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GREATER FIGHTERS HAVE NEVER LIVED

Brigadier General of 60th Division Says Those of 30th Proved the Greatest.

AN ALL-AMERICAN OUTFIT

The "Old Hickory" is Praised for Its Work in Going Through Hindenburg Line and Demeanor.

Columbia, S. C., April 7.—"No greater fighters have ever lived than those composing the 30th division and I am proud of them," is the simple eulogy paid the officers and men of the 30th by their divisional commander, Brigadier General Samson L. Faison, who came back with the division overseas.

General Faison is a southern man, a native of North Carolina, in command of southern troops. He is a regular army officer of many years of service. He has been designated to command Camp Jackson succeeding the present commander Brigadier-General W. E. Cole, who will revert back to his former rank as colonel in the regular army.

As emphatic in his characterization of the personnel of the 30th division as that of his chief is Colonel John K. Herr, chief of staff of the division. Colonel Herr, before the entrance of America into the great war, was a cavalry officer in the regular army. He is a graduate of West Point, class 1902, a very young man for the responsible position which he holds.

"The men of the 30th division," said Colonel Herr, "instinctively are fighters; they come from a fighting stock; their ancestors are the men who won the battles of King's Mountain and Cowpens in the revolutionary war. I can understand, after seeing the 30th in action, why you fellows fought four long years in civil war."

"When I was with the British forces," continued the officer, "and I saw the 30th division in line, I said, 'If I just had a regiment of those men I could go anywhere.' Physically they are the perfect soldier, rangy, muscular, enduring, the best infantrymen in the world. And shoot, why each man seemed to have been handling a rifle since he was old enough to totter. The Boche soon found out that when a 30th division rifle was pointed at him he knew somebody was bound to fall."

Colonel Herr, who was chief of staff during the drive on and the piercing of the Hindenburg line, said that the 30th was as purely an all-American division as there is in the United States army. North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee have very little infusion of alien blood; the people of those states are mainly descendants of the pioneer stocks which first inhabited them; and this is one reason, thinks Colonel Herr, why the 30th was such a fighting division, pride of race and tradition of achievement were behind it.

General Faison said that the division was one of the greatest in the history of the world, both in point of personnel and in fighting ability.

"The men of the 30th," said General Faison, "are not only superb fighters, without fear in their composition, but they are intelligent fighters. They quickly absorb what they are taught and intelligently apply the principles of military science in their fights with the enemy. Their achievement in Europe on the western front demonstrated that they had been well trained in America. All you had to do was to tell the men of the 30th their objective and put officers in charge of them to do the directing, and they would do the rest."

General Faison, who commanded the 60th brigade, of which the 119th and the 120th infantry regiments, formerly North Carolina National Guard regiments, were a part, in the Bellecour fight and during the subsequent drive and preceding offensive, had an unexcelled opportunity to judge the caliber of the men of the Old Hickory division, and his estimate of the qualities of the men was dispassionate and judicial.

General Faison said that the 30th division achieved more for the num-

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STEAMSHIP LINE BUYS OIL FIELD AT TAMPICO

Will Organize \$20,000,000 Concern to Get Out Fuel Oil for Ships and for Export.

New York, April 7.—The Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies Steamship line, holding organization of the Mallory, Clyde, New York and Porto Rico, Ward and other steamship companies, has acquired controlling interest in a large Tampico oil field which is to be utilized for providing fuel for ships of these lines and bulk cargo for transport. This was announced here by an official of the company.

The property will be operated, it was said, by a company capitalized at \$20,000,000 to be known as the Atlantic Gulf Oil corporation, financed by the Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies line, for which purpose a portion of its present cash surplus will be utilized.

A fleet of steel tankers, having a carrying capacity of 10,000,000 barrels a year is to be provided, to convey the oil to American and foreign ports.

"After an investigation of the oil situation covering a period of two years, the Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies Steamship line has acquired a controlling interest in the very valuable property of Gibson, Seahner and Vincent in the southern Tampico oil field, on which are now located two flowing wells with a minimum estimated daily production of more than 100,000 barrels of '20 beaume' oil," said an official of the company. "This property includes an exclusive pipe line concession to the gulf coast where a 600-acre terminal is located."

BENTINCK SAYS GEGBIE NEVER SAW EX-KAISER

The Son of Former Emperor's Host in Holland Denies Account of Alleged Interview.

London, April 7.—The article in the London Chronicle by Harold Begbie describing his visit to Amerongen, quoting the former German kaiser's alleged state of mind charging Russia with responsibility for the war and asserting his own innocence of any guilt, have attracted wide attention. The London bureau of the Associated Press received the following telegram:

"Amerongen, April 3.—Harold Begbie, has not had an interview with the former emperor. His written questions remain unanswered. He did not receive any authorization to publish the emperor's views and no statement was given to him. He never saw the emperor; neither did he enter the castle gates."
(Signed) "Carlos Bentinck."
(The signer of the foregoing telegram is Count Carlos Bentinck, son of Count Godard Bentinck, who is serving as host to the former kaiser at the request of the Dutch government. The Begbie article has been reprinted in this country.)

LIQUOR JUGS FOUND IN BARREL OF APPLES

Gallon Each of Whiskey and Port Wine Discovered in Purchase at Anderson.

Anderson, April 7.—The supply of apples from a wholesale dealer would have been exhausted in short order if other buyers had thought they could have had the same luck that R. A. McConnell did. He had ordered a barrel of russet apples which did not arrive and the dealer let him have a barrel of red apples. When he got about half way down the barrel he found something that looked like a jug; a little further on he found it was not one jug, but two. One filled with whiskey and the other with fine port wine. Mr. McConnell called the sheriff, the liquid was confiscated and arrests may be made.

EVIDENCE ON CONDITION IN VIRGINIA PRISON NOT PUBLIC

Richmond, Va., April 7.—The state board of charities and corrections which has been investigating charges that prisoners at the state penitentiary have been subjected to inhuman treatment, will resume its inquiry next Wednesday. The sessions thus far have been executive and nothing has been made public as to the nature of the evidence presented.

1919 ACREAGE WILL BE MUCH REDUCED

Estimated That 31.08 Per Cent Less Will Be Planted Than Last Year.

LESS FERTILIZER IS USED

South Carolina Cotton Association Gives Out Interesting Figures From Several States.

Columbia, April 7.—The south's cotton acreage in 1919 will be 31.08 per cent less than in the previous year, according to a report on acreage reduction estimates from all the cotton growing states submitted by the South Carolina Cotton association here. The report presented before a cotton reduction convention, at which it was announced 800 delegates were present representing every county in the state, also announced unfavorable weather for planting in 90 per cent of the cotton belt.

That 50 cent less commercial fertilizer will be used this year, that there is a marked labor shortage, and "inroads of the boll weevil will be more serious than for years past" were other statements made in the report which gave detailed figures of estimated reductions in each state, showing the big cotton producing of Texas, Georgia, Mississippi and Oklahoma by these figures pledged to raise one-third less cotton this year than last.

The following table of acreage by states was presented:

State	1918	1919
Virginia	51,000	34,000
N. Carolina	1,609,000	1,222,000
S. Carolina	2,995,000	2,062,058
Georgia	5,432,000	3,621,334
Florida	167,000	126,000
Alabama	2,622,000	1,784,000
Mississippi	3,264,000	2,241,280
Louisiana	1,553,000	1,100,000
Texas	11,910,000	7,740,000
Arkansas	2,922,000	2,192,500
Tennessee	926,000	770,000
Missouri	153,000	143,720
Oklahoma	2,151,000	2,107,344
California	194,000	155,200
Arizona	92,000	69,000

Totals . . . 37,051,000 25,532,426

"The association has not only had pledges on reduction carefully tabulated and checked," says the report, "but has had a personal investigation made in each section for the purpose of being as near accurate as it is humanly possible to be in this estimate. The association report is certainly the most accurate ever issued for South Carolina, the same being the result of practically a personal canvass of the farmers of the state. It is also probably the most accurate report on all conditions covered in the report ever issued."

Addresses were made by United States Senators E. D. Smith, of South Carolina, Heflin, of Alabama, and Asbury F. Lever, of South Carolina, Governor Robert A. Cooper and W. B. Thompson, of New Orleans. The convention elected 10 delegates to the cotton convention scheduled for Memphis April 10, and 20 delegates to the New Orleans convention May 1.

SEEK TO REMOVE THE VIRGINIA DRY OFFICERS

Governor Will Be Asked to Oust Rev. Sidney Peters and Anti-Saloon League Commission.

Washington, April 7.—Abolition of the Virginia anti-saloon league commission and a state referendum on the jurisdiction of prohibition is asked in a petition form, of which 125,000 copies will be distributed throughout the state for signature by the national anti-dry referendum league. It was announced at the headquarters of the league today that distribution of the forms will be begun tomorrow. The petition is addressed to Governor Westmoreland Davis and reads as follows:

"I, the undersigned, a citizen of the state of Virginia, respectfully petition the governor, Hon. Westmoreland Davis, to abolish the anti-saloon league commission headed by Rev. Sidney Peters and transfer its duties to the proper county authorities, who are elected by the people. I am against search and seizure without warrant."

PENSION ROLL FOR LANCASTER COUNTY

\$5,760.00 Available for Veterans in This County Divided Into Six Classes.

SOME GET \$96 MONTHLY

And Others Receive from \$72 Down to \$36 According to Class in Which They Have Been Placed.

Following is the Pension Roll for Lancaster county for 1919 by classes. The sum of \$5,760.00 is available for the veterans in this county according to classes. Class A, \$96; Class B, \$72; Class C-1, \$48; Class C-2, \$36; Class C-3, \$48; Class C-4, \$36:

Class B.
Falle, G. W., Taxahaw; Falle, Lewis, Taxahaw.

Class C-1.
Collins, G. B., Belair; Collins, H. J., Belair; Crenshaw, J. M., Heath Springs; Knight, W. M., Lancaster; Lucas, Fred, Lancaster; Lucas, J. R., Dwight; White, Thomas H., Bamberg county.

Class C-2.
Adams, D. L., Lancaster; Atkins, J. J., Liberty Hill; Arant, R., Tradesville; Baker, Arthur, Winnsboro; Barr, Samuel, Lancaster; Barton, John L., Lancaster; Belk, J. M., Taxahaw; Bell, J. L., Magill; Blackmon, J. S., Lancaster; Blackmon, P. B., Lancaster; Broom, B. W., Osceola; Broom, W. T., Primus; Carter, Harvey, Osceola; Carter, J. F., G., Sincerity; Caskey, John H., Lancaster; Caskey, L. S., Lancaster; Caskey, M. M., Lancaster; Cauthen, G. L., Heath Springs; Coan, I. G., White Bluff; Craig, William, Taxahaw; Ellis, A. J., Heath Springs; Eubanks, Jackson, Flat Rock; Falle, Jacob, Flat Rock; Gardner, J. W., Kershaw; Gardner, S. C., Heaths; Ghents, G. W., Craigs; Hagins, John K., Elgin; Hinson, A. C., Dixie; Hunter, W. F., Taxahaw; Ingram, Russell A., Kershaw; Lowry, J. M., Chester; Lowry, R. J., Kershaw; McManus, J. C., Lancaster; McManus, Richard, Kershaw; Mackay, L. P., Heaths; Marks, T. H., Fort Mill; Morgan, W. R., Flat Creek; Neil, J. O., P., Lancaster; Neil, T. A., Lancaster; Nesbit, A. F., Lancaster; Ormand, J. E., New Cut; Outen, W. G., Tradesville; Patterson, J. A., Bargerville; Polk, H. M., Tradesville; Robertson, N. E., Primus; Rodgers, M. D., Belair; Shehane, J. B., Primus; Sistare, W. H., Lancaster; Snipes, W. T., Tradesville; Steele, W. R., Lancaster; Street, W. A., Chester county; Stroud, John M., Lancaster; Taylor, A. M., Flat Creek; Williams, R. R., Kershaw; Wright, John, Tradesville.

Class C-3.
Belk, M. A., Lancaster; Catoe, Rachel, Flat Rock; Dunlap, Nancy, Lancaster; Gardner, Rebecca, New Cut; Horton, L. E., Kershaw; Hunter, E. D., Lancaster; Lindsey, S. L., Lancaster; McGuirt, Mary, Van Wyck.

Class C-4.
Addison, R. S., Lancaster; Carnes, M. E., O. K.; Carnes, W. A., Lancaster; Caskey, E. M., Heath Springs; Cauthen, T. A., Kershaw; Childers, Elizabeth, Lancaster; Clark, S. M., Heath Springs; Clyburn, M. L., Kershaw; Cook, S. J., Osceola; Crenshaw, Hassie, Dry Creek; Deas, Elizabeth, Kershaw, No. 3; Ellis, Tamma, Pleasant Hill; Estridge, J. N., Stoneboro; Flynn, M. J., Lancaster; Graham, Caroline, Lancaster; Gregory, Emma, Taxahaw; Hair, Sarah, Lancaster; Hammond, Mary L., Primus; Hammond, S. J., Lancaster; Harget, Nancy J., Lancaster; Harmon, Martha, Cureton; Hinson, Caroline, Dixie; Hinson, L. A., Kershaw; Hinson, Martha, Lancaster; Hudson, M. E., Lancaster; Huey, Mattie, Lancaster; Humphries, Sarah, Lancaster; Jenkins, Mosley, Taxahaw; Knight, Nancy, Lancaster; McCorkle, N. A., Heath Springs; McManus, Frances, Tradesville; McManus, Mary A., Taxahaw; McManus, Missouri, Taxahaw; McManus, Nannie, Tradesville; Mackey, M. E., Heath Springs; Maddox, Mary, Tradesville; Mahaffy, M. J., Lancaster; Miller, Frances, Halle; Miller, S. M., Creek; Mobley, J. A.

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JOHN MARION WINS CATAWBA CONTEST

Chester Boy and Rock Hill Girl, Miss Nellie Branson, Take First Places.

Rock Hill, April 7.—In the fifth annual oratorical contest of the Catawba association held in the Rock Hill High school auditorium Friday night, John Marion, of Chester High School, was the winner of first place in the boys' contest. Fred Bryant, of the Rock Hill High School second place, and William Cherry of the Winthrop Training school, third place.

In the girls' contest, Nellie Branson of the Rock Hill High School was the winner of the first place; May Bowers Mackerell of the York High School, second place, and Jane Lane of Winthrop Training School third place. The contest was attended by a large number of pupils patrons and friends of the various schools represented. Enthusiasm ran high and the rivalry was keen. The various schools supported their representatives by songs and yells.

The following was the program: Boys—Edward West Marshall, York, "The Declaration of Independence;" William Cherry, Winthrop Training School, "Peace Conference Address;" Charlton Garrison, Fort Mill, "The City Versus Southern Country Home;" John Marion, Chester, "Memorial Address on Henry W. Grady;" Thomas Funderburk, Lancaster, "Americanism;" Fred Bryant, Rock Hill, "America's Entrance Into the War;" Marion Brown, Winnsboro, "An Eye That Never Slumbers."

Girls—Nellie Branson, Rock Hill "In This Sign We Conquer;" Elizabeth Coan, Winnsboro, "The Passing of the White Swan;" Bowers Mackerell, York, "The Garden Scene;" Margaret Phillips, Chester, "At the Mercy of Tiberius;" Laura Gilbert Williams, Lancaster, "Swan Song;" Jane Law, Winthrop Training School, "In the Trenches;" Fair Lee, Fort Mill, "Universal Education."

Music was furnished by the two local schools.

The judges were: Mrs. Ellen Watkins, Columbia city schools; Prof. H. C. Davis, University of South Carolina; Prof. F. M. Harper, national bureau of education.

ALLEN IS WILLING TO HELP COTTON GROWERS

Wires W. R. Cooper, of Wilmington, He Would Ask for Fixed Price, Expects the Speculators.

Topeka, Kans., April 7.—Governor Allen, of Kansas, declared he was ready to join in an appeal to the federal government to fix a guaranteed price for cotton except that which was in the hands of speculators. In a telegram sent to W. R. Cooper at Wilmington, N. C.

Governor Allen's telegram was sent in reply to one from Mr. Cooper, who asked him if he "would join the southern cotton people in asking the federal government to guarantee 35 cents a pound for middling cotton up to June, 1920, or so long as the present wheat prices are guaranteed."

In reply Governor Allen wired: "I will be glad to join southern cotton people in asking the federal government for a guaranteed cotton price for all cotton that has not been held for speculative prices during the war. This guarantee, of course would apply to the new crop."

Lancaster Has Best Roads.

Bruce Craven, who spent the week-end here on his way to his home at Trinity, N. C., traveling by automobile, said that the best stretch of road he traveled from New Smyrna, Fla., here was in Lancaster county, between Lancaster and Heath Springs, and that the best forty miles of road is between Camden and Lancaster. The roads in Georgia are worse, he said, than in South Carolina, though Florida has good roads as a general proposition many miles of brick and concrete. Mr. Craven, accompanied by Mrs. Craven and their son, Braxton, and Mrs. Nannie A. Craven, left yesterday for their home. The latter will return here May 1 to spend the summer with Mr. and Mrs. George B. Craven.

COUNTY TEACHERS IN LAST MEETING

Last For Present School Year Was Held in Courthouse Saturday Morning.

INTERESTING ADDRESSES

Col. W. W. Lewis, of York, and Dr. E. W. Sikes, President of Coker College, Were the Principal Speakers.

(By JOS. K. CONNORS.)

The teachers of the county held their last meeting of the present scholastic year in the courthouse last Saturday morning. In the absence of Prof. H. H. Scott, president of the teachers' association, who had gone to Rock Hill with several of his high school aspirants in the oratorical and other contests held over there Friday night and Saturday, the meeting was presided over by the county superintendent of education, Van A. Lingle. Two distinguished speakers, Col. W. W. Lewis, of York, and Dr. E. W. Sikes, of Coker college, were present by invitation for the purpose of addressing the Lancaster teachers, pupils and all others interested in the educational progress and welfare of the Red Rose county.

Colonel Lewis, commander of the 195th ammunition train, not long since returned from service in France, was first introduced. His very excellent and highly profitable address was primarily in the nature of an interesting narrative of his experiences and that of his men from the time of their memorable crossing of the Atlantic for the war torn fields of France until their safe and glorious return to the home land. Colonel Lewis is an exceedingly interesting talker and speaker, and his very graphic description of the terrible hostilities of Europe in which he and his brave followers never failed for a minute to do their part towards the work of seeing victory once again perch triumphant upon the ever victorious banner of America, greatly interested the Lancaster audience and though he spoke for more than an hour he was given the closest attention throughout.

Dr. Sikes, next introduced, thrilled and delighted the Lancaster folk, teachers and children by one of the most scholarly and eloquent historical addresses ever heard in this city, and the teachers of the county, it is said, will certainly make an effort next year to have him here again. He very interestingly sketched the history and growth of America from its earliest infancy and formation, and in a very scholarly manner clearly outlined the many events and happenings, political, religious and otherwise, both in Europe and on this side of the Atlantic, which have inevitably to this last great war which rocked the very foundations of the entire world and laid bare for many generations some of the fairest portions of the earth.

In Mr. Lingle's introduction of Dr. Sikes he said he believed that he knew more history than any other man in the state. This address was indeed a literary gem, and showed Dr. Sikes' close familiarity with the history of the world. The secretary was instructed to incorporate in his minutes the fact that the teachers of Lancaster are deeply grateful to Dr. Sikes and Colonel Lewis for their most excellent and helpful addresses.

After a few words of appreciation by the presiding officer for the cooperation of the teachers of the county during the year, in making the association unusually interesting and successful the meeting adjourned.

Birthday Party.

Master Eldridge Lazenby entertained a party of his young friends at the home of his parents last Thursday afternoon at five o'clock, the occasion being his thirteenth birthday. Master Eldridge entertained delightfully and his charming hospitality afforded his guests a very happy afternoon. Not the least among the features of the afternoon were the delicious refreshments served, consisting of ice cream, cake, salted nuts and mints.