

BRITISH SMASH GERMAN LINE

GEN. HAIG'S MEN SMASH THEIR WAY THROUGH HINDENBURG LINE OF FIVE MILES ON THIRTY MILE FRONT—8,000 PRISONERS.

London, Nov. 21.—Andrew Bonar Law announced this evening in the house of commons that 8,000 prisoners, including one hundred and eighty officers have been taken by the British in their present operations. At one point the British penetrated five miles behind the German lines and several villages, in addition to those already announced, have been taken.

GERMANS ARE ON LAST LINE.

British Army Headquarters in France, Nov. 21.—The Germans are fighting on their last line of defense at one point of the British attack.

Nearly a score of guns are reported to have been captured.

The British are pushing on toward Cambrai, three miles southwest of Cambrai. Northwest of Maroing, the high ground known as Premy Cnapelle has been fought over, and the Germans have been forced to withdraw.

The advance of the British army against the Germans, was continuing this afternoon. The towns of Manicoures, Maroing, Ribecourt, Havriecourt, Graincourt and Flesquieres all were behind the British advancing line and the cavalry, which is co-operating with the tanks and rendering invaluable service, was drawing in toward the Bourlon wood, west of Cambrai.

FRENCH ALSO MAKE GAINS.

Paris, Nov. 21.—The French troops today attacked in the region to the north of Craonne and Berry-au-Bac on a front of about two-thirds of a mile and penetrated the German positions to an average depth of about 400 yards, capturing strong defenses and taking 175 German prisoners, according to the French official communication issued this evening.

TASK APPARENTLY WAS EASY.

GERMAN LOSSES NUMEROUS

The great Hindenburg defense line, upon which the German commander-in-chief had builded his hopes of holding the British from invading the open territory beyond, has been smashed. And the task appeared to be an easy one.

Advancing over a front of 32 miles, extending from the Scarpe river east of Arras to St. Quentin, the British had here with his English tanks, British and Welsh troops, had made of the most rapid and successful advance in the present war, according to the British official communication. The onslaught, capturing numerous prisoners which were regarded as a considerable and important addition to the ranks of prisoners and numerous tanks.

The apex of the offensive apparently is centered on the important railway junction of Sambre, lying to the east of the old line midway between Arras and St. Quentin. Here, having taken the towns of Maroing, Avesnes, Graincourt and Novelles, the victorious troops at last accounts were well within gun range of Cambrai, with its railroad lines and roadways branching out toward all the main points of the compass.

Monster Tanks Lead the Way.

The latest advices indicate that the British have not yet ceased their attack, but aided by monster tanks which are leading the way, followed by infantry and machine gun detachments, are pressing forward for further conquest.

French Begin Synchronous Attack.

Synchronously, to the south around St. Quentin and east of that point in the Aisne region, the French have begun an offensive. While no details of this movement have been received, it doubtless has the object of pushing back the Germans eastward in the former sector and northward in the latter region toward Laon, strategic moves which, if successful, doubtless would compel that part of the German line north of St. Quentin which is still intact to fall back precipitately eastward.

The British drive was begun without the usual artillery prelude, and as the tanks and infantrymen made their way through the wire entanglements and pressed into the German first positions the surprised enemy began sending up myriads of signal rockets calling for assistance. Whether aid was rushed up it is not definitely known, but seemingly the surprised Germans fled in disorder, leaving all kinds of equipment behind and in most cases not even take time as is usual, to apply the torch to villages they evacuated.

British Casualties Light.

The British casualties are described as extremely light while German dead covered the ground as the British pressed onward. Reports to date indicate that the depth of the penetration in the region of Cambrai had exceeded five miles, and that at one point at least the troops swept on five miles beyond the German lines, capturing additional villages. The offensive was under direct command of General Sir Julian Hedworth George Byng and General John J. Pershing commander-in-chief of the American forces in France, was an interested observer of it.

FRENCH OFFICER COMING SUNDAY

Capt. DuPont, Fresh from the Battlefield and Dr. Elmore, Noted Speaker to Address the People at the Baptist Church—Band Will Not Come.

What bids to be one of the largest crowds of representative people from all sections of the county ever assembled at night, will greet Capt. DuPont and Dr. Elmore at the First Baptist church Sunday night at the rally in behalf of the Young Men's Christian Association war fund. Capt. DuPont heads the company of French officers at Camp Greene, Charlotte were the American soldiers are being taught trench warfare. He will tell first hand experiences of the war and the Y. M. C. A. work, having been in the thick of the fighting for three years, and was selected by his government on account of his bravery and success as an officer to spend some time in America to assist our troops in their training.

Dr. Elmore has had 10 years experience as a missionary in India and at present is pastor of the Collegiate church at Colgate University, Hamilton, New York. During a leave of absence Dr. Elmore is religious director of the Y. M. C. A. at Camp Greene and is one of the most effective speakers in the United States.

Band Not Coming.

The committee on arrangements was very much disappointed yesterday upon the receipt of a telegram from Camp Greene saying it would be impossible to make arrangements for the band to come to Shelby and take part in the Sunday night rally as had been announced. Homes had been provided for the entertainment of the 25 musicians and they were expected to be a great drawing card, but Capt. DuPont and Dr. Elmore will be sufficient for the occasion. The school faculty and children will render appropriate music, assisting the several church choirs of the city all of the churches giving away their regular Sunday night services for the Y. M. C. A. rally.

It could be borne in mind also that the plans for holding the rally have been changed from the graded school and certain of the First Baptist church which has been held in the past. The committee has the privilege to assist in the musical part of the program.

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Prof. W. D. Burns of Piedmont has his chapel exercises at the high school he took subscriptions to the Y. M. C. A. war fund and raised \$102.50 which is a very gratifying report. Other schools of the county might take subscriptions in order to help raise the county's allotment of \$2,000 by next Wednesday night when the final report must be made.

Mr. J. M. B. and family of Lattimore left last week for Wakeboro, where he will engage in the lumber business.

Mr. M. T. Holland says he had a very good week and sold one day last week for \$21.25. Some cash for next week.

Ben L. M. and Mrs. G. M. had a very pretty fine daughter.

H. P. Waters and R. L. Jones left today for Spartanburg, S. C. where they will engage in the carter's business.

Good-bye to the boys still here. COUSIN BILLY.

At Fallston Tonight.

Dr. E. A. Houser of Fallston was here this week to arrange for a Young Men's Christian Association war fund rally in the Fallston auditorium tonight, beginning at 7:30. The central committee engaged Rev. C. A. Wood and Hon. J. H. Quinn who will present the cause of the "Y" war fund and it is earnestly hoped that a large crowd will be present. Dr. Houser fully appreciates the importance of the Y. M. C. A. work at army camps since he has heard from his son, Everett Houser who has enlisted in the aviation corps and says the Y. M. C. A. throws an entirely different atmosphere around the camp and about the boys, protecting their morals, furnishing them with reading and writing rooms, shower baths, etc. It is interesting to know that young Mr. Houser left this week from Fort Thomas, Ky., for San Antonio, Texas, where he continues his training in the aviation corps.

PAY YOUR TOWN TAXES NOW.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Aldermen, Mr. B. O. Hamrick was elected Tax Collector and chief of police of the Town of Shelby.

A resolution was adopted ordering that all Town Taxes be collected before January 1st next. All property on which taxes are not paid by January 1st will be advertised for sale.

By order of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Shelby.

We would thank you to settle your subscription to The Star this month.

Just received our fourth shipment of ladies and misses Brown English walking shoes. Hull Bros. Ad

It is a \$35,000,000 drive for humanity and democratic ideals. What? The Y. M. C. A. Army Fund Campaign.

JOE SHORT KILLED IN AUTO WRECK

MACHINE PLUNGES DOWN 40 FOOT EMBANKMENT AT WEAVER BRIDGE WITH FIVE PEOPLE IN THE CAR—FUNERAL AT LATTIMORE.

Mr. Joe Short, a farmer living on Avery McMurry's plantation on Hickory creek southeast of Shelby, died Wednesday night about 9:30 o'clock from injuries received in an automobile wreck at the Weaver bridge across the river between Shelby and Sharon Wednesday afternoon when the car plunged down the embankment forty feet to the brink of the river, pinning Short and the others underneath the machine. Tom McCoy who runs a tire and vulcanizing plant here, was driving and in the car with him besides Mr. Short were Lawrence Jones, a local barber and two women named Haynes from Blacksburg. The Haynes women formerly lived in Shelby and from Mr. McCoy's statement he was asked to drive his car to Rolling Springs that day with the men to bring the women to Shelby. They were coming toward Shelby, when the car rounded the curve on the west side of the river bridge, McCoy saw Mr. James Champion approaching in a buggy. The car met the vehicle in the narrow embankment and when McCoy saw he was going to strike Mr. Champion and probably inflict fatal injuries, he steered the car down the embankment. The car, however, struck the wheel of Mr. Champion's buggy and tore it up. The car turned over several times and pinned all of the occupants underneath except McCoy who managed to extricate himself and lift the car off of the others. McCoy has slight bruises about the head. The other occupants of the car were uninjured.

Mr. Short had ugly cuts and bruises about the head and probably internal injuries. The attending physician states that he died from shock. He was taken home and contended all the time that he was not seriously hurt, but he died several hours later and his remains were buried yesterday at 1 o'clock at Lattimore where he formerly lived. He was married to a daughter of Mr. J. D. Barnett and leaves surviving his wife and six children, his wife is in poor health and recently returned from the hospital.

Funeral for the Y. M. C. A. War Fund—Let Everybody Come to The Rally Sunday Night.

The Y. M. C. A. of Shelby and Cleveland counties.

There are yarn, needles and directions for making knitted articles at the Red Cross work room.

An urgent appeal is being made for these articles.

Mr. Bateman says: "When a boy is sweating his life away for you, can't you knit a sweater for him?"

The knitting committee of the Red Cross work room is planning to send off a box of supplies to division headquarters in Atlanta the last of the week. Workers are needed in the work room each Tuesday and Thursday to help prepare articles for this box.

The knitting committee is pleased to report the following knitted articles:

- 2 sweaters, by Mrs. C. E. Frick.
- 2 sweaters, by Mrs. S. S. Royster.
- 1 sweater, by Mrs. J. F. Roberts.
- 1 sweater, by Mrs. E. C. Higgins.
- 1 muffler and 2 pairs wristlets, by Mrs. Patie Blanton.
- 1 muffler by Mrs. Ward.
- 1 muffler, by Mrs. Frank Whisnant.
- 3 pairs socks, by Mrs. John Wray.
- 3 pairs socks, by Mrs. H. B. Quinn.
- 2 pairs socks, by Mrs. Minor Doggett.
- 1 pair socks, by Mrs. Shuford.
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The chairman of the Red Cross has received an acknowledgement of the receipt of the 60 Christmas packages sent to headquarters for the use of the boys in France. The chapter was commended for the careful and attractive manner in which the packages were prepared.

Truth in Striking Fashion.

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Y. M. C. A. RALLY

AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY, NIGHT NOVEMBER 25th BEGINNING AT 7:30 O'CLOCK. THE SPEAKERS ARE—CAPT. DUPONT Noted French Officer DR. ELMORE Noted Religious Worker ADMISSION FREE.

THE MAN OF MYSTERY.

Next Lyceum Attraction Comes Monday Night at Auditorium.

The Great Laurent, the man of many mysteries, is the next attraction on the Redpath Lyceum course appearing here this winter. He appears in the auditorium next Monday night and will doubtless be heard by a great crowd as all of the other numbers have pleased so well. He has been a lyceum headliner for ten years or more and his amusement features have delighted many audiences. Mr. Laurent's artistic magic attractions are not the only part of the program. He has with him little Miss Helen Barnard, cornetist who is a most wonderful little artist and brightens up the intermissions with her musical monologues.

Monday night in the Graded school auditorium is the time and place.

PLANNING XMAS FOR OUR BOYS IN FRANCE

Contributions Are Being Received Through Miss Webb and Mrs. O. M. Gardner.

Even today in that war-torn sorrow stricken country, that is now temporarily the home of many of America's stalwart youths plans are being made for Christmas.

Those wonderful French women whose hearts are so full of gratitude for the help from America, are making efforts to do something themselves toward entertaining the American soldiers.

They can give practically nothing in the way of food or clothes but Christmas trees, fancy decorations, and their own charming presence, will help to make bearable the first war Christmas experienced by the Americans.

Can we not then, as grateful citizens, protected by the lives of these brave fellows open our hearts and pocketbooks and send to them comforts and bits of good cheer?

Think of your own Christmas celebration, with its gayety, lights, delicious food and beautiful presents. Then think of your own countrymen, giving their very all to make such a holiday for you possible, spending the day in the cold, rain and mud. No comfortable bed in which to spend the night before Xmas. No chimney for Santa Claus to come down, and no mother to sing a Christmas carol.

The Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. do much toward brightening the lives of the soldiers and in no other way can they be reached as effectively as through these channels.

Already many thousands of packages have been sent and an effort is being made to pay for them by donation.

Sixty dollars must be raised by the local chapter.

The following contributions have been made:

- Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jenkins \$2.00
- Mrs. R. L. Ryburn 1.00
- Mrs. Paul Webb 1.00
- Miss Annie Miller 1.00
- Mrs. Thomas Watkins 1.00
- Mrs. Cepha Blanton 1.00
- Mrs. J. L. Webb 1.00
- Mrs. R. H. Miller 1.00
- Rev. C. A. Wood 1.00
- Mrs. L. M. Hull .50
- Mrs. Boyles .50
- Miss Ellington .50
- Master Frank Hoyle .50

Please send in your donation to Miss Selma Webb or Mrs. O. M. Gardner. Any amount will be gladly accepted.

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CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

REV. C. A. WOOD RETURNS TO CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH—REV. R. M. HOYLE FROM KINGS MOUNTAIN TO NEWTON MR. KIRK REMAINS ELDER.

Following the reading of the appointments by Bishop James Atkins, the Western North Carolina Methodist conference adjourned at noon Monday to meet next year at Monroe. There was no opposition to the selection of Monroe as the next meeting place, as it had been generally understood since the last annual session that the 1918 meeting would be held there, in view of the fact that Monroe was a bidder for the 1917 session, but was defeated in the contest by Asheville.

In the list of appointments not so many important changes occur as have characterized those of some former years, though the reading of the list was the event of the whole conference session, as usual, in which the members, as well as the people back home, took the keenest interest.

Shelby District.

John F. Kirk, presiding elder, Belmont—A. P. Ratledge, Belmont—D. W. Brown, L. E. Stacy and H. G. Stamey, supply.

Bessemer-Concord—J. D. Rankin, Cherryville—J. F. Moser.

Crouse—D. P. Waters, Dallas-High Shoals—R. A. Taylor, Gastonia—East End, A. Burgess; Franklin Avenue and West End, E. P. Stabler; Main Street, H. H. Jordan, Fred H. Price, Jr., preacher.

Kings Mountain—El Bethel—R. A. Swarington.

Lincolnton station—W. F. Womble, Lincoln circuit—J. P. Davis, Lowell-Bethesda—J. W. Kennedy, Lowesville—J. A. Sharpe, McAdenville—A. R. Bell, Mt. Holly—J. S. Hiatt, Polkville—C. R. Canipe, Rock Springs—W. B. Shinn, Shelby—Central, C. A. Wood, Shelby Circuit—W. C. Williams, South Fork—T. A. Plyler, Stanley-Iron—L. L. Smith, Secretary of Education—H. H. Jordan.

Marion District.

Farler Holmes, presiding elder, Bakersville—M. G. Ervin, Bald Creek—John S. Mitchell, supply.

Broad River—D. S. Richardson, Buysville—A. C. Swafford, Mill Springs—J. M. Barber, S. P. Modlin, Jr., preacher.

Cliffside—N. M. Modlin, Connelly Springs—B. Wilson, Enola—M. W. Heckard, supply, Forest City—W. T. Albright, Henrietta-Cardeen—M. B. Glegg, Marion station—J. R. Stroggs, Marion circuit—M. W. Mann, Marion Mills—E. L. Kirk, McDowell—J. A. Fry, Micaville—E. O. Smithfield, Morganton station—E. E. Williamson.

Morganton circuit—A. J. Burrus, Old Fort—R. F. Mock, Rutherfordin—T. C. Jordan, Spindale—J. B. Carpenter, Sorce Pine—J. P. Morris, Table Rock—J. B. Tabor, Thermal City—C. C. Totherow, supply.

Professor in Rutherford College—J. R. Walker, Student at Trinity College—T. F. Higgins, Professor in Rutherford College.

Statesville District.

W. A. Newell, presiding elder, Alexander—J. J. Edwards, Catawba—A. G. Loftin, Coal Springs—C. P. Goode, Davidson-Huntersville—W. A. Jenkins, Dudley Shoals—H. G. Allen, Granite Falls—E. Myers, M. B. Wooley, Jr., preacher, Hickory—First church R. M. Courtney.

Hickory circuit—J. A. Peeler, Lenoir station—D. M. Litaker, Lenoir circuit—Elmer Simpson, Maiden—D. F. Carver, Marvin—to be supplied, Mooresville station—L. A. Falls, J. W. Jones, Jr., preacher, Mooresville circuit—J. T. Ratledge, Mth. Zion—T. A. Groce, Newton—R. M. Hoyle, North Lenoir circuit—J. M. Price, Olin—J. C. Postell, Rhodhiss—Jno. H. Green, South Lenoir-Whitnel—D. A. Lewis, supply, Thompson; Race Street, J. W. Williams, Statesville circuit—D. H. Rhoads, Stony Point—E. N. Crowder, Troutman—J. C. Keever, President Davenport College—J. B. Craven, Professor Davenport College—E. J. Harbison, Student Trinity College—B. C. Reavis, Army Y. M. C. A.—O. L. Simpson.

See "The Bottom of the Well" a big Vitagraph feature at the Grand Friday and Saturday.