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Secretary Baker's Statement as to Number Men in France Widely Discussed in Congress

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Secretary's Baker's statement announcing the prediction that more than half a million American troops would be in France early this year and had even been surpassed, was widely discussed in Congress today. How many more than half a million have been sent may not be disclosed for military reasons.

British Defenses Holding Against Germans

(By Associated Press)

WITH BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, May 9.—Fighting is still in progress this morning near Vierstraet, southwest of Ypres. At one time the British were forced back slightly by machine gun fire. All the rest of the original defenses, however, appeared to be again in the hands of the defenders in Voormezelle Lacytte sector.

Two Naval Aviators Have Narrow Escape

(By Associated Press)

AN ATLANTIC PORT, May 9.—Two naval aviators are in a state of exhaustion after remaining afloat with damaged hydro-airplane five miles off Miami, Florida, and were rescued by the coast steamship which brought them here today.

Rescuing ship took naval aircraft aboard and it with aviators was put ashore at the quarantine station here. Later they will be taken back to Florida.

The men were Ensign Arthur Laverente and Naval Aviator C. C. Cotton, observer. They were rescued 35 miles off Miami after floating on their plane 18 hours without food and water.

May Dissolve Prussian Chamber

(By Associated Press)

AMSTERDAM, May 9.—German Chancellor Von Hertling, who is also Prussian Premier, has decided to dissolve the Prussian chamber if the third franchise reform bill is rejected, the Cologne Gazette reports.

American Patrol on Toul Sector Ambushed

(By Associated Press)

WITH AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 9.—The American patrol on the Toul sector fell a victim to silent enemy ambush sometime last night. The Germans evidently used bayonets and the butts of rifles; nothing was heard of Americans, who went out early in the evening until another patrol happened across the spot where the others were ambushed.

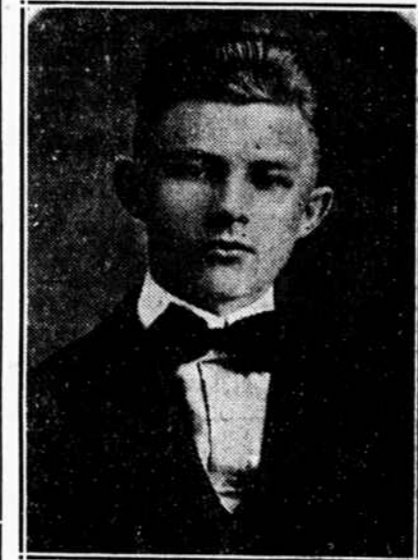
Former Premier Asquith Makes Statement

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, May 9.—In the House of Commons today Former Premier Asquith denied his motion respecting the Maurice affair, was designed to obtain a vote on censure on government saying it was absurd to describe it as such. He declared he should find it his duty to censure the government, he hoped he would have the courage to do so direct, in an unequivocal form.

UNION DEBATING TEAMS TRIUMPH

In the first annual debate of the State Debators' League in South Carolina for a trophy cup awarded by Governor Manning the two teams from Union won over all other representatives and clash in finals against each other. This is a victory very singular indeed and one that has never happened in the States where such contests have been in vogue for decades. Fifty-two schools or 208 speakers participated in this contest and their preliminaries. The best two teams were to be selected and were to contest for final honors. These two teams were the Union teams. Then the affirmative consisting of Macbeth Wagnon and Miss Willie Hawkins defeated Allston Moore and Fant Kelly.



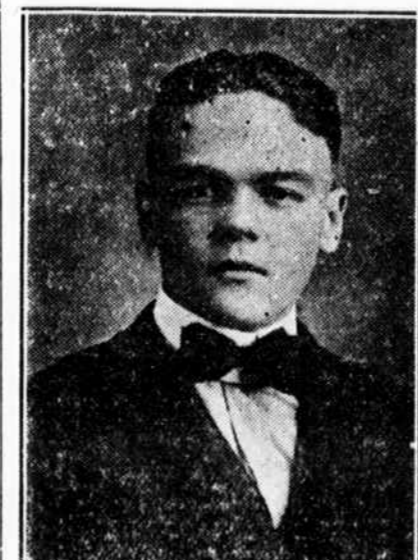
MACBETH WAGNON

Macbeth Wagnon is the eldest son of L. L. Wagnon of Union Grocery Company. He is a young man of sterling character and a member of the tenth grade of the Union High school. He is also winner of State orators' contest for high schools.



MISS WILLIE HAWKINS

Miss Willie Hawkins is the daughter of Mrs. J. L. Hawkins, chief milliner in McLure's Dry Goods store. She is an admirable young lady, a member of the 11th grade of Union High school and one that any college would be proud of. She and her colleague won their seven preliminaries, beginning at Gaffney against the Rock Hill team. A unanimous decision was won every time and she and her mate get a unanimous decision in the final again the Union negat-



B. ALLSTON MOORE

The negative team consists of Allston Moore, who is the eldest son of M. A. Moore, cashier of Nicholson Bank and Trust Company of Union. He is a member of the tenth grade and is a young man of ability and of purpose.



FANT KELLY

Fant Kelly is the eldest son of W. R. Kelly, a successful farmer of Union County. Fant is a member of the ninth grade of Union High school and a young man of high ideals and one who aspires to things high and noble. He and his colleague lost to no others than their fellow students, being successful in seven preliminaries.

On the 22nd at Gaffney and Rock Hill the Union High school teams started the attack which has ended in such a wonderful victory. Congratulations have poured in from every corner of the State and the 25 and 26th of April were red letter days at the Union High school.

Prof. Davis Jeffries and Prof. Mann have given to Macbeth Wagnon and Miss Willie Hawkins a gold medal, and the teachers of the High school will present Alston Moore and Fant Kelly a gold medal. These young men defeated everybody in the State with the exception of their own home team and being so honored deserved this medal to commemorate a feat so great. Union is now the champion of the State—winning in the debaters' contest, the State orators contest in Columbia, in the State orators contest in Clinton and in both the orators and the girls' recitation contest in this contest. Prof. Jeffries says that it is due to the tireless efforts and superb training given these teams by Prof. W. C. Mann that enabled them to bring back the victory and that Miss Ludie Jordan is also due a deal of credit.

The people of Union should feel proud of their school and should be "boosters of it."

DINNER TO THE CONFEDERATE VETERANS

The William Wallace chapter U. D. C. will give the annual dinner to the Confederate Veterans on Saturday, May 11th and every veteran in the county is cordially invited to dine with them. The dinner will be served in a store on Main street.

Col. Arthur Gaston of Chester will deliver the address at 11 o'clock in the auditorium of the high school and the public is invited to hear this address. Appropriate music will be given and the hall decorated for the occasion. Col. Gaston is a splendid speaker and no doubt a large crowd will welcome him.

The veterans are asked to form at the monument and march to the high school auditorium where they will be welcomed by the Daughters of the Confederacy.

CHANGES MANAGERS

H. B. Ewart, who has been manager of the Western Union office at this place for some time, has been transferred to Goldsboro, N. C., and Miss N. J. Wells, of Gaffney has been chosen to fill the position made vacant here.

Mr. Ewart was courteous, painstaking and served the public willingly; his friends here remember with pleasure the many attention shown them. Mr. and Mrs. Ewart left this morning for their new home.

ENLIST IN NAVY

Fred Jeffries and Russell Pool went to Columbia recently and enlisted in the Navy. Both young men stood the examination, and will leave for Norfolk Sunday, May 19. Fred is the eldest son of Prof. Davis Jeffries and Russell is the son of Mrs. Virginia Rice. They are natives of Union. bright young fellows and Union County will not be ashamed of the records they will make in Uncle Sam's service.

Brunswick to Get Appropriation For Harbor Improvement

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The Senate Commerce Committee today adopted the resolution authorizing Chairman Fletcher to restore to the rivers and harbors bill the item appropriating \$13,000 for improvement at Brunswick, Georgia, harbor provided Brunswick's interests establish the necessity of the appropriation. Senators Smith and Hardwick today protested against the elimination of the item.

Hitchcock, of Nebraska, Succeeds Late Senator Stone on Committee

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska was made chairman today of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, succeeding the late Senator Stone.

Heavy Fighting on Both Sides of Avre River

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, May 9.—Heavy artillery fighting on both sides of the Avre River last night is reported in today's official communication.

Casualty List Contains Seventy-Six Names

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Today's casualty list contained 76 names. Killed in action, 10; died of wounds, 3; died of accident, 2; died of disease, 6; wounded severely, 13; wounded slightly, 41; prisoner, 1. The Southerners included Private Alvan Colyer of Pelham, Georgia, was wounded slightly.

British Hold Germans at Bay

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, May 9.—By a counter attack last night the British drove the Germans from portions of the allied front line they had entered on Flanders front in Lacytvoormezel sector, it is officially announced. Yesterday's attack on the Flanders line was carried out by two German Divisions. Heavy casualties were inflicted by the British. A new German attack was made this morning north of Kemme. The enemy pressed back the British line slightly at one point.

Man Landed on Irish Coast And is to Be Courtmartialled

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, May 9.—The German's submarine recently landed a man on the Irish Coast where he was arrested by government officials. The man is now in the tower in London to be courtmartialled, it was announced in the House of Commons.

Great Catch of Liquor Made Near Savannah

(By Associated Press)

SAVANNAH, May 9.—The greatest catch of liquor was made last night when a solid carload of bottled whiskey valued at \$85,000, was seized near here. Four men, six automobiles, two wagons and three mules were also captured.

RED CROSS CAMPAIGN OPENS MAY 20

Will Continue One Week—Proclamation by President Wilson

W. W. Johnson has been appointed chairman of the second Red Cross War Fund Campaign. Union County is expected to raise \$10,000 as her part of the \$100,000,000 to be raised. Judge Johnson has appointed as executive committee:

B. F. Alston, Jr.,
R. P. Harry,
J. Cohen,
J. F. McLure,
Jno. K. Hamblin,
R. L. McNally,
J. D. Arthur,
L. M. Rice,
H. B. Jennings.

The chairman of the speakers committee, Hon J. G. Hughes.

Chairman of publicity committee, Lewis M. Rice.

Chairman of rural solicitation committee, R. C. Williams.

Chairman of employees, situation solicitation committee, Jas. L. Carbery.

Chairman of neighborhood solicitation committee, Miss Alsie Smith.

Chairman of initial subscription committee, Jno. K. Hamblin.

Chairman of transportation committee, C. E. House.

Chairman of woman's executive committee, Mrs. Elias Prioleau.

Chairman of lists and estimates committee, J. Cohen.

Each chairman of a committee is charged with the duty of selecting his own committee, and so soon as they are selected, their names will be announced.

All Red Cross auxiliaries throughout the county are expected to take an active part in the campaign in those respective committee, and they are urgently requested to meet the obligation.

An opportunity will be given to every resident of the county to make a subscription to this fund. It is hoped that every man, woman and child in the county will take an active and earnest part in the movement. The work is not confined to member of the Red Cross, but seeks to enlist all.

FAIR FOREST CHAPTER, D. A. R.

The Fair Forest Chapter, D. A. R., met Tuesday afternoon, May 7th, at the home of the regent, Mrs. L. J. Hames and the assistant hostesses were Mesdames S. S. Wood, Evelina Rice and Lewis Rice.

Mrs. Hames submitted to the Chapter the petition sent to Supervisor Jeter and the board of county commissioners, in which the Chapter asked that the Daughters be appointed custodians of the Union cemetery. The grant of appointing the chapter as custodian signed by Mr. Jeter was also read.

This was the meeting for election of officers for the next term and the retiring officers made their reports. Mrs. Hames who organized the Chapter and was the first regent, gave a brief survey of the work accomplished under leadership. She has been untiring and faithful in her efforts and much has been attained. The Fair Forest Chapter was most fortunate in having her as regent. Reports were made by other officers and committees.

The election of new officers resulted as follows: Regent, Mrs. D. M. Faves; vice regent, Miss Minnie Lee Walkert recording secretary, Mrs. J. D. Arthur; corresponding secretary, Mrs. D. A. Royd; treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Fant; historian, Mrs. Evelina Rice; registrar, Mrs. J. F. Matheson.

An appeal was made, voted upon and carried to discontinue the meetings of the Chapter until September.

The hostesses then ushered the Daughters into the dining room, where pound cake and punch were served. This marked the third birthday of Fair Forest Chapter and the cake held three candles, these being extinguished with good wishes for the future success of the Chapter.

DEATH OF MRS. CAROLINA HUMPHRIES

Mrs. Carolina Humphries, formerly of Union, but for several years a resident of Greenville died in that city yesterday and her remains were brought to Union today for burial at Sardis church. Mrs. Humphries was the widow of Ab. Humphries a former resident of Union.