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BRITISH AND GERMANS IN TERRIFIC STRUGGLE

Four Days' Battle Continues Without Decision—Germans Attack in Massed Formation—Turkey Sick and Tired of War—Censorship in Germany Tightened.

(By Associated Press.)
The fourth day of the terrific battle on the British front in the North Sea has opened with both sides attacking vainly for a decision. The Germans have resorted to the old tactic of massed attack, but have apparently succeeded in checking the British advance. The partial success has been won at a staggering toll of human life.

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(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 26.—Reports to the state department through official channels tell of a strike of 250,000 laborers in Berlin. While the name of the informant was withheld, the incident indicates the desire of the German people for peace, it was pointed out.

Mr. Root spent an hour with the president at the white house discussing the Russian situation. The president outlined fully what he desired to accomplish.

The commission will be composed of three or four members and a staff of secretaries. It is expected to leave for Russia within a few days.

The needs for Russia, as outlined, are for financial and commercial help.

With flour selling at something like \$8 for 10 pounds, the problems of the housewife have increased in the last few weeks, and bid fair to accumulate until the new crop of wheat comes in late in the summer. The bread problem is real in thousands of households and many housewives already are trying substitutes.

Most every family requires biscuits for breakfast. Corn bread will do for dinner—there is no bread as good as that made from corn—but wheat to substitute for supper is the problem. It has been suggested that rice and gravy make a good substitute for bread for supper, and there are men who declare to their wives that they like rice that a few years ago would not touch it. As a matter of fact rice is nutritious and palatable if prepared right, and is as good as wheat bread for one meal. A little later Irish potatoes can be used as a substitute, but this vegetable does not possess the nutritive value as rice, it is said.

STRIKE SERIOUS ROOT TO SERVE AMERICA IN RUSSIA

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 26.—Elihu Root, former secretary of state, after a conference early today with President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, formally accepted the chairmanship of the American commission to Russia.

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The show had been extensively advertised throughout the county, and a fairly large attendance was expected. Before the hour of parade the streets were showing signs of circus day and visitors from the country were in evidence. The rain last night was the cause of releasing many farmers from their work, and assured the show of a larger crowd than would have been the case otherwise.

With a rainfall of not quite half an inch—to be exact it was .46 of an inch—the garden idea received its greatest boost last night, and every man or woman who has out any potatoes or beans or other truck was happy today. It had been about two weeks since any rain fell and the ground was becoming dry and dusty. Plants had done well, however, and much progress had been made.

Old weather observers haven't indicated whether we are to have a dry or wet summer, but quite a number of amateur prognosticators have voiced the lugubrious opinion that a long dry spring and summer was in prospect. They didn't figure it out by the light of the moon or the sign of the crawfish, but hearkened unto ill-divining souls.

This much of their prophecy has been spilled, glory be, and it remains to be seen whether they are to triumph over the weather works and the patriotic call of the country to increase the supply of vegetables and things.

Postal deposits for use of farmers.

Applications for loans already received by the farm loan board indicate that farmers will borrow more than \$100,000,000 this year through the farm loan system to help solve problems of shortage of labor and high prices of seed.

DEBATE CLOSES TONIGHT ON NEW MILITARY BILL

House Agrees to Have Closing Speeches Made Tomorrow—Administration Forces Assured of Large Majority in Support of Measure—Poll of House Taken.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 26.—The army bill continued to thread its way in debate through both houses of congress today under constant fire of attacks from those who oppose conscription and strongly defended by those who favor it.

The first prospect of a vote came in the house when it was generally agreed that debate should close today and leave only summing up by leaders of both sides. Tomorrow Chairman Dent will close the debate for those who oppose the bill, and Representative Kant, ranking Republican member of the military committee, will close for the advocates of the bill.

Then the bill will be considered by the house under the five minutes rule, with prospects of a vote Friday night or Saturday.

An agreement to vote upon and dispose of the bill not later than Saturday was reached by the senate. Although Speaker Clark took the floor in the house and aroused great enthusiasm among opponents of the administration army bill by his vigorous denunciation of the selective draft and defense of the volunteer system, champions of the measure still were confident that it would be passed not later than Saturday virtually as approved by the president. It was announced during the day that a poll made of the house by supporters of the bill disclosed a favorable majority of between 60 and 70.

Its passage in the senate is consent to vote it there by Saturday will be sought tomorrow. Minor changes made in one house or the other probably will necessitate a conference so that the bill is not likely to become law for a week or more.

Speaker Clark spoke for more than an hour. Most of the house membership and many senators heard him in characteristic fashion that the volunteer system be tried again and declared that in the minds of the people of his state the word "conscript" is classed with "convict." Applause frequently interrupted him.

In concluding Speaker Clark announced that his son, Bennett Clark, the house parliamentarian, was going into the army "in any capacity in which he can be useful, either as an officer or as a private."

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CAPTAIN TELLS OF HITTING U-BOAT

Hit Periscope at 1,000 Yards

The submarine was close to us, too close in fact, for her purposes and she was submerging again in order to maneuver in a better position for torpedoing us when we sighted her. We saw the periscope go down and the swirl of the water. I quickly ordered a man at the wheel to put it to starboard and we swung the nose of the ship toward the spot where the submarine had been seen.

"We were going at full speed ahead and two minutes after we first sighted the U-boat it emerged again about 1,000 yards off. Its intention probably had been to catch us broadside on, but when it appeared we had the stern gun trained full on it.

"The lieutenant gave the command and the big gun boomed. We saw the periscope shatter and the shell and the submarine disappeared.

"I assure you we did not stop to reconnoiter after the incident, but steamed away at full speed, for it was not improbable that there was another submarine about. The one I got undoubtedly had been lying on the bottom of this spot waiting for the ship and came up when it heard our propellers. I immediately sent a wireless message stating that a submarine had been seen.

"That's about all the story, excepting this. The gunners had named the guns on board the Mongolia, and the one which got the submarine was called Theodore Roosevelt; so Teddy fired the first gun of the war after all."

Captain Rice recalled that he came from Allston, Mass., and that the encounter with the submarine occurred on the date when the Bay State was celebrating the battle of Lexington.

Fine Exhibition of Efficiency

One of the show places in the county this summer will be the Horsford bridge after the contractors begin the work of erecting a solid concrete structure. The bridge will have a double track, will be 42 feet above low water and will require from 200,000 to 300,000 feet of lumber for molding for the concrete. It will be one of the finest structures in the state and will involve a lot of work in its construction. The cost, as has been stated, will be about \$38,000.

BRITISH TROOPS IN PROMISED LAND

(By Associated Press.)
With the British forces in Palestine April 26th.—After twelve months of incessant toil in the Sinai desert, sometimes fighting hard, always digging, making military roads, building railways, constructing pipe lines and roads, and forever marching over the inhospitable wastes, the British troops have at last come into the Promised Land, says the story of the British official eye-witness with the expedition.

What a marvellous change of scene. Behind them is a hundred miles and more of monotonous sand, blazing and shimmering under a torrid sun, with here and there a group of palms to relieve the sameness of the desert. Behind them, too, is the intolerable glare of the noonday sun which is never softened except when the khamsheen lifts the dust and forms a screen through which the sun appears as during an eclipse. But the sandstorm is a worse torment than the penetrating rays, for it brings additional heavy labor to men with parched throats and scorched skins.

The British troops in the desert column are now free from these trying conditions. They are in Palestine. Before them, as far as the eye can reach, is unfolded a picture of transcending beauty. When the troops from the desert come up over the ridge of Rafa and look out over the hills of the Ghor, they invariably break into rounds of cheer.

Before and around them everything is green and fresh with the greenness and freshness of springtime. Big patches of barley, for which the plain south of Gaza is famous, shine like emeralds, and the immense tracts of pasture are as bright and warm as the rolling down of Berkshire. There is an abundance of gorgeous flowers lighting up the vivid greenness of the plain as if in welcome to the oncoming army. The effect of this scene on troops who have become desert veterans can better be imagined than described.

Beyond Rafa, reconnaissance parties may see the high minaret of Gaza above the dark framework of trees enclosing the town. The mosque was formerly a Christian church built by the Knights Templar in the twelfth century when the Crusaders fortified themselves within Gaza's walls.

Away on the right, beyond the abandoned Turkish stronghold of Wadi Sheikh Narun is Beersheba, tucked in the plain beneath the southern end of the hills of Judea.

The first town in the Promised Land entered by the British troops was Khan Yunus, a not unlovely collection of houses amid wonderfully fertile gardens hedged around by impenetrable walls of huge cactus with stems two feet in circumference. From a distance the green foliage of orchards and gardens provided a delightful foil to the sand dunes which hid the view of the Mediterranean's blue waters. Khan Yunus is a mere shadow of its former self. It has a mean bazaar, and there are ruins of a once sumptuous palace.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE RESIGNS IN NORWAY

AUSTRIA CALLS PARLIAMENT MAY 30

(By Associated Press.)
Vienna, via London, April 26.—Official announcement was made here today that the Austrian government has decided to convene parliament on May 30 to deal with questions of food supply and other internal matters.

The Austrian parliament has not been in session since before the war.

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Local showers this afternoon. Fair tonight and Friday; gentle variable winds.

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MISS PANTHA GRIFFIN AND MR. HENDRIX TO WED

Miss Pantha Ola Griffin, daughter of Mrs. Sarah Griffin, and Mr. Gilbert Hendrix of Concord will be united in marriage this afternoon at 6 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Fogle in the presence of a few close friends. Rev. A. L. Stanford will perform the ceremony and immediately afterwards the young couple will leave for Washington to spend their honeymoon, after which they will be at home at Concord. Here for the wedding were Miss Winnie Griffin, Mr. Tom Hendrix and Mr. S. M. Cline of Concord.

MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES		
(By Associated Press.)		
	Open	Close
May	19.85	19.86
July	19.66	19.67
October	18.59	18.62
December	18.67	18.70
January	18.70	18.72

HICKORY MARKETS		
	Open	Close
Cotton	19.85	19.86
Good clean wheat	1.90	1.90

CHICAGO WHEAT		
(By Associated Press.)		
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Chicago	1.90	1.90

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(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 26.—Nevada led all the states in proportionate recruiting for the regular army between April 1 and 24 by contributing 94.4 of her war quota which is based on approximate population. Georgia led the southern states.

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North Carolina was in eleventh place in the southern states, followed by South Carolina and Maryland in order.

North Carolina's quota is 4,412 men. Of this number 353 or 8 per cent have enlisted.

NEW MILL FOR SALISBURY

(By Associated Press.)
Raleigh, April 26.—The Ivy Damask Mill Company of Salisbury, capitalized at \$50,000, was chartered today by the secretary of state. The concern proposes to manufacture textile fabrics and yarns.

GENERAL WOOD TO CHARLESTON MONDAY

(By Associated Press.)
New York, April 26.—Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood said today he would turn over the eastern department next Monday and would proceed at once to Charleston, S. C., to take command of the new department of the southeast.

FUNERAL OF MRS. SIGMON

The funeral over the remains of Mrs. W. H. Sigmon, whose death occurred yesterday morning, will be held from the residence on Ninth avenue at 3 o'clock this afternoon and interment will follow in Oakwood cemetery. Rev. A. L. Stanford, assisted by Dr. P. L. Murphy, will conduct the services. The pall bearers are Messrs. G. H. Geitner, W. A. Rudasill, J. A. Bowles, J. A. Lentz, S. P. Bisanar and Dr. W. H. Nicholson.

TO PRESENT PLAY

The Hickory Dramatic Club will present "The Man on the Box" in about two weeks for the benefit of the Red Cross. The play will be presented in the Academy of Music.

INTEREST GROWING IN BABY WEEK HERE

Interest continues to increase in the Baby Week campaign to be held here on May 5, 6, and 7, and the committee of the Woman's Club with this undertaking in hand has made some notable progress in the last few days. It was expected good reports would be made at the monthly meeting of the club this afternoon. Members of the committee extend an invitation to everybody in the county—every mother especially—to come to Hickory for the three days of the campaign. The lectures, pictures and talks will be helpful and it is hoped to give many pointers that will be of practical benefit.

S. I. A. A. FIELD MEET HAS BEEN CANCELLED

(By Associated Press.)
New Orleans, April 26.—The track and field meet of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association, scheduled to be held at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., May 11 and 12, has been called off, according to an announcement made here today by the president of the association. Cancellation of athletic programs by many colleges because of the war was given as the reason.

HICKORY IS AMONG THESE 400 CITIES

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 26.—The civil service announced today that owing to the unusual demand made upon the government for stenographers, both men and women, examinations would be held every Tuesday in all the 400 principal cities of the country. Salaries range from \$900 to \$1,200.

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