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BRITISH TROOPS ENTER TOWN OF BULLECOURT

Fighting Hand to Hand With Germans There—Haig's Forces Repelled all Counter Attacks and Struck Again When Ready—French Also Made Progress.

(By the Associated Press)
Bullecourt, directly on the Hindenburg line has been entered by British troops who this morning were fighting the Germans in the town.

Giving up reserves from the hard pressed Laon front where the French are driving for Laon from the back of that stronghold, General Haig's troops today began widening the breach in the line.

Counter attacks of extreme violence rapidly repeated had failed to shake the British grip on the line here and had not prevented them from striking again when they were ready. Bullecourt is hemmed on three sides by the British.

Driving back toward it they have fought their way into the place, pressing back the desperately resisting Germans.

Northeast of Soissons the Germans have been forced to employ fresh troops in an effort to force back the French. Last night they drove their men against the line, but were unable to shake Nivelle's men from the plateau overlooking the Ailette river.

HOME COMING DAY AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The Sunday school of the First Baptist church, celebrated Home coming yesterday. It was indeed a joyous day. There were 354 present. Among them, were many out of town visitors who once were members of the school. All were glad to have them home again. To many, it looked like, and brought to memory the blessed days of the past. Hand shaking and kind greetings perfumed the entire spirit atmosphere of the occasion. And all were delighted and happy, but none more so than Supt. J. D. Elliott and Pastor W. R. Bradshaw were they were all great big smiles and real ones, too.

And the lesson study was indeed timely and very interesting to all entering into the spirit of it. It brought out the joy in and blessedness as the result of humble service. It brought out the difference between ambition and vision; between ambition and devotion to duty; and the difference of serving others simply for our own good ultimately. The conclusion was that true greatness was obtained as a result of humble service, and not by high, ambitious service which is generally more or less impregnated with selfishness.

And the sermon by the pastor at 11 o'clock, was indeed timely, pointed and good—as all his sermons are. It was based upon the prayer of faith of the mother that comes to Christ in behalf of her child, her daughter as given in the 15th chapter of Matthew. His appeal to parents as to how they should care for and raise their children, physically, mentally and morally, both by precept and example, was indeed practical and impressive. And his appeal to boys and girls as to how they should live, obey and, by their daily deportment, honor such parents, was also timely and impressive.

At the night service, he discussed the subject: Is hell a place. In it, he not only showed that hell is a place but told how to shun it. It too was a timely sermon.

It was indeed a great day.

LETTERS ARE GIVEN LENOIR ATHLETES

At Hotel Huffer Saturday night, the varsity "L" association held its third annual banquet given by Prof. J. F. Coble. At this business meeting Prof. Coble awarded "L" to the following: R. J. Plyler, J. P. Brown, W. B. Rhyme, H. H. Fritz, R. L. Fritz, E. J. Miller, R. B. Cline, P. A. Yehr, R. O. McCoy, C. A. Plunk and E. G. Mauney.

Prof. Coble and Coach Carver made excellent speeches in which they reviewed the success of the baseball team and expressed their appreciation of the work done by the members of the team.

In return the association extended a vote of thanks to Coach Carver for his excellent coaching and to Prof. Coble for the services he has rendered to athletics at the college.

It was the beginning of a new era in athletics at Lenoir when he took charge of them three years ago. It has been through his management in a grade athletics. The members know how to appreciate the work he has done.

GERMANS CLAIM VAWTER JURY IS SUCCESS IN FIGHTING

(By the Associated Press)
Berlin, via London, May 7.—All the German positions between the Soissons-Laon road and Lailles and north of Laffaux have been maintained, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters staff. The Germans, it is added, were successful in the Aisne battle. The Germans have captured 726 men since Saturday, fourteen British and French airplanes since Saturday.

TO PRESENT PLAY AT ACADEMY TONIGHT

The play, "The Narrow Door," which was presented Saturday night in connection with the lecture by Dr. Faison, will be presented at the Academy of Music tonight at 8 o'clock and will be free. This will bring to a close the Baby Week campaign, but not the work and interest in the subject.

Prizes will be awarded tonight to a child of each of the three graded schools for the best composition on the subject. The prize won by Miss Margaret Bruns also will be awarded. The program will be interspersed with good vocal music and the public is invited.

BRITISH PUSH THEIR WAR INTO BULLECOURT

(By Associated Press.)
British headquarters in France, May 7, via London.—The British have pushed their war well within the town of Bullecourt. Hand to hand fighting has developed there.

LEND GREAT BRITAIN \$100,000,000 IN MAY

(By the Associated Press)
Washington, May 7.—The government has decided to lend Great Britain \$100,000,000 to meet her needs in this country during May. A second installment of the \$25,000,000 was transferred to the British embassy today, making with the \$25,000,000 loaned her Saturday a total of one half of the May loan.

ARTHUR L. FLETCHER NAMED BY GOVERNOR

(By Associated Press.)
Raleigh, May 7.—Arthur L. Fletcher, well known North Carolina newspaper man, has been recommended by Governor Bickett as federal disbursing officer in North Carolina for the new federal law. Governor Bickett's recommendation was made at the request of the Secretary of War Baker.

Mr. Fletcher was brigade headquarters secretary with the North Carolina national guard while the troops were stationed at El Paso.

CONFESSES TO CRIME AND HELPS MOB ADJUST NOOSE

Phoenix, Ariz., May 7.—Star Daley, who by his own confession, killed Ray Gibson, of Tucson, last Thursday night and then assaulted Mrs. Gibson, was hanged to death by the hangman over the body of a victim of justifiable homicide by persons unknown to the jury.

Daley was taken from the sheriff's party which was attempting to flee with him from the crowd.

After his capture Daley told how he had committed the crime and also confessed to other crimes. After he had completed his story he showed the mob leaders how he wanted the noose to be adjusted.

THE PARADOX OF WAR

The battle hurtles on the plains, Earth feels new scythes upon her; And call our brothers for the wains Draw face to face, front line to line One image all inherit— Then kill, curse on, by that same sign Clay—clay, and spirit—spirit, Be pitiful O God!

Mrs. J. E. Sanborn and Miss Ethel Sanborn of Cincinnati are spending some time in the city.

PREPARED FOR LAWYER'S ATTACKS

(By Associated Press)
Christiansburg, Va., May 7.—After having devoted all of Saturday afternoon to inspecting the home at Blacksburg of Chas. E. Vawter, on trial for the murder of Stockton, Heth, Jr., the jury was prepared to hear the arguments of the lawyers. Marked differences of views are expected to develop in the instructions to be presented, and it is expected that this will involve some argument.

Arguments probably will not begin until some time Wednesday, and it is not probable the Jury will get the case before Thursday.

Tragic and sensational features of the case have ended so far as evidence is concerned. All that remains that may arouse interest will be the arguments and the charge by the judge.

Because of the late arrival of the train on which Judge Moffett was returning from his home in Roanoke where he spent Sunday, the trial of Vawter did not open until 11:30 this morning. Immediately after the court met it was announced that the strain to the court house during the past week made it unsafe and court was held in a moving picture house.

FRENCH REPULSE ALL GERMAN ATTACKS

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, May 7.—The Germans have counter-attacked along the entire French front and everywhere have been repulsed, according to an official statement issued by the war office today.

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PATRIOTIC CAPS FOR WHITE NIGHT

The Hickory Merchants Association has ordered over 1,000 patriotic caps to be distributed among the patrons of the Hawthorn Sweet Potato Growers Association said today that the whole membership probably would be on hand. He will take the matter up with the members and it is likely that this will be determined on.

Fraternities are taking an active interest in the celebration and most of them will be in line.

NORWEGIAN STEAMERS ARE REPORTED SUNK

(By Associated Press.)
London, May 7.—According to a Central News dispatch from Copenhagen the Norwegian foreign office has announced the sinking of Norwegian steamers Capto and Natuna. The crews were rescued.

AIRPLANE DROPS BOMBS IN LONDON

(By Associated Press.)
London, May 7.—A hostile airplane dropped four bombs northeast of London this morning, it is officially announced.

The statement announcing the raid follows:

"In the early hours this morning a hostile airplane appeared over the outskirts of northeast London and dropped four bombs. One man was killed and a man and woman injured. Slight damage was done."

PARDON IS GRANTED A BANK WRECKER

(By Associated Press.)
Raleigh, May 7.—Thomas Thomas, former cashier of the Bank of Beaufort, who at the March term was sentenced to serve two years for misapplying bank funds, was granted a pardon by Governor Bickett.

The pardon was granted Saturday after hearing of petitions in behalf of Thomas, but was not made public until today.

KNOXVILLE'S PATRIOTS SEND LETTER OF THANKS

(By Associated Press.)
The Record has received the following letter from Mr. J. L. Bowles, secretary of the Knoxville trade tourists:

"At the first meeting of our executive committee, a resolution was unanimously passed expressing the appreciation of the Knoxville pilgrims of patriotism for the reception accorded us upon the occasion of our recent visit to your enterprising city. The resolution also expressed the hope that at some time in the near future Knoxville might be afforded an opportunity of reciprocating your courtesies."

(By Associated Press.)
London, May 7.—After sharp fighting the British have pushed forward west of Bullecourt and have taken a number of prisoners, according to an official statement issued today.

Spencer Company Chartered
Raleigh, May 7.—The East Spencer Trading Company of East Spencer, capitalized at \$50,000, was chartered today by the secretary of State. The concern proposes to conduct a general merchandise business.

FRENCH GUNS PLACE LAON WITHIN GRASP OF TROOPS

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, May 7.—The French have battered the back door to Laon and French troops are now only six miles from the German stronghold. One formidable barrier lies between them and their goal—the Ailette river—but from captured heights the French guns overlook the stream.

The Ailette runs east and west paralleling the French lines. It is hardly worthy of the name of river, but its bed is a deep gorge which makes it a grave obstacle. Laon will not be captured except at a heavy price, but the French victories of the last week have brought capture appreciably nearer.

The developments on the battle field are chiefly important for the possibilities they open and the same may be said of events behind the firing line. In Germany there is much talk of political reform and several proposals have been put forward in the reichstag to curtail the powers of the emperor and make the ministry responsive to the people.

Apparently the talk has served to check the rising tide of discontent, but the measures adopted by the government to prevent the demonstrations are not indicated.

Startling reports come from Austria in regard to conditions in the dual monarchy apparently Count Tisza and his reactionary followers have the upper hand and are determined to crush the party of democracy with the same ruthlessness as heretofore. There are rumors of material law in Bohemia and the suppression of newspapers, but for a month no news has reached the outer world as the conditions in the Austrian empire.

The Russian riddle remains unsolved, but for the time being at least the provisional authorities seem safe. Reports of demoralization in the Russian armies are corroborated by an order by the commander on the eastern front ordering the troops from fraternizing with the German troops. General Corko has called attention to the fact that the situation here has enabled the Germans to transfer troops to France.

In spite of the peaceable ending of the May Day demonstration in Sweden the internal troubles in that country seem to be ebbing. Rioting, and food demonstrations are reported from various parts and from reports received, the authorities are having difficulty in restraining the populace.

The Berlin official communication in referring to Saturday's battle, declares that the French attempt to break through the German line was unavailing and that the gigantic thrust was entirely repulsed. It admits, however, that the intense fire of the French guns destroyed completely the German positions on the Winterburg and that this eminence and several adjacent sectors were occupied by the French. It is asserted by the Berlin war office that the French, "after their sanguinary defeat on Saturday did not repeat their attack Sunday."

To the east of Bullecourt, which lies midway between Arras and Cambrai, where the British and Germans last week engaged in sanguinary encounters, with the advantage lying with Field Marshal Haig's forces the Germans Saturday night, by a counter attack, endeavored to regain their lost ground. They were unsuccessful, however, and a similar attempt Sunday was likewise put down by the British artillery although the Germans threw large effectives into the fray.

With the renewed reports from Petrograd that the trouble between the council of workmen and soldiers' delegates and the provisional government has been amicably settled, come fresh advices indicating that the military commander in Petrograd is fearful of a German attack by way of the Gulf of Finland. The commander reports the presence of German merchantmen at Libau apparently waiting for the ice to break up in order to transport troops under convoy of warships to attack the capital and has ordered a reorganization of the reserve forces to defend it. A German airplane for the first time during the war has flown over Odessa, Russia's principal seaport on the Black sea, according to a German official communication. The communication fails to say whether bombs were dropped by the aircraft.

LARGE AUDIENCE HEARS DR. FAISON

(By Associated Press.)
Baby Week was brought to a close today with the observance of the day in the public schools. That the campaign was a splendid success is now realized and the Community Club has every reason to feel elated. The tag day sales amounted to \$80.84 and Miss Margaret Bruns will be awarded a two-pound box of candy, for making the best sales, her collection being \$12.98. The play given Saturday night will be repeated at the Academy of Music this evening at 7:30, there being so many requests for it that the committee decided to give others in Hickory a chance to witness it.

The address of Miss Morrell of Lenoir College Saturday afternoon was entirely practical and mothers who were present derived many good points from it. The attendance was not as large as it should have been, but those who were there enjoyed it. The little play in the afternoon also was enjoyed.

The address of Dr. W. I. Faison of Charlotte, president of the State Medical Society, was heard by an audience that taxed the capacity of the academy. He was introduced by Dr. J. H. Shuford, who entertained him while here, and Dr. Faison delighted the large assembly of men, women and children.

Dr. Faison spoke on the care and feeding of children up to five years of age. This is considered the most dangerous period in the life of a child, when the little body is not strong enough to resist the ills to which the flesh, under present conditions of knowledge and prevention, is heir to. Among other things, Dr. Faison said that one out of ten children has the symptoms of tuberculosis and that if all the children could be examined and treated with a virus, which has been discovered, this dread disease would be exterminated in three generations.

The president of the State Medical Society spoke with force and earnestness. He gave the Hickory audience the benefit of a life time of service, observation and reading and his hearers were so interested that when he was nearing the end of his lecture, voices in the audience cried, "Go on."

Hickory pastors Sunday added their weight to the campaign for the babies. The ministers had prepared their sermons especially for this occasion and they drove home many points. Large congregations were present at all the churches and the cooperation among all people was enthusiastic.

CAN'T SEIZE SHIPS IN DANISH INDIES

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 7.—It was revealed today that an unpublished provision in the agreement with Denmark by which the United States acquired the Danish West Indies was that German or other war bound ships in the island would not be seized or confiscated.

THIS PIPE DREAM HAS BEEN BROKEN

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 7.—The supreme court today dismissed a suit brought by former negro slaves and their heirs to collect \$68,072,782 from the government for labor in the south from 1861 to 1868. The money was collected by the government in internal revenues on cotton. The negroes claim that they worked for nothing during that time.

STATE COMMISSION ORGANIZED TODAY

(By Associated Press.)
Raleigh, May 7.—R. F. Dalton of Greensboro was elected president and J. H. Bridges of Henderson secretary of the newly-created state building commission at an organization of the body here today. Mr. Bridges was appointed a member of the board by Governor Bickett when Hugh McKee of Wilmington declined to accept a place. It was announced that the first meeting would be held in Raleigh on May 16 and all state institutions are urged to send representatives to the meeting.

EXPLOSION OCCURS IN KINGSFORT PLANT

(By Associated Press.)
Knoxville, May 7.—A special from Kingsport, Tenn., says that between 3 and 4 o'clock this morning an explosion in the Federal Chemical Company there wrecked a third of the plant.

MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES

(By Associated Press.)
New York, May 7.—The cotton market opened at a decline of three to 12 points today. The tone was firm and prices soon rallied, and July and October sold about seven to nine points net higher. The close was easy.

	Open	Close
May	19.50	19.55
July	19.35	19.35
October	18.66	18.54
December	18.74	18.64

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	20c
Good clean wheat	83.00

CHICAGO WHEAT

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, May 7.—New high record prices for wheat resulted today from scarceness of offerings. Opening quotations, with May at 2.79 and July at 2.34 1/2 to 2.54, were followed by a decided advance, all around, carrying May to 2.81, a cent above the previous high record.

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Cloudy tonight and Tuesday, probably rain; continued cold, moderate possible fresh northeast winds.