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So Field Marshal Haig Says in His Report of Operations From April to Close of Hostilities.

AMERICANS ARE GIVEN FULL CREDIT

It Broke Through the Defenses North of Bellengise and Shelled Bellincourt and Seized Nourouy.

(By The Associated Press.) London, Jan. 8.—American troops were the first to break the Hindenburg line, according to the Daily News in its comment today on the report of Field Marshal Haig on the operations from the end of April last to the close of hostilities. The News points out that at least the first mention of a break through contained in the Field Marshal's report, was in the course of his description of the day's work on September 29, in which he wrote: "North of Bellengise the 30th (N. C., S. C., Tenn., and Dist. of Columbia) American division, Major General E. M. Lewis, having broken through deep defenses of the Hindenburg line shelled Bellincourt and seized Nourouy. On their left the 27th American division (N. Y.) Major General O'Ryan, met with very heavy enfilading machine gun fire but pressed on with great gallantry as far as Jouy, where a bitter struggle took place for possession of the village. The fighting on the whole front of the second American corps was severe, and in Bellincourt, Nourouy, Gillemont farm and a number of other points, amid the intricate defenses of the Hindenburg line strong bodies of the enemy held out with great obstinacy for many hours. "These points of resistance were gradually overcome there by the support troops of the American divisions, or by the 5th and 3rd Australian divisions."

PROHIBITION AMENDMENT RATIFIED BY 19 STATES

Ohio, Colorado and Oklahoma Last to Join Ranks—Seventeen More Necessary.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Three more states today ratified the proposed prohibition amendment, making a total of 19 states that have endorsed the proposal of Congress. The house of the Idaho legislature voted today for the amendment, but the senate tabled the proposal, delaying action. The act needs to be passed by 17 more states. While the proposed addition to the basic law was ratified today by the legislatures of Ohio, Colorado and Oklahoma, representatives of the distillery companies of the country met in Chicago and decided to oppose the amendment and the war prohibition law, which is to go into effect on July 1, by every legal means possible. The states which have ratified the prohibition amendment are Kentucky, Virginia, Mississippi, South Carolina, North Dakota, Maryland, Montana, Arizona, Delaware, Texas, South Dakota, Massachusetts, Georgia, Louisiana, Florida, Michigan, Ohio, Colorado and Oklahoma.

Frozen New England and Torrid Tropics Seen in "The Planter."

The story of "The Planter," a new Mutual special production based on the famous southern Mexican novel of Herman Whitaker, covers a wider range of territory than other pictures on the screen. During the progress of the play the actors progress from deep snows and the dead of winter to the hottest parts of the tropics where snow has never been seen, and again there are transitions from the cameo countryside of long settled New England, to the riotous wilderness of the Mexican forest where hard work with the machete must precede every step of the adventurous traveler. At the New Pastime tomorrow.

General Freight Rate Increases Approved.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 8.—General increases in class and commodity rates in eastern and central trunk line territory, and to and from Virginia cities, designed to bring the charges of non-Federal controlled railroads up to the level of increases given Federal controlled lines last spring, were approved today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Death of Banker R. J. Lowry.

(By The Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 8.—Robert James Lowry, president of the Lowry National Bank of Atlanta, and former president of the American Bankers' Association, died here today after a short illness.

The idealist as well as the aviator may have some difficulty in coming down to earth.

TRANSPORT PRESIDENT GRANT SAILS FOR NEW YORK

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 8.—The transport President Grant, the battleships Montana and South Dakota, and the hospital ship, Comford, have sailed from France to New York with 284 officers and 7,419 men.

COURT CASES

Henry McLean Adjudged Guilty.—True Bill for Rape.—Other Cases.

Superior court continued its January term yesterday and today, Judge Harding, presiding. The jury in the case of Henry McLean, charged with assault with intent to kill, brought verdict of guilty against McLean. No sentence has yet been passed by the court. The grand jury returned a true bill against Sam Hope, on a charge of rape; and also a true bill against John Plyer, charged with the murder of Arthur Ivey, colored, on January 10, 1917. The latter case will not come to trial at this term, owing to the fact that some of the witnesses are in the army. Canning Fink, charged with an assault with deadly weapon, was made to pay the costs, and judgment was suspended. Donald Brown pleaded guilty to an assault, and was given the same treatment by the court. Henry Smith was found guilty of larceny, but no sentence has yet been pronounced. John McCullough was found guilty of jail breaking, and judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs. In the case of W. H. Garmon and J. F. Furr, charged with an assault, Furr was found guilty and Garmon was acquitted. Furr has not yet been sentenced. The case of George Hunsucker, charged with the theft of money from the Matthews Studio, is being heard this morning. At yesterday afternoon's session, the following resolution was presented by Mr. M. H. Caldwell of the local bar: Whereas today all Americans deplore the death of the typical American, Theodore Roosevelt, ex-President of the United States; and whereas it is deemed proper that this court take some official notice of an event of such national importance. Therefore be it resolved that when this court adjourns on this 7th day of January, it stand adjourned in honor of the memory of Theodore Roosevelt, the American patriot, who gave to the service of his country four gallant sons, one of whom has made the supreme sacrifice. Resolved further that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this court. The resolution was accepted by a standing vote of the members of the bar and the citizens of this county who were present in the court room, and the order was entered by the court.

GIBSON MILL NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Willeford Return From Hopewell, Va.—Rev. S. W. Bennett Ill.—Personals.

Mrs. Edgar Brinkley has returned to her home in Charlotte, after spending some time with her mother, Mrs. H. C. Calloway, on Harris street. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hullender are confined to their home on Kerr street with the flu. Miss Lola Alexander, of Winston-Salem, spent last week here visiting her aunt, Mrs. S. S. Holbrooks. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Willeford, who have been making their home at Hopewell, Va., for the past two years, have returned to Concord to live. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Willeford will be glad to hear of their return. Rev. S. W. Bennett is confined to his home at the McGill Street parsonage on account of illness. Messrs. Robert Faggart and Howard Furr have returned to the U. S. S. Mt. Vernon at Boston, Mass., after spending a furlough with relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Little and Mrs. L. C. Little spent Sunday in Mt. Pleasant visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. M. J. Goodman. Misses Maye Freeze and Lola Alexander spent several days last week with relatives at Mt. Pleasant. Rev. G. B. Clemmer, of Lilesville, spent Thursday and Friday visiting friends in our village. Mr. E. S. Cloutz, of Yadkin, spent Saturday and Sunday here visiting his daughter, Mrs. S. Z. Mullis. Mrs. Mack Dunn has returned from a visit to relatives near Midland. Mr. D. L. Morrison, of Cabarrus, N. C., is spending the week with his daughter, Mrs. Ephraim Little. Mr. G. H. Cato, of Winston-Salem, is spending some time here with his family. Mr. I. L. Dry had the misfortune to break his arm while trying to crank an automobile recently.

Sunday School Teachers' Meeting.

At Forest Hill Methodist church every Wednesday evening at 7:30. It takes the place of the prayer meeting. All are invited, especially all Sunday school teachers of all denominations. The object is to study the Sunday school lesson and get prepared to teach the lesson. The outline of the lesson will be on the blackboard. Be sure to come.

R. M. TAYLOR, Pastor.

PENNY ADS ARE ALWAYS CASH.

SEVERAL HUNDRED KILLED IN BERLIN

According to Last Reports, However, the Government Seemed To Be Master of the Situation.

HINDENBURG HAS ARRIVED IN BERLIN

Street Fighting Has Been Bloody, Owing to the Fact That the Spartacus Element Has Plenty of Arms.

(By The Associated Press.) London, Jan. 8.—Several hundred persons have been killed in the fighting in Berlin, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, but up to two o'clock this morning no details of the conditions there had been received. The government seems at least provisionally to be master of the situation. Early Tuesday morning the Berlin government massed troops outside the city. These troops are ready to enter, it is said in the dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. Field Marshal von Hindenburg is reported to have arrived at Berlin. The street fighting has been particularly sanguinary, it is said, owing to the fact that the Spartacus element has plenty of weapons, taken from the munitions factories at Spandau. While the machine guns were firing and bombs were dropping, moving picture operators were busily recording the scenes enacted in the streets. It was announced recently that the American army had sent moving picture operators to Berlin. The dislocation of the telegraph service has prevented anything more than meager and scattered reports of what has been happening in Berlin getting through, but all the patches agree severe street fighting occurred Friday. The first encounters between the government and the Spartacus forces occurred Sunday in front of the Kaiserhoff hotel, when one person was killed and eight others wounded. According to an eye witness, some of the troops turned against the government, and others refused to obey the government orders to recapture quarters of the Wolf Bureau, the semi official news agency. On the other hand, a marine division is stated to be supporting the government. The Spartacans refused all offers of the government to negotiate and were attacking the foreign office, the chancellor's palace and others of the ministries on Monday when eighteen persons are reported to have been killed. Spartacus Forces Being Massed at Several Places. Berlin, Jan. 8, 11:45 a. m.—At this hour Spartacus forces are being massed at several places where weapons and armored cars have been concentrated. In Wilhelmstrasse the government forces are mounting an attack. Spartacus Delegation Given Cold Shoulder. Berlin, Jan. 8.—A Spartacus delegation today endeavored to confer with the government, but was notified that the government members could not discuss any matters until all public and private buildings now occupied by counter revolutionists had been vacated.

OVER 15 PEOPLE KILLED IN TERRIFIC EXPLOSION

The Explosion Wrecks Film Exchange Building in Pittsburg Business District—Loss About \$1,000,000.

Pittsburg, Jan. 7.—Between 15 and 20 persons, mostly women and girls, were killed and more than a score of others injured here late today when a terrific explosion wrecked a film exchange building in the business district. Eight bodies have been recovered from the ruins. Firemen report that many other bodies are buried under wreckage. The building in which the explosion occurred is a six-story structure, and many of those injured received their hurts by jumping from the upper floors. Many firemen were injured, two when an extension ladder collapsed and others by flying glass and falling wreckage. Hospitals throughout the city are receiving wounded, while bodies are being removed to morgue. William Bennet, chief of the Pittsburg fire department, went through the ruined structure tonight and estimated the total loss at \$1,000,000. At this hour scores of firemen are working feverishly on the wreckage in an effort to dig out the bodies of victims caught under falling debris. At midnight only eight bodies had been removed from the wreckage. One girl succumbed in a hospital, making the known dead at that hour nine. Four breeding ewes and furo lambs, representing a money loss of \$200 were killed by dogs Saturday night at the State experiment farm near Raleigh. The pace that kills wouldn't be so bad if it killed only the peace-maker.

ARMY AVIATORS LAND IN CAPE FEAR RIVER

It Is Believed That Two of Them Lost Their Lives While Flying Near Fayetteville Last Night.

MACHINE FOUND SUNKEN IN RIVER

Airship First Crashed Into a Tree.—Efforts Are Being Made by the Camp Bragg Troops To Raise It.

(By The Associated Press.) Fayetteville, Jan. 8.—It is believed two army aviators lost their lives when an airplane in which they were flying landed in the Cape Fear river near here last night. The machine was observed flying over Fayetteville about 7 o'clock last evening and it was found later half sunken in the river, and it is thought the occupants were drowned. Efforts are being made by troops from Camp Bragg to raise the airship. Mr. W. A. Holmes, who lives near the river, says that last night he heard noise as something crashing into a tree and about five minutes later he heard cries for help. He ran to the river, and just as he got there an airplane plunged into the water on the west side of the stream. As the machine struck the water there was an explosion like the report of a pistol and then all was silent. The ship settled down in the water, and floated across the stream to the east bank, where it stuck, but it was impossible to get at it. Mr. Holmes is confident that the ship first fell into a tree as he heard a crash and limbs and branches of the tree are broken, and pieces of the machine are hanging to it.

AID TO HOME BUILDERS.

Plan Suggested by Mr. E. L. Kessler, of Charlotte to Department of Labor.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 8.—Aid to home builders on a national scale, similar to that given farmers by Federal Farm Loan Banks, has been suggested by E. L. Kessler, of Charlotte, N. C., president of the U. S. League of Building and Loan Associations, to the Department of Labor, as a step in stimulating private construction during the period of industrial transition from a war to a peace basis. Mr. Kessler urged that mortgages made over to the Building and Loan Associations, should be re-discounted at Federal Reserve Banks, or that farm loan banks be authorized to accept mortgages on homes as well as farms. Building and Loan Associations number 7,229, with total membership of 3,828,812, and assets of \$1,750,000,000.

Price Publication to be Discontinued.

Raleigh, Jan. 8.—The publication of "Fair Price Lists" in North Carolina will be discontinued immediately according to an announcement from the office of State Food Administrator Henry A. Page today. The publication of fair price lists, giving maximum prices that might be charged for staple food commodities, was instituted several months ago when margins of profit had been fixed by the Food Administration on only two or three commodities. During the past few months margins have been fixed on most of the staple food and feed products and these margins have become so well known that it is deemed unnecessary any longer to publish fair price lists. In fact it is stated that the fair price publication might under present circumstances conduce to profiteering on account of the difference of the basic of food products of different qualities or on different markets.

"Where in Hell Could We Send Kaiser?" Asks Bernstorff.

London, Jan. 7.—"Well, where in Hell were we to send him?" angrily shouted Count von Bernstorff, former German Ambassador to the United States, in response to a question from the Berlin correspondent of the Daily Express, as to whether the near presence of the former Kaiser to Germany did not contain an element of danger. The interview was received from Berlin today. Count Bernstorff declared that the possibility of re-establishing a monarchy in Germany with a member of the Hohenzollern family was "unthinkable."

The condition of Dr. J. W. Wallace at the Charlotte Sanatorium today was reported as extremely critical. Last evening there was but little hope that he would live through the night, but reports from Charlotte this morning stated that he was still holding out.

Dr. Burke Culpepper, accredited as the greatest evangelist of the south since the days of Sam Jones, has been secured to conduct an evangelist campaign in Centenary Methodist church of this city.

BUY MORE WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

SOME SEVERE STREET FIGHTING IN LONDON

Soldiers Make Demonstration Objecting to the Delay in Demobilization of the British Armies.

WAR OFFICES ARE INVADED BY MEN

They Had Signs Reading, "We Won the War, Give Us Our Tickets," "Get a Move On," Etc.

(By The Associated Press.) London, Tuesday, Jan. 7.—Soldiers objecting to delay in the demobilization of the British armies engaged in further demonstration today. The vicinity of the war office was invaded by hordes filled with men and by marching soldiers. Many of them were on leave from Saloniki and objected to being sent back. On the side of the lorries were signs reading "Get a move on," "we won the war, give us our tickets," "get on with it, Lloyd George," and other similar sentiments. The men were generally well behaved.

CONCORD MERCHANTS OVER THE TOP IN W. S. S. SALES

Sold Over Thirty-Three and a Third Per Cent. Over Their Quota.

It seems to have become a habit with the good people of Concord and Cabarrus county to "go over the top" in all patriotic work. The drive for the sale of War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps by the retail merchants of our city closed December 31st, with a very gratifying total of \$56,338.50, our quota being \$43,102.00. Mr. J. E. Davis, our local chairman, wishes to express his sincere thanks to the merchants of Concord for their hearty co-operation in what seemed at first a most difficult task. Their enthusiastic response to a patriotic call made this arduous task a pleasant one. Following is our final report up to December 31st, 1918:

Table listing merchants and their contributions to War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps. Total: \$56,338.50

"Let Us Pay With our Bodies for Our Soul's Desire," Roosevelt's Epitaph.

New York Journal. Here is said to be former President Theodore Roosevelt's choice of an epitaph for his tomb or monument: "Theodore Roosevelt, whose words, 'Let us pay with our bodies for our soul's desire,' furnished the spark that fired the patriotism of this country." The inscription was composed by W. A. Rogers, a well-known newspaper artist and a warm friend of the Colonel's, and was written on the fly-leaf of a book which the artist sent to the former President some years ago. In acknowledging receipt of the memento, Colonel Roosevelt is said to have written Mr. Rogers that if he were to choose his own epitaph he would select the words of the inscription.

NIKOLAI LENINE HAS BEEN ARRESTED

The Bolsheviki Premier of Russia Placed Under Arrest by Trotzky, Minister of War and Marine.

TROTZKY MAKES HIMSELF DICTATOR

"When Thieves Fall Out, Honest Men Will Get Their Dues," To Be Demonstrated, It Is Hoped.

(By The Associated Press.) Copenhagen, Jan. 8.—Nikolai Lenine, the Bolsheviki Premier of Russia, has been arrested at the command of Leon Trotzky, minister of war and marine, who has made himself dictator, according to a Moscow dispatch to the Gotenberg, Sweden, Gazette. Trotzky was prompted to make the arrest because of the difference of opinion with Lenine concerning bolsheviki reforms, the dispatch states. Lenine desired to effect a coalition with the Mensheviki, or moderates, while Trotzky wished to continue the reign of red terror.

MR. BRUMMITT CAUCUS NOMINEE FOR SPEAKER

Mr. Winborne Withdrawn from Race and Selection of Brummitt Was by Acclamation.

Raleigh, Jan. 7.—At tonight's Democratic caucus D. G. Brummitt was unanimously nominated for speaker of the house. Senator Lindsay Warren, of Beaufort, by acclamation was named for pro tempore president of the upper body. R. O. Self, of Forsyth, was nominated for principal clerk; C. C. Broughton, reading clerk; W. D. Gaster, sergeant-at-arms; J. A. Bryson, assistant sergeant-at-arms. Senator J. A. Brown, of Columbus, was chairman of the caucus.

In the house caucus Alex Lassiter, of Bertie, was nominated without opposition for principal clerk. Daniel P. Dellinger, of Gaston, will again be reading clerk and O. P. Shell, crossing clerk. N. W. Hines, of Richmond, and S. D. Moore, of Union, were defeated by J. H. Mooring, of Wake, for nomination for sergeant at arms. E. J. Jenkins will be assistant sergeant at arms.

In the Republican caucus H. S. Williams, of Concord, was nominated for the house speakership, while Senator W. H. Fisher, of Sampson, was the choice for president pro tem in the senate. C. G. Bryant, of Yadkin, was chairman of the caucus and S. O. McGuire, of Surry, secretary. Speeches were made by John W. Kurfess, of Germantown, and Representatives S. J. Turner of Mitchell, sharp criticism of irregularities in election laws under Democratic administration being the cardinal theme. Repeal of the absentee voter law was suggested and it was agreed that a concerted, determined effort will be made to secure corrective legislation.

BRITISH AIR RAIDS ON GERMAN TOWNS

Were Five Times as Many as German Air Raids Over Great Britain.

(By The Associated Press.) London, Jan. 8.—British air raids upon German towns and military objectives during the last 12 months of the war were nearly five times as numerous as the total number of air raids made by Germany over Great Britain during more than four years of war. This comparison is shown by official figures which disclose that from October, 1917, until the signing of the armistice the British Royal Air Force made 709 bombing raids over German territory. In all, more than 600 tons of bombs were dropped on these raids. The base of the Royal Air Force was at Nancy. The average distance covered by each squadron on a raid varied from 120 to 160 miles. Under favorable conditions flights of 200 miles and more were made on many raids.

TEN DEAD.

And a Score Injured as Result of Fire and Explosion at Pittsburg.

(By The Associated Press.) Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 8.—Ten persons are dead today and a score of others suffering from injuries as a result of a fire and explosion which wrecked a film exchange building in Pennsylvania avenue late yesterday. The damage is estimated at a million dollars.

Private Robert E. Wade, an overseas soldier, a patient at Azalea, near Asheville, was arrested and taken before the police judge in Asheville last week, charged with violation of an ordinance. He was found guilty and a fine of \$25 and costs was imposed but the case was continued on condition that he leave the city.