

EDGEcombe WOMAN IS MOST DECORATED IN ALL THE WORLD

It may be known to Tarboro people in general or it may not be known, but it is a fact that the most decorated woman in all the world is a North Carolinian, and that she is an Edgecombe county woman and formerly lived in Tarboro.

Mrs. Hancock is known in the whole British army as "Glory Hancock," a name which she won by her untiring and earnest work in the ranks of the Red Cross during the recent great war against Germany.

She was then attached to the hospital established at Fermes, in Belgium, and nursed there through the

first battle of the Yser, when the hospital was shelled by the Germans and had to be evacuated, the patients being moved to Hoogstadt, where Mrs. Hancock was stationed during the first and second battles of Ypres and the second battle of the Marne.

Until the last battle of the war, Mrs. Hancock was at the above named and other dressing stations close behind the Allied lines of battle up to the last moment of the war, never being beyond the sound of the guns and frequently within the zone of fire. She was gassed, was repeatedly in the midst of shrapnel fire but always escaped without serious injury.

For her services to the wounded and her conspicuous bravery under fire upon various occasions Mrs. Hancock received twelve decorations, five from Great Britain, five from Belgium and two from France. Those from Great Britain are: The Mons Star, Royal Red Cross, Allied Service Medal, British Victory Medal and King George V. Medal, the latter personally given by His Majesty. Those from Belgium are the Chevalier de l'Ordre de la Couronne, (crown), personally given by King Albert and carrying with it the title of countess; Croix de Guerre, Order of the Yser, Order of Queen Elizabeth, Civic Cross. From France: Croix de Guerre, Medal a Reconnaissance pour les Etrangers.

Mrs. Hancock is at present visiting the family of Mr. Octave Battle near Tarboro.

SENATE LINES UP FOR BIG STRUGGLE

Military Training Bill Came Before Senate For Final Fight This Morning

(By Associated Press) Washington, April 8.—Both the opponents and supporters of the universal military training bill lined up for the final struggle in the senate today. This will be the show down and from all indications that may be drawn from reports of informal canvasses that had been taken previous to the opening of the fight this morning, it seems an assured fact that the plan is sure to be defeated. Unofficial reports taken from the canvasses state that forty democrats and thirty republicans will vote against the plan.

Under these circumstances there has been a movement set on foot for voluntary training throughout the country. Just what this plan will be is not stated in the early reports of the intention to bring it before the country. Nevertheless it is supposed that the details will be made known to the public within a short time if the present compulsory military training bill is defeated in the final vote.

PERSONALS

—Rev. L. L. Rdse is on a visit to his family in New York.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Brandt have returned from Greensboro, where they spent Easter with Mr. Brandt's mother.

—Misses Mary Powell and Eliza Pender are out after several days' illness.

—Mrs. Earnhardt and baby have returned from a visit to relatives in Plymouth.

—Mrs. M. J. Best who has been visiting her niece, Mrs. W. H. Powell, has returned to her home in Wilson.

—Miss Annie Sledge is quite sick.

—Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Lipscomb and little grandson, Oscar Walker, are spending a few days in Richmond with Mrs. Lipscomb's brother.

NOTICE U. D. C.

The annual meeting of the 13th district of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be held in Rocky Mount on Wednesday, April 21. All members of the district are cordially invited to be present.—Mrs. L. L. Staton, Director 13th District.

Gas Explosion Causes Big Damage Oklahoma Town

(By Associated Press) Ponca City, Okla., April 8.—One person is dead, one seriously injured and two are unaccounted for as the result of a gas explosion in a restaurant here. The damage is estimated at \$100,000.

GERMANS AGAIN USING DEADLY GAS SHELLS

(By The Associated Press) Paris, April 8.—German troops today bombarded Dusseldorf with gas shells, according to a dispatch received by the Matin.

Transport Arrives With Bodies Of American Dead

(By Associated Press) New York, April 8.—The transport "Nansmond" arrived in port this morning bringing the bodies of 87 American soldiers who died in England during the war. Relatives and friends were on hand to receive the flag draped coffins.

American Orphanage Is Burned By The Turks

(By The Associated Press) Constantinople, April 8.—The American orphanage was burned when the Turks destroyed the village of Harouniyi today. The 2,000 Armenian orphans were removed to safety. The Turks are today besieging other Armenian villages in the same neighborhood.

TOLEDO SWITCHMEN WALK OUT IN SYMPATHETIC STRIKE

(By The Associated Press) Toledo, April 8.—Six hundred switchmen walked out here today in sympathy with the Chicago strikers. It is predicted from other cities in the state that traffic will be completely tied up within the next 24 hours.

OVERMAN DECLARES LOS ANGELES MEN JOIN THE STRIKE

REPUBLICANS USE ABUSE AND SLANDER

Senator Assails Republicans of State And Nation In Speech At State Convention

BELIEVES PEOPLE WILL RESENT AT BALLOT BOX

(By Associated Press) Raleigh, N. C., April 8.—Assailing the republican party of North Carolina and of the nation, Senator Lee S. Overman, addressing the democratic State Convention today, declared the Republicans, "hoping to win the next election by discrediting the great head of the democratic party, have entered into a conspiracy of abuse and slander of the vilest and most inhuman kind against the president of the United States."

Senator Overman declared he believed the American people would resent at the ballot box "this unjust propaganda of slander." "The republicans indict the president for stubbornness and indifference to their feelings, when it was they and not he who made the treaty a partisan issue," continued Senator Overman. "They did it wilfully, and deliberately. They determined more than a year ago that regardless of all of the provisions of the treaty they would so change it and modify it that they could gain a partisan victory over the president. They had no other program and to other purpose. They care nothing for principle, national honor or national good faith and national pride; they dashed all away for partisan advantage. Even while the government was negotiating this treaty—before its contents were known—our republican friends, desiring to make political capital out of it and injure the president, entered into a conspiracy to fight it to the bitter end. For eight long months this treaty has been held up in the Senate, embarrassing the president and embarrassing us both at home and abroad. We now have to appear before the nations of the world as a people who do not regard treaties as a solemn international obligation, but regard them only as campaign issues."

Senator Overman charged that the highway of the republican party in the nation was strewn with a wreck of broken pledges and unperformed promises. "In the last election they carried both the House and the Senate with the promises that they would reduce taxation and reconstruct the country into peace conditions," he said. "They have reconstructed nothing; not a dollar have they reduced taxes. They have appointed 67 investigating committees, have opened the books during the war, with smelling committees to see if they could find where the democratic party had expended money corruptly, and they have not discovered out of the billions of dollars we spent for war purposes—unsavory to tell—as much as fifteen cents corruptly spent."

The record of the democratic party for the last seven years, Senator Overman contended was a splendid record of promises kept and promises performed. He reviewed legislation passed during those years for the benefit of the farmers, labor and the general welfare of the country, saying "the democratic party stands against class legislation, but believes in legislation, of this kind only, where it is for the uplift and the comfort of the great mass of the people." Under the leadership of President Wilson, as commander-in-chief, of the nation, he said, had carried on the greatest war in all history and had brought it to a successful end. Saying the democratic party stands for freedom of speech, freedom of religion and freedom of the press, but does not stand for license of speech, and license of the press, Senator Overman declared he would stop the immigration of undesirable foreigners "who refuse to learn our language, hate our form of government, organ, under the red flag for its overthrow, publish newspapers in foreign languages advocating the overthrow of our government, and yet come to share our privileges and our liberty."

After summing up the achievements of the democratic party, Senator Overman said: "We hear no more of the empty dinner-pail; we hear no more of the incompetency of the democratic party to run the government; we have made a great record; we have kept the faith; we have fulfilled our promises and brought happiness and prosperity to a hundred million people. The democratic party is worthy

LOS ANGELES MEN JOIN THE STRIKE

Yardmen in Far Southern City Walked Out This Morning On Sympathetic Strike

(By Associated Press) Los Angeles, April 8.—Between five hundred and one thousand yardmen went on strike here this morning in sympathy with the strike of the Chicago railroad men. It has been predicted that the entire Pacific coast will be effected soon.

The fact that the officials of the big unions have declared the strike to be illegal has had no strength here to hold the men to their positions, and the worst is feared as time passes and more men walk out. The officials of the railroads have made no statement as to their plans, while at the same time they have done nothing to hinder the men from walking out if they so desire. If the yardmen all over the country continue to join the men of the Chicago districts, not only the Pacific coast will be effected, but the entire United States will soon be in a crippled condition so far as freight shipments are concerned.

U. D. C. Are Guests At Delightful Entertainment

(Reported) The local chapter of the U. D. C. was delightfully entertained Tuesday afternoon at the handsome residence of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fountain at Leggett's, N. C., with fifty members and invited guests present. The beautiful rooms were thrown into one by means of folding doors, and were admirably arranged for a large gathering.

The treasurer reported sending a check of \$25 to Confederate Women's Home at Fayette, to be part of salary of train-nurse to be employed by the home. A box of records was also sent last month. "We have four ladies from Edgecombe county here, and Mrs. Wood Winburn will leave for the home at an early date. We wish her many happy years of her new home. Mesdames W. L. Barlow, W. T. Bryan, Haywood Foxhall, Ed Purvis, and Blanch Anderson were accepted and welcomed into the chapter. Mesdames Henrietta Howard, Robert Walker and Henry Speight were appointed delegates to District Convention at Rocky Mount. The following committees were appointed for Memorial Day: Dinner Committee: Mrs. Nina Powell, chairman; Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Mrs. C. F. Clayton, Mrs. W. M. Davis, Mrs. T. M. Staton, Mrs. Henry Speight, Mrs. L. B. Knight, Mrs. Claud Wilson, Mrs. Arthur Fountain, Mrs. David Taylor. Hall Committee: Mrs. W. C. Austin, chairman; Mrs. F. L. Dancy, Miss Sallie Porter, Mrs. Haywood Foxhall. Floral Committee: Mrs. R. B. Peters, chairman; Mrs. W. A. Hart, Mrs. Jas. W. Wiggins, Mrs. T. M. Sanders, Mrs. H. L. Williams, Mrs. M. Whitehurst. Program Committee: Miss Mary Powell, chairman; Mrs. W. P. Wooten, Mrs. Robert Walker. Automobile Committee: Mrs. S. N. Howell, Mrs. H. L. Williams, Mrs. W. A. Hart. Miss Susie Wooten, Miss Em Austin, Miss Em Pender and Mrs. Vinton Fountain. Music director and piano accompanist, Miss Mary Wooten. At the close of the business meeting, Mrs. J. L. Bridges read an interesting paper, "History of Formation of Edgecombe County." Mrs. R. B. Peters read, "Origin of Memorial Day," and an exquisite poem, "The Blue and the Grey," "Our Own Stars and Bays Will Live Forever," was sung by the chorus, Mrs. W. A. Hart, accompanist, Mrs. Arthur Fountain, assisted by Misses Elsie Fountain, Misses Iris, Johnson and Mrs. Vinton Fountain served a delicious course of pineapple salad, sandwiches, beaten biscuits, pickle, saltines and coffee.

TEXAS AVIATION DEPOT IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

(By The Associated Press) Dallas, Texas, April 8.—A million dollar loss is estimated as the result of a fire which last night destroyed the army repair aviation depot here. Several airplanes, large supplies of lumber, the engine house building and the unloading sheds were completely destroyed.

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THREE MORE WOMEN PICKETS ARE JAILED DEFAULT BOND

(By The Associated Press) Washington, April 8.—Three more women pickets favorable to the Irish cause were arrested today when they appeared before the British embassy. They were jailed in default of bail.

WILL ASK HAVE CONVENTION MEET CHANGED TO OAKLAND

(By The Associated Press) Chicago, April 8.—National committee Lynch, of Minnesota, said that the dissatisfaction of the democratic leaders at the convention arrangements in San Francisco will be aired at the national committee meeting here on April 29 at which time a proposition will be made to change the convention to Oakland, across the bay.

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ROCKY MOUNT NEGRO CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL ASSAULT IS NOW IN JAIL

(Special to The Southerner) Rocky Mount, April 8.—Charged with assault with criminal intent upon Minnie Gay, the eight year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gay of this city, Charlie Armstrong, a negro of thirty, was last night taken into custody by the police here and later spirited away to some other place on account of the fear of mob violence.

The trouble started Tuesday night, according to the story told by the little girl, when Armstrong met her on the street and by the promise of bribes of candy, money and other things persuaded her to go to a building alone with him. He took her to a room, but upon the child beginning to cry, the negro released her after promising her more money and presents if she would return to the same place on the following afternoon.

Upon reaching her home, Minnie told her father of the happening and the father in turn immediately informed the police. After a short conference between Mr. Gay and the police a trap was laid for the negro, the same to be sprung the following afternoon. As the negro asked, the child Wednesday appeared at the place named, and Armstrong appeared and took her up the stairs to the room again. Before the negro could carry out his intent, whatever it may have been, the father and police broke in and placed him under arrest.

The city authorities later spirited him away to some other place which was reported to be the Nash county jail at Nashville. Later it was reported that he was taken to the Wake county jail in Raleigh though, and it is believed that he is there now.

Feeling is running high in the city today, and it is on account of this that the officers were so quick in carrying the negro to another jail. Mob violence was feared, and as the negro has a most unsavory reputation for past deeds as well as the present attempted one, the people here are in an exceptionally angry mood. The negro is being held under a \$5,000 bond with preliminary hearing set tentatively for Friday morning. This date, it is expected, may be changed though. The above story was phoned to The Southerner this morning by a representative of the Rocky Mount Telegram in answer to a query sent in by the local paper. Reports had come to the office this morning that the negro had been caught in the act of criminal assault by an angry mob and that he had been practically cut to pieces. Another report stated that though the negro was badly cut he had been taken to a hospital in Rocky Mount and was there under surveillance of the police. Hoping to be able to get the straight story, The Southerner sent in an inquiry to the staff of the Telegram this morning and the above story is the answer.

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STRIKES and BALLS

Presenting William Burton Lewis (By Lannigan)

All of the time spent by William Burton Lewis, pitcher of the Stars, from Tonawanda, N. Y., has been in the New International League. Tony Cummings is his second manager; Jack Dunn of Baltimore was his first.

The Orioles' president-manager got a line on Lewis' ability when William Burton was pitching in and around Buffalo. He gave Lewis a chance to face the Bisons on May 15, 1918, and the tall right hander (his height is 73 inches) made good right from the jump, winning over his opponents by a score of 10 to 0 and allowing them two hits. Lewis remained with the Orioles all during the 1918 season and started the 1919 campaign with them. He was taken sick on the training trip, taken extremely sick, and unable to do himself justice asked for and obtained his release.

Lewis reported at Tarboro this spring in the pink of condition and right now is in better trim than any of his curving rivals. He is a right hander, possessed a good curve and a good fast ball and can mix them up, too. Besides being a pitcher of parts, Lewis is a great basketball player. He indulged in cake work all winter. He weighs 165 pounds and was born in Tonawanda, N. Y., on October 3, 1895.

TO MOVIE PATRONS

To Patrons of Opera House: Tomorrow we have the hit of this season in a picture.

Mary Roberts Rinehart wrote a story for the Saturday Evening Post entitled "Twenty-three and a Half Hours' Leave." It made a hit. Every body read it and talked about it. All the picture producers wanted it. Thomas H. Ince got it. He is using it to introduce to the public his two new stars, Douglas MacLean and Doris May. I personally guarantee this as one of the best pictures. Hope no one will miss it.

Respectfully, P. L. McCABE.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Rocky Mount plays the Syracuse Stars here tomorrow. The following day the Buffalo, International league team comes here, while on Monday Wilson will pay Tarboro a visit. On Tuesday the Stars go to Rocky Mount for a game.

BOY WANTED

The Southerner wants a bright, wide-awake boy to carry the paper in the city. The position is now open for the right boy.

Jews And Moselmen In Jerusalem Continue Fight

(By Associated Press) Jerusalem, April 8.—Although martial law is in vogue here, and British troops patrol the city from one end to the other, the Jews and Moselmen engaged in scattered fights on Monday and Tuesday which resulted in several being killed on both sides. Reports state that about 250 were injured more or less seriously.

Girls' Friendly Society

There will be an admission service of the Girls' Friendly Society in the Episcopal Chapel tomorrow, Friday evening, at 7:30. Miss Zeigler who will be here for that service, will meet the girls at the home of Mrs. Henry Johnson tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Dicie Howell-Composer

Dicie Howell, who has just announced that she will spend the summer months in England and on the continent, has been the recipient of many inquiries meant for her English namesake, Miss Dorothy Howell, the composer. According to the English critics, Miss Howell's latest compositions are very like those of Strauss in style and originality, and have earned for the brilliant lady the cognomen of the "Young English Strauss."

Following the announcements in the English press, concerning Dicie Howell's forthcoming visit, the soprano has received a shower of congratulatory letters on the composition successes written by "the other Miss Howell." The American soprano says she has never written a song in her life, though she has often been tempted to after hearing some of the modern perpetrations. "Once, as a young music student, I thought I had an inspiration for a theme, and made a note of it with the idea of setting one of my favorite poems," said Miss Howell. "I remember the dread ul shock I sustained when playing my supposedly original theme to a composer friend of mine. He laughingly told me to stick to my voice, saying that as a composer, I was an excellent singer, for I had simply made a mental note of the "Old Oaken Bucket," and with a slight change, had made the melody my own original. That was the beginning and the end of my career as a composer.

"Incidentally, this brings to mind the time, words, but still amusing story of the very unmusical men who refused to go to a concert because he didn't know the difference between the "Old Oaken Bucket" and "The Star Spangled Banner" except that you stand up for one. "I hope that my English friend across the water will not think that I am stealing her praise, and likewise hope the mix-up will be straightened out in the minds of the musicians over there and here."

IN ANSWER

Speed, N. C., April 7th, 1920. To the Editor of The Southerner, Dear Sir: Tarboro, N. C.

I notice you are carrying the following notice in your paper: "I hereby announce myself a candidate against Zeno Moore." Then you have my name at the bottom, with the figures 4-1-7 followed by the letters tp. I suppose the figures allude to the time the insertion was put in the paper, but not being up on news paperology I can't imagine what the tp can stand for.

I wish you would tell me, and also tell me how this notice got in your paper. I did not authorize it, and unless there is another A. J. Parker some where around that is backing this notice up, somebody is guilty of forgery, which is a very serious offense. I shall expect to see your explanation in The Southerner. Yours truly, A. J. PARKER.

This announcement was ordered and paid for by Mr. Vernon Knight of Speed, N. C.

Officers Land Negro Safe In Capital City Jail

(By The Associated Press) Raleigh, April 8.—Chased by a mob in automobiles, officers successfully landed Charlie Armstrong, the negro who is charged with attacking a white girl in Rocky Mount, in the jail here this morning.

PROPOSERS OF COMPULSORY TRAINING SUBSTITUTE FOUR MONTHS' VOLUNTARY PLAN

(By The Associated Press) Washington, April 8.—Conceding the defeat of compulsory military training in the United States the proponents of the plan have planned a substitute of voluntary training for four months of all youths of nineteen years and over.

One Body Is Found

(By The Associated Press) Anderson, S. C., April 8.—The body of Lucy Bradshaw was today found ten miles from the scene of the tragedy. This is the first body that has been recovered of the ten that were drowned in the Savannah river Sunday.

BRITISH CABINET MEETS TO DISCUSS FRENCH OCCUPATION

(By The Associated Press) London, April 8.—The British cabinet meets today presumably for the purpose of discussing the French occupation of German cities. The conference of the Allied Foreign and Foreign Ministers has been postponed it is thought until tomorrow.