

MANY GERMAN TROOPS ARE MOVING WESTWARD

Believed Von Hindenburg is Making Transfer From Russia to Strike Hard Blow Against Allies in France or Belgium—Troops For Italian Campaign Also.

By the Associated Press. Copenhagen, Nov. 20.—Reports from various sources in Germany...

CONFERENCE HAS ASSIGNED ITS MINISTERS

Monroe was selected as the next convention city of the Western North Carolina conference, which came to a close at Asheville Monday after the list of appointments was announced by Bishop Atkins.

Rev. A. W. Plyler, one of the best known ministers in the conference, succeeds Rev. J. H. Bennett as pastor of the Hickory circuit by Rev. J. H. Peeler. Rev. D. F. Carver of West Hickory goes to Maiden.

REPORT OF COLORED SCHOOL FOR OCTOBER

The following is the report of the school for the second month of the school month October 12 to November 9, 1917.

Enrollment Boys 199 girls, 129; Total 229. Absences Boys 236; girls, 520; total, 825.

Teachers T. E. Wagz, presiding elder; A. D. G. Wilson; Boone, H. L. Powell; Cretan, E. E. Yates; Elkins, C. W. L. Scott; Elk Park, A. S. Abernethy; Helton, H. W. Wellman; Jefferson, T. J. Houck; Laura Springs, D. A. Clarke; North Wilkesboro, W. R. Ware; North Wilkesboro mission, Guy Hamilton; Sparta, J. C. Cornet; Watauga, O. C. Fortenberry; Wilkesboro, L. B. Hayes; Wilkes circuit, W. S. Cherry; professor and chaplain of the Appalachian training school, J. M. Downum; missionary to Japan, W. A. Wilson; principal Jefferson school, W. L. Scott.

Sheffley District John F. Kirk, presiding elder; Belmont, A. P. Ratledge; Belwood, D. W. Brown, L. E. Stacy and H. G. Stammy; supernumeraries; Bessemer-Concord, J. D. Rankin; Cherryville, J. P. Moser; Crouse, D. P. Waters; Dallas-High Shoals, R. A. Taylor; Gastonia, East End, A. B. Gess; Franklin, T. C. A. Wood; West End, E. P. Stabler; Main Street, H. H. Jordan; Fred H. Price, junior preacher; Kings Mountain El Bethel, R. A. Swearingin; Lincolnton circuit, J. F. Davis; Lowell-Bethesda, J. W. Kennedy; Lowesville, J. A. Sharpe; McDenville, A. R. Bell; Mount Holly, J. S. Hiatt; Polkville, C. R. Canipe; Rock Springs, W. B. Shinn; Shelby, Central, C. A. Wood; Shelby circuit, N. C. Williams; South Fork, T. A. Plyler; Stanley-Iron Station, L. H. Smith; secretary of education, H. H. Jordan.

Statesville District W. A. Newell, presiding elder. Alexander, J. J. Edwards; Catawba, A. G. Loftin; Cool Springs, W. P. Goode; Davidson-Huntersville, W. A. Jenkins; Dudley Shoals, H. G. Allen; Granite Falls, E. Myers, M. B. Woosley, junior preacher; Hickory circuit, J. A. Peeler; Lenoir station, D. M. Litaiker; Lenoir circuit, Elmer Simpson; Maiden, D. F. Carver; Marvin, to be supplied; Mooresville station, L. A. Falls, J. W. Jones, junior preacher; Mooresville circuit, J. W. Jones; Mt. Zion, T. A. Groce; Newton, J. M. Hoyler; North Lenoir circuit, J. M. Price; Olin, J. C. Postell; Rhodhiss, John H. Green; South Lenoir, Whittell, D. Lewis, supply; Statesville, Broad Street, L. D. Thompson; Grace Street, J. W. Williams; Statesville circuit, D. H. Rhinehardt; Stony Point, E. N. Crowder; Troutman, J. C. Keever; president Davenport college, E. J. Harris; student Trinity college, B. C. Reavis; army Y. M. C. A., O. L. Simpson; J. B. Carver, professor Davenport college.

Transferred T. J. Folger, and J. W. Hoyle to North Carolina Conference. Superannuated, R. S. Abernethy, J. D. Arnold, H. L. Atkins, J. C. Batton, W. M. Bagby, J. J. Brooks, J. D. Bue, S. M. Davis, N. C. Field, T. F. Glenn, S. S. Higgins, W. V. Honeycutt, W. S. Jacobs, R. W. Pickens, D. V. Price, J. P. Reynolds, James Wilson, J. A. Wiggins and B. A. York.

AMERICAN BOAT HEAVY FIGHTING WILL RUSH JOB OF BUILDING VESSELS

Lands More Reported in Italy

By the Associated Press. London, Nov. 20.—The missing boat from the American steamship Rochester which was sent to the bottom by a German submarine...

FIRE DESTROYS QUANTITY OF POWDER

By the Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 20.—Fire of unknown origin last night destroyed a large quantity of powder at Indian Head, Md.

SWITZERLAND EASY AT FAILURE OF BILL

By the Associated Press. Berne, Nov. 20.—The news, received here by the American legation that the United States congress had adjourned without taking any action on the proposal to require military service of foreigners residing in the United States...

Military service by Swiss in America has been a moot subject in the Swiss press for weeks. A dozen papers have discussed the question cautiously...



DO YOUR SHOPPING EARLY

REVIVAL IN PROGRESS ASK CONGRESS TO REPEAL POSTAGE RATE INCREASE

New York, Nov. 20.—Congress was asked to repeal the section of the war tax law increasing postal rates on second class mail matter...

SMALL DESTROYER SUNK IN WAR ZONE

By the Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 20.—Sinking of the American destroyer Chuncey in collision with the war zone early yesterday morning with a probably loss of 21 lives was announced by the navy department today.

LOCAL RED CROSS MAY ENLARGE ITS SCOPE

Whether to convert the Hickory auxiliary into a chapter or allow it to continue as an auxiliary under the supervision of some other chapter will be determined at a special meeting at the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Nov. 20.—Cotton futures opened at a decline of 4 to 17 points under realizing attracted by the advance of yesterday.

WEATHER FORECAST

For North Carolina: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday probably rain moderate northeast winds.

DESPERATE BATTLE FOR VENICE IS IN PROGRESS

Italians and Germans are Fighting Between Piave and Brenta For Possession of Ground That Will Save Famous Art City. Famine in Petrograd.

By the Associated Press. Italian possession of Venice and the security of the Piave line depend apparently on the outcome of the desperate battle now in progress between the Piave and Brenta. The Austro-Germans are making progress here.

FRENCH CHECKED EFFORTS OF PRINCE

By the Associated Press. French Front, Nov. 30.—One of the disappointments which the German crown prince has suffered since the utter defeat of his great efforts to capture Verdun has just been brought to light in documents found on German prisoners.

PRIZES ANNOUNCED IN BABY CONTEST

After several weeks of waiting, the awards have finally been made on the baby contest at the Catawba county Fair, and the parents of several little tots will be made happy in seeing the names of their children recorded in the list of "Blue Ribbon Babies."

BERLIN DENIES LOSS OF MINE SWEEPER

By the Associated Press. London, Nov. 20.—An official report received here from Berlin denies the statement by the British admiralty on Sunday that a German mine sweeper was sunk on Sunday off Helgoland.

TO RELEASE COAL FOR NEW ENGLAND

Washington, Nov. 20.—The fuel administration is considering immediate withdrawal of the priority under which all middle western coal shipments have been going to lake ports for the northwestern territory.

TO PUT ESCAPES ON SCHOOL HOUSES

A representative of a fire escape manufacturing concern was in Hickory today figuring on the cost of erecting escapes at both the North and South schools, and city council will authorize the installation of exits at both buildings.

SOME COKE PRICES ANNOUNCED TODAY

By the Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 20.—Basic prices for by-product coke were announced today by the fuel administration as follows. Run of oven, selected foundry \$7, and crushed over one inch in size, \$6.50.