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GREAT HUMAN NIPPERS CLOSING ON GERMANS

Rolling up of Hindenburg's Hastily Prepared Barrier Question of Few Days--Australian Troops Heroes in This Terrible Fighting--News From Other Fronts.

(By Associated Press)
The great human nippers which General Hale has forged around the southern end of the Drocourt-Queant switch line are steadily closing and the rolling up of this important section of the German defenses appear to be a matter of a few days. The line is the hastily improvised barrier thrown up by Marshal von Hindenburg to protect Cambrai and Douai after the Hindenburg line collapsed. The bitter resistance offered by the Germans to the British in their advance has centered at Bullecourt, 2 1/2 miles south of Queant. To the south the British forced ahead of the line, but north of Bullecourt the troops are marking time.

The capture of the village was entrusted to Australians and these hard fighting colonials have almost surrounded the German stronghold so that its capture is imminent. The Drocourt-Queant line forms a broad salient in the British front and paralleling the Douai-Queant line. The crushing in of this salient means that the German grip on the great coal fields of Laon will be broken and the German line in northern France imperilled.

There are many signs that the Germans realize the menace to them in the alternate sledge hammer blows of the British and French by which their chosen troops are being driven from position after position. News from the western front is not merely being suppressed, but is being doctoring for the consumption of German newspaper readers. Discrepancies between the allied and official versions are apparently arousing suspicions in some parts at least and Berlin readers are putting questions that newspaper writers find some difficulty in answering. It is noted that the German emperor speaks of this as a critical time, instead of exulting over victories, real or imaginary.

Apart from France the only fighting of significance reported from the war theatres is taking place in Macedonia. The reports from this front are meagre and they indicate an increasing activity which may presage a general offensive by the allies.

Miss Constance Bost will entertain the Christian Endeavor Society of the Reformed church tonight in honor of Mr. Winfred Ingold, president of the society who leaves for Fort Oglethorpe in a few days to enter the officers training camp.

Mr. D. W. Holder left this morning on a business trip to Salisbury.

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WINTER WHEAT ESTIMATE MADE

(By Associated Press)
Washington, May 8.—The winter wheat crop forecast by the department of agriculture today shows 366,116,000 bushels.

Area to be harvested 27,653,000 acres.
Condition was 73.2 per cent of a normal on May 1.

BETTER AS FARMER THAN ROAD WORKER

(By Associated Press)
Raleigh, May 8.—In stating his reasons for granting a full pardon to Thad Brown, Pasquotank negro who was convicted in December, 1915, of manslaughter and sentenced to serve five years, Governor Bickett referred to prominent white men of Pasquotank county, who said that Brown would be worth more on his farm than on the chain-gang.

Brown killed a negro in the dark whom he believed was approaching him with a gun. After the killing it was asserted Brown's opponent had only a brick. The father of the negro Brown killed, as well as prominent citizens of the county, joined in the petition.

(By Associated Press)
Memphis, May 8.—L. C. Persons, negro who late last night confessed to killing Antoinette Rappal, a 15-year-old school girl and then decapitated her body near here several days ago, was said today was enroute to the penitentiary at Nashville, where he will be held for safe keeping.

On the theory advanced by some criminologists that the eyes of some persons who meet a violent death often mirror the last object seen, officers disinterred the body yesterday and a photograph was taken of one eye. Officers assert that it disclosed the head of a man.

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CHECKS POUR IN GERMAN SEAMEN FOR BIG WAR CREDIT

(By Associated Press)
Washington, May 8.—Telegrams and letters containing checks for subscriptions to the \$2,000,000,000 loan for the allies came to the treasury so fast today that even the augmented force of clerks could barely tabulate them.

Many were from individuals apparently in moderate circumstances anxious to put part of their savings into the war cause.

"File my application for 10 liberty bonds \$100 each," wired a Mississippi farmer. "This and planting extra acres of corn is the only way I can help bring the war to a close."

TO CONSIDER WAGES IN RAILROAD SHOPS

(By Associated Press)
Washington, May 8.—Railroad officials representing the mechanical departments of practically all the lines southeast of Washington are in session here considering questions of increased wages and readjustment of hours affecting 25,000 shopmen. It is understood the readjustment involves expenditure of about \$12,000,000 a year.

The meetings are in private and the greatest secrecy attends the sessions.

NO AGREEMENT YET ON ARMY WAR BILL

(By Associated Press)
Washington, May 8.—Conferees on the army bill today fell into a deadlock over the amendment to permit sending Colonel Roosevelt's division to France and it seemed likely that the members would have to return to their houses for instruction.

The conferees professed to be in complete ignorance of the administration's wishes and some of the members said a few words from the white house would clarify the situation.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, May 8.—Another attempt on the war army bill to reconcile differences between the senate and house measures failed today and the committee recessed until later with no prospect of agreement. The chief obstacle is the provision to permit Colonel Roosevelt to raise volunteers.

The close was steady.

WANTS PRISONERS FED IN AMERICA

(By Associated Press)
Washington, May 8.—Senator Hale of Maine conferred today with British Foreign Minister Balfour on German prisoners on the isles. Senator Hale recently made a study of the prison camps in England and suggested that prisoners be brought to the United States and fed.

One feature of Senator Hale's plan is to relieve Great Britain of feeding great numbers of Germans and use their ships for carrying supplies on the return trip.

HIGHLAND ELECTION HELD ON MONDAY

Mayor W. S. Robinson was re-elected by the voters of Highland in the election held Monday, and the following nominated for aldermen: Messrs. T. P. Mouser, B. E. Houston, George Sigmon and Chas. Fry. Messrs. L. L. Luther and Joseph H. Bolick were elected school trustees.

There was only one ticket in the field and Highland voters declare it was a good one.

The two banks will not open Thursday, May 10, as this is a legal holiday in North Carolina. Customers with important business to attend to would do well to call tomorrow.

SUSPECT VESSEL OF SUPPLYING U-BOATS

(By the Associated Press)
Asheville, May 8.—Information was received here today that E. B. Gresham has closed a contract with the government for the location of a camp for interned German sailors at Lake Kanuga near Hendersonville. It is stated that these civilian German prisoners will begin to arrive in squads of 250 and that transportation will be available until approximately 3,000 are here.

The officers of the interned merchant ships will be interned first, to be followed by the seamen. Immigration Commissioner Howe of New York was here last night inspecting a permanent site for the prisoners. He suggested that the men would be employed in agricultural work and in building roads in the Pisgah forest, near which the camp is located.

DESTROYED TWO STILLS IN ONE DAY

Deputy Collector P. P. Jones and Possessor H. W. Jones and C. A. Moser Monday destroyed two block-ade stills 11 miles southeast of Hickory in Burke county. Two complete outfits, including caps and worms, and 1,000 gallons of beer and five gallons of corn liquor, were lost to the moonshiners. In one lot were 600 gallons of beer and in the other 400 gallons.

The officers were out early and returned fairly early, leaving into Hickory shortly before 4 o'clock.

INTERESTING CIVIL SUIT ON TRIAL AT NEWTON

Superior court convened in Newton Monday morning with Judge Garland S. Ferguson of Waynesville presiding. The first case on the docket was Shuford Thornburg by his next friend J. L. Thornburg, vs Dr. J. P. Matheson of Charlotte, the plaintiff alleging that Doctor Matheson was negligent in the performance of an operation on young Thornburg for mastoiditis in 1915. Among the witnesses for the defendant were the following prominent doctors: H. C. Menzies and J. H. Shuford of Hickory; H. Long and Reuben Campbell of Statesville; Gibbon, Peeler, J. P. Monroe and Fred Leinbach of Charlotte. The plaintiff is suing for damages in the sum of \$1,500.

JOHN A. M'RAE TO MAKE SPEECH HERE

Mr. John A. McRae of Charlotte, state senator from Mecklenburg county, in 1915, will deliver the address in Hickory Thursday night at the formal celebration of the opening of the white way. The Charlotte attorney accepted today. He is a young man of unusual power and the address will be in keeping with the occasion. He is not unknown in Hickory, where he spoke several years ago.

HOME CANNER CO. TO BE SOLD AGAIN

Mr. W. L. Mitchell raised the bid on the property of the Home Canner Manufacturing Company, bankrupt, which was bid in at the sale by J. L. Blodgett, for \$3,000, and Referee W. S. Pearson of Morgantown ordered a re-sale of the property in twenty days from today. The matter came up at Newton today.

MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES	
(By Associated Press)	
New York, May 8.—The cotton market was very quiet today with sentiment unsettled and fluctuations irregular. July and October sold up nine to 13 points net higher. The advance was checked at this level by realizing and prices eased off.	
Open	Close
May	19.50
July	19.45
October	18.63
December	18.65
January	18.71

HICKORY MARKETS	
Cotton	20c
Good clean wheat	\$8.90

CHICAGO WHEAT	
(By Associated Press)	
Chicago, May 8.—Fresh record breaking upward swings took place today in wheat. The opening, with May at 2.86 and July at 2.26 to 2.27, was followed by a sharp rise all around, carrying May to 2.90 3-4 and July to 2.30 1-2.	

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Wednesday; continued cool.

DESIRE BILLION DOLLARS TO BUILD FLEET OF SHIPS

(By the Associated Press)
Washington, May 8.—The government is making a rigid investigation of the steamer Manitow and other vessels of the American Transatlantic Company which are said to have carried supplies to German submarines in the Atlantic. This was admitted at the navy department today.

The American Transatlantic Company has offices in New York and Boston and its ships fly the American flag. Officials say they could not say what caused their suspicions, but admit that the ship is being held.

BRITISH ENVOYS CHEERED IN SENATE

(By the Associated Press)
Washington, May 8.—Foreign Minister Balfour, Lieutenant Bridges and Admiral DeChair of the British mission were received today in the senate with a demonstration which rivaled the acclaim accorded them recently in the house. After the reception on the floor the party was entertained by Vice-President Marshall.

NEW BOARD TO SIT IN COUNCIL TONIGHT

Mayor M. H. Yount and Councilman F. A. Abernethy, who were sworn in to office Monday morning, will sit at the council table tonight in place of Mayor S. L. Whitener and Councilman Joseph L. Abernethy, the latter not a candidate for reelection. The board will consist of these two and Messrs. J. L. Cilley, Eubert Lysterly and A. P. Whitener, the two first holders and the latter reelected.

The various positions are scheduled to be filled tonight, but few changes are expected to be made. No candidates had been filed with the city manager this morning and it is probable nothing will be doing until late in the afternoon.

IS DEAD AT 123 IN WARREN COUNTY

(By the Associated Press)
Henderson, N. C., May 8.—Anthony Seawood, a negro said to be 123 years old and believed to have been the oldest person in North Carolina, died at his home in Warren county about 15 miles north of here last night. Seawood claimed to have had taken a dose of medicine prescribed by a physician. He had been married twice, the second time after he was past 100 years.

Seawood had several children who died past 70 years and one child still living is 80 years old.

PLAY VALLEY FARM ON TOMORROW NIGHT

Be sure not to forget the production of the comedy "Valley Farm," in the auditorium of Lenoir College Wednesday. The play will be well worth seeing, and the proceeds will be devoted to giving Hickory baseball enthusiasts a chance to see better contests, for even college baseball needs money. The cast, which, with few exceptions, is the same as that which so successfully produced the play in December, is as follows:

Harold Rutledge, Ewart Huffman, Perry Dean, Mark Longaker, Silas Holcomb, Carl Plunk, Azariah Keen, Max Ritchie, Jennings, Max Ritchie, Hetty Holcomb, Miss Jo Moore, Isabel Carney, Miss Walters, Mrs. Rutledge, Miss Evangeline Ely, Alviran Holcomb, Miss Oneita Miller, Liza Ann Tucker, Miss Edith Clement, Verbenia, Miss Katherine Hardin.

Make Final Arrangements Tonight for Celebration of Hickory's White Way

The committees having in charge full force. The arrangements for the big celebration of the opening of the White Way will meet at the Chamber of Commerce rooms this evening at 8:00 o'clock to perfect plans for that occasion. It is hoped to have present a representation from the various organizations that will take part in the parade, including the women's organizations. Mrs. W. B. Council is planning to have the Red Cross well represented in the parade, and ambulance, internes, orderlies and Red Cross nurses. The Daughters of the Confederacy and Daughters of the Revolution are also expected to be in the procession. The Community Club of course, be out in full force.

Hickory's crack military company, headed by a brass band, the bronzed veterans from the Mexican border, will make a fine showing. The Knights of Pythias, headed by the Gastonia Drum Corps, than which there is no better, will make their initial public appearance in grand form, while the Woodmen of the World, with their red, white and blue colors, and the Junior Order, United American Mechanics, the champions of "Old Glory," will be second to none. Wednesday evening's Record will give the full program and line of procession. Get your flags ready for this event.

START MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN THURSDAY

(By the Associated Press)
Washington, May 8.—Congress will be asked to appropriate \$1,000,000,000 for the building of the great American merchant fleet which is to overcome the German submarine menace.

The program evolved by the shipping board contemplates the diversion to government use of the properties of every steel mill in the country, the cancellation of every contract between these mills and private consumers and where necessary the government is to make good the losses.

Estimates by the shipping board are that 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 tonnage of wood and steel vessels will be constructed in the next two years.

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MASONS IN SESSION AT FAYETTEVILLE NOW

(By Associated Press)
Fayetteville, N. C., May 8.—Members of the Masonic order from all parts of the state were arriving here today for the first of three sessions. The chapter of Grand Royal Arch Masons of which Harry E. Reid of Lincolnton is high priest will hold its initial session tonight.

The grand commandry Knights Templar of which Dr. Joseph Rhem of New Bern is grandmaster will meet Thursday morning. The meeting will be attended by three representatives of each branch of the state, all having a total membership of 11,000. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

SOUTHERN ROADS ASK FOR INCREASE

(By Associated Press)
Washington, May 8.—Representatives of southern railroads were heard today by the interstate commerce commission for a general increase of 15 per cent on freight rates. They followed the lead of eastern roads on the ground of increased cost of operations and service to the government.

GERMANS RECAPTURE FRESNO, BERLIN SAYS

(By the Associated Press)
Berlin, via London, May 8.—German troops have recaptured Fresno, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters staff.