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## British Slaughtering Tens of Thousands of Huns In Great Battle That Is Spreading to The Southward And May Engulf The United States Forces Soon

Estimated That More Than Fifth Paris Uses Ancient of Million Men Have Fallen In Days; French Now In Action

German Dead, Wounded and Captured Around 150,000-British Have Lost About Half as Many-Solid Waves of Teutons Swoop Down Upon Haig's Valiants-Greatest Struggle in All History Has Gained Little for Kaiser's Armies-English, Unruffled, Move Back a Little in Relatively Small Sector for More Convenient Defense-Belgians on North and Poilus to South of Main Fighting Area · Bringing Guns to Play-Baker Close to Center of Things-Slaughter "Appalling"-"Every Available Gun" Being Brought to Bear Upon Masses That Kaiser Has Thrown Into Battle to Winor Be Sacrificed-Future of World at Stake This Moment

London, March 23 .- News from France during the afternoon indicated that the confident Allies, having met the first shock of the German offensive, are "prepared to stake their lives on victory."

London, Mar. 23.—A French force to the right of the British lines is now engaged, dispatches from the British front declared today. The slaughter at Roisletincourt is appalling. Every available gun is concentrated against the solid masses of the enemy.

Murderer William Sends 150,000 Into Eternity, Hospitals and Prisons.

Washington, Mar. 23 .- According to official estimates the casualties occurring thus far in the great West front battle total more than 200,000 men killed, wounded or captured in the two days' fighting

British estimates place the German losses at 150,000 men. While nothing official has come from the front throwing definite light on the British losses, they are estimated at approximately half those of the Germans, ey. Money is well enough, in its between 75,000 and 100,000.

Changes in Allied War Plans Would Be Occasioned by Long Offensive.

Washington, Mar. 23 .- A long-continued German offensive in the West would have a serious effect on the war plans of the United States, Britain and France. Members of the Senate Military Affairs Committee conveyed this impression today following a conference with the War Council.

Baker Sees Albert.

London, Mar. 23.—Secretary of War Baker visited the Belgian front Friday and had a long talk with King Albert. Considerable raiding and artillerying is in progress on the Belgium front in conjunction with the present drive on the British lines.

Hard Attacks by Enemy.

London, Mar. 23 .- Gen. Haig reports that powerful attacks were made by the enemy West of St. Quentin yesterday afternoon. Heavy fighting continued on the whole battle front until a late hour last night. "West of St. Quentin we are falling back in good order across the devastated area to prepared positions farther West. On the Northern portion of the battle front we hold our positions. Very heavy fighting with fresh hostile forces is progressing," Haig's report said.

Stiff Fighting Number Points.

With the British Army in France Mar. 23.-Hard fighting is reported along the British front at numerous places. At Bullecourt, Roussey Vaucellet Farm, and Lagincourt, amongst other places, the fighting is

PITTS BROTHERS FREED ON CHARGE OF MURDER.

Morganton, Mar. 23 .- Garfield and Aaron Pitts, brothers, on trial here for several days on thec harge of shooting to death Dr. H. A. Hennessee at Glen Alpine, were acquitted last night.

(By the United Press)

Petrograd, Mar. 22 (Night) .- The Soviet commissaries today directed Foreign Minister Tchicherin to make inquiries of America, England, and Japan regarding the Japanese mobilization to occupy Siberia. The mil- many other names to the roll of nearest station and the electric curitary commission headed by War honor. Minister Trotsky is considering plans

(By the United Press) Washington, Mar. 23 .- German prisoners in Siberia number about 80,000, according to State Department information. The department, however, had no information today of an attack on or the capture of Irkutsk, reported in a press message.

## BABY BONDS FOR REST MARCH; THEN BIG BONDS

Lenoir County Making Progress But Still Much to Be Done-Limit Club Invites Members-Small Investor's Big Opportunity-"Stand by Uncle Sam!"

(By D. T. Edwards)

For the remaining days of this month the "baby bond" campaign has right of way. After that the third hidden or attempted in the combined Liberty Loan takes the center of the stage, and patriotic (Americans will be called upon to float the "grownup bonds."

Very Gratifying Progress Made. With the closing days of March new life seems to have been infused

into the war-savings campaign. The movement has assumed large proportions and one local selling agency alone seems certain this month to place \$5,000 worth of these Government securities.

This means that there is "something doing" all along the line. While the small investor has from

the first shown a lively interest in the convenient hand easily handled only bond the days have come when the \$1,000-man is awaking to his opportunity, is responding to the call of patriotism as well as of self-interest and is endorsing with his old riend, Uncle Sam.

Stand by Uncle Sam! That's all it amounts to, anyway, Even though a man hasn't got the \$1,000 to put up he can give Uncle Sam a lift all the same. Uncle Sam isn't so particular about your monway; but what Uncle Sam wants i your credit. And he is willing to pay you a valuable consideration for

Just Ask the Banks.

If there be a \$1,000-man anywhere hereabouts who has it in his heart to heed the call of his country at this stirring hour, and at the same time help his community make a creditable showing and fortify atself against possible eventualities of an uncertain future, while providing a nest-egg for himself-and that man has credit. Even though he may need his money for his private business just at this time, he can still answer the call of duty to self, family and country. The banks will tell him how

there's a will there's a way-always has been and always will be.

Lenoir County Limit Club Some Club.

So the Limit Club is growing in proportions. Sixteen men went over the top at Dr. Parrott's conference Thursday night, and the meeting resulted in enough inspiration born of

Many and thick are the calls upon us today. Worthy objects are clamin view one common purpose—the protection. winning of the war and the setting of nightmare now distorting it.

All of these calls must be given movement be so well organized that stations and railways. it will become automatic in old Le-

The committee is actuated by the support it in its efforts.

Catacombs as Bomb-Proofs for Public BY

(United Press Staff Correspondent) Paris, Feb. 12 (By Mail)-Every neasure is being taken in Paris to afeguard the inhabitants agains the further incursions of the aerial

Even the ancient catacombs, excavated by the Romans after Caesar's invasion of Gaul, are to offer their mpregnable roofs in defense of human life

A program of complete frankness. an appeal to the people together with a statement of "what is to be," just issued to the public by the authorities, is the talk of Paris. Nothing is injunction against air-raid carelessness. It says:

Cellars Helpful.

"In general, the inhabitants of wellings of more than four stories will find their cellars a safe refuge. In dwellings of less than four floors, the secruity being less, the inhabitants, if they judge themselves insufficiently unprotected, may find in their neighborhoods refuge in shelters prepared for the public.

"No matter what the nature of the iwelling, it is urgently requested of hoge who prefer to remain in their tomes, to keep nway from the winlows and proximity of windows. It has been determined that in the last raid (December 30-31) that the major part of the unhappy victims were struck, either on public highways or while at windows. It is counselled also not to remain in the vicinity of

Shalters Provided.

"As for shelters which are to be out at the service of the public in Paris and saburbs: these are of two kinds, public shelters and private ones. Persons surprised in the street must collide direct themselves toward the nearest shelter or, unable to reach this, place themselves against a wall or in a niche of some character.

"The private shelters will be established wherever the authorities consider necessary, open day and night. In fact the government has decided that the miltary authority may requisition, in any quarter a number of cellars belonging to private houses.

"The identity of these shelters will be known by large printed posters and at night by blue lights placed in front of the houses, doors of which in case of alarm, will be opened. Public Places of Refuge.

"The government prescribes that certain number of public shelters such as, the catacombs, quarries, sewer chambers, crypts of certain menuments, etc., of which the lists will be /widely published, shall be opened for those who do not feel secure at home, or those surprised in the street. In addition a certain number of underground railway stations and portions of neighboring tunnels will be available for refuge. the speeches there made to assure In case of an "alerte" all undereffort that will undoubtedly add ground trains will be stopped at the rent of the third rails will be cut off. It does not appear prudent to open all underground stations; several are oring for attention. And all have not deep enough to afford adequate

"The government considers that humanity free from the horrible measures already outlined are neither definite nor complete. It goes without saying that further experiproper consideration. The war-sav- ence may cause modifications. An ings campaign will be on all the expert commission composed of both year long. But the remaining days military and civil authorities will of this month are to be W. S. S. study the situation further. But it days above anything else. The has already been decided to continue County War-Savings Committee is precautions against dangerous lightanxious that during these days the ing of Paris, the suburbs, railway

highest of patriotic motives; let us

# TREE; NOT TO TALK ABOUT ADMINISTRA' FATHER LOOKED ON COLOMBIAN TREATY TRY KILL SENATE'S

He Was Going to His Mother, Who Was Dead, in Last Conscious Mom ents-Pathetic Accident

Standing by as his father, Rome lasper, and an older brother felled a tree near their home in the Deep Run section, little LaFayette Casper, even or eight years of age, was struck by the tree and fatally injured theut II a. m. Told by the others to run, the lad ran the wrong way and the heavy trunk came down upon him.

The badly mangled little victim lived and was conscious a few moments. He told his father he was going to his mother, who died a short time ago The parent's grief was extremely pa-

(By the United Press)

SPANISH SHIPS SUNK.

Barcelona, Mar. 23 .- The Spanish ships Jolet Joaquina and Grandalquivir have been sunk in the Atlantic, it was announced here today. No details were giv-

IRISH MEMBER PARLIAMENT ARRESTED.

London, Mar. 23 .- L. Ginnell, member of Parliament from West Meath, has been arrested at Kilkenry, Ireland, charged with inciting people to "enter

SIX NEGROES BREAK JAIL SALISBURY; SHOOT JAILER.

(Special to The Free Press)

Salisbury, Mar. 23.-Jailer Dudley Click was shot in the breast with his own pistol by one of six negroes who overpowered him and escaped from the Rowan County jail yesterday. Some of the men have been recaptured. One was shot in the arm before being taken. Click was not seriously hurt. Baxter Cain, sentenced to death for murder, was eating a men when the delivery occurred. He did not stop eating.

TABLOIDS.

London, Mar. 23 .- Boys from 12 to 14 years old now serve as "white wings" in London. Handles of shovels and brooms are shortened for them and they dodge in and out among buses and other traffic clean-

London, Mar. 23 .- A young American officer from the Middle West, after three days of seasickness, while en route here produces this: "Don't talk to me about fighting for freedom on the seas. Anybody that wants the d- ocean is welcome to

Income Tax Man Coming.

R. D. Spencer, representing the Internal Revenue Bureau, will be at the Courthouse here Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to assist income tax payers in making out their returns. This will be the last expert assistance available here.



### Deep Run Youngster Said "Willing Let Colombia Be President, Hoover and De-Bought if She Wants to," Says One Member-President Probably Won't

(By the United Press)

Get the Matter Up

Washington, Mar. 23 .- Vigorous yet unobtrusive efforts are being made by the administration to revive the Colombian treaty in the Senate. A quiet poll has been taken of the members of the Foreign Relations Committee and of the Senate, but with discouraging results for those wishing the treaty ratified.

The payment of \$25,000,000 to Colombia together with an apology from the United States is standing pat.

"We are willing to let Colombia be bought if she wants to be bought," an opponent of the treaty stated to-

### With Kinstonians Serving the Flag; Matters for Pride

(Every soldier or sailor from Lenoir County or who has lived here is invited to write as often as he pleases to his friends through these colletters of any length up to 250 or 300 words, or even longer if the writer feels like it, from any man at the camps or afloat.)

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Barrus, that the and send it to conference. Kinston men of Ambulance Company were delighted to have a visi from Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Harvey a DC few days ago. The company, station- ILALII ed at Camp Lee, is having a pretty good time of it, he states.

Oscar Palmer, who led the selectmen away to Camp Jackson Saturday morning, is a veteran of the old national guard. He served two or three "hitches." He was an excellent army cook in the border expedition, and as bass drummer in the Second Infantry band was said by the bandsmen to be one of only three and John Philip Sousa. Palmer is a dollars. well set-up fellow, and prefers the "doughboy," or "walking," or infantry branch.

The colonel of a regiment in which some Kinston men are serving is "loved" by the entire outfit. But he is a stickler for the regulations. He: regular every-day orderly asked him if he might speak with him. 'No," said the colonel, "but you may go over and ask your first sergeant to let you speak to your company commander, who, if he deems it necessary, will arrange for an interview for you with the commanding officer"-it's third person always-"through the regimental adjutant." It wasn't "officiousness," but to show the boy how. The same colonel, it is said, will spend hours worrying over an alleged petty grievance of an enlisted man.

Little Misses Mary, Huldah and Martha Hardy and Marjorie Hunter, who were solicitors who helped to raise a fund for a grafonola for Ambulance Company 317, are in receipt of a letter from "Men" of the company in which they extend their thanks. The grafonola "is the means of passing many a lonesome hour," they say. "In appreciation we will give you our best work for the cause which we have assumed," is the chivalrous closing statement,

partment of Agriculture Get Busy With House

\$2.50 THOUGHT TOO HIGH

Views of White House to Be Made Clear in Letter to Members of House Agriculture Committee-

(By the United Press)

Big Fight Expected

Washington, Mar. 23 .- President Wilson together with Herbert Hoover and the Agriculture Department are preparing for a battle royal with Congress on the President's wheat prices.

Following the Senate action in boosting the minimum price of wheat to \$2.50, administration leaders in the House today are busy lining up their followers to strike this from the Senate agriculture bill. The President is expected to make his views on the Senate action clear immediately in a letter to the House Agriculture Committee members.

A bitter fight in the House on the price fixed by the Senate in opposijumns. The Free Press welcomes tion to President Wilson is planned. Chairman Lever of the House Agriculture Committee will fire the opening gun for the administration early in next week, when he will move to Alban Darrus writes his parents, take the bill from the Speaker's table

(By the united Press) Washington, Mar. 23 .- The Mc-Alister Real Estate Exchange of Cincinnati and Leflore and McAlester of Oklahoma were barred from the mails today by the Postoffice Demen alive who could beat a big drum partment for alleged fraudulent real jus exactly right. The others were estate operations in Indian lands Calvin Tyndall, in the same band, totaling several hundred thousand

### Last White Selectmen Save One Leave Here for Camp at Columbia

Twelve selectmen left for Camp Jackson Saturday morning about 7:30 o'clock. The train which carried them as far as Goldsboro was

These men made 58 to be sent from here this week. Only one is needed to fill out Lenoir County's quota of whites of the first draft. He is Emmett King, who failed to report. Oscar J. Palmer was in charge of the men leaving Saturday.

There was no ceremony about the departure.

Receipts Saturday were 12 or 14 bales. The highest price was 32.80. Futures quotations were:

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