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THE GERMAN ARMY SPENDS ITS FURY

THE WHITE FLAG OF GERMANY WILL BE HOISTED BEFORE THE FOURTH OF JULY OR EVERY HUN WILL BE DEAD.

Whole Divisions of the German Army Have Been Annihilated and Cut to Pieces By Withering Fire of Machine Guns and Artillery—Waves After Waves of Drunken, Debauched Huns Were Mowed Down Like Wheat in the Path of the Reaper and Still They Advanced—The Germans Strip Their Dead and Leave Their Bodies Nude Upon the Field of Battle—The American Army in France to the Rescue.

Carefully sifted information from widely different places is convincing that the German army has spent its fury. Having failed to break through the British lines they turned sharply to the south and encountered the French army on a twenty-four mile front, and so great was the withering fire that they were rent and torn even worse than they were on the British front, and today the whole army is in a position of actual peril, says the military writers.

The readers of the war news during the past ten days are familiar with the ebb and flow of the tide of battle. The net result has been a penetration well into the Allies' territory of resistance, but with no point of advantage gained by the Germans. The German line as a whole has been brought practically to a halt within fifty miles of Paris. German prisoners state that they fully expected to reach Paris during the first week in April and that a failure to do so would be disastrous to the German army. The Kaiser himself and the German papers state that a failure to reach Paris or the French coast in the present drive would decide the issue.

The reorganization of the Allied Armies under the French chief of staff and the incorporation into this army of the entire resources of General Pershing in men, arms and munitions, makes the elimination of any weak spot that might have existed assured. Germany has shot her bolt and though the impact was staggering, the recovery of the Allies has been complete and they have been maneuvered in a manner to best meet the newly created conditions.

Backed by the combined resources of three great armies, with efforts co-ordinated under control of a single master hand, will win the day, says well informed military writers. We can see the finish of Germany on the western front. What we cannot see is the exact time of this finish, but conditions existing today would justify expectations that it will not be longer than the fourth of July.

The press is given over to sensational news more or less. The fighting on the western front for the past ten days is doubtless the greatest in the history of the world. A wounded British soldier returning to London states that the German soldiers advanced across "No-Man's Land" in a drunken, debauched condition. It is put down as a fact that the Germans strip the dead, of both friend and foe, and send the clothing to the rear, leaving their bodies nude upon the battlefields.

PRECINCT MEETINGS WERE HELD OVER THE COUNTY.

Delegates Are Chosen to Attend County Convention Next Saturday.

Complying with the plan of organization of the Democratic party of North Carolina, and the action of the State Democratic Committee, the precinct meetings in all voting precincts of Granville county were held last Saturday for the purpose of electing precinct Committees in each precinct and the election of a Precinct Chairman.

Each precinct is entitled to one delegate to the county convention for every fifty or fraction of fifty votes cast in the last election.

The names of the delegates from the several precincts are not available for publication. The Granville county Democratic convention will 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.

Bell Town Precinct reports as follows: Executive Committee—C. R. Gordon Chairman; W. W. Brummitt, J. T. Averett, W. B. Newton, L. T. Buchanan. Delegates to County Convention: C. R. Gordon, W. W. Brummitt, J. P. Bradsher. Resolved, that this precinct endorse B. W. Parham for the senate.

JUDGE DEVIN VERY BUSY.

Talks, Prays and Works All the Time.

Judge Devin arrived in Oxford last Friday with the expectation of resting a couple of days, but there is no rest for the popular judge. They pressed him into service as soon as he arrived. He went down to Mary Potter's school and sent the colored soldiers off with some wholesome advice, and then on Saturday night he went to Clark's school with Prof. J. F. Webb and made a rousing speech in the interest of the war savings stamp. Judge Devin made an interesting Easter talk at the Oxford Baptist Baraca class Sunday morning and left in the afternoon for the eastern part of the State to hold court this week.

GRANVILLE WILL RESPOND.

The Per Capita Subscription of the Liberty Loan.

Granville county made only a fair showing in the Second Liberty Loan, according to accurate official statistics compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of the Fifth District at Richmond, in which North Carolina is included.

Granville is given a population of 27,000, with 172 subscribers, or 63 per cent. of the people participating. The per capita subscription was \$4.22, and the total \$114,100, as against a maximum allotment of \$306,050.

Comparisons with adjoining counties show Warren, with a population of 22,000, having 128 subscribers, or 58 per cent. of the entire number of people. The per capita subscription was \$2.55, the total amount subscribed \$56,250, with a maximum of \$90,000 expected.

Vance county has a population of 18,000 and there was a total of 590 subscribers to the loan, including the city of Henderson, of course, showing that 3.27 per cent. of the population participating. The per capita subscription is given as \$18.30, and the total subscription made was \$329,450, as compared with the maximum of \$324,100 expected of the county.

Franklin's population is set forth as 20,000, with 323 subscribers, or 1.61 per cent. of the total. The per capita subscription was \$4.36, with a total of \$87,350, as compared with the maximum allotment of \$184,800.

The entire State of North Carolina, with a population of 2,400,000 had 56,162 subscribers, or 2.34 per cent. of the people. The State's per capita subscription was \$11.67, and her total purchases amounted to \$28,025,950, as compared with a maximum allotment of \$27,000,000. Only Virginia and Maryland in the Fifth Federal Reserve district took more of the bonds than did North Carolina.

NO MEATLESS DAY FOR MONTH NOW.

This Provision For Food Conservation is Suspended By Food Administration.

The suspension of Meatless Day for thirty days, beginning March 31, has been authorized by Food Administrator Herbert Hoover, according to information received and made public by Mr. Henry Page, North Carolina Food Administrator.

PRAYING FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE REVIVAL MEETING.

Dr. R. G. Garland, of Virginia Will Assist Dr. J. D. Harte.

Dr. J. D. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church announced from the pulpit Sunday that revival services would be held in his church, beginning about the middle of the present month.

Dr. R. G. Garland, president of the Virginia Baptist State Convention, will assist Dr. Harte with the meeting. In speaking of Dr. Garland, Dr. Harte referred to him as one who is endowed to preach the Gospel of the Living Christ.

OFF TO CAMP JACKSON.

The Last of Granville's Full Quota of White Men.

The following ten men entrained for Camp Jackson Monday at noon: Joe B. Lassiter, McA. Howell, G. T. Elliott, J. P. Moss, Cliff Slaughter, T. B. Williams, Howard Baker, Kolly B. Wheeler, Taylor B. Williams, A. C. Cary.

As is customary, each one was presented with a Bible by the Red Cross Chapter.

THIS MEANS YOU.

Who Are Members of the Woman's Council of National Defense?

Every woman who wants to have a share in winning the war. The regular monthly meeting of the Oxford Unit, will be held in the library, Thursday, April 4th.

We all want to help our government at this time, so let us all attend this meeting. There is some urgent work before us.

MRS. H. G. COOPER, Chm.

Our "Weary Willies."

Oxford now has its Four Hundred, whose motto is, "Let the women do the work."

A WORD TO THE OWNERS OF WORTHLESS DOGS.

If You Think Anything of Your Dogs You Must Keep Them on Your Lot.

As soon as Mr. William Maloney last week learned that his dog attacked a lady on the street, he requested Capt. Reid, of the police force, to kill the dog. On entering the yard to inflict the death penalty, the dog sprang at the throat of the officer and the officer made quick work of the job.

Dog Had the Rabies.

The dog's head was immediately sent to the Pasture Institute, Raleigh, and on Saturday last Mr. Maloney was notified that the dog had the rabies.

The lady that the dog attacked Thursday morning was not bitten, but her clothing was torn and badly damaged by the dog. The dog attacked a colored man early in the week and tore his hand badly. We do not know the name of the colored man, but he should be advised that the dog had the rabies. The dog also attacked Mr. Maloney and inflicted a wound on his hand. Mr. Maloney went to Raleigh Sunday for examination and treatment, if needs be. It is positively known that the rabid dog bit several other dogs in the community, and sooner or later they will also go mad.

Capt. Reid on the War Path.

Capt. Reid, of the police force, who is on night duty, authorizes the Public Ledger to advise the owners of dogs that he will take no risk with dogs on the streets at night. He knows every vicious and worthless dog in Oxford, and he says that if the owners do not think enough of them to keep them up at night he will shoot them.

Down With the Dog.

Sentiment is daily growing against the dog. People are waking to the consciousness of dog danger, dog waste, dog nuisance. Let the dog owner pay a tax to the government, and at the same time give substantial assurance to the public of compensation for dog damage. A course of pasteurization at Raleigh will cost from one hundred to a thousand dollars—this much money you must pay to keep hydrophobia out of your system following dog-inoculation. There are a hundred persons taking the treatment now at Raleigh, and several of this number are from Granville county.

THE MOVIE CALENDAR.

Strong Bill at the Orpheum All This Week.

Show starts at 7:45 new time. Tuesday matinee and night—William S. Hart in "The Silent Man," bounds in tender touches and will please everyone from the child to the grown-ups.

Wednesday—Charlie Chaplin, in "The Pawnshop."

Thursday—Jack Pickford in "Tom Sawyer" the greatest treat for all the old kids and all the young kids.

Friday—Pearl White in "The Fatal Ring." Keystone Comedy, also "Hearst-Pathé News". Matinee 3 P. M.

Saturday—Helen Holmes in "The Lost Express." Sunshine Comedy, also "Hearst-Pathé News" with war scenes. Matinee, 3 P. M.

Nitrate of Soda.

The County Farm Demonstration Agent has been informed that an allotment of six tons of nitrate of soda is now available for early shipment to Oxford to Messrs C. D. Ray and Son who will act as distributing agents for Granville county. Other shipments will be made later in which all applicants may share; but each one of all that applied for the nitrate will be entitled to but one tenth part of what he applied for in this shipment, as the whole amount applied for was approximately 60 tons. Every applicant will receive a card notifying him of the arrival of his nitrate tenth part as soon as it comes. It will be cash on delivery from the storage house of Messrs C. D. Ray and Son.

New Package Rule.

After April 1, corn meal, hominy and grits must be sold by jobbers and millers only in packages containing 1½ pounds, 3 pounds, 5 10, 25, 50, and 100 pounds net weight, unless by special permission in writing from the U. S. Food Administration.

THREE CHILDREN PERISH IN CALDRON OF FIRE.

Sadness Comes to the Family of Mr. G. W. Hart.

Last Sunday night about nine o'clock, while Mr. G. W. Hart and family, of Cornwall, were entertaining company a fire was smoldering in a closet in the room above. The four children of the happy family retired to bed early, and the first intimation of the fire was when one of the children ran down stairs and told her father that the house was in flames.

Mr. Hart rushed up the stairs and discovered that the fire was in the closet. He called for a bucket of water, but with one mighty gush the fire burst forth in the room and smothered Ethel, 11 years old; Claude, 9 years old, and Annie May, 7 years old. Mittie Bell the oldest sister escaped with her parents.

Mr. Hart is a good man and his family was one of the happiest in the country. His head is bowed in grief and the prayers of the community is that the Good Lord will sustain him in the hour of trial.

The funeral and interment, conducted by Rev. C. Almond Upchurch, took place at Mt. Creek Monday afternoon.

BULLOCK WOMEN PATRIOTIC.

Organize Unit of National Defense and Red Cross Auxiliary.

(Reported)

A large number of earnest women from the Bullock community met at the school house Friday afternoon and organized a unit of the Granville County Woman's Committee Council of National Defense, and a Red Cross Auxiliary. The unit was organized for patriotic service during the term of the war with the following officers and chairman of departments:

Chairman Unit—Mrs. Lex Norwood.

Secretary and Treasurer—Miss Dorothy Hicks.

Chairman Food Production and Conservation of Food—Mrs. T. A. Royster.

Chairman Liberty Loan and War Savings—Mrs. Horace Hicks and Mrs. R. A. Davis.

Chairman Red Cross Auxiliary—Mrs. Horace Hicks.

Other departments of work were discussed and will probably be taken up later.

Special interest was shown in education and child welfare. It was also decided to hold weekly prayer meetings, either at the different homes of the ladies or at the church.

Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. S. H. Brown and Mrs. A. H. Powell of Oxford attended the meeting and assisted in forming the organization.

The full particulars of the sad death of the children are not at hand. But it is said that the children asked their mother if they could occupy a different room Sunday night and that Mr. Hart was not aware of the change. He went up stairs and returned to the lower floor thinking that the children were in their accustomed room.

The charred remains of the three children were buried in one coffin.

NEGRO SELECTMEN OFF TO FIGHT FOR AMERICA.

Rousing Farewell, With Brass Band and Lusty Cheers as the Colored Boys Depart.

The sixty negro selectmen of Granville who departed for Camp Grant, Rockwell, Ill., on a special car via Durham and Lynchburg last Saturday, were accorded a royal send-off by the members of their race.

The men met at the court house Friday and were given transportation, meal tickets and final instructions. They were placed in charge of one of their number, who had charge of the special car until they reached Lynchburg, where a special train was made up for about a thousand negro soldiers in the making from all parts of North Carolina.

The Granville men were accompanied to the Southern station by the brass band of Mary Potter school and entrained in the waiting car 'midst great display of enthusiasm.

—Many a man possessing a Liberty button carries it in concealment while the income tax deputy is about.