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British Holding Lines Against Teuton Attacks

Allied Defense is Firm Before Long Heralded Drive of German Arms NoW Launched in Full Force

With the British Armies in France, March 22.—The British troops are holding the Germans everywhere and driving them back along some parts of the line, the latest reports indicate.

The Germans began their long advertised offensive yesterday attacking in tremendous force.

At least nineteen divisions of the enemy have been identified in the attack.

By noon yesterday they had succeeded in penetrating the first and second trench defense system.

At five o'clock in the afternoon they delivered a powerful blow on the northwest front but the machine gun fire mowed down the advancing columns and checked the advance.

Airmen on both sides are handicapped by foggy weather.

With The British Armies, France, March 22. 1:15 A. M.—The British troops with their customary coolness bobbed up after a barrage of gas shells and high explosives at the start of the big enemy attack and met the first rush wearing gas masks and with machine gunning. Advancing waves of hand to hand fighting were frequent.

The British soldiers occupying strong points in the line fought it out with knives and bayonets.

The Germans hurled their storm of troops against the British right flank, following a brief bombardment on a forty-five mile front. The British artillery and machine guns cut swaths in the enemy ranks.

Enemy high velocity guns began shelling towns far in the rear as the battle commenced. These fired regularly throughout the night at five minutes intervals, stopping only to cool off the guns.

German preparations prior to the attack were thoroughly concealed with the utmost artful art of secrecy. Nothing the world was prepared. His airmen reported every new installation despite every strategic road or airdrome as soon as they were commenced. Day by day they watched Hindenburg's complete preparations. Day by day Haig took counter precautions, accordingly.

And it looks as if the big offensive is on.

London, March 22.—"We hold the enemy in our battle positions" reports Field Marshall Haig today.

Battle positions mean those directly behind the first line of trenches. Haig's statement would indicate that the German penetration is limited.

SAMMIES GO OVER THE TOP

With the American Army, France, March 21. Evening.—The American troops at dawn went over the top in a wooded fog shrouded sector for the second time within 12 hours, entering the German second line trenches.

They were accompanied by French units. They found no enemy troops and returned to their line shortly after cleaning up the German trenches.

NORTH CAROLINIAN KILLED

W. Dickerson of North Carolina is among the honored dead. He was killed in the Luneville sector.

FRENCH REPULSE RAIDS

Paris, March 22.—Strong German raids over a wide area on the French front were repulsed, the French war office reported today.

At one point the French drove the enemy from their advanced positions.

FIGHTING ON ITALIAN FRONT

Rome, March 22.—Fighting has increased on the whole Italian front, the war office reported today.

BULGARS WITH GERMANS

Washington, March 22.—Berlin advices today that the Bulgars are now fighting on the west front alongside the Germans and some Austrians aroused immediate speculation here as to the probability of the United States declaring war against Bulgaria.

Government authorities said that the decision would await further facts as to the extent of Bulgarian participation whether they are facing the British and also the Americans.

REPORTS FROM BERLIN

Berlin, March 22.—The news that the big battle has begun on the west front was received here quietly.

A few Bulgars are also on the west front.

German troops stormed broad sectors from a point southeast of Aras and southward of LeFere. Everywhere they captured the first enemy lines, the war office announced today.

Copenhagen, March 22.—"We have entered the decisive battle for general peace" declared the Taglische Rundschau, a German newspaper, copies of which were received here today.

KINSTON TO HAVE BIG W. S. S. RALLY

Dr. S. Parkes Cadman to Deliver Address on Night of April 2nd.

Kinston, N. C., March 21.—Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, pastor of the Central Congregational Church at Brooklyn, will be the principal speaker at a war thrift rally here the night of Tuesday, April 2. Dr. James M. Parrott, thrift chairman for Lenoir county, announced the engagement of Dr. Cadman Tuesday afternoon.

Lenoir County will hold the highest patriotic demonstration in the history of the Eastern part of the State, according to plans now being formulated. The War-Savings and Liberty Loan committees are jointly back of the movement. The meeting will be thrown open to the people of the entire section. Every auto-owing farmer and town dweller in a dozen counties will be invited to gather up his neighbors and personally conduct them to "the greatest little display of starspangledbannerism ever pulled off hereabouts."

'Going The Limit.'

A tobacco warehouse with a seating capacity of thousands will be reserved for the occasion. Hundreds of yards of bunting and hundreds of flags will transform the interior into a red, white and blue nest to make the eagle sit up and crow like a rooster out of sheer pride. Dr. Parrott whose hobby recently has been "to go the limit, [illegible] an army band here on the occasion. Kinston has such a band [illegible] the Kinston [illegible] second [illegible] which would [illegible] accept engagements from [illegible]. Negotiations with the military authorities will probably be opened into.

The cadetcorps will take on some military duty in the Dixie Classic T. H. English-American, having international reputation. He has been here on another occasion. He is a [illegible] of a Brooklyn pastor.

[illegible] will render an air of [illegible] and the entire allies. The program will be rehearsed and be followed by [illegible] a stream five or two or three hours which will result in the opening of the flood gates to turn thousands of dollars into the coffers set aside to resolve the money with which the U. S. A. will shatter the vertebrae of the monster who has blazed a long trail of blighted homes in Poland, written a sunset-to-sunset record of [illegible] in Belgium, and put the world out of plumb.

Spectacular features will be added. The committees will not stop at circus stunts if they are available. The whole thing will be daring, and some daring spirit has suggested the borrowing of a pipe organ from a church on which to play the Marseillaise. The committee on program's members are scratching their heads for "something different."

Gigantic.

Dr. Parrott states that it is intended to make the rally the "most gigantice thing Kinston has ever staged. We are preparing not for a meeting of hundreds, but of thousands. It is to be an educational as well as patriotic 'spectacle'—call it a 'spectacle.' We are going to set the feet of hundreds of the indifferent to stamping the serpent's head.

"The results of this rally, if they are what we plant them to be, will be equivalent to taking some hundreds of yards of trenches to a depth of a quarter of a mile or the bombing of a second-class German city by a fleet of 25 airplanes. We are going to put something over which would make the whole German general staff sick for a short time."

Gardner to Follow Up.

Lieut.-Gov. Max Gardner will follow up this rally after an interval of about a week or two.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Professor of mathematics in the city schools, who [illegible] It is expected to

LOWRYS GET PRISON TERMS

Verdict Of Guilty of Burglary In Second Degree—Fulton Lowry Confesses to Several Burglaries

A verdict of guilty of second degree burglary was returned in the Lowry case at 8:15 Thursday night and the defendants John and Fulton Lowry were sentenced to serve a long term in the state prison at Raleigh. Fulton was given a maximum of 25 years or a minimu mterm of 15, and John was given a maximum term of 15 years or a minimum term of 10 years. The case went to the jury at about 5:0 Thursday afternoon.

After the verdict was brought in Fulton Lowry confessed to the robbery of the Derrickson home on Main street in August, while the Derricksons were spending two weeks at Nags Head. In the raid on the Derrickson home many values were stolen, consisting of clothing, groceries and about $300.00 worth of silverware.

In court Thursday night after the verdict was brought in Fulton confessed to the robbery and said that the silverware was buried under the Derrickson home Friday morning at about 11 o'clock, very quietly and without show. Fulton, the youngest of the brothers, led the Sheriff and a Police Officer straight to the place of concealment; under a woodhouse in the yard of the person from whom the [illegible] were stolen, Mr. G. F. Derrickson.

The prisoners' manner was [illegible] and [illegible] to the call of the officers. [illegible] the Lowry people were [illegible] from [illegible] work at Sawyer's [illegible] was done quietly and quick.

[illegible] all but a few days [illegible] from his home where he returned from Nags Head on Monday, August 19th, have been recovered, either buried under the Derrickson home or found in the raid on the Lowry home on September 22. [illegible] Powers told him that [illegible] of the robbers who's [illegible] be revealed.

[illegible] raided the home [illegible] accomplices and concealed it the loot under the kitchen and [illegible] expected they home several [illegible] during the family's stay at Nags Head.

Mrs. J. H. Lowry, mother of the [illegible] and Robert Lowry, a younger brother of the boys, were charged with being accessories to the crimes of the young desperadoes, by concealing the stolen goods. The case against Mrs. Lowry and her younger son was nolled in Superior Court Friday morning. Both defendants pleaded not guilty of the charge.

The court dismissed the case before it had gone to any jury and the defendants were released.

TRIED TO ROB BANK OF AYDEN

Greenville, March 21.—The little city of Ayden almost experienced a real bank robbery at some hour during Tuesday night from appearances surrounding the First National and Farmers and Merchants Bank of that city this morning.

An attempt was made to enter the building by way of the front door and the robbers went as far as boring a hole through the lock but they soon discovered that this was a long and tedious task which would possibly require several hours to accomplish their purpose, so they left the door and with the aid of a glass cutter removed one of the large plate glass windows and made their entrance by that route.

It is thought that the robbers were frightened away as no attempt was made to enter the bank vault. If such an attempt was made there were no signs left.

The announcement on the streets of Ayden yesterday morning created a great deal of excitement, and reports are that should the robbers return again to complete the job they will be well received by officers of the

To Re-Organize Chamber Com'rce

C W Otto Field Secretary of American City Bureau Here To Begin Work

With the arrival of the American City Bureau representatives who come from New York City, plans for the re-organization of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce have begun to take definite form.

The Bureau is the organization which has been engaged by the Directors of the local Chamber of Commerce to completely re-organize and place on the modern basis the local business men's association.

C. W. Otto, Field Secretary of the Bureau is now in the city and is making a study of local conditions, preparatory to the launching of the campaign. On next Monday another representative of the Bureau will arrive and will remain with Mr. Otto during the entire period of the campaign.

In accordance with the policy of the Bureau, from two to three weeks time is necessary for the laying of a thorough foundation for an intensive membership campaign. During this preliminary period frequent meetings of the business and professional men will be held at which time the plan of the new organization will be thoroughly gone into and studied from every angle.

"We could come into your city and stay only a week or so and secure the necessary membership for your organization," said Mr. Otto when interviewed today, "but it is the policy of the City Bureau to not only [illegible] to the aims [illegible] of a modern Chamber of Commerce [illegible] that the membership w[illegible] it is bec[illegible] that we have so the [illegible] for our Campaign.

The American City Bureau is an organization which builds Chamber of Commerce in every part of the United States. It points with pride to nearly one hundred of the strongest organization in the United States as the product of it's efforts during the last six years. Such strong and [illegible] Chambers of Commerce [illegible] Flint, Michigan; [illegible] Oklahoma City, Okla[illegible] Jacksonville, Fla.; Charlotte, N. C.; Albany, N. Y.; and [illegible] were all built under the direction of the Bureau.

With the direction which will be given by an organization of this kind, Elizabeth City should be able to build a Chamber of Commerce which will be a lasting credit to the city and to the community.

DUTCH PRESS DENOUNCES U.S.

Calls Seizure of Ships Ineffacable Stain on America's Record

(By United Press)

[illegible] March 21.—Dowell [illegible] Dutch [illegible] the United States history which will be indelible. The Dutch will bear the blow with a dignity which shows the small country's [illegible] power for grievous injury."

G. L. PETERSON ACQUITTED OF CHARGE

Raleigh, March 21.—Major George L. Peterson, Quartermaster Corps U. S. A., Camp Jackson, charged with the embezzlement of $7,500 while he was paymaster general of the North Carolina National Guard, was acquitted by the jury which brought in its verdict this morning. The jury did not require much time to arrive at its decision. After the completion of the argument there was never much doubt in the minds of those who followed up the case but that Major Peterson would be acquitted.

As the Major heard the verdict he almost broke down. Tears sprang to his eyes and he thanked each member of the jury personally for their confidence in him. In this he was joined by his wife, who had remained by his side during the entire proceedings.

HOG CHOLERA VERY SERIOUS

Dr. A. C. Yow addressed an audience of farmers at Cumberland school house in Perquimans County on Hog Cholera Wednesday.

"Over a million dollars worth of hogs die from hog cholera in this state annually, said Dr. Yow, "when to prevent this great number of hogs dying it would cost just a little more than $2,000."

REVIVAL BEGINS AT FIRST METHODIST

A Revival Meeting will commence at the First Methodist Church Sunday. There will be preaching at 7:30 o'clock on every evening of next week by the pastor, Rev. Ormond.

The pastor's subject for the evening service will be "Sin, What it is And What it Does."

Next week being Fellowship Week, there will be services at 6:15 every morning during the week.

Everybody is invited and urged to

LENINE STILL FIGURES IN RUSSIAN POLITICS

(By United Press)

Petrograd, March 21.—It is reported that Nicholai Lenine will assume the portfolio of agriculture in the new Russian Cabinet to help the peasants.

His reason for taking the step, it is said, is to win out over the left element.

TREATY WITH ENGLAND TO BE RE-WRITTEN

(By United Press)

Washington, March 22.—The draft of the treaty between the United States and Great Britian is to be rewritten by the State Department.

Trouble over some delicate questions that have arisen since the treaty was submitted to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations made this necessary, members of the committee are informed.

DESTROYER MANLEY REACHES HARBOR

(By United Press)

London, March 22.—The destroyer Manley has reached the British harbor safely. It was damaged when a depth charge aboard exploded killing four men and injuring several.

WEATHER

Fair tonight and Saturday, little change in temperature, gentle north-