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ON WHEATLESS DAYS

USE NO BREAD CRACKERS
BISCUITS OR BREADSTUFF
FOODS CONTAINING
WHEAT.



STRAY RIFLE BULLET

HIT BOY IN ARM

Report reached Brigadier General Babbitt's headquarters at Camp Chronicle Saturday that a small boy, living some distance from the artillery range back around Crowders Mountain, had been wounded in the arm by a piece of flying shell. General Babbitt promptly dispatched a surgeon and Lieutenant Snow, his aide, to hunt the boy up and investigate. The lad is about nine years old, his name being Mayberry. He was wounded in the arm but an investigation by the surgeon brought out a piece of a small rifle cartridge, proving that some hunter's shot and nothing from the range had struck him. The wound was given attention by the surgeon.

JAPAN ACCEPTS VIEWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, March 30.—An American diplomat has apparently scored a victory. Advices reaching diplomatic quarters today indicate that Japan has definitely accepted the view of this country and will not interfere in Siberia.

ENTIRE U. S. ARMY WILL SOON GO TO FRANCE.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, March 30.—The entire army in training in the United States will be transported to France without delay. The speed with which these regulars, federalized guardsmen and the national army divisions are to be shipped overseas rests with the Allies. Paris and London, with complete records of needed shipments of munitions, food and the like at their disposal, will decide what additional transports can be diverted to troop movements. They will be shoved forward as fast as possible.

WILMINGTON PLANTS 2800 WAR GARDENS.

Special to The Gazette. WILMINGTON, March 30.—As a result of its combination "War-garden and Clean-up" campaign, the city of Wilmington has increased the number of its war gardens to 2800, and 1,050 loads of rubbish and trash were hauled to the incinerator and city dump. The local food conservationists, health department, Rotary Club and others who co-operated challenge the other cities of the state to make anything like this showing.

NEWS FROM RANLO.

Correspondence of The Gazette. RANLO, April 1.—Miss Ella May Clemmer, of Gastonia, spent Friday with Miss Kate Cox here. Mr. John Farrar, of Camp Jackson, spent the Easter holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Farrar. Miss Lillie Moore, of North Wilkesboro, spent Easter here with the family of Dr. C. H. Pugh. Misses Blanche Stroup and Beulah Farrar spent the week-end with Mrs. S. R. Underwood in the Paw Creek section, Mecklenburg county. Liberty Loan Allotments. Of the \$2,000,000,000 Liberty Loan which is to be floated beginning April 6th, \$130,000,000 has been allotted by the Treasury Department to the Fifth, or Richmond, Federal Reserve district. Of this amount the Richmond Federal Reserve Bank has allotted the several States' quotas as follows: North Carolina, \$19,000,000; South Carolina, \$14,000,000; Virginia, \$30,000,000; West Virginia, \$18,000,000; Maryland, \$38,000,000; District of Columbia, \$18,000,000.

American and English Income Taxes. In comparison with the tax levied in England on incomes our own income taxes are moderate, indeed. In England the tax on incomes of \$1,000 is 4-1/2 per cent, in America nothing. In England the tax on incomes of \$1,500 is 5-3/4 per cent; in America nothing for married men or heads of families, and 2 per cent on \$500 for an unmarried man. In England the tax on incomes of \$2,000 is 7-8 per cent; in America nothing for a married man or head of a family, and 2 per cent on \$1,000 for an unmarried man. The English income tax rate also increases more rapidly with the growth of the income than ours, a \$3,000 income being taxed 14 per cent, \$5,000 16 per cent, \$10,000 20 per cent, and \$15,000 25 per cent, while our corresponding taxes for married men are respectively two-thirds of 1 per cent, and only slightly more for the unmarried, due to the smaller amount exempted, the rate being the same.

SUNDAY'S FIGHTING BIG

BRITISH AND FRENCH MADE GAINS

Everywhere on Western Front Sunday the Enemy Was Held — at Some Points Was Pushed Back — Great Masses Thrown Into the Fray Without Gain of Ground — Allied Guns Tear Holes in Hun Banks.

Press dispatches from the Western front yesterday said:

From the region of the Somme southward to where the battle line turns eastward furious fighting has continued on various sectors, but everywhere the enemy has been held and even pushed back at some points. Nowhere has he been able, although he continued to throw great masses of men into the fray, to gain ground, except an infinitesimal tract from the French north of Moreuil. British and French machine guns and riflemen, as in days past, again tore great holes in the ranks of the field gray as they endeavored to press on.

So great have been the losses of the Germans in front of the British north of the Somme that Sunday saw them unwilling again to take up the offensive and to the east of Arras captured the village of Feuchy. On the southern end of the line, where Von Hindenburg is endeavoring to pierce through to the old German positions as they stood before his retreat in 1916, the British and French troops, fighting together, have met the enemy in furious combats, but everywhere defeated him with sanguinary losses.

Changes Hands Four Times. The town of Moreuil changed hands four times, but finally rested in the hands of the British and French, while the woods to the north of the village were captured by the French.

In the bend of the line between Moreuil and Launoy the Germans made frantic efforts to break through but the French held them in their tracks and in addition recaptured several villages. Not alone has Von Hindenburg lost large numbers of men killed or wounded, but both the British and French armies have taken a considerable number of new prisoners and also captured machine guns. At last accounts the Germans had launched a fresh attack in the region between the Rivers Luce and Avre and fierce fighting was in progress.

The reports from both the British and French war offices seemingly indicate that the Allied troops have reached the limits of their retrograde movement. In any event they have cancelled the engagement Field Marshal von Hindenburg made with himself to take dinner in Paris on All Fool's Day. Instead of the truffles and other viands with which the German commander-in-chief had predicted he would regale himself in the French capital on April 1, his fare will be that of the German army; and instead of passing triumphantly through the boulevards of the city a victor over the French and British troops he will be busily engaged in dodging the shot and shell hurled at him by them and endeavoring to withstand the heavy thrusts of their infantry against his battle line.

REPUBLICANS NAME A COUNTY TICKET

Gaston county Republicans, in convention assembled Saturday named a full county ticket with a single exception; they did not name a candidate for the office of county auditor. County Chairman Evon L. Houser, of Dallas, presided and the meeting was held at the courthouse.

Following is the ticket:

- Senate: Dr. Frank Robinson, of Lowell.
- House of Representatives: John N. Hanna, of Gastonia, and Davis George, of Bessemer City.
- Sheriff: Eli P. Lineberger, of Gastonia.
- Clerk of the Court: Puett Hoffman, of Dallas.
- Register of Deeds: Audy Beam, of Cherryville.
- Treasurer: Ira E. Lineberger, of Gastonia.
- Surveyor: A. W. Hoffman, of Lowell.
- Coroner: J. W. Stewart, of Gastonia.
- Commissioner for Gastonia township: Eli Dixon.

Delegates were also chosen to the State, judicial and congressional conventions. So far as could be learned the meeting was a harmonious one and there was nothing of a spectacular nature about it.

Wheat farmers in some of the grain districts of the Northwestern States are buying advertising in newspapers, urging consumers to save food. Over \$41,000 in 5-cent Smileage coupons has come in from the big camps to headquarters at the Commission on Training Camp Activities in Washington. These coupons represent admissions to theatrical events at the camps. Soldiers from the smaller towns received their books early, because of the prompt response of these places when Smileage books were placed on sale, and in many cases have used them up.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES TO BE HELD APRIL 20TH

Naming April 20th as the date for the primaries to select county officers and representatives to the lower house of the General Assembly and appointing delegates to the State convention, the Democratic county executive committee, in session at the courthouse Saturday afternoon, started the political ball to rolling.

Chairman T. L. Craig presided and there was a good attendance of the faithful from the various sections of the county. The meeting began at 2 o'clock and lasted for an hour or more. Saturday, April 20th, between the hours of 1 p. m. and sunset, was appointed as the time for holding the county primaries and poll-holders were named for each of the 23 precincts. Saturday, April 27th, was chosen as the day for holding the county convention, which meets for the purpose of ratifying the result of the primaries, electing a county chairman for the ensuing two years and for the transaction of any other business that may come up for consideration at that time.

Following is a list of the poll-holders:

- Gastonia No. 1: G. B. Mason, A. R. Rankin, W. Meek Adams.
- Gastonia No. 2: R. C. Patrick, George Grice, A. C. Stroup.
- Gastonia No. 3: W. F. Riddle, J. F. Fisher, John Howell.
- Glenn's: Giles Adams, E. G. Petty, H. B. Pursley.
- Robinson's: C. P. Robinson, Ed Torrence, John Robinson.
- Spencer Mountain: W. G. Rhyne, Will Flowers, George Patterson.
- Lowell: H. S. Adams, S. J. Gaston, P. W. Hand.
- McAdenville: G. L. Wright, I. F. Mabry, T. L. Austin.
- Belmont: Joe Gaston, Ross Ratchford, W. A. Leeper.
- South Point: T. T. Craig, T. L. Allison, Lloyd Ragan.
- Union: Campbell Ratchford, J. R. Henderson, R. B. Riddle.
- Mount Holly: J. J. Holland, John Patterson, R. K. Davenport.
- Lucia: J. M. McIntosh, John Hewitt.

Canler's: A. Mac Henderson, Ira Davenport, Robert Underwood.

Stanley: W. G. Rutledge, R. L. McClard, M. B. Peterson.

Alexis: J. V. Stroup, Lee Howard, James Stowe.

Dallas: C. C. Craig, J. R. Durham, J. H. White.

Cherryville: M. L. Rudisill, T. A. Ballard, Sr., Forrest Mauney.

Carpenter's: W. B. Carpenter, L. H. Kiser, P. S. Carpenter.

Kaiser's: H. S. Sellers, S. L. Kaiser, J. F. Weir.

Bessemer City: H. C. Froneberger, E. A. Tucker, C. E. Whitney.

Dilling's: J. L. Mauney, J. R. Roberts, W. S. Dilling.

Baker's: J. R. Carson, J. C. Pearson, S. S. Wells.

Delegates were nominated for the State convention as follows, the first name in each group of two being the principal and the second the alternate:

- A. M. Dixon, George Mason; John G. Carpenter, P. W. Garland; R. C. Patrick, John O. Rankin; C. P. Robinson, Will Torrence; W. G. Rhyne, C. B. Armstrong; Giles Adams, James Pursley; D. P. Stowe, J. D. McLean; S. P. Stowe, C. D. Welch; P. W. Hand, C. M. Robinson; M. J. Ray, I. F. Mabry; J. M. Reinhardt, Dick Rhyne; J. M. McIntosh, Ira Davenport; J. W. Holland, R. K. Davenport; J. W. Abernethy, J. H. White; John F. Puett, J. W. Summey; H. C. Froneberger, J. H. Wilkins; F. Dilling, J. R. Carson; W. B. Carpenter, Martin L. Rudisill; N. B. Kendrick, J. H. Trott; H. S. Sellers, S. L. Kaiser.

LOCAL MERCHANTS TO CLOSE AT 7 O'CLOCK

Deciding to carry out the spirit of the new Daylight Saving Law to the letter, Gastonia's merchants, at a meeting held at the office of the Chamber of Commerce Friday night at the call of Chairman E. N. Hahn, of the Department of Mercantile Affairs, decided to close at 7 o'clock, new time, following the clock and not changing hours.

Mercantile organizations throughout the country are patriotically falling into line and following the clock as to their closing hours. While the saving of electricity in Gastonia will not be great the government counts on the extra hour adding to gardens and recreation time, thus providing more foodstuffs and better health conditions.

Closes at Midnight. The Gazette received a telegram Saturday from Mr. A. D. Watts, of Statesville, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Western District of North Carolina, announcing that the office of Deputy Collector King, in the Gastonia postoffice building, would remain open until midnight tonight, Monday, April 1, for the accommodation of those who have put off to the last minute the important matter of making their returns for the payment of income tax and excess profits tax.

The new submarine fighters which are being built at the Ford plant will be known as "Eagles" and will constitute the Eagle class of boats.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

LIBRARY OPEN EVENINGS FOR BENEFIT OF SOLDIERS.

In order that the soldiers at Camp Chronicle may be able to take advantage of the facilities of the Gastonia Public Library, the association has decided to keep the library open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evening of each week from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock. This is in addition to the Sunday afternoon hours, 3 to 6 p. m. On the evenings above-named and on Sunday afternoons the library is open for the exclusive use of the soldiers, and other persons are not supposed to visit the library at these times.

U. D. C. CHAPTER TRANSACTS BUSINESS.

(Reported for The Gazette.) The regular monthly meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was held in the chapter room Friday afternoon. A number of ladies was present. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Separk. The first part of the meeting was given over to Mr. Separk who had come to ask the co-operation of the chapter in taking care of the soldiers who are encamped near town at Camp Chronicle. Mr. Separk said it was time now for us to stop saying we were doing our bit and get to work to do our utmost. Many things are needed to make the room recently acquired as a Rest Room for the soldiers, attractive and comfortable. Flowers, magazines and books are needed every day. A committee was appointed to attend to these things.

After Mr. Separk's talk the regular business was taken up in the usual order. A committee was appointed to advise with the members of the chapter as to the 10th of May dinner. We want to give the veterans plenty to eat but we do not want any waste this year.

Two new members were voted in Miss Margaret Louise LaFar and Mrs. J. B. Hall, of Belmont. The chapter is growing in numbers rapidly, and it is also growing in interest.

Several plans were made for the tenth of May but none of them are just in shape to publish except the annual gift of a picture to the graded school. This year it is to be a picture of the three Confederate flags to take the place of the one that was burned. A committee was appointed to see to this.

Certificates were given to several new members. Mrs. Clifford, the president, made an appeal for books for the soldiers. Give through your church, your club, or anything to which you belong, but don't forget to give through the U. D. C. If each Daughter would give one book we would soon have a good collection. At least 500 are wanted for this camp. The books will be kept in this county.

Mrs. F. L. Wilson reported for the historical committee. A gold medal has been offered by this committee to the high school pupil in the county who writes the best essay on "The South in History and Literature." The same rules will govern the pupils as is used by the tenth grade of Central school.

Mrs. A. A. McLean made the report of the war relief committee. They had investigated but found it impracticable to try and meet the troop trains. The stop here is too short to do anything worth while. The committee has not been idle, however. They have visited the camp and particularly the base hospital. There they found several sick and gave them flowers, magazines, the daily papers and some sweets in the form of jelly and cake. It was moved and carried to set apart a certain sum for this committee to buy views of Gastonia (post cards), and take these with pencils to the soldiers. A committee of the young ladies of the chapter was appointed to assist this war relief committee in getting flowers, books, magazines and sweets to take to the sick at different times. Members of the chapter will be called on at different times for these things. All are urged to save magazines and send to the rest room or the hospital.

The chapter stood and sang "God Hold, Keep, and Save Our Men," which is to be used from now until the close of the war as the chapter's doxology.

Don't Criticize. We are now engaged in the greatest war of all time and the foe with which we are in mortal combat is the mightiest and cruellest the world has ever known. We want to, and must, win this gigantic struggle, which is not of our making. Everybody wants peace at the earliest possible date, but peace will not come soon, unless we drop our differences, get together, quit flailing faults with the methods our Government is adopting to wage the conflict, and speedily become a nation united, organized, and resolving to push the struggle to a bitter end. Every day we get rumors and criticisms of some plan of procedure. We do not particularly mind this, because it invites attention to the War Savings Campaign but we prefer friendly advice, which is always received with better grace than criticism passed around the corner.

There is no federal legislation regulating the playing of the national anthem, but some States have statutes forbidding playing it as a part of a medley.

METHODIST SERVICE FLAG HAS THIRTY-TWO STARS

Thirty-two stars decorated a handsome silk service flag which was unveiled at Main Street Methodist church yesterday morning, each star representing a young man who has joined the colors from the membership of this church.

Mr. J. H. Separk presented the flag and the honor roll containing the names of the 32 young men, in a patriotic address which was heard with intense interest by a large congregation. He took advantage of the opportunity which the occasion presented to urge those who remain at home to do their full duty by their country. Rev. H. H. Jordan, the pastor, accepted the service flag and roll of honor on behalf of the congregation, his address of acceptance teeming with tender sentiments for those who had gone out from the congregation to lay their lives on their country's altar and with appeals to the people to remain loyal to the core and do their whole duty by the government. It was an impressive occasion and one that will long be remembered by Gastonia's Methodists.

Following is a list of the names on the honor roll: Capt. R. G. Cherry, Miss Margaret Singleton (now on Red Cross duty in France), Frank L. Rawlings, D. T. Outz, Robert S. McLean, George Van Dyke, John R. Schrum, R. Fred Dunn, William L. Dunn, Max D. Abernethy, Fred H. Thompson, E. H. Sisk, C. S. Stroup, William Lamar Rankin, J. Bryan Rierson, J. Bryan Walters, James Wilson McCarver, A. B. Goforth, Carl Rudisill, Henry Bryan Lewis, Reid Merrill, Robert Queen, Robert Adcock, Walter Carter, Robert W. Owen, Harry Shuford, Paul Cornwell, Charles Jenkins, two Alexander brothers.

Paul Cornwell died some months ago soon after entering the service. His body was brought back to Gastonia from Texas and is buried here. Cornwell, Charles Jenkins, Henry Castles, Thomas Abernethy, Guy Terrell, and Robert A. Atkinson.

BRITISH CAPTURED 900 GERMAN MACHINE GUNS.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, April 1.—(Official.) Violent fighting continued throughout Sunday afternoon along the Avre river, with varying success. General Haig reports severe fighting. It was expected that the Germans would renew their assaults on the outskirts of Albert, but they were unable to gain any ground. In the Serreze sector the British captured 900 German machine guns.

PRESIDENT WILL OPEN LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, April 1.—President Wilson will open the Liberty Loan campaign in Baltimore Saturday with an address. He will not address Congress this week as was expected, but will outline his views in his Baltimore speech.

MT. HOLLY WON BOTH.

Correspondence of The Gazette. MT. HOLLY, April 1.—The following people are at home for the Easter holidays: Misses Christine Rutledge, Jean Henderson, Grace Kohn, Gertrude Belk, Sarah Rankin, Miss Mary Neal Roseman is spending the Easter season with the home-folks at Lincolnton. Miss Minnie Myers, a Charlotte teacher, is visiting Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Kohn.

Ivery Rankin and Hall Clemmer will leave Monday for Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.

The Methodist congregation is preparing to add to the church by building a Sunday school room. The excavation has been made and brick placed on the ground. Work will begin at once.

The Young People's Guild of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd has presented to the congregation a handsome silk service flag.

The triangular debate between Belmont, Dallas and Mount Holly was held Friday night. Two teams were out from each place.

At Mount Holly, Belmont won over Dallas; at Dallas, Earl Connell and Miss Esther Davenport, representing Mt. Holly, won over Belmont; at Belmont, Avery Keener and Miss Ruth Kohn, representing Mt. Holly, won over Dallas.

Mt. Holly, having won both, will go to Chapel Hill.

Holland. Philadelphia Record. Holland has served the ends of Germany from the first. It has no claims on the consideration of the Allies. It depends on the success of the Allies for its national independence. Germans have not for years concealed their intention of absorbing Holland, and in the event of a German triumph the Netherlands would become another Schleswig or Alsace. The position of Holland has protected the German flank. The food of Holland has kept Germany alive. If Holland should resent the borrowing of its idle merchant steamers and enter into a German alliance an English army would be in the country marching for the German frontier inside of three days.

ALL DAYS

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N. J. MUST BUY ALSO AN EXHAUST
ACCOUNT OF OTHER CEREALS



TO LAUNCH THIRD LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE

Organization for the big drive for the Third Liberty Loan will be made at a meeting of bankers, mill men, merchants and others from over Gastonia county at the courthouse tomorrow afternoon at 3:15 o'clock, called by Col. C. B. Armstrong, county chairman. The date was set at a meeting of local bankers with Col. Armstrong at the First National Bank Friday afternoon.

No letters have been sent out to Gastonia mill men and business men generally and they are urged to be present. There will be a large attendance over the county and it is desired that the local men turn out in force. The drive starts Saturday and it is necessary to thoroughly organize at once. Gaston's portion has not yet been announced but will doubtless be about the same as for the second loan, in the neighborhood of \$600,000.

TWO GENERALS PASS PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, March 30.—Both General J. Franklin Bell and General Leonard Wood have passed the physical examination to decide whether they will return to the front, it was announced by the War Department today.

UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING ASSURED.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, March 30.—The ultimate adoption of universal military training as a permanent national policy is definitely assured, its advocates in Congress declared today, following the test vote in the Senate yesterday.

ONLY ANGRERS FRENCH PEOPLE.

(By International News Service.) PARIS, March 30.—The latest bombardment of Paris by the long range gun, in which 75 were killed and nearly 100 wounded when a shell struck a church, failed to terrorize the people, who are declaring they want a reaction and are thoroughly angry.

DEPRESSING ON GERMAN PEOPLE.

(By International News Service.) AMSTERDAM, March 30.—Streams of wounded are being carried back from the Picardy front. This movement is the greatest in the history of the war and is very depressing on the German people, who had been told of great victories.

GERMANS HAVE LOST 500,000 MEN.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, March 30.—The tenth day of the world's most important battle of Picardy found the Allied armies linked solidly under one supreme commander-in-chief, General Foch takes over the command at a time when the situation is extremely favorable for the Allies. The fighting during the past 24 hours, it is estimated, has increased the German losses to 500,000 men. At the same time there is talk of a new German effort on some other part of the front. The Germans claim the capture of 70,000 prisoners and 1,100 guns, but this is regarded as an exaggeration. Meseris, south of the Somme river, has been captured by the Germans, the War Office announced today. The British immediately launched a strong counter attack, capturing some German prisoners. The statement advises that the Germans were fought to a standstill north of the Somme where they were able to make a few efforts. There was sharp fighting in the Bonuim sector. All the efforts of the Germans failed.

General Haig's report dwelt on the gallantry of the British troops in repulsing attacks. Meseris, 12 miles southeast of Amiens, is generally accepted to be the objective of the Germans.

FEDERAL CONTROL OF PACKERS POSSIBLE.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, March 30.—Federal control of the packing industry is one step nearer today than ever before. Members of the Senate agriculture committee, when they opened their session today, believed the audit of the books of the packers ordered yesterday would result in showing a condition which would impress Congress with the necessity of government operation of the industry.

FIRE DESTROYED ATLANTIC CITY BLOCK.

(By International News Service.) ATLANTIC CITY, April 1.—Fire this morning destroyed a block opposite the City Hall. The loss was three-quarters of a million dollars.

Read "Over the Top."