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## STIFFENED DEFENCE OF ENEMY FAILS TO CHECK THE ALLIES.

### ALL BRIDGES OVER THE SOMME FOR 15 MILES ARE BLOWN UP.

### Road Choked With Guns, Material, Troops, and German Resistance Wild.

Paris, Aug 11.—The number of prisoners taken so far in the Allied offensive in Picardy is now estimated at 36,000, including more than 1,000 officers. More than 500 guns have been captured, according to the latest advices.

#### Pivot of Resistance

The pivot of the German resistance at this stage of the battle, it now appears, is the town of Noyon, about midway between Montdidier and Soissons. The enemy is throwing in reserves from this base in an effort to prevent, regardless of cost, the Allies from gaining control of the Noyon-Ham road which is choked with material, guns and troops.

#### Desperate Stand to Protect Retreat

The Germans are expected to make a desperate stand on the Noyon-Ham road to permit the columns which are retreating in the direction of Nesle and Ham to reach safety.

The resistance of the Germans is stiffening against the fourth British army under Gen. Rawlinson who last Friday launched the big British offensive and has penetrated the lines to a depth of from eight to twelve miles.

#### Airmen Boom All Bridges

All the bridges across the Somme between Peronne and Ham, a stretch of about fifteen miles, have been destroyed by Allied aviators. The Germans have been attempting to throw temporary bridges across the stream and the Allied airmen are now systematically bombing these improvised structures.

All the morning reports show extreme confusion among the enemy forces in their precipitate retreat.

Paris, August 12.—There has been desperate hand-to-hand fighting during the last two days on the Chaules-Roye-Lassigny-Noyon front. The Germans are defending the ground inch by inch, intent on saving the bulk of the armies of Generals Von Dermarwitz and Von Hutier, which are retreating in the direction of Nesle and Ham.

The Allies' pressure has not been diminished, but the Germans have brought up reserves which had been intended for offensive purposes and have thrown them into the defensive action, temporarily delaying the progress of the Allies.

Solid occupation by the infantry and artillery in Chaules and Noye would be a critical situation for the Germans in their retreat. Light elements of cavalry and cyclists already have penetrated both points, but permanent occupation by the Allies and their control of the roads leading to Nesle and Ham have not yet been obtained. The objectives undoubtedly will have to be taken by storm.

#### Fresh Divisions Fail to Stop French

With the British Army in France, August 12th.—In yesterday's fighting the French added 2,000 prisoners and more than thirty guns to their captures. There was stiff fighting today, Crown Prince Rupprecht having hurried up part of his diminishing reserves to try to check the retirement of the armies of Generals Von Dermarwitz and Hutier. The greater weight of the enemy artillery and machine gun fire was proof of the rapid strengthening of his reinforcements.

Although the Germans have been reinforced with both artillery and infantry and are resisting more strongly between the Avre and the Oise, their fresh divisions have been unable to entirely stop the advancing French who now have a firm hold on Thiescourt Plateau. South of Roye and northwest of Noyon the French hold positions that command the only roads leading from Roye and Ribecourt toward Noyon over which the enemy can withdraw his artillery.

The Allies continue to make progress. Monday witnessed gains of ground at various points along the battle front of high importance for the further prosecution of the endeavors of the Allies to drive the Germans out of the old Amiens-Montdidier sector.

#### Americans in Bray-Sur-Somme

After an extremely bitter contest the Americans and British have gained a foothold in the important little town of Bray-Sur-Somme, on the northern bank of the Somme. A short distance across the river to the south the British have taken Proyard and midway of the line have pressed to the east in a maneuver which has resulted in the further outflanking of Chaules from the south and of Roye from the north.

On their part, the French in the rolling country immediately north of the Oise river have captured Gury a position of great strategic value, lying southwest of Lassigny, and at several other points southward to the region of the Oise, have advanced their line further toward Noyon.

#### French Advance Important in Effect

Seemingly the advances by the French troops on the southern part of the line cannot but have an extremely important effect on the present battle.

#### Pause on Other Fronts

Aside from the Amiens-Montdidier sector little fighting has taken place on any of the fronts. Along the Vesle the Germans have again delivered violent counter attacks against the Americans and French who are holding ground on the north bank of the stream. The counter attacks failed.

## Injunction in Townsville Case Still Holds

A large delegation of Townsville people were here Saturday interested in an injunction brought by Townsville citizens to prevent the dismantling of the eleven and a half mile road from Townsville to Manson.

This road since the destruction of a bridge along its right away last March and the consequent loss of its engine at this time had gone out of business with a big deficit. To overcome this officials of the road sold the rails to Shaw and Shea for \$80,000 to liquidate said indebtedness.

The people of Townsville issued an injunction prohibiting the removal of rails upon the ground that the road was a public service medium and could not be discontinued at the loss of trade to the people of that community. Attorney General J. S. Manning took this view of the case and urged that the dissolution of the road should have been granted through "proper channels" Hon. T. W. Pittman and J. C. Kittrell, of Henderson, assisted the State.

Mr. A. Z. Zollicoffer, of Henderson, representing the Company made a splendid appeal for a discontinuance of the injunction, holding that the road was a loss, and that the opportunity to clear out this indebtedness by the emergency sale hanging fire should not be denied by the State.

The case was, however, continued until October by Judge Kerr and the injunction holds good until then. A receiver, to investigate the books of the concern, to set aside any discrepancy as to the financial side of the road, will be named later following conference of the opposing councils.

# W. S. S.

## In France they Bleed At Home Will You Lend?

### Warren County Men are fighting upon the fields of France.

### Men of our flesh and blood are fighting for eternal justice.

### These men must have our support in materials of war as they have our love from hearts of warmth.

### In providing these materials Uncle Sam has called upon the people back home to buy War Savings Stamps, a remunerative investment which works for the individual and for the Nation.

### Warren County has subscribed 60 per cent, but we must go over the top. Must do our duty, it matters not what the cost in individual sacrifice, to the men who are bleeding for home.

### The drive begins here next Saturday with addresses by Governor Bickett. May every man, woman and child rally to the cause.

### Co-operate with the organization and stand behind the men who are behind the guns.

# Buy W. S. S.

## MR. GRAHAM DENIES WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

### IN SECOND WAR SAVINGS DRIVE BEGINNING MONDAY

#### Asks That Every Man, Woman and Child Cooperate in This Effort To Place Warren Over Governor Bickett Speaks in Its Behalf Saturday At 11 a. m. to the White People and at 3:30 To Colored. Entire County Urged To Attend.

Governor Bickett comes to our County Saturday, August 17th. He speaks to the whites at 11 o'clock and to our colored citizens at 3 p. m. He is also willing to make a brief address to our young people. The place of address will be the Court House.

He comes to arouse us to the importance of consecrating our efforts to win the war and to urge us to practice self denial in the conservation of food necessary to supply our soldiers and our allies.

The week following the Governor's address will be devoted to renewed efforts to raise our allotment of War Savings Certificates. The various township chairmen and their assistants need the active co-operation of every patriot—many of our people have not pledged anything and a very large number have pledged insignificant amounts, while the Government asks for twenty dollars per capita. The Government does not ask for a gift. It wishes to borrow your money at 4 percent interest, compounded quarterly and to exempt your purchase of bonds from taxation, to redeem them at their face value in 1923, and if at any time necessary, requires it, on ten days notice, to pay you back your money. Do we realize that the freedom of the world is at stake? Should Germany prevail indemnities amounting to Billions upon Billions would be imposed upon us. But we are going to win. Our boys at the front, shedding their precious blood, cry out in their letters to their people, "Keep the Home Fires Burning, we will take care of the Germans if you will take care of us \* \* \*"

What man with a drop of American red blood in his veins will not answer, "We will stand by you, boys, and with God's help we will do our duty."

"To your Tents, O Israel."  
JOHN GRAHAM.  
—W.S.S.—

## Local Mention Of Interest Over County

About half past twelve o'clock last Sunday, just after Rev. J. A. Hornaday had reached the parsonage from the service in the church, an automobile with several young people in it stopped at the gate and informed Mr. Hornaday that a couple who wished to be married awaited him at the Court house. Of course such a call could not be disregarded, so the preacher took a seat in the automobile, and very soon reached the center of attraction. Upon arrival at the court house Mr. R. O. Walker and Miss Ula Pearce, of South Hill, Va, were found waiting for the desired ceremony to be performed. The marriage took place in the office of the Register of Deeds, in the presence of several witnesses, and the happy couple departed for their Virginia home.

Less than an hour after the marriage in the Court House three or four automobiles and buggies drew up in front of the parsonage and Mr. Hornaday was informed that Mr. Henry Stevenson, of Norlina, and Miss Lillian Edwards of near Henderson wished to be married. They were invited into the parsonage, and within a very few minutes were pronounced "husband and wife." After spending a short while waiting for a certificate to be filled out, the smiling couple, with their friends, left amid a shower of rice. May these young people continue to smile as the years pass.

An interesting service was held at Warren Plains Methodist Church last Sunday afternoon. A service with two stars was presented to the church out from which the two

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## JUDGE KERR REFUSES TO RELEASE TWO HALES HERE

### Court Room Saturday Morning Crowded To Hear Evidence In Homicide Committed Near Littleton On Thursday, August 1st; Evidence of Contradictory Character Developed and Evidence Didn't Justify Writ of Habeas Corpus Said Judge.

The Court room was crowded Saturday morning at 11 o'clock and increasingly so until after all evidence had been submitted to the Judge in the action State vs Jim and Percy Hale. His honor, Judge Kerr, declined the writ of habeas corpus.

The evidence was given in detail, as the defense Hons. Tasker Polk, T. T. Hicks and S. G. Daniel were arrayed against Solicitor Garland E. Midyette, Hons. Walter Daniel and John Picot, of the State prosecution.

From the evidence submitted it appears that Percy Hale had antagonized feeling by slapping one of the King children; that he had endangered them by driving rapidly through the King premises; and that he had been warned not to come through the yard again. Mrs. King closed the path, and opened another about 12 feet away.

On Thursday afternoon, the first of August, Percy, Mr. Jim Hale and Mrs. Percy Hale were returning from Littleton to their home beyond the King place. Upon their appearance Mrs. King, who had replaced the pole across the path since Percy tore it down earlier in the day, reached for her single barreled shot gun and when Mr. Jim Hale started to remove the obstruction she stated, "I'll kill you, I swear I'll kill you if you move that pole."

Percy Hale testified that he fired the fatal shot directly following this when Mrs. King levelled the gun at him as he was standing between his buggy wheels five feet away with the statement, "I'll kill you if you move." Mr. Jim Hale testified that when this state of affairs was existent that he raised the pole, ran under it, seized the shot gun and as he did so Mrs. King fell dead with a bullet through the heart from a 32 in the hands of young Percy Hale.

Several witnesses gave contradictory evidence: Little Sarah Jane King nine year old daughter of the victim of the shooting who was at the corner of her home twenty to thirty steps away, told the Court without a tremor that "Mr. Jim Hale shot my mother", while Percy Hale told the Court that he committed the homicide. Mrs. Percy Hale was not implicated for she went on up the path as the trouble started with the assertion, "I ain't going to have nothing to do with this mess."

Numerous witnesses were called, the evidence heard in detail, and from its resume Judge Kerr was not satisfied to grant the writ. The prisoners were confined in jail to await trial by jury at the September term of Court.

## Meet For The First Time Since The War

Messrs. N. D. Morton, of Norlina, Herbert Taylor, of Townsville, and John W. Allen, of Warrenton, met here Saturday on the lawn of the Court House square after years of separation.

These three gentlemen were gallant knights of the saddle in the days of '61-65, being members of the command of Colonel Cheek's First North Carolina Cavalry, Company E.

Serving through the war these gentlemen were fast friends but until Saturday, though settling within a radius of twenty miles, neither Fate nor Chance had played its role. The short hours were spent in reminiscences, and the three wearers of the Grey parted with the best of good wishes.

Executive Committee To Meet  
Judge T. O. Rodwell, Secretary, announces that there will be a meeting of the Democratic Executive committee here next Thursday, Aug 15, at 12 o'clock.