

**TAKING OF BAPAUME**  
Key to German Position at Last Falls to British.

In the city of Albert, where the famous gilded leaning virgin still suspends miraculously from the lofty tower of a rather gaudy and fantastically shell town church, says a dispatch of last Friday from the British headquarters in France, there has long been a British sign reading "to Bapaume." It has pointed the way along a narrow straight road toward the quaint Picard town transformed by the Germans into what they term a modern Gibraltar.

Between Albert and Bapaume lie the battlefields of the strongest martial struggles of all history. They are called the battle of the Somme, but more correctly might be termed the battle of the Bapaume road. It has been a long ten miles, but at last Bapaume has been taken and the British khaki line extends well beyond it in all directions.

The field of grey German lines are falling back now on a front of approximately forty miles. They are dissolving in clouds of blue grey smoke, for the Germans have lighted fires to screen in their wake. No village is being spared from the torch. The retreat on the British front now extends from well below Chaubines on the south almost to Arras, on the north and covers about one third of the entire British line. It has even extended down where the French lines begin.

Today the British pushed into Peronne, where they had to fight virtually every step of the way. There have been many fires in Peronne burning since Friday. The Germans also had burned the suburb of Haile before abandoning it.

A score or more of towns and villages have been taken by the British during the day and it was reported tonight that patrols had reached as far as Nesle, southeast of Chaubines.

For a time it seemed as if the German retreat would swing from Le Transloy as the southern pivot, but already it has gone far beyond that. Everywhere along this wide front the British are pressing the fleeing German rear guard and Bapaume witnessed lively street fighting.

The taking of that town meant a great deal to the men in the trenches. One British battalion due to be relieved yesterday from a term of strenuous work actually requested that they be sent forward in order that they might see Bapaume cleared of the enemy.

In a war where the fighting is often confined for months to a maze of trenches, a noted town like Bapaume stands out as a great goal to the soldiers. Under the prophetic sign in Albert pointing that direction, hundreds of thousands of British soldiers have trudged since last July, many never to return. The Bapaume high-way reaching out over the rolling fields of Picardy, has indeed been the high road to "the great adventure." Out on this road ambled the British "tanks" on their startling way to battling renown. It is this road that pierces Pozieres and on either side lie the unforgettable villages of Thiepval, Fiers, Courcellette, Contalmaison, Fri-court, Mametz Martinpuich and Beaumont-Hamel and the notorious Butte de Warlencourt.

It was particularly fitting that the troops which fought the hardest about the Butte last autumn should be among the first to reach Bapaume.

which the Butte had long been regarded as the key position. There was no flying of flags or beating of drums as the British patrols penetrated the town, for there was fighting ahead, and Bapaume is filled with underground strongholds. But it was not long before the advance guard sent back over the telephone wires, which ever kept pace with the onward movement of the troops, that the enemy rear guard had "all been accounted for."

Later came a second message reading in true soldier language: "The mopping up of Bapaume is now completed."

Fires were smoldering in many parts, remnants of the incendiarism which had been rampant during the last days of German occupation. No house was left intact, for those still roofed exposed interiors all burned out. There was plenty of evidence of dynamiting on all sides. Certain sections of the town appear as having been swept over by a cyclone walls having been blown out by interior explosions, allowing the slate roofs to slide down almost undamaged into the streets.

All day and most of last night the Germans poured shells into Bapaume, paying particular attention to certain sections on which they had carefully registered before leaving. This has been a familiar practice with the Germans with evacuated positions ever since the battle of Somme began.

The statue of General Louis Faidherbe, who defended Bapaume against the Germans in 1870, is missing. It has been removed to Germany.

**FLY ALPHABET.**

By Arkansas Federation of Women's Clubs.

A—A swarm of flies around the premises are dangerous.

B—Be active in the destruction of the fly.

C—Constant effort destroys the fly.

D—Do not allow breeding places for flies about your home.

E—Every fly that lives over winter becomes a breeder for the early ones.

F—Flies are carriers of disease, beware of them.

G—Garbage cans furnish a prolific breeding place for flies.

H—House flies are most dangerous to babies. Do not allow one to settle on the baby or its food.

I—Insist that your and your neighbor's premises are kept clean, then there will be no flies.

J—July and August are the months in which there is the greatest mortality among children, see that the fly is not responsible.

K—Kill every fly, especially the large ones, that are around your premises.

L—Lime, borax, iron sulphate with water are good to kill the fly maggots in all breeding places, especially in the manure pile.

M—Manure, when left standing in or around the stable or elsewhere, makes a prolific breeding place for flies.

N—Ninety per cent of flies breed in horse manure.

O—One winter fly will multiply by September to 5,508,720,000,000 provided none are killed.

P—Permit no fly to settle on your food it may bring you the typhus or other deadly germs.

Q—Quit allowing dirt or filth around your premises. They are fly breeders.

R—Refuse to buy food that is not protected from flies.

S—Screen all doors and windows so no fly can enter the home. Keep them out of the sick room.

T—The house fly, the typhoid fly are to be avoided as something deadly.

U—Unless your house and yard is kept clean and free from breeding place, you will have flies.

V—Vigilance in destroying the fly will bring its reward.

W—Watch the fly as he comes from the larva and walks over the manure pile or other filthy places. Where does he go next?

X—Xterminate the fly by all possible methods known to man.

Y—You are ashamed to have bed bugs in the house, you should be more so to have flies.

Z—Zeal used in swatting the fly will greatly assist in its destruction.

**News of Watree Mill Village.**

Miss Eva Hancock celebrated her 14th birthday on Friday evening with a party.

Mrs. K. Lewis of Charlotte is visiting her brother Mr. J. E. Robinson.

Miss Alma Bradley and Mrs. Lanri Campbell were guests of Mrs. Lyles on Sunday.

Miss Eva Rogers who has been quite ill for several weeks is improving.

Miss Lida Newman who recently underwent an operation at the Camden Hospital is improving.

Mr. Geo. Brown, Supervisor of Mill Schools and Miss Kate Shupson, former Rural School Supervisor of Kershaw County, spent a short while with Miss Cornell at the Village, Dispensary on Sunday. They were very much delighted with the recent improvements made in the village.

A night school under the management of Misses Rita Izard, Annie Kate Aiford, and Margaret Hogue will be opened at the Schot house on next Monday evening.

Mrs. Lyles, Mrs. Alma West, Mrs. Janie Davis and Miss Minnie Ray attended the Woman's Missionary Association at the Antioch Baptist church on Saturday.

Mr. Henry C. Everett, Jr., of Boston and Mr. A. R. Dickenson of Atlanta, visited the mill on Saturday.

Mr. Williams, who for several years has been superintendent of the mill has resigned his position and will devote his time to farming. Mr. H. K.

Hallett who succeeds him has made a very pleasant impression in the community.

**Causler's Good Suggestion.**

James Causler, Railroad Commissioner, was in the city Saturday evening. Mr. Causler is advocating the passage by the next General Assembly of a stringent law requiring all automobiles to stop before going over a railroad crossing. Mr. Causler says that he knows there are those who will violate the law and play with death in most any manner, but he believes such a law will have a good effect and will reduce the terrible death rate now caused by people carelessly and indifferently running their cars on crossings as trains are approaching.—Rock Hill Record.

**Courts and Juries.**

Mr. J. Roy Cunningham, in a very strong letter to the Lancaster News severely arraigns judges for continuing cases upon insufficient grounds and incidentally he takes a fling at the lawyers. After the grand jury has acted upon a bill Mr. Cunningham states that the lawyers take charge and "upon some trivial excuse, such as one of the attorneys being sick or some witness having a doctor's certificate saying that he is unable to attend court, none of which are worth the time it takes to tell, as a general thing ordinarily being mere subterfuge to have the cases continued. In the past these cases have been continued and by the very same judges who so scathingly denounced the juries for failing to do their duty." Mr. Cunningham goes on to state that "it sometimes happens that the greater part of the murder cases are tied up and continued by reason of the illness of one attorney, who is a prominent practitioner, and that justice is denied because justice delayed is justice denied."

There is a great deal of force and merit in what Mr. Cunningham says. A solicitor (not the solicitor of the Sixth circuit) made the statement to us something over a year ago that in a certain county in this state judges had continued cases term after term on the statement of one of the members of a law firm that he was too ill to proceed with the trial of his cases. The attorney has been paralyzed and had been advised by his physician that he could never safely practice law again, and notwithstanding this fact he asked for the continuance of his cases, and the continuance was granted; that he himself was embarrassed for the reason that he did not like to be guilty of a seeming discourtesy to an attorney who plead physical infirmity, and yet the cases were continued term after term and witnesses attended court until the cases were so old that it was practically impossible to bring them to a hearing.

This may be an extreme case, but the mere statement of it shows the abuse of judges continuing cases for improper reasons. A motion for the continuance of a case, criminal or civil, is almost wholly in the discretion of the trial judge. The supreme court has held that the illness of counsel, when other counsel are engaged in the case, is not of itself a sufficient reason, under all circumstances, to warrant the continuance of a case. The absence of a material witness, unless counsel has exercised due diligence to obtain his presence, is not sufficient ground. Our supreme court has used this language (State vs. Box): "One of the strongest criticisms of the administration of the law relates to the many delays in the trial of cases. Parties in the criminal and civil courts should be ready to try their cases; yet if parties cannot go to trial safely in either court in the absence of their witnesses, where they have used due diligence to procure their attendance the law vests the circuit judge with the power of continuance, and no amount of public clamor should move the circuit judge from the discharge of this delicate responsibility." It will thus appear that the law, while inflexible in its determination to prosecute those who violate our laws, is fixed in its determination that persons accused of crime shall have every means to vindicate their innocence. But all these blessed safeguards entail a corresponding duty upon persons accused of crime; they should prepare themselves for a speedy trial; they should promptly employ counsel; they should promptly apply for all their witnesses to be arrested and bound over to appear and testify; no slipshod methods should be countenanced.

But notwithstanding the rule thus laid down by the late Chief Justice Pope, judges, through courtesy to lawyers, permit cases to be continued when they ought not to do so. When a homicide is committed the community feels a flutter of indignation; the dead man is buried; there is temporary sympathy for the grief and loss to his family, and in a short time this gives way to a natural or manufactured sentiment in favor of the accused. After the case is continued for one or two terms the recollection of witnesses become faulty, skillful counsel on cross examination often elicit contradictory statements, and for one reason or another defendants are acquitted. Juries are often justly and sometimes unjustly criticised, and no more is thought of the frequency of homicides until the next man is killed. The truth is the fault for the crime of bloodguiltiness in our land may be laid equally at the hands of judges for allowing slipshod methods in the trial of homicide cases,

at the hands of lawyers whose zeal for their client leads them into adopting methods at the trial of these cases not sanctioned by the rules of law, at the hands of jurors who have been drawn to sit in the jury-box, who have not a proper conception of the high qualifications which a juror ought to have, and who are often influenced by appeals to their prejudices and passions.

When a man is convicted of assault and battery with intent to kill, it means that if the party assaulted had died his assailant would have been guilty of murder, and yet we have frequently known judges to impose a fine of \$75 or \$100 in such cases. Why should an ordinary layman have much respect for the sanctity of human life when learned judges hold it so lightly?

We repeat that the failure of our criminal courts in the administration of the law is due to the judges, to the lawyers, to the jury commissioners, and to the people.—York News.

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