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American Flag With Union Jack Flies Over British Parliament Today

News From The State Capitol

Will Negro Vote be Factor in Electing The
Raleigh Officials?

FIGHT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE

Raleigh, April 20.—Raleigh people especially the Democratic voters are showing more than ordinary interest in the city primary to be held here next Monday 23.

The closing of the registration books reveals the fact that some six hundred negro men (who have not voted since 1901) have got their names on the poll books—and many citizens don't like it, chiefly because of the allegation that is current on the streets that the names of the negro voters got on the poll books more through the efforts and insistence of one or two candidates for the Commissionerships than through desire.

The charge is made that the candidates responsible for this expect and intend to vote the negroes almost solidly in their interest. Of course, if this is correct, such a course will serve to possibly defeat the choice of a majority of the white voters—and thus frustrate the intent of the primary, viz., to select the Democratic nominees from among the most popular Democratic candidates offering in the primary.

The negro registration represents about 25 per cent of the total vote usually polled in a city election. So, any candidate who could poll a little more than one fourth of the white vote (white republicans included) might capture the nomination—if all the negroes voted for him.

But notwithstanding the appearance of things, it is hardly possible to poll all the votes of negroes for one candidate for each of the four offices to be voted for and those who are counting on such a result are likely to be disappointed—to some extent at least.

But aside from this phase of the situation, there is severe criticism for any interested white man, especially an aspirant for a city office claiming to be a democrat, who meddles with dangerous subject in this manner, and encourages negroes to "get back into politics"—a slogan which some so-called "leaders" of that race have been sounding more or less loudly in North Carolina of late.

It is regarded as a dangerous and most unwelcome development by those, or most of those, who have the best interests of both races at heart.

The principal contest in this primary is that for Commissioner of Public Safety, for which there are five aspirants.

The friends of Col. E. M. Uzzell a gentleman and business man especially qualified for the position are confidently claiming that he will lead the field by a handsome plurality, and possibly a majority.

Five Days Fighting Wipe Out 40,00 Men

(By Special Correspondent)
Henry Wood

With The French Armies, April 20.—Seventy seven miles of France has been reclaimed up to today from the invader by five days continuous steady smashing by the French.

General Nivelles men progressed over a front of nearly forty miles to the depth of three quarters to four miles, and have taken a score of towns and villages since Monday last. The German losses have been staggering two complete divisions of forty thousand literally wiped out by the French artillery in the counter attack at Justincourt.

Demoralization is spreading among the Germans, and this is even extending to the officers.

Great masses of reinforcements have been hurriedly rushed to the lines in an unavailing effort to stop the French drive.

"Battle progressing favorably" is the calm way in which the army chiefs regard the offensive.

"We are exceeding expectations," is the expression of the French officers when asked about the advance between Ostend and Courtrai, which advance has reached proportions of great success.

The strategy of generalship is the important feature in the capture of the formidable positions.

WEATHER REPORT
For North Carolina: Partly Cloudy. Probably local showers today and Saturday. Moderate variable winds.

If the negro registration had not appeared in the race his friends state the belief that he would have won the nomination on the first vote and therefore would have had no opponent at the regular election in May. If he wins by a plurality vote only, Monday his election will be practically assured his friends claim.

But the Hunnicutt, Gosney, Griffins, and Jones supporters do not agree with this line of talk and are still claiming the victory individually and respectively.

Mayor J. I. Johnson and Commissioner of Public Works, R. B. Seawell who have made splendid officials and against whom there are no charges, each have one opponent, but their renomination and election is a foregone conclusion.

The "professional" baseball season has struck Raleigh, the first game of the series being played Wednesday of this week, and the fans and fannies are in their summer glory again.

Roosevelt to Lead The Volunteers

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, April 20.—Despite the administrations attempt to annihilate it the Roosevelt division idea is holding its trench. It is the most formidable obstacle in the path of conscription and there is much expression around the capitol in favor of it.

The betting abounds that Teddy will get into the trenches in France with a volunteer force weeks before the first American conscription division could be placed there. It is admitted that the president is opposed.

Friends of the Colonel insist that there is opposition from within the sacred walls and that predicated political possibilities are likely to ensue "when Teddy comes marching home". The administration ridicule this idea.

MY WORD — THE VULGAR PIPE

(By United Press)

London, April 9.—(By Mail) "An undoubted symptom of the break up of our social fabric" is seen, by members of fashionable London clubs, in the spread of the "pipe plague" throughout England today.

Civilians who were formerly too cultured to be seen in public smoking pipes are taking to their briars in increasing numbers, and the monocol disciples of Lord Chesterfield are deeply shocked.

"My word, old thing, I'd rather see brown boots and a frock coat than a silk hat and a bull dog briar."

This from the depth of a plush covered armchair near the window of a Picadilly club, voices the indignant opinion of the social elect of London.

Chapel Hill, April 20.—President Graham advised University men to stick on the job here and take the military training to be provided until called out by the government.

Chapel Hill, N. C., April 20.—High school week closed here today with field day sports, a tennis tournament and final debate for the state championship team tonight.

High school week has now come to be one of the chief events of the spring term, and this year's events eclipsed all those of the past.

Nearly three hundred and fifty debaters, representing ninety schools, entered the preliminaries here yesterday.

Community Chatauqua To Be In Scotland Neck

Notice has come to hand from Loring J. Whiteside, general manager of the Community Chautauqua, that the date set in the circuit for the Chautauqua to visit Scotland Neck is June 6th to 10 inclusive, and that Mrs. Zoe McClary, the lady who was here last fall to get the signatures of guarantors, will arrive here tomorrow Saturday morning the local body

War Prohibition Live Issue for Couples

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, April 20.—Whether "War Prohibition" be an emergency measure the president announced that congress would shortly have to decide the question.

The president in cabinet meeting planned to take up recommendations at which secretary Houston asked for legislation covering the entire problem of food conservation and distribution.

Houston's suggestions will be laid before Congress next week simultaneously with the governments intentions towards prohibition, which may divulge that the prohibition question is closely allied to the food problem.

It is probable that Congress will be asked to authorize the government charge of that section governing the necessary handling of food during the crisis, which would include the power to shut off supply of grain and other food stuffs to breweries.

WOMEN TO DRIVE WAR CARS

(By UNITED PRESS)

Washington, April 19.—Enticing debutantes and just ordinary domesticated matrons are dabbling around in pools of grease and oil these days, under model automobiles learning the art of chauffeur so they will be able to do something when the country sounds the call to arms.

Just drop into any garage in most any town and there you'll see them—squirming around in the one-foot air space between the engine of an automobile and the ground. The work was started by the Red Cross here and, according to reports pouring into headquarters, it has spread like a wind swept fire throughout the country.

When the women have completed their course they will offer their services to the War department and a car thrown in.

(By UNITED PRESS)

Paris, April 19.—Every dispatch from the French front emphasizes the terrible execution of the French artillery against the favorite German defense method of massing men. The hail of the French projectiles is appalling and the loss of life to the enemy must be terrific.

Observers east of Rheims declare the slaughter as great as any time during the war. The German general staff has sent word to the front that the line must be defended at any cost.

Great Celebration in London Cathedral

Thousands of American Flags Fly and Star
Spangled Banner Sung on Streets

KING AND ROYALTY ATTEND

The Nelson Trial Nearing The End

Prisoner Shows Effects of the
Strain is Nervous and
Irritable

FOUNTAIN IS ARGUING CASE

The last of the rebuttal witnesses left the stand this morning after twelve o'clock, and Mr. Don Gillam for the state opened the counsels argument to the jury. After adjournment for lunch Mr. G. M. T. Fountain, for the defence opened the argument and went carefully over the facts of the case as shown by the defendants witnesses, in order to impress the jury that the accused has been, for some time unaccountable.

The principle witness, and in fact the only one that made any impression on the jury, for the defence, was Mr. Blount of Bethel brother in law of the accused, who stated the amount of money that he had advanced him in recent years. Mr. Blount was so forceful and clear in his statements that there was a noticeable effect made upon the jury's attention made by him upon the jury.

This was largely off-set during the morning hours by the forty or fifty rebuttal witnesses called by the state.

After Mr. Fountain finishes Mr. Marvin Blount of Greenville also for the defence, will address the jury, then will come the argument of the solicitor, Mr. R. G. Allbrook of Tarboro following whom will speak Mr. F. S. Spruill of Rocky Mount for the defence and then will come the last speech, that of Mr. Walter Daniel of Weldon, for the state.

It is hardly expected that the judge will charge the jury tonight although he may sit late in order to give the case over and be sure to obtain a verdict before Sunday.

Uruguay Alarmed at German Revolt

(By Special Correspondent—Stewart)
Buenos Aires April 20.—With the air-tight censorship on reports Uruguay declared the German revolution in the Brazilian provinces near Uruguay, on the boundary is growing.

Refugees pouring into Uruguay the German rebels and the government forces in Brazil.

The Uruguyan government has dispatched reserves to the frontier to prevent violation of neutrality.

COTTON MARKET

May	19.88	19.88	19.44	19.48
July	19.48	19.48	19.06	19.13
Oct.	19.29	19.29	17.93	18.03
Local Market	18	3-4		

London, April 20.—The Stars and Stripes floats with the Union Jack over the English parliament today This is the first time in history that a foreign flag has floated over the British House of Commons.

London, April 20.—This is America Day here and thousands of American flags are being displayed throughout the entire city.

A notable audience assembled this morning in Saint Pauls Cathedral to do honor to America, and to reconsecrate Englands ideas. The King and Queen of England were present, as were other royalties, the American ambassador and the entire American colony. The day is being recognized as a day of celebration and the American National Anthem is being sung in the streets, and in every theatre.

British Forces Make Still Further Gains

London, April 20.—General Haig made another attack last night at Cambrai and reported gains in the neighborhood of villages and Guisclain.

AMERICANS GAIN CONTROL OF BRAZILLIAN COFFEE

(By UNITED PRESS)

Rio de Janeiro, April 18.—The next Brazilian coffee crop is estimated at between 12 and 13 million bags of 132 pounds each. The extraordinary feature about this crop is that about two thirds of these bags will be bought, sold, shipped or otherwise handled for the first time by American business interests represented here in Brazil. War and American enterprise constitute the reasons.

The British blacklist, the shortage of shipping for European ports, lack of financial support and the departure of Germans to their own country to fight opened the door for Americans to take the coffee business from the Germans.

VIRGINIA LIGHT STATION IMPROVEMENT

(By UNITED PRESS)

Washington, April 20.—A bill appropriating \$275,000 for the improvement of the Portsmouth Va., light station, or for the purpose of building a new station was reported to the house interstate committee today.

Washington, April 20.—Department of agriculture asked authority of Congress which if it is granted practically place entire food production under strictest government supervision.