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British Lose Grip On Armentieres

Town Full of Deadly Gas the Reason. Battle Continues with Unabated Fury.

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With the British Armies in France, April 11.—Germans have reached the neighborhood of Steenwerck, four and one half miles west of Armentieres and two miles north of the river Lys.

The enemy is also reported to have reached the edge of Estaires four miles and a half south and west of Steenwerck, and to be in the eastern half of Ploegstreet wood just outside the village of Messines and Wytchaete.

With the British Armies in France, April 11.—Whatever cards America may have up her sleeve, she must be prepared for a showdown within a month.

Von Hindenburg undoubtedly intends to play a fast and furious game to end the war at the soonest possible moment.

Avowedly he is aiming at the annihilation of the British and French and is prepared to concentrate against either, shifting his drive from one to the other according as conditions may vary for a favorable attack.

Present indications point to heavy concentration against the British. Hoping to pinch the British out of Armentieres, the German intention is to reach Bethune, outflanking Vimy and Arras, and more important still, Notre-dame-Lorette.

The heroic stand by the Fifth-fifth undoubtedly checked this ambitious plan, the British taking nearly a thousand prisoners.

BRITISH LOSE ARMENTIERES London, April 11.—The loss of Armentieres is admitted in Haig's report this morning.

The report follows: "We have withdrawn from Armentieres which is full of gas. The battle is continuing on the whole front from La Bassée canal to the Ypres Comines canal.

"Severe fighting is in progress in the neighborhood of the Lawe and the Lys rivers from about Lestrem to Armentieres. North of Armentieres there is little change in the situation. "In the neighborhood of Ploegsteert, Messines and Wytchaete heavy fighting was in progress until a late hour last night.

ATTACKS ON AMERICANS FAIL. Paris, April 11.—German attacks against the Franco-American sectors of Champagne and Lorraine have been repulsed, the French War office announces.

East of Souan near Tahure where the American artillery is stationed after a lively combat a German attack was repulsed.

A German attack also failed in Armentieres forest four miles east of Arras.

In the Toul sector we made a successful surprise attack and took a dozen prisoners.

North and northeast of Rheims in the Chemin-des-dames sector where Americans are fighting and northwest of Rheims in the region of Orville and Sorel our artillery dispersed the enemy.

CASUALTY LIST LARGE Washington, D. C., April 11th.—The casualty list today contained 124 names. One was killed in action, two died of wounds, five died of accidents, thirteen of disease, 69 are severely wounded, 30 are slightly wounded, four are missing in action.

GERMANY DEMANDS RUSSIANS STRIP FLEET

(By United Press)

Washington, April 11.—Germany demands that the Russians strip their fleet according to confidential information reaching this Government.

The Russians are ordered not to leave a complement of over 25 men on any vessel. The Germans are seeing to it that some of the guns are removed so that each vessel shall be made ineffective.

The Government's information is to the effect that the Russians are not resisting the order to any extent.

ORGANIZED 52 SAFETY LEAGUES

Mrs. J. G. Fearing teaches Fire Prevention in Pasquotank, Camden and Perquimans

The work of organizing Safety Leagues for the purpose of preventing fires that waste life and property is under the supervision of Mrs. J. G. Fearing in the counties of Pasquotank, Camden and Perquimans. She has organized 52 leagues in these counties this spring.

In the afternoons when Mrs. Fearing has finished her regular school work, she goes through those counties speaking to the children in their schools, and to the girls and women in their clubs, stressing the special need of saving life and property from fire. Mrs. Fearing has at the same time been very active in speaking for War Savings Stamps and has urged thrift and conservation for winning the war in every club which she has organized. In addition to teaching fire prevention, she has urged accident prevention of all kinds, telling the children that "Safety First" must be their middle name.

The annual fire loss in property in North Carolina a year is over three million dollars, and last year the loss of life by fire totalled 393. One hundred and ninety three of these were babies.

Commissioner Young is calling on the people of the State to stop this waste of property and life. As a war measure, it is more important than ever before. It has been estimated by experts that sixty per cent of these fires are preventable, and the Safety Leagues of the State are formed with a view to training young people and older people to prevent fires.

PATRIOTIC RALLY AT SOUTH MILLS

Professor G. O. Mudge, Superintendent of the South Mills Schools will deliver an address at the patriotic rally to be held in the High School auditorium Monday night.

Professor Mudge's address will be based principally upon patriotism. W. I. Halstead will preside over the meeting.

A service flag will be presented to the school by R. C. Dozier.

It is hoped that a large crowd will attend this mass meeting, at which the public is cordially invited to be present.

WEATHER

Fair tonight and Friday. Continued cool tonight with light frost in exposed places diminishing northeast winds.



"The harder you pull, the harder you hit"

Urges Currituck To Buy Bonds

County Chairman R.O. Bagley Appeals To His Local Chairmen To Place A Bond in Every Home

Mr. R. O. Bagley of Moyock, County Chairman of the Liberty Loan Committee of Currituck, came to Elizabeth City in Thursday's rain and stopped in The Advance office to leave an urgent appeal to his County in behalf of the Liberty Loan campaign.

"If Germany should win this war, our money would be worthless," said Mr. Bagley, "and I want the people of Currituck County to get their money out of the clock and the old stocking and buy Liberty Bonds.

JOHN LOWRY NOT CAPTURED

The report circulated about the streets here Thursday that John Lowry, Jr., who broke jail here several weeks ago, had been captured and is being held in Norfolk jail, is erroneous.

Sheriff Reid of this city wired to Captain Ford of the Norfolk Police on Thursday to find if the report was true. Captain Ford replied that Lowry had not been captured and that all the members of the Norfolk Police Force know him and were constantly on the lookout for him.

It has been reported that Lowry was seen here several nights ago but it is believed that that reports is also erroneous.

C. A. COOKE WILL OPEN SHOE STORE

C. A. Cooke will open a shoe store in the building opposite Love's Meat Market on North Poindexter street.

A lease on the building has already been signed and the matter of purchasing the stock has already begun.

Mr. Cooke came to Elizabeth City a few years ago and opened up a clothing store for men and boys. While here he has built up a splendid business.

NEW POLICE ARE PUT ON FORCE

Two new police have been put on the night police force of this city. They are W. H. Forbes and J. L. Alexander.

The new police went on duty Wednesday night to fill the place of four who went on a strike for higher wages Tuesday night. Other police will be put out on later.

WATKINS-TAYLOR

Vaden Whitney Watkins and Miss Tennah Lassiter Taylor, both of Norfolk, Va., were married Thursday by Justice of the Peace J. W. Munden at his residence on Bolden street.

TO LOCAL COMMITTEES

"I especially want to appeal to my coworkers on the Third Liberty Loan Committee for Currituck County.

"Our quota for the County as shown by the figures sent out today is placed at Forty Thousand (\$40,000). The State has placed the assembling of this fund in the hands of Liberty Loan Committees and expects every local committee to do its duty by way of dividing this up, so that each Committee may know what is expected. We find that there are about Two Thousand (2,000) votes in the County. It will therefore, be necessary to place a Fifty Dollar Bond in every third home in order to raise the amount needed.

MUST GO THE LIMIT

"But we do not wish to just get the amount. We want to put a Fifty Dollar Bond in every home in Currituck County for this hour's aim.

"Easy payments have been provided, as follows:

- 5 per cent upon application. 20 per cent May 28. 35 per cent July 18. 40 per cent August +5. "The Banks also stand ready to help in every way.

HOUSE TO HOUSE CANVAS

"A house to house canvas in Moyock has been organized by the local committee and I would suggest this plan for each local Committee throughout the County."

WEEK OF PRAYER

Mrs. J. W. Dawson will lead the meeting Friday afternoon at 3:30 at Blackwell Memorial church. The subject will be "Mountain Schools."

No meeting will be held on Saturday.

NOTICE TO POLL TAX PAYERS OF PASQUOTANK COUNTY

If your Poll Taxes are not paid on or before the first day of May you may lose your vote. CHAS. REID, Sheriff.

Pasquotank Must Raise \$210,700

County's Allotment Of Third Liberty Loan Will Be Raised Without Difficulty Says Chairman Kramer

Elizabeth City is preparing for a rousing patriotic rally at the mass meeting to be held at the courthouse Friday night.

Chairman H. G. Kramer of the Liberty Loan Committee is busy perfecting final arrangements for the occasion. Mr. Kramer knows that as a usual thing it is a difficult matter to get a big crowd to a mass meeting in Elizabeth City and he is determined that nothing shall be left undone to insure enthusiastic attendance at the meeting Friday night.

The big feature of the evening will, of course, be the address by Senator Tasker Polk of Warrenton. An orator of statewide reputation and the grandson of a President of the United States, Senator Polk is now giving his time to Liberty Loan work and a stirring speech is expected from him.

The speaker of the evening will be introduced by R. W. Turner, who was a colleague of Senator Polk in the State Senate. Mr. Turner declares that Senator Polk has few equals as an orator in North Carolina and that any one who fails to attend the mass meeting will miss a treat.

Senator Polk delivered an address here at a memorial service of the Odd Fellows some years ago and he is also a prominent member of the Junior Order. All Fraternal Orders are given a special invitation to be present.

Mr. Kramer is also arranging to have singing at the mass meeting by a special chorus made up of all the church choirs of the city and the words of patriotic airs are now becoming so generally familiar that when the big crowds at the mass meeting join in the singing there will be something like real music at the courthouse Friday night.

The J. P. Zeigler Band will also be engaged to give a concert in front of the courthouse before the speaking begins.

People from the country are especially invited to be present and a large country delegation is looked for, as it is realized that the country people of this section are aroused to the Government's need of their help in winning the war and in making the world a decent place to live in.

Pasquotank's allotment of this loan is officially announced by Chairman Kramer as \$210,700. It will be raised without difficulty.

Women as well as men are invited to attend the mass meeting and to invite others to attend.

The Chamber of Commerce campaign will be in full swing Friday and one of the objects of the mass meeting will be to add to the interest in this campaign. The leaders in the Chamber of Commerce campaign feel that patriotism, love, charity, begins at home, and that Elizabeth City could do nothing at this time that would go as far to insure the success of the Liberty Loan campaign here as the successful re-organization of the city's commercial club on the plans mapped out by the American City Bureau. Indeed this re-organization was undertaken at this time that the machinery of a modern Chamber of Commerce might be put behind the Liberty Loan campaign here and the American City Bureau will leave a man here after the re-organization has been effected to direct the first efforts of the new organization to make itself count in making Elizabeth City a town that one may be proud to say that he lives in.

"Because Albany had no organization which could give information and assistance required by the General Electric Co. when it was looking for a location several years ago," said Mr. Otto, "the plant looked elsewhere for a location, and a few miles away

found Schenectady with a strong organization. As a result Schenectady now has the General Electric Co., which in all its plants employs more than 25,000 men.

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"The greatest power you have in Elizabeth City,—or that any city has,—is man-power—and that power is created when organized," said Mr. Otto. Providence will never do more for your city than it has already done,—your people must do the rest and they can do it best only through organization."

J. W. Burfoot and Rev. J. W. Bradley are attending the Wesley Bible Class at Wilson. Prayer meeting at City Road Chrch tonight will be conducted by Mr. D. B. Marks.

NEW PEACE TALK FROM COPENHAGEN

Copenhagen, April 11.—Professor Anderson of Washington is negotiating with Counts Rassy and Tisza in Vienna and Budapest regarding the possibility of separate peace between Austria Hungary and the United States, according to a dispatch in the Berlin Tagblatt from its Vienna correspondent. The correspondent said that the Foreign office admitted the report together with the admission that Austria-Hungary had initiated various peace negotiations.

PUZZLED AT WASHINGTON

Washington, April 11.—The reported peace negotiations between "Professor Anderson" representing the United States and Counts Andrássy and Tisza at Budapest created a stir in official quarters today.

The identity of Professor Anderson is not established. It is stated at the Embassy that he is not known there and that the embassy had no knowledge of the incident referred to in the dispatch.

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