

# The Daily Advance

News Without  
Bias  
Views Without  
Prejudice

The Only Democratic  
Newspaper  
Published in Elizabeth  
City

VOL. 2

ELIZABETH CITY, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 11, 1917

NO. 89

## BRITISH BLAZE WAY THROUGH STEEL WALLS

### German Prisoners Declare Attack so Cyclonic that Officers Fled at First Titanic Outburst

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS  
With the British Armies' Afield, April 11—Swept forward by a storm of shell, the like of which was never before seen,—not even in this war—the British advance jammed its way still farther through the German wall of steel today.

General Haig's crimp in the German lines reached a depth of five miles east of Arras today and the strength of the British offensive increases.

British losses are far less than were anticipated and the British artillery is literally turning the ground into the same mutilated landscape which featured the German retreat of a few weeks ago. It is a mere mass of hummocky earth pockmarked by craters.

German prisoners declare that the British fire is so cyclonic that many officers fled at the first titanic outburst. The terrific shell-fire so demoralized the Germans that they easily surrendered. Hungry, tired and nerve shattered, they showed their captors their black bread and said: "This is all we have had to eat."

The British curtain fire blasted away communicating trenches, frequently cutting off large bodies of Germans without food or ammunition. In many places the Germans were swept off their feet by the British advance. In one instance I watched a German field gun in action, served by British Tommies who were firing German ammunition against Germans. Not a single German aeroplane was in sight while the British machines swarmed above.

General Haig wired London today "Satisfactory progress. Battle front situation developing generally in accordance with our plans."

## REJOICING IN BRAZIL

WHEN ANNOUNCEMENT OF BREAK IS MADE—ARGENTINE AND URUGUAY ENDORSE WILSON BUT REMAIN NEUTRAL.

Rio, April 11—General public rejoicing greeted the announcement of Brazil's severance of relations with Germany, late yesterday evening.

Argentine today formally recognized the justice of America's declaration of war against Germany, but announced a continuance of the strictest neutrality. Argentine hopes by her position to avert the threatened embargo on coal.

Uruguay also announced her neutrality today, at the same time endorsing the principles enunciated by Wilson.

## WILL WEAR U. S. UNIFORM

LAFAYETTE AIR SQUADRON IN FRANCE COMPOSED OF AMERICANS WILL BE ALLOWED TO SHOW THEIR COLORS.

Paris, April 11—The American uniform and flag will soon be seen in action at the French front.

The war office today decided that the Lafayette Air Squadron should be permitted to wear the American uniform.

## MUST FEED THE ALLIES

MOBILIZATION OF FOODSTUFFS, CO-OPERATION OF NAVY AND RAILROADS IS NATION'S BIG TASK NOW.

By ROBERT J BENDER  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Washington, April 11—Feeding our Allies is America's part in the great war at present.

The mobilization of foodstuffs and the navy's co-operation in delivering them to ports in France and England is to be the extent of this country's physical effort now. The heads of the great railroads have conferred with Secretary Daniels to devise plans to complete cooperation with the government in mobilizing these supplies and their shipment will be given precedence over all other freight.

Meantime hundreds of thousands of men are being trained for action in Europe as rapidly as possible.

## France Flies U. S. Flag

Paris, April 10—The ministerial council decreed today in a formal order that all monuments throughout France be decorated in the American colors and in a special appeal asked all French citizens to hang out the Stars and Stripes.

All Paris stores were practically sold out of American bunting today.

President Wilson's speech to Congress, it was announced, is shortly to be read to the pupils of all schools and colleges in France.

## German Preacher Was Interned

Hoboken, N. J.—Rev. Herman L. Bruckner's congregation waited two hours for him to come and conduct the services, then learned that he had been interned, as a pro-German non-citizen. He's the man who made affidavit the Lusitania carried guns.

## Sulzer Wants To Form Brigade

New York, April 10—William Sulzer, former governor of New York, asked government sanction to recruit and equip a brigade for service at home or abroad.

## May Prohibit Emigration

Copenhagen, April 10—Germany is seriously considering prohibition against any emigration of her citizens for a period of ten years after the war, according to reliable information from German circles. The scheme, it was said,

## THE GRASSHOPPER TEACHER

(By R. W. ISLEY)

Now is the time for school committees sometimes make grave mistakes when they wait to engage a teacher until late in the summer. Good teachers are in great demand and are not without employment long at a time. Engage your teachers now for another year before the best are all employed.

If your teachers are good ones do not let them get away this spring without asking them and pleading with them to return for another year. Have you asked them to return? Do they desire to return? They may be waiting for you to ask them to return and while they are waiting they may be offered an other place and accept. Committees should believe in adequate preparedness.

Do you desire to retain your present teachers or do you desire a change? Often a change is very expensive. Sometimes it is good for the community. It all depends. A change should not be made unless better teachers are secured.

If your teachers are not as you would have them to try to improve them by requiring them to do a certain amount of reading educational magazines and books and papers and books for self improvement. This reading is necessary or stagnation will be the result. Try to improve your teachers and they in turn will improve your community. Have them attend some good summer school, and then retain them if possible.

Is your teacher a grasshopper teacher or a good permanent teacher? Which do you desire to teach your children? Do you desire new teachers every year? Teachers should go to a community and drive their "tent pegs" deep. They should be there to stay and live and move and have their entire interest in the community. It often takes teachers one year to get acquainted with pupils and the people in the community. You know, Mr. Committeeman, before any teacher can successfully teach and discipline pupils she must know their nature. Teachers are less apt to make mistakes in discipline and in teaching if they know the nature of the pupil they are teaching. The successful teacher must know the nature of her pupils. The best teachers cannot be successful unless they know this nature. How can they know this nature? The alert teacher will know it after being in the community long enough.

Teachers must know more nature than child's nature. They must know the nature of the people in the community and the nature of the homes from which their pupils come. Teachers in order to get acquainted and learn the nature of the pupils and homes and community, must visit the homes in the community. Teachers sometimes do this visiting the first year, in other years, they usually do more after being in the community a few years. This visitation will give the teacher an insight to the various dispositions of the pupils. Such will make discipline easier and insure a better school.

This is not all. It is as important and as necessary for the pupils to know the nature of the teacher as it is for the teacher to know the nature of the pupils. Pupils who do not know their teacher and are not acquainted with her are not likely to make marked progress. The pupils may have a new teacher each year but the school should should not. The community must know the teacher as well as the teacher must know the community. This acquaintance on the part of the teacher, pupil and community establishes confidence. Confidence with the three means a great deal for a school.

A change in teachers, unless there is good reason for it, works injustice to teachers, pupils and community.

## WEATHER OR NO

Fair tonight and Thursday. Some light showers tonight. Moderate

## Stranger Acts Very Queerly

Curruck April 11—Last Wednesday a stranger came to Curruck from Snowden, reaching here about nine o'clock. He asked for the register of deeds, claiming that he wanted the names and addresses of residents in Curruck, so he could send them literature about the American Radiator Company. When told that the register of deeds would not be in his office during the day, he asked for the names of nearby towns. Informed that there were none he went into the postoffice store and out, without speaking to anyone. He then went hastily down to the wharf, where he seemed to be examining the water or looking out across it through a glass or some such instrument. Without further word to anybody he then got his driver to take him back to Snowden.

He was carrying a large satchel packed full of papers etc. When he was asked to leave literature and circulars etc concerning the American Radiator Company he did not have a scrap of such paper. He did not at all push his business if he were representing this company. He did not try to interest any one in his heating system. He was told that a large school was being built in the county and that it would install a heating system. He stated at Snowden, the writer understands, that he wanted to go to Curruck to see the County Superintendent of schools, and when he was at Curruck he told the superintendent that he wanted to see the Register of Deeds. Why these two statements were made is unknown as yet. Why he was carrying the satchel and could not leave anything from his firm is also unknown. Why he examined the wharf here is also unknown. Why he did not write for the names instead of spend money to come is also unknown, and why he failed to push his business is likewise unknown. His accent and appearance were not altogether American. During these days we should watch the stranger, and watch the stranger who seeks employment.

## Tonight's Show At Alkrama

Dorothy Dalton will be seen in the Jungle Child tonight, one of the most gripping and realistic pictures of the season. This picture is a veritable wonder, and will no doubt be shown to a capacity house. Also a two part Keystone Comedy. The name Keystone insures a good laugh from start to finish.

Thursday is a great day for the lovers of good singing. The Jubilee singers will be at the Alkrama matinee and night.

These singers need no introduction to the people of Elizabeth City as they were here some time ago and every one who heard them were enthusiastic in their praise. Also a five part paramount picture, featuring Theodore Roberts will be filmed. The picture is the celebrated success of the season, "The American Consul." Matinee starts at three p. m. Night show at 8 p. m. Admission 10 and 20c.

## Discharged From Service

New York, April 11—The War Department today ordered the National Guard headquarters to discharge from service whether they wished it or not all guardsmen with dependents.

## FALSE REPORT DENIED

I understand that a report is being circulated that I had pledged if re-elected alderman to 8,331 the

## POLITICS INSTEAD OF WAR NOW THE TOPIC IN BESS CITY

Temporarily Overshadowed by Big News at National Capital But Now Again Center of Interest

## At Moyock This Month

Following is the program for the Camden-Curruck Union Meeting to be held at Moyock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27TH  
11 A. M. Introductory Sermon—Rev. E. J. Harrell.  
2: P. M. The Authority of the Church Covenant—

(a) As resides in the membership collectively—D. P. Harris.  
(b) Involving the vows of each one who enters into the Covenant—N. H. Sheperd.

SATURDAY APRIL 28TH  
10 A. M. The Scope of the Covenant.

(a) The support of the church as laid down therein.—J. K. Henderson  
(b) Home religion as prescribed in the Covenant—W. J. Byrum.

2: P. M.  
(c) Conduct before the world as set forth in the covenant—S. N. Hurst.  
(d) Our obligations as set forth in the covenant, not obviated by any change of location—B. C. Hening.

SUNDAY APRIL 29TH  
11 A. M. The Extension of the Kingdom of God to the Utmost parts of the Earth—W. J. Byrum.

3:30 P. M.—Demonstration "B. Y. P. U." program—Representatives First Baptist and Blackwell Memorial Church Unions of Elizabeth City.

On the other hand there are a number of candidates who have been in politics for years; M. N. Sawyer, for instance having served on the board for six terms or twelve years and never having suffered a defeat in any race yet.

## To America on Special Mission

London, April 11—Foreign Secretary Balfour is about to leave for Washington on a special mission. Lord Cecil will be acting foreign secretary in his absence.

## Governor on Food Committee

Raleigh April 11—A Commission with Governor Bickett as chairman was created today to conduct a three months campaign for the utilization of all tillable soil in the state and to reduce food imports from other states.

## President Urges Action

(By United Press)

Washington, April 11—President Wilson went to the Capitol today to confer with leaders and to demand immediate action on the army bill and other war legislation. He talked to Clark and Kitchen and explained that the interest and safety of the nation demand immediate action.

Kitchen introduced the administration bond bill today.

War conferences are being constantly held between representatives of America and the Allies here and abroad.

## FOR STEALING EGGS

William H. Leigh was given four months on the roads this morning in

Elizabeth City will forget about the war for a day on Thursday, April 12th, in the interest in the municipal primary on that date when Democratic nominees for the next board of aldermen will be chosen. Interest in the aldermanic race is much keener since Elizabeth City has adopted its present charter, under which the board of aldermen name mayor and city manager and who on recommendation of the city manager, elect all the city's executive officers, such as police, health officer, sanitary inspector, tax collector and so on. Formerly all these officials were elected by a direct vote of the people and interest in some of the other contests frequently overshadowed the aldermanic race completely.

There are no less than fifteen candidates in the field this year. They follow:

First Ward—L. R. Foreman, J. B. Ferebee, Mathias Owens.  
Second Ward—M. N. Sawyer, C. M. Cooper, W. T. Culpepper, L. W. Anderson.

Third Ward—P. C. Collins, Miles Jennings, C. C. Pappendick.  
Fourth Ward—W. G. Gaither, H. G. Parks, L. W. Madrin, D. Walter Harris and J. L. Richard.

The race presents many unusual and interesting aspects. On the one hand there is marked tendency among the younger business men of the town to take an interest in local politics, as is shown in the candidacy of large numbers who have never before run for office. Among these are W. G. Gaither, cashier of the First National Bank, H. G. Parks of the Crown Oil & Wax Company, D. Walter Harris and C. M. Cooper.

The outcome of the contest will be awaited with close interest, as a Democratic nomination in Elizabeth City is equivalent to election.

## Controversy Is Compromised

J. F. Thompson and Charles Carmine, contestants for the office of auditor, Wednesday compromised their dispute and Thompson will continue in office until May 1st, at which time he will surrender the office to Carmine.

Thompson was placed in office by an act of the Legislature to serve until July 1st. The act of the last session of the General Assembly was amended making his term expire April 1st.

## Guards Begin Drill Practice

The various companies of the Home Guards met Tuesday night for completing their organization and for their first drill. There was good attendance and much enthusiasm.

## Married Men Mustered Out

Richmond April 11—All married