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ENEMY OBTAINS FOOTING ON KEMMEL HILL TODAY

British War Office Announces Partial Success For Germans in Effort to Put Ypres in Pocket—Heavy Artillery Fighting on French Front

By the Associated Press.

London, April 26.—A footing has been obtained on Kemmel hill by the Germans in an attack on the northern battle front, the war office announced today.

The fighting is still continuing in this region.

The allied forces were engaged all day yesterday with greatly superior enemy forces along this front from Bailleul to Hollebeke (a distance of about 10 miles) and finally were compelled to give ground.

German posts which were holding out southeast of Villers-Bretonneux or rather from southeast of the Somme after its capture by the British were cleared up.

FRENCH IN ACTION

By the Associated Press.

With the British Army in France, April 26.—The French this morning delivered a counter attacking at Mount Kemmel from attempt to reclaim the position taken by the Germans.

Yesterday's fighting was of a desperate nature and the enemy gains were only at a frightful cost.

ARTILLERY ACTIVE

By the Associataed Press.

Paris, April 26.—Heavy artillery fighting south of the Somme is reported by the war office.

ANOTHER LOAN IS MADE TO BELGIUM

By the Associated Press.

Washington, April 26.— Belgium was granted another credit of $3,000,000 by the treasury today, making her total borrowings from the United States $107,850,000 and credits to all the allies to $5,288,850,000.

I HAVE A SON

I have a son who goes to France
Tomorrow.
I have clasped his hand—
Mong us I will understand—
And wished him, smiling, lucky chance
In France.

My son!
At last the house is still—
Just the dog and I in the garden—dark—
Stars and my pipe's red spark—
The house his young heart used to fill
Is still.

He said, one day: "I've got to go
To France—Dad, you know how I feel!"
I knew
Like sun and steel
And morning. "Yes,"... I said, "I know. You'll go."

I'd waited just to hear him speak
Like that.
God, what if I had had
Any sort of lad,
Sometimes too soft, too meek and weak
To speak

And yet—
He could not guess the blow
He'd struck.
Way, he's my only son!
And we had just begun
To be dear friends. But I dared not show
The blow.

But now—tonight—
No, by it's right;
I never had a higher thing
To bear. And men must fling
Themselves away in the grieving night
Of fight.

A handsome boy—but I, who knew
His spirit—well, they can not mar
The clearness of a star
That's shine to me, always and true
Who knew.

I've given him.
Yes, and had I more
I'd give them, too—for there's a love
That asking asks above
The human measure of our store—
And more.

Yes; it hurts!
Here in the dark, alone—
No one to see my wet old eyes—
I'll watch the morning rise—
And only God shall hear my groan
Alone.

I have a son who goes to France
Tomorrow
I have clasped his hand—
Most men will understand—
And wished him, smiling, ducky chance
In France.

—Emory Pottle, in Sataurday Evening Post.

Mr. N. W. Clark has returned from Abbeville, S. C., where he was called by the illness and death of his father, Mr. A. W. Clark.

HICKORY BOY IS WITNESS OF BATTLE

Mr. R. F. Edminsten of Hickory not only is on a battleship doing convoy work for American transports, but is having some excitement occasionally with German submarines. In letters reaching his mother, Mrs. W .H. Edminsten, the young man tells of life on a warship, of doings at ports in France, describes the soldiers on transports and tells of the superlative nerve and confidence of all of Uncle Sam's fighters, whether mere soldiers or sailors or officers.

In a letter written from somewhere in France on April 7 Mr. Edminsten tells of two encounters with submarines, the first of which he witnessed and the second missed. He was on deck at the time of the first and a big Dane saw a white trail in the water. Then in a second a periscope was observed about 500 yards away and the convoying squadron turned loose a bedlam of noise, the destroyers rushing to the spot and dropping death bombs. "Secure" was sounded and all hands went about their work as if nothing had happened.

It was while the young man was below that the real fight took place and the crews were confident a submersible was destroyed. It might be so, but Mr. Edminsten says there are lots of rumors about killing submarines, and he won't vouch for the story. At any rate the same performance was gone through and it was reported that one more pirate had been sent to Davy Jones' locker.

Mr. Edmisten tells of the good service rendered by American convoys and assures his mother that sailors and soldiers are comparatively safe in the Atlantic. It is almost impossible for an enemy to draw near. And the U-boats are not sinking many ships, compared to what are being suilt. Mr. Edminsten sees hundreds of vessels every day, knows that England is building new ships rapidly and is confident the United States is turning them out now rapidly too.

There is no doubt in his mind that the Hun will be beaten to a frazzle. That's the spirit of the army and navy and means that the kaiser cannot win.

Incidentally Mr. Edmisten inclosed a clipping from a New York paper, the same being a squib from the Record, and that did not make his Hickory heart feel bad at all.

BADGES OF HONOR

Mr. Charles W. Bagby, Postmaster,
Hickory, N. C.

Dear Mr. Bagby:

In answer to your inquiry as to what I think of Thrift Stapps and War Savings Stamps, I am glad to say that I consider them badges of honor, worthy of a place in every home in the country. It is the patriotic duty of every family to "go the limit," however large or small that limit may be.

While our people do not need to be reminded that anything and everything that we do at this time should be done with an eye single to the winning of the war and the complete annihilation of the Hun, some of them may not understand the importance of buying War Savings Stamps and the smaller denomination known as Thrift Stamps. Every purchase of one of these stamps means just that amount of help and comfort given to our boys in the trenches. The money invested in these stamps goes to provide food, clothes and bullets for our men. We should indulge in these investments without stint.

War Savings Stamps represent one of the easiest, most convenient and safest forms of investments ever devised by any government or bank. They are non-taxable; they may be purchased in large or small quantities; they may be purchased by any member of the family for himself or for every member of the family, and they are as secure as the rock of Gibraltar. Stamps may be purchased at any postoffice or bank, and of any authorized agent. War Savings Certificates may be registered, giving added security to the investor.

Aside from the patriotic duty involved, and the safety of the investment, should be mentioned the opportunity offered our people to acquire the thrift habit. A systematic saving habit is a long step in the direction of making a solid foundation for life and should be cultivated in every home. Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps offer a most excellent way to begin.

Sincerely yours,
J. J. WILLARD.

Hickory, N. C., April 26, 1918.

Mr. C. P. Miller of Lincolnton was the guest last night of his brother, Mr. W. E. Miller .

MAKE LOAN TWO BILLION BY NIGHT

By the Associated Press.

Washington, April 26.— Liberty Day opened with a total of $1,956,776,659 subscriptions already raised on the nation's third big war credit or short $43,300,000 of the two billion mark which will be raised before night.

PARIS BOMBARDED BY LONG RANGE GUN

By the Associated Press.

Paris, April 26.—The long range bombardment of Paris was resumed during the night Up to 6 o'clock as far as ascertained nobody had been killed and no damage had been done.

ANOTHER GOOD DRILL WAS HELD LAST NIGHT

Three squads of the home guards were put through a series of exercises last night by Lieutenant Councill and some new tricks were learned; at least the drill master attempted to teach them. The work began exactly on time—at 8:15—and there were only two men late, and it is urgent that every man who attends be ready to fall in rank as the bugle sounds. The members appreciate the efforts of Lieutenant Councill and marvel at his patience. He knows the work and puts it to the guards in fine manner.

LIBERTY DAY IN SOUTH OBSERVED

By the Associated Press.

Atlanta, April 26.—Liberty Day was observed in almost all southern cities today with parades. Mass meetings and community singing pointed to large sales of bonds everywhere resulting from the celebrations.

Cities still below their quotas made efforts to reach the mark and places which already have won the honor flag are striving to increase their sales.

DEMONSTRATION AGENT'S PROGRAM

Office on Monday, Tuesday morning. Mt. Olive Sewing Class (special) 2 p. m. Conover Home Economics Club.

Wednesday 2 p. m. Minerva. Home Economics Club.

Thursday morning, Yount Sewing Class. (Special.)

2 p. m| Rockett Home Economics Club.

Friday 2 p. m. Hollar Home Economics Club.

Miss Anna Rowe will be with me again next week. We will give a fireless cooker demonstration, studying meat and meat substitutes at all the afternoon meetings. We have had most interesting, well attended meetings this week. Come and make this work a success in your community.

MISS MARY ROWE.
Home Dem. Agent.

ELECTROCUTED TODAY IN STATE PRISON

By the Associated Press.

Raleigh, April 26.—Convicted at the March term of criminal court of Buncombe county on the charge of assaulting a white girl, Willie Williams of Asheville, was electrocuted at the state penitentiary. The negro, according to Superintendent Busbee, made a complete confession.

The execution of Marcus Edwards, a white man of Raleigh, was stayed pending an appeal to the North Carolina supreme court for a new trial. Edwards was convicted in Wake superior court on the charge of slaying his wife.

Somebody left a broken down automobile on Fifteenth street at the First Baptist church and the thing remained there from yesterday afternoon unti lthis morning, partly blocking the street and catching its share of the rain.

AMERICAN TROOPS RAID HUN TRENCH

By the Associated Press.

With the French, Sunday, April 21.—American troops today made a successful trench raid near the height of the Meuse in the vicinity of Vaux les-Palameix (on the front below Verdun, nine miles north of St. Mihiel.) The French harrassed the enemy in the same way at a number of places in Lorraine and in the Vosges.

KAISER ASSERTS ALLIES WILL SUFFER

By the Associated Press.

Amsterdam, April 26.—"The people who wish to destroy us are digging their own graves," said Emperor William as quoted in an interview with Karl Rosner, which the Dusseldorfer Zeitung publishes.

The emperor who was commenting on the large amount subscribed to the new war loan said further:

"Our victory in the field and the victories of the Germans at home must make those over yonder realize we cannot be driven to economic isolation."

CASUALTY LIST IS ABOUT NORMAL

By the Associated Press.

Washington, April 26.—The casualty list today contains 75 names divided as follows:

Killed in action, 9; died of wounds, 6; died of disease, 3; wounded seseverely, 33; wounded slightly, 25.

Seven officers were named in today's casualty lists, five of them being severely injured. The severely wounded are:

Capt. Henry H. Worthington and Lieuts. Orlando C. Brown, Edward M. Freeman, John J. Hyde, and Harry F. Kelly.

Slightly wounded: Lieuts. William H. Kirk and Alfred P. Kivlan.

In addition to the seven officers named—another Julian N. Down—previously reported killed in action was reported a prisoner in Germany and suffering with severe injuries.

KEMMEL HILL OCCUPIED BY GERMANS

By the Associated Press.

London, April 26.—The German in their attack on the northern battle front have occupied Kemmel hill, it was announced at the war office this afternoon.

"COUSIN KATE" ENJOYED BY SMALL AUDIENCE

The play "Cousin Kate" was presented by the Hickory school faculty at the Academy last night to a fair sized audience. The cast was small but select. Miss Lenore Sourbeer and Mr. I. M. Ritchie played the leads and are worthy of special mention, although the rest of the cast were equally as good in their parts, The proceeds are to go for equipping the new high school science department. Music was furnished by the high school and Lenoir College orchestra and some pretty selections were rendered.

Miss Dorothy Renn and Mr. Lawrence Thorneburg played opposites; Miss Renn as the young village girl and Mr. Thorneburg as the parson, were good.

It is needless to say that Manly Whitener as a school boy carried out his part. Miss Lillian Field played an old lady's part and looked it too. Miss Mildred Bowles acted as the maid.

YESTERDAY'S LEADERS IN WAR S. STAMPS

Although the sales of War Savings Stamps fell off in the county and city yesterday, the total for the whole of Catawba was $1,400. Claremont again led the district offices, the fine work of Postmaster Setzer being in evidence, and Mr. W. A. Hahn headed the list of rural carriers and Mr. H. H. Bowman led the city carriers in the sales.

NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press.

New York, April 26.—The cotton market was nervous and unsettled today. Liverpool was better than due and the opening here was irregular, with early months $2 a bale above last night's close. The bulge, however, met a renewal of active general selling under which May eased off and July sold 10 points net lower and into new low records.

The close was steady.

	Open	Close
May	26.10 to 26.40	26.60
July	26.25 to 26.40	26.41
October	25.76	25.80
December	25.48	25.53
uanary	25.30	25.47

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	28c
Wheat	$2.40
Corn	$1.75

HOLLAND PLACES EMBARGO ON SUPPLIES

By the Associated Press.

Washington, April 26.—Holland has embargoed the exportation from the Dutch East Indies of tin ore, zinchona bark, quinine, quinine bark, and kopok, all of which are needed in large quantities by the United States for war purposes.

CLARK DECLINES TO TAKE STONE'S PLACE

By the Associated Press

Washington, April 26.—Speaker Clark today declined Governor Gardner's proffer of the Missouri senatorship to fill the vacancy caused by Senator Stone's death.

GOOD WHEAT CROP EXPECTED THIS SEASON

Prospects for a wheat crop in this section were never better, according to Mr. J. F. Abernethy. This grain is in fine condition and if nothing happens between now and harvest there will be a great yield in western North Carolina. The clover crop is only fair, with the ordinary red variety being better than crimson. Corn is coming up, though not much has been planted, and some cotton seed have been planted. The frequent rains and more frequent changes in temperature have delayed farm work.

CARNEGIE HONORS TAR HEEL HERO

By the Associated Press.

Pittsburgh, April 26.—The Carnegie hero fund commission recognized 26 acts of heroism at its spring meeting here today.

A silver medal was awarded to the father of Proctor, deceased, of Colon, N. C., who died while attempting to save Floyd V. Shippe from being killed by a train at Clifton, Va., May 7, 1917.

AMERICANS WOUNDED IN BATTLE REACH HOSPITAL

Paris, April 26.—American soldiers wounded in the great battle which now is being waged are already arriving at the rear. American wounded and sick to the number of 128 have reached hospital No. 25. They are from units engaged in fighting side by side with French and British in stemming the German advance.

Hospital 25 is one of the new institutions established behind the line as it stood after the allies stopped the recent German drive in Picardy.

Few Americans remained at the hospitals very long, being taken farther to the rear.

Sixteen students of Smith college are working in day and night shifts at this point and are operating a well arranged canteen at the railroad station for the soldiers coming through on hospital trains.

Mrs. Clark, the Misses Justice, Brogan and Scott, and M. L. Ralthis, and E. W. Lowery of the American Red Cross, have rendered notable service at the hospital.

SELF IS SPEAKER AT CONOVER SCHOOL

Conover, April 26.—A large audience heard Mr. W. A. Self of Hickory deliver a patriotic address at the Conover graded school this morning, a hard rain not being capable of keeping the people away. At this time $75 was subscribed to the Red Cross and L. F. Long of Newton presented a Red Cross flag.

The occasion this morning was the closing of the graded school. To-night a play will be given and the public is invited.

Conover lacks only $800 of raising its quota of Liberty Bonds and the townspeople and farmers are confident of being able to more than put Conover first.

Rev. W. R. Bradshaw made the four-minute talk at the Pastime last night. As usual what he said was to the point and was liberally applauded.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY PUBLISHERS

By the Associated Press.

New York, April 26.—Frank P. Glass of the Birmingham News was electer president of the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

Geo. A. McAnney of the New York Times, vice president; John Stuart Ryan of the Richmond News Leader, secretary; Edward P. Call of the New York Commercial, treasurer.

FIGHTING IS DESPERATE ON FRONT IN FLANDERS

Although Germans Have Footing on Kemmel Hill, London War Office Won't Admit Defeat—Line Holds Fairly Well at Other Places—Other War News

By the Associated Press.

Heavy fighting is still in progress today along the ridge line of the Flanders front, where the peak of Mount Kemmel is the German objective.

The peak evidently is yet disputed ground, but with the German threat against it more menacing, it is considered by the British official report that the enemy has secured a footing on the hill.

Although faced by a superior force in the 10-mile sector between Bailleul and Hollebeke the Anglo-French troops holding this line battled stubbornly all day yesterday, giving ground only when compelled to do so by weight of numbers.

The line seems to have been held fairly well to the southwest of Mount Kemmel, which is virtually impregnable to frontal attacks, but to the northeast the Germans apparently were able to push forward in the neighborhood of Virstraat to enable them to approach the right flank.

The allied effort naturally will be to concentrate on this enemy wedge and drive it back again sufficiently to ease the pressure on Mount Kemmel. That they have not conceded the height to the Germans is evident by the wording of the London official statement, which admits only an enemy footing there and reports the battle in progress.

Definite possession of Kemmell hill by the Germans might mean that the British would have to abandon the Ypres salient, according to correspondents with the British army.

The fighting on the Somme front has died down to artillery fire, following the successful execution yesterday of the British coup, which reclaimed the village of Villers-Bretonneux from the Germans. The British occupied themselves here for the time being by cleaning out hostile posts which were clinging to the outskirts of the village.

COLORED PEOPLE HEAR GOOD SPEECH

Dr. Jas. B. Dudley, president of the A. and T. College at Greensboro, delivered a stirring, patriotic address at Hartzel Memorial church last night and the colored citizens of Hickory responded to his appeal in a most generous manner. In his speech, he emphasized the point that through all the stress and trials of war, the colored people have been loyal, and in this great crisis they are proving their loyalty in many ways. His logic was sound and his application happy.

Rev. N. M. Black presided over the meeting and short addresses were made by Mayor Yount, Postmaster Bagby and Rev. J. M. Henderson, the latter presenting the speaker of the evening. Fifty colored citizens bought War Savings Stamps and one, Dr. P. M Smith, joined the Limit Club, making the 56th member of this institution in Catawba county. He also is a buyer of Liberty Bonds and is boosting the cause in every way possible. Sam Bown came into the $200 club, but said he expected to move higher up during the year. He was taking what he was sure he could pay for, but hoped to go over the top with more.

Another interesting feature of the meeting was the presentation of housewives made by members of the Red Cross auxiliary in South Hickory. These articles were well made and will be a reminder to the soldiers that their relatives and friends at home are thinking of them.

The meeting was largely attended and was one of the best held in Hickory.

100 PER CENT AMERICAN

Catawba County News.

There was some surprise at the late announcement of Hon. W. B. Councill for congress from this district to run against Yates Webb for congress.

There are a lot of Democrats who are tired of voting for Webb for congress but the News is of the opinion that Mr. Councill has waited too long to make his candidacy mean what it ought to mean in a race for the nomination for congress.

Judge Councill is well known to the people of the district and has friends who will take pleasure in voting for him in the primary—but as indicated above we think he ought to have begun his campaign long time ago if he wanted to be nominated for congress. Councill is one hundred per cent American—he stands for his government first, last, and all the time.

EXECUTIVE AGENCY FOR AIRCRAFT WORK

By the Associated Press.

Washington, April 26.—Addition to the Overman bill, the amendment of Senator Wadsworth of New York providing for reorganization of the aircraft program by authorizing the president to establish an executive agency with complete powers, was assured today by Senator Overman in charge of the bill in advising senators that he would accept the amendment.

Says One Gun Is Destroyed

By the Associated Press.

Paris, April 26.—One of the three German long range guns which have been bombarding Paris has been destroyed, according to Deputy Lebocq of the department of the Aisne.

The deputy said he had talked with the general commanding the sector near Crepy and Laonnois, where the big gun was stationed. The enemy he declared, is constructing new implacements.

French Believe All Is Well

By the Associated Press.

On the French Front in France, April 26.—The more they advance along the road to Amiens the more perilous becomes the salient the Germans are forming in the Somme region, especially from the fact that the allied reserves are virtually intact and that they are under a single command.

The present moment is less favorable to the German plan than when they started their advance on March 21. A weak point then existed between the French and British armies. Now there is no sensitive part of the line since the unified command has given the opportunity to make the most practical use of allied troops.

An all night battle in which the Germans, after gathering powerful columns, hurled them on Hangard-en-Santerre, resulted in the village changing hands several times.

Individual combats with bayonets from house to house were of frequent occurrence. Fire burst out in all parts of the village until it is a mere heap of smoking ruins which the Germans held this morning with difficulty, for the French gave them no liberty of movement and their repeated attempts to advance further in the salient were frustrated.