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AMERICANS FIRST ENGAGEMENT

WITH GERMANS--OVERCOME BY SUPERIOR NUMBERS BACK A PRISONER TO CAMP.

Armed forces under the American flag have had their first clash with German soldiers in an attack which the Germans made on first line trenches where the United States troops had been taken for instructions, and three Americans were killed, five wounded and twelve captured or missing.

The war department made this known Monday on receipt of a dispatch from Gen Pershing showing that the German forces, soon after learning the position of the new enemy from overseas, had launched a desperate effort to overcome them.

The Teuton attack came in the form of a heavy barrage fire, which isolated a salient of the American trench and apparently left a small force of Americans at the mercy of their enemies. That the American soldiers fought gamely is shown by Gen Pershing's report of a prisoner being taken by them. How some of his troops escaped to bring this German back with them is not told in the brief dispatch of the American commander.

The United States troops were taken in charge of veteran French soldiers to a region near the Rhine-Meuse canal, a quiet portion of the long line that runs from the North Sea to Switzerland, and for a few days conditions were normal. Cable dispatches have been telling of artillery activity somewhat above "normal," but still not of anything like the furious fire on other portions of the front. A rather cryptic Berlin official announcement told "of North American" prisoners being brought in, and this is taken in Washington to refer to the soldiers whom Gen Pershing's dispatch says are captured or missing.

Many French and British military writers warned America that Germany would hurl terrific blows at the Americans as soon as news of their location reached the German side, and when the Americans went into the trenches war department official predicted that this might happen. It was pointed out that this was a favorite trick of the Germans when British territorial forces from Canada and Australia went into the trenches for the first time.

The announcement also omitted to mention whether the trench had been captured. It is presumed, however, that the attacking forces inflicted as much damage as possible in a short space of time and then retreated to the protection of their own earthworks before American reinforcements could arrive.

The official statement issue by the war department is as follows: "The war department has received a dispatch from the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces, which stated that before daylight on November 3 a salient occupied for instruction by a company of American infantry was raided by Germans. The enemy put down a heavy barrage fire, cutting off the salient from the rest of the men. Our losses were three killed, five wounded and twelve captured or missing. The enemy's losses are not known. One wounded German was taken prisoner."

Gen Pershing's cable received last Sunday night by the war department gave the first meager details of the first actual fighting experienced by America's overseas forces. Intimations of a conflict were had in dispatches from Berlin Saturday declaring that American prisoners had been captured.

Y M C A Man Visits Kingstree.

Kingstree was visited last Saturday by Mr Henry M Johnson, representing the War Work Council of the Young Men's Christian Association, which organization is doing such valuable service for the enlisted men in the army and navy.

When seen by our reporter he spoke with enthusiasm of the work they engaged in. He stated that some 2,000 of their secretaries are working to make life happier for the men away from home in the camps in this country, and about 300 have gone overseas already with General Pershing's army, and several hundred more will follow soon.

The work done has met the hearty approval of men and officers. General Pershing has called on the Association to supply trained secretaries for the French army, and Maj Gen Hugh Scott, who recently returned from Russia, says it will mean much to the Russian troops.

To carry on this great work will take \$35,000,000, and of this amount the South is asked to raise \$1,500,000. North Carolina will raise \$300,000, and South Carolina \$200,000. Governor Manning is Vice Chairman of the South Carolina committee. It is expected that Williamsburg county will want to have her part in providing this home touch among her soldier boys.

Notice to White Teachers!

You are requested if you have not already done so to make application to the secretary of the County Fair Association immediately for the number of tickets required for your school for Educational day. These tickets have been specially prepared for this date; and the secretary is very anxious to avoid any confusion when the parade assembles at the court house, and this can only be done by obtaining tickets beforehand. Please do not delay making this request.

GEO A McELVEEN, Sec'y.

Get your Bagging and Ties from People's Mercantile Co. 10-4-tf

SMITH GREATER SHOWS COMING

To Furnish Amusement Features for the Fair Next Week.

The people of Kingstree and Williamsburg county will welcome the news that the Smith Greater Shows will be in Kingstree next week after an absence of four years. The show will be here in connection with the County Fair and the advance representatives are here this week completing all details and putting out advertising matter. The show is said to be much larger and better this year, carrying twelve high class attractions.

The trained wild animal show is a big feature of the Smith Greater Shows and is deservedly popular.

WILLIAMSBURG'S THIRD ANNUAL FAIR

To Be Held Here Next Week--A Multitude of Attractions Scheduled for the Four Days Exhibition.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13.--FOOD CONSERVATION DAY.

- 9:00 a. m.--All Exhibits in Place for Inspection.
- 9:30 a. m.--Concert by Band.
- 10:00 a. m.--Montrose & Hamilton, Juvenile Tumbling Troop, Free Act.
- 10:30 a. m.--Official Opening of Third Annual Fair.
- 11:00 a. m.--Address by representative of Food Conservation Campaign.
- 11:30 a. m.--Big Midway Open for Visitors.
- 12:00 m.--Lecture by Demonstration Agents and Canning Club Agents on their respective exhibits.
- 1:00 p. m.--Horse Show Begins in Arena.
- 2:30 p. m.--Free Acts: Patrick & Francisco.
- 3:00 p. m.--Midway Running in Full Blast.
- 3:30 p. m.--Judging of Livestock in Arena.
- 5:00 p. m.--Exhibition Building Closes.
- 6:00 p. m.--Gates Open to the Public.
- 6:30 p. m.--Free Act in Front of Grand Stand.
- 7:00 p. m.--Midway Opens for the Evening.
- 11:30 p. m.--Midway Closes.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14.--FARMERS' DAY.

- 9:00 a. m.--Fair Ground Gates Open.
- 9:30 a. m.--Farmer and Trade Parade, assemble at court house.
- 10:00 a. m.--Concert by Band at Grand Stand. Midway Opens.
- 10:30 a. m.--Horse and Cattle Show begins for day in Arena.
- 11:00 a. m.--Free Shows: Montrose & Hamilton.
- 11:00 a. m.--Judging of Displays, Farm Products, Swine, Sheep and Goats, Poultry, and all Exhibits in Administration Building.
- 11:30 a. m.--Address by Dr. D. W. Daniel, "Forces that Build Communities."
- 12:30 p. m.--Free Act: Patrick & Francisco.
- 2:30 p. m.--Horse Racing and Judging. Midway Running at Full Blast.
- 3:30 p. m.--Free Act: Montrose & Hamilton.
- 5:00 p. m.--Administration Building Closes.
- 6:30 p. m.--Gates Open to the Public. Free Act in Front of Grand Stand: Patrick & Francisco.
- 7:30 p. m.--Midway Opens for the Evening.
- 11:00 p. m.--Midway Closes.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15.--EDUCATIONAL DAY.

- 9:00 a. m.--Fair Ground Gates Open.
- 9:30 a. m.--All Schools and Floats Assemble at Court House.
- 10:00 a. m.--Parade Begins. Music by Band.
- 10:30 a. m.--Free Act: Patrick & Francisco. Midway Opens.
- 10:30 a. m.--Judging of Horses in Arena.
- 11:30 a. m.--Address by Dr. W. S. Currell.
- 12:30 p. m.--Announcement of Judges as to School Parade and Float.
- 12:45 p. m.--Montrose & Hamilton Free Act Before Grand Stand.
- 2:30 p. m.--Judging Finished on all Horses and Mules. Midway Running at Full Blast.
- 4:00 p. m.--Free Act: Patrick & Francisco.
- 5:00 p. m.--Administration Building Closes.
- 6:30 p. m.--Gates Open to the Public. Free Act in front of Grand Stand: Montrose & Hamilton.
- 7:00 p. m.--Midway Opens for the Evening.
- 11:30 p. m.--Midway Closes.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16.--NEGRO DAY.

- 9:00 a. m.--Fair Ground Gates Open.
- 9:30 a. m.--All Schools Assemble at Court House.
- 10:00 a. m.--Parade Begins. Music by Band.
- 10:30 a. m.--Free Act: Montrose & Hamilton. Midway Opens.
- 11:30 a. m.--Addresses.
- 12:30 p. m.--Announcement of Judges of School Parade.
- 1:00 p. m.--Inspection of Exhibits in Administration Building.
- 2:30 p. m.--Free Act: Patrick & Francisco.
- 2:30 p. m.--Horse Races.
- 4:00 p. m.--Free Act: Montrose & Hamilton. Midway Running at Full Blast.
- 5:00 p. m.--Administration Building Closes.
- 6:30 p. m.--Gates Open to the Public. Free Act in Front of Grand Stand: Patrick & Francisco.
- 7:00 p. m.--Midway Opens for the Evening.
- 11:30 p. m.--Gate Closes.

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Next to the Kellahan Warehouse.

COMMUNITY FAIR AT LAKE CITY.

FIRST EVENT OF THE KIND A GREAT SUCCESS--PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS ITEMS.

Lake City, November 6:--The community fair on last Thursday, which was the first fair ever held in Lake City, was quite a success, and in saying that it was a success we do not say this after the manner of those who always use glowing terms in speaking of any event which happens in their towns or communities, but we are using the word success coolly and deliberately and with full appreciation of the exact definition of the word. The visitors with whom we talked were outspoken and lavish in their praise. Many declared it the best community fair they ever saw, and some said it was equal in quality to the ordinary county fair. The displays consisted of products of farms and households of the surrounding country. The attendance, too, was excellent. Besides those living nearby, there were visitors from Timmonsville, Manning, Sumter, Georgetown, and so on.

Mr H E McElveen has been elected assistant cashier of the Bank of Lake City for the term beginning the first of the new year. Mr McElveen has been agent of the A C L railroad at this station about four years, and has made one of the best agents Lake City ever had. It were needless to say that the patrons of the Coast Line and the Western Union will regret to learn of the change at this station. We understand that Mr McElveen will accept the position offered by the bank.

Messrs J H Blackwell, W Wesley Singletary, S W Gowdy, and W L Bass attended the sales in Kingstree Monday. Mr Singletary bid off one tract of land situated near Henry.

The performers on the Chautauqua circuit reached town Sunday. Performances began Monday and will continue three days. They are entirely different in programme and in performers from former chautau-

quas, but are of the same general nature. Good crowds are attending and a general feeling of satisfaction manifests itself in all who enjoy high class, clean and wholesome entertainment.

Evangelist Andrews and Singer Curry began a campaign at the Methodist church last Thursday. We understand that they will be here three weeks.

The matter of keeping warm these days is becoming a serious matter. Coal cannot be had, and wood is very difficult to secure--so difficult, in fact, that the demand exceeds the supply many fold. There is plenty of wood in the country, but the trouble is, those who have the wood cannot get it cut. Labor is scarce, and most of the kind we have will not work except on an empty stomach. As the cold increases this state of affairs is bound to cause suffering and perhaps worse.

Mrs Della D Carter has just returned home from a visit to her daughter, Mrs Dr Jones, in Richmond, Va.

The engagement of Mr B Wallace Jones, Jr, of Lake City and Miss Eva Jones of North is announced.

Notice of Meeting!

A meeting of the Executive Committee and of the Life Membership of the County Fair Association is called for Wednesday, November 14, at twelve thirty o'clock, in the administration building. All the executive committee and those holding life membership cards are urgently requested to attend this meeting, as matters of vital importance to the Association are to be brought to their attention.

W E NESMITH,
Pres Co Fair Ass'n.

Notice to Colored Teachers!

The colored teachers of the county are requested to make applications to the secretary of the County Fair Association for the tickets required by each of the schools for Colored People's Day, November 16.

GEO A McELVEEN, Sec'y.

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Axe or

Hatchet

or anything in
HARDWARE
Come to us for it.



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