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GERMAN FORCES PUT TO ROUT.

Several Villages and 10,000 Prisoners and Many Big Guns Captured.

(Thursday's Associated Press.)

The German armies are in full flight on the front between Cambrai and Quentin. Cambrai, the strong point of the enemy in this region, has been taken by the Canadians in its entirety and the Canadians the Canadians have completely penetrated the German line.

In the open, east of what once was the Hindenburg line, cavalry is hunting the retreating foe in what virtually amounts to a rout. So fast is the retreat that columns of the allied troops in passing passed through numerous villages, completely out of contact with the main army.

More than 10,000 prisoners and between 100 and 200 guns were captured Tuesday's fighting, and the continuation of the battle Wednesday resulted in further large captures.

In the fighting 23 German divisions—more than a quarter of a million men—were severely man-handled.

The maximum depth of the advance between eight and ten miles. The Germans are declared to be fleeing to the east of Le Cateau, one of the most important railroad centers in this region.

Behind them the Germans are leaving a country devastated, burning towns and villages as they flee.

The formidable German defense system between Cambrai and St. Quentin has been utterly demolished and British, American and French troops are out in the open country eastward in pursuit of the retreating enemy.

Cambrai, the pivot point in the former line and over which there has been so much bitter fighting, is in British hands, numerous villages and hamlets to the south have been overrun by the allies.

Thousands of Germans have been made prisoners and hundreds of their guns captured.

The victory seemingly is a complete one, and with General Foch's strategy working smoothly, the German line is in great converging movement, the Germans apparently are in a serious predicament.

From the region northwest of Rheims to the Meuse river, north of Verdun, the French and Americans are slowly but surely pushing the Germans backward toward the Belgian border.

In Macedonia and Asiatic Turkey the troops of the entente still have the enemy on the run. Nowhere is the enemy able to do more than fight retarding battles, giving ground when the pressure becomes too strong.

Under the avalanche of steel hurled against them on the Cambrai-St. Quentin front the Germans could not live and were forced to flee eastward. Heavy casualties were inflicted on those of the enemy who had the temerity to endeavor to make a stand.

On the other hand the casualties of the allies are declared to have been relatively small, those of the Americans being less than half of the number of prisoners taken by them.

Where the enemy proposes to make his next stand cannot be foretold, but probably an effort for a turn about will be attempted along the Valenciennes-Sedan front. After this line the only known German defensive position west of the Rhine is the Meuse river.

The Americans already are threatening to make this line untenable, having started an advance up the valley on the east side of the stream toward Sedan.

The maneuvers of the French northwest of Rheims are cutting more deeply into the German line, despite the serious resistance that is being offered by the enemy to postpone the fall of the great St. Gobain massif and the highly important strategic positions of Laon and LaFere, which seemingly are likely to be pinched out of the battlefield by the successful operations around St. Quentin and Berry-au-Bac.

Strong resistance also is being imposed by the Germans against further advances by the French and Americans in Champagne and east of the Argonne forest. Particularly heavy counter-attacks have been launched by the enemy on various positions, but without results other than increasing his casualties.

Along the Suippe river the fighting is furious, but the French have been able to make further crossing of the stream. St. Etienne has changed hands several times in bitter combats.

MANY CASES OF FLU REPORTED.

Schools and Churches Ordered Closed and Circus Will Be Prohibited.

At a meeting of the Camden Board of Health held last Monday it was ordered that the schools, churches, show places and all other public gatherings be prohibited until further notice.

Since then the State Board of Health has taken the matter up with the sheriffs of all the counties and ordered the schools and churches throughout the state to be discontinued until the present epidemic of influenza has subsided.

The Camden Board of Health also asked City Council to have the city clerk instruct Spark's circus that it would not be allowed to exhibit in Camden as scheduled here next Monday.

A report by all physicians made to the secretary of the Board of Health showed that the six physicians of the city on Tuesday were treating 231 cases of influenza. On Wednesday the number had increased to 252. Tuesday the report showed that 48 new cases had developed and on Wednesday 36 new cases were reported. Most of the cases were in Camden and places in close proximity to Camden.

Dr. W. R. Clyburn has been confined to his bed for the past week suffering from influenza and the remaining physicians have been kept steadily on the go. Dr. J. H. Thomas, one of the colored physicians also has been down for the past week with the same disease. A great many of the cases reported have developed pneumonia and some of the patients are seriously ill. Only one death had resulted up to the time of our going to press.

In issuing its order closing the schools and churches the board of health also issued the following timely advice:

"The Board of Health advises parents to keep the children in their own yards, and immediately isolate any member of the family who presents any symptoms of illness—sneezing, coughing, sore throat, pains in head, back or limbs and fever. Adults should keep out of crowds. Houses should be ventilated. Water ingested freely. Avoid overeating or indigestion. A cough or sneeze should be protected by a handkerchief. The public is advised not to become unduly alarmed or panicky, but must understand the above action is for the purpose of checking and stopping the present epidemic of influenza, which if allowed to go on, will be costly, economically as well as dangerous to health and life."

With Admiral Sims.

A recent copy of the New York Times contained a photographic reproduction of Admiral William S. Sims and his staff, taken at the United States Naval headquarters in London. Prominent in the picture is Commander William Ancrem, of Camden. Commander Ancrem has been with Admiral Sims since the American fleet was assigned to duty in British waters. He has been in attendance upon all of the great naval councils of the Allied officers and holds a responsible position with Uncle Sam's fighting forces.

MR. BENJ. AMMONS DEAD.

Was a Well Known Planter of the West Wateree Section.

Mr. Benjamin Ammons, a well known planter of the Betty Neck section of West Wateree, died at his home Monday morning following an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Ammons is survived by his wife and several sons and daughters. He was 60 years of age and was a highly respected citizen of the county. For a number of years he was keeper of the toll bridge across the Wateree river and while there contracted malaria which left him almost totally deaf and practically a physical wreck, but he managed up to the time of his death to keep his farming interests going.

The funeral was to have been held at the Camden Baptist church, but owing to the order from the Board of Health, services were conducted at the grave by Rev. Edwin Muller, in the absence of Rev. Benson, who was sick. The following members of the Pythian Lodge of Camden acted as pallbearers: M. H. Heyman, C. W. Billings, R. Blair DeLoache, Baron D. Trapp, Nex Billings and W. M. Lobbis.

A Correction.

In transcribing the list of draft registrants from the cards to the serial list the name of Lewis Barfield, of Kershaw, route 4, whose number was 1683, appeared in the list as colored. This was a mistake made in hurriedly transcribing the list. Mr. Barfield is a well known white citizen of his community and the Board and The Chronicle cheerfully makes this correction.

Vigil will be Tawak Prada, whose sympathies are declared to be pro-German rather than pro-American. Rumor also has it that the Turks have dispatched a peace note to the allies through the Spanish government.

LIEUT. STEPHEN RICHARDS DEAD

Was Only Son of Major and Mrs. John G. Richards, of Liberty Hill.

All of those who have known and loved Major and Mrs. John G. Richards, of Liberty Hill, were grieved and shocked at the tidings which reached us Thursday morning of the death of their only son, Lieutenant Stephen M. Richards.

From childhood he was one to inspire ambition and pride in the hearts of his parents and they had lavished their all in giving him an education and training worthy of him, and to fit him for the position he seemed destined to fill in life.

But alas! the workings of Providence are indeed mysterious.

Young Stephen Richards volunteered at the beginning of our entrance into the war, went into training at Fort Oglethorpe where he received his commission as second lieutenant. From there he was transferred to Camp Gordon, and later on to one of the camps out west where he contracted influenza which developed into pneumonia and caused his death. He had been particularly anxious to go to France and join our boys in their magnificent work over there, but the government, realizing his ability, retained him as instructor of military tactics.

No funeral announcements have been made as yet.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the family in their deep sorrow.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Married.

Married by Probate Judge W. J. McDowell on Friday last, October 4th, Mr. John Glenn Motley and Miss Lizzie Mae Ross, of Blaney.

NEGRO RUNS AMUCK.

Grant Smith Kills William Brown and Wounds Another Negro.

Grant Smith, a well known and formerly well behaved negro of the Cauty section, is in jail charged with shooting to death William Brown late Tuesday afternoon.

Smith is apparently demented and certainly his actions are that of a demented man. The only cause that he gives for the killing is that "someone threw a spell over him and he had to do it." Armed with his gun he left his home late that afternoon apparently to go squirrel hunting and finding William Brown in a field gathering corn he opened fire, killing the negro almost instantly. After shooting Brown he shot and wounded Sugar Dinkias and shot at another negro. Later after being disarmed of his gun he made a desperate attempt to cut Eugene Alexander's throat.

Smith was in Camden Monday afternoon and purchased some supplies and those who saw him say that he was apparently of sound mind and was well behaved. The negroes had had no previous difficulty and no other cause is assigned except that the Smith negro became violently insane. When arrested by Sheriff Hough and Constable Bateman he offered no resistance.

Mrs. McCracken Dead.

Mrs. R. L. McCracken, a former resident of this county, died at her home in Columbia on October 1st, and her body was sent to this place for burial at the Antioch cemetery Sunday. She was a daughter of Mr. C. L. Bradley, of the Hermitage Mill, and is survived by her husband and one child.

EBEN McLEOD DEAD.

Passed Away at Asheville Tuesday After Illness of Pneumonia.

A message received in Camden Tuesday announced the death at Asheville, N. C., that day of Mr. Eben J. McLeod, of this city. The young man left here several months ago in company with others to do Y. M. C. A. work in France. After reaching London a letter was received from him stating that he had been sick for about four weeks and that physicians had advised him to return home. He was sent to Asheville to recuperate after landing in America, and there contracted pneumonia which proved fatal.

The announcement of his death will cause sorrow to many. He was for some time Captain of the Kershaw Guards and saw service with that company on the Mexican border. After its return to Camden he tendered his resignation and was a member of the firm of McLeod & McLeod.

Mr. McLeod was the eldest son of Mr. M. B. McLeod, and is survived by his father and two brothers—Lieut. Alfred M. McLeod, now in service in France, and Robert McLeod, also in service in France. He was married several years ago to Miss Leslie Arthur, of this city, who with a baby girl, survive him.

The body arrived here Wednesday afternoon and the funeral service and burial was at the Camden cemetery. Mr. McLeod was a member of the Masonic and Woodmen fraternal orders and always took an active interest in these organizations. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. John H. Graves and the following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: D. A. Boykin, J. H. McLeod, H. G. Carrison, Jr., W. F. Nettles, H. L. Richey and J. B. Zemp.

Election Commissioners Named.

Governor Manning Saturday appointed State and Federal commissioners of election for the forthcoming general election. The appointments are made to fill the vacancies due to the expiration of their two year terms. In some cases there are reappointments, in others new men are commissioned, while in others there are no new appointments, as appointments were previously made upon resignations. The law provides that the office shall be filled for two years.

Following were named to serve for Kershaw county: State and county: W. L. Stokes, of Cassatt; D. G. Fletcher, Camden, and J. H. Clement, Liberty Hill. Federal: G. S. King, Bethune; W. F. Nettles, Camden and R. T. Mickle of Longtown.

Rock Hill Man Died Here.

Mr. G. H. Barnhill, of Rock Hill, who had been employed at the Hermitage Mill ice plant for about two months, died in Camden Monday night and his remains were shipped to Rock Hill for burial the following day. He had been ill several days with an attack of pneumonia. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Wounded in France.

A message from the war department addressed to J. C. Baker of the mill village Saturday announced that Corporal W. J. Hasty had been severely wounded in France and was now in Ward I, 30th general surgical hospital with the British expeditionary forces. Corporal Hasty is a son of Mr. W. T. Hasty of one of the mill villages. He was a member of the 30th Division Quartermaster Corps. No details of the boys wounds were given in the message.

Deaths Among Colored People.

The body of David L. Gamble, a member of the United States Infantry, a former Camden negro, who died at Camp Devens, Mass., on September 27th, was brought to Camden last week for burial. He died of pneumonia. He was a member of the well known Gamble family of this city and was a well liked negro.

The body of Hanson Deas, who died in Charleston on September 30th of chronic nephritis, was buried here last week.

Mary Taylor died at her home in Camden on October 4th, following a long illness of tuberculosis.

William Shields, of Camden, died Wednesday of pneumonia following influenza.

Willie Thomas, of the Rabons Cross Roads section, died this week.

John Benjamin, a well known negro of Camden, died Wednesday following an attack of influenza.

New Captain Birchmore.

Lieut. H. H. Birchmore, who recently was sent back from France as instructor, has been commissioned a captain. His friends here will be pleased to learn of his promotion, an honor which he has justly won. He is at Camp Dix at present, and while he is anxious to get back to France he does not know when he can leave there as he is quarantined on account of Spanish influenza.

ALLIES STRIKING HARD.

All Along the Front Germans Have Met With Serious Reverses.

The troops of the French General Berthelot have delivered a successful blow against the Germans northwest of Rheims which adds materially to the menace hanging over the German front from the North sea to the Swiss border. This was the capture of Berry-au-Bac, on the north side of the Aisne about ten and a half miles northwest of Rheims and only a scant five miles from the eastern end of the famous Chemin-des-Dames ridge at Craonne. A further advance northward across the railroad, not alone will put the great stronghold of Laon in a pocket but also will outflank Neufchatel, another enemy stronghold on the west.

The Turks also have suffered a serious blow in the loss to the French of Beirut, capital of the Vilayet of Syria. The occupation of this seaport on the Mediterranean by a French naval division gives the Allies a base for the landing of men who can operate in all directions against the Turks over the roads radiating from it.

Although peace talk is still in the air, there is no peace for the German and Austro-Hungarian armies in the field.

While attempts are being made in "well informed circles" in Germany and Austria-Hungary to show that the latest peace proposals of the Central Powers are honest expressions of a desire for a "just peace," Marshal Foch's armies are proceeding without pause in their task of clearing Belgium and France of the invaders. And they are continuing to meet with great successes. Likewise in Serbia and Albania the Serbs and Italians are fast reclaiming enemy occupied territory, while at last reports the British general, Allenby in Palestine was still hard after the retreating Turks.

While further good gains have been made by the British east of Arras where the operations have in view the capture of the highly important town of Douai and other advances have been recorded between Cambrai and St. Quentin, chief interest for the present centers in the fighting in Champagne and between the Argonne forest and the Meuse, where the French and Americans are driving the enemy steadily northward, despite great resistance in positions of high strategic value.

All along the front from Rheims to the Meuse, a distance of more than 50 miles, the enemy everywhere has met with serious reverses and is falling back at some places in disorder, under the heavy pressure that is being imposed against him. Where the enemy is trying to resist, the French and Americans are meeting their counter-thrusts with splendid stamina and gradually forcing them to give ground step by step.

East of the Argonne forest, between that great wooded bastion and the Meuse, the Americans have further advanced their lines, notwithstanding the fact that the enemy has thrown in large reinforcements to hinder the blotting out of the forest and the forming of a junction by way of the Aire valley between the Americans and the French troops on its western side. In the latest fighting, the Americans drove the Germans out of Chatel Chelery, northwest of Apremont and obtained command of the heights west of the Aire. The latest German official communication reports that the Americans Monday evening began a new attack in this region.

Taken altogether the entire southern front of the Germans seems to be in a rather serious situation from LaFere to the north of Verdun. Laon, the great storehouse of the Germans northeast of Soissons, is reported to be on fire, indicating the possibility of an early falling back; the Chemin Des Dames defenses are outflanked at both ends; Rheims has been rescued and the Germans pushed back more than ten miles north of it, while eastward Gen. Gouraud's armies and the American First army are brilliantly carrying out their part of the great converging movement that seemingly at no distant date will force the enemy materially to readjust his line.

Another indication of the troublesome times in the German army is the report that Field Marshal von Hindenburg has resigned after a stormy interview with Emperor William during which von Hindenburg informed the Emperor that a German retreat of a large scale was necessary.

Mrs. Bessie Jordan Dead.

Mrs. Bessie Jordan, wife of Mr. J. J. Jordan, of the Hermitage Mill village, died in Camden on September 29th, of pneumonia. The burial occurred at the Pine Creek cemetery the following day. She is survived by her husband and two children.

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