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GERMANS FAIL SIGNALLY IN FIRST DAY'S BATTLE

TEUTON OR ANGLO-SAXON IS BIG ISSUE AT STAKE

Berlin Newspaper Says It is Single Combat to Decide Which People Shall Impress Their Will on World—British Public Breathe Easier Today

By the Associated Press.
London, March 22.—"We are now entered on a decisive battle for general peace," says a prominent newspaper of Berlin, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch to Copenhagen in announcing that the great offensive in the west is begun. It says the battle will be followed with great solicitude day by day by the German people, and adds:

"A single combat between England and Germany, which is to decide the war, our future position in the world, and whether the Anglo-Saxons shall continue to impress their will upon the world opens today."

BRITISH READ NEWS

By the Associated Press.
London, March 22.—The eagerly awaited British official statement today which was expected to give further details of the tremendous fighting indicated in last night's report was read with great satisfaction in so far as it revealed that the enemy had been held and suffered great losses.

If this turns out to be the great offensive that was predicted, it will show the preliminary round in favor of the entente, though many days of serious fighting are in prospect.

The tremendous artillery duel was heard more distinctly than ever in Kent last night. Houses were continually shaken as a result of the explosion.

BIG EMPLOYING MASSES OF TROOPS HUNS MAKE GAINS

London, March 22.—By employing masses of troops supported by a great weight of artillery, the Germans appear to have penetrated the British front line at certain points between the Scarpe and Vendouille, says Reuters' Limited, correspondent at British headquarters, telegraphing last evening.

PLAY AT DANIEL'S SCHOOL

The public is cordially invited to attend a play given by the Daniel's Community Saturday evening, March 23 at 8 o'clock.

"Valley Farm," a drama in four acts, has a mixture of humor and seriousness. At one time your sides will be bursting with laughter as Mr. Kee's deafness and the next moment your emotions will be moved to see how patiently Hetty bears her trials. The climax is at length reached when Hetty's forbearance overcomes all and she is happily united with her husband.

Come out and enjoy the evening with us. The proceeds will go to bringing our school term. Admission 15 and 25c. Don't forget the date, March 23, 8 p. m. Come, bring your best girl. Parents bring your children.

By the Associated Press.
Charlotte, March 22.—A conference of educational workers in southern mill communities are in session here today. P. P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education, is in charge of the conference. It is well attended by teachers, social workers, mill superintendents and others interested, many workers from a distance being present.

TO YOU IN FRANCE
Helen Dircks in the London Express
Dear, now before the daylight fades away,
I wish that I could come and talk to you
A little while, and tell you just a few
Small things that make me happy in my day.
I want to tell you of the perfect scent
Of those red roses I have picked, and how
An organ's playing in the street just now,
And how this sunny afternoon I went
Into the park, and how the children played;
So that at all times in this bloody war,
When you must kill to live, and have to see
Things you hold best on this green earth betrayed,
You will remember you are fighting
This little world of dear, small things and me.

Mrs. Jennie Martin and son Wm. Royal Martin of Wake Forest, arrived in the city yesterday to visit her daughter, Mrs. John Hartsfield on 11th avenue.

AMERICAN GUNS BRITISH RETAIN ALL GROUND TODAY

By the Associated Press.
London, March 22.—The great battle on the western front continued until late last night, the war office reports. The British are holding the enemy in check.

The following official statement was issued today:

"The fighting continued until a late hour last night on the whole front between the river Oise and the river Senese. Our troops continued to hold the enemy in their battle positions.

"During the enemy attack yesterday his massed infantry offered remarkable targets for our rifles and machine gun artillery, and effective work was done.

"All the reports testified to the exceedingly sanguinary nature of the conflict.

"No serious attack has developed this morning, but heavy fighting is still to be expected."

MANY ARE KILLED IN BIG EXPLOSION

By the Associated Press.
London, March 22.—Thirty German soldiers were killed and more than 100 others injured and 500 munition wagons were blown up in an explosion at the Niegriehs station near Mosk, Belgium, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch.

LABOR DISPUTE AT HICKORY CHAIR CO.

Between 50 and 60 employees of the Hickory Chair Company are out as a result of a demand made on the management last night. The white men presented a petition urging that the colored employees be discharged or that an increase of 10 per cent in wages be granted the white employees. The conditions were rejected.

Since the shortage of labor has been acute, the furniture factories have been forced to employ colored men and women, but it is said they are not worked directly with the white employees. It is a condition employers say, that they cannot help. It is being done elsewhere in furniture factories as a matter of necessity.

The men say the trouble was the result of a row between a white man and a negro.

DEATH OF MRS. DEAL
Mrs. Garland Deal died last night at 11 o'clock at her home in Windy City, aged about 43 years. She was a splendid woman and a fine neighbor. She was a member of Mt. Olive Lutheran church and the funeral will be held there tomorrow at 11 o'clock. She is survived by four children—Clyde, Earl, Clarence and Inez.

DUTCH MEMBER TO ASK A QUESTION

By the Associated Press.
Amsterdam, March 22.—A dispatch from the Hague to the Handelsblatt says one of the most prominent members of parliament intends to ask the government whether it is not time to recall the Dutch minister at Washington and give the American minister to Holland his passports.

KAISER HAS GONE TO WESTERN FRONT

By the Associated Press.
London, March 22.—Emperor William, Field Marshal Hindenburg and General Ludendorff have gone to the western front to witness the offensive, according to an official announcement.

Bulgarian and Austrian troops are now on the western front.

TO HOLD ISLANDS
By the Associated Press.
Amsterdam, March 22.—The main committee of the German reichstag has voted 12 to 1 against a motion made by the independent Socialist Democrats to evacuate the Aland islands and not interfere with the islands.

BERLIN ACCOUNT OF YESTERDAY'S BATTLE

By the Associated Press.
Berlin, March 22.—(By British Admiralty, per Wireless Press)—The British first line has been captured by German troops attacking from the southeast of Arras as far as La-Sere, the war office announces.

Heavy artillery fighting continues in Belgium and French Flanders. Reconnoitering detachments are said to have penetrated to the British second lines.

Ostend was bombarded from the sea.

GERMANS EXECUTE CATHOLIC PRIESTS

By the Associated Press.
London, March 22.—The execution in Brussels of two Roman Catholic priests on the charge of espionage is reported in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch.

LENOIR-RUTHERFORD BASEBALL CONTEST

Tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, the Leonir college baseball team will again battle the Rutherford nine. This will be the rub off game. E. Miller, who fanned out nineteen of Rutherford's men out of twenty four last Tuesday on their own diamond, will again officiate the display of pitching the ball. Similarly the same line up that previously encountered on the home diamond will gain compose both teams. E. Miller and Cline being the batteries for Leonir and B. Rutherford and Yost for Rutherford.

The game as originally scheduled was to be played on April 27, but due to the fact that Rutherford College is closing somewhat earlier than usual and that unexpected other arrangements were secured.

On Monday the local team leaves for an extensive trip, meeting two of the state's heaviest teams, namely, Elon and Guilford. Formerly Leonir has defeated Elon and similar results are anticipated on this trip. The game with Guilford is doubtful but the prospects for the remaining two on this tour are exceedingly promising.

MORE SAILORS DIE ON AMERICAN DESTROYER

By the Associated Press.
Washington, March 22.—Twelve additional deaths as the result of the collision of the destroyer Manly and a British warship March 19.

Washington, March 22.—The navy department was advised today of three or four deaths among the crew of the destroyer Manly, who were reported injured yesterday in the explosion of a depth charge when the destroyer collided March 19 with a British warship. An officer and three men were killed.

IT IS TIME

Catawba County News.
Dr. Alexander, president of the Farmers' Union has a right to his own opinion as to raising funds to carry on the war, but the United States government has not adopted his plan but has a plan which it is following and it is about time for our good friend, the doctor, to get in line with his government in carrying on this war.

NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press.
New York, March 22.—The cotton market was extremely unsettled early today in the early trading. March contracts made a new high record on the call, selling 34.10, but immediately eased off on reports of rain in the southwest. A sharp break in March at New Orleans increased nervousness around the ring and this delivery sold much lower before the end of the first hour.

Close	34.07
March	34.07
May	32.90
July	32.23
October	31.02
December	30.73

HICKORY MARKETS
Cotton -----32c
Wheat -----\$2.40
Corn -----\$.75

WEATHER FORECAST

For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Saturday, little change in temperature, gentle northwest winds becoming variable.

BRITISH LINES ARE FIRM AGAINST GERMAN ATTACK

Severe Losses Inflicted on Enemy Who Are Held in in Position—Haig Knew What Was Coming—Lively Artillery Action At Other Points in West

By the Associated Press.
The first stage of the great German offensive on the western front has passed, and it is to be scored as a German failure, the enemy having fallen short of realizing his aims in the first great clash, according to dispatches from the front.

After attacking all day yesterday until a late hour last night, the Germans let down in their smashing operations along the 59 mile front at the last advances from Sir Douglas Haig today. Further hard fighting was ahead, however, the field marshal predicted. The enemy was still being held in the British battle position, which means that the British line is intact, although admittedly it has been bent in some places.

The battle line has not moved only in one direction, however the British have struck spiritedly at the German masses and regained positions.

The dispatches from British headquarters purposely omit giving out the points of the line bent because that would furnish information to the enemy.

While the infantry is being held temporarily in check, the artillery battle is still raging, according to indications in the news dispatches. Great masses of Austrians are declared to have been used. The Bulgarians too have been brought in the field by the German commander, it is declared, the understanding being they are to be used as strategic reserves.

Although the indications are that the central powers have massed all possible forces of men and guns for the effort. The prospect seems, however, that they will need every one of the mif they keep up their attack long with their initial force, as all reports indicate the German losses have been terrific.

British soldiers have met and withstood the most stupendous attack Germany has hurled against the western front in three and one-half years of the war.

On a front of 50 miles the armed hosts of democracy are at grips with the forces of Prussianism and what may be the decisive struggle in the great war is raging in northern France. In their first onslaught the enemy after a gigantic bombardment from great masses of guns passed the British outposts at some points, but at no point did the enemy gain his objective.

Regiment after regiment was hurled against the defenses of the British front and Field Marshal Haig reports the German losses as very heavy. Desperate fighting continues all along the line from the Oise to the Senese, and especially at Cambrai. Enemy efforts at Cambrai were aimed at the salients of Cambrai, especially the salient north of that place.

Germany's latest offensive finds both sides are prepared for the shock of prolonged and sanguinary combat. For months the Germans have been training troops and moving up guns and supplies behind their lines between Arras and St. Quentin. The British also have been active and were prepared for any blow, and had anticipated it.

Behind the British lines is the devastated area over which the Germans retreated last March. Field Marshal Hindenburg declared at the time the devastation was carried out not only to hamper the allied armies, but to provide a battlefield for the future.

German artillery fire also has been intense on a lengthy front north of LaBasse canal and in the Ypres fronts in Flanders. German attacks also were carried out at Verdun and Lorraine. The French repulsed both.

British monitors and aircraft have made a combined attack on Ostend, Belgium, a German aerial and submarine base, and British sea planes have attacked enemy mine sweepers near Halgoland with machine gun fire. In the attack on Ostend British airmen brought down five enemy planes.

HICKORY PEOPLE HELP CLOTHE BELGIANS

Hickory merchants and housekeepers opened their hearts yesterday and gave of their abundance for clothing the unfortunate Belgians. This was evident today when the ladies of the Red Cross and Dr. Nicholson and Secretary Joy were packing the articles into some eight large boxes and half a dozen barrels. Nearly everybody in town gave, declared the ladies, and the things donated were worth while. The unfortunate Belgians will love Hickory people if these articles reach them, and the Germans have given a pledge that they will.

Many stores made splendid contributions and among those donating were Thompson-West Company, J. A. Bowles, Setzer & Russell, W. T. Sledge, Yoder-Clark, J. F. Allen, Moretz-Whitener, R. W. Stevenson, W. L. & T. W. Boatright, A. C. Kelly.

PEARL WHITE IN NEW SERIAL AT PASTIME

Interest of motion picture fans centers in Pearl White's next appearance in Pathe's biggest serial film play of mystery and thrills "The House of Hate," in which it is announced this charming star will be seen beginning Monday March 25 at the Pastime Theatre, with Antonio Moreno, the dark and debonair son of Spain, who is so popular among the fair sex.

This is the first time these famous players have appeared together and the first time Mr. Moreno has ever been seen in a continued photoplay.

There are many other points of interest about "The House of Hate" that it is a perfect example of this distinct type of motion picture which is as important in the film world as the continued story to a magazine.

The picture has a mystery which is more deeply interwoven in the plot than any former serial.

The head of the house of Waldon, for generations makers of munitions, receives this mysterious note: "Make way for the true Waldon, born of the lust for profit out of blood. I shall snuff out your light and rule in your place. I am come to claim my own."

Who and what is this mysterious and awful man—or is it a man?—who vows vengeance upon the house of Waldon and upon the beautiful girl, who, through the violent death of her father, becomes his heir. That is the question everyone who sees this serial will ask. His man's attempts to destroy Pearl and throw suspicion on the man she loves and hers to defend herself—bring a thrill in every scene and a climax at the end of each episode.

For instance, at the end of the first the man of mystery kidnaps Pearl, who fights with Greshman, the hero, played by Antonio Moreno, and she is placed in a position of peril as the scene fades from view.

This is the way every episode moves. Thrills, punch, fast action, plus a dramatic story, make "The House of Hate" a film that will hold the attention of motion picture goers.

COMMUNITY CLUB PLAY AT ACADEMY

The rehearsal last night for "Otherwise Elizabeth," the musical comedy to be presented at the Academy tonight by home talent, showed that the actors had their parts well in hand and the public is insured a good entertainment. Members of the Community Club, under whose auspices it is being given, are urged to attend in large numbers to support their interest. Everybody is invited. The program appears on the third page of today's Record.

MRS. GEORGE BAILEY.

COMMITTEES NAMED FOR BOND CAMPAIGN

Mr. J. D. Elliott, chairman of the Catawba County Liberty Loan Committee has appointed the following committees to take charge of the work of the third Liberty Loan campaign:

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Advertising Committee—J. J. Willard, A. M. West, Hugh D'Anna.

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