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LINES STILL HOLD FIRM

Pause Comes in Battle, With Germans Beaten Back—Flanders Covered With German Dead.

Again there has come a pause in the battle of Flanders, where the ground everywhere is covered with the gray-clad bodies of German dead, and the British and French are holding securely to all their positions.

From Saturday until well into Monday night General von Armin's forces continued their efforts to break the British lines on the Ypres salient and to press back the British and French from the high ground to the southwest, but everywhere their efforts were fruitless. True they gained their objective and again captured Loere, but a counter-thrust forced them out again and at last accounts the French were holding the village.

In the hilly region just to the north of Loere, the British also pushed back the enemy at several points, notably between Kemmel and LaClytte.

Much of the snap of the German attacking forces has been absent from the manoeuvres they have been carrying out in Flanders under the stiffened line of the entente troops, which has been apparent since last Sunday.

To the south near Amiens and to the east around Noyon, the enemy likewise has failed in all his attempts to push forward. The British east of Villers-Bretonneux which lies directly east of Amiens have advanced their front and in the Noyon sector the French have re-established their lines which the Germans previously had captured from them.

The Germans on various sectors of the line are still hurling tons of steel against the British and French positions, but the allied guns are everywhere answering them in kind.

While the present halt in the battle possibly may indicate the near approach of the throwing in to the fray of the great reserve army which General Foch has gathered, that such is the intention of the supreme commander of the allied forces has not become apparent. It is not improbable however, that at a meeting of the inter-allied war council in Paris Wednesday, which will be attended by the American, French, British and Italian representatives, measures having in view the turning of the tide of battle will be uppermost in the discussions.

Selectmen Leave for Camp.

The local board has sent from McDowell to Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., during the past week nineteen selectmen, seven white and twelve colored. The seven white men left last Friday and the colored men were sent to camp Tuesday of this week. The list of the men were published in The Progress two weeks ago.

The local board has received orders for the entrainment of three white men to Fort Scribbins, Savannah, Ga., on May 10. The men who will go to camp under this call have been ordered to report to the local board on May 9 and will leave here for camp on the following day. The men in this call are Edwin B. Brooks, Frank Fortune and Benjamin Harrison Hoppes; Pinkney Horace Crawley, alternate.

Nebo High School Commencement

The annual commencement exercises of Nebo High School will be held at the school auditorium at Nebo May 7 to 8 inclusive. An interesting program has been prepared and Mr. D. F. Giles of Raleigh will deliver the commencement address. The program follows:

Sunday, May 5th, 11 a. m., Annual Sermon, Rev. G. A. Martin of Marion.

Tuesday, May 7th, 8 p. m., Exercises by Primary Grades. Addresses Mr. D. E. Hudgins and Mr. B. B. Price.

Wednesday, May 8th, 10:30 a. m., Graduating Exercises, Address by Mr. D. F. Giles of Raleigh. Presentation of Service Flag. Dinner on the grounds.

Wednesday, May 8th, 8 p. m., Play, "Claim Allowed" by High School Students.

On Wednesday, May 8th, there will be a re-union of all Nebo High School students and it is hoped that many will be present.

Registrars and Judges of Election.

The county board of elections, composed of G. S. Kirby, chairman; C. C. Lisenbee, secretary, and J. E. Neat, has named judges and registrars for the various voting precincts of McDowell county for the next two years, the first named in each of the following groups being the registrar and the other two the judges:

Marion No. 1.—W. H. Hill, W. W. McConnell, Wm. Sweeney. Marion No. 2.—A. W. Grayson, B. F. Corpening, D. A. Kanipe, Bück Creek—D. A. Snipes, T. C. Patton, Leonard Turner.

Turkey Cove—J. Y. Hicks, Fonz Good, James Hollifield.

Cedar Cove—R. T. Avery, J. E. Wilson, Melvin McCall.

North Cove—R. H. Hennessee, J. P. Hennessee, William McCall. Nebo—J. F. Wilson, T. W. Stacy, J. A. Mason.

Higgins—C. B. Morgan, J. H. Keller, E. S. Brown.

Dysartsville—J. D. Laughbridge, T. B. Landis, R. E. Roper.

Bracketts—W. C. Rayburn, Geo. F. Rhom, J. W. Wise.

Glenwood—Lee Raburn, J. M. Haney, W. B. Pyatt.

Montford—W. M. Wilson, M. R. Nanney, J. C. Crawford.

Crooked Creek—C. L. Lytle, J. A. Burgin, W. G. Noblitt.

Broad River—James Ledbetter, T. R. Nanney, J. W. Nesbitt.

Old Fort—I. R. Paplin, J. D. Elliott, William Treverton.

The Southern railway is the dividing line for the two precincts in Marion.

In Cedar Cove the voting place has been changed from the old mill to John McCall's store at Linville Falls.

Vessel Torpedoed.

A party of 57 American army Young Men's Christian workers, under Arthur E. Hungerford, arrived in London Sunday night. The ship on which they sailed was torpedoed Sunday morning and sank in 12 minutes. All the passengers, about 250, and all but three of the crew were saved. The passengers were picked up in lifeboats and landed at a British port. The Americans are all safe and well.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

NEBO

Nebo, April 30.—Rev. and Mrs. P. J. Shell of Washington, who are visiting relatives in this part of the country, visited friends at Nebo last week.

Mrs. H. D. Plant and children of Knoxville have returned home after spending three weeks with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wilson.

The musical recital of Miss Pearl Gibbs' music class was well attended on last Tuesday night. The program was well rendered and everyone seemed to enjoy it. The proceeds were given to the Red Cross.

Miss Tracy Sigmon spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister at Bridgewater.

Key Landis spent the week-end with homefolks at Dysartville.

Miss Zeida Yelton spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives here.

Mrs. R. A. Hemphill and little son of the Southern power camps are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sigmon, this week.

Peaches in East Hurt; Apples Are All Right.

Raleigh, April 27.—Quickly following reports of satisfactory fruit and grain conditions State Horticulturist W. N. Hutt receives from the east reports of badly injured peaches and Major Graham, commissioner of agriculture, reports of the fly in Lincoln and Catawba counties.

Mr. Hutt thinks the peaches in the east are very desperately injured. The apple crop in the west is all right. Peaches and apples in the sandhills will be saved in large measure though injured. It is quite probable that the spasmodic snow of a few days ago went over the mountain fruit without much injury to it, but smote the eastern section hard.

Generally throughout the state the wheat crop has been pronounced satisfactory. It is very promising in most places.

Judge Ewart Dies in Chicago.

Judge Hamilton G. Ewart of Hendersonville, for many years one of the most brilliant members of the bar of western North Carolina, died suddenly Tuesday night in Chicago, where he had gone nearly a year ago to live with a son. Heart failure is given as the cause of his death. Judge Ewart was 68 years old and is survived by three sons and three daughters. He was a republican in politics and served one term in congress. He was also judge of the western Federal criminal court and was appointed by President McKinley to the United States District court bench for western North Carolina.

Means Promises Big Sensation Soon.

Concord, April 29.—Gaston B. Means, who was acquitted of the murder of Mrs. Maud A. King in Cabarrus superior court, said today that hot news would develop in the next few days in connection with the warrant for the arrest of C. B. Ambrose, alleged agent of the department of justice, who aided in Means' prosecution. Hints that a German spy shot Mrs. King, although intended to kill Means, were made Saturday afternoon. The warrant against Ambrose charges misrepresentations.

Prof. S. L. Sheep Resigns.

Prof. S. L. Sheep, who has been superintendent of the Marion Graded School for the last two years, recently tendered his resignation in order to accept the superintendency of the graded schools at Elizabeth City, North Carolina, his old home.

Supt. Sheep's resignation was received by the Graded School committee with the deepest regret and for that matter by all of our citizens to whom he and his family have endeared themselves since their stay here.

The committee met two weeks ago and elected a successor to Mr. Sheep but before electing a successor passed the following resolutions with reference to Prof. Sheep's work since he has been superintendent of the Marion Graded School:

RESOLUTIONS:

Whereas, Supt. S. L. Sheep has tendered his resignation as Superintendent to the Graded School committee in order that he might accept work elsewhere, and

Whereas, The Committee is unwilling that Supt. Sheep should give up his position as superintendent without some adequate expression on the part of the committee for the faithful service he has rendered the graded school, therefore be it Resolved,

1. That the committee deeply regrets the resignation of Supt. Sheep.

2. That he has been a faithful superintendent and friend of the school and that he has discharged with ability and zeal the duties pertaining to his office.

3. That the committee hereby commends Supt. Sheep to the people whom he may serve in the future and wishes for him much success in his new field.

4. That the committee wishes to state that the school has made great progress during the last two years and that we regard Supt. Sheep as one of the best superintendents the school has ever had.

5. That a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of the Graded School committee and published in the Marion Progress.

Prof. C. G. Credle of Carthage, N. C., was elected to succeed Prof. Sheep. Prof. Credle has had several years experience. He graduated with the degree of A. B. from the University of North Carolina in 1909 and for the last six years has been superintendent of the Carthage Graded School.

He was strongly recommended to the committee by Prof. N. W. Walker, State Inspector of High Schools, and by all the members of the Board of Education of the Carthage High School. The school board feels that it has been fortunate in securing the services of Prof. Credle.

The board had before it the names of several excellent gentlemen who presented fine recommendations but after due consideration Prof. Credle was chosen superintendent without a dissenting vote.

There will be an almost total eclipse of the sun on June 8th beginning at 5:30 o'clock and will end at 7:32 o'clock. The last total eclipse of the sun which was visible in this locality occurred in 1899.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Women will take jobs as street car conductors in Wilmington.

C. A. Jones of Lincoln is the Republican candidate for Congress in the ninth district. He served in the State Senate in 1915 and 1917.

President Wilson has appointed four directors of the new \$300,000,000 war finance corporation and a new capital issues committee provided for in the war finance corporation act. A. Wilton McLean of North Carolina is one of the directors of the corporation.

Mrs. Eli Sigman was assaulted at her home near Newton Wednesday by a white man, who knocked her down and choked her. The attack was made while Mrs. Sigman was hitching her cow to grass and the man ran when her cries brought help. He failed to accomplish his purpose. A young man named Keener was arrested on suspicion.

Raleigh Dispatch: Governor Bickett's office has reconitiooned Kentucky for R. A. Dodd and R. J. Prather, wanted in McDowell county for selling hogs diseased with cholera. Solicitor Michael Schenck says McDowell county is starred up and justly so by the conduct of these two men who did most positively that the hogs were not diseased. The solicitor wants "at 'em."

Typhoid Death Rate in State Grows Less.

The death rate in North Carolina from typhoid fever is approximately sixty-eight times greater than in the United States Army. Only six deaths occurred among the soldiers from this cause during the past six months, which very clearly shows that typhoid fever is a preventable disease. The death rate for soldiers is 0.38. For the State of North Carolina it is 25.8.

In North Carolina the death rate from this cause has been steadily reduced during the past four years, due to the improved sanitation and the increasing use of anti-typhoid vaccine. The total deaths from this cause in 1914 was 839, in 1915 744, in 1916 700, and in 1917 628, a reduction of 211 in four years.

McAdoo Orders 30,000 Cars.

Washington, April 26.—Orders for 30,000 box and coal cars to cost in the aggregate between \$50,000,000 and \$90,000,000 were placed today by Director General McAdoo with the American Car and Foundry company, at fixed prices which will represent about five per cent profit.

Two styles of each kind of car were ordered. All will have steel bases and frames, but will contain a maximum of wood to save steel for the nation's shipbuilding program, and they will be completed within six months and be put into service for fall and winter hauling.

Millions of dollars, it is estimated by revenue officials, will be added to the Government funds in penalties as a result of the roundup of income-tax delinquents by the Bureau of Internal Revenue.