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## GERMANS RENEW WESTERN ONSLAUGHT

### Teutons Spring Surprise on The Allies

### DARDANELLES BEING ATTACKED

### Spring Campaign Appears to be Opening Up with an Effort by the Germans to Reach the Western Coast.

London, April 26.—The tremendous battle, begun by the German attack on the allied archlike front around Ypres in the plains of Flanders, continues with undiminished fury, and England, like the rest of Europe, is awaiting the outcome with undisguised anxiety.

Even the news that the allies fleet and army have commenced an attack on the Dardanelles and that troops are advancing against the Turkish entrenchments has received only passing attention in the face of the stakes that are in the balance in the battle which is being fought beyond the English channel.

While most persons believe the Germans, by the stroke they have delivered against the British, French and Belgians, once again are aiming at Dunkirk and Calais, others believe that it is only a feint to draw the allies' reserves while preparations are being made for an attack at some other point in the long line.

Whatever are the Germans' intentions, they certainly made a successful coup, which, while it did not break, did dent the allies' line. The Canadians, who were holding the British portion of the lines, were the first to recover themselves and in a counter-attack—praises of which are ringing through the empire—recaptured the ground they had been compelled to give up, and since then, with their comrades have withstood the German assaults.

The French and Belgians, who received the blast in full force and were driven back across the canal between Boosinghe and Steenstraete, were not much slower in recovering and, according to the French official reports, regained possession of the canal banks and most of the surrendered territory to the east.

There is no inclination here, however, to belittle the initial success of the German sweep and the work that is ahead of the allied armies before the situation can be fully restored.

A writer in The Pall Mall Gazette describes it as "a masterly tactical counterstroke", and declares that "if the Germans have waited long to take their revenge for Neuve Chapelle, they have taken it now."

By getting across the canal, it is pointed out, the Germans gained, for the moment the command of the new roads, and if they had not been driven back would have forced a readjustment of the whole allied line in the region of Ypres.

The official reports throw little light on the progress of the battle, but news from Holland gives the information that the cannonade last night was more severe than ever and that long trains of German reinforcements going to the front are passing equally long trains of wounded bound for the base hospitals. There is no likelihood, therefore, that the battle will be over for some days to come, as the Germans have made immense preparations in men and material for their offensive, which has forestalled that of the allies.

That there is no shortage of either men or munitions is shown by the fact that the Germans are at the same time conducting an offensive in the heights of the Meuse, where they have made an unsuccessful attack, according to Paris, in an effort to recapture Les Eparges.

British optimism in the outcome is encouraged by the success of the allies in repelling similar attacks last October when they were less well equipped than the Germans, whereas now there is believed to be little to choose as between the opposing forces in either numbers or the machinery of war. The battle has had a marked effect in recruiting, which enjoyed a considerable boom today.

In the meantime the Austro-Germans have evolved a new movement

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## A LARGE INCREASE IN STATE AID

### Laurens County Schools Receive over Twice as Much as Last Year.

County Treasurer Young has received a voucher from J. E. Swearingen, State superintendent of education, for \$5,700, the amount of the fund to be distributed to Laurens county schools under the consolidated and rural graded schools act. This is an increase of \$3,000 over last year. Checks have already been placed to the credit of the various schools.

Schools receiving this aid must have voted a special tax of at least four mills and fall under two classes. One class must have an enrollment of at least 50 scholars, an average attendance of at least 30 and must employ two teachers six months in the year. This class receives \$200 per year. The other class must have a minimum enrollment of 75, an average attendance of 50 and must employ three teachers not less than seven months in the year. Schools of this class receive \$300 per year.

The great strides that Laurens county schools are making is reflected in the large increase in the fund this year, ten schools receiving aid this year that did not last year and other schools increasing their apportionment by adding teachers or scholars. The new schools receiving the aid are Eden, Barksdale, Dials, Rock Bridge, Renno, Bailey, Brewerton, Hickory Tavern, Mt. Gallagher and Ekam.

The following are the schools aided; and the amount they received:

Green Pond	\$ 300.00
Eden	200.00
Shiloh	300.00
New Harmony	200.00
Barksdale	200.00
Dials	200.00
Rock Bridge	200.00
Renno	200.00
Lanford	300.00
Trinity-Ridge	300.00
New Prospect	200.00
Bailey	200.00
Ora	200.00
Princeton	300.00
Poplar Springs	200.00
Brewerton	200.00
Hickory Tavern	300.00
Mt. Gallagher	200.00
Ekam	200.00
Waterloo	300.00
Friendship	200.00
Huntersville	300.00
Grays	200.00
Youngs	300.00
Total	\$5,700.00

### COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS.

### Dr. Douglas and Dr. Snyder to be Commencement Speakers at Gray Court Owings.

R. T. Wilson, principal of the Gray Court-Owings school, has announced the speakers for the annual commencement exercises which are to take place May 23-25. Dr. Davison M. Douglas, of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina, Clinton, is to preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday, May 23rd. The literary address will be delivered by Dr. Henry Nelson Snyder, president of Wofford college, Friday, May 25th. With two such noted educators to deliver addresses and this being the first commencement since the completion of the handsome new school building, the exercises are expected to be unusually interesting.

### VETERANS ENJOY DINNER.

### Annual Dinner Given to the Old Vets by the Ladies Largely Attended.

The annual dinner, to which the Confederate veterans of the county are invited by the Daughters of the Confederacy and other ladies, was spread before the veterans in the Traynham Guards armory Saturday, nearly one hundred of the old "war-horses" being present. Dinners were sent out to several too feeble to attend in person, making 102 plates being served besides four more to darky servants who followed their masters through the campaigns.

After dinner was finished the veterans repaired to the court room, where Col. J. H. Wharton made an address and several others made impromptu talks. During the day they also were the guests of Mr. William Switzer who entertained them with moving pictures. During the morning they could be seen in groups in the court house lobby renewing old friendships and swapping stories about the war.

## ANOTHER VETERAN HAS PASSED AWAY

### W. R. Franks, Veteran of Indian and Civil Wars, Died Monday Night.

Mr. W. H. Franks, well known citizen of this place Indian fighter and veteran of the Civil war, died Monday night after an illness of several months. For several days his life had been despaired of so the end was not unexpected. At his bedside were his wife and three sons, one of whom, Mr. Marvin Franks had come from Charleston several days before when the end seemed near.

The funeral services were held yesterday afternoon in the cemetery here, services being conducted by his former pastor, Rev. J. D. Pitts, of Fountain Inn, the services being largely attended. The active pall bearers were Messrs E. A. Easterby, Claude H. Babb, Powel P. Childress, E. O. Anderson, T. Lane Monroe, Thomas B. Crews, Tom Bolt, B. M. Wolff, W. G. Lancaster and R. C. Gray. The honorary pall bearers were Messrs. W. L. Gray, Dr. H. B. Gritton, Dr. W. C. Irby, Capt. Brooks Swygert, S. P. Babb, W. H. Gilkerson, H. Terry, J. Crews, Maj. W. A. Watts, T. D. Lake, O. G. Thompson, Y. C. Hellams, W. P. Childress, E. P. Simpson, J. J. Pluss, J. T. Langston, O. B. Simmons, H. M. Wright, Dr. J. S. Wolff, C. M. Miller, T. C. Switzer, W. S. Bagwell, Arthur Huggens, J. I. Coleman, T. G. Traynham, J. Wade Anderson, and Albert Dial.

Mr. Franks was 82 years of age and had lived in this city during the greater part of his life. When a young man he enlisted in the United States army and saw service against the Indians in Florida and the west. At the outbreak of the Civil war he joined the colors of the Confederacy and fought throughout the conflict, being attached to Co. B, 1st South Carolina regiment in which command he made an enviable reputation for bravery. On account of his previous training as a cavalryman in the west, he did not remain with his company at all times, but was detached to train cavalrymen throughout the armies. Mr. Franks surrendered at Greensboro and returned to his home here where he engaged in farming and as a mechanic. He was an upright and honest citizen and was highly esteemed by those with whom he came in contact.

Mr. Franks is survived by his wife, who was a Miss Ballew, and three sons, as follows: DeSaussure, R. G., and Marvin, the former two living here and the latter in Charleston.

### HIPPODROME IN PICTURES.

### New York's Most Wonderful Play will be Shown at the Idle Hour Next Friday.

A complete picture portrayal of the Hippodrome, New York's largest and most popular theatre will be shown at the Idle Hour Theatre next Friday afternoon and night. The pictures reproduce the main historical events of American history and are arranged most interestingly. Thousands of actors are engaged in the performance and it is altogether considered the most marvelous stage production ever given in any theatre.

### Renno Store Robbed.

The store of J. C. McMillan, at Renno, was entered by thieves Monday night and a quantity of clothing and other things secured. Three white men are suspected of the crime and yesterday Rural Policeman Abrams and several citizens were close in behind them.

### Vence Ross Re-Captured.

Vence Ross, the white man convicted at the last term of court for non-support of his wife and who escaped from the jail before commencing his sentence, was re-captured in the western part of the county several days ago by Rural Policeman Kellet and lodged in the county jail. It will be remembered that he was given a sentence of one year on the county chain gang or in the state penitentiary.

### Dr. Wauchope to Lecture Here.

Dr. G. A. Wauchope of the department of English, University of South Carolina will address the Wednesday Club at their regular meeting today. Dr. Wauchope is one of the most learned of South Carolina's educators and no doubt will handle his subject "Shakespeare" in a most illuminating manner.

## PARROTT MILAM RECEIVES PAROLE

### Sentenced to Eight Years in Penitentiary for Shooting W. M. Irby.

Acting upon the recommendation of the State board of pardons Gov. Manning has granted a parole during good behavior to Parrott Milam of Laurens county who was convicted at the spring term of court in 1910 on the charge of assault and battery with intent to kill and sentenced to serve eight years in the State penitentiary. Milam was charged with shooting W. M. Irby, a Laurens county farmer, in November, 1909.

The report of the board of pardons on the case is as follows: "State against Parrott Milam, Laurens county, for assault and battery with intent to kill; sentence eight years. This party has served more than half of his sentence, and there is a petition which contains the names of more than 3,000 citizens of Laurens and Greenwood counties. We recommend that this prisoner be paroled during good behavior."

Milam has been confined in the State penitentiary for four years. A former governor of the State refused to grant him a pardon. Yesterday Milam went to the office of Gov. Manning, who talked with him for some time and advised him to begin life anew with a determination to make good. Milam was convicted when he was 19 years old.

It was said at the governor's office that Gov. Manning in granting the parole was not influenced by the large number of names on the petition. Milam left for his home in Laurens county on the afternoon train.—The State.

### D. A. R. MEETING.

### Next Meeting May 7th, Will be Held in Waterloo With Mrs. Wharton.

The Henry Laurens Chapter, D. A. R. will hold its next meeting at the residence of Mrs. Carl Wharton, at Waterloo, Friday, May 7th. Daughters are requested to take the 8:20 train and to return on the 2:20. Members who can not attend, are urged to phone the Regent, Mrs. Carolyn Irby, Tuesday, May 4th, in order that she may make all necessary arrangements. Mrs. W. L. Gray, Sec.

### BIG MASONIC MEETING.

### Three Degrees to be Conferred at Meeting Here May 13th.

The local Masons are looking forward with a great deal of interest to the meeting which is to be held on May 13th when three degrees will be conferred. Three grand lodge officers will be present to take part in the ceremonies: Grand Master Geo. T. Bryan, of Greenville; Deputy Grand Master R. A. Cooper, of Laurens; and District Deputy Grand Master W. B. Patton, of Cross Anchor. Invitations to attend will be sent to all lodges in the district.

### DAVIS-ROPER OPENS FRIDAY.

### Well Known Laurens Firm Will Re-Commence Business This Week.

Davis-Roper Company will re-open its doors for business next Friday the 30th, after having been closed since the first of March. The proposition made by the firm to the creditors was accepted and they will continue their business at the same stand and under the same management.

Their re-entrance into the business world of Laurens will be received with great pleasure by their many friends throughout the county. Their unusually large assortment of merchandise has always made the store an attraction to the visitors to the city and the proprietors announce that they will continue to carry their usual varied stock. Their present \$17,000.00 stock, including this spring's materials, will be greatly added to at once, giving them their regular spring line.

### Shooting in Youngs Township.

Frank Clark and Thomas Henderson, well known citizens of Youngs township, became engaged in an altercation near Mr. Henderson's home Monday and as a result the former was seriously wounded by a load of gun shot and the latter received a bullet wound in his foot. Particulars as to the occurrence are meager, it being understood, however, that the fray was the result of ill-feeling that had existed for some time.

## TWO PLAYS AT GRAY COURT.

### Local Talent to Give Entertainment for the Benefit of the Improvement Association.

Two mirth provoking plays "An Economic Boomerang" and "Too Much of a Good Thing", are to be given in the Gray Court-Owings school building Friday night, May 7th, by amateurs of the "twin cities". According to the program which is being circulated in the vicinity "A laugh for every minute of the performance" is guaranteed. The price of admission will be 15 and 10 cents and the proceeds will be devoted to the school improvement association.

The following is the cast of characters in "An Economic Boomerang":

John Carey Bolt	John Carey Bolt
Mrs. Alexander Dabbleton	Mrs. Alexander Dabbleton
Miss Nora Wilson	Miss Nora Wilson
R. T. Wilson	R. T. Wilson
Miss Aliene Willis	Miss Aliene Willis
Sam Bolt	Sam Bolt
Miss Clara Woods	Miss Clara Woods
Waddy T. Hill	Waddy T. Hill
Miss Maurie Simpson	Miss Maurie Simpson
Connor Owings	Connor Owings
Albert Gray	Albert Gray
Miss Laurie Gray	Miss Laurie Gray
Miss Ethel Cheek	Miss Ethel Cheek
Miss Lucy Cheek	Miss Lucy Cheek
Miss Nita Hunter	Miss Nita Hunter
Miss Lila Moore	Miss Lila Moore

### SOUTHERN WRITERS IN SESSION.

### Meeting of Local Interest because of the Appearance of Laurens Woman upon the Program.

The program of the annual meeting of the League of Southern Writers, to be held in Chattanooga, Tenn., the latter part of this month, has been received by The Advertiser. Local interest is attached to the meeting by the appearance upon the program of Mrs. Cora Cox Lucas, of this city, who will read a paper upon the subject "Music as an Educational Factor, influence of 'Popular Song'". Another South Carolina name noted upon the program is that of Miss Mary E. Frayser, rural school demonstrator, of Rock Hill. Mrs. J. A. Epperson, who has visited Mrs. Lucas here, is also to read a paper. Mrs. Lucas is treasurer of the league.

As set forth at the conclusion of the program, "The object of the League is the advancement of education in the South, the diffusion of information and the co-operation of the writers for their mutual benefit; the cultivation of the amenities of the profession by personal intercourse and the interchange of opinion among the writers of the South; the preservation of the rights, the maintenance of the honor, dignity, history and tradition of the Southland."

### HOG CHOLERA NEAR MADDEN.

### Clemson Expert Visited the Community Last Week and Injected Serum in Several Instances.

W. E. Garrett, of Clemson college, has pronounced as hog cholera an epidemic of disease among hogs in the Madden vicinity. He was called to that community last week after several farmers had already lost valuable hogs by death. He injected cholera serum in a large number of cases so the epidemic may now be halted. Losses have already been suffered in several instances, however. Mr. Powers, for instance has already lost 18 hogs and pigs, Mr. J. A. Wofford has lost one, Mrs. May Madden has lost two, besides other losses. It is also said that the epidemic has also appeared in other parts of the county.

It is understood that the cholera serum for the prevention of the disease may be secured from Clemson college at a cost of between fifty cents and a dollar for each animal. It may be procured by writing to Mr. Garrett, at Clemson. Mr. John D. W. Watts, county farm demonstrator, will also be able to furnish information. He may be reached by writing him at Laurens.

### Singing Convention at Bethany.

The semi-annual meeting of the Laurens County Singing Convention will be held at Bethany church Saturday and Sunday. The meetings are usually largely attended and this one is not expected to be an exception. The people of the Bethany community are preparing to give the delegates a hearty welcome.

## CAMPAIGN OPENS FOR CONGRESS

### Greenville Postmastership Forced as Issue

### FIVE CANDIDATES ARE ANNOUNCED

Five Speakers at Judson Mill are Questioned as to Greenville Postmastership. No other Candidates have yet Announced.

Greenville, April 25.—The congressional campaign was opened up last night at the Judson mill when the candidates outlined their policies to a large crowd which had assembled to hear the speakers and also to partake of the various fancy things which had been prepared by the Judson camp, W. O. W.

R. M. Leatherwood presided and he was introduced by J. F. Langston. The speakers were each limited to 15 minutes and all were given good attention and applauded.

R. J. Gantt, of Spartanburg, was the first speaker and he outlined his policy. He stated that he was a Jeffersonian Democrat, despite what anyone might call him. He was asked who would be his candidate for postmaster of Greenville if he were elected and he stated that he saw no reason why he should not confirm former Congressman Johnson's decision and appoint W. D. Metts.

I. C. Blackwood, of Spartanburg, spoke next and he made a most favorable impression. He was also asked whom he would appoint for postmaster of Greenville in case he were elected and he stated that unless he could find something against W. D. Metts he would appoint him. He said he knew nothing against Metts now. He took up the tariff question and spoke on national questions.

Mr. Johnson, of Union, spoke next. He made a clear-cut talk on national politics and when asked whom he would appoint postmaster of Greenville in case he were elected, he stated that he begged to be excused. He stated that he had been probate judge in Union county for the past eight years.

Sam J. Nichols, of Spartanburg, was greeted with cheering when he came forward and announced that he was running upon the same platform, which was good roads and government aid in their building.

When asked whom he would favor for postmaster in case he were elected, he stated that he would be for Metts if Metts was a Sam Nichols' man, otherwise he would be for some one else. He said he would not appoint any man who was not a Sam Nichols' man. He was given hearty applause at his conclusion.

B. A. Morgan spoke next and he was also heartily applauded at the outset and conclusion of his talk. He told of his boyhood days, how he was reared upon a farm in Pickens county. He favored good roads, a restricted immigration. He stated that he did not care to make any promises as to the postmastership when the question was put to him. He spoke for the greater part of his time upon national politics.

The chairman of the meeting then called for Sheriff Rector who spoke upon his candidacy for sheriff. He stated that many false rumors were being circulated upon him and that he was being persecuted, that a gang was after him; but that the Judson boys would stick to him and that he would win out.

### TEACHERS TO MEET.

### County Teachers' Association Will Organize Next Saturday for Session of 1915-1916.

On next Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock, every teacher in the county is expected to be at the court house with a lunch. There they will form a line and march together to the sulphur springs where they will elect officers for the county teachers' association of 1915-1916. After the election of officers, lunch will be spread and a social hour enjoyed.

### Programme Committee.

### At Poplar Springs.

There will be an exhibition at Poplar Spring schoolhouse Friday night, April 30th, beginning at 8 o'clock. The public is invited. No admission.