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BRITISH DRIVE IS RENEWED

AFTER TWO DAYS OF INACTION FIELD MARSHALL HAIG'S REPORTS INDICATE HEAVY FIGHTING ALL ALONG FRONT

(By United Press) London, May 3.—After two days of inaction the British drive was renewed in powerful force again today and in a new direction.

Field Marshall Haig reported "heavy fighting all along the front from the Hindenburg line south of the Senze River to the Achville and Vimy road. He said "We are progressing and have already captured a number of strong positions."

Haig's report indicates that the offensive is extending over a front of at least twelve miles, also that the most continuous fighting is around Vimy and the direction of the British thrust is toward Douai. The report today indicated a sudden switch to the northern push out of Villerval, Oppy and Arlux.

ON THE FRENCH FRONT

Paris, May 3.—The resumption of spirited fighting along the widely scattered points of the entire French front is reported today. The French are in action at such widely distant points as south of St. Quentin, around Rheims, at Verdun and St. Michael.

SPECIAL RULING FOR HERTFORD MAN

PETER J. BOYCE NOW IN CINCINNATI WITH ESTABLISH GOOD CHARACTER BY LONG DISTANCE WITNESSES IN PERQUIMANS AND CHOWAN COUNTIES

(Special to The Advance)

Cincinnati, O., May 3.—Peter J. Boyce of Hertford, N. C. formerly connected with the baggage department of the Cincinnati Central Union Station, against whom an indictment charging the theft of some suitcases was returned by the United States grand jury last October, today filed a petition in the United States District court of this district for permission to take the depositions of certain prominent citizens wanted as witnesses and residing in Chowan and Perquimans counties, North Carolina.

Boyce says that he is unable to bear the expense of bringing these witnesses from North Carolina to Cincinnati to testify in his behalf as his means are limited. He declares that his testimony is very material to his defense in the indictment against him here and asks that the court appoint the clerks of superior court for Chowan and Perquimans counties to take these depositions.

He names twenty two persons as the witnesses he seeks to have examined. The action is most unique in the United States courts and is taken because of the fact that Boyce is practically a stranger here. He desires to establish his good character and the courts have expressly provided that this can be done by summoning citizens from his own state to testify or give depositions as to his character.

Boyce denies any guilt in the matter whatever.

FIRE AT NOON

The fire department was called out at about 12:30 today and hurried to the Primary school grounds, and found that a barn belonging to Mr. Charlie Bell was on fire. The barn was situated on the edge of the school ground and at noon today a boy went into the barn to smoke a cigarette, and it is thought that he probably tared the lighted cigarette or a lighted match on the hay that was stored in the barn, but just how the fire started is unknown.

Several bales of hay were burned and a large number of tools were ruined.

AMBULANCES AND DOCTORS TO FRANCE

(By United Press) Washington, May 3.—Three thousand ambulances and nearly eight thousand doctors and drivers are to be sent to France very soon.

AUTO COLLISION ON WEDNESDAY EVENING

Two automobiles collided Wednesday evening between six and seven o'clock at the corner of Shephard street and Southern avenue. One was driven by Biddy Crank and the other by Wentworth Blount.

Blount was going down Southern avenue headed toward Shepard. Spectators say he was on the right side of the street. Crank was on Shephard street and headed toward Riverside Drive. Blount intended to turn to the left at Cartwright's bakery but saw Crank's car coming and shot straight across the street. Crank's car hit the back fender of Blount's machine, damaging it slightly. Crank lost control of his car, and smashed into the curb at Brother's stor, breaking his front axle, ripping open his two front tires, and breaking his windshield.

In Crank's car were his wife, his brother, his brother's wife and R. E. Quinn. None of the occupants of the car was hurt, however.

GARRETT & COMPANY STILL BUYING GRAPES

Growers of Scuppernon Grapes will be interested at the new that Garrett and Company of Norfolk, Va. will be in the market for choice grapes in large quantities.

While the Garrett plant will be moved in the early Fall from Norfolk to New York City, they will continue to receive grapes for pressing at Wilmington, Plymouth, Tokay, Medoc, and other points.

Their advice to Scuppernon Grape growers is to fertilize the vineyards liberally and keep the vines in the acme of perfection for a big yield and a good profit.

Scuppernon grapes in the past have yielded big returns to Southern growers and the present outlook is that their use will be very largely extended.

BUILDS HOUSES AND THEATRE

DARE LUMBER COMPANY, RECENTLY REORGANIZED, WILL MAKE MANY IMPROVEMENTS FOR BENEFIT OF LARGE FORCE OF WORKERS

Manteo, N. C., May 1.—The Dare Lumber Company has re-organized, which recently filed for registration an agreement to furnish pulp wood in very large quantities to the Wood Pulp Corporation of New York, and which recently purchased 17,555 acres of timber land from the East Lake Lumber Company, has taken possession of the property purchased by it. Large improvements are contemplated. Steps will be taken at once to erect 100 additional houses for the large force of laborers that will be needed in addition to the large force it already used for cutting timber. There will be a much better class of houses than those now owned by the company. In order to further attract and keep the large force of laborers needed for its operations, it is proposed to establish at its headquarters in this county, an up to date moving picture theater where latest reels will be shown daily. Also bowling alleys, pool and billiard tables will be provided for the same purpose.

SEND PASTOR TO CONVENTION

The Board of Directors of the First Baptist Church voted Sunday morning to send Dr. B. C. Hening to the Southern Baptist Convention on Tuesday, May 15th.

Dr. Hening will leave on the 12th and take a special train to the convention from Raleigh.

ARE YOU PREPARED

Are You Prepared? If not you ought to be. These are facts and can't be beat. Bryant Washburn and Marguerite Clayton today. Clara Kimball Young, tomorrow. Nuf Sed. Ruth Roland and Charlie Chaplin Saturday. Charlie says he is prepared to meet all, and he will be seen in front of the NEW THEATRE and promenading the streets.

Full information concerning the Government War Loan can be obtained at The First National Bank which will handle individual subscriptions without charge.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR CLOSES

ENTIRE FACULTY HAVE GIVEN GREAT SATISFACTION TO PATRONS AND DARE COUNTY IS PROUD OF ITS HIGH SCHOOL

Manteo, May 1.— Today Manteo High School Commencement closed the most successful year's operations in its history. Commencing Friday April 27, with drills, plays and recitations by the primary grades, the exercises have been given daily until the graduating exercises of the Senior High School grade from 10:30 a. m. to 1 p. m. today. Saturday night the 28, was occupied by graduating exercises of the 7th, grade and recitations by High School grades the latter being a contest for a prize. Sunday the annual commencement sermon was preached by Rev. G. T. Adams, presiding elder of the Elizabeth City District of the M. E. Church South, the theme being the parable of the talents. The masterful treatment of this subject, so highly appropriate to the occasion, by the eminent divine impressed profoundly the large congregation in attendance.

Monday night a large audience assembled at the high school auditorium and were delightfully entertained by Senior Class exercises, consisting of songs and instrumental music, the address of welcome, class history, statistics, class presentation, class will, class prophecy, and valedictory. The welcome was extended by Miss Carrie Westcott, the history was given by the same young lady, class statistics by Miss Thelma Brothers, presentation by Miss Eula Griffin, class will by Miss Logena Miller, class prophecy by the graduating class and the valedictory was also by the entire class.

The formal graduating exercises today, at which time also the annual address was delivered by Col. Fred A. Olds of Raleigh. His subject was, "Half Done," and its treatment in the forceful diction of this eminent speaker and citizen was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. At the conclusion of the address, regular prizes were delivered, as follows: Senior Scholarship prize to Miss Thelma Brothers, Junior Class English prize to Miss Emily Shannon, Seventh Grade English prize to Augusta Peele, Sixth Grade Mathematics to Janie Shannon, Fourth Grade Mathematics prize to Margaret Griffin. Special prizes had been offered by the teachers for free hand map of North Carolina in Seventh Grade and for head marks in First and Second Grades. In the First Grade Ralph Davis and Webb Etheridge were tied for this prize. In the Second Grade it was awarded to Matilda Etheridge. Miss Ida Midgett received the special prize award for a free hand map of North Carolina in the Seventh Grade.

During the year Dr. W. W. Johnston gave a special course of lectures on Sanitation and a like course on Civics was given by B. G. Crisp. Special prizes for best papers on these courses by those to whom the lectures were given, were offered. Also, a special prize was offered for best recitation prize by a pupil in the high school grades. The Sanitation prize was awarded to Miss Iva Jennette, the Civics prize to Miss Edna Crisp and the prize for best recitation to Miss Jennie Midgett.

Prof. E. W. Joyner, principal, Miss Lane, assistant in the high school and Misses Hobbs, Vaughn and Smith, grammar school teachers have given us the most successful term of any in the history of our high school. Enrollment is relatively the largest and the attendance highest percentage of enrollment. Marked improvement in the school rooms is noted and the community spirit has been much improved during the year. This is the only state high school in Dare County, and is patronized from various sections of the county. Our people take great pride in it and in the work here being done for education.

CHAUTAQUA MEETING

There will be Guarantor's meeting of the Chautauqua subscribers Thursday evening, May 3rd, at the Court House, at eight o'clock, for the purpose of organization, at which time Dr. Downey, of the Association, will be present to assist in the plans. Every guarantor is expected to be present.

SOCIALIST IS APPOINTED

MAN WHO RECENTLY ATTEMPTED TO ACHIEVE SEPARATE PEACE WITH RUSSIA GIVEN IMPORTANT RANK IN REICHTAG

Amsterdam, May 3.—The German government has taken a revolutionary step in appointing a socialist as president of the constitution committee in the Reichstag today, according to Berlin dispatches.

Philip Scheideman, who recently attempted to achieve separate peace with Russia, was selected for this important post.

It is considered profoundly significant that a socialist, and Scheideman of all socialists, should be named as chairman of a committee soon to handle the franchise reforms promised by the Kaiser.

FRENCH AVIATOR PLAYS WITH DEATH

HOW ONE OF THEM ROSE FROM LOWEST TO HIGHEST RANK IN LESS THAN YEAR

(By HENRY WOOD)

(United Press Staff Correspondent) With The French Armies, April 15, (By Mail)—Captain Matton of the French Aviation Service, who has just been promoted an "ace" for having brought down his fifth German machine, has also to his credit aeroplane combats with sausage balloons, with railway trains and with automobile convoys.

The list of his exploits demonstrates to some degree the extended field of operations in which the aeroplane has come to be used by the French in the present war. Matton's rise from the grade of Second Lieutenant to that of captain and his entrance into the ranks of the "aces" is one of the shortest that the war has produced.

Just eight months ago Matton was merely a second lieutenant without an enemy machine to his credit. His first victory came on July 28, 1916 in the thick of the fighting at Verdun. In company with two other French aviators he attacked a German bombing squadron of fourteen machines.

The one which he picked out for his victim was quickly forced to land within the French lines near Souilly before it could accomplish its mission. It was an albatross of the latest type armed with two machine guns. The entire crew was taken prisoner, the pilot alone being wounded, and the machine itself captured in such good condition, that the French aviators flew it themselves the following day.

In November of last year, Matton had his first combat with a moving military train while reconnoitering in enemy territory north of Montfaucon, he sighted the German train laden with troops and material. Descending to within a couple of hundred yards in order to get accurate aim he raked the entire train from full length time and time again with his machine gun. The troops aboard put up a vigorous defense with their rifles but Matton exhausted his machine gun magazine before giving up the fight.

In less than a month Matton brought down his second German machine in a duel in which, he killed the machine gun operator of the enemy machine and forced the pilot to descend.

These and other exploits brought him up to the rank of a captain before the end of the first six months as an aviator. In February of the present year, he took his first try at an enemy sausage. To the uninitiated balloon looks like "pie" for an aeroplane to attack. In reality, it is the most dangerous and difficult of enterprises. The big stationary balloons are always protected to the fullest possible extent both by the enemy's airplanes and his anti-craft guns. The balloon too is usually so near the earth as to bring the attacking aviator within the closest possible range of the enemy, worse yet, steel cables are used for anchoring the sausage to the ground. They are practically invisible and if the attacking aviator is

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SENIOR PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT

The Senior play, to be presented by the members of the senior class of the Elizabeth City High School assisted by a number of undergraduate students, is now the event of first importance on the week's calendar. The young actors are expecting a full house and those in charge of the production promise a merry evening to the audience.

The play, "A Trial of Hearts," presents Miss Ruth Winslow as the "Honor," Mr. Graham Evans, Salutatorian as Honor's lover husband, and Mr. Clarence Ashby, Valedictorian, as mutual friend of both. A group of harum scarum college lads, the "Delta Chi's," and a sorority of pretty lassies, the "Kappa Psi's" add just the needed touch of fun to relieve the more serious scenes in the play.

The complete cast is as follows: Dudley Van Antwerp, a wealthy college man, Graham Evans, Philip Vivian, Dudley's best friend, Clarence Ashby, Roger Fairfax, flirtatiously inclined, Blackwell Sawyer, Teddy Van Antwerp, an adherent of Kappa Psi, Gardner Bennett, Jack Harding, an adherent of Delta Chi, Earle Cahoon, Jerry Jones, Gretchen's pal Lloyd Sawyer, Mrs. Van Antwerp, Dudley's wife, Ruth Winslow, Gretchen Van Antwerp, with a knowledge of "frats" Marguerite LeRoy, Virginia Randolph, Dudley's former sweetheart, Eula Jennings, Elinor Dean, a Kappa Psi Senior, Pearl Hughes, Dorothy Dillon, a Delta Chi Alumna, Elsie Gregory, Patricia Patterson, leader of Kappa Psi, Mabel Bright, Priscilla Prescott, leader of Delta Chi, Frances Williams, Bess, Betsy, Kappa Psi pledges, Achea Brothers and Janie Mercer, Barbara Lynn, a very popular freshman, Ida Ballance, Members of Kappa Psi, Pauline Skinner, Wilma Sample, Members of Delta Chi, Fannie Owens, Louise Jennette, Katherine Jones, Mrs. Putman, Chaperone at Kappa Chi's house, Mattie Brite, Marie, a maid, Una Bradley.

DOZIER—COTTER

Mr. Tullie L. Dozier and Miss Eva Kate Cotter both of Moyock were married Wednesday by Justice of the Peace, J. W. Munden at his office. The groom is the son of Peter Dozier of Moyock and the bride is the daughter of Q. T. Cotter also of Moyock.

AT FIRST BAPTIST

Dr. B. C. Hening will preach at both services Sunday. At 11:00 a. m. the subject will be "The Seat of Sin." The subject of the services at 8:00 p. m. will be "How to be Saved." All are welcome to attend these services.

NOT TO RETURN TILL WAR ENDS

Dr. Victor Finck is at his home in Elkton, Minnesota, awaiting a call from the War Department for duty in the cavalry or Field Artillery and consequently is compelled to give up his practice here in Elizabeth City for the duration of the war when he expects to return.

He bids all his friends a farewell and thanks them for courteous treatment during his sojourn here.

MAY APPOINT MINISTER MUNITIONS

(By United Press) Washington, May 3.—Intimations that the President may appoint a Minister of Munitions were made today before the Defense Conference of Governors by Director Gifford of the Council of National Defense.

ITALY GETS HER SHARE OF LOAN

(By United Press) Washington, May 3.—Treasury McAdoo today handed the Treasury a warrant for a hundred million dollars for the Italian Ambassador, as Italy's share of the war loan.

VESSEL TORPEDOED CREW RESCUED

(By United Press) Washington, May 3.—The torpedoing of the American sailing vessel, Willard Abrahams, of the Irish coast and the rescue of the crew of six was reported to the State Department today.

WEATHER

Cloudy tonight and Friday, probably showers, moderate east wind.

BRITISH STRIKE BEFORE DAWN

BATTLE GOING SATISFACTORILY FOR BRITISH BUT GERMANS COUNTER-ATTACKING FURIOUSLY

(By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS) With the British Armies Ahead, May 3.—In the darkness just preceding dawn today the British again dealt a blow at the Germans over the wide front both north and south of the Scarpe River.

At the moment of cabling the impression here is that the battle is going satisfactorily for the British. Prisoners are beginning to arrive, more German guns are being taken, and heavy fighting continues.

Since the fighting began on the ninth, more than thirteen enemy divisions have been exhausted on this front alone and yet Hindenburg is desperately throwing in fresh units with pitiless orders to hold or die.

From the north or Greenland Hill towards Frenoy and Crelay, reports indicate that the British are gaining ground. At Gavre and Loos, Prussian counter-attacking rages fiercely. The enemy is in a particular frenzy over the British possession of these points because they hold that such possession hampers their destruction of Lens and in that destruction they are proceeding day and night.

PLEADS DRINK AND INSANITY

PROF. VAWTER BASES HOPE OF ACQUITTAL ON PROVING THAT LONG ADDICTION TO DRINK HAS AFFECTED MIND

Christianburg, Va., May 3.— Following Prof. Vawter's damaging admission of the authorship of wierd letters to Stockton Heth, Jr., the Vawter counsel amended his plea to insanity today. Several local physicians were sworn in and testified that in their opinion the prisoner was not of sound mind, not well balanced, and often showed signs of insanity.

It is evident that the defense now bases its hope on proving that by long addiction to drink, Vawter's mind has been effected and that at the time of the tragedy he was mentally unbalanced.

The defense announced that Mrs. Vawter is ready to testify. The court adjourned this morning until two p. m. The defense asked that the public be excluded while Mrs. Vawter testifies, but this matter was not decided.

STATES URGED TO GO OPERATE

ADVISED TO ORGANIZE ALONG SAME LINE AS NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR DEFENSE WITH SIMILAR DEPARTMENTS

Washington, May 3.—The organization of the individual states of the union to sustain their common armies, their common allies and their common country—this was the question thrashed out today by the representatives of the states in the war council here.

The Representatives of forty eight states were told that the success of arms depended upon their aid. Each state was urged to organize State Councils of Defense for direct co-operation with the national council and for inter-state co-operation, with state committees on finance, survey, man power, labor, food conservation, and so on.

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