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RIDDICK CO. BUYS KITCHIN PROPERTY

STORE BUILDING OCCUPIED BY W. T. HANCOCK, CORNER MAIN AND TWELFTH STREETS, CHANGED HANES YESTERDAY

LEWIS B. SUITER HANDLED THE DEAL

One of the largest individual improved real estate deals made recently in Scotland Neck was pulled off yesterday when Mr. Lewis B. Suiter, acting for Hon. Claude Kitchin, sold to the N. A. Riddick Motor Car Co. the valuable corner store building at Twelfth and Main streets for the consideration of eight thousand dollars.

This building was put up some ten years ago for Mr. W. T. Hancock since which time it has been occupied by him, but he releases the building because he has rented the store recently occupied by M. Maggid, in the Futrell building, and will move in within the next two weeks.

It is the purpose of the Riddick Company to put in a cement floor as soon as possession can be obtained, which will be before the first of May, and will also be installed a battery service station, vulcanizing plant and paint shop.

The N. A. Riddick Motor Car Company was incorporated four and a half years ago with a capital of \$25,000, of which \$12,300 is paid up. The officers are N. A. Riddick, president and general manager, T. B. Wheeler, vice-president, and J. C. Riddick, secretary and treasurer.

This company has made a decided success of the automobile distributor business is ranked as one of the largest distributors of Buick, Caddillac, King and Saxon pleasure cars, and International trucks in eastern North Carolina, and with the increased facilities for doing business which this additional building will allow the extension of the business of the company will quickly follow.

COTTON MARKET

	Open	High	Low	Close
May	34.20	34.29	34.20	34.29
July	33.52	33.55	33.52	32.55
Oct.	33.15	33.17	33.15	33.17
Dec.	32.91	32.91	32.88	32.88
Jan.	31.75	31.75	31.73	31.73

Local Market 32 cents.

MORE TAXES ON LUXURIES

Washington April 5.—Increased luxury taxes discourage non-essential industries and help the government, to save ship tonnage, since they solve none of the war purposes, is advocated in congress.

The view of the proposers of the luxury taxes is that it will curb extravagance and production of war supplies will be increased, at the same time these higher taxes will tend to conserve money for liberty loans.

Congressman Hull, of Tennessee is pushing a bill covering these features, and he says "that best way to curb extravagance is by

GERMAN DUTCH FRONTIER CLOSED

(By United Press) Amsterdam, April, 5.—The German-Dutch frontier has been closed for a week according to a nannouncement published in the Handelsblad.

TWO N. C. BANKS SUBSCRIBE QUOTA

Richmond, Va. April 5.—Governor Seay, of the fifth federal reserve bank, announced today that two North Carolina banks have subscribed their full quota of the third Liberty Loan.

He declined to make public the names of these institutions.

WOODEN SOLES ON GERMAN SHOES

Washington, April 5.—There are now 180 firms employed in Germany in the manufacture of whole wood soles for new footwear with an output of 400,000 pairs weekly. Beechwood has been chiefly used, but any hardwood with the exception of oak, will serve equally well.

Of the German boot and shoes factories, which were in existence before the war only 400 are now at work; of these 25 per cent are employed in connection with the manufacture of gloves and similar articles, and the remaining 50 per cent have the task of meeting the civilian boot and shoe requirements.

ALLIES ALTERNATE YESTERDAYS FIERCE BATTLE

FRENCH TROOPS DRIVE ENEMY BACK LIKE CATTLE AT MANY POINTS, WHILE BRITISH RETIRE ORDERLY IN FRONT OF VAST NUMBERS

FRENCH SAY ENEMY LOSSES ARE CRUEL

(BY UNITED PRESS) Paris, April, 5.—The Germans attacked the French positions southeast of Amiens with one hundred and eighty thousand men, nearly half of which were wholly fresh troops, but their assaults were frustrated, according to reports from the French war office.

The assault had for its object the capture of an important railway. The Communique described the casualty of the enemy as "cruel."

The French have maintained their line as a whole. Paris, April 5.—French forces drove the Germans back in the neighborhood of Moreuil, recapturing several important positions to the south, according to French reports.

"We advanced to the west of Castel, two miles northwest of Moreuil, towards Amiens, driving the enemy back from Arrierecourt wood.

By counter-attacking southwest of Grovesnes, we occupied St. Aignan wood and strengthened our positions to the northward of Montrena.

KAISER BEGS "SWISS PARDON"

(By United Press) Amsterdam, April 5.—The Kaiser in a personal letter to the Swiss president apologized for the killing of the Swiss secretary of legation during the bombardment of Paris according to advices received here.

AUSTRO-AMERICAN PEACE PARLEY

(By United Press) Zurich April, 5.—Members of the Austrian parliament believe that communication opened between the foreign office and President Wilson, have proceeded further than foreign minister Czernin's statement indicates, according to the Munich Naerichten.

PRO-GERMAN LYNCHED TODAY

(By United Press) Collinsville, Ill. April 5.—Robert P. Praeger, forty five years old, an alleged pro-German, was taken from hiding in the city hall early today by a mob of three hundred and fifty loyalists and hanged to a tree two miles west of town.

No arrests have been made although the lynchers were unmasked and were said to have been led by prominent citizens.

SECOND DRAFT CALL MADE VERY SOON

EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN COMPRISED IN SECOND DRAFT WILL BE CALLED TO CAMP IN QUICK ORDER

HALF OF THEM CALLED BY JULY FIRST

NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY

(By United Press) Washington, April 5.—President Wilson is preparing to launch a second great draft of American fighters, and is expected to issue a proclamation this week notifying eight hundred thousand registered men to hold themselves in readiness for service.

The first great call to the camps under the so-called second draft will approximate one hundred and fifty thousand men, will start moving campward at the latter part of this month, and will be a continuous stream of men to the camps thereafter.

Under the present plans probably three hundred thousand to four hundred thousand will be called before July 1.

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He is, therefore, in a position to give an intelligent, justified, and unbiased opinion of situation on the western front.

Captain Allen has always stressed the fact that the main object of the entente allies at present is to create casualties rather than take vacated territory.

He points out the fact that although the Germans have made a partly successful advance and have taken territory which the allies fought for inch by inch, yet as the enemy made their advance in mass formation, about eight deep, before the spitting British machine gun fire they were literally wiped out by the thousands. Their ranks being thus thinned, they were forced to bring up their first and second line troops and finally their reserves in order to push forward.

The Captain admits that the Teutons accomplished their purpose temporarily, but, says he, this temporary victory will cost them dearly; for they have taken only dead ground stripped of all signs of civilization and torn up by bursting shells, while their casualties by far outnumber the British loss.

On the other hand, the allies have retreated quite orderly, they have kept their lines intact, and have not been forced to call on their reserves as the Germans; and consequently the British will begin to make counter attacks as soon as they make a firm stand. Papers of the past several days reported that several such counter attacks have already taken place. Thus the British will probably not only recover their lost territory, Captain Allen thinks.

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KIND WORDS FOR RUSSIANS

(By United Press) Washington, April 5.—The president will add a fresh word of encouragement for Russia in his Baltimore speech tomorrow night, is the conviction in diplomatic quarters today.

This view is derived partly from the fact that the president recently has councelled with Chas. R. Crane, of Chicago, who studied the Russian at close range, and with his confidential advisor Col. House.

but will continue to create casualties, which is by far the more important of the two.

Recently the university battalion took its longest hike thus far. Thirteen miles of country roads were covered in just a little over three hours, which is good marching. The battalion double-timed it part of the route. Sore feet constituted the longest list of casualties.

Carolina opened its 1918 baseball season last Saturday week, when in the initial game Carolina defeated the strong Oak Ridge team to the tune of 4 to 3. There are few old diamond artists back this year, due to war conditions, consequently this year's Varsity nine is going to be developed largely from new material. Prospects for a successful season, however, are bright.