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DESPERATE STRUGGLE WITH PARIS AS GOAL

GREAT BATTLE IS RAGING ALONG 25-MILE FRONT

French and Germans Locked in Desperate Struggle Near Montdidier—French Forced Back Slightly Here, But Elsewhere Hold. British Line Firm

By the Associated Press. The Germans last night renewed their powerful attacks in the Montdidier region, where their wedge had been pushed farthest towards Paris, and a great battle is raging along the 25 mile front which has Montdidier at its point. The French, backed up by reserves, are resisting valiantly. Apparently the French line has been forced back slightly on the northern edge of this front, as the Paris bulletin mentions the town of Moreuil as forming a part of the line here. This place is on the Avre river, about 11 miles southeast of Amiens, and its occupation by the Germans would advance them slightly nearer the allied base.

THREW ROCKS AT YOUTH WHO SHOOT

At 10 o'clock, 18-year-old son of Mr. J. H. Miller, 19 years old, in Hickory last night about 11 o'clock when the latter and several other boys were rocking him. The young man was arrested, but was released this morning on bond in the sum of \$1,000, there being no reason why he should be held. Young Miller had been to the movie theatre with his girl. He was returning from her home when in the dark rocks rained about him. More to frighten than anything else, he discharged his Colt's automatic 25 calibre in the direction from which the stones came and Miller dropped to the ground badly injured. As Miller and his companion were coming to Hickory, these young men passed them about three times in an automobile and threw sand and rags at them. Threats to rock Bolch also had been made, the young man said. On Bolch's return from his companion's home, he was set upon again and this time he fired. The steel bullet struck Miller's side, cut through the kidneys and probably lodged at the base of the spinal column. The wound is serious, an X-ray picture showing this. Dr. Meeker is attending the injured man at his office. Miller's chances are about even for recovery. Mr. Bolch has been machinist for the Elliott Knitting Mill for three years and bears an excellent character. Any number of men were ready to sign his bond. The young fellows who did the rocking might be all right otherwise, but they were in bad luck, as it proved, in rocking a young man.

SURPRISE IS SPRUNG IN SHAPE OF SKULL

The appearance of a skull and cross bones, summoning members of what is supposed to be a local council of vigilantes or some such order, to a meeting tonight in "Pioneer Cave" to discuss "Pro-Germans" attracted quite a deal of attention in Hickory today. The notice went on several local windows during the night, and the officers are working on the case. The work is artistically done. The poster contained a large size skull, over which were letters, "A B F B," and under which were crossed bones. In the lower left hand corner was a witch stirring a boiling pot. Other words on the poster said "Meet tonight at Pioneer Cave." For several nights there have been reports of action in Hickory, and it is said that persons have expressed themselves freely as to what would happen to pro-Germans if they should not keep still as a mouse. Groups on the streets have talked and there is no doubt that the tension has been great. Whether the organization supposed to have been formed is city wide or includes the entire county, or whether its ramifications extend to other states, is not known. Things have been happening in western states. At any rate, it is hoped that the warning will be sufficient.

COMING

The attraction par excellence of the entire season will visit the Hub Theatre April 10 and 11th in the return engagement there of D. W. Griffith's "Birth of a Nation." This is the mighty spectacle that employs motion picture, mechanical effects in a real and thrilling presentation of Civil War and Reconstruction days. Your last opportunity to see this great picture.

WEATHER FORECAST

For North Carolina:	Partly cloudy tonight; Sunday probably local rains, moderate northeast	
COMPARATIVE WEATHER		
March 29,	1918	1917
High	61	68
Low	35	36
This morning 34.		

LEXINGTON MAN COMMITTED TO JAIL

By the Associated Press. Lexington, N. C., March 30.—J. Graham Hege, who shot and killed J. F. Deaderick, cashier of a local bank at the home of the former on Tuesday, March 19, was denied bail at a preliminary hearing of the case today before Recorder J. H. Moyer and returned to jail to await the action of the grand jury at the next term of Davidson county superior court, which meets May 27. The defense offered no testimony. We will not now disclose our hands," said a member of state's counsel. The lawyers representing the defendant announced they would seek to prove absolute jurisdiction on the ground that the dead man had wrecked Hege's home.

AMERICANS WARM UP IN OHIO TOWN

By the Associated Press. Coshocton, Ohio, March 30.—A mob of between 500 and 600 persons late last night and early this morning visited 16 homes in this city and forced between 25 and 30 alleged pro-Germans to sign the flag and say "To hell with the Kaiser."

ALL THREE SCHOOLS WIN AND LOSE TOO

Hickory, Lenoir and Morganton each won and lost in the triangle debates last night at all three places. Worland Eaton and Paul Deaton won here against Messrs. Dobson and Denton, two to one, and Clay Campbell and Willie Shell lost at Lenoir, also two to one. Mr. Chas. W. Bagby presided over the contest here and Miss Clarissa Abernethy acted as secretary. The judges were Messrs. J. D. Elliott, W. A. Self and I. A. Avery of Morganton.

SIXTEEN AIRPLANES DOWNED BY BRITISH

By the Associated Press. London, March 30.—Sixteen German airplanes were put out of action yesterday by the British, it is announced officially.

TO PREACH SUNDAY TO KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Rev. C. T. Squires will preach a special sermon tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 in the Presbyterian church to the Hickory commandery, Knights Templar, and the public is cordially invited to attend. Templars will be here from Lenoir, Lincoln and other places and it is expected a large audience will hear the well known Lenoir minister and Templar.

German Spies Work in Plant

By the Associated Press. Newark, N. J., March 30.—Admission that a group of German spies have been employed in the plant of the Curtiss Engineering Company at Hempstead, Long Island, has been obtained from Mrs. Lydia White, a woman arrested with blueprints in her possession, according to the police.

DEATH PENALTY FOR SPIES-URGED

By the Associated Press. Washington, March 30.—The death penalty for many acts of espionage will be proposed in legislation to be brought before congress. Senator Overman of North Carolina, acting as head of the senate judiciary committee, said today after hearing testimony of several government agents in charge of active spy work.

TO PLAY DAVIDSON HERE ON MONDAY

Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the Lenoir team will meet the strong Davidson team on the local diamond. The game is called early in order that the Davidson boys might catch train number 12 and return home the same evening. Despite the fact the boys had tough luck on the tour of eastern North Carolina, a good game is promised. When considering their defects on this trip several important things are to be considered. One is they were away from home playing on new diamonds. Another is because they met three of the strongest teams in the state. And still another is because five of the men were new fellows and this was their first experience in this line. The boys have returned not gloomy as would be expected, but full of hope. Yesterday and today Coach Carver has been working the boys hard for the game Easter Monday, and on that day they will be in excellent trim. The lineup will be as follows:

HICKORY AND NEWTON ARE RUNNING CLOSE

Hickory is leading today with its sales at one o'clock totaling \$1,500, and Newton is close second with 1,200, and Maiden at ten o'clock had \$1,000 in sales and Catawba had \$250. It is hoped that Hickory will maintain her lead, although Newton and Maiden are working exceedingly hard. That thousand dollars worth will cost you \$830 Monday. Today is the last working day the stamps sell for \$4.14 each. Postmaster Bagby will be in his office between 8 and 10 o'clock for the purpose of selling W. S. S. Do not let Hickory be defeated.

U. N. C. VIRGINIA GAME WILL ADVERTISE LOAN

Greensboro, March 30.—The occasion of the Virginia-Carolina baseball game April 13 will be used to advertise the third liberty loan, and will be of statewide significance. From the university will come 500 men who are in military training and they will lead a parade through the city. The liberty loan canvass will begin April 15 and the visit of the university students at an opportune time. A special committee has been appointed to provide prizes for decorative floats. An application has been made to the war department for a drum corps and band from Camp Greene. The line of parade will include Greensboro College for Women and the State Normal college. Hundreds of people are expected here from parts of North Carolina to witness the game.

JAPAN IS FRIENDLY, WILL NOT INTERFERE

By the Associated Press. London, March 30.—Premier Terachi, and Foreign Minister M'tono of Japan, according to a Daily Mail dispatch from Tokio dated Tuesday, have announced that Japan is friendly to the bolshevik government and sees no reason for interfering in Siberia for the present.

SENATORS TOLD OF GERMAN EFFORTS

By the Associated Press. Washington, March 30.—The situation on the battle fronts in Picardy, as shown by official reports from Generals Pershing and Bliss was graphically pictured to members of the senate military committee at their regular weekly war conference with war officers. No effort was made to minimize the German inroads into the allied lines. Senator Hitchcock said afterwards that press accounts of the battle were accurate apparently, however, the senator said, in the minds of military leaders here over a possible French offensive at the proper time. Brigadier General Wheeler, acting chief of ordnance, was closely questioned by senators on the production of cannon for American troops. The senators feel, it is said, that the production should be increased.

AHEAD OF PROGRAM IN LAUNCHING SHIPS

By the Associated Press. Washington, March 30.—The shipping board exceeded its launching program in March by 52,000 tons, but fell behind in its schedule in completed ships owing to difficulty in obtaining steel plates.

NO MORE MEATLESS DAYS FOR A MONTH

Washington, March 30.—Suspension of the meatless day regulations for 30 days, beginning today was ordered last night by the food administration in instructions, telegraphed to all state food administrators.

FORMAL OPENING OF LENOIR METHODIST

The formal opening of the fine new Methodist church in Lenoir will take place tomorrow (Sunday). Rev. W. A. Newell, presiding elder of the Statesville district, will preach the opening sermon at 11 o'clock. In the evening at 7:30, the other pastors and congregations of the town will worship with the Methodists in celebration of the event. The visiting pastors will be heard in short addresses. We wish to extend a very warm welcome to our friends in neighboring towns to visit us either morning or evening of this great day of ours. D. M. LITAKER, Pastor.

Church of the Ascension, Episcopal

Rev. S. E. Stroup, Rector. Easter Day. 8:30 a. m. Holy Communion. 10:00 a. m. Sunday school. 11:00 a. m. Morning prayer, Holy Communion and sermon. All are cordially invited to these services and take comfort from the spirit of the day. The church will be tastefully decorated, and will be rendered an unusually attractive program. The service will begin with: Processional — "Welcome Happy Morning." Christ our Passover. De Denum. Caleb Simper Jubilate. Hymn—"The Strife is O'er." Introit—Easter Lilies. Sermon. Offertory anthem. "He is Risen," choir. At the Lambs' High Feast. Gloria in Excelsis Deo. Recessional hymn. "Come Ye Faithful."

GERMANS RENEW BATTLE AGAINST FRENCH FRONT

Attack Violently on Line Twenty-five Miles Long—Germans Push British Back at One Point, Are Repulsed at Another—Quiet Last Night

GERMAN TROOPS ARE MOVING AGAIN

By the Associated Press. London, March 30.—The Germans are still rushing forward artillery and reorganizing their forces, Reuters' correspondent at headquarters telegraphs. The slowing down in the battle, he says, is probably a lull before another great attack. The situation on the British sector of the new battle front this morning was more satisfactory from an entente standpoint.

GERMANS CLAIM 70,000 CAPTURED IN DRIVE

Berlin, March 29.—(Via London) —Since the beginning of the great battle now in progress the German forces have taken 70,000 prisoners and 1,190 guns, says today's army headquarters report. In local engagements on both sides of the Scarpe, according to the statement, the Germans broke through the foremost British positions and took several thousand prisoners. South of the Somme the Germans drove the British out of their old positions and from bravely defended villages in a westerly and north-westerly direction by way of Warfusse-Abancourt and Plessier. The British, the statement adds, continued their fruitless and costly counter-attacks near Albert and to the north of it. Between the Somme and the Avre the Germans have attacked again.

AFTER THE KAISER

"We are going after Bill." "If we don't catch the Kaiser, there won't be any need for anybody else to try." These were the principal decorations on a seven carloads of colored registrants who passed through Hickory today for a western training camp. One car was composed of Salisbury darkies. All the negroes were having a good time. Mr. J. E. Poole arrived today from Norfolk to spend Easter with his parents.

Situation Was Better Today

By the Associated Press. British Army Headquarters in France, March 30.—The situation today from the entente viewpoint is reported more satisfactory. Along the battle front last night was more quiet, the British announce. There is a most heartening display of determination and optimism by the British. In the vicinity of Albert today the Germans were reported to be digging in from Thiepval to LaBoiselle.

Save Daylight Start Tonight

By the Associated Press. Washington, March 30.—Turn the hands of your clocks and watches forward before retiring tonight and add one hour of daylight to the nation and proceed to sleep with the satisfying knowledge that one hour has been added to the nation's resources to fight Germany. Caution to the public to move clocks ahead will be left to the newspapers. President Wilson had planned to issue a proclamation, but decided that the newspapers would time is fixed, will not actually be carry the message.

GRUESOME PICTURE OF BATTLE FIELDS

By the Associated Press. London, March 30.—The Morning Post's correspondent in France draws a gruesome picture of the battle fields. "Prisoners state that the country side is full of bodies and that the air is horrible with the odor of the dead," he writes. "Wells cannot be used. The ruined villages are impossible as billies because they are strewn with German dead. The enemy has only recently found time to bury any of his dead."

BRITISH STATEMENT

By the Associated Press. London, March 30.—The Germans attacking yesterday at Demuin and Mezieres pressed back the British from Mezieres, the war office announces. The enemy attempt to capture Demuin broke down after sharp fighting, which lasted throughout the afternoon. The statement follows: "North of the Somme only local actions have taken place. South of the Somme the enemy's attack yesterday at Demuin and Mezieres succeeded in pressing back our troops at the latter village. We succeeded in capturing prisoners. At Demuin all the enemy's attempts to capture the village broke down through our heavy fire. "During the past week our cavalry have fought with great gallantry, both mounted and dismounted, and repulsed the enemy with losses."