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PRESENT BATTLE FIERCEST AND MOST CRUEL OF THE WAR

HUNS OFFER THEIR LAST RESERVES

AMERICANS, ITALIANS AND BRITISH POUR DIVISION AFTER DIVISION INTO FRONT RANKS TO CHECK ENEMY'S ADVANCE ON PARIS.

HUNS NUMERICAL SUPERIORITY WIPED OUT

(By UNITED PRESS)

With the French armies afield June 11.—The new German drive between Montdidier and Noyon is rapidly becoming the fiercest and most cruel battle of the war.

Into it the Germans apparently are determined to throw their last reserves in the supreme effort to separate the allied armies and reach Paris before the Americans can have full participation and wrest from them their last hope of eventual victory.

Ready and steady the stream of American, Italian and British divisions competed with each other to inflict as terrific losses as has been inflicted upon the Germans since their assaults of March 21, which practically wiped out the numerical superiority with which the Germans opened their offensive.

With the American army west of Montdidier June 11.—Americans within the shadow of the new German drive are waiting, ready for any blow that may fall.

Quiet is reported in the region of Cantigny, along the line held by the Americans.

Our artillery heavily gassed German positions Sunday night but a lull fell again yesterday.

With the roar of heavy firing from the Montdidier region reaching them the Americans here are constantly on the alert in evidence of the Hun attack spreading westward and including this sector.

BRITISH DRIVE ENEMY BACK

(By United Press)

London June 11.—British troops attacking south of Albert between Aune and the Somme last night advanced nearly half a mile over a front of a mile and a half, reports General Haig.

"We took two hundred and thirty prisoners and thirty one machine guns.

Northwest of Morlancourt, south of the Scarpe and east of Neippe forest, we took prisoners and two machine guns in a successful raid.

COTTON MARKET.				
	Open	High	Low	Close
July	25.76	26.05	25.60	25.60
Oct	24.25	24.67	24.14	24.14
Dec	23.93	24.39	23.78	23.78
Jan	23.81	24.27	23.60	23.60
Mar	23.70	24.00	23.50	23.50
Local Normal				

NEWS FROM CAMP JACKSON

(Name withheld by request)

This is Sunday morning and we Scotland Neck boys are in our barracks lying peacefully in our bunks. Well some are while others are busily engaged in writing to their loved ones at "home" but the greater part are laughing frolicking, hurrahing and seem to be enjoying army life, and speaking very often of dear old Scotland Neck, for that little city will live in our hearts for ever. It goes with us like a sweet dream and the remembrance of "her" will always linger in our memory.

No matter where we may roam Scotland Neck is in our thoughts minds and hearts.

Sure, it was kind of bad at first as there was such a vast difference in living conditions, but we are "coming over now". I mean we are progressing nicely and that all seems to like it better all the time, though South Carolina we beg to admit, will never be regarded equal to the dear old North State, and it inspires our souls to feel and know that we are "Tar Heels".

Will state how some of the boys are feeling this morning:

"Tad"—feeling fine
"Ted"—good spirits.
"Pitt"—not feeling so good.
"Bennie"—just ordinary
"Charles"—making good.
"Jim"—wouldn't care to be anywhere else than Scotland Neck but feeling fine.

"Cham"—Considerable.
"Robert"—health splendid, feeling grand.
"Floyd"—Kind'r fair, but rather be in Hobgood this a. m.

"Lay"—excellent health, feeling just fine, but occasionally thinking of Scotland Neck.

The following local citizens have generously contributed to the expense of postage of the papers to the "Boys Over There", and, if there are others who wish to do likewise they should send in word what they wish to subscribe and same will be noted in these columns.

- Mr. R. L. Hardy \$5.00
- Mrs. R. C. Josey Jr. 5.00
- Mr. F. P. Shields 5.00
- Mr. J. H. Alexander Jr. 5.00
- Mr. Hugh Johnson 5.00
- Balfour Dunn 2.50
- R. P. Byrd 2.00
- Dr. A. C. Livermon 1.00
- Mrs. A. M. Riddick 1.00

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HUNS EXPOSE BRITISH CAPTIVES

Geeva June 11.—French soldiers escaping from the Germans declare the Huns are placing British prisoners in exposed positions in towns along the Rhine as reprisals for raids upon those places.

DRAFT MEN BEING CALLED

There will be a call in the next few days by the Halifax county board for sixty eight men for camp. They will be of the deferred class one men and divided as follows:

Forty five colored draftees will be required to report in Weldon for draft into Camp Taylor, Louisville Kentucky, on June 20.

Twenty three white men will be required to report on June 25 at Weldon for draft into Camp Jackson.

These men will include farmers and other deferred men and the notices will be mailed in the course of the next day or two.

RUSSIAN PEOPLE PRAY FOR CZAR

Berne June 11.—There is reported a movement in Russia for the restoration of the Czar, which is rapidly increasing according to report received here.

The people are praying in their churches for his return. News papers published secretly in Petrograd urge his restoration, and several attempts have been made lately upon the life of Nickolia Lenine, the Bolsheviki premier.

The latest attempt on the premier's life was on June 2, when the driver of his coach was shot by the assassin.

Mr. J. Applewhite and family of Tilley were in town yesterday attending the Chautauqua.

LAUNCHING SEVERAL STEEL SHIPS A WEEK.



The American ship yards are now rapidly getting under full headway launching each week several, steel and wooden ships which clearly spells the doom of the U-Boat. Photo shows S. S. Englewood leaving the ways.

CHAUTAQUA CLOSED LAST EVENING

With more than six thousand admissions during the five days of the Chautauqua the 1918 patriotic exercises came to a close under the most auspicious and enthusiastic conditions. Every one seemed pleased with the program, but few there were who were not relieved that the five day strain at hearing of the world happenings, at this most critical period of the world's history, was over.

While the community has nothing but praise for the contribution to the year's instructions and entertainment it was nevertheless apparent that the uncertain conditions of the country did not warrant our citizens contracting for the Chautauqua a year in advance, but rather considered it better to wait until the beginning of next year before deciding whether it would be advisable or proper to have the Chautauqua next year. This does not imply that Scotland Neck is not favorably inclined towards the Chautauqua, for the splendid attendance every day has proven this one of the very best communities for this feature of entertainment, but it means simply that our people are looking seriously at world events and wish to go slow about entertainments of any kind.

The Webber Quartette measured up to expectations and did magnificently, being accorded their full share of praise and applause, and Dr. Wallace Bruce Amsbury was excellent in his rendition of Kipling. Some even thought that his reading was the very best thing of the whole Chautauqua, so that the finish up to the five days was fully up to the mark of the preceding offerings.

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FRENCH FIGHT VALIANTLY 'AGAINST ODDS

CHECKING A FURIOUS DRIVE OF THE ENEMY TOWARDS THE OISE THE POILUS PUT UP STIFF RESISTANCE AT COURELLES

SEVERE COMBAT ON RIGHT OF MARNE

NEWS FROM CHAPEL HILL

(By Robert Madry)

Chapel Hill June 11.—The commencement spirit has held sway during the past week at the University of North Carolina. The opening exercises began Sunday morning, June 2, with the annual baccalaureate sermon by Dr. D. J. Fraser, of the Presbyterian College at Montreal Canada and came to a close Wednesday, June 5, with the commencement address by Dr. Frederick C. Howe, Commissioner of Immigration of the Port of New York, and the presentation of diplomas to one hundred and three candidates by governor Thomas Walter Bickett.

With favorable weather for travel a veritable stream of visitors and alumni came to the hill during the four days' exercises. Small groups were to be seen clustered in spots about the campus, talking over reminiscences, swapping jokes, and expressing good-natured humor. Many visitors and sons of the University returned to the hill for the class reunion. The University Inn was used as Alumni headquarters.

Due to the war and things incident to it number present was not quite as large as in previous years. Yet enthusiasm for Alma Mater and class spirit were not lacking in the least. The less in male attendance was partly if not wholly offset by the large number of ladies present for the exercises, the number being far greater than in former years. The spirit of good-fellowship and cheer were evidenced on all sides, and were it not for the presence of khaki lads and sailor boys and the frequent references to the European struggle an outsider would hardly have guessed that the University was experiencing a wartime commencement. Yet deep beneath the apparent stream of happiness and gaiety throughout the exercises there ran a strong undertow of seriousness which was not to be mistaken.

Monday June 3, was Class Day on the program. The farewell address by the ex-president Kemp P. Battle to the seniors, the Mangum Medal contest in Gerrard Hall, which was won by Albert M. Coates, the closing exercises of the graduating class, and the snacker and anniversary meetings of the literary societies were events of the day that served to keep the interest at fever heat.

Tuesday June 4, was given over

(By United Press)

Paris June 11.—German forces last night penetrated within a mile of the Oise river at Ribecourt the French war office announces.

The enemy reached Aremde river, four miles of Compiene, representing a maximum advance of more than seven miles, but were hurled back at this point.

The French not only held the Germans on the west wing but retook the town of Mery.

The German push in the direction of Estrees St. Denis and Ribecourt continued yesterday evening and last night. On the left the French prevented the Germans from taking Loperion Courelles.

The principal German effort on this front was from Belley Marquellise where fighting on the right bank of the Marne reached Antoval, the French withdrawing their line of resistance west and southwest of Ribecourt.

ROCKY MOUNT MAN KILLED

(By United Press)

Washington June 11.—One hundred and thirty casualties are reported this morning by the war department upon advice received from General Pershing.

Of these were twenty six killed in action, three deaths from wound seven deaths from disease, three deaths from accident and other causes, forty eight wounded severely and forty three wounded to a degree undetermined.

Tahnadge W. Gerald, of Gallivants ferry, South Carolina and Edward C. Pitt, of R. F. D. No. 4 Rocky Mount are reported as killed in action.

Van Buren, of Elease, N. C. Henry W. Morris, of Albemarle, N. C. Aylor E. Stone, of Virginia, and John H. Tritt, of Gastonia, N. C. are among those severely wounded

mostly to the Alumni. The classes of 1858, 1868, 1888-1898, 1903 1908, 1913, and 1917 held reunions which were well attended. Judge Francis D. Winston presided over the reunion exercises in his usual graceful and charming manner. The Alumni luncheon in Swain Hall followed the reunions. The inter-society debate between representatives of the Dialectic and Hall, which was won by Albert M. Coates, the closing exercises of the graduating class, and the snacker and anniversary meetings of the literary societies were events of the day that served to keep the interest at fever heat.

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