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BIG HORDE OF HUNS MAKE FUTILE ATTACK

GERMAN ARMY HURLED IN VAIN AGAINST BRITISH.

Haig's Men Still Standing Firm Against Onslaught of Enemy. Ger- mans Fighting For Possession of Ypres. Teutons Are Paying Price For Their Slight Gains.

The Associated Press War summary for Monday, as given in today's News and Observer, is as follows:

Germany's armies are hurling themselves against a granite wall on three sides of the ruined city of Ypres. After fighting of the most terrific nature the British and French lines are still intact and the enemy has lost terribly in his repeated assaults against the lines where the allies stand at bay.

The objective of the fighting that now is going on is the capture of Ypres where since 1914 the British have held their positions. Two years ago the allied lines were carried forward and the salient in front of the city was wiped out, but from these positions the British retired a week ago to the trenches where they stood during the terrific fighting in the spring of 1915, when they stopped the Germans in their first drive for the channel ports.

Fruitless of Results.

The present battle opened with a bombardment of the British and French lines from Meteren to Voormezele, a distance of twelve miles. Then came reports of a spread of the fighting around the curve in the line in front of Ypres until the Belgian armies north of the city were involved. Field Marshal Haig's official report, anxiously awaited, brought the news that the utmost efforts of the Germans had been fruitless all along the line.

Enemy Paid Great Price.

The Field Marshal statement said that the Teutons had paid a great price and had gained virtually nothing.

The battle still continues along the front, but there is little indication that an immediate withdrawal from Ypres is contemplated by the allies, at least not until they have exacted from the enemy a great sacrifice of human lives. The only point at which the Germans made any gains was on the hilly section of the front back of Kemmel Hill, where the French are standing. At some points the enemy was able to occupy portions of the line but from the greater part of the city were driven out by the French who re-established their defenses. Frontal attacks on Ypres would seem to indicate that there is little confidence in the German general staff that the Ypres positions can be outflanked from the south.

Allied Lines Strong.

The lines as they stand today are very strong and withstood the onset of the Germans in 1914 when the Teuton Emperor's army was a much different machine than it is today.

The bloody repulse of the Germans in their great plunge forward will mean much in the further operations in that sector of the battle line.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Mrs. R. H. Latham, chairman of the woman's Liberty loan committee for North Carolina, reported tonight that reports from 71 of the 100 North Carolina counties show that the sum of \$3,548,050 has been raised in the Liberty Loan drive by the women of North Carolina up to Saturday. The report shows Forsyth county leading with subscriptions amounting to \$544,300; Guilford county second with 255,000; and Alamance third, with \$229,000.

Cumberland puts in a claim as the first county in North Carolina to be presented with an honor flag for subscribing its quota of the Third Liberty Loan. The presentation was made at a Liberty day rally in the LaFayette theatre Friday night, when Cumberland came through with \$100,000 more than its apportionment.

The United States Quartermaster recently purchased 61,000,000 pounds of prunes and dried beans and 273,000,000 cans of tomatoes, condensed milk, and baked beans. Other purchases include 40,000,000 yards of mosquito bar, 75,000,000 yards of olive drab, 20,000,000 woolen blankets, 31,000,000 pairs of woolen drawers, 50,000,000 pairs of heavy stockings, 11,000,000 wool coats.

THE LIBERTY LOAN.

(Frederick J. Haskin in Charlotte Observer.)

When the United States government was founded there was grave doubts as to its success.

The older nations called it "the great American experiment."

But the 142 years that have passed since this nation was established have been the most wonderful years ever known by any government.

The three million people then are a hundred and five million now.

The original thirteen states are now forty-eight—and many of them are more rich and powerful than most of the European kingdoms.

This government, the product of five generations of Americans, is undoubtedly the richest inheritance ever handed down to any people.

Do you think you really appreciate how much your government means to you?

Have you ever stopped to think that during every moment of your life, waking or sleeping, the vigilant eye of Uncle Sam is always watching over you?

He has more might and majesty than all the kingdoms of history—and all this might and majesty are yours.

He is your faithful guardian, your tireless servitor.

He makes safe the ocean lanes for the way of the mariner.

He safeguards the perilous task of the miner.

He smites the rock and the dead waste of the desert teems with life.

He makes two blades of grass grow where only one grew before.

He measures the heat of the stars. He is the conqueror of disease.

He fixes the standards of weight and measure.

He is teacher and law-giver and judge.

And now he has turned warrior. For your protection he has grappled with the power that has transgressed the rights of man kind and upset the peace of the world.

He wants to borrow your money, and you should lend it to him.

Your duty to your country is as fixed as your obligation to your family.

If you do not maintain the integrity of your government your wife is no longer secure in your home nor your children safe in their school.

Every penny you can afford to advance is that much saved for your own use in the tranquil days when humanity shall have emerged from this agony of blood and carnage.

You may respond as freely as you will in the assurance that your money will not be used for the hateful and ghastly business of conquest.

It will be spent to soothe the hurts of those who are maimed, to feed those who are hungry, to clothe those who are not clad, to shelter those who are homeless, and to gird Liberty's defending hosts for the mighty task of overcoming the military power that has violated the peace and honor of the world and all but made it captive.

Death of Mrs. J. G. Creech.

'Twas only a few days ago God in His great wisdom saw fit to take from the earth one of His jewels and our devoted aunt, Mrs. Endie Creech.

She had been in bad health for three or four years, but had born her suffering with great patience. She was a woman of noble character, not only in words but in deeds, and has gone to her reward. She leaves a husband and eight children with a large number of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

We trust that God will hand down His riches of blessings on her family, and guide and direct them while on earth they have to stay.

L. M. H.

Judge Walter Graves, member of the Missouri Supreme Court, has been tendered the appointment of United States Senator, succeeding the late Senator W. J. Stone. Governor Gardner made public his proffer following the declaration of Speaker Champ Clark to accept the appointment.

Chapel Hill has gone over the top in the Liberty Loan campaign and is flying its Service Flag for over-subscribing its quota—\$28,000. The present subscriptions total \$38,000. It is expected that the \$45,000 mark will be reached before the close of the campaign.

EX-SHERIFF POWELL DIED MONDAY

Mr. Charley S. Powell died at his home a few miles from here on Monday, April 29th, at 3:00 o'clock in his seventy-fifth year. If he had lived until the 9th of next October he would have been seventy-five years old. He had been growing feeble for the last two or three years, suffering more or less from a heart trouble. During the past few weeks he had been confined to his home, but was considerably better. Yesterday morning he went to his melon patch and did a little work. He died in the afternoon in about thirty minutes after being taken suddenly ill. The burial will take place today at the family cemetery near his home at 4:00 o'clock, new time. He will be buried by the ceremonies of the Masons. Other obituary notices will appear in our next issue.

THE PRIMARY LAW.

Saturday, May 18, Is Last Day For Candidates to Make Deposits.

The Primary Law provides that all candidates for county offices shall file, with the Board of Elections of the County at least two weeks before the primary, notice of their candidacy for the office they seek and pledge to support the party in whose primary they desire to be candidates.

At the time of the filing notices, each candidate for the office of Sheriff, Clerk of Superior Court, Register of Deeds and House of Representatives must deposit with the Board of Education the sum of \$5.00. Each candidate for the office of Surveyor, Coroner and County Commissioner must deposit the sum of \$1.00. Candidates for constable and other Township offices will not be required to make any deposit. The last day upon which these notices can be filed and deposits made will be Saturday, May 18th.

A form of notice can be secured from the Chairman of the County Board of Elections.

Princeton Red Cross Auxiliary.

Owing to the progressive work which has been done, the Red Cross has found it necessary to secure a new work room, so that they may do greater work in the future. They have moved from the Woodman's Hall to the room opposite Dr. Aycock's office on Fourth street.

A new slogan card for one hundred members until June 1, 1918 has been placed in the room. The plan is for each lady member to bring in two new members, and fill up the vacant checks for Red Cross Seals on the new membership card.

At present the Auxiliary has forty-three members. The work room opens every Wednesday afternoon to those who will come.—X.

Meeting To Continue Through Week.

The meeting which began at the Baptist church the third Sunday will continue through the week. Services are held each afternoon at 3:30 and at 8:30 at night, (Standard or Government time.)

This afternoon at 3:30 Dr. Blackwell will give a special address or sermon to the women or girls only.

The people of the town and community are given a special invitation to attend all these services. Now is the time for the people to attend these services and hear the gospel preached by a man who has been a successful pastor and preacher for more than half a century.

Congressman Hood To Retire.

George E. Hood, Representative in Congress from the Third District, has announced that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself this year on account of ill-health. He is now serving his second term. C. L. Abernathy and W. T. Dortch are both in the race for Mr. Hood's place.

Fred R. Mintz has announced his candidacy for a seat in the next House from Wayne. He also announces he will be a candidate for Speaker of the House. The Raleigh Times says that D. G. Brummitt, of Oxford, will be the next Speaker if he wants it.

FARMER AND SON KILLED BY TRAIN

Last Saturday morning Mr. Robert Webb and his boy, Charley came to Smithfield to do some trading. They left town just before twelve o'clock carrying back with them some shingles and metal roofing. They were driving a mule. On reaching the main railroad crossing on the Smithfield and Goldsboro road they were struck by a north bound freight train which killed the mule and the man and boy and demolished the wagon. Mr. Webb lived for a short while but was not conscious after being struck by the train. There were several box cars on a side track so they did not see the train until it was too late to avoid the accident. Mr. Webb was a tenant on the farm of Mr. N. B. Grantham near the John R. Creech place. The burial took place Sunday afternoon at the William Edwards grave yard in Boon Hill township.

Americans Again Repulse German Attacks.

With the American Army in France, April 27.—The enemy laid down a heavy barrage in front of the American trenches in the Toul sector at 3 o'clock this morning, the bombardment lasted an hour.

After an interval of silence, he repeated the performance at 5 o'clock and half an hour later the German infantry started for the American lines. So intense was the American counter-attack that the enemy was repulsed without getting close enough to be engaged by the American infantry. The Germans have been stripping the bodies of the dead French soldiers in other sectors and wearing these clothes, have come over at the point where the French and American lines join. This method of attack was used during the attack on the Americans at Apremont forest two weeks ago. On that occasion they spoke French and said they had come to assist the Americans, but the ruse was discovered and they were driven off.

The Importance of Gardens.

The raising of gardens is so important this year that nothing should be allowed to interfere with the progress. Chickens and calves should be kept up so that they will not eat up the other man's garden. There is a law in Smithfield which prohibits chickens running at large.

BRITISH CASUALTIES RISE.

Total Reported For The Week Are 18,369—3,069 Men Killed.

London, April 27.—Casualties in the British ranks reported this week totaled 18,369. They were divided as follows:

Killed or died of wounds—Officers 408; men, 2,661.

Wounded or missing—Officers, 2,071; men, 13,229.

Despite the heavy fighting for more than a month, the British casualties reported are only now beginning to approach the high figures for the weeks last year when the British were on the offensive on the western front. The increase recently has averaged about 50 per cent. each week over the week preceding. Last week the aggregate was 12,368, and the week previous 8,129.

Selma Red Cross.

Selma, April 27.—The Selma Red Cross Rooms are open two days each week, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The following is a list of the articles shipped in the last shipment which was made recently:

70 Hospital Shirts.
55 Winter Pajamas.
32 Comfort Pillows with Cases.
10 Sweaters.
14 Mufflers.
11 Pairs Socks.
2 Pairs Wristlets.
1 Helmet.
300 Large cotton pads.

In addition to the above, a large box of clothing has been shipped to the Belgian Relief Office.

The colored Circle of the Red Cross workers now number fifty-five members. They are very enthusiastic about the work, and have made and shipped quite a number of petty bags, kits, etc.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

The world today lies in the grip of the most terrible disaster or the greatest blessing ever permitted to a people. Disaster if we by any cause allow the German Emperor to win this war. Blessing if we by unity and co-operation overthrow this power devoid of honor or right and let freedom of liberty bless the world.

The foundations of many things are being shaken today never dreamed of before and the cry comes for the preservation of the Liberty, the Ideals and the Education of America. We all help in this work. We are a part of the people that proclaimed Liberty. We are day by day building up or tearing down the ideals.

Now for the Education. This is essential to the other two. Education made America what she is and lighted her ideals above the mere fighting a war for spoils, but for principles of right and honor. Shall we suffer this element of National uplift to be eliminated? No! but will it be weak and inefficient? Not if YOU do your duty, and that is to uphold it in every way.

Teachers are asking for more pay and some of you are saying, "oh they will teach, just don't notice their demands." Friends this is a mistake. I have taught in your county and God never richer blessed a county than He has yours, but you must use what has been granted you for greater service. The time I spent in your midst was a great joy to me and I should like to be among you again, but will not unless I can get enough to live on. Perhaps you will not miss me or care, I doubt if you will, but let me give you a word of warning. No matter what poor teachers you may have had this year, without a raise in salary they will be worse next year. I did not teach to get rich for if I had I certainly would have chosen some other profession, but I wanted to teach boys and girls how to live; but friends I expected you to pay my expenses for it was YOUR boy and YOUR girl not mine.

There are a great number who teach just for the money that's in it and I would not give a child to the care of such a teacher for teaching is too great a responsibility; but this is what you need to do, pay your teachers more and demand better teachers and you can do it. If you don't you will either not have any at all or have such poor ones it would be better not to have any.

You are living for your children that they may be better able to meet the difficulties of life and they must be educated to stand in the world tomorrow. By all means help your child to get an education and to do so he must have a teacher. Vote for the special tax and then see that you have a good teacher and co-operate with the teacher in every way, visit your school, send the children regularly and be proud of your school.

Don't get the mistaken idea tho that you will have your teachers at the same price, for you won't; you may get some of some kind, but pay more and get what you need and want and not only pay more but have a longer school term.

I had the privilege of being in your county this year and a great many more did too, that I've talked with, and they told me what I've told you, so this is just a warning. You just hadn't heard what we had to say about it and I couldn't let you go on and not know.

Some counties will vote this county wide tax with an overwhelming majority. Let Johnston be along with them.

That boy of yours is a smart fellow. He might be President some day if he had a chance—you give it to him, that is educate him; he can't go into the White House ignorant.

There is coming a day after this war is over when this country will have to be built up again. The boys and girls of today will have that work to do. So for the interest of them and the good of the country let's keep education on a high plane.

So in behalf of your children and your country vote for your county wide tax; have a better school, good teachers and never fail to co-operate together in all educational matters.

A TEACHER.

More than 700 privately owned vessels have been purchased or chartered by the United States Navy.

PROPOSED EDUCATION POLICY IN WAR TIME

(By M. B. ANDREWS.)

Within the next two months, more than three hundred thousand school teachers and college instructors will be thrown automatically out of employment, and this at a time when all the world is crying for laborers.

I favor a drafting of American teachers into service of the Government at a reasonable salary. Close observers the country over are well aware of the fact that school teachers are extremely poorly paid for their labors. During the last five years, the great majority of the members of the teaching profession have been forced by circumstances to face an extremely embarrassing financial situation. During the said length of time living expenses have increased perhaps not less than one hundred per cent throughout the country, while wages have increased very slowly if at all. The demands upon the teacher to-day are decidedly greater than they have ever been before in the history of our country. It is necessary for the teacher to be a successful class-room instructor, a successful disciplinarian, an efficient community worker, a manpower organizer and director, and a patriotic lecturer and campaigner. A thorough knowledge of books, tact, a comprehensive grasp of psychology, wide experience, human sympathy, a broad and wholesome outlook upon life—the teacher of to-day must possess all of these qualities and must put them constantly into successful execution.

It is evident that if the average teacher is to measure up to the demands made upon him, it is necessary for him to be a man of real power and personality and to be constantly trained for larger responsibilities. Such a man needs stable employment and sufficient funds with which to meet the demands that are made upon him. It is, therefore, clear that, from an economic standpoint, no teacher can afford to be out of employment at any time.

There is another and more urgent reason why school teachers should be drafted into the service of their country. Ignorance is everywhere. Almost ten per cent of the men who registered in the United States last June were unable to sign their names. The State of Wisconsin has just recently registered a vote of nearly ninety-seven thousand against vigorous prosecution of our war aims. Right here in North Carolina a large proportion of the farmers are supporting the President of their organization, of whom it is said rather authoritatively that he is an un-American in sentiment and disloyal in his public and private conduct. Most successful instructors are teachers because they love to teach. The Government can ill afford to sacrifice the services of three hundred thousand teachers by allowing them to be thrown out of employment this spring.

I favor the drafting of American citizenship into actual training for preparedness and Americanism. I suggest that every person over twelve years of age to be requested to go to school at least five hours a week until this war is won. The teachers of America could be employed by the Government, and the population of the country could be drafted as students.

Let me outline a one-hour evening program. Let the drafted citizen students meet their teacher at a legally specified hour—say, eight o'clock in the evening—let twelve minutes be devoted to the singing of patriotic songs and the offering of a brief devout prayer; let eight minutes be devoted to brief spirited speeches delivered by as many citizen students, and let the next forty minutes be devoted to the actual teaching of the fundamental principles underlying our whole scheme of Government, the reason why we are at war, our purposes at the present time our immediate and future needs and our ultimate war aims. This program could be varied from time to time until every citizen in this country who is old enough to think for himself could understand thoroughly what it means to be an American citizen at this period of the world's development and civilization.

Kenly, N. C.

Invest your spare money in Liberty Bonds today.