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CIVILIAN SEES BRITISH ATTACK

AND VIVIDLY DESCRIBES THE BRITISH DEALING DEATH TO ADVANCING GERMAN HORDES

(By William Philip Simms) (United Press Staff Correspondent) With The British Armies Afield, April 25.—Yesterday I stood from where British soldiers sprayed death on advancing German hordes. The sole civilian present, I saw what is one of the rarest sights of this armageddon — troops on both sides maneuvering in the open. While now and then the battlefield was hidden under the smoke and gas explosives, I saw Guemappe taken and the ridge south of the Coquel river cleared of the enemy. I saw the Germans in massed formation counter attack before Monchy, fighting like fiends, only to be hurled back, in broken bleeding remnants.

It was a perfect day for fighting. There was scarcely a cloud in the sky. It was the first real spring day of the year.

It was at dawn on such a day that the British attacked. They spread over a wide front to the north and south of Scarpe.

About 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the Germans began a terrific bombardment of Monchy. For hours the British positions were buried under clouds of white, yellow and black smoke.

Shortly after 4 o'clock I saw thousands of Germans pour from behind Vert wood, massed for attack. While they paused briefly the British got their artillery on them. Then the Germans charged. The terrific British fire tore great rents in their ranks. But they stuck to it and struck obliquely at the British lines.

For half an hour longer the combatants were hidden under a vast cloud of smoke. The Germans planted a barrage to the west on Monchy in an endeavor to cut off reserves for the forces they were attacking.

Meanwhile the air swarmed with planes. Some fell, fighting gloriously. Then, of a sudden, the British took the advantage in the fighting and by tremendous battling stormed Guemappe. It was a sudden brilliant stroke.

Further to the southwest of Monchy the Tommies cleared the ridge south to the Coquel.

With in thirty minutes after they "went over" the parapet along this line, I saw them return with hundreds of prisoners—both captives and captors coming back through a death dealing German barrage fire.

Heavy fighting took place all along the line all day. Night saw the British with a net gain of ground and prisoners which I would estimate at two thousand. These two thousand were being slowly taken to the rear through hazy sunset haze of smoke.

DISTURBANCES IN GERMAN CAPITAL

STORMY SESSION OF REICHSTAG TUESDAY IN WHICH GOVERNMENT WAS CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOOD CRISIS

Amsterdam April 25.—The new anti-government socialist party precipitated tumultuous disturbances in yesterday's meeting of the Reichstag according to Berlin dispatches.

Socialist labor leaders charged the Government with responsibility for the food crisis and demanded that the situation as to the Government's maladministration on Wednesday. Amid tempestuous debate the resolution was rejected. Later advices declare that there will be no further meeting of the Reichstag until May 2nd.

WEATHER OR NO

Probably showers tonight. Warm in north portion. Thursday fair fresh northeast and east winds.

Council Will Be Well Attended

"There is every indication," says the Reverend Herbert Osburn, rector of Christ Church, "that the Episcopal Council of the Diocese of Eastern Carolina to be held in Elizabeth City on May 15th, will be largely attended. The Council is composed of clerical and lay delegates from about forty parishes and missions, and besides these there will be delegates here from the women's organizations throughout the Diocese. The delegates and visitors will be entertained as far as possible in the homes of the people of Christ Church, and committees is already at work making definite arrangements to that end.

"All services and meetings of the Council will be open to the public, and the people of Elizabeth City are cordially invited to attend."

GERMAN HAND SEEN IN THIS

ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATION BY SOCIALISTS AT PETROGRAD SHOWS SERIOUS RESULT OF TEUTON PROPAGANDA

(By United Press) London, April 25.—German propaganda is centering in Russia to such an extent as to arouse apprehension and evince the necessity of immediately finding a way of effectively stamping out such pernicious influences.

An organized anti-American demonstration Sunday threatened to attack the American embassy at Petrograd. The demonstration was led by radical socialists.

BATTLE NOW IS AT STAND STILL

FIERCEST FIGHTING OF WAR MARKS VIOLENT ATTEMPTS OF BOTH SIDES TO GAIN NEW GROUND

(By United Press) With British Armies Afield, April 25.—Frightful losses were inflicted on the Germans vainly counter attacking at Gaverele today.

From a range of three hundred yards almost point blank the British artillery poured concentrated fire upon the massed German ranks. The attacking forces were literally completely cut to pieces. South of Scarpe the British are advancing steadily to the north of the river, but the battle as a whole today is at a standstill stage, marked by the most desperate fighting of the war and by violent attempts of both sides to gain ground.

RAID TURKISH HARBOR

London, April 25.—Official reports from Petrograd report the destruction of the Turkish harbor works at Kerasant and of the sinking of five Turkish vessels in port there in a raid by Russian cruisers, destroyers and submarines.

More than three thousand prisoners have been taken since the resumption on Monday of this week of the British drive and General Haig reports further advances today in spite of bitter German opposition. Most progress was made between Colou and Scarpe and east of the Harcourt wood where Wilhelm was taken.

The French official statement reports violent fighting along the whole French front with gains in the Aisne and Champagne sectors.

HELD UNDER BAIL

(By United Press) New York, April 25.—Catherine Anthony and Helen Boardman, social workers were held under \$2,000 bail for placing placards saying "Thou Shall Not Kill" beside recruiting posters.

BELIEVE STRIKES LEAD TO REVOLT

POPE IS INFORMED BY MESSENGERS IN GERMANY THAT CONDITIONS IN TEUTONIC COUNTRIES CLOSELY APPROXIMATE REVOLUTION

Rome, April 25.—The Pope has been informed by papal nuncios, in Teutonic countries that the general strikes in Germany and Austria Hungary have brought about conditions that closely approximate revolution, according to reports in Vatican circles.

The nuncios asserted their belief in the possibility that a general revolt to back the demand of the people for peace may develop.

PRITCHARD WINS FOR ALDERMAN

POLLING 105 VOTES IN SECOND PRIMARY TUESDAY AGAINST H. G. PARKS 85 VOTES

Mr. J. L. Pritchard was re-elected Alderman from the Fourth Ward in the primary yesterday, defeating his opponent Mr. H. G. Parks by a vote of 105 to 85. The first primary resulted in a tie between these two candidates, each polling 85 votes.

As the votes began to be counted Tuesday night it looked as if the second contest might be almost as close as the first, as first one candidate would lead and then the other, there being generally a margin of not more than two or three votes between them until the last quarter of the race, when Pritchard began to steadily forge ahead, showing that his supporters had cast their ballots early.

This was one of the most strictly conducted primary contests ever held in this city, as the friends of each candidate felt that the contest would be close and wanted to cast every safeguard about the voting and the counting of the ballots. The poll holders sat behind the ballot boxes and the space around the voting booth was roped off to keep onlookers at a distance. Only one voter was allowed to enter the enclosure at a time.

Following is the report of the Democratic executive committee:

Returns of the Second Primary held April 24th, 1917, in the Fourth Ward of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, at which Primary the Contesting Candidates were J. L. Pritchard and H. G. Parks.

We, your Poll Holders, beg leave to report as follows:

That J. L. Pritchard received 105 votes and H. G. Parks received 85 votes. We submit herewith to the Executive Committee a list of those who voted in said Primary.

E. R. Outlaw, Jr.
M. B. Simpson
Poll Holders.

From the foregoing report of the Poll Holders, we, your Executive Committee, find that J. L. Pritchard received 105 votes and H. G. Parks received 85 votes and we hereby declare J. L. Pritchard the duly nominated candidate for Alderman in the Fourth Ward.

W. L. Small,
J. B. Anderson,
W. T. Love,
P. B. Parson,
Executive Committee.

Hundred Gallons Whiskey Seized

(By United Press) Durham, April 25.—A hundred gallons of whiskey were seized in a raid early this morning. The four persons from Raleigh arrested gave their names as D. J. White, J. C. G'emm, Roy Utter and Bessie Carroll. White pulled a gun but was overpowered by the sheriff's forces. The whiskey was being relayed from a point between Raleigh and Durham.

BESS CITY BOY TO BE AVIATOR

STUDENT AT STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND ENGINEERING ENLISTS IN THIS BRANCH OF UNCLE SAM'S SERVICE

West Raleigh April 25.—Therman M. Gregory of Elizabeth City, is one of the four students of the State college of Agriculture and Engineering to enlist in the aviation section of the signal corps of the regular service this week. One of the others was the gritty little half back of the football eleven, N. D. Pleason.

Mr. Gregory was a sophomore civil engineering student, and was considered one of the best all-around men in college. In spite of the fact that he spent much of his spare time working to help pay his way thru college, Mr. Gregory had become very popular with the students and war also making good grades in his studies. The highest honor to be conferred upon a student of his class by the student body was awarded Mr. Gregory when he was selected one of the two assistant football managers for next fall. The loss of this young man to the College is sincerely regretted, but admiration for him has been increased by his answer to the patriotic summons.

EXERCISES END FRIDAY NIGHT

STATE NORMAL STUDENTS WILL BE ADDRESSED BY REV. H. S. OSBURN AND EX-JUDGE TURNER

The commencement exercises of the colored State Normal school will come to a close Friday night with the graduating exercises held in Roanoke Institute Chapel.

The commencement address will be delivered by Rev. H. S. Osburn of Christ Church. Mr. Osburn's subject will be "Education and Moral Power."

Hon. R. W. Turner will present the diplomas.

The Principal of the school, P. W. Moore, will announce prizes won by students during the year, and the remainder of the program will be given by the pupils themselves, — valedictory, salutatory, essays, choruses, anthems, and quartets.

This marks the close of the twenty-sixth year of the school and a year of successful achievement in the life of the school.

The exercises have continued thru the week, beginning last Friday night. Prominent leaders of the colored race have been present and addressed the students, concerts have been given by the students in various departments of the school, and exhibits of industrial work have been an interesting feature of the commencement.

Twenty-six members of the Normal Department will receive diplomas this year, and twelve members of the domestic science department.

Illinois is Mobilizing

(By United Press) Springfield, Ill., April 25.—Illinois one of the middle western states which will be asked to bear the brunt of supplying the European as well as the American armies with foodstuffs, is mobilizing for duty.

The state board of agriculture urges Illinois farmers to raise 20 per cent more corn this year than in former years. They also will be urged to employ only that class of laborers not of military age or having a defect that would make them unavailable for service.

Mrs. C. A. Cooke and daughter, Miss Annie Cooke, and Mrs. J. E. Cooke of Belcor are visiting relatives in Norfolk.

Pasquotank Mill Increases Pay

The directors of the Pasquotank Hosiery Company held a called meeting at the mill Tuesday afternoon and voted a ten per cent increase in the pay of their operatives, effective from Monday, April 30th. The raise will increase the annual pay roll of the company by about \$2,500 a year.

This raise was made by the directors in order to enable their operatives to meet the increased cost of living due to the war prices now prevailing. Similar action, taken by the Elizabeth City Hosiery Company becomes effective at the same time.

Asked To File New Schedules

(By United Press) Washington, April 25.—To obviate delay in filing a complete new schedule of rates, the interstate commerce commission today authorized the railroads to file supplementary reports of their schedules in their appeals for the proposed 15 per cent increase to cover added expenses arising from the operation of an eight hour day.

Friday At New Theatre

Henry B. Walthall, who will be seen in the "Truant Soul" at the New Theatre, Friday, April 27th, will be remembered as The Little Colonel in the Birth of a Nation. This is not a War Picture, but a picture that will set you to thinking and after you have seen it you will yourself consider it as Henry B. Walthall's greatest masterpiece.

The "Truant Soul" after it was completed and run for the first time the Board of Censors congratulated Mr. Walthall personally. After you have seen this picture, you will agree with the Board of Censors.

"The Truant Soul" was written by the world-famous author, Victor Rousseau. It portrays a man in death grapple with humanity's great hidden menace, gripping the spectator and holding him tense in his seat from the opening scene to the end. It carries you with the character down to the depth of degradation and despair—to the lowest pit of Hell. It lifts you at the end of the heights supernal, showing what a woman's love can do for a genius who has drunk of the dregs of life.

It is a photoplay that shows all the horrors of a man of fine sensibilities tormented by the demons of drug. It emerges from the blackness of a Poe to the sublimity of a Tennyson.

Mr. Walthall has poured his whole soul into this production. He has given everything that his experience and his genius has to offer, and he says:

"It is my masterpiece."

The story is that of a great surgeon a genius, a man of fine instincts, but who has a hidden second nature. He performs wonderful operations, he does incalculable good for mankind. But sudden periods come over him when he reverts to the primitive type. He is possessed of temporary atavism. He sinks into the lowest kind of vice. He is cruel, heartless, vindictive, unscrupulous. He reverts to the cave man to the animal, where might is paramount, and he blasts lives and love without compunction. He is the personification of Dr. Jekyll or Mr. Hyde, but Rousseau has woven an entirely different story around the character.

The strangest reversal grows until the once noted surgeon has sunk to the lowest depths. He is confined to a sanitarium. There a wonderful woman—a nurse—recognizes his genius sympathizes with his terrible despair, and nurses him back to mental, moral and physical health. He wins life and love at last.

Mr. Louis Cox, formerly of this city but now of Baltimore, is here this week on business.

SAVE GRAIN BY PROHIBITION

ARGUMENT WHICH IS BEING STRONGLY URGED BY GOVERNORS OF MANY STATES NOW

(By United Press) New York, April 25.—Governors of many of the country's "wet" states are heartily in favor of war prohibition for conservation of food materials. Others are non-committal, holding back and "awaiting developments," a canvass by the United Press showed today.

Most of the war prohibition sentiment seems to be in the west, although governor Brumbaugh of Pennsylvania, came out flatly in favor of it.

"I favor prohibition to conserve the grain supply, as well as for other considerations," said Brumbaugh. "Grain conservation was one of the compelling reasons, which led me to telegraph President Wilson that every consideration of health and economy warranted me in urging war prohibition."

"I think it would be better to use grain for food instead of using it for making whiskey," declared governor Marcus N. Holcomb of Connecticut. "I don't want to say at this time whether I believe it would be advisable to declare prohibition during the war."

Governor Washington Lindsay of New Mexico, asserted he believed in national prohibition now and for all time. In his opinion, congress certainly should prohibit the use of grains in manufacturing liquors and during the war period.

One of the strongest advocates of the war prohibition move is governor Boyle of Nevada.

"I heartily approve of the plan to invoke national prohibition at this time and I have so wired the President," he said. "Our foodstuffs should all be applied to beneficial and not injurious uses. The nation has plenty of useful work for those now engaged in the manufacture and sale of liquors."

"Whatever action the federal government takes in the matter of war time prohibition to save grain will meet with my endorsement," said governor Burquist of Minnesota. He added that he was already taking steps to conserve his state's grain and food supplies.

Governor E. L. Philipp of Wisconsin was non-committal. He believes matters have not developed enough for him to venture an opinion.

While refusing to discuss prohibition, Governor Ferguson of Texas flatly declared he would stand with President Wilson in any such steps taken for the national defense. Governor Lowden, of Illinois believes the responsibility rests with the proper officials in Washington, and is keeping "hands off."

Among other governor Whitman of New York an governor McCall of Massachusetts refused to comment.

Urges Banks To Co-Operate

(By United Press) Richmond, April 25.—The governor of the Federal Reserve Bank has appealed to the State banks and trust companies to co-operate more fully with Richmond institutions and to do their part in the mobilization of the nation's financial resources.

In this appeal he said: Congress has created a machine to meet all emergencies, but we are slackers in making use of it."

Final Details Are Discussed

(By United Press) Washington, April 25.—Final details of the first loan of two hundred millions to Great Britain were discussed in conference today of Lord Curilla, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice and Secretary McAdoo.