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**THE WAR.**

Two weeks of the great battle is now history and yet the fight goes on. Last week it looked bad for the British and French, but the onrush of the Germans has stopped and now the facts of the fight are coming to light. It appears that the Germans have failed in accomplishing their purpose. They have brought about the greatest battle of all history is the opinion of the writers. They have sacrificed as many as 600,000 men in the great effort to overrun the enemy before them, and yet all they have accomplished is to waste a lot of good men and supplies. They have been able to push back the British armies into new positions, but the ground gained is not of any value to them.

At one time last week it appeared that the onrush of Germans would not be checked, for each day they were gaining, always getting a little nearer to Paris and the coveted goal. In the meantime they were throwing solid masses of men into the face of rapid fire artillery and machine guns. The French and British would fire point-blank into the solid bodies of massed troops until their guns were so hot that they could fire no longer and then they would desert that position and leave the Germans with their mutilated dead and the new ground that was surrendered. Thus from day to day the British were losing ground and the Germans were losing men.

For a week it was fought out along these lines until it appears that the German armies are weakened to a point that they are not willing to make further rushes into fortified positions with massed troops. The fight is yet in progress and no man can tell what the end will be. It may be a lull in the battle, and the Germans may renew it with even greater vigor, but the opinion is that they will never be able to again make so determined an effort as they have just put over.

In the meantime the American troops are being brought into position to aid and by the time another issue of this paper is read it will possibly be a part of the record that America has played a big part in this world famous battle.

In the meantime there is plenty to do here at home to make conditions such that our armies can be supported in a way to reflect credit on this nation. Let every man do his duty.

**Reuben Turns Farmer.**

The splendid Fire Horse that served this town for five years has turned farmer and is now the property of Mr. George Beckerdite of Forsyth county. Reuben as we called him was bought five years ago and soon developed into a well trained fire horse under the skillful management of Mr. Bud Brannock. He soon learned to answer all the bell calls and get in position under the harness and go through the stunts required of him in his training. He was a powerful animal in strength and could race along with a load of 3000 pounds with as much ease as an ordinary horse pulled an empty wagon.

But with the coming of the swifter motor truck Reuben lost his job. For several weeks an effort was made to find a buyer in some town where Reuben could be used in his profession and continue to live the life of a professional, but the towns that were supposed to be interested were found to be supplying their needs with motor trucks, just as this town did. After much effort it was found that Reuben would have to go back to his old trade of service in the ranks of the infantry and give up his professional life. His new master will use him on a farm and a better animal never tightened a trace.

**A MODERN HOTEL.**

For some months it has been known by a few people here that a deal was pending that would cause the Blue Ridge Inn to change owners, and now that the deal has been made it will be good news to the public that this city is to have a modern hotel in every respect. For several years the property has been owned by Mr. G. G. Gallaway and Mr. Z. T. Smith. Some weeks ago Mr. Gallaway sold his interest to Mr. W. J. Byerly, and this week Mr. Smith sold his interest to Messrs. G. C. and J. W. Lovill. Thus Mr. Byerly owns a half interest and each of the Lovills a fourth.

It is the purpose of the new owners to have an architect make plans for a modern hotel and to spend possibly thirty thousand dollars in rebuilding the whole property, so that it will be a hotel second to none in the state. The property includes five store rooms on Main street, a distance of about 200 feet. Before Mr. Smith would sell his interest he had a contract with the new owners that they were to make the improvements above mentioned.

The present lease on the property held by Mr. W. M. Jordan expires the last of this year, and it is now the purpose of the new owners to close the hotel for several months next year while the workmen are rebuilding the place.

**Broke Up the Game.**

The officers of this city had to go and break up a most entertaining game of chance last Sunday morning at the small hour of three A. M. The story is that Deputy Collector Eugene Smith along with policeman Hatcher and Carroll were making a search of the country a mile west of the city, thinking they might be able to locate a load of block liquor. As they passed a body of woods they spied a little, dim light down in the brush, and naturally got interested. Chief Hatcher tried to stalk the game by slipping along through the brush and get particulars. But a brush made a noise and the game was off. A dozen or more men took to the tall timbers with all possible speed, and so hasty was their departure that they did not even take time to gather up the small change on the ground, or to put out the little lamp that was doing duty as best it could.

The officers found near the lamp a few nickles and dimes to the amount of 45c, and supposed that the money was there as a part of the entertainment. They were able to get no clue as to who the parties were, so hasty was their departure.

And this story has brought to light that it is current rumor that in that section of woods men and boys gather every Saturday night and Sunday and play cards and chance games. Rumor has it that as much as \$1,500.00 changes hands sometimes during a single night in this one body of woods.

**Bag Factory Enlarges.**

Some weeks ago the Golden Belt Manufacturing Company of Durham installed a few machines here in the Bunker Block to make tobacco bags. The business has now been running smoothly for several weeks and the prospect for the future is so promising that the Company has leased the entire floor of the building, including the store room occupied by the Mount Airy Feed Store, and will greatly enlarge the business at once. It is their purpose to install enough machines at once to give employment to a hundred young women. The machines that are now being operated are running smoothly and turning out large quantities of bags. Employment is being given to about two dozen young women who have quickly caught on to the operation of the machines.

It is an old story about customers taking goods out of a store in a questionable way. In a millinery store in this city one day this week a nine dollar ladies hat disappeared in a way that the managers are not able to account for its disappearance at this time. It may have been taken through mistake by some one and it may be that it was taken on purpose. Anyway it is gone. An interesting feature about the deal is that the hat was hand made and a half a dozen people in the store can identify it anywhere it is made to appear.

**AMERICAN TROOPS ARE RACING TO THE FRONT.**

Power of America is Thrown in to Bring the War to Close if Possible.

Washington, April 2.—While the battle in Picardy halted today in a lull that may only foreshadow the breaking of a new and more terrible storm, American troops were hastened to join the fray with their French and British comrades. Formal announcement from London that these units would be merged with the allied war machines indicated to officials that losses of the allies would be immediately made good with vigorous young Americans, keen for battle, and the stage set without delay not only for a counter offensive, but for aggressive warfare without pause until the German invader shall not only be checked, but hurled back to ultimate military defeat.

President Wilson has predicted that this will be the decisive year of the war. In the opinion of military officers here, both American and French and British, he has now taken the decisive steps toward making his words good. The power of American manhood is to be brought to bear without delay, not only in the American expeditionary army itself, but also in the fighting ranks of the allied armies. By this means the effect of American intervention in the war, it is said, will be doubled or even trebled and in coming days of the battle which may last for months, Americans by the hundreds of thousands will play their part.

No explanation of the announcement from London was made today at the war department. Probably not more than a very few of the highest officials know precisely what method is to be adopted to rush additional forces to France.

Reviewing the meager information that has been available as to the great things that have been accomplished since the German drive began many officials were convinced tonight that Mr. Baker had been sent to Europe by President Wilson for the purpose of bringing about just the amalgamation of forces that has been effected.

There are many who believe that he crossed the ocean authorized to make this great sacrifice of pride in national achievement upon the altar of world democracy.

Just before Secretary Baker left for Europe he had under consideration new plans for establishing American training centers with the British forces as well as with the French. The plan at that time, however, contemplated only training in order to hasten the arrival in France of American forces in sufficient numbers to influence the war decisively.

The actual plan adopted apparently is an outgrowth of this proposal, but it is far more significant, for it contemplates not only training but actual operations in battle of combined British-American and French-American forces in addition of General Pershing's own army, the unbuilding of which is to be pressed forward with every urgency.

Of the showing American troops now in this country will make at the front, British and French officers here who have studied the cantonments and the men probably are the best judges. They agree that the American soldiers who have had from 60 to 90 days instruction here are fully ready to go to the front, provided they are surrounded with veteran troops. They are hundreds of thousands of men now available both here and in Europe who are physically fit and mentally ready for the battle, they say, and it is these men who are to be used.

**C. H. Haynes Promoted.**

Mr. C. H. Haynes who has served the Government as deputy collector for several years has recently been promoted to a very important position. He is now to be Chief Field Officers for forty counties in the western part of the State and will have his office at Statesville. He will have a dozen or more men working under him and it will be his duty to see that the special taxes are collected. The high record Mr. Haynes has made since being with the Government no doubt caused his promotion to this important position.

**GERMAN LOSSES GO HIGH.**

With the passing of the 13th day of the new battle of the Somme there came increasing evidence that the great German machine with which it was intended to crush the allied line has almost utterly spent itself.

Where previously the Germans had thrown men into the fray, not counting the prodigious wastage in killed or wounded, Tuesday saw them decline anywhere to give battle. On the contrary, in what little fighting occurred, the British and French troops took the initiative.

Thus it seems apparent, with the reserve forces of the entente virtually intact and with the added weight General Pershing's troops will give them the turn in the tide of the battle is at hand.

While admittedly both the French and British armies have suffered rather severe casualties as they stood valiantly to their task of impeding the Germans and making them pay an unheard-of-price for every foot of ground gained, their reserves have been conserved with the utmost care behind the lines for the fateful time when the withering fire of the allied guns and machine guns should have so blighted the German hords as to bring more equality in strength to the fighting forces. And, all along the British and French commanders have not left outside their calculation that staunch band of Americans, exceeding 100,000 men, who are fully trained and equipped and anxious to lend their aid in the task of defeating the Germans.

**German Losses Frightful.**

Daily the German losses in men killed or wounded continue to augment as details are obtained from the Germans made prisoners. Some divisions lost as high as 70 per cent. or their effectiveness as they charged in mass formation against the British and French machine gunners and riflemen. Companies withdrew from the fighting with their combative strength reduced to 40 men.

The latest accounts of the fighting from the various war chancelleries show no new important change in the battle-front. Only minor operations took place on that portion of the front south of Arras held by the British, and little aside from artillery duels occurred between the French and the Germans on the lower end of the line. The fighting between the big guns was particularly heavy between Montdidier and Noyon, where the battle-line bends eastward, and which is a danger spot of great importance to the Germans, the breaking through of which by the French would necessitate a rapid withdrawal of the Germans eastward from the Amiens sector.

**West-Jones.**

Miss Rosa Belle West, of Banner Elk, N. C., and D. Sidney Jones, of Pinnacle, N. C. were married Thursday morning at eight o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. West. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Edgar Tufts, the bride's pastor. Mrs. Jones is a graduate of the State Normal College, Greensboro, N. C. Since her graduation she has been teaching. Previous to their marriage Mr. Jones was engaged in government work at Philadelphia, Pa.

After a few days visit with his people he left for Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C. She will make her home at present with her parents. E. W. J.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Sidney Jones, who were recently married at Banner Elk, N. C., left Monday after a short visit at the home of Mrs. S. W. Jones.

**Green Hill Mill Sold.**

Acting as agent Mr. C. C. Hutchens has sold for Mr. W. O. Jackson the Green Hill Mill property to Mr. John Banner of this city. For years this mill was operated here as a cotton mill. It has a water power of some importance and report has it that Mr. Banner will develop the property and may organize a knitting mill. The price paid was something less than \$5,000.00

Mr. and Mrs. John Sobotta and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kochtitzky and little daughter, Louisa attended the moravian Easter services in Winston-Salem last Sunday.

**HELP THAT COUNTS.**

It is not every time that a man gets credit for doing great things for his country. The plain business man often accomplished much for the common good while doing something for himself. This is the case with some of our Surry citizens in these times. Mr. Harvey Hennis of this city has been instrumental in bringing a great number of fine cows into the county during the past few months. Just this week he shipped a car load of milk cows here from one of the lower counties and is selling them out to our people. He has already sold several car loads, and the demand is good. Down at Elkin Mr. A. Chatham, Banker, has found time to ship a car load of hogs from Kentucky, and thus he is helping the farmers in that section. If a man wants to help somebody in these stirring times there are many avenues through which he can get busy. The man who aids in bringing about better conditions among his neighbors may not get much credit for his efforts, but he is an uncrowned hero just the same.

**Had His Hook Along.**

The man who goes unprepared in this old world misses a many a good catch, as was proven Monday by one of Mount Airy's citizens, Mr. Walter Steele. Mr. Steele celebrated the day by going to the country to visit a friend. Together they were strolling the creek bank and looking at the man's prospects for the coming crop. Mr. Steele, taking no chances, had his fish hook and line in his pocket, and naturally was on the lookout for what he might find. While the other fellow was looking at his fields and thinking of the future Mr. Steele took time to cast a glance now and then into the clear waters of the flowing stream. As luck would have it, by the side of a log in the water he spied the nose of a big sucker quietly resting under the log in perfect safety. In haste a worm was found that was supposed to be a tempting morsel for that fish, and the hook was baited and dropped right at his nose. But that fish was not hungry that Easter Monday, for not a nibble would he make. But Mr. Steele had fished before, and so he got out his traps and quietly lowered them below the fish's head and it was to him, the simplest matter to catch him in this way. Once on the land he proved to be just 22 inches long and weighed 4½ pounds. All of which story Mr. Steele will vouch for, and he is plenty able to take care of any man who doubts one word of this fish story.

Mrs. Tom Gilliam and child of Hight Point are guests of Mrs. Rich Gwyn at her country home, Idelwile.

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Mount Airy, N. C. Route 3

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