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GEN PERSHING SAYS THIRTIETH'S MEN BROKE THRU HINDENBURG LINE

Incipient Controversy Between New York and Carolina-Tennessee Is Ended by Chief Commander of A. E. F., Who Gives Full Credit to Southern Boys—Features of That Attack Previously Not Described for Publication.

In a recent illustrated article the New York Tribune gave elaborate credit to the New York troops for the smashing of the Hindenburg line, and somewhere in the midst of the article made modest concession that the Thirtieth Division assisted to some extent in the great accomplishment. It gave New York the entire glory for the victory, qualified only by the admission that the Thirtieth was somewhere in the fight. In order to remove the matter from all doubt, whatever, the description was accompanied by an illustration of the barrage laid down under cover of which the Twenty-seventh swept its triumphant way up to and over the line.

General Pershing officially reports to Major General Lewis that "the special glory" of the Thirtieth "will always be the honor you won by breaking the Hindenburg line on September 29." No other testimony than that should be needed. General Pershing, himself, has answered the question as to who broke the Hindenburg line. He says it was the Thirtieth and that this performance will "always be its special glory and honor."

Greatest Military Achievement

Officers and men of the Thirtieth division who have been returned to the United States during the past two weeks have expressed emphatically their dissatisfaction over the manner in which certain publications of the eastern states have described the breaking of the Hindenburg line, declared by many authorities as the greatest single military accomplishment of the world war and by others as the military decision of that contest.

Gen. Pershing's Letter.

Text of General Pershing's letter to Major General Lewis follows: Headquarters 30th Division American Expeditionary Forces, France, Feb. 24, 1919.

Memorandum No. 34—Subject: Letter of commendation from the Commander-in-Chief.

The following letter received this date is published to the command: "American Expeditionary Forces, Office of the Commander-in-Chief, France, Feb. 19, 1919.

"Major General Edward M. Lewis, Commanding Thirtieth Division, A. E. F.

"My dear General Lewis: It gives me much pleasure to extend to you and the officers and men of the Thirtieth division, my sincere compliments upon their appearance at the review and inspection on the 21st day of January southwest of Toile, which was excellent and is just what would be expected in a command with such a splendid fighting record.

"After its preliminary training, the division entered the line July 16, where it remained almost continuously until the end of October. In that time it was in the actual battle from the 30th of August and took part in the Ypres-Lys and Somme offensives. On September 29, the division broke through both the Hindenburg and the Le Catelet-Nauroy lines, capturing Bellicourt and Nauroy, an operation on which all subsequent action of the Fourth British army depended. From October 7 to October 20, the division advanced 23 kilometers in a continued series of attacks, capturing 2,350 of the enemy. Brancourt, Premont, Busigny, and St. Bernin, St. Souplet and Escaufort, Lt. Haie, Mineresse and Vaux Andigny are names which will live in the memories of those who fought in the Thirtieth division. But its special glory will always be the honor you won by breaking the Hindenburg line on September 29. Such a record is one of which we are all proud.

"It is gratifying to see your troops in such good physical shape, but still more so that this almost ideal condition will continue to the end of their service and beyond as an exemplification of their high character and soldierly qualities.

"I inspected the artillery brigade of the division later and found that the same high standard of personnel that marks the rest of the division.

"Very sincerely yours,
(Signed) "JOHN J. PERSHING."

Handsome Spring Showing. Attention is called to the announcement of Landis & Easton on the fifth page of this paper. It is of special interest to ladies.

ALLIES ARE ABOUT TO LOSE THE FRUITS OF VICTORY WON BY THEIR BRAVE SOLDIERS

United Command Is Again Needed To Save the Day—Germany Is Just As Threatening As When Marching Toward Paris—Facing Crisis Just As a Year Ago When Foch Was Made Leader—Allies Must Put Their Fortunes in Hands of Wilson or Foch If Disaster Is to Be Prevented. (ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT.)

It was exactly a year ago yesterday that the Allies, facing disaster, instituted military command. Today the situation is hardly less critical than it was in those dark days when the German super-drive was at its height. The supremacy which the gallantry of our soldiers won is slipping through the diplomat's hand like sand.

Today Germany is engaged in an offensive as dangerous as that which overwhelmed the British army a year ago. She is using Bolshevism as a battering ram.

There is plenty of dynamite lying around throughout Europe, and it needs but a spark to set it off.

Instead of rebuilding the world's house the peace congress may soon run out with the fire hose and try to save the remnants of the old structure.

BOLSHEVISM IS SPREADING.

Each hour brings an ominous widening of what may be called the "Bolshevist front." Hungary's conversion to the Leninist doctrine and system appears to have been the spark setting ablaze long smoldering powder barrels in many parts of the world.

All Spain is virtually under martial law, Madrid reports Alfonso's kingdom is fertile ground for the seed of the "Red" gospel. From far off Australia come disturbing reports.

In Egypt nearly all railway traffic has been suspended because of the Bolshevist movement, reported growing at a moment when it was believed crushed. Disquieting rumors are filtering through from India.

Serbia is in the grip of far flung Bolshevist propaganda, which may at any time link that martyr kingdom with the Russo-Hungarian Reds.

Austria, according to Vienna dispatches, is on the verge of embracing Leninism, despite the central soviet's repudiation.

Dalmatia, as revealed in latest dispatches as a hot-bed of Red agitation. A similar situation prevails in Bohemia.

Germany's leaders are saying, "I told you so," and are bending might and main to exploit the Red menace to her fullest advantage. Flirting with Lenin and threatening the Paris conference. There is increased restiveness throughout the land. Strikes and demonstrations are reported from various big cities. The Spartacists mean to make the best of the sudden turn in the world situation.

Now comes, from London, the sensational "news" credited to the Daily Express, that Lenin may be asked to send representatives to the Paris peace congress.

CITIZENS' MASS MEETING DISCUSS SCHOOL BOND ISSUE

A Suitable Lot For the Oxford High School Building and a Well Equipped School For West Oxford Was the Sense of the Meeting.

The citizens of Oxford school district to the number of three or four hundred gathered at the Court House Thursday evening to discuss the bond issue.

Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order and requested Mr. D. G. Brummitt to preside. On taking his seat Mr. Brummitt requested Mr. B. W. Parham, a trustee of the Oxford school, to state the object of the meeting, who explained at some length the needs of better school facilities in Oxford; that the election on Tuesday, April 8th, was for the purpose of voting \$50,000.00 or as much thereof as is needed, to erect a high school building in Oxford and to equip a graded school for West Oxford.

Free and Open Discussion

Mr. Brummitt, chairman, extended an invitation to all present to state their views, whether for or against the issue. Right there is where the meeting took a lively turn. Fourteen citizens in succession delivered themselves in happy style, each confessing that he is in favor of the bond issue. Some of the speakers were: Rev. R. C. Craven, A. A. Hicks, Dr. E. T. White, Dr. F. P. Hobbgood, A. H. Powell, Dr. Daniel, B. K. Lassiter, D. G. Brummitt, Jno. W. Hester, W. T. Yancey, A. S. Hall.

Suitable Location.

During the free and open discussion there was frequent mention that the high school building should be erected on the most suitable lot that can be obtained. That particular point seeming to be the sense of the majority. Members of the school board expressed a preference to work in conjunction with a committee of citizens in determining the most suitable location.

The chair requested Mayor Mitchell to serve on the committee and to name two members of the Town Board to serve. The Mayor consented to serve and he named Commissioners C. D. Ray and W. T. Yancey, whose duty it will be to aid the trustees of the school in finding the most suitable location for the high school building.

Overwhelming Majority.

If we are to take the men at their word, the bond issue will carry by a large majority. It was estimated that there were a majority of qualified voters of the Oxford school district at the meeting. The chair asked all who favor the bond issue to stand up, and nearly everybody in the court room stood up. There were several ladies present and at the invitation of the chair to give expression of their views, all of them voted for the issue.

NEED FOR HALF A BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF NEW SCHOOL HOUSES

To supply the school needs of the country it is estimated by the bureau of Education that not less than \$500,000,000 worth of new buildings will be required, to be completed by the time the schools open in the fall of 1920. There are large quantities of building materials accumulated by the War Department that should be made available in the near future for the construction of these buildings.

Every board of education, every town and city council in the United States should at once take the necessary steps for raising the money and make an effort to secure some part of the surplus building materials which the War Department will have for disposition, and thus keep down the cost of the work.

WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS.

The Lion and the Lamb Are a Long Ways Apart.

While the peace conference is setting the pace of the world, the following wars are underway:

Hungary Versus the Allies—Newly declared.

Russian Bolsheviki vs. the Allies.

Poles vs. the Ukrainians.

Poles vs. the Germans.

Poles vs. the Czech-Slovaks.

Ukrainians vs. the Russian Bolsheviki.

TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT TAKES PLACE IN MAY

Navy Seaplanes to Start From Rockaway Beach.

Washington, March 27.—Naval seaplanes which are to attempt a flight across the Atlantic ocean in May will start from Rockaway beach Long Island, but the actual "jumping off" place will be much farther up the coast, possibly at some point in New Foundland. Whether the machine will steer a direct course for Ireland or follow the longer route via the Azores apparently has not yet been determined.

QUICK DISCHARGE FOR SOLDIERS IS PROMISED

To Be Discharged Within Forty-eight Hours After Arrival.

The statement given out by Secretary of War Baker that arrangements have been made by which returning troops will be mustered out within 48 hours after arrival will prove a welcome bit of information to the people of the country, as well as to the soldiers themselves.

That the troops yet to arrive are to be sent to their homes without the delay entailed by detention at the port of debarkation and dispatch to a camp of demobilization is a fact out of which the people will secure much satisfaction.

COUNTY JAIL ON TOP OF THE COURT HOUSE

It Is Up to the County Board of Commissioners to Safe-Guard The County Records.

In fact that the vaults at the court house are not sufficiently large to contain the accumulation of valuable records, the county commissioners have under advisement the question of enlarging the floor space of the court house to include the forty feet strip of land in rear of the building. The present board is diligent in all things. They see the necessity of safe-guarding the records; they realize that there should be a neat and comfortable room for the women and children; they know that the jury room on the second floor in rear of the judge's stand, is entirely too small; they know that there should be a private room on the second floor for the accommodation of the lawyers, etc.

The people would like very much to see all of these things accomplished as soon as possible.

In addition to the improvements noted above, there is a hearty sentiment in favor of selling the lot on which the county jail is situated and erecting the jail on top of the court house.

The present county jail is inadequate. It is sufficiently large to contain all the prisoners that are likely to be confined there, but when a white woman, a colored woman and a white man and a colored man arrive on the scene there is not enough room to separate them according to the requirements of the law.

The roof of the court house has been leaking for some time and it is said that an entirely new roof is the quickest way to settle that trouble. It is estimated that it will require an expenditure of about \$20,000 to make all the improvements noted, but the sale of the jail lot would count largely in defraying the expense.

THE WOOL IS NOW READY FOR DISTRIBUTION

At the Red Cross Rooms Tuesdays and Thursday Mornings—Workers Are Needed.

The Chairman of Knitting for the Granville county chapter, Mrs. C. G. Elliott, desires to inform all knitters of Granville county that the supply of wool for knitting refugee garments has been received, and is now ready for distribution. Mrs. Elliott, will be at the Red Cross work room, Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 o'clock for delivering this wool to those who will assist in completing this allotment of refugee garments which are so urgently needed in France and elsewhere. Knitters are urged to follow directions carefully in order that the finished garments will meet the rigid inspection of the Red Cross headquarters.

Workers are urgently needed in the work room to complete an allotment of garments just received from Atlanta. The ladies of the town and county are asked to visit the work room and assist in completing this allotment promptly.

MORE OF THE CAROLINA TROOPS COMING HOME

Aboard Transport Huron Due at Charleston April 4. (Washington Special.)

The transport Huron due at Charleston, S. C., April 4, has on board the headquarters and medical detachments of the Second and Third battalions, Companies E, F, G, H, I, K, L, and M of the 119th infantry; field and staff headquarters, ordnance and medical detachments, Companies A and B of the 113th machine gun battalion; 105th sanitary train medical supply depot, ambulance companies Nos. 117 to 120 inclusive; field hospitals Nos. 117 to 120 inclusive. All the troops belong to the Thirtieth division and with a few minor exceptions are en route to Camp Jackson, S. C.

PREVAILING FOOD PRICES

Some Commodities Show a Decline in Prices.

Although food prices showed a decline of 6 per cent during the month ending last February 15, the prices were 9 per cent higher than those prevailing in February, 1918, and about 75 per cent higher than the price average of 1913. Prices statistics for last month announced by the department of labor, showed 26 of the 42 articles listed were cheaper in February than in the preceding month. The marked decreases were eggs, 33 per cent, and butter 19 per cent. Potatoes led the 12 articles showing an increase by an advance of 25 per cent.

FRANK PAGE WILL HEAD STATE'S NEW ROAD COMMISSION

Governor Bickett Names Men Who Will Administer Big Highway Fund—Will Assume Duties Of Office On April 1.

Governor Bickett has named the new State Highway Commission which will take office April 1, succeeding the present commission, under the highway act passed by the General Assembly of 1919. Lieutenant Frank Page, of Aberdeen, is chairman, appointed for a term of six years. The other members are John E. Cameron, of Kinston, appointed for a term of four years; James K. Norfleet, of Winston-Salem, appointed for a term of two years, and Jas. G. Strikeleather, of Asheville, appointed for a term of two years.

Much Road Experience.

As chairman of the commission, Lieutenant Page will be known as Highway Commissioner and will give his entire time to the work. He will receive a salary of \$5,500 annually. Lieutenant Page is a man who has had wide experience in railroad building, and was selected to supervise the building of roads in France where he served for fifteen months. He is known for his practical ability as a road man, as a banker and a handler of men.

A Practical Farmer.

Mr. J. E. Cameron, of Kinston, is a practical farmer and a robust Republican, and stand for good schools, good roads, and the best interests of rural North Carolina. In addition, he has had considerable travel experience to enlighten him on the work of other States.

Winston-Salem's Best.

Mr. James K. Norfleet, in the recommendation for the commission, was characterized as the best business man in Winston-Salem. As the active head of the tobacco warehouse that sells more leaf tobacco than any warehouse on earth, he has come in contact with a wide variety of views on road work.

FLIES TO COLUMBIA, 330 MILES, WITHOUT LANDING

Passed Over Granville County At 10:20 Tuesday Morning.

Several people residing near Bullock report that they saw and heard an airplane bound south pass overhead at 10:20 last Tuesday morning.

It was probably the Hanley-Page airplane they saw, which, according to the press reports, was bound from Elizabeth, N. J., to Ellington Field, Texas, reached Emerson field Tuesday from Langley field, Va., making the flight of 330 miles without landing. Leaving Langley field at 9:15 the plane reached Emerson field at 1:55 p. m. It was in command of Capt. Clyde Dunnington and also carried three lieutenants and six enlisted men. The plant, driven by two 400-horsepower Liberty motors, has a wingspread of 100 feet and is 63 feet in length.

NOTHING IN THE REPORT

None of the Oxford Boys Married While Abroad.

It has been frequently rumored that three or four of the Oxford boys were married while abroad and that they will bring their brides home with them.

It was said that Sergt. Bert Taylor wedded a handsome French lady possessed of a fortune in South America, and that Sergt. William Medford wedded a pretty London girl who has a whole city block to her credit.

A recent letter from one of the Oxford soldier states that not a single one of the home boys had ever entertained the slightest idea of marrying the winsome French and Belgian girls. The letter says that the boys regard the American girls superior in every particular.

LARGEST SUIT EVER BROUGHT IN NORTH CAROLINA

James B. Duke Sued For Million Dollars Damage.

Summons has been served upon James B. Duke, president of the Western Carolina Power Company by Sheriff N. W. Wallace, of Mecklenburg county, to appear at the April term of civil court at Charlotte, as defendant in a suit brought by the Hardaway Construction company for nearly \$1,000,000 damages for an alleged breach of contract.

Cameron Morrison will be associated with Victor S. Bryant of Durham, and Judge C. E. Battle, of Rome, Ga.

Attorneys for the defendant company will be Judge F. I. Osborne, W. S. Roberson, Norman A. Cocke, and E. T. Cansler.

This suit is said to be one of the largest ever brought in North Carolina.

RED CROSS DISTRICT NURSE IN GRANVILLE CO.

Miss Villia Treffrey, of Nova Scotia, Is On The Job.

The value of human life is at present a more dominant thought than at any other time in the world's history. The Red Cross has been concerned in many phases of endeavor toward the removal of conditions that destroy health and happiness and to the establishment of conditions that promote them. The strategic factor in the community in securing these results is the community of district nurse. The Granville county chapter of the American Red Cross through its nursing committee of which Mrs. Candace R. E. Brown is chairman, and Mrs. T. B. Evans, vice-chairman, takes pleasure in announcing to the people of Granville county that the services of Miss Villia Treffrey, of Nova Scotia, have been secured and Miss Treffrey will for a period of six months act as Red Cross District Nurse in Granville county. Miss Treffrey is splendidly equipped for this most important work, and in addition to her other nursing experience she served for eighteen months as a United States army nurse. She has already begun her work here and within less than two weeks has handled ten cases. She naturally will co-operate with all of the doctors of the county, and will gladly respond to their calls for consultation and service. Miss Treffrey is located at the home of Mrs. J. S. Rogers and her telephone is No. 255—W. The active and hearty cooperation of the public generally in this splendid movement is especially desired. The Granville county chapter will finance the district nurse paying her salary, providing an automobile for her transportation, in order that she thoroughly cover the territory, and will meet the expenses incident to the work. It is hoped to demonstrate to our people the great need of this service and that in the near future public funds will be provided to carry on the work.

The need of the service can not be questioned. The increased infant and adult mortality, the many problems of sanitation show conclusively that the health of our people must be safeguarded to a greater degree. The nurse is available in case of accident; she conducts classes or meetings on hygiene for children and mothers; inspects the children to detect physical defects; and finds carriers of contagion to prevent communicable diseases and epidemics; cares for the bed-ridden, assists or conducts "swat the fly," and clean-up campaigns; detects dangers of water pollution; and renders invaluable sanitary service to the community.

CHEAPER FOOD PREDICTED

Wheat Will Be Kept Within Reasonable Bounds.

Washington, March 27.—Chairman Peek, of the Department of Commerce Industrial Board, makes announcement that cheaper prices of foodstuffs are on the way, and he bases this belief on the fact that there has been an incorrect understanding of Mr. Hoover's statement about wheat going to \$3.50. It was only under certain improrable conditions that he believed it possible for wheat to reach such a price, and besides, the million-dollar appropriation was made by Congress for the purpose of enabling the people to secure wheat at reasonable prices as well as to make good the guarantee to the producer. Peek thinks wheat is going to be kept within reasonable bounds and cheap wheat will mean cheap provisions of all kinds.

FARMERS MAKING GOOD START.

Good Spell of Weather Permits Them to Make Preparation—Soldier Returns to Farm.

The past week of pretty weather has put the ground in good plowing condition and one seldom sees a farmer in Oxford these days unless his trip to town is most urgent.

A business man who makes frequent trips to all parts of Granville county states that the farmers are much behind with their farm work. Wheat is looking fine, especially the early wheat.

A glimpse of the orchard, said old informant, reminds us that spring is here. The peach and pear trees are a mass of blooms. Garden making seems to be taking the time of the women folks, some few have been fortunate enough to make between rains.

PIANO TEACHERS OF COUNTY REQUESTED TO MEET

Mrs. John Booth requests the piano teachers of Granville county to meet Saturday morning, April 5th, in the office of Superintendent J. F. Webb in the Court House.