

TIME NEAR FOR BIG EFFORT IN THE WAR ZONE

London, March 16.—With the increasing activities of the British French and Belgian armies, the reappearance on the coast of Belgium of British and French warships and the time drawing near for a big effort in the West, the British public is following with renewed interest the daily reports of operations.

The Belgians, supported by the Allies, warships have consolidated the ground they have won in the last few days, while the British have done likewise with the strip of territory taken from the Germans near Neuve Chappelle, and have recovered most, if not all, of the trenches lost in the region of St. Eloi.

Simultaneously, there has been heavy fighting north of Arras, in Champagne, in which both French and Germans claim success.

All these operations are believed here to be preliminary to the general offensive the Allies will undertake when the ground dries.

The Russians are even more active than their western Allies. The German offensive against Przemysl having failed to materialize, probably owing to the thaw, the Russians have undertaken the offensive, and, according to their own account, are advancing successfully along both banks of the Orze River and have occupied the village of Stegna, one of the main roads leading to Przemysl from the northeast.

The Germans, however, say the Russian attacks have been repelled and that they captured 2,000 Russians.

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Neuve Chappelle and Epinette. "Russians Continue in Possession of Przemysl."

These headlines attracted the attention of the English people today and tonight.

The announcement of the sinking of the German cruiser Dresden came after nightfall, but the news spread quickly and brought great rejoicing that this commerce raider, whose whereabouts have been a mystery since her escape after the Falkland Islands engagement in December had been sent to the bottom.

Last December the manufacturers association of the county made sweeping statements as to conditions in the county in an open letter addressed to President Wilson.

The President laid the complaint before Secretary Redfield with a request that a thorough investigation be made.

Mr. Barclay personally investigated the condition of 30 mills and factories dealing in clothing, hosiery, men's shirts, lumber, structural iron work, boilers and tanks, plumbers' supplies, cigar, steel and other commodities.

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COMPLAINERS SHOWN UP.

Manufacturers Who Had Alleged Ruin As A Result Of Tariff Reduction Shown to Be Falsifiers.

Washington Dispatch. Charges that the Underwood tariff caused business depression in Montgomery County, Pa., are refuted in a report made by an investigator of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce made public by Secretary of Commerce Redfield.

The recent legislature enacted laws empowering the commissioners to set aside the above amounts for the purposes named, and the Road commissioners were carrying out the provisions of the act.

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165 CITIZENS FAVOR SCHOOL PROPOSITION

Only Three Votes Cast Against the Proposition—Fifty-seven Favor the Addition At Present Location—74 Voted "Elsewhere."

The school election held last Tuesday at the court house from 8 a. m. to sundown was carried by an overwhelming majority more than two-thirds of the registered voters voting in favor of empowering the School Trustees to borrow \$10,000 to be used in providing adequate school equipment for the graded schools.

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The judges of election were Messrs. J. T. McLean and G. E. Crowell; Registrar R. E. Costner.

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A HISTORIC OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

(By Rev. L. L. Lohr.) In this old house there was also an adjustment of the differences of opinion which had hitherto kept Rev. Daniel Moser, Mr. Henke's life-long friend, from uniting with the Tennessee Synod. Mr. Moser had severed his connection with the North Carolina Synod in 1820 noon after the meeting in Lincolnton and was pastor of the Lincolnton church at the time the Synod met there, when the division occurred.

But for reasons which are not fully known to day he did not come in to the Tennessee Synod till four years later. On the 23rd of April 1823 a meeting was held in Mr. Henke's home for the purpose of setting matters right with Mr. Moser. Those present were Revs. Geoffrey Dreher, Samuel Hersher, Daniel Moser, and Messrs. John Moritz, David T. Thornberg, and Nicholas Bucher.

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BOYS ARRESTED FOR THE MURDER

Charged With The Killing of the Catawba County Negro—Young Men Sons of Good Families—Prevailing Idea Boys Had No Intention of Killing.

Newton, March 15.—On charge of shooting up his house and killing Pink Goodson, colored, two miles from Hickory Saturday night, Glen and Dewey Young, Jodie Starves, Vance Lawrence, Ezek Rink and Joe Bass and Carl Brooks, all were ordered to be arrested by the coroner after the inquest held yesterday.

The young men are all sons of good families and there is surprise over the charge lodged against them. If what the officers learn of the trouble is true Clarence Poe might find some red hot argument for his race segregation, for it is stated that the whole affair is due to resentment of white people against the presence of the negroes in a white settlement owning land that a white man sold them.

A month ago Goodson's house was shot up, but none was injured. Saturday night during a fusillade in which more than 25 shots were fired into the house, a steel-jacketed bullet from a high powered rifle passed through the walls of the house, Goodson's head, a door and the floor; and was retrieved by sheriff Leshour yesterday.

Coroner G. Lee Harbison of the inquest, the jury reported and ordered the arrest of the young men named.

After the jury was ready to report, Sheriff Leshour discovered an amazing thing. He drew from the sheets of the bed a blue steel revolver with blood splatters on it and with a handful of 38-caliber cartridges. The negroes appeared as much surprised as anybody and swore, as did other negroes that Goodson did not own a pistol. She said she had slept in the bed and made it up that morning and did not know the gun was there. The officers have no theory about it. The deed was advanced by some that it had been hidden in the bed during the morning; others thought the negro might have had it in his hand when he fell dead. What light it will throw on the case remains to be seen.

It is said there are only two negro families in that section and that their presence all along has not been desired by the white people. Joe Bass one of the young men, does not pass belonging in the community; but lives with his father, B. P. Bass, a mile from Drexel. This morning the elder Bass phoned to A. A. Whitener at Hickory, acting solicitor for the county court, and asked if it was true that his son was wanted. He said he would send him down. The young man came and was brought on to Newton today. All day he has loafed around the court house, waiting to be locked up, as the sheriff and jailor both are at Hickory hunting for Brooks. Not before has a man against whom there was any charge, to say nothing of so serious a charge as this, been in the difficulty young Bass found himself in—ready to go to jail and not wanting to get in.

The prevailing idea about the difficulty is that the crowd had no intention of killing anybody, but were again expressing their dislike of the negroes' residence there. The suspects may be given a hearing in the county court tomorrow.

DEBATE ON CROP LIEN AND TIME CREDIT BUSINESS.

Chapel Hill, March 16.—The North Carolina Club at the State University has abolished the crop lien and the time credit business.

The affirmative speakers admitted that the crop lien was a necessity in the days of land-poverty and labor-penury just after the war, but contended that it had become a cross.

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RUTHERFORD COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL.

Rutherford College, N. C., March 16.—Dear Friends—Are you going to attend a summer school? If so, you will be glad to know that plans are now under way for such a school to begin at Rutherford College, June 1, 1915.

It is believed that this will supply a long felt demand in the Western section of North Carolina. It will appeal alike to students who have to make up a few subjects in order to enter college without condition in the fall and to teachers of the State and public schools who desire to pursue the successful teaching of which they must have further preparation.

The prospective college student the school will offer the opportunity to make up units in Latin, German, English, Mathematics and History, and credits given for the same will be accepted by Trinity College and the University of North Carolina or in fact by any of the institutions of college grade.

The school will also cooperate in preparing teachers for higher grade certificates or for preparing them to take the examination for State High School certificates.

Moreover, Rutherford College is a fine place to spend six weeks of hot summer weather where mountain breezes keep one cool and feeling like the natural breezes of the mountains. Rural scenery, walks to the river, mineral springs and healthful climate make the place exceptionally attractive for summer study.

Then too the cost of living is less than at almost any other place of equal advantage. Board can be secured at a surprisingly low rate and the only expense that is attached to the school will be ten-dollar matriculation fee. It is hoped that many will take advantage of what we offer here this summer and that the summer school from the beginning will be a fixed agency in advancing the educational interest of Western North Carolina.

Write us about the matter and we will be very glad to give you any further information you may require in making up your plans to come.

Yours very respectfully, RUTHERFORD COLLEGE, E. K. CREEL, Sec.

PLANNING TO RETURN THAW TO NEW HAMPSHIRE DENIED.

New York, March 16.—Justice Page today denied Harry K. Thaw's motion that he be returned to New Hampshire.

The judge ordered that Thaw be sent back to Mattawan unless legal papers were served on the warden of the Tombs calling for the prisoner's retention in New York city. That already had been done.

Warden Hanley of Tombs prison today was served with a writ of habeas corpus issued by Supreme Court Justice Bijur, requiring him to produce Harry K. Thaw in court next Friday in case Justice Page should deny today the motion to have Thaw returned to New Hampshire.

This it was said, would prevent Thaw being sent to Mattawan before that day.

In case of acquittal it was understood that Thaw's counsel were prepared to make the same request.

BATTLESHIP DELEWARE FIRED ON BY MEXICANS. Galveston, Tex., March 16.—The tender of the United States battleship Delaware was fired upon by snipers at Vera Cruz on March 16, according to reports brought here today by passengers on the Norwegian steamship City of Tampico.

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