

GERMANS GOING FORWARD ON AISNE FRONT

London, May 28.—The Germans yesterday forced a passage of the Aisne river west of the British sector compelling the left of the British line to fall back, the war office announces.

The enemy maintained pressure all day yesterday against the British on the Aisne front. Severe fighting continues today.

In Flanders, on the Lys front, local fighting was resumed this morning.

The Germans are developing attacks of great strength along the entire Aisne river.

The announcement follows: "Continuous pressure was maintained by the enemy all day yesterday against the British troops engaged on the Aisne front, and severe fighting is still taking place on the whole front of the British sector."

On our right the 21st division in touch with our allies held the battle positions throughout the day and successfully withstood the enemy's attempts to advance. In the center and on the left of the British sector troops of the 8th, 50th and 25th divisions by determined resistance maintained the second line positions against the enemy's assaults until a late hour.

"Toward the end of the day the weight of the enemy's attacks carried his troops across the River Aisne to the west of the British sector and compelled the left of our line to fall back. The enemy is developing his attacks in great strength along the whole of the Aisne battle front."

"On the remainder of the British front a number of prisoners have been taken by our troops in successful raids carried out at different points during the night and the artillery has been active on both sides."

Battle Continues Fiercely.

Paris, May 28.—The Germans last night crossed the Aisne between Berry-au-Bac and Vailly, it is announced officially. The battle continues fiercely between the Vesle and Aisne rivers.

THE PLAY BY THE CLASS OF THE LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE PRESENTED TWICE.

Conforming to the custom of several years in the immediate past the members of the tenth grade of the Lexington High School have prepared a play "A Trial of Hearts" to be presented to the public. In view of the fact that each year the school auditorium has been uncomfortably crowded it has been decided to give the play two nights in order that all who desire to see it may do so in the greatest comfort that can be furnished. This is to notify the public that the play will be presented on Monday and Tuesday evenings, June 3rd and 4th, at 8:30 o'clock. Tickets will be given to the parents and brothers and sisters of the members of the class for Monday night. In order to accommodate all others alike tickets for Monday night will be put on sale at the three drug stores at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon and remain on sale until all are sold. When as many tickets are disposed of as the auditorium will seat persons which is 400, there will be no more sold for that night. Those who come first will be served first. The prices of tickets will be 15 cents for all pupils of the school and all other children under 12 years old, and 25 cents for adults. The receipts from the sale of tickets will be placed in the funds of the school. This is the best arrangement of which we have been able to think of to accommodate the public.

W. E. Black, Supt.

BEAUTIFUL ELECTRIC SIGN

The Harmon Drug Company, Lexington's popular Rexall Drug Store, has recently installed a large electric sign in front of its store. It is the first of the kind between Columbia and Augusta. The Harmon Drug Company has also erected a magnificent sign written in large letters of gold above its door. Both are indeed attractive and Dr. Rice B. Harmon, manager of the establishment, is being warmly praised for his splendid achievements.

SHOP MEN URGE BEN ABNEY'S REMOVAL

The State, May 24. Employees of the Southern Railway shops yesterday duplicated the action of the City Federation of Trades the previous night in urging W. G. McAdoo, director general of railroads, to have B. L. Abney ousted from the office of chief counsel of the Southern Railway in Columbia. The dissatisfaction has been brought about by Mr. Abney's refusal to subscribe to the Red Cross in the present campaign. The following is the telegram sent to Mr. McAdoo last night by the Shop Federation of Employees, comprising about 550 workmen:

"Columbia, S. C. May 23, 1918
"Hon W. G. McAdoo,
"Director General of Railroads,
Washington, D. C.

"We regard the expression of B. L. Abney, chief counsel of the Southern Railway in Columbia, as unpatriotic, and will not be satisfied until he is removed from the service of the Southern Railway. Hope all such who make such remarks will be dealt with to full extent of United States law.

E. R. Fetner,

"Secretary Shop Federation of Employees"

The following report of the speech by F. H. McMaster at the Pastime Theatre Tuesday night appeared in the Columbia Record Wednesday afternoon:

"Considerable interest has been manifested in Columbia on account of a talk made at the Pastime Theatre Tuesday night by Fitz Hugh McMaster, president of the Columbia Chapter of the American Red Cross Society. As one of the 'four minute speakers,' Mr. McMaster appeared at the Pastime and this is substantially what he said:

"That Lieut. John David had given his young life to the cause of humanity, that young Hemphill of Chester had done his full duty and sacrificed his life; that young Montgomery, that fine fellow from Spartanburg, had been lost to those who were near and dear to him; that others had done the same, and that even McCallum, colored man that he was, had sacrificed his life to protect us, and yet there were men in this community, men who had made their fortunes here, who had refused to give a cent to the Red Cross.

"That kind of man, if he could afford to give ought to be despised; that there was one man in Columbia who ought to be despised by everybody and that his name was Benj. L. Abney. When the committee went to see Mr. Abney, he told them, 'Not a damn cent for the Red Cross,' mark you, 'not a damn cent.' 'He ought to be run out of Columbia,' said Mr. McMaster. 'He ought to be run out of the great Southern Railway that he represents. Columbia is no place for a man who says, 'Not a damn cent for the Red Cross' and is able to give."

Abney Makes Statement.

The Charleston American yesterday carried the following statement from Mr. Abney in part:

Mr. Abney said that, of course, he was not going to undertake to pass beyond the conduct of a gentleman of his profession and of his age, nor the dignity owing to his station in life. However, he would now say, inasmuch as Mr. McMaster had admitted the correctness of the report of the remarks attributed to him, that these remarks appeared to be so ridiculous and foolish, when examined in the light of reason, that he could not attribute them to anything but to a devotion to some malign interest or secret influence governing and prompting their suggestion, or to an overwrought, foolish and fanatical mind.

Which of these causes they may be attributed to, or could be attributed to," said Mr. Abney. "I do not care at present to say but I may later ascertain whether the man is mentally responsible or corruptly stimulated in making such a charge against one who from Mr. McMaster's very youth, has always been kind and even affectionate towards him.

"The statement attributed to Mr. McMaster as a report being made by the committee, as it stands and as it is intended to induce the ideas which he wishes to convey is utterly untrue," said Mr. Abney. "The idea that a man of his position he continued, 'should allow a few paltry dollars to put him in a place to have such attacks made upon him absurd.' So far as financial affairs were concerned, Mr. Abney pointed out, every man knew that what wealth one had if any, would remain in this country,

LEXINGTON COUNTY "OVER TOP."

Latest reports at noon today show that the citizens of Lexington county have responded nobly to the Red Cross campaign and have practically doubled the allotment. Her quota was \$6500.00 and to date the total for the county is \$12,415.57.

Following is the reports from the different towns and their nearby communities.

Batesburg	\$1800.00
Cayce	465.70
Chapin	531.00
Edmund	85.50
Gilbert	437.70
Gaston	362.50
Irmo	217.54
Leesville	1400.00
Lexington	2250.00
New Brookland	1204.68
Pelion	502.40
Steedman	505.00
Saxe-Gotha Mill	153.55
Swansea	2500.00
Total	\$12415.57

Several places are still working and we hope to double the allotment today. No report from Peak, S. C. and none from Irmo and Chapin since Sunday. Space will not permit of giving the names of those who deserve so much credit for the way they have worked in this campaign but Lexington County has a loyal, patriotic and liberty loving people and they are to be congratulated on the work they have done.

A list of the names and amounts subscribed by the citizens of Lexington and vicinity will be published next week.

ELOCUTION CONTEST TUESDAY NIGHT.

The elocution contest held in the High School auditorium last night was well attended by an appreciative audience. Miss Mary Ellen Caughman won the girls medal and Mr. Alvin Roof won the boys.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

All qualified electors residing in St. Michael's school district No. 46 will please take notice that an election will be held therein, at the school house, on Saturday, the 15th day of June 1918, for the purpose of voting a levy of four mills for school purposes. Polls will open at 7 a. m. and close at 4 p. m. Bring Tax receipts and registration certificates. C. B. LINDLER. D. F. WEED. W. CHAS SWYGERT. Trustees of No. 46.

May 29, 1918.

Special Communication A. F. M.

Lexington Lodge No. 152, A. F. M. will meet Friday night, May 31, under a special dispensation for the purpose of electing and conferring the M. M. degree. A full attendance is requested.

Thos. L. Harman, W. M.

COL. HOBBS WAS VISITOR HERE

Col. John F. Hobbs, a former Lexingtonian who has been living in New York city for several years, was a visitor here on Monday. Col. Hobbs has met with marked success as a publisher in the city of New York where he edits and owns several trade journals.

WILL HOLD SERVICES TOMORROW MORNING

In compliance with President Wilson's proclamation for nation-wide prayer for the success of our Allies, there will be services in the Lexington High School Auditorium next Thursday morning, May 30, at 9 o'clock.

F. H. FUNDERBURK

DEMONSTRATION CLUB WILL MEET JUNE 4.

The Lexington Home Demonstration Club will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, June 4, 1918 at 5:30 o'clock.

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL TO HOLD ANNUAL PICNIC

The Lexington Baptist Sunday school will hold their annual picnic on the second Saturday in June.

only so long as American arms were victorious and to charge a man with any other idea was to charge him with nothing short of imbecility and if the man so charged were not guilty then the man so charging must be."

BLEASE WILL MAKE OWN SPEAKING TOUR

CHARLESTON AMERICAN

Columbia, May 21.—When Mr. Lever was brought into the senatorial race, misled to a vicarious sacrifice even as was Mr. Cooper in the gubernatorial campaigns of 1914 and 1916, the effort of course, was directed towards edging him into a second race with Mr. Blease, and ousting Mr. Tillman. The whole plan was to make possible a second race. For years past that has been the plan of the anti-reform crowd—to use buffer in a first race, to try to get him in a second race, and then carry off the spoils.

Mr. Tillman however has said that he does not expect to make the county-to-county canvass, and in a statement authorized today. Mr. Blease says he is not going around the state to draw crowds for Mr. Lever, under the "Lever itinerary," which has been arranged by the subcommittee of the state executive committee, but that he is going to conduct his campaign in his own way, even as Mr. Tillman is going to do. He is going to some of the meetings of course—where he deems it advisable to go—but he declines to go on a circus arranged for the benefit of Mr. Lever. He declines to be made a clown, as a drawing card for Mr. Lever, at the behest of the state committee.

In the light of this statement and of the campaign schedule arranged in an effort to try to get Mr. Lever in a second race, Mr. Blease today authorized this statement.

"I have always favored the plan of the county-to-county campaign. It is the only way whereby the stranger, or new man in politics, can properly present himself and his cause to the people of his state. It is the only way that the people have of meeting face to face the various candidates, and judging for themselves as to the character of the men who are asking their suffrage, and as the issues upon which these men base their claims to serve the people in the public capacities which they seek.

"However, in the campaigns of 1912, 1914 and 1916; I was used by my enemies—at least, I allowed myself to be so used—for the purpose of drawing the crowds for those who were opposing me in my ambition to protect the people of South Carolina. They brought people to the meetings for no other purpose to abuse and vilify me. One of these was aided the other day by the state convention, when it elected him president. My friends are well aware of these facts, and must be cognizant of the scheme. It was for this reason that some days ago, in talking to newspaper men here I stated my opinion of this pre-arranged scheme. I am still of that same opinion. I propose to address every man in South Carolina who wants to hear me speak, and give him the opportunity not only to hear me, but to ask me any question which he desires to ask in reference to any matter pertinent to the issues of the campaign. But with Senator Tillman remaining in Washington, refusing to come upon the stump, or to meet me face to face before the people of this state, I don't propose to be used as a drawing card for those who have absolutely no chance in the senatorial race—I will not say no chance to get into a second race, because from all the information I have, there will be no second race, and I am satisfied that I will in the first race receive a clear majority of the votes of all the white voters of South Carolina.

"I am, however, going to demand and insist upon my friends going to the polls and seeing that the votes are counted, and if any set of managers declines or refuses to allow my friends to stand and see the votes called out, and to see them properly checked and tallied, I expect my friends to have the manhood to take charge of the box and count the votes themselves, if it be necessary in order to prevent stealing.

"If the people of South Carolina have reached the point that they can be robbed this year again, as they were in 1916, I am very much deceived in their character and manhood. "I shall arrange a schedule and shall give it full publicity, announcing when and where I will be on specific dates and at specific places, and everybody will be invited and welcomed.

"The first speech of the campaign which I will make will be near Turberville, in Clarendon county, on Friday May 31. "For the reasons I have stated, I

will not be at Winnsboro on June 18. I will, however, be in that community later during the summer."

LEVER DISCUSSES RACE FOR SENATE

By P. H. McGowan. Washington, May 24.—When Congressman Lever was shown the statement of Mr. Blease that he would ignore the itinerary fixed by the Democratic State committee for senatorial candidates this summer, he said: "It is nothing more than I expected. It is in line with his whole career. He knows no laws save his own reckless will and ambition. I am running for the senate within the Democratic party and in accordance with its rules and regulations. The party has said what my schedule of speaking dates shall be and I shall stand by it.

"Blease's bolting of the rules and regulations of the Democratic party of the State will not alter my plans, except it will deprive me of the chance of exposing to his face his un-Americanism, his disloyalty to the Democratic administration, his wanton and malicious attacks upon President Wilson and his reiterated lack of sympathy for the war aims of his government.

"Blease has always been in favor of the county to county canvass. It is significant that only after my entrance into the race that he suddenly suffers a change of the heart on the county to county campaign. His failure to observe it now can be explained by his fear of having to face his un-American utterances at Pomaria and Filbert after the declaration of war by this government. He knows that I shall not let him escape them and he dares not meet me face to face before the people of the State each day in the campaign upon these issues.

"The people of South Carolina will not be fooled by any such political sniping. He knows what the one issue in this campaign is going to be, he dares not face it. My entrance in this race has run him off the stump."

REV. W. H. RISER TO DELIVER BACCALAUREATE SERMON AT LITTLE MOUNTAIN.

Rev. W. H. Riser has been invited to preach the baccalaureate sermon at the closing of the Little Mountain High school, Sunday June 2. Rev. Riser is pastor of Saint Stephen's Lutheran church at Lexington and is a speaker of force and eloquence, besides he is a minister in every sense of the word and a high toned christian gentleman. The people of Little Mountain have a treat in store for them when they hear Rev. Riser.

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Do not injure your auto, self-starter or other storage batteries with impure or carelessly handled distilled water. We handle only pure distilled water and bottle it in absolutely clean bottles. Buy it under our label and get it right. Bottled 15c the quart, or sold as wanted.

HARMON DRUG CO.

GOOD WHEAT

Mrs Fannie Taylor of the Hollow Creek section, has some of the finest wheat we have seen this year. Mrs Taylor has three acres that will undoubtedly yield 40 bushels per acre. It is head high or more and is as fine a field of wheat as we have ever seen grow in South Carolina. Unless a hail storm or some disaster comes before harvest, Mrs. Taylor will be well supplied in flour for another 12 months.

BEAUTIFUL REXALL STATIONERY.

We are opening a beautiful line of exclusive stationery, not the same size and styles, but dainty sorts, both in size, shape and color, paperies in white and colors, carrying pretty envelopes with attractive shaped flaps. Say Rexall stationery to us and you will see writing papers absolutely correct and typical of good taste. The prices are right.

HARMON DRUG CO.

MRS. JEROD TAYLOR IN THE BAPTIST HOSPITAL.

Mr. Jerod Taylor, one of the best men in the Gilbert section, passed through Lexington yesterday enroute to Columbia to see his wife who was carried to the Baptist hospital on Monday, a very ill woman; and where she is now under the care of specialists. Mrs Taylor is a lovable character, and her friends will wish for her a speedy and a permanent recovery. Mr. Taylor has the sincere sympathy of the entire community during his afflictions.

YOUNG MEN MUST REGISTER

June 5, 1918, has been designated by the President as the day on which all men who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years since June 5, 1917, must register. The registration will be held by the Local Board, and there will be registering places in Batesburg, Swansea, New Brookland Chapin and Lexington. In Lexington the registration will be held in the office of the Local Board. In the other towns the places of registering have not been named, but inquiry of the postmaster, police authorities, mayor or other officials in towns will readily reveal where the registration is being held. This is an important and imperative matter and all young men should remember that they must register on the day designated if they are now 21 years of age, or if they will be 21 before June 5th 1918, or if they become 21 on that day.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the County Executive Committee is called for Monday June 3rd at ten o'clock a. m. in the Court House, at Lexington. Members of the executive committee will please remember to be ready at this meeting to nominate one member of the enrollment committee for his club to be elected by the executive committee. C. M. Efrid, Chairman.

MISS BLACK'S RECITAL.

Miss Sarah Black gave her intermediate music recital in the high school auditorium Friday evening in the presence of a large and appreciative audience. Miss Black, who has been a pupil of Mrs. E. B. Roof from a beginner to the present time, displayed the thorough training received from her instructor, as well as the masterful execution and interpretation of her selections. She was the only pupil completing the intermediate course in music this session.

Following is the program:
1a Sonata No. 64.....Domenico Scarlatti.
b Eglantine.....Xaver Scarwinka
2 Scherzo in B Flat.....Frederick Chopin.
3a Impromptu in A Flat.....Franz Schubert
b Scherzino.....Maurice Moskowski
c Eclogue.....Franz Liszt
4 The Whispering Wind.....H. A. Wollenhaupt.
Awarding of Certificate by B. J. Wingard.

ARMY MEN COMING

Mr. Parker Straw, manager of the Supply and Equipment Division of the army and Robert F. Bowe who is now doing expert work, as Southern Production and Inspection manager of the Cotton Goods branches of the Quartermaster General's Department of the army, will arrive tonight from Augusta, to be the guests of Judge and Mrs. C. M. Efrid. Mrs. Bowe will return to Washington with Mr. Bowe on Thursday.

SURGICAL DRESSINGS ROOM OPENED

The surgical dressings room of the Lexington Red Cross Branch has opened its doors and all who are interested are most cordially invited to come in and assist with this work. It has been arranged to have rooms opened on the following days: Monday night; Wednesday afternoon; Friday afternoon.

Miss Mary Tunander of Columbia spent the week end with Miss Iceoline Hook near New Brookland. Miss Sallie Lorick, after spending her vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lorick of Irmo has returned to Columbia where she holds a responsible position with the Southern Bell Telephone Co.

We note with interest that Capt. Claude C. Harman of Clemson College has been recommended for appointment as second Lieut. in the National army. Capt. Harman will leave about June 1st for Plattsburg, N. Y. to enter the training camp.

Mrs. F. W. Shealy, is spending a fortnight in Gainesville, Ga. the guest of relatives and class mates at Brenau college, her alma mater.

C. B. Linder, a prominent citizen of the Dutch Fork is here this week attending court as a grand juror.

C. C. Justice a leading citizen of the Edisto section was a visitor in Lexington today.