anger, for it was hoped that the Volunteers would be able to make good in Hickory.

## HICKORY LIBRARY TO JOIN ASSOCIATION

At a meeting today of the Hickory Library Association it was unanimously decided to join the state association and Mrs. J. Worth Elliott and Miss Lillian Field were elected delegates to attend the state convention in Salisbury April 24-25.  
The members decided to make an appeal to clubs and individuals to donate books to the library. These are badly needed, and all gifts will be appreciated. It will be some time yet before the benefit of the Carnegie donation will be available and in the meantime the institution should be made to grow.  
City council Tuesday night elected Dr. W. H. Nicholson and Mr. Arthur Moser directors of the library.

## INSPECTING SHOP

Col. L. T. Nichols of Chester, general manager of the Carolina & North-Western, and Superintendent Sasser of the Spencer shops, were in Hickory today inspecting the local shops of the C. & N.-W., and planning work here. It is expected that Mr. H. W. Miller of Atlanta, vice-president of both the Southern and the Carolina & North-Western, will be here in a few days.

work—work in the garden and on the farm as well as in the factory. Make every minute of time and every square foot of mother earth produce its utmost. You can be a patriot in the garden or on the farm, as well as on the battlefield.  
Place—Chamber of Commerce rooms.  
Time—Thursday, April 12, at 7:30 p. m.  
Everybody come.  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.  
A. K. JOY, Secretary.

## ROOSEVELT HAS BOND ISSUE BILL PLANNED FOR DIVISION LAID BEFORE HOUSE

Washington, April 11.—Colonel Roosevelt, full of his old-time vigor and enthusiasm, began here Tuesday a personal campaign designed to result "at the earliest possible moment," in the appearance of the American flag and American soldiers, including himself, upon the firing line in France.

The former president placed his plans for recruiting a division of troops before President Wilson at a half hour conference at the White House, and during the remainder of the day and evening was busy with callers at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth. He talked about his project to the chairman and minority leaders of the house and senate military committees and made arrangements to write them letters giving more specific details.  
He conferred with Secretary Baker and with Howard Coffin, Daniel Willard and Julius Rosenwald, members of the advisory commission of the council of national defense. He also received calls from the British, French and Japanese ambassadors. Assistant Secretary of State Phillips, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin Roosevelt, many senators and representatives and a score or more of personal friends.

The colonel apparently enjoyed himself thoroughly. He did not spend a quiet moment from early morning until late at night. At all of his conferences he spoke not only of his own plans, but made it clear that he stood squarely behind President Wilson in the proposal to raise a war army on the principle of universal military service. He emphasized that his plans were not intended to interfere in any way with the policy of the administration and that he was anxious to place himself and the division he proposes raising under the orders of whatever regular army officer may be given command of an American expeditionary force.

At noon Colonel Roosevelt went to the White House, where he was immediately received by President Wilson in the Green room. Just what happened during the conference no one would tell. After a half hour newspaper correspondents gathered under the high portico at the front door of the executive mansion, saw its former occupant appear inside a window with Secretary Tumulty. There was an animated conversation and then the colonel emerged, Secretary Tumulty at his side.  
Immediately upon his return to the Longworth home the stream of callers began. Senators Chamberlain and Weeks of the senate military committee and Representatives Dent and Kahn, of the house military committee, were among the first. Among the others were Senators Poindexter and Hiram Johnson, Watson and Kellow; Representative Leonroot and Rear Admiral Wainwright.  
Later on the former president received a number of newspaper correspondents, told them of his activities and chuckled when one remarked that he seemed to be almost as busy as he was when he was president. Then he sat down in a circle of chairs occupied by the correspondent and said:  
"I am very glad to have been here. I wanted to do everything possible to help the president's move for universal military service, and in addition, not as a substitute, urged that immediate provision be made for a volunteer force, which, together with a portion of the regulars shall at the earliest possible moment put out flags on the firing line in France."

Later in the afternoon Secretary Baker called. He and Colonel Roosevelt were in conference for more than an hour. At the conclusion Mr. Baker said he had "spent a very pleasant hour" but would not go into details.  
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## TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTS OF SOUTH

(By the Associated Press.)  
New Orleans, La., April 11.—Discussion of plans and methods of utilizing 100,000,000 acres of cut-over lumber land in the south to increase the nation's food supply was begun by the Cut-Over Land Association of the south.  
Several governors and state officials, federal experts in forestry, prominent land owners and business men participated in the conference.

## INTEREST IN MEETING CONTINUES TO GROW

Interest in the revival meeting begun Monday night in the West Hickory Baptist church by Rev. G. P. Abernethy of Gastonia continues to increase and each service witnesses more attention. Preaching is done at 2:30 in the afternoon and at 7:30 at night. The public is invited to all services.

## URUGUAY REMAINS NEUTRAL IN WAR

(By the Associated Press.)  
Montevideo, Uruguay, April 11.—The Uruguayan government today issued a decree of neutrality in the war between the United States and Germany and between Cuba and Germany.

(By the Associated Press)  
Washington, April 11.—Administration bill authorizing a \$5,000,000,000 bond issue, of which \$3,000,000,000 will be loaned to the entente allies, was laid before the house today with every prospect for its early passage. Arrangements had been made for Leader Kitchin to pilot the bill, as well as other measures.  
The bond issue bill will be taken up in the house tomorrow, probably without a rule limiting debate. Mr. Kitchin is certain that it will be approved by the house by Friday night.  
Chairman Kitchin in introducing and reporting the measure said it would pass by Friday night.

## PRESIDENT CONFERS WITH SPEAKER CLARK

(By the Associated Press)  
Washington, April 11.—President Wilson went to the house of representatives today for conferences with Speaker Clark and other Democratic leaders.  
Democratic Leader Kitchin, who will pilot the war measures through the house, the president and the speaker entered into a conference. Representative Kitchin assured the president that the bond will be passed Friday.  
The war department's bill for raising an army by selective conscription was the principal matter discussed.  
Representative Kitchin said he had not thoroughly examined the war department plan and was not ready to commit himself on it. Some of his friends said he would accept it only as a emergency measure. Sentiment was developing for putting a provision into the measure under which conscription would be restored to after volunteering failed.

## FRUIT CROP SAFE IS GENERAL BELIEF

The fruit is not killed. Some of it may be gone glimmering, but persons who are familiar with the ways of nature, including Uncle Mose Abernethy, say the crop was not nipped by the frost and freeze. Tuesday morning Uncle Mose says that when fruit trees bloom in the full of the moon they are rarely affected by frost and ice and he has back of this belief about 90 years of observation. The mercury registered 40 degrees above zero this morning and the indications were that the weather would be even warmer Thursday.

(By the Associated Press)  
London, April 11.—Groups of surgeons and physicians who may be called upon at any time by the authorities to go anywhere in case of sudden disaster or emergency, are being established throughout England by the Royal Society of Medicine. Each group will provide itself with automobiles and all necessary equipment and dressings.

## MARKETS

### COTTON FUTURES

(By the Associated Press)  
New York, April 11.—The cotton market showed nervousness and irregularity at the opening this morning. July sold up to 20.27 right after the call, while October rallied to 19.09. Demand, however, was thinner under scattered liquidation.  
The close was steady.  
May ..... Open 20.70  
July ..... 20.70  
October ..... 18.94  
December ..... 18.96  
January ..... 18.71

### HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton ..... 20c  
Wheat ..... \$2.40

### CHICAGO WHEAT

(By the Associated Press)  
Chicago, April 11.—Rains in Kansas with a prospect of more had a bearish effect today on wheat. Opening quotations, which ranged from 1 3/8 decline to 1 1/4 advance, with May at 2.07 1/4 to 2.08 and July at 1.81 to 1.82, were followed by decided setbacks for July and September, but only a moderate decline for July.

## THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Thursday. Somewhat warmer tonight; moderate west winds.

## GREAT FOOD CROP OVER HUNDRED VICTIMS IS URGED BY WILSON

Washington, April 11.—President Wilson and his cabinet at Tuesday's meeting reviewed the many phases of war activities, found that every step possible to equip the army and navy and turn out munitions is under way, and decided that the most pressing needs of the nation now are to increase the supply of food, stuffs and ocean-going vessels, and raise sufficient money to finance America's part in the war and make liberal loans to the entente allies.  
For present activities the allies are understood to be well supplied with munitions, and to have as many men in the field as they can equip and feed under present conditions. Through a co-ordination of the munitions industry in the country, and the raising of a large army, the United States will be in a position later to supply any need in either field.  
Members of the council of national defense, who are also members of the cabinet, have been studying the best methods of aiding in the defeat of Germany, and they took to the president word that the most pressing need of Europe is for food and money.  
President Wilson personally appealed to farmers today through the National Agricultural society to make their patriotic duty to increase the food supply of the nation, and Secretary Lane brought forward a plan for greatly increasing the acreage under cultivation on public lands.  
Secretary McAdoo left the cabinet meeting early to appear before members of the ways and means committee of the house regarding plans for issuing bonds totaling \$5,000,000,000 and treasury certificates totaling \$2,000,000,000; \$3,000,000,000 of the bonds to be loaned to the entente allies. The bill for the issues will be introduced in the house today.  
To quickly meet the demand for ships, examination was begun of the condition of the German merchant vessels in American ports, which the government will take the position that if young men work in industries producing luxuries their labor is not necessary and they will not be exempted.  
In spite of the break in diplomatic relations with Austria, the government made no move towards asking congress to declare that a state of war exists with that country, and it was indicated that no belligerent steps will be taken unless Austria moves first.

## AMERICAN ABOARD TORPEDOED SHIP

(By the Associated Press)  
Washington, April 11.—Sinking of the British liner Salmo having aboard one American who was saved was reported to the state department today by Consul Frost at Queenstown.

## WIRGINIAN APPOINTED TO LARGE POSITION

(By the Associated Press)  
Washington, April 11.—Oscar T. Crosby of Warrenton, Va., was today appointed assistant secretary of the treasury. Mr. Crosby recently was connected with the American commission for relief in Belgium and in charge of the relief work in Belgium and northern France.

## CLEAN UP WEEK BEGUN IN EARNEST

Clean up week began in Hickory Tuesday afternoon in so much earnest that the city wagons were unable to remove all the trash collected in the first ward and were active today in this division of the city. Work was expected to start in the second ward and then to proceed as fast as possible until the whole city is covered.  
Every person is expected to have his trash on the street, within easy reach of the wagons. The city would be glad to enter back yards, but to do so would consume twice as much time and make it impossible to cover the city in two weeks.  
The third ward will be reached Thursday and the fourth Friday.

## UNANIMOUS REPORT ON BIG BOND BILL

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, April 11.—The war financing bill providing for \$5,000,000,000 in bonds and \$2,000,000,000 in treasury certificates was unanimously reported by the ways and means committee today.

## Belief That Holocaust Was Result of Plot Grows --Early in Afternoon List of Dead was Given at 116--Four Investigations in Progress.

## FIRST NATIONAL BUYS LOCAL BONDS

The First National Bank of Hickory is the purchaser of the 10-year refunding sewer bonds of the city of Hickory, the local institution bidding \$5.50 more than the next highest competitor. The First National's offer for \$11,000 in bonds was \$11,122.50, leading the field of 14 bidders.  
There was plenty of competition, but the bids did not run very high and the bids were all close together. The local bank will furnish the blank bonds and legal advice.  
The individuals and corporations bidding Tuesday night are as follows:  
Bay Brothers, Greensboro, \$8,045.10; W. L. Clayton Co., Raleigh, \$11,011.00; H. W. Noble & Co., Detroit, \$11,115.00; Otis & Co., Cleveland, Ohio, \$11,000.00; A. C. Speer & Sons, \$11,011.00; John Nureen & Co., Chicago, \$11,052; Robinson, H. W. & Co., Atlanta, \$11,027.50; Neil Roth & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, \$11,064.50; Seasongood & Meyer, Cincinnati, O., \$11,072.50; Duffee Niles & Co., Toledo, Ohio, \$11,005.00; Boger Mosser, Chicago, Ill., \$11,000.00; Powell Gardard & Co., \$11,021.00; Chas. H. Coffin, \$11,111.00; First National Bank, Hickory, \$11,122.50.

## WOULD ISSUE CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

(By the Associated Press)  
Washington, April 11.—A resolution authorizing the president to call 1,000,000 volunteers was introduced today by Senator Sherman, Republican, and laid on the table at his request.

## CONSOLIDATE GAIN MADE DURING NIGHT

(By the Associated Press)  
London, April 11.—British troops yesterday advanced north of the village of Louverai in the direction of Cambrai to the extent of a quarter of a mile along a front of 2,000 yards and consolidated this gain during the night, Reuters correspondent telegraphs from the British front.

## TEXAN WAS FIRST TO CARRY OUR FLAG

(By the Associated Press)  
Ottawa, Can., April 11.—The Stars and Stripes went into battle for the first time during the entente storming of Vimy ridge in France, according to an unofficial dispatch received here from the British front.  
"To a young Texan who came to Ontario to enlist and who is now lying wounded in the hospital," the dispatch reads, "belongs the honor of first carrying the American flag into battle in the European war in which the United States has just entered. He went up into the assault at Telus, carrying the Stars and Stripes on his bayonet and fell there."

## Assurance is Received of Brazil's Entry Into War With United States

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The action of Brazil clears up much doubt as to the attitude of Latin American countries in the war. Definite advices have been received that Chile and Mexico would remain neutral and indications increased that Guatemala and Colombia would join Cuba and Panama.  
The action of Brazil and Argentina is expected to have a tremendous influence on other Latin American countries.  
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(By the Associated Press)  
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(By the Associated Press)  
Paris, April 11.—It was decided today that the LaFayette flying squadron composed of Americans who have distinguished themselves at the front will change from the French to the American military uniform and hereafter will carry the American flag into battle.  
"Although we have only circumstantial evidence," Mr. Johnson said, "it looks as though some one touched off a bomb or time clock and caused the explosion."  
The Chester police have released two suspects arrested last night. Nobody is in custody in connection with the explosion, but developments are expected shortly.

## TWO MARRIAGES

Mr. Frank Johnson and Miss Nona Lee Wheeler were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 by Rev. A. L. Stanford. Mr. Johnson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Johnson and his bride recently moved here from Georgia.  
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