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## THROUGH DEADLY BARRAGE FIRE AMERICANS PUSH THEIR LINE AHEAD

Regarded as Brilliant Operation in View of the Determined Countering by Germans.

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne Front, July 30. (By the Associated Press.)—Through a barrage as deadly as any the Germans have laid down on any sector for months the American soldiers, comprising men from middle west and eastern states, pushed their line forward a little more today, and tonight it forms the apex of the long allied front.

### Story of Fight Thrilling.

The story of the fight for the possession of Meurey farm will long be remembered in the history of the division. The Germans, on their withdrawal, left behind a strong force of machine gunners and infantry. The Americans moved forward through the yellow wheat fields, which were sprayed and torn by bullets. But they advanced as though on a drill ground.

The Americans guns laid down a heavy artillery fire, but notwithstanding this many of the Germans remained when it comes to hand-to-hand fighting. In a group of farm buildings the enemy had set up a strong defense. Here the Germans stuck to their guns, and the Americans rushed them and killed the gunners at their posts.

It was a little battle without mercy, and typical of similar engagements occurring along the whole line. The Prussian guards and Bavarians everywhere fought in accordance with their training discipline and traditions, but were outwitted and out-fought.

To the north of the farm, up the long slopes leading to the woods, the Americans encountered the fiercest exhibition of Germany's war science. The Germans, too, laid down a barrage which, it is said, was as heavy as had ever been employed. The American guns replied heavily.

### Directly Through Barrage.

The order for the advance came, and the line moved forward across the grain fields directly through the barrage. On a nearby hillside the chief staff officers watched the operation. They saw shells fall, in some places leaving long gaps in the line, but the troops never halted.

On through the barrage the Americans went into the German positions attacking fiercely the machine gun and infantry detachments. The barrage died away, the Germans leaving the work of resistance to the men they had failed to protect with their heavy guns.

The Germans were "mopped up" and the Americans held their new line just east of the forest. Not many prisoners were taken, but here and there a few were rounded up and brought in. Sergeant Louis Loetz of Sioux City contributed 14. He attacked 18 Germans who had become separated from their command, killing four of them and capturing the others. Awful execution was done by the Americans. Eight captured guard said they were all that remained of a company of 86. Yesterday their number had been reduced to 30 and a lieutenant. Today the lieutenant and all except they were killed.

### IT MIGHT BE WORSE.

Stand By the Home Town in All Kinds of Weather.

We heard a citizen say the other day that Oxford is the hottest town this side of—it makes no difference where. The assertion is hardly in accord with the facts. Few men who have visited the inferno regions are privileged to return to earth and speak of the torridity of that zone, but there are those among us who will testify that Oxford on a hot day seems like a cool grove on the banks of a running brook compared to some other towns not thirty miles from here.

### IMPERIAL PLANT BUSY.

Two Hundred Hands Now On the Payroll.

Tobacco from the South Carolina markets, consigned to the Imperial Tobacco Company, has begun to arrive in train load lots, and the local plant of the company has placed about two hundred stemmers to work. When the markets in this section of the State opens the Imperial will want at least seven hundred hands.

## A SERVICE FLAG HUNG IN ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Twenty-eight Stars Arranged in the Form of a Cross.

Last Sunday a beautiful red Service Flag was hung on the walls of St. Stephen's Church to commemorate in the house of God the young men from the parish, who in the service of their country, are "jeoparding their lives unto death in the high places of the field." In the white center of the flag twenty-eight stars are arranged in the form of a cross with its base or cavalry. Each star represents an actual member of the church with the exception of a few non-resident members.

### In the Army.

R. C. M. CALVERT.  
ELLIOTT T. COOPER.  
EDWIN C. CLINGMAN.  
AUGUSTINE W. GRAHAM, JR.  
GORDON HUNT.  
AUGUSTUS LANDIS.  
WILLIAM T. LANDIS.  
MARK A. LANDIS.  
JOSEPH D. LASSITER.  
MARSHALL O. PINNIX.  
CHAS. G. POWELL.  
WILLIAM HILL POWELL.  
ALBERT H. TAYLOR.  
CHAS. A. TAYLOR.  
HENRY A. TAYLOR.  
H. LINDSEY TAYLOR.  
R. KENNON TAYLOR.  
C. BUXTON TAYLOR.  
LONIE THARP.  
JOEL B. WETMORE.  
HAL S. WETMORE.  
JOHN D. WILLIAMS.

### In the Navy.

JAMES L. BOOTH.  
ASHBURN CAPEHART.  
HENRY G. COOPER.  
ARTHUR LANDIS.  
THOMAS H. LANDIS.  
E. WINFIELD TAYLOR.

## A BRAVE, FEARLESS OFFICER IS DEPUTY HUTCHINS

Picks Up Three Disorderly Characters in Less Than a Quarter of An Hour.

There are a whole lot of people in Granville county who have very little use for Deputy Sheriff Hutchins. There is a reason—he is strictly on the job all the time, and there is not a sleuth this side of Chicago that can scent crime quicker.

There was quite a crowd of people here Wednesday and Hutchins bobbed around like a cork in a whirlpool. Seeing him in the public square, a man who is addicted to calling upon the Alchemy spirits to hear his evening prayer, remarked that "if it had not been for Hutchins, Hobgood would have been elected."

While all of this was going on, Hutchins sprang upon the running board of an automobile and snatched a pistol and a razor out of a negroes pocket. He arrested the man and took into the court house and placed him in charge of the sheriff, and then returned to the public square and jumped on the running board of another auto and snatched a pint of liquor out of a negro's inside pocket. He marched the liquor negro in to the sheriff's office and returned to the street and tapped a white man gently on the shoulder and said: Hello, Bill, how do you do? I have a federal warrant in my pocket for you; let us go in and see about it." And off he went with his man, making all three of the arrests in less than a quarter of an hour.

### WAR TELEGRAMS

Posted Daily in the Window at Hall's Drug Store.

Three or four skeleton telegrams are daily posted in the window at Hall's drug store. They are very brief, but the whole world expects something to happen at any moment—something that means the down fall and utter collapse of the German forces on the western front.

Just such a thing will happen one of these days, and then we expect to see men throw their hats into the air and say: "Didn't I tell you so!"

MAKING DRIVE FOR MORE MEN FOR MARINE CORPS

Can Enlist at Raleigh, Durham or Richmond.

Marine recruiting stations in North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia are waging a vigorous campaign for more recruits to help fill up the recently authorized quota of 75,000 men.

## GENERAL MARCH SAYS THE DEATH GRAPPLE IS NOW AT HAND

The Allies and Huns Are Bent On Destroying Each Other—This Is the One Object in View.

The fourteenth day of the great allied offensive which has resulted in driving back the Germans from the Marne region northward across the Ourcq river, and in materially bending in the eastern and western side of the great pocket, with its mouth running cross-country 36 miles from Soissons to Rheims, saw little activity on the part of either of the contending forces.

All hope of bagging great numbers of Germans in the pocket formed a few days ago by the line running from Soissons to Rheims, dipping down close to Chateau Thierry, has been abandoned. The German resistance in holding apart the jaws forming the mouth of the pocket was too great. During the last two weeks the enemy has had ample time, and seems to have made good use of it, to perfect his defensive positions along the flattened front now established, according to the War Department's interpretation of the situation.

Whatever may have been the objectives heretofore aimed at by the contesting forces on the Soissons Rheims salient, these have been set aside or submerged in the greater struggle, in which the object of each side is the destruction of the other, in the view of General March. It is a life-and-death struggle that has developed, according to General March's interpretation, and the world will watch with keen interest and with suspense its outcome.

## ENTIRE ELBOW BLOTTED OUT

Washington, Aug. 1.—After a short period of relative calm on the Soissons Rheims salient the central and western sections of the battle making the line a straight one from Fere to Hartennes and giving the Allies much better ground over which to work in further out-flanking Soissons on the southeast and for pressing on toward Fismes in conjunction with the troops, particularly the Americans now holding strategic positions north and northeast of Fere.

In this fighting the Allied troops drove out the Germans who had been tenaciously holding positions between Plessier Huleu and the river and took the high ground north of Grand Rozoy, pressed on past the village of Beugneux and arrived before the villages of Cramoisselle and Cramail. The general advance was about two miles, and six hundred Germans were made prisoner.

## ARMY TRUCKS PASS HERE.

Seventy-two Soldiers Spend the Night in Oxford.

Enroute from New York City to Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., fifty-four army trucks and seventy-two men arrived in Oxford Thursday afternoon and struck camp in the graded school grounds. They made the trip from New York to Oxford in five days. They left Oxford at six o'clock this Friday morning and will spend the night in Greensboro, reaching Charlotte Saturday night.

Through the activity of the local Chapter of the American Red Cross, all of the men were invited to homes in Oxford for supper. The men were highly pleased with the hospitality and kindness shown them while in Oxford.

### Mr. Sam Knott Hurt.

The many friends of Mr. Sam Knott will be pained to learn that a mule on Thursday kicked him on the leg and broke the bone a couple of inches above the ankle. Mr. Knott is a highly esteemed citizen of the county, and on account of his advanced age the wound will be slow to heal.

### Brass Band Will Be There.

See the announcement elsewhere in this paper of the sale of lots at Buckhorn Lithia Springs at an early date.

## TWO YOUNG LADIES OF OXFORD JOIN THE COLORS

Others of the County Will Answer The Call.

The appeal from the Government to the young women of America to enroll for service in one of the Standard Nurse Reserve training schools, is a powerful one. The Government is calling for 25,000 Student nurses now.

Granville county's quota must be raised before the 11th of August.

The recruiting station is in Mr. J. Robt. Wood's store and is in charge of Miss May White.

Though the enrollment so far has not been as prompt and as large as we had hoped, we believe that the young women of Granville county will not fail in their duty and opportunity for so great a service. Up to the present moment two young ladies of Oxford have definitely decided to offer themselves for this service, and three others have it under serious consideration.

The Committee in charge of the enrollment will be pleased to have others in Oxford and Granville county who are interested call at the recruiting station and receive information in regard to requirements.

Here is just a part of the message of this great physician, world-famous because of his great ability and his devotion to duty, to the women of the country between the ages of 19 and 35:

"If I were a young woman and wanted to do my country the greatest service in my honor, I should go at once to the nearest recruiting station of the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense and enroll in the United States Student Nurse Reserve. This enrollment would at once make me a candidate for the Army Nursing School or for one of the civilian training schools for nurses. I cannot conceive of a more valuable service, a more womanly service. I can give every girl who enrolls in the reserve my personal assurance that she is making herself count, and I should be ashamed of any woman who did not long with all her heart and soul to make herself count in the defeat of Germany.

These are ringing words. We have no fear that they will not bring a quick response from the women of North Carolina.

## UNCLE SAM IS SENDING S. O. S. FOR CHAPLAINS

Men Wanted Who Care More For Men's Welfare Than for Creed Distinction, Says Bulletin.

The United States army is sending out hurry calls for chaplains. It needs one man for every 1,200 men.

"The army," an official bulletin says, "is in need of chaplains; a sturdy, unassuming brotherly man, between the ages of 21 and 45, who cares a good deal more about the welfare of soldiers than about distinctions in creeds."

## THE SUGAR SITUATION

Can As Much Fruit As Possible Without Sugar.

The allowance of sugar for each person has been reduced from three to two pounds per month per person and the allotments to merchants will be based on that figure.

Owing to the sugar scarcity it is not considered advisable to issue certificates for preserving and canning and the Food Administrator will not issue further certificates for Oxford and vicinity for the present.

The people are urged to can as much fruit as possible without sugar. It has been shown that fruit will keep as well without the sugar, as the sugar used in the canning process has no preservative value.

August 1st, 1918.  
B. W. PARHAM,  
County Food Administrator.

### Dr. Horsefield Out of Town.

No service in St. Stephen's church on Sunday. The rector has been called to Goldsboro to solemnize the marriage of a former parishiner on Saturday afternoon. The ringing of the church bell will give notice during the following week, of the resumption of the usual week-day service.

### Lecture Postponed.

Mrs. Kate Brew Vaughn who was scheduled to lecture at 10:30 this Friday at Oxford College, will lecture this afternoon at 3 o'clock instead.

## SAYS FIGHTING VALUE OF AMERICANS SHOULD NOT BE UNDERESTIMATED

Berlin Correspondent Gives His Views of Yankees and Consensus of Opinion Among German Troops.

Amsterdam, August 1.—The Berlin Vorwaerts correspondent at the front, telegraphs the following under date of July 27:

"In the battle between the Oisne and the Marne, the entente for the first time threw American forces into the fire. As a result of personal inquiries among the divisions of Generals Von Etzel and Von Watter in the center of the German front, I am able to state the following:

"The Americans fought partly in serried divisions, partly incorporated in the French forces. Of the regiments now in the battle, most have been over a year in France; the others were only superficially trained in America and on the continent. Their equipment is excellent throughout.

"The new American army, like the French, has a number of negro divisions, but these have not yet been thrown into the battle.

"Among the American prisoners a surprisingly large per centage bear German names. They say men of German descent are prominent among the American army leaders.

"The consensus of opinion among our front troops is that the fighting value of the American soldiers should in no wise be underrated. Boastful of their American superiority and high spirits, owing to the fulsome flattery of the French public, they rush into the fire with naive recklessness, but as yet they have not learned to fight in extended order and how to protect themselves skillfully from artillery fire, their losses are immensely heavier than the other.

"The piles of American dead, for instance, fronting Monthiers hill is only comparable with the Russian corpse-strewn fields at the time of Brusiloff's offensive.

"Keen as the Americans are in attack, they are clumsy enough in defense. All the German counter thrusts, even by the smallest detachments, have so far been successful when directed against the Americans.

"From July 21, when the German counter-action set in, the Americans suffered casualties, which officers who participated, place between 50 and 75 per cent. The result was that several American divisions had to be relieved after they had been no more than five days' fighting."

## INSPECTING HIGHWAY

Winslow and Lashley Spend Day in Granville.

Capt. D. H. Winslow, State Highway Commission, with headquarters in Raleigh, and Mr. J. T. Lashley, District Maintenance Supervisor, with headquarters in Durham, were inspecting the State Highway through Granville county Thursday.

Capt. Winslow has ordered the patrolmen to restore the National colors along the Highway. He states that the Highway is to be known as the "National Highway," and not "State Highway."

They spoke in glowing terms of the work of Patrolman Royster, on the northern end and Sanderford of the southern end of Granville as being well equipped road men.

## LIQUOR CAUSED THE TROUBLE.

John Henry Austin At the Point of Death—John Hinton Fired the Shot.

At the "Philadelphia House" about 9 o'clock Wednesday night, John Hinton, colored, fired upon John Henry Austin, also colored. Liquor seemed to have caused the trouble.

Two shots were fired, each one passing through the leg of Austin and lodged in the other leg.

John Hinton, who fired the shot, disappeared in the darkness and his whereabouts is unknown to the public. He was in the employ of the Lyon-Winston Company. John Henry Austin is a Durham negro. Dr. Thomas dressed his wounds.

### Quartette Will Sing.

One of the interesting features scheduled for next Sunday morning at Oxford Baptist Baraca Class is a song by the class quartette, composed of Prof. Buchanan, Messrs. J. F. Meadows, M. P. Chamblee and B. F. Taylor. Judge Devin will expound the International lesson and a good time is in store for all who attend.