

FIRE BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL

PRESIDENT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DECLARES ATLANTA WILL RISE FROM THE FLAMES MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN EVER

(By United Press)
Atlanta, May 22. — The terrific blaze that swept Atlanta last night was brought under control early today by the liberal use of dynamite after approximately 75 blocks had been burned.

The Mayor of the city estimates that 2,500 homes were lost, valued at three millions.

A citizens meeting was called today to make plans to meet the situation. Relief stations have been opened and there is plenty of food.

President Allen of the Chamber of Commerce declared that he expected to see Atlanta rising from the flames more progressive, more confident and more beautiful than ever.

GOOD PROGRESS IN BIG PUSH

GERMANS HAVE LOST MUCH TERRITORY. MANY MEN, AND HAVE SEEN THEIR PLANS ENTIRELY DISRUPTED BY ALLIED OFFENSIVE THIS SPRING

(By PERRY ARNOLD)

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
New York, May 22. — Something like 145 square miles of French territory regained; more than 60,000 prisoners taken; from 75,000 to 250,000 killed and stoppage of all plans for a German western front offensive have been the results achieved to date in the great Franco-British offensive. The figures are purely estimates. Neither the Allies or Germany have yet issued casualty lists for this fighting. The front is so irregular that it is difficult to figure out actual acreage wrestled from the invader. But the defeat of Hindenburg's plan for the summer's fighting have been achieved beyond all doubt.

The strategy of the famous Hindenburg retreat was to force the British and French to make their much-advertised spring offensive over ground chosen by the German commander and against positions defensively prepared in advance.

Hindenburg selected the last few days of winter as the time in which to make his retreat, figuring it was too early for the Spring Offensive to begin, and that the spring thaws would come at a time when movement of pursuing troops would be most difficult. However, in order to hamper pursuit, he laid waste to every inch of ground. At least three supplementary defense lines to the Hindenburg line were spread over this ground released to the French and British. The Germans figured these lines would check all advances and permit withdrawal with a minimum of German losses to the Hindenburg line. Once entrenched along the Hindenburg line, the Germans planned a spring offensive of their own on some other front, confident in the impregnability of this long-prepared line against any Franco-British offensive.

But the French and British pursuit was far more speedy than the Germans had counted upon. Not only did the allies quickly swarm over the first preliminary German defense lines, but they speeded up and started their Spring Offensive several weeks ahead of time. Moreover, instead of directing the attacks at the pivots to the north and south on which Hindenburg had swung his retreat, the British turned the northern point on this Hindenburg line by capture of Fresnoy, Gavrelle and Oppy. At the south, the French crumbled it away around Cerny and Craonne. It is around these northern and southern points that the fighting is of fiercest intensity today.

The Hindenburg line is supposed to start somewhere about Drocourt, which lies midway between Lens and Douai. A so-called "Switch-line" presumably long prepared, connects Drocourt with the old German line around Lens. From Drocourt the Hindenburg line swings through Bois Bernard to Fresnoy, then south to Oppy, through

MRS E F SPENCER

MRS. E. F. SPENCER YOUNG WIFE OF PROMINENT BUSINESS MAN MET DEATH LAST NIGHT AT 10:30.

Mrs. Edwin Feregee Spencer died at half past ten o'clock Monday night at her home on West Main street. She was only twenty-three years old and her marriage to Mr. Spencer was solemnized less than ten years ago—on the tenth of November 1917. Her health had not been good for some time, but her death was unexpected by her family and a shock to her many friends in the city and section.

Mrs. Spencer is survived by her husband, Mr. E. F. Spencer of the firm of McCabe and Grice; by her mother, Mrs. Margaret Sawyer; by five sisters, Misses Mary Lou and Effie Sawyer of this city; Mrs. Jas. Mercer Davis of Mount Holly, New Jersey, Mrs. G. J. Kirshelmer of Norfolk, and Mrs. D. Ray Kramer of this city; and also by two brothers, W. C. Sawyer and Blackwell Sawyer.

Mrs. Spencer was a member of the First Baptist church and a woman of unusually strong character.

She was well known and a host of friends sympathize with her husband and family in their loss.

The funeral service will be held in the home at four o'clock Wednesday evening and interment will be made in Hollywood.

PETTICOATS WILL NOT HIDE

MEN SEEKING EXEMPTION MUST PROVE THAT FAMILIES ARE SOLELY DEPENDENT UPON THEM

(By United Press)

Washington, May 22.—Men seeking exemption from service in the new army because they are the support of dependents must be sure that these dependents are "solely" dependent upon them. Otherwise, they cannot "hide behind petticoats" or children.

This warning was given by Provost Marshal Crowder today. "The mere fact that a man claims exemption does not make it true," he said, however, he added, "if it is true that there is another mouth than our own which it is our duty to feed, do not let military ardor interfere. It is the wish of the nation to reduce human misery to the minimum."

ONE SOCIALIST DENIED PASSPORT

(By United Press)

Amsterdam, May 22.—All the German Socialists except one designated by their two organizations as delegates to the Stockholm Peace Conference have been granted passports by Germany. This lone exception was Adolph Hofman, radical, and his passport was refused because of his recent connection with the general strike agitation.

LEAVE WEDNESDAY FOR ROCKY MOUNT

Messrs. Charles M. Griggs, Louis Sell, Dr. J. B. Griggs, Messrs. G. D. B. Pritchard, R. E. Wynn, J. U. Lambert, A. Commander, H. G. Kramer, and Dr. W. W. Sawyer leave Wednesday night for Rocky Mount to attend the Shriners convention to be held in that city this week.

This section of the Hindenburg line has been dubbed the "Wotan line" by the Germans, after the Norse Supreme God. The Wotan line is protected by the so-called Oppy line—a preliminary defense front between Oppy, Gavrelle and Rocux. It has been penetrated at these three points by the British.

This section from Queant south, has been called the "Siegfried line" by the Germans—after the Wagnerian hero. It has been penetrated at Craonne, Fresnoy, Gavrelle, Bois Bernard, and Oppy.

FRENCH ACHIEVE BRILLIANT VICTORY

IN BIG DOUBLE ADVANCE GAIN FULL POSSESSION OF ALL IMPORTANT POINTS ON MORONVILLIERS CREST

(By HENRY WOOD)

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
With French Armies Afield, May 22.—Since Sunday Germany has lost more than 15,000 men killed, wounded and missing in the fighting by which the French had today gained full possession of all important points of the Moronvilliers crest.

These figures announced from headquarters give an idea of the extent of the victory achieved in the latest French double advance.

The French are now in command of eleven important points between Mount Cornillet and Teton and are within a half mile of Moronvilliers itself. They are pushing forward today down the valley of Sulpe.

London, May 22.—The British spent today consolidating their newly won positions along the Hindenburg line and in raids made to discover the strength of the opposing Geomans.

MEXICO ENTERS FORMAL PROTEST

(By United Press)

London, May 22.—Mexico presented a formal note of protest against submarine warfare to the German foreign office today, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam. The Mexican minister held a lengthy conference at the foreign office.

COMMITTEE FAVORS POSTAGE REDUCTION

(By United Press)

Washington, May 22.—The reduction of postal rates on second class mail matter, books and magazines, as proposed in the revenue bill was agreed upon by the House Ways and Means Committee today.

Mme. Pavlova At Alkrama

There will be no show at The Alkrama tonight owing to a death in the family.

Wednesday night at the Alkrama The Immortal and incomparable Pavlova will be seen in "The Dumb Girl of Portici," a lavish spectacle that defies description. One of the most remarkable things about this big picture is the low price of five and ten cents admission. Mr. Kramer says he wants it within the reach of every man, woman and child in this city, and that for this reason he has made the price so low. Special arrangements have been made to take care of the large crowd.

"It is the biggest thing that has ever hit this city since 'The Birth of a Nation,'" says Mr. Kramer. There will be two complete shows Wednesday night to give thousands of people of this city a chance to see it.

The cast is practically a reproduction of the dramatic personae of the opera, "Masaniello," as it was given all over the world a generation ago, but there all similarity ends. The wildest imagination of one who recalls the primitive operatic production will not conceive even the faintest idea of what genius in film craft, and a woman at that has accomplished within the confines of a modern picture plant. "The Black Crook," was the first title of the spectacle presented in our theatres at the time "Masaniello" was the rage. Neither "The Black Crook" nor "Masaniello" would do today. The reason why Pavlova chose "Masaniello" as a vehicle was because of the remarkable character of "Fenella" and because the Russian celebrity is the only woman in all the world who could portray the role which has frightened more singers and caused more of a furor in its day than any mind of an author has ever conceived.

It is as Fenella that Pavlova will electrify the world.

SUNDAY PLAYED SQUARE GAME

WAS INFLUENCE FOR GOOD BACK IN DAYS WHEN HE FLASHED AROUND THE DIAMOND—THE FASTEST BASE RUNNER ON HIS TEAM

(By United Press)

New York, May 22.—Billy Sunday, evangelist and ex-ball player, started his career at turning men into the proper paths of life long before he began to send his enthusiasm shooting into their breasts from the eminence of a platform.

Gov. John K. Tener, president of the National league, declares Sunday's influence was one of the best things he ever saw on a baseball field. Tener played ball when Sunday did.

"Sunday was a fine baseball player and as fine a man as I ever knew on a baseball field," Tener said recently.

"He was not a good hitter, but when he did reach first base it was almost certain he would score a run. He ran upright, his feet moving like those of a sprinter. There was no waste motion. If he had been able to hit with any degree of accuracy his name would have done down in the history of baseball with as much vigor as some of the game's greatest men. It was beautiful to see his long legs in action around the bases. He was the fastest man I ever have seen on the baselines."

"Sunday's influence, even when he was a young man playing baseball, was a fine thing. He didn't have the mistaken idea that to cure a man of bad habits it was necessary to hold him up for the public to gaze upon and criticize. But you often could see him sitting on a bench, his earnest face turned appealingly to some man asking him to change his ways. He had a way about him that made those men think."

"There was no braggadocio in his makeup. He simply played baseball and tried to make his fellow players better for having played with him. Sunday was a most helpful man and when he quit, the game lost a strong personality."

Tener declared Sunday would compare very favorably with many men who now are playing baseball in the National league.

"Given the coaching these men are able to get, and with his natural ability to think quickly and rightly and he would have been a man of national prominence in baseball right now. He had a wonderful ability that it would have been hard to deny him the highest praise."

VINE NEWS

Vine, Va., May 22.—Mr and Mrs L. T. Chappell of Norfolk, Va., were the guests of Mrs V C Whitehurst Sunday.

Mrs. Ennie Cartwright and Mrs Lydia Creekmore of Creds, Va., are visiting Mrs J E Cartwright in Vine, Va.

Mr and Mrs M W Richardson of St. Brides, Va., visited her parents Mr and Mrs N D Sorey of Vine, Va., Sunday.

Mr Rogers Frost of Vine, Va., left Friday for Pentress, Va. to work on dredge 15.

Mrs Will Dozier of Berkley, Va., is visiting friends and relatives in Vine, Va.

Mr and Mrs John Privett of Norfolk, Va. were visiting Mr. J. T. Hughes.

Mr Ben Brothers and daughter Bertha, left Saturday for a trip to Washington, D.C.

Rev Jones, our Presiding Elder held the regular quarterly conference at the Methodist Church Cava Saturday.

Mr and Mrs J L Frost visited her parents Mr and Mrs C E Forbes in Vine, Va. Sunday.

Mr S J Bumbak of Vine, Va. is working in Norfolk on the Electric Division between Norfolk and Va. Beach.

HOME GUARDS OF FOURTH WARD MEET

The Home Guards of the fourth ward will meet Tuesday night instead of Monday night in front of the Armory Hall. All members are requested to be present.

JUNIOR DAY AT CURRITUCK SCHOOL

Currituck, N. C., May 22.—Through the generosity of the Junior Order of Maple, N. C., May 11, 1917 was set apart as an educational rally for the schools of this township.

The long marching lines of pupils bearing flags from the court house to the school, gave an impress to the whole occasion.

The devotional exercises were appropriately conducted by Rev. C. B. Washbourne of Jarvisburg, after which Supt. R W Isley, manifested not only in the preliminaries but throughout all his great interest in the function.

The splendid address of Rev. Mr. Washbourne was an inspiration within itself, with so fitting a subject as "The Man, the world needs today."

We count ourselves fortunate in having such an able speaker. Mr. Mashbourne has already won for himself a rightful place in the hearts of the people of this section.

A well prepared and bountiful dinner, "of ye old time" was freely served on the grounds, with the cream, first to the pupils as they passed in line.

Prizes were awarded the work of the primary, intermediate and high school grades to the ninth, the very timely subjects of which were agriculture, thrift and patriotism. The primary contest being for the first, second and third best recitations. Master Roscoe Williams of Corner Gum School received the first prize, Little Susie Roberts of Currituck School, the second and Master Walter Wright of Corner Gum the third.

In the intermediate it was for the first, second and third best papers—"More and Better Gardens," being the subject mainly chosen. Little Miss Marjorie Snowden has the honor of the first prize. Eliza Wright, the second and Lizzie Ferebee the third. All of Corner Gum School. Congratulations to these boys and girls. Those of the high school Miss Rosa Harrell, on her excellent paper, "Agriculture and Patriotism," won the first distinction, while Miss Annie Griggs on "Thrift and Farming," received the second honor and Master John Spry, the third. All three of the Currituck School.

As the day brought to a close the intermediate and high school departments of the Currituck High School, the seventh grade certificates were delivered to a bright class of boys and girls.

Miss Mildred Doxey of Poplar Branch School, winning the first prize, a gold pin, a distinction of the best paper on English in the seventh grade County examination.

Miss Marie Baxter had the honor of the second prize, which was also a pin.

A play, "The Green Bird," cleverly gotten up by Miss Genevieve Holloman and was cleverly presented by the Currituck Dramatic Club on the evening of May 10, for the benefit of the Currituck High School.

Miss Wet Rosser, principal of the Currituck High School left Monday A. M. for her home in Rustburg, Va. Miss Carrie Lee, intermediate teacher of Oclana is visiting her aunt Mrs. Spry of Tulls.

RECITAL TUESDAY AFTER NOON

The pupils of Miss Annie Blount will give a recital Tuesday afternoon in the High School auditorium at five o'clock.

Miss Gracie B. Davis will be awarded a medal for the highest average in the class this year, 96. The following pupils won honorable mention for high averages: Bessie Davis, 94; Annabelle Abbott, 93; Margaret Spragins, 91; Josie Lee Cartwright, 91; Dorothy Gregory, 90.

WED AT NEW THEATRE

RUSSIA CALLS GENERAL CONFERENCE

(By United Press)

Petrograd, May 22.—A general conference of workmen and soldiers from all Russia is called for June 14th to discuss, war, peace, finance, land, labor, army organization, and constitutional assembly.

WEATHER

Probably rain tonight and Wednesday except fair west portion. Wednesday cooler, Wednesday central and west portion. Southwest to west winds increasing.

MOON QUEEN WEDNESDAY

DELIGHTFUL CANTATA HAS BEEN PREPARED BY GRAMMAR SCHOOL SENIORS FOR THE PLEASURE OF THE PUBLIC

The commencement exercises of the Elizabeth City Grammar School will be held in the high school auditorium Wednesday evening at eight o'clock.

After the opening prayer by Rev. H. A. Osborne, rector of Christ church the salutatory will be delivered by John Ward.

"The Moon Queen" a cantata in two parts will be the musical attraction of the evening. The principal parts in the cantata will be taken by Gertrude Stokely, Mahala Meekins, Lottie Drinkwater, Gladys Puckett, Margaret Foreman, Dorothy Jones, Margaret Mann, Ruth Johnson, Harris Parks, Frank Dawson, Katherine Spence.

The valedictory will be delivered by Elizabeth Hathaway, after which Miss Hattie Harney, principal of the grammar school will present the graduates and they will receive their diplomas from Supt. S. H. Spragins.

Honor cards will be presented to grammar school and primary school pupils, and the evening's exercise will close with "The Star Spangled Banner" sung by the school.

The high school exercises will be held Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the high school building.

ADDRESS BY DR. FEW

The address by Dr. W P Few, president of Trinity College, is looked forward to with much pleasure by Elizabeth City people.

Following is the program in full: Prayer—Rev C B Culbreth. "The Star Spangled Banner"—Francis Scott Key. High School Salutatory—Graham Evans. Presentation of Graduates—Supt. S H Spragins. Conferring of Diplomas—Hon. I M Meekins, Chairman. Presentation of D R Medal—Dr. B. C. Hening. Presentation of First National Bank Medal. Presentation of Victrola from Senior Class—Ruth Winslow, Pres. "School Days, Farewell"—Kliner Senior Class.

Address—Dr. W. P. Few, Pres. Trinity College. Valedictory—Clarence Ashby. Springtime—Wooler Chorus. Benediction—Rev C B Culbreth. The High School Graduates are: Clarence Ashby, Gardner Bennett, Graham Evans, Blackwell Sawyer, Ida Ballance, Mattie Brite, Eula Jennings, Ruth Winslow.

To-night At New Theatre

The decision of man and wife between ambition and parenthood, is what Richard Bennett's new play, "The Valley of Decision," illustrates.

The struggle of the man and woman against their natural instinct to become parents and their pursuit of the chimera, ambition, in preference to the reality of fatherhood and motherhood, is wonderfully illustrated in the gripping play written by Clifford Howard. The genius of Director Rae Berger makes the story true.

"I consider that this is one of the most wonderful plays on the American stage today," said Mr. Bennett, in discussing the new drama. It hammers home a set of acts with which in the hurry and drive of modern life, thousands of American men and women are confronted.

Under the stress of modern conditions which make little children undesired in flats or houses held for rental, and under the increasing demands made upon both men and women by the intensive pursuit of business and social ambition, child culture is rapidly becoming a lost art. Many of the kiddies we do have are left to struggle up for themselves.