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# High Point Enterprise

Weather  
Fair tonight and Saturday,  
probably frost tonight in the in-  
terior; moderate northeast winds  
fresh on the coast.

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## ENTIRE U. S. ARMY AT DISPOSAL OF THE FRENCH

### GERMANS DEFINITELY STOPPED 57 MILES FROM PARIS; AMIENS GREAT SUPPLY BASE IS NOW GERMAN AIM

### BRITISH GAIN GROUND ALONG SOMME SECTOR

### Exceedingly Heavy Losses Are Suffered by the Germans in Numerous Attempts to Break Defensive Line.

### French Hold Captured Villages in Face of Violent Counter Attacks from German Forces.

British Army Headquarters in France, March 29.—(By Associated Press.)—The Germans were able to penetrate Morcelcaze, 12 miles east of Amiens in the region south of the Somme only by means of heavy northern attacks late yesterday, which gradually forced the British back.

London, March 29.—On the Somme the British have maintained their positions and gained ground in places by successful counter attacks, the war office announces.

After holding their line all day in the face of repeated assaults by numerically superior enemy forces the British retired a short distance from their advanced positions at some points.

The Germans again suffered exceedingly heavy losses. The British took prisoners.

The statement follows: "Further strong attacks were made by the enemy yesterday afternoon and evening at several points along the battle front. North of the Somme our troops have maintained their positions and gained ground in places by successful counter attacks. A number of prisoners and machine guns were captured by us in this fighting.

"The enemy again suffered exceedingly heavy casualties. His frequent attacks which were pressed with great determination throughout the day gained only our outpost lines after several hours of severe hand to hand fighting. His reserves were then sent forward against our battle positions and were everywhere thrown back with great loss. Our machine gun, artillery and rifle fire did great execution upon his ranks.

"South of the Somme also heavy and continuous fighting took place until late in the evening. Our troops, after maintaining their line all day in the face of repeated assaults by superior enemy forces have withdrawn a short distance from their advanced positions."

Paris, March 29.—Violent fighting continued last evening and last night in the region of Montdidier, the war office announced today. In spite of German counter attacks the French held on to the villages which they took yesterday in this region. Moncel was taken by French troops.

North of Montdidier French and British troops held up the German thrust. The German losses have been extremely heavy.

The statement follows: "The battle was continued violently yesterday evening and part of the night in the region of Montdidier. Notwithstanding the repeated counter attacks the enemy was not able to eject the French from the villages which they took yesterday."

"In front of Prelliers-de-Roye there has been violent fighting. All the German attacks against this village broke before the indomitable resistance of the French troops."

### ALL THAT WE HAVE IS YOURS PERSHING TELLS FRENCH CHIEF

Paris, March 29.—General Pershing called on General Foch, at headquarters yesterday, according to L'Information, and placed at his disposal the whole resources of the American army for employment in the battle now in progress.

"There is at this moment no other question than that of fighting. Infantry, artillery, aviation—all that we have—are yours to dispose of them as you will. Others are coming which are as numerous as will be necessary. I have come to say to you that the American people would be proud to be engaged in the greatest battle in the history of the world."

General Foch placed General Pershing's order before the council at the front L'Information says.

by the Germans without bringing them success are extremely heavy. The number of corpses found in the vicinity of Montdidier and near Prelliers-de-Roye also confirm this statement.

"To the north of Montdidier, Franco-British troops continue victoriously to hold the Germans along the line of the Arre river, and in front of Neuville-Sire-Bernard, Mesieres, Marcelve and Hamel.

"Certain columns of German infantry and convoys reported on the road between Laon and Le Ferre were brought up under the fire of our long range artillery and dispersed.

"There has been notable activity along the remainder of the front."

### SPECIAL TALK TO THE YOUNG FOLKS

Mrs. T. Adelaide Goodno, President of State W. C. T. U., Speaks at Wesley Church.

Mrs. T. Adelaide Goodno, president of the state W. C. T. U., arrived in the city this afternoon and at 3 o'clock addressed a parlor meeting of the union at the home of Mrs. J. Edward Kirkman, on Washington street. This event at 7:30 o'clock in the Sunday school room of Wesley Memorial church Mrs. Goodno will deliver an address to the young people of the city. One phase of the discourse will discuss the tasks young people may perform to help the men in uniform.

While the meeting is primarily for young people, the older citizens are invited but, as one member and official of the W. C. T. U. stated this morning, they will have to take a back seat, temporarily.

### Ragan to Make Race for Job Now Held by Solicitor Bower

William P. Ragan, Prominent Republican, States Today That He May Make to Defeat Incumbent for Solicitorship of the Twelfth Judicial District.

"I had about decided to keep out of politics this year, but if they are going to start something, why I guess I shall have to help the boys," said Mayor William P. Ragan, a life-long Republican, to a reporter this morning. Mr. Ragan reiterated the fact that he had labored under the impression that politics were taboo this year; that he was of the opinion, or had been, that there would be little or any organized political activity. However, he was willing, since the Democrats had issued a call for formal organization to admit that many Republicans and Democrats had told him that he could beat John C. Bower, of Lexington, for solicitor of the twelfth judicial district. Furthermore, Mr. Ragan admitted that he might be in what could be classed as a receptive mood concerning the nomination of his party for that office.

Mr. Ragan, who is one of the most consistent runners in these parts, stated that he had made up his mind that the extent of his participation in politics during the coming campaign would be to

### TRIANGULAR DEBATE IS ON FOR TONIGHT

High School Debaters From Reidsville and Winston-Salem Meet Here—Public Invited.

In the triangular debate at the high school auditorium this evening Marion Nash and Arthur Holeman will affirm the question, "Resolved: That there should be compulsory arbitration of labor disputes," for the Winston-Salem high school, while William Cummings and William Hester, of the Reidsville school, will uphold the negative. The judges will be Dr. George R. Brown, J. J. Farris and Col. Wescott Roberson.

The affirmative team of the High Point school, James Lyon and Howell Albertson, meets the Reidsville team at Winston-Salem, while Miss Blanch Criddlebaugh and Carlton Kirkman, High Point negatives, go to Reidsville to contest with Winston-Salem.

Miss Edith Harrison and Lawton Dutton left today for Elon College, where this evening they will represent the High Point high school in the declamation and recitation contests.

The people of the city are cordially invited to hear the arguments at the high school auditorium this evening.

### BRITISH WITHDRAWAL ACCORDING TO PLANS

Washington, March 29.—The British withdrawal before the German advance was made according to pre-arranged plans and "is all over now," Major General J. Franklin Bell today told the senate military committee. He said the allies have known of the German preparations for the present drive even before they were begun and made active preparations to face it. General Bell recently returned from the battle front.

### INSPECTOR STOPS HIS WORK IN CITY

Police Arrest Alleged Government Inspector Under Charge of "D. and D."

The career of a "government inspector" was halted for the present at least by members of the police force and a quantity of some food and warm-smelling variety of booze, in this city shortly before noon today. The man gave his name as T. B. Washburn and professed to be a seekin' of labor and irregularities—the latter presumably in drug stores, for it was places of this kind that he was engaged in investigating when the men attired in blue uniforms, embellished in brass buttons, grabbed him and took him hence. He now is established in the moose gow, alias the municipal goal.

Washburn came to the city a few days ago and was, according to his admission, seeking men for government work. He had to have those men, even if drafting had to be resorted to, he confided to Chief McCher. Shortly before noon today his inspections of drug stores became annoying to the proprietors who were busy making pills. Even Neil Thompson, down to the Elwood, could tell that the inspector was flummoxed. Consequently Neil was not surprised when the cops escorted the inspectors away from thereabouts.

The police blotter has the significant initials, "D. and D." opposite the name of Washburn. They signify drunk and disorderly. Whether charges of impersonating an officer will be brought is not known.

### ESSAY CONTESTS IN TWO FIFTH GRADES

Mozelle Brown and Mary Muse Winners in W. C. T. U. Contests of Thursday.

Two more essay contests on "The Evils of Cigarette Smoking" were judged yesterday by members of the W. C. T. U. The contests were between the pupils of the two fifth grades of the Main street school. In the room taught by Miss Marshall essays were submitted by Elsie Green, Roy Ward, Annie Carter, Max Parrish, Mary Duncanson, Beverly Yates, Mary Muse and William Ragan. Mary Muse was declared the winner, although each paper submitted was cleverly composed and gave the judges much trouble in rendering their decision. The singing of patriotic songs by the children of this grade was a source of enjoyment to the judges.

The fifth grade taught by Miss Flossie Stout was the scene of the second contest. The contestants were Vera Paschal, Annie Lee Jarrell, Mozelle Brown, Bessie Eddinger and Clara Murphy. Mozelle Brown was declared the winner and will represent this grade in the contest for the principal prize.

### Private Given Two Year's Confinement on Desertion Charge

Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., March 29.—(Special.)—Private William C. Reid, Company A, 120th infantry, convicted by a general court martial of desertion, having left his command October 28 last and remained in desertion until apprehended at Fort Soreen, Ga. on November 10, and of fraudulent enlistment, having enlisted in Greenville while concealing the fact that he was already in service, has been sentenced to two years' confinement at hard labor in the United States disciplinary barracks at Fort Jay, N. Y., for forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and to dishonorable discharge on release from confinement.

### PRESIDENT REQUESTS EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Sacramento, Cal., March 29.—President Wilson has telegraphed Governor William D. Stephens of California, asking for executive clemency for Thomas J. Mooney, now under death sentence. It became known here today.

Mooney was convicted in connection with a bomb explosion in San Francisco in connection with a preparation for the July 27, 1916, which resulted in

### HUN RESERVES CRUMPLED BY BRITISH GUNS

Haig's Line Not Only Stiffens But is Advanced in Some Places Along Entire Battle Front.

Violent German Counter Attacks Fail to Dislodge Petains' Men From Positions Now Protecting Paris.

The southwesterly thrust of the German wedge into the allied lines has been stopped short of Montdidier.

The enemy seems definitely stopped here, 57 miles from Paris, by the inclosure of the town within a packet formed by a series of villages valiantly captured and held by French troops.

Despite continuous counter attacks last night the Germans were not able to dislodge Petains' men from these hamlets in the hills about the town.

Between Montdidier and the Somme the Germans seem to have gained some ground yesterday in their westward push toward Amiens, the great allied supply base, but Paris declared the Anglo-French forces are holding the enemy firmly along a well defined line at which no point is less than 12 miles from this objective.

The German purpose, now that the thrust to the southwest has been checked, apparently is to close in within the angle formed by the rivers Avre and Somme with his point at Amiens. It is in this triangle, therefore, that further fighting of the most intense nature is to be looked for in the immediate future.

The Germans continue to sacrifice men in desperate attempts to break the Anglo-French barriers, as the reports from both the French and British war offices testify.

North of the Somme the British front has not been only stiffly maintained, but has been advanced in places. Today's statement from the London war office emphasizes the success of the British in foiling the German efforts to embarrass the allied defense by establishing a movable line in the Arras region through a great assault. The German reserves, thrown in after the penetration of the outpost lines, were crumpled up in the battle zone by the devastating fire of Field Marshal Haig's artillery and machine guns and thrown back with great losses.

Attention is divided between the German attack along the Scarpe towards Arras and the probability that the French movement in the south is the beginning of a counter offensive on a large scale.

London newspapers hint at a joint Franco-British command on the western front. It is declared that General Foch, commander of the allied reserve army, will be given an important role under the new arrangement.

On the other battle fronts there has been no change. Northwest of Toul the American artillery keeps up its strong bombardment of the enemy lines but there has been no artillery activity.

### FRACTURED SKULL FATAL TO TOTLEMAN

New Bern, March 29.—F. C. Totleman, of Henderson, N. C., vice president and general manager of the Home Telephone company, which operates throughout eastern North Carolina and parts of Virginia, met instant death here this morning by coming into contact with a heavily charged electric wire.

Totleman came to New Bern several days ago to supervise the moving of the telephone exchange into its new quarters, and was at the top of a pole making an inspection preparatory to running a cable into the new exchange when he struck the live wire. His

### BAPTISTS TO HOLD MISSION SERVICES

Annual Mission Services of First Baptist Church Will Be Held on Easter Morning.

The annual mission service of the church and Sunday school of the First Baptist church will be held Sunday morning. It was announced today by A. E. Tate, superintendent of the Sunday school. The two bodies of the church will unite in this service, which is of especial significance on this occasion, Easter. The program to be observed will stress the importance of mission work and the sermon of the pastor, Rev. James A. Clarke, will be on the same general subject.

Mission day at the Baptist church is one of great interest to the members of the church and congregation as well as to the people of the city who are concerned with a furtherance of the work. Information gleaned from tangible results is always made public at these meetings and the people who work for and give to missions are informed as to the progress made. As on former occasions, the public is most cordially invited to be present on Sunday morning.

### TRAVELING MAN IS HURT IN ACCIDENT

J. W. Holman Sustains Painful Injuries When Auto Turned Turtle Near Thomasville.

J. W. Holman, a traveling salesman, was painfully injured in an automobile accident near Thomasville about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Several ribs were broken and numerous bruises and lacerations were suffered about the face and hands. Mr. Holman was brought to this city and placed in the High Point hospital for treatment. His injuries were treated by a physician and he passed a very comfortable night, it is stated, but it will be several days before he will be permitted to leave the institution.

Mr. Holman's home is at Glen Alley Va., it is understood, and he was en route to High Point and Greensboro at the time the accident occurred. He was driving a light roadster, it was stated, which turned turtle, catching him underneath. Residents of Thomasville extracted him from the wreck and hurried him to the local hospital.

### FATHER MRS. BROWN DIED EARLY TODAY

Father of Mrs. George R. Brown Was Brother of Judge Adamson, of Eight-Hour Law Fame.

News of the death of G. R. Adamson, a prominent merchant of Bremen, Ga., and the father of Mrs. Geo. R. Brown, of North Main street, reached the city last night. Mrs. Brown has been with her father since Tuesday of this week.

Mr. Adamson was the brother of the noted Judge Adamson, author of the bill responsible for the eight hour law. He was a man of much prominence in his home state and was a leading citizen of Bremen. While the friends here of Mrs. Brown understood that her father was seriously, if not critically ill, much surprise is occasioned by the news of his death.

The message announcing the death, which was received by Mr. Brown gave scant details as to the arrangements for the funeral but it is supposed that the remains will be interred at Bremen sometime tomorrow afternoon or Sunday.

### W. M. WILSON VERY ILL AT HIS ARCHDALE HOME

Well Known Resident of Nearby Village Continues Seriously Ill Friends Are Informed This Morning.

W. M. Wilson, of Archdale, father of O. E. Wilson, is seriously ill at his home. Mr. Wilson, who is very well and favorably known throughout this section, has been ill for some time.

### DEMOCRATS OF TOWNSHIP TO NAME LEADERS

Politics Start When Democratic Voters Are Urged to Meet at Polling Places to Elect Committeemen.

County Convention at Greensboro on April 6 Will Seat Every Democrat Present As Delegate, It is Stated.

With quiet prevailing in local political circles for some few months, Democratic shrapnel exploded today and started the ball rolling. From the present time through the fall months, when occupants will be chosen to fill various state offices politics will reign, even though hit was sort of decreed a few weeks ago by Governor Bickett that politics and taboo meant the same thing this year. The initial move, not counting anything of the sub-rosa variety, was made by the Democratic organization of the township this morning when the vice chairman of the county executive committee, O. E. Mendenhall, urged them to go to their respective voting places tomorrow, Saturday, evening, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of electing precinct committeemen. The newly elected committees will, according to the announcement, at once proceed to elect chairmen and the momentum gained by politics will increase with each day.

Each precinct meeting is asked to elect committees that will bestir the Democratic voters of their stamping grounds to attend the Democratic county convention at Greensboro on next Saturday, April 6. The convention will be held at 7:30 Saturday evening and each Democratic voter present will be seated as an delegate. The Congressman Thomas J. Heflin, of Alabama, a very loud speaker, will deliver a good, old time Democratic talk to the Democrats in convention assembled.

Such are the plans of the county organization of the Democrats. In addition to the county arrangements, it is planned to send a very representative delegation to the state convention at Raleigh, which convenes on or about April 10. There is a difference in the matter of choosing committeemen this year over two years ago. Then there inauspicious that the cards had been stacked—that certain receptive candidates who were cast aside didn't get the showing they deserved. Whether there was truth to those contentions is not the concern of the Democrats at this time—what they are after is to hold that convention and keep the voters snidely behind the chosen gonfalon bearers of the party.

Little and large gatherings on the streets of High Point can now devote a part of their time to a discussion of things political. Recently the war has practically been the sole topic of conversation, that is in those gatherings along the street, but he same thing cannot be said about some few gun shoe meetings that are said to have been held. Whether the campaign of this fall will take on the partisanship of previous ones remains to be seen, but it is a comparative "cinch" that if the Democrats show any disposition to follow the party lines the Republicans are going to follow suit.

### HAVE NO INTENTIONS OF ABANDONING CAMP

Washington, March 29.—Apparently the war department has no idea now of abandoning Camp Greene, at Charlotte, N. C., because contracts were approved today to spend \$140,000 on sewers and \$80,000 on roads. These improvements, it is believed, will overcome the objections raised against the camp site.

Mrs. T. Adelaide Goodno, president of the State W. C. T. U., arrived in the city this afternoon to spend several days here and address a gathering of young people at Wesley Memorial church this evening.