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## LONG STRIDE TOWARD PEACE

Summons To Versailles April 25th To Hear Verdict.

(By Associated Press)

A sharp forward stride toward an early peace has been taken. The council of four in Paris has formally invited Germany to send delegates to Versailles, April 25, there to hear the verdict of the entente Allies and associated powers and the sentence they have imposed upon her for having set the world aflame.

The general opinion in Paris seems to be that Germany may endeavor to argue over the hard terms and try to secure a diminution in their severity, but that within a relatively short time the delegates will bow to the inevitable and sign the contract. Addresses from London are to the effect that the terms of the peace treaty will not be made public until they have been delivered to the Germans.

The expectation in the French capital is that President Wilson will remain in France until the peace treaty is signed and bring back the completed document to the United States.

The Adriatic situation, as it affects Italy and Jugoslavia, is now the chief item under consideration by the council of four. Arthur J. Balfour, the British foreign minister, is acting as mediator on the council for David Lloyd George, who is on a visit to England, pending the conclusion of the peace treaty. Germany is to be permitted to sell the Allied governments to purchase surplus stocks of their raw materials, but has been decided on by the economic council.

The decision will permit Germany to commence manufacturing and begin the accumulation of the money that is to be required of her to settle the financial claims of the Allies. The reparations commission is investigating the financial situation of Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey and their ability to pay war debts.

Troublesome times continue in Bavaria. The communists in Munich again hold the upper hand, according to reports. There has been further heavy fighting in the streets of the city. Reinforced troops of the Hoffman government are attacking the communist stronghold, but are declared to have been defeated. Many persons are reported to have been killed or wounded. The strike in Danzig which had been in progress for several days has ended. A strike of the bank clerks in Berlin, however, is in full swing and the clerks Meubel and Chemnitz have joined a similar movement.

Considerable fighting has taken place on the Russian frontiers. The Bolsheviks have suffered severe defeats on the Sargel and Murmansk coast sectors in the hands of the Allies, but in the north the Rumanians have been compelled by the Bolsheviks to retreat over wide front into Bessarabia. Fetlura, leader of the Ukrainian peasant army, has been forced to cede ground to the Bolsheviks.

Secretary of War Baker who has arrived in Paris, in a statement tells of plans that are afoot for the rapid repatriation of the American soldiers in Europe. During the present month 100 of them will come home and 250,000 more. In June it is expected to transport 300,000 men, and the number is to be maintained monthly until the 1,400,000 soldiers are back in the United States.

## SPEAKERS TO BE HERE

The Band Here Tuesday April 29th, In Interest of Victory Loan.

Chairman C. H. Yates of the Victory Loan committee requests us to announce three speakers will be here on Tuesday afternoon at 6 o'clock April 29th in the interest of the Victory Loan. The exercises will be held in the open square on Monument Square, if the weather permits, otherwise it will be at the Grand Opera House. The United States Marine band from Paris Island will furnish music for the occasion. Full announcements will be made next week when the names of the speakers will be given out.

## Boy Killed Accidentally

Garhardt, a 16 year old white boy of the Hagood section, became entangled in a revolving shaft at Lenoir's mill fifteen miles south of Camden Friday afternoon and was so badly injured that he died Sunday afternoon at Sumter hospital. The boy was standing near the shaft and was trying to hold the end of the shaft by wrapping a portion of his coat around it. The coat wound around the shaft and the boy's body to be beaten against the shaft. One leg and arm were severed in several places and his respiratory organs were punctured by

## WELCOME TO THE SOLDIERS

Largest Crowd Ever Seen in Camden Here Last Saturday.

What has been termed as the largest crowd ever seen in this city was here last Saturday to join in the celebration arranged for Kershaw County soldiers. People were here from every part of the county, many neighboring counties and a good many from outside the state. It was an ideal day for such a gathering and was enjoyed by all the visitors here.

A parade was held in the afternoon the soldiers assembling at Hampton Park. Led by Mr. L. W. Boykin on horseback, then followed by Sergeant Hobson Hilton and Corporal Canty Vilepique, both winners of Congressional Medals. Lieutenant Alfred McLeod who was in command of Company M led the company. The line of march was from Hampton Park around by the graded school building, thence down Broad Street to the street below the opera house, back to Hampton Park. The school children had previously marched down to Main Street and lined the streets. The veterans of the sixties also occupied a conspicuous place in the parade.

After returning to the park, Mayor S. F. Brasington acted as master of ceremonies and Mr. L. T. Mills delivered the welcome address. Rev. Dr. Gordon, a veteran of the civil war offered prayer. Major Gillespie of Cheraw, who had been in command of the Cheraw company made an address as did Lieutenant Plyler, of Kershaw, who spent several months in a German prison. His capture resulting from his machine going bad and landing in German territory.

Long before the parade came off many thousands of people lined the streets and it was said by many to be the largest crowd ever seen in this city. It was a happy day for all and one that will long be remembered.

After the speaking at the park, the soldiers and their friends were invited to the tempting barbecue prepared the night previous under the direction of Mr. L. W. Boykin, assisted by the housewives of Camden and the county.

In the evening a play and dance under the direction of the ladies of the Red Cross was given at the opera house affording genuine pleasure for a large gathering.

Much of the credit of this huge undertaking is due to the untiring efforts of Mrs. E. C. von Treseckow, who is always looking after the betterment of Camden in every way. It is to be regretted that the day fell on Saturday and it was impossible for the merchants to close and let their clerks off for the day. They report the largest sales for any one day in recent years.

Below is a list of the out of town members of Company M who were here for the day:

- Luther Stroud, Whitmire, S. C.
- Charles A. Strange, Greenville, S. C.
- Benj. T. Carter, Lowryville, S. C.
- Harold Butler, Walterboro, S. C.
- Charles R. Jones, Winston-Salem, N. C.
- Wm. A. Arledge, Winston-Salem, N. C.
- Frank H. Burgen, Hendersonville, N. C.
- Fred H. White, Winston-Salem, N. C.
- Jasper D. Ellis, Heath Springs, S. C.
- Jethro Falle, Lancaster, S. C.
- Carnie D. Barr, Denmark, S. C.
- W. C. Mathis, Rockingham, N. C.
- Roy Truesdel, Kershaw, S. C.
- James A. Barton, Lancaster, S. C.
- J. H. Clement, Heath Springs, S. C.

## Knitters Requested to Return Garments

All persons doing Red Cross knitting are urgently requested to return the garments at once to the Red Cross work room. Should the room be closed they may be left at the Civilian Relief room next door.

Mrs. Edwin Muller, Chairman of Committee on Wool.

## CAR RAN INTO TRAIN

Two Aged Men Had Narrow Escape In Collision Near Kershaw.

W. J. Young and W. M. Peach, of the Westville community, the former 86 years of age and the latter 75, were returning to their homes from Kershaw Tuesday in a Ford touring car, which was being driven by Mr. Peach. They reached the first railroad crossing below town just as the south bound train was passing over it, and not seeing the train or hearing it in time to stop up, the car ran into the steps of the rear coach, the impact throwing their car back into the ditch alongside the track and overturning it, throwing both the occupants out, and from the bruises on their faces it would seem that both alighted on their foreheads. The train was stopped and Mr. Young and Mr. Peach were taken aboard and brought back to Kershaw to receive medical attention. It was a most miraculous escape for them, for while both were bruised and considerably shaken up, no limbs or bones were broken.—Kershaw Era.

## YOUTH SERIOUSLY SHOT

A Sad Termination To a Practical Joke Near Rembert.

Cap. McLeod, a young man about seventeen years old who carries the mail on one of the rural routes from Rembert was shot and so seriously wounded Saturday night that it is feared that he cannot recover. The shooting was done by Herbert Bradley another young man of the same neighborhood and an intimate friend of the McLeods. The circumstances of the accident are particularly sad and the whole community is grief stricken, it is said.

Saturday night Herbert Bradley and several other young men were paying a social call on some young ladies who were visiting Mrs. J. M. Reames, and among the late arrivals were Cap. McLeod and Ed Bradley a brother of Herbert. Seeing his brother's car, Ed Bradley suggested to Cap. McLeod that they hide the car in the bushes, as a joke on Herbert, and they proceeded to put the plan into execution. Mrs. Reames saw them moving the car and gave the alarm. Herbert Bradley ran out at once and the boys who were moving the car left it and ran off into a field and hid. Herbert Bradley, thinking they were probably convicts who had escaped from the State farm a few days ago, got his pistol from the car and fired at the boys. One bullet struck McLeod in the back, inflicting a very serious wound. McLeod was brought at once to the Toumey Hospital by Herbert Bradley who was horrified and grief-stricken when he found out who he had shot. His condition is critical, and while there is some hope that he may recover the chances are said to be all against him.—Sumter Item.

## Supervisors To Meet

Columbia, April 4.—County Supervisors of South Carolina will meet in Columbia, Wednesday, April 23, for the purpose of forming a state association. The meeting will be held in the assembly room of the Jefferson Hotel and will begin at 11 o'clock in the morning.

The meeting has been called by the South Carolina Automobile Association, which is constantly working in behalf of better roads in South Carolina. The Association felt that an organization of the supervisors for the exchange of ideas on road building, plans, etc., would do good and wrote each of the supervisors of the state asking if they would attend a meeting in Columbia. Practically every supervisor in the state replied in the affirmative and the meeting has been arranged for April 23.

One of the features will be a good roads film. Addresses will be made and officers of the association elected. The meeting will last only one day.

## A Pretty Store

The Gents Furnishing Company, (Mens Shop) opened last Saturday in the Mann block and have been having a rush from the start on the sale of Easter furnishings for men. The fixtures have not all been completely installed, but even in its unfinished condition it presents the prettiest appearance of any place in the city. One of the features of this store is the well dressed display windows. The managers had an expert window dresser here one day this week and he has displayed his talent on this window.

## Services at Grace Church

Good Friday 7:30, 11:00 a. m. and 5 p. m. Easter Day—7:30 and 11:00 a. m. and Easter Carol Service at 5 p. m. Special Easter music at 11 o'clock service. You are cordially invited to attend.

## Visitors To and From Lancaster

(From The News.)  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shannon, of Camden and little daughter, Emily, spent Sunday here as the guests of Col. and Mrs. Leroy Springs.  
Walter Black of Greer, Bobby Boozer, of Newberry; Kid Kirkland, of Camden; Juney McCaskill, of Kershaw are the house guests of George Fairy Poovey.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Mills and Lieutenant Hyman, of Camden, motored up Sunday evening to hear Prof. Morse lecture at the Presbyterian church.  
George Fairy Poovey spent Thursday and Friday in Camden.

## Mr. Tielmer Quite Ill

His friends in Camden and a wide circle of acquaintance at the north and elsewhere regret to know that Mr. Ben Tielmer, the popular manager of the Court Inn, of Camden, has been quite ill for several weeks. His condition has somewhat improved in the last few days. Besides being manager of the Court Inn he also manages the Berkshire Inn in the Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts. The former is a winter resort and the latter a summering place. His many friends here will wish him an early recovery.

## SHIP-BY-TRUCK TOUR.

Huge Trucks Demonstrating the Need of Good Roads in the South.

Two heavy trucks sent out by the Firestone Tire Company, of Akron, O., spent a few hours in Camden last Friday. They were on the return trip from Akron, and were equipped with solid and pneumatic tires, having been used in the great "Dixie Parade" at Macon, Ga.

These trucks left Akron loaded with tires for their distributing agents at Macon, Ga., and on the return trip were loaded with fabric from the Bibb Manufacturing Co., at Macon, to be used in the manufacture of tires. After the big parade in Macon the representatives of the truck manufacturers put on a ship-by-truck demonstration. Fifty trucks used in the parade were loaded with outgoing freight from the wholesale dealers of the Central City and shipped to Georgia towns within a radius of 50 miles. The wholesale stuff was delivered to nearby dealers and the return trip consisted of cotton and other farm produce to be sold at Macon.

The trucks have been giving these demonstrations at every city of importance through which they have passed and it is an educational feature in good roads.

The tour was in charge of Mr. E. Farr, of the Akron office. Accompanying him were Mr. D. F. White, district manager, of Atlanta, Ga., and Mr. H. C. Buchanan, branch manager at Charlotte, N. C. Mr. D. W. Gobbett, of Akron, was along with his camera, making comparative scenes along the roadways, showing the difference in hauling capacity over good and bad roads. He is also including in this movie film amusing interest stories of incidents along the route that will make it well worth seeing. Mr. White, of the Atlanta office, tells us that this film will be ready within six weeks and he will put the Majestic Theatre, of Camden, as one of the show places in which this film will be shown.

This campaign is being put on by the Firestone Company at great expense, but they figure that if it results in arousing interest in good road building in the South that it will be money well spent. These trucks over good roads are capable of making a speed of 35 to 40 miles per hour, and their representative tells us that if Kershaw and Richland county had a system of hard surface highways goods could be shipped from Columbia to Camden in one hour, thereby saving wholesalers the long delay by freight handling. It is an educational campaign and is a practical demonstration of time saved by the use of motor driven vehicles over good roads.

## Frank Woolworth Dead

New York, April 8.—Frank W. Woolworth, who started a five and ten cent store in Utica, New York, forty years ago on a capital of fifty dollars and eventually became the millionaire proprietor of a great chain of these stores in the United States, Canada, and England, died suddenly today at his home at Glen Cove, L. I. In addition to establishing a business with profits totaling nearly eight millions yearly, Woolworth built the celebrated fifty-one story Woolworth building in New York, said to be the tallest in the world.

## Prison For Debs

Moundsville, West Va., April 13.—Eugene V. Debs, many times Socialist candidate for president, entered the West Virginia penitentiary here late tonight and began serving his ten year sentence for violation of the espionage act. As the prisoner stood in the doorway of the penitentiary, he said: "I enter the prison door a flaming revolutionist, my head unbent, my spirit untamed, my soul unconquerable." Debs answered the required questions put by Warden Terrill who assigned the prisoner to cell 51.

## Liberty Loan Ads

The Chronicle has received a large number of Liberty Loan ads for the Victory Loan. These ads are intended for use by the merchants and business men to create interest in the coming Victory Loan. The Chronicle will be glad to use these ads for those desiring them. They can be used by individuals or as many merchants as want them can divide up and place their names at the bottom of the ads.

## Easter Services at Catholic Church

Mass 7 a. m.; High Mass and Sermon at 11 o'clock. Rosary, sermon and benediction at 6 p. m. Special music at all services. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Named As Constable

Mr. S. H. Mickle, of Camden, has been named by Magistrate Nicholson to act as constable in the place of Mr. J. F. Bateman who has resigned to go with the state constabulary in the enforcement of the prohibition laws.

## TANK TO BE SHOWN HERE

Camden People Will Have Chance To See Monster of Battlefield.

Columbia, S. C., April 14.—The people of South Carolina have read a lot about the manner in which our boys "treated 'em rough". The time is at hand when we will have the opportunity at first hand to witness the destructive power of these monsters that broke down the morale of the German army and contributed so greatly to the final victory. Three of these great tanks will come to South Carolina. They will be shipped direct from Camp Meade, Md., to Greenville, Columbia, and Charleston. It is hoped that Southern fighters will be in charge of these tanks and it is expected that Lieut. Arthur L. Varndoe, commanding the tanks in this district, will be able to demonstrate one of them in South Carolina. A crew of two men will operate each tank and will take part in parades and demonstrations. Each tank is 15 feet long, 7 feet wide, and carries a machine gun of great destructive power; develops 40 horse power, and has a speed of 9 miles an hour over good ground. The armour plate cannot be pierced by machine gun or rifle bullets. The weight of each tank is 6 tons net.

The gunner sits in a sting and operates his gun and gives directions to his driver. The only means of vision are small slits in the armour plate and in actual warfare the drivers and gunners suffered casualties from the German bullets melting from the tremendous heat striking through these slits. Demonstration will be given to show the great adaptability of these wonderful machines; for instance it is probable that the tank will be permitted to tumble down a steep hill at Wades Garden destroying shanties, scrapped automobiles, and tearing up trees in its progress.

Charles H. Gerald, Secretary for South Carolina, announces that he has engaged Pierre Maryck, the veteran transportation man, to route the three tanks in their tour of the State. The tank in the upper part of the State will show at Greenville on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd. Other towns included in the itinerary are Belton, Greenwood, Laurens, Spartanburg, Gaffney, Blacksburg, York, Rock Hill, Lancaster, Chester, Clinton and other places.

The tanks for the middle tier of counties will show at Columbia beginning on the 21st. Other places to be visited are Camden, Cheraw, Darlington, Florence, Marion, Sumter and eight or ten other places.

The third tank will arrive at Charleston about the 21st and after an extended stay in that city will visit neighboring counties including Williamsburg, Clarendon, Georgetown and others. These dates have not been fixed and this is merely a tentative program.

## Meeting of Civic League

The regular monthly meeting of the Camden Civic League was held in the Grammar School on the second Monday in April. Mrs. N. R. Goodale called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Rhame, a member of the park committee reported that \$1.60 had been spent for flower seeds, to be used to beautify the parks.

The Chamber of Commerce has asked the League to appoint a committee to co-operate with them in planning the county fair in the fall. The League voted to support the Chamber of Commerce and to do all in their power to make the fair a success.

As in preceding years the League voted to pledge ten dollars toward the Winthrop Scholarship fund.

The Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina meets the last of this month at Rock Hill. The president or her appointee and Mrs. Lindsay with Miss Mary Martin as her alternate were selected to attend the Federation. The League voted to pay the railroad fare and all transportation charges of each delegate to Rock Hill.

Mrs. von Treseckow, Mrs. Zemp and Mrs. Muller were appointed as a committee to write an article in appreciation of Mrs. S. E. Goodale for many years a faithful and earnest member of the League.

The next meeting will be held at six o'clock on the square in front of the High School.

Miss Mary G. Martin, Acting Secretary.

## A Bad Combination

"What are your views on the subject of prohibition?"  
"Well," replied Uncle Bill Bottletop, "if you could regulate rum so as to limit the combination to good men and good hiker there mightn't be so much damage. But somehow the bad men and the bad hiker always get together and spoil any little decent reputation alcohol ever did have."

## KERSHAW NEWS NOTES

Interesting Happenings Gathered From The Era of That Place.

Miss Stella Hough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hough, and Seamon Faulkenberry, son of the late Leonard Faulkenberry, all of the Fork Hill section, were married Sunday April 13th. The ceremony was performed by Magistrate W. L. Adams at his home, in the presence of a few friends and relatives.

There will be an ice cream supper at Ned's Creek school house next Saturday night, the 19th inst. for the benefit of the school. The public is cordially invited to attend and help out the worthy cause.

The many friends of Capt. S. J. Benton will be pleased to learn that he is able to sit up a portion of the time now, after several weeks of serious illness.

Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Fletcher and children were at Camden last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Fletcher's grandmother Mrs. S. E. Goodale.

Miss Daisy Bell McNinch, who was stenographer in the office of Senator J. C. Massey, left last Wednesday to accept a position in the office of the Southern Producers Company at Meggett, S. C.

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. McDowell carried their little son, James, to the Fennell Infirmary at Rock Hill last week. He was brought back home again on Sunday, and we are pleased to note that his condition is improved.

W. W. Horton has contributed to the Era's museum an egg of proportions that entitle it to most respectful consideration. It measures 3 1/2 inches in length, 6 1/4 inches in diameter at the middle and weighs 1-4 pound.

Mrs. Jane Jones, wife of J. Thomas Jones died at their home in the Hanging Rock community very early Saturday morning and was buried at Sand Hill graveyard Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, after funeral services conducted by Rev. E. B. Jenkins. Mrs. Jones was about 63 years of age and had been sick for a long time. She was taken to the hospital some time ago but failed to get relief. Besides her husband, she left several children surviving, all of whom are grown.

Mrs. Annie Cox, wife of E. W. Cox died at their home a short distance north of town Monday night, after being sick for about four months. She was 28 years of age and leaves her husband and four children surviving.

In accordance with the announcement made in the Era last week a welcome home was extended last Friday afternoon to the returned soldier boys of Kershaw and the surrounding territory by the Kershaw Red Cross organization, who had made extensive preparations for a warm-hearted and hospitable entertainment for them. The program was interfered with in part by a rain storm which prevailed at the hour fixed for the parade, and that feature had to be abandoned. But by six o'clock the rain had ceased and the exercises began at the Bank of Kershaw corner, where a speakers stand had been improvised. The Lancaster band, which had been secured for the occasion, began to dispense music. Mayor Gregory acted as master of ceremonies and presented Rev. R. M. DuBois, who offered prayer. Rev. E. B. Jenkins was then introduced to make the welcome address. Mayor Gregory then presented Lieutenant Plyler, a home boy, who was in the aviation service of his country and spent six months in a German prison camp, having been captured when in a fight on an occasion when his machine became disabled and went down behind the German lines and on German territory. In narrative style he graphically recounted big experiences, and its personal interest, together with its instructiveness, made his talk interesting and thrilling to all who had the privilege of hearing it. When he concluded, the special guests of the occasion, those who served their country in any branch of service and anywhere, who were assembled at the intersection of Hampton and Marion streets were formed for marching under command of Sergeant Caville Jordan, who was first or top sergeant of Company M, 118th regiment when the 30th division broke the famous Hindenburg line. Headed by the band they marched to the Red Cross room where a bounteous banquet had been prepared for them, and where they feasted and danced until the wee hours brought an ending to the enjoyments.

## A Correction

In the list of farmers reducing their cotton acreage it was shown in the table that Dr. S. F. Brasington had planted 836 acres in 1918 and would plant 833 in 1919. Dr. Brasington tells us that this was a mistake and that it should have been 351 acres in 1918 with 24 acres and 291 acres to be planted in 1919, with 26 plows.