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## ARTILLERY COMPANY TO ENAMP NEAR CAMDEN

### Officers Training School With Four Hundred Men and One Hundred Guns To Be Here For Three Days.

Captain Winthrop Green of Massachusetts and Camp Jackson, who has been a regular week end visitor at the Kirkwood announces the interesting news that the next military maneuver of the Camp Jackson contingent will be the arrival of the Officers Training School of the 81st Division with 400 men and 100 guns with a battery will start on a hike from Columbia Thursday night and camping at ten miles South of here will prepare for a sham battle to take place on the banks of the Wateree river early Friday morning after which the division will march to Kirkwood Heights and encamp for three days on the site of the Riding and Driving Race track. The occasion will be held upon as the seasons best days great pleasure is anticipated by visitors here in the interesting maneuvers obtained thusly.

Mr. Edward E. Kauffer, a celebrated nature painter of New York has been giving an exhibition of his work at the Kirkwood this week. Mr. Kauffer has had the distinction of being patronized by the last few Presidents and his collection has included such famous character as to be most interesting.

Mr. F. B. Rumbough with Suzanne returned to Garden City. Mr. Frederick Robinson, Mrs. Peake and Mrs. Clarence Morgan with Greene, dined at the Kirkwood Tuesday evening.

The Easter Ball at the Kirkwood attracted a gathering that did not notably show a diminishing number of winter visitors and was as gay as usual. The Kirkwood dances this winter. The Hotels parlors were beautifully decorated with natural flowers and foliage now in bloom.

The weeks arrivals on the Kirkwood are: Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Hayes Bedford, Mass; Mr. and Mrs. George Chaboun with Margaret Chaboun and Dr. Dan Cuthbert from Grand P. O.; Mr. F. A. Sabatton from Great and Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Collier from Montreal; Mr. and Mrs. L. Ash, Ogdensburg, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Boynton, Milton, Mass.; Mrs. S. Milner and Mrs. J. H. Milner,idence, R. I.; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hewett, Brockton, Mass; Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Byer, Norristown, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Angell, Glens Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Dennis, Forsyth, Norristown, N. J.; Miss Rand, St. Louis and Mrs. S. Renner, Lenox, Mass.

### Liberty Loan Parade.

Saturday afternoon at 4:30 the Liberty Loan Parade will be organized on Hampton Park and parade down Deane and Main Streets. The best band in Camp Jackson and four hundred men will take part. All details have not been arranged but it is hoped that the schools and patriotic organizations of the town will be represented. A cordial invitation is extended to all citizens of the town and county to meet in full force. Show your loyalty to the cause by lending your aid for the occasion.

### State Constable Makes Report.

Columbia, April 2.—T. J. Smyrl, State Constable has presented a quarterly report to Governor Manning in which it is shown that forty-thirty stills have been captured since January 1, ranging in capacity from five to 100 gallons. We have seized 4,104 gallons of still beer, eight fermenters and sixty gallons of blockade whiskey.

During the month of March 418 gallons of whiskey were captured, fines amounting to \$1,200 and sentences ranging to eleven months imposed. South's toll otherwise was twenty stills, sixty fermenters, 797 gallons of still beer and thirty-five gallons of blockade whiskey. The division of the stills captured in March was: Anderson 3; Aiken 3; Lexington 2; Lexington 8; Calhoun 1; Orangeburg 3.

Poppenheim reported some good news in Charleston, as follows: Four thirteen handbags, 185 quarts of whiskey and four bottles of beer.

Sergeant Robert Murray Pauling, of Orangeburg County, has been given the cross of honor for bravery in fighting the enemy trenches.

## FOR UNIVERSAL TRAINING

### Prospect of Raising the Draft Age Now Seems Remote.

Writing from Washington under date of April 1, K. Foster Murray sends the following to the News and Courier: "Strength is being added steadily to the movement for universal military training, as a general policy, and to the demand for enlarging the scope of the draft as an immediate war emergency by the increasing seriousness of the situation in Europe.

It is being realized now very vividly that men who were ridiculed or denounced as extremists two years or even a year ago, were right in warning the country that its war preparations were insufficient for the strain that was to come.

Thus far the effort to establish military training of our youth on the same broad basis as general education has been defeated every time it has been made in Congress, largely because the President and the Secretary of War are against it at this time; but the proponents of the principle are not discouraged and believe that they will eventually win by mere force of circumstances.

As to the draft extension, Congress now seems favorably disposed towards the bill subjecting to draft all young men who arrive at 21 later than the date of the draft act's enactment. This measure has passed the Senate and is expected to pass the House. There will be a hard fight in the House over the war department's proposition to change the basis of quotas for the second call from that of population to the registration in Class 1. A formidable opposition contends that the draft boards have pursued such different policies in the selection of men for Class 1—that is, some boards have been so much stricter than others as to exemptions and deferred classifications—that to base quotas for the second call on the Class 1 registration would be very unjust to some localities. "Give us a uniform rule" is the cry of these objectors. On the other hand, the experts of the War Department declare that the Class 1 basis is the most equitable that can be devised. The subject is so complicated that it is really very difficult to understand. With some amendments the administration bill to base quotas on Class 1 will probably go through, but the fur will fly before it does so.

Talk has been heard several times in Congress recently about the possibility that the draft age will have to be increased to forty or forty-five years. More is heard about raising the maximum age than about lowering the minimum to eighteen or nineteen.

The prospect for raising the draft age to forty or forty-five for actual army service is remote, but as the war progresses there will be a growing probability of the adoption of some such system as they have in England, where the whole adult, able-bodied male population up to forty years old is subject to conscription for work essential to the war.

A man thirty-eight or forty years of age is not now subject to the draft in the United States. He can engage in any work he chooses, or in no work at all if he can live without it. In England he would not have this right. He would have to work at something useful to his country, useful in war-time if he did not serve in the army or the navy. It is a truism that the proper man-power for essential industry is as important to a country in war as is the maintenance of the man-power of the forces in the field or on the sea.

### Winsboro Boy is Winner.

Bryan Williamson of Winsboro was Saturday declared the winner of the first prize in the boys' corn club contest in South Carolina. The Fairfield County boy produced last year 157.8 bushels of corn on one acre of ground. James W. Draffin of Leslie, York County, won second place, his yield being 119.5 bushels.

Third place was taken by Hallum Smith of Smoak, Colleton County, who produced 106.2.

### "Dripping With Blood."

Amsterdam, March 30.—Train loads of German wounded from the western front are crossing the German frontier in a continuous stream, according to a dispatch to the Telegraph today.

The correspondent described the trains as "dripping with blood" and condition of the wounded distressing in the extreme. So numerous are the wounded men that freight cars are being substituted for hospital cars in transporting them, the wounded men in these cars lying on beds of straw and shavings.

## WAS BORN IN THE COUNTRY

### Writer Reviews The Old Time Days On The Farm.

Beautiful spring time with sunshine and flowers has come again. I was born in the country. I always loved the birds and flowers, the negroes and the mules. When a little fellow old man Sam Fletcher my bosom friend and body guard learned me how to ride the mules. While the environments in those days was rather tough it pleased me well. It was fun for me to listen to negro tale tellers and yarn spinners.

Old man Jack Cottingham could cuss fluently in both the English language and the Indian dialect. Josh Shields was a wicked old prophet and a Solomon in his day. Ab Gardner the philosopher among his color and kin and a game fighter. Bill Kirkland was a Saul among his brethren and at the dining table the imperial master of the situation. This quartette of darkies was hard to down. Whenever they gathered at a country store and at the old time corn shuckings.

When I grew out of knee britches I was warned in a dream to shake the Flat Rock dust from off my feet and get out from among them. In a recent conversation with an old lady who stands high in the councils with her friends and neighbors. She was at a loss to know what was going to become of the country. Every thing has more than double in price, there was no cheap John stores now. It looks like we will have to go back to making our cloth and garments again. That venerable old lady is out of line with the times. The age of the spinning wheel, the treadle and the loom, the ovens and skillers is no more.

Over the bleached bones of these barbaric relics science has swept and left the touch of genius. We are glad this is a year void of politics and candidates with their stories smoother than refined oil. We must all put our best efforts behind our boys over yonder at battle front in an abiding faith the end justifies the means.

Harry L. Fletcher.  
Flat Rock, S. C., April 4.

### Married.

Mr. John Brauham and Miss Daisy Sloan, both of Logoff, S. C., were married on Saturday March 30th.

Mr. Swille Hinson and Miss Essie Peebles, both of Camden, S. C., Rfd. were married on Saturday March 30th.

### Sinkings Decrease.

London, April 3.—There was a sudden and marked decrease in the losses to British shipping through mine or submarine in the past week. The admiralty reports that only six British merchantmen, of 1,600 tons or over and seven under that tonnage were sunk in the week ending March 30.

Five fishing vessels also were sent to the bottom.

The admiralty statement continues: "Fifteen British merchant vessels were unsuccessfully attacked by submarines.

The large vessels sunk include one sunk during the week ending March 16 and the smaller vessels reported sunk includes one during the week ending March 23.

"The arrivals during the week ending March 30 were 2,416 and the sailings 2,739.

The losses to British merchantmen through submarines and mines in the past week are less than one-half the losses in the previous week, when twenty-eight merchantmen were sunk, sixteen of the vessels over 1,600 tons.

The admiralty report for the preceding week showed the loss of seventeen vessels, while for several weeks prior to that the weekly loss was eighteen.

### Evangelistic Meeting at Baptist Church

The meetings at the Baptist Church began with a large crowd and enthusiastic singing. The leader of song, Mr. Spinx, having had training in Moody Institute, has not only the technical but the spiritual preparation for his work. You will be benefited by attending these services. Bring your friends.

Song service begins at 8:30.  
Friday and Saturday there will be special service for children at 4 p. m.

### The Election Tuesday.

In the general election for City officers held Tuesday all of the candidates nominated in the primary were elected. In the race for Commissioner of Public Works W. B. deLoach was re-elected over L. A. McDowell by a vote of 98 to 37.

Thursday, April 21st—Marguerite Clarke in "Seven Swans" comes to the Majestic theatre.

## DOING GOOD WORK

### Council of Defense Arousing People To Gravity of Situation.

Columbia, S. C., March 29.—Many people in South Carolina who have not hitherto realized the gravity of the situation in which the country now finds itself are having their eyes opened by meetings which are being held almost daily throughout the State under the auspices of the South Carolina Council of Defense. Practically every meeting has resulted in an aroused public sentiment and an expressed desire on the part of the people to cooperate with the Government.

Rev. H. R. Murchison, field secretary of the State Council of Defense, is making anywhere from one to five speeches daily at these public gatherings. Last Wednesday and Thursday he spent in Clarendon County making five addresses, each of which was heard by a large crowd. Sunday and Monday he spent in Chester where he delivered two addresses. He reports an awakened public sentiment in both counties.

The last meeting of the five in Clarendon was held at Manning and was purely a patriotic gathering. There was a large gathering and in addition to Rev. Murchison, the speakers were Joe Sparks, State Organizer for the War Savings Stamp campaign; Miss Smith, the Federal food agent, and J. K. Broodin, the county food administrator. At Gable, the Black River Cypress Company closed down its plant and there was a large attendance including 200 negro laborers. The response was fine. County farm demonstrator Senn and Misses Richardson and Plowden, the county demonstration agents, were also present at this meeting. Other meetings in Clarendon county were held at Summerton, Paxville and New Zion.

At Chester Monday a purely patriotic meeting was held attended by some 1200 people. The stores were all closed and there was a full turnout of business men and clerks. Speeches were made by Rev. Murchison, Col. A. L. Gaston, and R. A. Cooper. The people showed a decided response to all appeals for a definite patriotic stand on the part of every citizen.

### Selling Many Plants.

Mr. B. H. Baum, proprietor of the Winter Green Conservatories on North Broad Street tells us that he has sold over thirty thousand cabbage and tomato plants from his place in the last few weeks. Owing to the freeze of this winter plants have been exceptionally hard to get. The growers around Charleston lost all of their plants by the severe weather, hence Mr. Baum's plants have proven to be greatly in demand.

Mr. Baum says he expects another year to greatly increase his planting and be in a position to furnish plants for the whole county and have enough for shipping. This season he has received many orders from different counties and has been unable to supply the demand. Besides the plant industry he has nearly every variety of vegetable growing in the large plot of land to the rear of the Baum property.

### Death of Faithful Servant.

George Wright, the old family servant of the Baum family, died last Sunday evening at seven o'clock. The end came very suddenly. Mr. Baum and George were in the lot feeding the animals when George threw up his hands, gasped and fell dead. Physicians were summoned but he had died almost instantly from apoplexy. He had been the butler for the Baum family for more than 45 years. He belonged to the late Mrs. Herman Baum's mother at Chester and after Mrs. Baum's marriage she came to Camden and brought George with her where he has remained ever since. He was about 65 years of age and well respected by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife and some children at the north. The funeral was held Tuesday attended by a large number of his friends.

### Says Law is Constitutional.

Columbia April 2.—Holding as untenable the contentions that the amendment to the "Quart a Mouth" Act, passed at the last session of the General assembly tightening up the issuance of permits by the judges of probate of the several counties of the State is unconstitutional, Judge Thomas S. Sease, of Sparta, in an order filed today, directs Thomas E. Richardson, judge of probate for Sumter county to issue a permit to Singleton Bradford, a citizen of Sumter County. The case will be appealed to the State Supreme Court by Mr. Richardson.

## AMERICANS GOING TO BATTLE

### German Advance Stopped and French and British Make Gains.

While the advance of the German armies in Picardy has come almost to a halt, there has been severe fighting on the extreme western edge of the battle zone. Encounters in which large forces have been engaged have occurred north of Moreuil, but there seems to be no decided advantage gained by the Teutonic invaders. They claim to have taken heights and to have carried a "wood in advance of their line near Moreuil, but the British say they have driven back the enemy from positions they have occupied elsewhere in this sector.

The French lines farther south have stood firm against savage assaults, especially in the region of Montdidier and eastward of that place along a part of the line, which was subjected to a terrific strain for two days late last week. In a number of sectors the French have surged forward and taken hard-earned ground from the Germans and have established their line solidly along the Oise river. The expected allied counter-offensive has not yet come, but the Germans, who are reported to be entrenching along the French front, evidently expect it there.

The elements have been at work in delaying the Germans' advance. Hails are reported along the French and British fronts. Wet weather there, if continued, would handicap a further advance of the Germans and be of infinite value to the Allies, who are moving their forces and supplies over solid earth instead of ground which has been churned into conditions where every step is beset by difficulties.

The chief German efforts apparently have been in the region of Moreuil and Albert. Around these places there has been stern fighting, with the Germans hurling their fighting men at the Allied lines in serried ranks which have been mowed down by artillery, machine gun and rifle fire. The effort in the Moreuil region is considered as being an attempt to reach the Paris-Amiens railroad, which is four or five miles distant. The railroad which was cut at Montdidier was a branch of the Paris-Amiens road, but its possession means little to the Germans.

The beginning of April, a month whose dates are written large on the pages of American history, finds the soldiers of the United States hastening to take their place in the zone of the fiercest fighting. There have been American troops involved in the struggle in Picardy since the morning of March 23, but Gen. Pershing now is leading more than 100,000 of his men, but just how many is as yet not known, to a point assigned to them by Gen. Foch, the leader of the Allied forces in France.

These men may even now be in the battle and America awaits news from them with confidence that they will compare well with the veterans of France and Great Britain.

A report from Gen. Pershing to the War Department states that the situation along the battle lines is improved. He did not give any information regarding the movement of his troops.

It is not probable that the German general staff will be content with the situation as it stands today. Many believe that there is in preparation another giant blow against Italy. Official reports from Rome say there has been considerable activity on the Asiago plateau and along the Piave river and that in Albania, on the eastern shore of the Adriatic, the Austrians have been repulsed after an attack on a position held by the Italians.

British troops in Mesopotamia have added a new success to their records. They have progressed to a point midway between Bagdad and Aleppo. If these troops can reach Aleppo and there join forces with Gen. Allenby's army which has been fighting its way northward through Palestine they would be able to cut off the whole Arabian peninsula from the Turks and be in a position to meet any Turkish attacks from the troops of the Sultan which are at present operating in the southern littoral of the Black sea.

The White Star liner Celtic has been struck by a torpedo while on her way from Europe to America. It is not believed that she had many Americans on board.

Russia and Rumania have negotiated a treaty of peace by which Rumania will evacuate any occupied portions of Bessarabia and also strategic territory near the mouth of the Danube. Germany has sent a protest to Petrograd against the sending of Bolshevik troops into Finland.

## THURSDAYS WAR SUMMARY

### Fighting Remains Slight But Both Sides Ready For Renewal.

Although the fighting activity along the entire front of the new Somme offensive remains slight, there still prevails the feeling that soon again battles on a large scale will begin, and with the allied troops after the respite of several days, strongly arrayed in battle formation and eager to test their strength against that of the foe.

From the Somme to the Oise river along that portion of the battle line which bulges out toward Amiens, Ailly and Breteuil, the big guns of the opposing side have opened in duels of great proportions, and it apparently is not unreasonable to assume that either side at any moment may take the offensive with their infantry in resumption of a battle which ranks among the greatest the world has ever known.

Since the beginning of the present week there has been no marked change in the alignment of the opposing sides from Arras southward to Chauny. The fighting has lacked the sanguinary character of the previous days, owing in part, no doubt, to the extremely bad weather conditions. Neither the Germans nor the allies have been idle, however, for daily there has been going on a reinforcement of strategic positions, both in man and gun power for the coming engagements upon which it is conceded so much depends for the victors.

In the vicinity of Lens artillery duels of intensity have been revived on some sectors and in Belgium at various points reciprocal shelling continues. In both these regions, however, the infantry has kept to the trenches, except for patrols and reconnoitering purposes. An American sector has been heavily attacked with gas.

In the Italian theater there still is no indication of when the expected big battle between the Italians and the Teutonic allies will burst, but daily there is increasing activity all along the front.

Along the various fronts the air men of both sides are keeping up their intensive activity, bombing positions behind the lines, searching out troop and transport movements and engaging in aerial combats.

The French war office reports more than 13 tons of projectiles having been dropped on German railroads and Noyan and also in the region of Roye in the Arras front.

## NOW IN MEDICAL CORPS

### Former Camden Man Enlists For Service in United States Army.

The following from the Pennington correspondence of the Trenton (N. J.) Evening Times will be read with interest here. Dr. Little is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Little of Camden:

Pennington, March 26.—Dr. William Little left here last evening for Washington, D. C., to report for duty in the Medical Corps of the United States Army. He enlisted in the service about three months ago, and was shortly afterward commissioned a first lieutenant.

It is expected that Dr. Little will be assigned to an instruction school and that he will be stationed in Washington for a while. Having come here about one year ago following the death of Dr. Edgar Hart, Dr. Little soon developed a wide practice and is held in high esteem in the community. He gained a wide popularity and everywhere are heard expressions of regret at his departure.

Dr. Little is a graduate of the University of Virginia, and served for a time in Mercer Hospital, Trenton. After leaving there he entered general practice in Trenton; but soon afterward established himself in this place. Upon leaving the hospital, Dr. Little was appointed a member of the auxiliary staff of that institution, and up to the line of his leaving here, served as assistant anesthetist, but for a time served as head of that work at the hospital in the absence of Dr. Walter A. Taylor.

### Furnish Us With The News.

Under the recent ruling of the war department which gives only the names of the killed and wounded at the battle fronts the newspapers have to depend entirely upon the relatives of the soldiers for any information sent them. The Chronicle would be glad for parents or next of kin to furnish us any information they receive from the boys at the front.

### Thanks The Voters.

I desire to express my sincere appreciation of the support given me in my race for Mayor of Camden in the recent primary, and to assure each voter that I will spend every possible effort to give the city a clean and progressive administration during my term.

Very respectfully,  
S. F. Brasington.  
Dated at Durham, N. C., April 4.