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THE GREATEST CLASH OF THE WORLD-WAR

GERMAN LOSSES PLACED AT ABOUT ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND MEN—BRITISH LOSSES ESTIMATED BETWEEN SEVENTY-FIVE AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND.

Hindenburg Has Fully One Million Men on Western Front—Apparently He Is Trying to Separate the British From the French, Roll the British Up to the Sea and Throw His Center and Left Against Paris—Germany Will Soon Hurl Her Last Bolt.

The withdrawal of the British forces for the last three days along the battle front in France was long ago planned in the event of the Germans attacking in great force. This announcement comes from the British front through the Associated Press correspondent, who describes the operation of the British army as a masterly withdrawal, made possible by gallant shock troops in the front lines, who checked the advance of the Germans, while artillery, machine gun and rifle fire worked appalling slaughter among the masses of German infantry as they were sent forward, this enabling the main body of the British to fall back deliberately and without confusion.

This army, it is declared, has been conserved, and up to the present very few counter-attacks have been made against the Germans. Where the British have stormed the Germans' newly acquired positions they have driven them back. But each mile of advance makes the bringing up of supplies to the German artillery and infantry more and more difficult, and unquestionably the British strategy, as demonstrated since the beginning of the great attack, is to let the enemy, so far as he may, wear himself out against a powerful defense.

WASHINGTON, MARCH 25.

According to official estimated of the casualties occurring thus far in the great west front battle, more than 200,000 men have been killed, wounded or captured in the three days' fighting.

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

The figures, although merely estimated, were viewed solemnly by military and diplomatic officials here today.

It was believed that such losses could not continue for long and that a lull in the fighting must result.

METHOD OF OPERATION OF ARMIES DESCRIBED.

London, March 25.—The Daily Mail correspondent at the front, telling of the battle now in progress, says:

"Along a considerable part of the front there was a series of redoubts about a mile apart, each redoubt being held by a hundred men, somewhat on the principle of the blockhouse in South Africa, with formidable belts of barbed wire around them and a strong armament of machine guns and trench motors and provisioned for two days.

"All of them did valuable work in delaying the German waves of advance. They were surrounded and subjected to a terrible fire, but all held on during the first day of the attack until late in the afternoon.

"The Germans suffered most from the machine gun fire. Their mode of attack in crossing No-Man's-Land consisted of a first wave of two companies, marching almost shoulder to shoulder, with light machine guns. A hundred yards behind came two more companies, closely followed by a number of machine guns. Next, after an interval of two or three hundred yards, came the light trench mortars, and the battalion of staff. Again there was a space of two hundred yards and then across prepared exits from the German trenches the field artillery drove out into the open in columns, forming into line of battle as soon as possible."

CALL FOR COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION AND PRECINCT MEETING.

Complying with the plan of organization of the Democratic party of North Carolina, and the action of the State Democratic Committee, the undersigned hereby call a convention of the Democratic party of Granville County to be held in the Court House in Oxford on Saturday, April 6th, at 12 M. The object of said Convention will be the election of Delegates to the State Convention, to be held in Raleigh, April 10th and the election of a new County Executive Committee and the transaction of such other business as may come before the Committee.

Precinct meetings in all voting precincts of the County are hereby called for Saturday, March 30th, 1918 at 2 o'clock P. M., to be held at the respective precinct voting places, for the purpose of electing precinct Committees in each precinct and the election of a Precinct Chairman.

It is desired that each precinct meeting will be fully attended and that there will be a large attendance at the County Convention on April 6th.

In the event of failure to hold a Precinct Meeting in any Precinct the County Convention will provide for appointment of a Committee for such precinct.

This the 22nd day of March, 1918.
A. A. HICKS, Chairman
Granville Co. Ex. Com.
A. T. KNOTT, Secretary.

A New Feature.
See Charlie Chaplin at the Orpheum Theatre every Wednesday night and grow fat.

Vacation Kindergarten.
At the close of the Graded school, I will open a Vacation Kindergarten. Only a limited number taken. See or phone me for terms.
MAY WHITE.

FROM FOOD ADMINISTRATION.

The People of Granville Are Urged to Meet the Demand.

Owing to the shortage of wheat and to the demands for flour for war purposes, the Federal Food Administration announces that as a military necessity the wheat consumption in this country must be reduced fifty percent. I wish to call upon the people of Granville County to meet the demands of the situation. Our people have so far been reasonably patriotic in their efforts to conserve food, and the Food Administration has tried to be reasonable in enforcing the regulations. I think that most of our people now realize the necessity of such conservation and are familiar with the food regulations. I, therefore, desire to give due notice that the food regulations will be strictly enforced insofar as the Administration is able to do so.

Hotels, cafes and boarding houses must observe the wheatless Mondays and Wednesdays as well as the other food regulations. Merchants must absolutely obey the law in respect to combination sales and sell flour to nobody except in combination with other cereals. Provided that flour in quantities not exceeding forty-eight pounds may be sold to farmers upon the certificate that they have produced and are using the substitute cereals in equal quantities with the flour.

B. W. PARHAM,
County Food Administrator.

Fine Baby Boy.
Born to Doctor and Mrs. Nelson Thomas in Durham Sunday, a fine bouncing baby boy. Mother and child doing well.

Handsome Furniture.
If you have not visited the furniture store of Upchurch & Currin recently, take an hour off and let them show you something nice in mahogany and old ivory furniture. The stock is large and very attractive. See announcement on the 5th page of this paper.

COUNTRY PUT ON WHEAT RATION—POUND AND HALF ONLY TO EACH MAN.

The Consumption of Wheat Must at Once Be Cut in Half—Administration May Confiscate Wheat Being Hoarded By Farmers.

Herbert C. Hoover, Food Administrator, has announced that the country must go on bread rations. In explaining the drastic action, Mr. Hoover makes it clear that it was a war step. It means a cut of fifty per cent. in normal consumption. Householders and restaurants must not use to exceed one and a half pounds of wheat products per person a week.

The monthly consumption of 42,000,000 bushels of wheat must be cut to 21,000,000 bushels in order to supply the allies.

Furthermore the probability was strongly accentuated that farmers who are holding their wheat for the higher price of \$2.50 a bushel as provided in the Gore amendment may have their stock requisitioned by the government.

While the rationing system will be voluntary, the food administrator, by his power of limiting the distribution, can make it practically compulsory.

The chief provisions of the rationing system are:

1—Householders to use not to exceed a total of one and a half pounds per week of wheat product per person. This means not more than one and three-quarter pounds of victory bread containing the required percentage of substitutes and one-half pound of cooking flour, macaroni, crackers, pastry, pies, cakes, wheat breakfast cereals, all combined.

2—Public eating places and clubs to observe two wheatless days per week, Monday and Wednesday, as at present. In addition thereto not to serve to any one guest at any one meal an aggregate of bread-stuffs, macaroni, crackers, pastry, pies, cakes, wheat breakfast cereals containing a total of more than two ounces of wheat flour.

3—Retailers to sell not more than one-eighth of a barrel of flour to any town customer at any one time, and not more than one-quarter of a barrel to any country customer at any one time, and in no case to sell wheat products without the sale of an equal weight of other cereals.

4—We ask the bakers and grocers to reduce the volume of victory bread sold by delivery of the three-quarter pound loaf where one pound was sold before, and corresponding proportions in other weights.

There is no limit upon the use of other cereals, flours and meals, corn, barley, buckwheat potato flour, etc.

THE CANVASSING COMMITTEES.

They Are Entitled to a Most Cordial Reception.

(Statesville Landmark)
Did you ever think about the work of these canvassing committees—you whose chief hope is that they will let you alone? The people who canvass for Liberty Bonds, War Savings Stamps, for Red Cross donations and the like—they are busy people, with work to do in their own business, "the same as you and I." But somebody has to do this disagreeable job, and so they make a sacrifice of time, pay their own expenses when there is an expense account, and go out and do the work because somebody has to do it. They get no pay, direct or indirect, in the form of cash. Their only reward is the consciousness of duty performed, disagreeable though it may be.

NEGRO MAN ROBS HORSE.

Silas Harris Caught in the Act of Stealing Corn.

Last Saturday a farmer came to town and hitched his horse in the stables in the rear of the Banner Warehouse and placed enough corn in the rack for his meal.

As soon as the owner of the horse departed, two men saw Silas Harris, colored, creep up and take the corn out of the rack and place it in a bag. The two men notified the officers and the arrest and detention of Silas followed. In municipal court Saturday, Mayor Mitchell bound Silas over to the April term of court.

LIBERTY LOAN COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Candace Brown Heads the Woman's Organization in Granville.

Mrs. Candace Brown has been named chairman of the Woman's Liberty Loan work in Granville county. The selection of Mrs. Brown was a wise one. All of the women of the county are urged to rally around her in the great work. The campaign of the third Liberty Loan will be inaugurated on April 6, the anniversary of our declaration of war against Germany.

FARMERS MUST FILE AFFIDAVITS SEEKING HELP CLASSIFICATION.

Farmers seeking to have their help given deferred classification in the draft must file affidavits with local draft boards. Attention was called to the fact that the boards have no authority to give deferred classification otherwise.

"If farmers whose hands are affected in this new call fail to file affidavits they should have no cause for complaint if their men are taken from them at this critical time," the statement says. "It will be useless to protest later."

SIMPLIFIES LIBERTY LOAN

Payments by Bond Subscribers to Be Made Easier by New Method.

The Liberty Loan Committee is planning an invocation in respect to the handling of bond purchases made on the partial payment plan. In the last campaign most of the banks used cards, and every time the subscriber made his weekly payment of \$1 it was punched. Some few institutions used small books, containing fifty slips, with stubs, and upon payment one of the slips was torn out and stub stamped "paid."

While heretofore it has been necessary for the bond subscriber to make his weekly payment at the bank or trust company where he filed his subscription, under the proposed arrangement the subscriber will be able to turn in his money at any bank. The book system will be used, and banks receiving the payments will forward the slips to the Liberty Loan Committee's offices, where the payments will be checked up. It is proposed that the banks should jointly purchase a block of bonds on behalf of the partial payment plan subscribers and hold them until the bonds are fully paid for. As the subscriber completes his payments a bond will be delivered to him.

MONSTER CANNON OF GERMANS IS 70 MILES FROM PARIS.

Much Speculation Over Character of Gun—Little Military Value.

Paris, March 25.—The German "monster cannon" which has been bombarding Paris has been located in the forest of St. Gobain, west of Loon, and exactly 122 kilometres (approximately 76 miles) from the Paris city hall. The gun bombarded Paris during the greater part of Saturday and Sunday.

It is a very delicate piece of machinery, which must be handled by expert mathematicians and gunners, as the loading and pointing is a difficult task. Each shot costs about \$4,000. "This is a new conception of our enemies," the newspaper comments.

BE A SELF-STARTER.

Prof. J. F. Webb Leads the County in Number of Speeches.

One of the most enthusiastic workers in Granville for the sale of war savings stamps is Prof. J. F. Webb, who has made forty-two speeches to date, and he says that the half has not been told. "Be a self-starter" is the injunction of Prof. Webb.

One of the most enthusiastic centers in the country is the Enon Community. Gen. B. S. Royster and Hon. B. W. Parham made strong speeches at Enon last Friday night to a packed house.

Enon community is expected to purchase \$6000 worth of war savings stamps and war saving certificates, and the hustling community regards the task as an easy one.

MUST SEPARATE THE SHEEP FROM THE GOATS

Voters Must Pay Their Poll Tax Before April 1.

It is necessary for voters to pay their poll tax before April 1st. In order to separate the names of the patriotic voters from those who do not pay their poll tax, the sheriff is required to furnish the Clerk of the Court a list of all who have paid so that their names can be placed on the record for inspection by November 1st.

NEAT BRONZE TABLET.

Defending the Cause of God, Humanity and America.

One of the most appropriate tablets we have seen adorns the door of Gen. B. S. Royster's residence. It is 3x5 inches, wrought in copper bronze, and contains the following: "This is the home of a soldier defending the cause of God, Humanity and America."

Mrs. Street's Mother Dead

Mrs. W. L. Lewis, mother of Mrs. K. L. Street, died early Monday morning at her home in Roxboro. Mrs. Street was with her when the end came. The funeral will be held this Tuesday afternoon.

THE PACKING PLANT THAT DID NOT MATERIALIZE.

Some Were For It. But the Knock-Kicked it Over the Fence and It Died in the Burning.

About one year ago things looked bright in Oxford for a meat packing plant. Several meetings were held and the liveliest business man in Oxford was selected to head the enterprise; a campaign for raising funds was mapped out and the various committees in due time reported \$30,000 subscribed.

Everything moved along nicely for a couple of weeks, and then the knockers asked the committee if it would be possible within the next few years to keep the plant busy.

That was the hostile blow that led to comoufflage. A committee consisting of Ex-Senator Titus Curran, M. P. Chamblee and R. C. M. Calvert were appointed a committee to visit packing plants in Georgia and report their findings. The committee returned and filed their report and offered to back up their judgement of the packing industry by subscribing liberally to the proposed enterprise.

At this stage, the enterprise took on new life and it did seem to the beholder that such men as Messrs. C. D. Ray, Henry G. Cooper, Dr. E. T. White, Senator Curran, Mayor Mitchell, Ham Powell, M. P. Chamblee, W. H. Hunt, General Royster, D. G. Brummitt, John Webb, J. F. Meadows, and the like of them, were predestine to walk the streets of Oxford veritable hog barons. But a strong lawyer with little faith in the enterprise said in open meeting:

"I know the farmers of Granville, and I defy any man present to point successfully to any farmer in the county who will obligate to produce 25 hogs."

That was the final blow that shattered the air castle and put the committee to sleep.

Baring on this question we read with much interest the following Associated Press dispatch dated at Tifton, Ga.:

"For the shortest month of the year the Tifton packing plant broke all record south of the Mason and Dixon line for the first month's run, killing 12,000 hogs during February, after opening the first day of the month. During the first month of its operation the plant paid over half a million dollars for hogs to farmers.

"For the past few days more hogs have been offered than could be handled, perhaps 100 carloads being turned away. Last night there were 5,000 hogs in the pens, enough for two week's killing, and a constant stream is on the way despite the cry of the management that it had enough.

"Farmers are ready for plowing now and need the hogs out of their fields. It is expected that in a few weeks the plants will be anxious for the stock they are obliged to refuse now because they have no place to keep them.

"Three years ago the Moultrie plant could not secure hogs enough to keep it going. This year, although its capacity has been three times increased and plants have been opened at Tifton, Statesboro, Waycross and Savannah, several train loads of hogs have been shipped to plants north and east to relieve the congestion."

SCHOOL CHILDREN PARADE.

The Governor Was Too Busy to Review the Line of March.

An item of news that the Public Ledger tried to get and failed was the parade of the Oxford school children on Monday, March 18th. We were told that the children would pass in review of Governor Bickett, who was scheduled to make a speech in the Court House at the noon hour. All was comoufflage with us. It seems as if General Royster had charge of the Governor, and that Mr. B. K. Lassiter was chairman of the meeting. We were also aware that Superintendent Phillips was in charge of the children, but there was a hitch somewhere and the Governor left Oxford without seeing the three hundred fine children, each waving a war savings stamp as they passed the court house. It was an inspiring sight, worthy of the Governor's notice, but the Governor was much fatigued from travel and speaking it is said, and he hastened to deliver his speech and get home. A photograph was taken of the children assembled in front of the postoffice, from which a cut will be made, and it will be printed in the Public Ledger as soon as we can get our hands on it.

THE COLORED SOLDIERS.

Seventy-five Men Will Entrain Here Next Saturday.

The Granville County Exemption Board received orders to entrain seventy-five colored men next Saturday, March 30th, without fail. The men will go to Camp Grant, Illinois.