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## ASHLEY SUBMITS TO MANSLAUGHTER

### PUNISHMENT WILL BE FROM 4 TO SIX YEARS

Other Criminal Cases Disposed of—  
Criminal Docket Was Finished Yes-  
terday and Civil Cases Taken up.

Cleveland Superior court convened  
in Shelby on Monday, March 25th with  
Judge E. B. Cline, of Hickory, presid-  
ing and Solicitor R. L. Huffman, of  
Morganton, prosecuting the docket.

The following were drawn and  
sworn as grand jurors:

G. V. Hawkins, foreman, Reuben  
McSwain, W. W. Wilson, R. O. Rhyne,  
Walter Dixon, T. V. Styers, G. C.  
Herd, L. D. McCraw, James M. Dag-  
gerhart, J. W. Hardin, M. O. Ware,  
L. C. Hord, J. H. Hambricht, C. F.  
Hambricht, C. F. Whisman, F. V.  
Hendrick, C. M. Hamrick, Gidney  
Hamrick and R. L. Jones.

Judge Cline delivered a strong,  
forceful and inspirational charge to  
the grand jury. He discussed the world  
war and its varied aspects and pre-  
sented with peculiar force and effec-  
tiveness the duties and obligations  
resting upon the citizenship of Amer-  
ica, paying a high tribute to the  
young men who are engaged in this  
death struggle for liberty, justice and  
righteousness on the earth. He also  
discussed the humane legislation en-  
acted by the past legislature and  
gave a very fine interpretation of the  
reasons for punishment and of the  
spirit that should actuate judge and  
juror in the discharge of the official  
duties in the administration of the  
law and the dispensation of justice.

Judge Cline paid Sheriff Lackey the  
high compliment to say that his open-  
ing of court was the most solemn and  
impressive of any opening that he had  
witnessed during his long years of  
experience on the bench with the sole  
exception of one other occasion and  
this tribute is richly deserved by  
Sheriff Lackey for he performs all of  
his official duties with a high sense of  
the responsibility resting upon him.

The following criminal cases have  
been disposed of and the criminal  
docket was completed Thursday after-  
noon, the grand jury having complet-  
ed its labors on Tuesday afternoon.

The cases follow:

Will Hayes, house breaking and  
larceny, 15 months on the roads. In  
another case he was sentenced to three  
months on the roads.

Roy Degree, burglary in the second  
degree, sentenced from four to seven  
years, state prison.

B. G. Bridges, passing worthless  
checks, three cases. Judgment sus-  
pended upon payment of the cost and  
making good the checks and under-  
bond for good behavior for two years.

Ed Richards, assault with a deadly  
weapon, four months on the roads.

Willie Davis and Chevis Sanders,  
house breaking and larceny, 15 months  
on the roads.

Lawrence McDowell, house break-  
ing and larceny, not guilty.

T. J. Ashley, man slaughter, for  
the killing of William A. Walker, sen-  
tenced to from four to six years state  
prison.

Chamber Byers, burning a barn, to  
be sentenced.

Otus Walker, house breaking and  
stealing, ten months on the roads.

Herman Williams, larceny, hired  
out for twelve months.

## 69 STARS IN SERVICE FLAG OF BOILING SPRINGS H. S.

Mr. Ewing Formerly B. S. Student  
Dies After Enlisting in Forest  
Reserves—Personals.

Special to the Star.

Since the service flag of Boiling  
Springs high school, containing 55  
stars, was unveiled 14 more names  
of ex-students who are in training  
camps have been sent in, making 69  
B. H. S. boys who have enlisted  
for the war.

The many friends of Mr. Meade  
Ewing who was a member of the Jun-  
ior class and who left school in Jan-  
uary to enlist in the Forest reserve  
corps, were painfully surprised to her  
of his death. He contracted measles  
and pneumonia soon after entering  
service in Washington state. His  
body reached his home near Lincoln-  
ton March 25 and was buried the fol-  
lowing Sunday at Macedonia church.

Mr. Ewing was a faithful student  
and a consecrated Christian. While  
here he won the love and respect of  
the faculty and student. His death  
adds another white star to the serv-  
ice flag. Miss Quinn, Miss Euzelia  
Hamrick, Professor and Mrs. O. P.

Adv.

Hamrick with quite a number of  
students attended Mr. Ewing's fun-  
eral.

The Declaimers' contest for a schol-  
arship at Boiling Springs high school  
was held in the school auditorium  
Saturday night, March 23. Thirteen  
young men were in the contest.

Mrs. Judith Green, the mother of  
our accommodating telephone op-  
erator died March 21 after an illness  
of only a few days. Our sympathies  
go out to the bereaved children.

The Senior music recital will be  
given in the school auditorium Sat-  
urday night, March 30. Come and  
bring your friends.

Miss Sarah Thorne a student in  
Boiling Springs high school was called  
home to attend the funeral of her  
sister March 15.

Miss Lillie Williams left for her  
home at Bridgewater Sunday March  
24. She has been a student in the  
high school since August 6.

Mr. Carl Bridges a student in the  
high school, has been called to re-  
port for military training April 1.

## FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN IS GERMANY'S ESTIMATED LOSS

### French and Americans Re-enforce the British-- Big Counter Attack is Being Waged by the Allies-- Germans Boast that Americans are Getting Their

The stretch of the great German  
offensive in France apparently is fast  
diminishing. On the seventh day of  
the titanic battle there were strong  
indications that the enemy was feel-  
ing materially the strain he had un-  
dergone and that his power had been  
greatly impaired through hard usage.

While the town of Albert has been  
captured from the British and west  
of Roye the French have been com-  
pelled to give ground in the face of  
greatly superior numbers, the British  
have repulsed heavy attacks, both  
north and south of the Somme and  
also driven back across the Ancre  
river the Germans who forded the  
stream Wednesday. The fighting still  
continues of a sanguinary character  
on all these sectors, but everywhere  
the British and French are holding  
the enemy. Especially severe has been  
the fighting west of Albert, where the  
Germans in an endeavor to debouch  
westward were repulsed by Field  
Marshal Haig's men with the heav-  
iest casualties.

The British gains between the  
Somme and Ancre regions are repre-  
sented by the recapture of the town  
of Morlancourt and Chipilly.

Germany's supreme effort to break  
the allied front in the west apparently  
is no nearer accomplished today than  
it was on the day the great drive  
started, and she is estimated to have  
lost 400,000 in the futile effort dur-  
ing less than a week's fighting.

She had not given up the attempt,  
however, the advances from the front  
indicating that her forces are massed  
for a drive in the region of Roye and  
Noyon in an effort to break through  
there, as a preliminary to a rolling up  
process either to the north or south.

As against the chances, of her ac-  
complishing this purpose may be  
counted the factor of forewarning for  
the allies. There seems no doubt now  
as to where the heaviest hammer  
stroke is to fall and the opportunity is  
offered of disposing of the vast allied  
reserve forces to meet it—an opportu-  
nity lacking in the earlier stages of  
the drive.

The entente line as it now runs,  
with British, French and Americans  
standing together, presents an un-  
broken front throughout the battle  
area. There has been a slowing down  
in the German pressure north of the  
Somme, except possibly in the vicini-  
ty of Albert, where the British are  
holding doggedly. In the Noyon re-  
gion and along the line of the Oise  
to the east the French by their val-  
iant defense, have likewise compell-  
ed the Teutons, weakened by their  
ceaseless efforts and heavy losses, to  
relax the force of their pressure.

Meanwhile, it is clear that the Ger-  
mans themselves are being compelled  
to admit that their success in driv-  
ing back the entente lines for such  
great distance on so wide a front is  
by no means a decisive one. "Nobody  
can foresee what will result from it,"  
General von Ludendorff declared in an  
interview in alluding to the victory he  
claims.

Concurrently the Germans are ap-  
parently finding their position in the  
east, where they were supposed to  
have insured peace with Russian and  
the Ukraine, none too secure.

Odessa Taken From Germans.  
Odessa, the Black sea port upon  
which they relied to insure them the  
shipment of sorely-needed grain from  
the Ukraine by way of Danube, has  
been recaptured by the Bolsheviks and  
Ukrainian troops, the Russian semi-  
official news agency reports. This fol-  
lows shortly upon the news of the re-  
cent capture of two other Black sea  
ports, Kherzon and Nikolayev, by the  
Bolsheviks.

It was upon Odessa that Germany  
also was reported as relying as a  
point on the direct route to the east,  
she boasted of having secured in her  
scheme of penetration into the Orient.  
Germany is reported to have left  
control of affairs in the Ukraine  
largely in the hands of the Austrians  
while she was engaged in her great  
effort on the western front, and ap-  
parently they are making none too  
good a job of it.

American troops have taken part in  
counter attacks against the German  
frontier near La Fere, writes the mil-  
itary correspondent of the Vorwarts,  
who says the attacks were repulsed.

Emperor and General Have Row.  
Paris, March 27.—Emperor William  
and General von Ludendorff had a  
violent quarrel before the beginning  
of the great attack on the western  
front, according to a prominent Swiss  
who has just returned to Zurich after  
some weeks in Germany and has been  
interviewed by the correspondent of  
the Temps. This man is quoted as  
saying:

"There was much discreet talk in  
Berlin before the present offensive  
concerning extremely violent scenes  
concerning Germany's leaders at general  
headquarters, General von Ludendorff  
spoke violently and authoritatively  
that the emperor, becoming very pale,  
arose from his chair and, pounding the  
table, demanded:

"General, are you or I emperor of  
Germany."  
"General von Ludendorff replied  
that he was only a soldier and more  
than any one else desired peace. He  
said he was convinced that his plans  
for an offensive were capable of  
bringing it about."

70 German Divisions.  
The British official statement of  
yesterday said it had been established  
that more than 70 German divisions  
had been engaged in the battle. The  
usual estimate of the present strength  
of a German division is 12,000 men so  
that a loss of 50 per cent would  
mean casualties in excess of 400,000  
for the Germans in less than a week  
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Recital at Boiling Springs.  
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It will pay you to see our table lin-  
ens, gingham, voiles an cotton foul-  
ards before buying. P. B. McMurry &  
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Easter clothes, shoes, hats, shirts  
anything worn by men at reasonable  
prices at Evans E. McBrayers.

Ice Cream Supper at Belwood.  
There will be an ice cream supper  
on Saturday night at the school house  
in Belwood given by the Sunday  
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The public is cordially invited.

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## AMERICANS NOW IN BIG BATTLE

### FIGHT SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH ALLIES.

Progress of the Germans Has Materi-  
ally Slackened After Six Days of  
Terrific Fighting.

Wednesday's Dispatch.

After six days of terrific fighting,  
the German offensive in France is be-  
ginning to show signs of losing its  
momentum. The progress of the enemy  
has materially slackened and the  
form of the dent made in the allied  
line west of Cambrai has begun to re-  
semble the familiar wedge-like salient,  
instead of the broad straight  
forward movement offensive which  
carries all before it.

At its apex this wedge has gone be-  
yond Albert, to the south of that  
place, and is to the westward of the  
old allied line as it stood a year ago  
when Von Hindenburg began his  
"strategic retreat". From this point  
the line runs off to the northeast at a  
gentle angle, with the line to the  
south running back until it reaches  
the Oise river.

In spite of tremendous exertions  
and terrific losses, the German efforts  
to widen the tip of this salient were  
defeated on Tuesday. British lines  
have stood firm to the north and have  
forced the Germans to turn southward  
toward the point of least resistance.

Americans Taking Part.  
Official statements issued at London  
confirm the report from Berlin that  
American forces are engaged in the  
struggle. They are reported as "fight-  
ing shoulder to shoulder" with the  
French and British in the region of  
Roye, on the southern side of the sal-  
ient driven into the allied front.

There has been no official report sent  
to Washington as to the identity of  
these troops who are taking part in  
this greatest battle in history.

With the slackening of the German  
pace there come indications that the  
allies are ready to strike back some-  
where along the front. Just where  
this blow will be launched will not  
be known until it is struck, but it  
may be expected that its impact will  
be terrific. It is known that the al-  
lied war council at Versailles created  
a great strategic reserve of men to be  
used in just the contingency which  
borne the brunt of the fighting since  
last Thursday morning.

This force probably will be launch-  
ed when and where it is believed it  
will break the force of the German  
onslaught and send the enemy reel-  
ing back over the desert from which  
the British have slowly withdrawn.

Each succeeding day reveals the  
plan of the Germans absolutely to  
crush the allied lines west of Cambrai  
a terrain which could not be defend-  
ed by Von Hindenburg a year ago.  
Each official report shows that this  
sector is valueless from a military  
standpoint and that the Germans  
have paid a terrible price for their ad-  
vance to the lines established by the  
allies during the first two years of  
warfare. It is officially reported that  
70 German divisions, or 840,000 men,  
have taken part in the fighting and  
that troops have been moved from  
every part of the western battle front  
to reinforce the armies which have  
been forcing the British to fall back.

Observers at the front say that the  
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of the American sharpshooters re-  
ported that he had spoiled a number  
of these new "spring suits," by knock-  
ing the wearers into the mud with  
bullets from his Springfield.

Normal aerial activity continued to-  
day, the weather being favorable until  
late in the afternoon, when clouds  
and light snow flurries passed over  
the line. One enemy plane flew low  
over one of the American positions  
doing photographic work. The Ameri-  
can anti-aircraft gunners had a num-  
ber of chances during the day to show  
their skill and this they did. They  
drove off enemy airmen who attempt-  
ed singly or in groups to prowl over  
the line. There were several aerial  
combats between planes carrying  
American observers at the guns, but  
these were without result, probably  
because the airmen were unable to get  
close enough to the Germans.

Overcoats, which had been discard-  
ed since last week, were found to be  
exceedingly comfortable again tonight  
as a frigid wind blew in from the  
northeast.

TEN ENEMY AIRPLANES  
DESTROYED; SEVEN DEAD  
London, March 25.—The admiralty  
announces that during offensive pa-  
trols carried out by naval machines  
from Dunkirk from March 21 to 24  
10 enemy machines were destroyed  
and seven were brought down out of  
control. A hostile balloon was brought  
down in flames.

"Three bombing raids were carried  
out on the Bruges dock," continues  
the statement, "and many direct hits  
were obtained. Bombs were seen to  
burst close to destroyers. Several  
torpedo boats, a destroyer and an  
armed trawler were attacked. One of  
our airplanes was forced to land in  
the sea; the pilot was picked up by  
a French destroyer. All the other  
machines returned safely."

## SOCIAL NEWS

### Organ Recital at Church Greatly Enjoyed.

A large and appreciative audience  
attended the recital given Thursday  
night at the Baptist church by Mrs.  
Lee White assisted by Mrs. John  
Schenck, Jr., with the violin and Mrs.  
Brevard Goode with readings.

The event given under the auspices  
of the Cecelia Music club was im-  
mensely enjoyed by all those privi-  
leged to attend.

The program a splendidly chosen  
one was highly classical.

Each of these talented ladies is mis-  
tress of her art. Mrs. White's organ  
numbers being rendered with her usu-  
al skill which always charms her au-  
diences.

Of special mention were Mrs.  
Schenck's selections on the violin,  
which held the audience entranced.  
Each number seeming only to exceed  
the other in exquisite melody. It is  
Shelby's good fortune to possess a  
musician of such rare genius.

Mrs. Goode expression teacher of  
the graded school, who always de-  
lights her hearers, gave three inter-  
esting readings, particularly attrac-  
tive was "That old Sweetheart of  
Mine."

Closing the program was a patriotic  
tableaux, presenting a Red Cross  
nurse (Miss Margaret Morgan), a  
United States soldier, (Fred Morton)  
and Columbia (Miss Lois Wooten)  
which was very beautiful and appeal-  
ing. \$36.47 were realized from the sil-  
ver offering, \$23.37 being donated to  
Shelby Chapter Red Cross.

### Mother Goose Fair Coming Saturday.

The children of the Confederacy are  
planning a most delightfully interest-  
ing entertainment for Saturday,  
March 30th, afternoon and night to  
which all merrymakers are cordially  
invited.

It is to be a Mother Goose fair and  
will be held on the lawn of Captain  
and Mrs. Jenkins on South Washing-  
ton street. The gates will be open at  
5:30 in the afternoon and will close  
at 9:30 in the evening. Entrance ad-  
mission will be 10 cents for adults and  
5 cents for children. Various forms