

BRITISH BURST THROUGH HINDENBURG'S DEFENSE

Are Battling Furiously in Great Effort to Smash Famous Wotan Line Before it is Organized

—Censorship Partly Lifted in Germany
—Bad News From Russia.

The British have burst through the Hindenburg line and are fighting the fiercest battle of the war to smash the famous Wotan line before its organization is completed. The Hindenburg line, hammered and pierced at several places, has failed to stop the British forces and the Wotan line is the last great barrier barring passage to Douai and the great coal and iron fields around Lens.

Realizing the menace of the situation, the Germans are fighting with grim determination which reckons no cost in blood too high to halt the advancing foe.

The renewed fury into which the battle of Arras races has tended to overshadow the activities behind the lines in the central powers. The German censorship has lifted as far as to allow newspapers and mail from Germany once more to reach the outer world, but there is little information as yet as to what has transpired within the German empire during the past week. The German chancellor is reported to be about to make a pronouncement on peace in the Reichstag before his hand is forced by the junkers.

Those reactionaries who are alarmed by the dominance of the Socialists and those who favor a peace without annexation and indemnities have interpreted the chancellor, and the government cannot long delay making its position known.

The junkers are still clamoring for the annexation of Belgium and all reports indicate that the government shortly must take a very definite stand both on war aims and internal reforms.

Disquietude comes from Russia of the attitude of Socialists among the soldiers against Paul Miliukoff, the minister of foreign affairs, his resignation being demanded. Prof. Miliukoff is considered one of the strongest men in the Russian regime, a true friend of the entente cause as a whole and in favor of prosecuting the war.

The radical elements who oppose him are said to have been excited by the provisional government's communication to the allied nation made public yesterday which committed the government to continuation of the war without slackening efforts. They declared they should have been consulted.

KILLING WAS RESULT OF SUGAR DISPUTE

(By Associated Press.) Indianapolis, Ind., May 4.—Dan Shay, manager of the Milwaukee baseball club who is charged with shooting and killing Clarence Ewell, a negro, at a cafe last night, remained locked up in a cell at the central police station this morning, declining to make a statement.

The trouble is said to have started over the amount of sugar in a bowl on the table.

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LLOYD GEORGE'S SECRETARY IS HERE

(By Associated Press.) New York, May 4.—Two French officers arrived today on a British steamship to join the French mission. They are aerial officers.

Arriving on the same vessel was Joseph Davis, one of the secretaries of David Lloyd George, England's premier. Mr. Davis declined to disclose his mission.

STATE INTRODUCES REBUTTAL EVIDENCE

(By Associated Press.) Christiansburg, Va., May 4.—The defense in the trial of Prof. Chas. E. Vawter, charged with murdering Stockton Heth, Jr., rested today after two witnesses had testified that they saw Vawter on the night of the shooting and that he was not drinking at that time.

Mrs. Vawter was not recalled on the stand today for continued cross-examination.

After a brief recess the state then began the introduction of testimony in rebuttal.

The conference of the attorneys was somewhat prolonged and it was 11:30 before they introduced a young woman bookkeeper for a liquor house at Baltimore, but formerly of Roanoke, in an effort to show that Vawter had drunk liquor in May that was intimated by Vawter and his wife.

When the court adjourned for lunch at 12:30 to reconvene at 1:50 the prosecution had not finished rebuttal testimony. Prospects for completion of the case by Saturday night seemed to vanish. Probably the entire afternoon will be taken up with testimony. It is expected to be afternoon tomorrow before argument begins.

TO PUT HOSPITALS BEHIND THE FRONT

Washington, May 4.—Definite plans have been completed for sending United States army base hospitals to the fighting front in France. Details will not be disclosed.

The sending of the American hospital unit is in accordance with the plan to increase hospital facilities behind the front and reduce the number of hospital ships which has become special targets for German submarines.

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CENSORSHIP TAKEN OUT OF BILL

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 4.—The influence of President Wilson's approval of the paper censorship section of the espionage bill failed to save it from defeat in the house today. The section was defeated by a vote of 220 to 167.

ANOTHER GOOD RAIN FALLS IN HICKORY

Although today's rain was not needed seriously, it will have the effect of pushing seeds to the top and making gardens and fields grow. Owing to the lateness of planting many crops are behind this spring, and Irish potatoes in some gardens are a poor stand. The rain will force them forward.

The weather has been too cool for good crop conditions, but it is expected that with the passing of the rains today, the temperature will be warmer. The days have been warm enough, but the chill nights have retarded growth.

This may be what people used to call sheep rains, when farmers gathered the sheep under sheds and sheared them. No farmer ever thought of removing the wool until the May rains.

STATE FEDERATION ADJOURNS MEETING

(By Associated Press.) Durham, May 4.—Raleigh was selected today as the 1918 convention of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs and Mrs. Clarence A. Johnson of Raleigh was elected president for the ensuing year.

Other officers are: Mrs. C. C. Hook of Charlotte, first vice president; Mrs. W. C. Robinson of Asheville, second vice-president; Mrs. Joseph Hyde Pratt of Chapel Hill, recording secretary; Mrs. W. T. Bost of Raleigh corresponding secretary.

Resolutions favoring a statewide law to encourage cattle production were adopted as also was a statewide dog law to encourage the production of sheep. The state board of health was endorsed and the convention favored more work among rural children.

WON'T DARKEN TOWNS ON ATLANTIC COAST

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 4.—The war department reiterated today that no plan was under consideration for the darkening at night of exposed towns along the Atlantic coast.

FRENCH MISSION IS GREETED IN CHICAGO

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, May 4.—The French envoys arrived here at noon. Marshal Joffre and former Premier Viviani were greeted by cheers as they stepped from the train. Major Barry and Mayor Thompson welcomed the visitors.

DEBATE COMPLETED ON ESPIONAGE BILL

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 4.—Consideration of the administration espionage bill continued in both houses. In the house the bill reached a stage where a vote was expected before night. The opponents were hopeful of having the censorship section stricken out.

In the senate debate on the provisional bill authorizing the president to declare an embargo on foodstuffs was lively.

GIVES GOOD ADVICE TO HIS COUNTRYMEN

New York, May 4.—Count Tarnowski Harnow, the unreceived Austrian ambassador to the United States, before leaving today for his homeland, issued farewell statements to his countrymen in this country, urging to:

"Honor the land whose hospitality they enjoy and in which they earn their livelihood."

BRITISH FORCES ARE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 4.—The British forces on the western front are two weeks ahead of their attacking schedule, according to a cablegram received here today by Secretary Balfour from the foreign office. Their losses have been comparatively small, the message said.

The losses were said to be only one half as large proportionately as those on the Somme offensive last year. This is attributed by members of the commission to incomparably better artillery preparation and the fact that the men are not allowed to outrun the guns.

INTERESTED IN FOOD

The Bell Telephone Company today inaugurated a campaign throughout the south in the interest of food production. Mr. James C. Shuford, manager of the Hickory Electric Company, which has long distance connection with the Bell lines, was called up this afternoon and asked to telephone the ministers of Hickory, Granite Falls and Lenoir and urge them to feature food productions in their sermons Sunday. Mr. Shuford also was asked to give the matter publicity through the newspapers.

Hickory ministers Sunday will preach sermons on babies and will not have much of a chance to respond, especially since most of the sermons have been prepared. However, several ministers told Mr. Shuford they would mention the matter.

One strong sermon on food production has been delivered in Hickory this spring. That was by Dr. Murrey of the Reformed church, who sounded the tocsin in his church here and in the afternoon brought the question before his Brookford charge. The result there as well as here was wholesome.

The people farther south need more urging than in this section, where the climate makes the growing of cotton more difficult. It is the cotton belt that draws on the rest of the country for its food. Still, this section can do more.

TO CONFER DEGREES ON NINE CANDIDATES

Hickory commandery, Knights Templar, will hold a special communication Saturday afternoon, beginning at 5 o'clock, for the purpose of conferring degrees on nine candidates from Lincoln and Forest City. The early hour of meeting was chosen so that the work could be completed at a reasonable hour. A fine spread will be served during the evening and business will be mixed with pleasure.

The local commandery, for many years one of the largest in the state, has passed that distinction, and now probably is the largest and most active in the state. It is not content to follow but its members insist on leading.

Every Sir Knight is urged to be present tomorrow afternoon. The hour of communication is 5 o'clock. Mr. J. H. Patrick is eminent commander.

FOURTEEN PICKED UP BY BRITISH BOAT

(By the Associated Press.) London, May 4.—Captain Harris today reports that the boat from the American steamer Rockingham containing 14 men has been picked up by a British ship.

SERIOUS REVOLT REPORTED IN BERLIN

(By the Associated Press.) Amsterdam, via London, May 4.—A German newspaper says that serious revolts occurred in Berlin last week. According to the paper, the mob became so menacing that guns were used against it. The story is not confirmed from any source.

PYTHIANS TO BE OUT IN FORCE MAY 10

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LAD'S LEG BROKEN

Wednesday night a small son of Mark Pope suffered a broken leg as a result of colliding with the car of Will Fox, at the Newton cotton mill. The boy had run across the street back, when he was running, and the limb was broken between the hip and knee.—Newton Enterprise.

DR. FAISON TO LECTURE HERE SATURDAY NIGHT

President of State Medical Society to Present Subject of Care and Feeding of Children—Miss Morrell in Afternoon—Tag Day Tomorrow.

The address of Dr. W. I. Faison of Charlotte, president of the State Medical Society, in the Academy of Music Saturday night will be the most important lecture of the week. The address will be made at 8 o'clock and every girl over 15, every mother and father especially are invited to hear him.

Dr. Faison is a specialist in the diseases of children. He is one of the big men of the state, has a wide practice and is coming to Hickory out of love for humanity. He will make a hurried trip to this city and will leave early Sunday morning for his home.

If a great audience does not hear Dr. Faison, it will be a slam to the intelligence of the community, those who know the physician say. He is a splendid man and fine speaker and will make the subject interesting. Dr. Faison will be the guest of Dr. J. H. Shuford while in Hickory.

The public is invited and admission will be free to everybody, regardless of where he comes from.

Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock a short play will be given at the academy and on Saturday night another short play will be rendered. There will be no charge to either of these. Miss Morrell of Lenoir College faculty will lecture Saturday afternoon. Saturday will be tag day in Hickory and everybody who hits the business district will be expected to contribute anything from a dime to a hundred dollars.

The two plays to be given in the afternoon and night follow:

- ### DON'T CARE
- Lenore Sourbeer.....Director
Mrs. Richard Williams.....Musician
- ### PERSONIFICATIONS
- Mrs. Didn't know.....Neva Edminston
Don't Care.....Clarissa Abernethy
Milk Fairy.....Fay Hendrix
Sleep Fairy.....Mary Polk Wootten
Fresh Air Fairy.....
- ### PERSONIFICATIONS
- Nita Mosteller
Comfy-Clothes Fairy.....Clara Balley
Cleanliness Fairy.....Allene Whitener
Drinking Water Fairy.....
- ### PERSONIFICATIONS
- Proper Lays Fairy Maurine Starnes
Laughing Fairy.....Louise Cline
Lecture: Miss Emma Morrell—
"The Care and Feeding of Children."
- ### THE NARROW DOOR
- A Morality Interlude
Mrs. H. D. Abernethy, Director.
Mrs. Richard Williams, Musician.
- ### PERSONIFICATIONS
- Vita (Life).....Mrs. E. B. Menzies
Hygeia (Health), Mrs. K. B. Patterson
Mors (Death)—Miss Gertrude Finger
- ### PERSONIFICATIONS
- A Child Leader Mary Stuart Menzies
First Child.....Lydia Hatfield
Second Child.....Virginia Menzies
- Chester Latta.
Catherine Lyerly.
Alma Starnes.
Walker Geitner
Mary Wiley Lentz.
Thomas Mott.
Margaret Harris.
Lucile Hahn.
Clara Yount.
Dorothy Collier.
Josephine Abernethy.
Jake Shuford, Jr.
Braxton Klutz.
Charles Mosteller.
Solo—"Little Boy Blue," Mrs. J. H. Shuford.
Lecture: Dr. Faison—"Permanent Baby Welfare."

How to Keep Your Baby Well

Eight white babies are born in the United States every minute. DID YOU KNOW?

That 3,000 North Carolina babies die each summer?
That 2,000 are less than one year old?
That of these 1,800 are bottle-fed and that only 200 are breast-fed babies?
There's a reason. What? Bottle-Feeding and Ignorance.



FOOD—Mother's milk is the best food known for babies. A baby should gain steadily in weight, when he fails to do this, or if he gets sick, don't lay it to teething. It is probably indigestion due to improper feeding.

AIR—Fresh, pure air, day and night. Protect the baby from cold draughts, direct sunlight, and dust; but never keep a baby confined in a closed room, particularly a crowded room or a closed bedroom.

WATER that has been boiled five minutes and served tepid, never ice-cold. Spoons, cups, and nipples for baby should also be boiled just before using.

SLEEP—Undisturbed by people, noise, or strong light. Give baby a bed or crib of his own and let him sleep in the fresh air day and night. Never rock your baby to sleep.

REGULAR HABITS of nursing, sleeping, bowel movement, bathing, and exercise. Persist in this from the beginning, and regular habits will soon be formed.

BATHING in lukewarm water daily. A quick bath before going to bed often prevents a restless night. CLOTHING that is light and cool in summer and light and warm in winter. If there is heat rash, replace the linen bellyband with a woolen one, clothe more lightly, and bathe in water having a tablespoonful of ordinary baking soda to each gallon of water. Should the woolen band irritate, line with a piece of old soft linen or dust with powder.

DO protect your baby from ignorant midwives, nursemaids, and old-fogy neighborhood grandmothers. Call in a good doctor if you want to know something about your baby quickly. Don't take chances with a superstitious, old-fogy granny.

DO keep baby's thumb out of his mouth. Don't let that habit start. It may deform his mouth for life or encourage adenoids and other troubles. Put quinine on baby's hands, or mits steeped in quinine.

DO let soothing syrups alone. They are dope. If there is something wrong with baby, have a doctor help you remedy the trouble. Don't deaden baby's nerves with dope.

DON'T use baby for a plaything the first year. Disturb him only for feeding, baths, and change of clothes.

DON'T expose baby or baby's food to flies. Why? Because one-third of all baby deaths are due to diarrheal diseases. These diseases are spread largely by flies; 88 per cent of all diarrheal diseases occur during the fly season.

DON'T expose a baby to any con-

tagious disease. Children's diseases (whooping cough, measles, diphtheria, etc.) are all dangerous. They never do a baby any good, and they frequently seriously affect him for life. The older a child is the less danger there is in contagious diseases.

DON'T let baby "catch cold." Guard against constipation and diarrhea.

DON'T clothe baby for show. Clothe him for comfort.

DON'T kiss baby on the mouth. If he must be kissed, have it applied to his cheek or forehead.

DON'T forget to have your baby's birth registered. Official record of births will be invaluable in a few years.

If you want to know more about babies write to the State Board of Health at Raleigh, for their large bulletin on babies.

The board also has free literature on tuberculosis, Malaria, Typhoid fever, Hookworm disease, Sanitary Privies, and Flies. If you want to know something about any of these subjects, send a post card. Better do it now, before you forget it.

REFUSED TO CAN ALABAMA SHERIFF

(By Associated Press.) Montgomery, May 4.—The supreme court of Alabama today refused to impeach Sheriff T. S. Babson of Jefferson county on charges growing out of the escape of D. D. Overton and others. The court held that he was not responsible for Overton's escape.

ACCEPTS POSITION FOREIGN MINISTER

(By Associated Press.) Rio Janeiro, May 4.—Neilo Pechana, former president of Brazil, has been appointed foreign minister in succession of Dr. Muller, resigned. He has accepted.

GRADUATING RECITAL AT COLLEGE TONIGHT

The graduating recital of Miss Margaret Adeline Wannemacher, piano; Miss Sudie Louise Burns, voice and Miss Gertrude Sophia Moehlmann, piano, assisted by Miss Wannemacher, pianist and assisted by Prof. K. B. Patterson, will be held at Lenoir College auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock. The public is invited. The program, which covers a variety of selections, is as follows:

1. Concerto in C Sharp Minor, Beethoven. (a) Piano, Margaret Wannemacher, (b) Piano, Modelle Davis.
2. Carissima—Arthur Penn.
3. Sonata in C Sharp Minor, Beethoven.
4. Barque of Dreams—Hamilton Gray.
5. (a) Libellules (Dragonflies)—C. Chaminade. (b) March of the Dwarfs, Grieg.
6. (a) Hark! Hark, The Lark—Schubert. (b) Come Down Laughing Streamlet—Spross.
7. From Flower to Flower, C. Koeling.
8. Soprano, Sudie Burns.
9. Alto, Margaret Wannemacher.
10. Hungarian—Mac Dowell.
11. (a) Weigenlied—Brahms. (b) Dein Gedenk' Ich Margaretha—Meyer Hammund.
12. Spinning Song from "The Flying Dutchman"—Wagner-Liszt.
13. (a) As We Part—McNair Higgenfritz. (b) The Linnet—Robt. Coningsby Clarke.
14. Concerto in d minor, Mendelssohn. (a) Piano, Gertrude Moehlmann. (b) Piano, Ruth Rhodes.

CALL FOR BANK STATEMENTS

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 4.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business on Tuesday, May 1.

CATAWBA SCHOOL CLOSE

The graded school at Catawba will close tonight with a play and other exercises. The public is invited to attend.

MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES	
(By Associated Press.)	
New York, May 4.—The cotton market opened steady today at a decline of 17 to 20 points, with July selling off to 19.46. Trade interests were buyers around the initial figures, however, and the market steadied right after the call.	
The close was easy.	
May	19.70 18.85
July	19.50 19.66
October	18.72 18.95
December	18.82 18.91
January	18.88 18.96

HICKORY MARKETS	
Cotton	20c
Good clean wheat	\$5.00

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THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Showers tonight. Saturday partly cloudy, cooler near the coast; fresh to moderately strong south winds shifting to northwest.