

GERMANS PUT TO TEST

Have They Been Able to Sustain the Shocks.

(By the Associated Press.)
The German armies in various important positions are being put to the test by the French and British. And it is a fact that seemingly bodes ill for the Teutons, for nowhere have they been able to sustain the shocks.

On the west of Soissons, from the Aisne to the Oise, north and northward on the famous Lys salient, the Germans where have been compelled to fall under the pressure of the French troops.

A new offensive launched by the French General Mangin over a front approximately 15 and a half miles, from the Oise to the Aisne, has carried forward their line to an average depth of two and a half miles in the first phase of the battle.

French troops have captured numerous enemy held villages and farms, in addition more than 8,000 Germans were herded behind the line as prisoners.

After reports Mangin's men were hard after the enemy, and unofficial reports placed the French on various positions well in advance of the positions named in the French official communication.

Along the Scarpe River east of Arras, Marshal Haig's forces also have had their harassing tactics against the enemy who has been compelled to back eastward along the Scarpe River. The Germans resisted vigorously, but to no purpose and the British moved their lines to the east of the village of Fampoux. Although Haig's only a slight forward movement, particular significance attaches to the reason of the fact that the Germans have been driven back until they virtually upon the old battle line stood in December 1917.

Forward the Lys salient again has narrowed down by the operations of the British who, north of Merville, taken the villages of Verhoek and Couronne and also reached the hamlet of L'Épinette. This gain represents forward movement of about a mile and places the British astride the road running southward to Estaires, when all in all, the new victories of the allied troops are highly important. The advance of the French west of Soissons, taken in conjunction with the successful maneuvers of the Lassigny sector and south of it, where Beauvraignes has been captured, seemingly means that the forces from the Somme to the Oise must give up their positions and retreat eastward. Indeed, it seems not probable now that Noyon is well out of the hands of the enemy and German line is none too secure north of Soissons and that the enemy will be forced to the necessity of moving his troops westward from the Vesle towards, if across the Aisne.

The Germans still are stubbornly clinging to the British points of vantage on the line south of the Somme, Chaumes and north of Roye, which still in German hands and which the keynotes to the enemy defense. With the capture of Beauvraignes the French however, Roye apparently is in danger of falling and with its doubtless the entire line northward of the Somme also will give way.

The Germans in the Merville sector of the Lys salient everywhere are being closely followed by the British as they advance under attack and retreats they were showing no intention that an immediate halt is in mind. On the Lys front, although the Germans are showing some resistance they are not putting their wonted energy into their work.

There has been little fighting along the Vesle River where the American troops are facing the enemy.

Camden Boy Wounded.

News from the war department dated last Saturday announced the wounding of Private Pat W. Davis, Camden. He was a member of a machine gun battalion, and volunteered for active duty at the age of eighteen years and went to the front as a member of the Rainbow Battalion. The telegram from the war department said as follows: "Deeply regret to inform you that it is officially reported that Private Pat W. Davis, of the Rainbow Battalion, was severely wounded on May 26th. Department desires further information." Mr. G. W. Davis, brother, W. W. Davis, brother, of Camden, and Miss Alice Davis all residents of Waterloo Cotton Mill village. He has a brother, B. T. Davis, who is a member of the Kershaw Cavalry and is now in service in

THREE MILLION UNDER ARMS

One and a Half Million Have Been Sent to France.

Washington, August 17.—Of more than 3,000,000 men now under arms, the American army has sent nearly one-half or more than 1,450,000 overseas for service against the army in France, Italy and Siberia.

These figures were revealed today by Gen. March, chief of staff, in his Saturday talks with newspaper men and members of the Senate military committee. The Senators were told that some transports are making the trip to Europe and back in nineteen days, and that the average has been reduced to twenty-eight days, which, with additional shipping becoming available, makes the great job of getting eighty divisions of American troops to France by June 30, 1919, certain of success.

The chief of staff paid only brief attention to the progress of the fighting in France, where the situation is developing slowly. He did characterize the battle however, as "the German retreat," and otherwise indicated that further retirement was expected.

Explaining his announcement as to embarkment, Gen. March said:

"When I give figures hereafter of troops embarked from the United States the totals will embrace the troops in Siberia in Italy, France and Russia proper. The figures will mean the entire American expeditionary force on all parts of the world. We have now embarked on all the expeditions more than 1,450,000 men."

Discussing the work of Americans abroad he said:

"The American troops in France are beginning to receive official French commendations of various sorts, and here is one that came in this morning. This refers to the Second artillery brigade, which was with the Second division in the fighting around Chateau-Thierry. After the infantry was withdrawn our field artillery stayed there and helped the French at that point. This commendation is from the French commander of the division to which it was attached. It is in the form of an official order and the translation is something like this:

"On the eve of the relief of the Second artillery brigade of the Second United States infantry division from the Twelfth (French) infantry division, the general commanding this infantry division takes the opportunity to express to the brigade commander, Gen. Bowley, to all his officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers, his thanks for the services rendered their French comrades and his admiration for the splendid American bravery.

"After having vigorously fought with the Second United States infantry division and with the Fifty-eighth, French, infantry division, the Second American artillery brigade has come to show during the two days of severe fighting at the side of the Twelfth infantry division, the finest qualities of energy, endurance and devotion.

"The fortunes of war separate us from these brave and loyal fighting comrades—I trust that the fortunes of war will reunite us again upon the field of battle.

"The Twelfth French infantry division will faithfully treasure the memory of the Second artillery brigade of the Second United States infantry division."

Grateful to His Friends.

Mr. J. Thomas Hough of Cassatt requests us to state that he is deeply grateful for the universal sympathy and assistance given him in his sore affliction in the recent death of his wife and illness of four other members of his family with typhoid fever. Not only have his near neighbors been good and kind to him but the business houses of both Bethune and Camden have been exceedingly generous to him. Mr. Hough has also received many letters of sympathy among which is the following from Congressman W. F. Stevenson:

Washington, D. C., Aug. 16.
Dear Tom: I was distressed to see in the paper that you had lost your wife and have five children down with typhoid fever. I was once through an epidemic of that disease at my father's home and realize how terrible it is. I write to express my sympathy for you and to say that no matter how dark things look keep a strong will and a hopeful heart and you will come out all right in the end. (The almighty Father of us all deals mysteriously but wisely with this old world and His ways will always work out all right. I had a letter from Mr. Charley Horton also telling me about your troubles. With deepest sympathy I am yours most sincerely,
W. F. Stevenson.

Friends of David Baum will be interested to know that he is in the service of the U. S. Government and stationed at Fort Slocum, New York.

Your Ballot is The Weapon!

Kershaw County Voters: Our Country is calling on every man to do his part in her service. If we are patriotic we believe in her cause and stand ready to help in every way we can. Many of our sons and brothers are risking their lives in the fight for democracy and humanity.

Can any true American feel a wish to belittle the high purpose of our country or to sneer at the nation's course?

One of the candidates for the United States Senate did so in public speeches made last year at Pomaria and Filbert.

Now in one breath he says that he stands by these speeches, and in the next breath he professes loyalty.

South Carolina voters, does such loyalty meet the test in your eyes?

He would not dare to repeat these speeches as he knows that would land him in the Federal prison, and yet he says he has no apology to make for them.

South Carolina men, can you vote for one so foul with disloyalty that he openly approves the sentiments he dare not repeat against the country?

What incalculable harm such a man might do were he placed in the United States Senate. And there are other men joined with him and moved by the same plans and purposes to get office.

Some of them will not openly avow his leadership yet will not repudiate his disloyal utterances, though claiming to be untainted themselves.

Can we afford to support any of this gang of evil politicians who are willing to band together the disloyal and discontented in secret for their own ends?

Can we not find enough men to vote for who are above every suspicion of disloyal taint and have kept themselves clean of alliances with this unholy crowd?

Men of Kershaw County, you cannot afford to stay away from the polls on August 27th. Your ballot is a weapon in your hands with which to stab disloyalty and its allies, and your country calls on you to use it!

MR. J. A. GILLIS DEAD

Was Born in Kershaw County But Later Moved to Sumter.

Sumter, Aug. 17.—There passed away in Columbia on August 6 an old resident of this county, J. A. Gillis, who lacked but four days of having rounded out his 73rd year. He had been in failing health and had gone to Columbia but a short time ago for treatment. He was buried at Pisgah Church after services by the Rev. A. E. Fulmer which were largely attended by people from all over the county.

Mr. Gillis was born in Kershaw County and lived there until at the age of 16 years he entered the Confederate army in the company from Camden under Capt. Jacob DePass. After the war he settled in this county and became an industrious and successful planter. He leaves a wife, one daughter Miss Ellen S. Gillis, two sons, J. E. Gillis and J. E. Gillis, and a number of grandchildren.

Tractor Agency Secured.

The Camden Motor Co. has secured the Cleveland Tractor for this territory and will have one here for demonstrations by the 28th of August. This tractor was designed and built by Mr. Rollin H. White who has built the White line of cars and trucks and that will insure the buyers protections.

The tractor answers the cry for help. It means greater production in spite of labor shortage. It takes the place of both man and beast. It doesn't eat when it isn't working. It needs no rest. It works faster. It works better. It works more. It means more crops at lower cost. It makes money and it saves money for its owner.

We will be glad to have every farmer in the county see this tractor work. adv.

Must File Expense Account.

Clerk of Court, James H. Clyburn, asks us to remind the candidates for county offices that they are compelled to file their expense accounts with him not later than Monday, August 26th. This is a very important matter and should not be overlooked.

Ill With Fever.

Mr. T. B. Clyburn, of Westville, went down to Orangeburg Tuesday to bring his son, Mr. Steve Clyburn to the Camden hospital for treatment. The young man has been very ill, suffering from typhoid fever. He stood the trip here all right and we are glad to know there is a slight improvement in his condition. Steve has been in the automobile business in Orangeburg for several years.

Miss Willie Alexander who was formerly with the Hermitage Mills, now has a position in Mr. Bratton deLoach's law office.

WILL FURNISH BULLETINS

Friends Invited to The Chronicle Office Next Tuesday Evening.

The Chronicle has made arrangements with the State and News and Courier to furnish us with bulletins on the State election results next Tuesday evening.

We have also made arrangements with the telegraph company to put a wire in our office and we will receive the results in this office when they will be flashed upon a screen by a stereopticon machine. The returns from the county primary will be furnished on a bulletin board.

The Superintendent of the Camden Water and Light Co. has consented to have the plant run that night as late as necessary to furnish light and power for the stereopticon.

Two years ago The Chronicle gave this service in front of the office and we had a large crowd with us. The public is invited to again be with us.

In this connection the managers of election throughout the county and friends of the paper can be of great service to us if they will get to a telephone immediately after the count and phone us the result at each precinct. We will have an extra telephone in service that night and the messages can be handled promptly.

Gets a Commission.

George S. Barnes, a former Camden man, now residing in Washington, has received a commission as First Lieutenant, and is now at the Sanitary Corps Evacuation Hospital at Camp Lee, Va. Mr. Barnes says he is now fifty years old but could not keep out of it.

Death of Mrs. W. A. Rush.

Mrs. Minnie Rush, wife of Mr. W. A. Rush, who is the superintendent of Mr. Henry Savage's "Westerham" plantation died at Lugoff Tuesday after a lengthy illness. Before her marriage she was Miss Minnie Gillis, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gillis of Sumter county. She was a well known and highly esteemed woman and the announcement of her death will cause genuine sorrow to many people.

Mrs. Rush was about 35 years of age and besides her husband and parents she is survived by the following children: Ruth, Hoyt, Alva, Walter and J. T. Rush, the youngest being a lad of eight years.

The funeral services were held from the Camden Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. A. E. Fulmer, of Westville. The burial was at the Quaker cemetery in this city.

Miss Virginia Taylor has returned to Camden and accepted a position in the office of the Hermitage Mills.

AS HE KNOWS THEM

Mr. Mills Tells of a Few of the State Candidates.

To the Editor of The Chronicle:
So many people have stated to me that they do not know any of the candidates for certain of the State offices, and have asked me what I know of them and of where they stand, that it seems well that I should say something of them as gathered in my service in the Legislature of 1915 and 1916.

Everyone knows, by reputation at least, the candidates for Governor and for United States Senate, both long and short terms, and no word is necessary with regard to them.

Of the candidates for Lieutenant Governor Mr. G. W. Wightman is an avowed follower of Mr. Blease. Mr. Cohen and Mr. Liles are both pronounced administration men. Mr. Cohen is a lawyer of Charleston and Monck's Corner who has never before sought office. Mr. J. T. Liles is an insurance man of Orangeburg, who has for several years served in the Legislature and has been the active and efficient chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, the most important committee of the House. He has been largely instrumental in shaping and passing our present prohibition laws.

As to the office of Attorney General Mr. Sapp of Lancaster, has heretofore been known as a Blease man. He has been the assistant attorney general for three years. Mr. S. M. Wolfe of Anderson and Mr. R. P. Seaton of Barnwell were both with me in the Legislature. Mr. Seaton is an out and out administration man. Mr. Wolfe while not so outspoken is also classed in that column.

Of the candidates for Commissioner of Agriculture I know personally only Mr. Morrison, but I know him as a man on the administration side of our present national and state questions. I know several of the candidates for Railroad Commissioner. I served in the Legislature with Mr. H. H. Arnold of Spartanburg and found him clean and intelligent, one of the most respected and honored members of the house, a man who could always be counted on to vote sensibly and patriotically on every matter.

Very truly yours,
Laurens T. Mills.

August 21, 1918.

Calls Before Local Board.

The following calls have been made upon the Local Board of Kershaw County for men to be furnished at the time and places named below:

Call 1118 for 86 negroes for general service to report at Camp Jackson August 23.

Call 1132 for 19 whites for general service to report at Camp Jackson August 30.

Call 1167 for 5 whites for limited service to report at Camp Green, Charlotte, N. C., August 31.

Call 1190 number not stated for negroes for general service, Mechanical College, Orangeburg, on September 1.

Call 1191 number not stated for whites general service to report at the University, Columbia, on September 1.

Call 1198 for 10 whites for limited service, report at Camp Greenleaf, Lytle, Ga., during the period September 3 to 6.

Call 1210 number not stated, negroes for general service report at Camp Jackson, September 1.

Call 1229 number not stated, whites for general service to report at Camp Jackson during the period September 3 to 6.

Analysis of Water.

The following is a report of water analysis of sample drawn from spigot on lower Fair Street:

Charleston S. C., Aug. 19, 1918.
Analysis No. 1980.
Mr. J. W. Wilson, Health Officer,
Camden, S. C.

Dear Sir: Bacterial analysis of sample water received from you on the 14th inst. shows same to be free from contamination.

Respectfully,
Francis L. Parker, M. D.

Sumter's First Bale.

Sumter, Aug. 17.—Again this year W. J. Stafford has the distinction of selling the first bale of new cotton on the Sumter market. He brought it in Friday and sold it to Levi Bros. for 32 cents a pound. The bale was graded strict middling and weighed 400 pounds. The sale of this bale was but a few minutes ahead of another sale of new cotton. William Keith brought in a bale weighing 404 pounds which was purchased by O'Donnell & Co. These sales were a few days ahead of the first bale last August.

Mrs. Ernest C. Zemp and little daughter, Barbara, are visiting Mrs. Zemp's parents in Leesville.

BETHUNE NEWS NOTES.

Chronicle of Happenings From Our Regular Correspondent.

Bethune, S. C., Aug. 21.—Misses Margaret and Beulah Dempster and Mr. Billy McDonald of Kershaw were guests of Mrs. W. M. Stevens Sunday evening.

Mrs. M. O. Ward and Misses Helen Pope and Katherine Ward spent Tuesday in Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Malloy of Florence stopped over in town Wednesday on their way to Fayetteville, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Yarbrough and children of Hartsville spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Miss Lucile Williams of Columbia who has been visiting Mrs. J. A. Stone returned to her home last Monday. The sampling party of about twenty five young folks of Bethune with Mrs. J. M. Forbis and Mrs. J. A. Stone as chaperons returned from Big Springs Saturday afternoon. The weather was ideal for the occasion and the party spent a most delightful week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. McDonald, Jr., of Hartsville spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Jno. McDonald.

Miss Mary McNaull accompanied by her brother Aughtey, returned Thursday to Thornwell Orphanage in Clinton where they will attend school.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Smith of Bishoptonville spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Smith's mother Mrs. William Seegar's.

Mr. C. M. Wilson of Newberry is visiting at the home of Mrs. M. L. Kelly.

Rev. J. M. Forbis returned Friday from Jefferson where he has been assisting Rev. White in a series of meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett and daughter of Lancaster were in town Sunday.

Mr. Jake Bethune who holds a position in Hartsville spent Sunday in town.

TRIBUNE QUITS BLEASE

Cheshire Cannot Follow Him in His Opposition to War.

Anderson, Aug. 21.—The Anderson Enquirer's Tribune, edited by Victor B. Cheshire, who was a colonel on the staff of Governor Blease and who has supported him through all of his campaigns, today announced that it could not longer support him because of his attitude on the war. The Tribune in quite a strong editorial declared that it followed Mr. Blease in his fights on State issues, but that it could no longer endorse him because of his opposition to the war and his Pomaria and Filbert utterances. The Tribune also came out against Congressman Fred Dominick today because of his stand against the war.

More Registrants Called.

The following registrants have been called to report for entrainment for Camp Green, N. C., on August 30th or 31st, under call No. 1167. These are limited men:

- Ariel C. King, Camden
- Edward F. Bell, Cassatt
- John H. Clements, Liberty Hill
- Lawrence W. Trapp, New Brookland, S. C.
- Alex Outlaw, Camden
- Willie A. Clements, Camden

A call has been issued to entrain a number of the class of 1918—both white and colored for special training. Whites to report to Commanding Officer of The University, Columbia, S. C., negroes to Mechanical College, Orangeburg, S. C. Registrants qualified for general military service can volunteer for this training by calling at the office of the local board by not later than August 26th. Want men for these calls who have at least a Grammar School education and some aptitude for mechanical training. If a sufficient number do not volunteer by the above date the Local Board will select men on August 27th and entrain them on August 30th or 31st.

To The Managers.

We are desirous of getting a correct report of the vote cast at each of the precincts in the county. We want this report as soon after the polls close as is possible for us to get it. The only way we can obtain this report is through the managers. The people of the entire county will be wanting to know the result as soon as possible. The people of the entire State will want to know. We have arranged for a bulletin service for the night of the election and will show the State result on a screen in front of our office. If some of the managers will get to a telephone as soon as possible after the votes are counted and phone them to The Chronicle, they will not only be doing us a great service, but will be accommodating the entire county and the State. We will expect the managers to cooperate with us. The Chronicle will bear all expenses of the telephone calls.