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FRENCH TURN ON GERMANS AND MAKE GAINS

Take Three Towns and Many Prisoners, American Marines Take 300 Germans Prisoner.

Paris, June 11.—The French have struck the Germans a hard blow along a front of about seven and a half miles between Rubescourt and St. Maur, recapturing Belloy, Genlis wood and the heights between Courcelles and Mortemer.

The official announcement by the war office tonight of the gains says the Germans suffered heavy losses and left more than a thousand prisoners and some guns in the hands of the French.

Several violent enemy attacks on Chevincourt were repulsed but the Germans gained a footing in Machemont and Bethancourt, which places are being bitterly disputed.

The text of the official statement follows:

"The battle continued today from Montdidier to the Oise.

"On the left our troops, supported by tanks, counter-attacked this afternoon along a front 20 kilometres between Rubescourt and St. Maur and notwithstanding desperate resistance on the part of the enemy reached the southern approaches of Le Fretoy, captured the heights between Courcelles and Mortemer and carried our lines more than two kilometres to the east of Mery.

"We have also retaken Bleoy and Genlis wood and reached thes outhern outskirts of St. Maur.

Over 1,000 Captured.

"The enemy who suffered heavy losses, left more than a thousand prisoners and several guns in our hands.

"In the centert he Germans who had succeeded in pushing forward to the south of Loge farm and Antheuil, were driven back beyond these two points by our troops, acting in concert with adjoining units.

"On the right the enemy increased his pressure seeking to gain the Matz valley. Several violent attacks launched against Chevincourt were repulsed.

"The enemy succeeded in gaining a foothold in Machemont and Bethancourt which were bitterly disputed.

Brilliant American Attack.

"South of the Ourcq river the American troops this morning brilliantly captured Belleau wood and took 300 prisoners.

"Our day bombing machines continued their operations June 10, notwithstanding bad weather. Airplane groups flying low dropped projectiles on enemy concentrations, dispersing reinforcing troops and causing considerable losses.

"Certain squadrons made sorties and during the day eight tons of explosives were employed in this manner, giving the best results.

"On the night of June 10-11 the bombing of the enemy's rear areas was continued actively. Our escadrilles dropped 20 tons of projectiles on convoys, cantonments and railway stations as well as one two munitions depots. An explosion occurred in the region of Chaulines, another near Boissons. A fire also, is reported to have broken out in the station at Fismes. On June 10 four German planes and one captive balloon were brought down by our pursuit machines.

Eastern Theatre.

"Eastern theatre, June 10.—Spirited artillery activity occurred on both sides west of the Vardar, particular near Srka di Legen. In the region of Dropolje the enemy, after violent artillery preparation attempted a surprise attack against the Serbian positions but were repulsed leaving prisoners in our hands. Southeast of Pogradetz French troops, after a brilliant engagement,o ccupied Crete, Kaima and the villages of Strelkasala and Popcliti, capturing 140 prisoners, including two officers, three mortars, numerous machine guns and important food and munitions supplies."

German Navy, Prepares for Battle.

Washington, June 11.—Further evidence that Germany, in its efforts to end the war this summer, is planning to support its land offensives by sending its high seas forces against the combined British and American grand fleet, is given in an official dispatch today from Switzerland.

"A telegram of an official nature," says the dispatch "is being spread broadcast in Germany which say that the German admiralty is considering a big naval offensive. Orders are supposed to have been given to keep the whole fleet in readiness and a certain number of naval officers of high rank have been hurriedly recalled from Switzerland and other neutral countries where they have been spending their leave.

"The Kieler Neuesg speaks of extraordinary activity in the ports and

SAYS SCOTLAND HAS WORST COUNTY HOME, EXCEPT ONE.

Judge Harding Makes Visit to County Home and Reports Intolerable Conditions There.

Judge W. F. Harding, who held court here last week by special arrangement made a visit to the county home and was so impressed by what are termed almost revolting conditions existent there that he publicly before the court declared his conviction that Scotland has the worst accommodations for its aged, infirm and incapacitated citizens, who by unfortunate circumstances are forced to seek refuge at this haven, of any county in North Carolina with the single exception of one. It is stated the Judge declared it his conviction that something should be done to improve conditions at the home. It is reported that sanitary conditions there are such that a malodorous atmosphere pervades the rooms and quarters of those unfortunates who are forced to spend their unhappy existence in the heartless charity of a conscienceless state, and very little is done to make life tolerable for them.

Many citzens are outspoken and frank in their opinions regarding these conditions and it is not difficult to get an expression of opinion. No censure of any one connected with the management of the home is offered, but it is the general opinion that more system should be employed in administering the affairs of the home. It is stated by some that as a business proposition the county home is a paying institution and a success, but for serving the primary purpose of its existence it falls far short of moderate success. It is incumbent upon the county to provide comfortable and decent accommodations for those of its citizens who by chance or unfortunate circumstances are unable to care for themselves, or who have no relatives able to provide for them. It should be the first purpose of such an institution to give comfort to its inmates and its financial affairs should at all times be secondary and subservient to the higher and greater duties and privileges of caring for the unfortunate.

It is stated that reports of grand juries from time to time have invited odious publicity and investigation into conditions, but up to this time no formal step has been taken to remedy conditions and provide the necessary accomodations and conveniences. It is sincerely hoped that the county authorities will promptly take whatever steps are necessary to provide everything of comfort and decency for the men and women who are forced to become its unhappy wards. Money should be of small consideration until the county home is made comfortable and sanitary and provision made for its maintenance. And then economy will be next.

It is said there are only 6 inmates at the county home at present and the opinion is advanced that others would be there, but prefer the humiliation of becoming a public charge to living in such conditions. The county home and its state of perfection is in no way representative of the best there is in Scotland county citizenship. Its people are generous, resourceful and humane and it is only necessary to bring to public attention the intolerable conditions existent at the county home to have them promptly attended to. This is the only excuse for the writing of such an article as this.

Knew It Already.

"I haven't paid a penny for repairs on my machine in all the ten months I've had it!" said the motorist.

"So the man who repaired it told me!" said a friend in corroboration.—Country Gentleman.

the Hamburge Post publishes an interview with Admiral Von Tirpitz, who was asked if Germany was in a position to measure herself with the English fleet. The admiral naturally replied in the affirmative, saying that after their land forces have pushed the French and English back on the others ide of Paris it will be the turn of the kaiser's boats to drive the English off the high seas."

Both in Washington and the allied capitals a German offensive at sea on a grand scale long has been regarded as a possibility and the presence of the Teutonic fleet in the North sea at any time would not be unexpected.

If the battle does come American naval forces will play their part. American dreadnaughts under Admiral Hugh Rodman joined the British fleet some time ago.

American naval officers are no less anxious for a finish fight with the enemy than are the British. And in all allied quarters there is supreme confidence in the outcome.

FOUR RECENT CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT—LOOK AT THEM NOW

In the last two Presidential elections there were four outstanding candidates.

One was Woodrow Wilson.

One was William H. Taft.

One was Theodore Roosevelt.

One was Charles E. Hughes.

What are these men now doing?

Woodrow Wilson is administering the affairs of state, efficiently, courageously, and with the universal confidence and applause of his countrymen.

William H. Taft is devoting all his time and strength and abilities to upholding the President and to helping the nation to win its war.

Charles E. Hughes is giving all his time and abilities to supporting the President and to helping the nation win its war.

And what is Theodore Roosevelt doing?

Why, he is busy, by day and by night, snarling at the President, finding fault with all the Government does, belittling our war preparations, raging at everybody and at everything.

The nation has been at war with Germany for more than a year, and in all that time not one single thing that Theodore Roosevelt has said or done has been a help to the Government or to the nation's prestige or to its war-making.

While the other men who recently contested for the Presidency loyally give the full measure of devoted service to the country and its cause all that Theodore Roosevelt does is to scold and snarl.

It is a pitiable spectacle.

—Atlanta Georgian.

NINE COLORED SELECTMEN TO [illegible] CAMP TAYLOR.

Local Board Will Send [illegible] Kentucky Rendezvous June 21.

The local exemption board has instructions to send the following colored selectmen to Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky., on Friday, June 21. Nine men have been called to go on this date and two alternates have been called to take the place of any delinquent who might fail to show up at the proper time:

Maple McCall.
Daniel McLaurin.
Daniel Henegan.
John McLean.
Pierce Bolling, Jr.
William Campbell.
Kelly Hoskins.
Leavie Jackson.
Thomas Nichols.

Alternates.

Walter Morrison.
Fairley McClain.

REV. JNO. L. FAIRLEY GOES TO VIRGINIA CHURCH.

Resigns Assistant Pasterate First Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, for New Work.

Many friends in Laurinburg and the county of Rev. Jno. L. Fairley of Fayetteville, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Fairley of this county, will be interested in the announcement from Fayetteville that he has resigned his work as assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Fayetteville to become pastor of the Mount Carmel Presbyterian church of Steel's Tavern, Va. Mr. Fairley is a young minister of singular ability and his friends here will follow him to his new work in Virginia with their prayers and the best of good wishes. The following special news dispatch comes from Fayetteville under date of June 10:

Announcement was made today of the resignation of Rev. John L. Fairley, as assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Fayetteville, and pastor of McPherson church in this county,w ho resigns these duties to accept a call to Mount Carmel Presbyterian church, at Steel's Tavern, Va. Mr. Fairley will go to Virginia to take up his new work early in August. During the four years he has served the local churches Mr. Fairley has accomplished much work of an enduring nature and has made many warm friends. He is a native of Laurinburg. Mrs. Fairley, whom he married, two years ago, was Miss Dixie Gilmer, of Statesville.

Mahomet's Daughter—"Dan, if you dare to kiss me again, I'll scream four long screams."

[illegible]-EIGHT MEN REGISTER JUNE 5TH.

[illegible] Young Men Having Been [illegible] Age Register for Military Service.

On Wednesday, June 5, seventy-eight young men of Scotland county, who have attained the age of 21 years since June 5, 1917, registered with the local exemption board for possible military service under the selective service act. To be exact only 76 registered Wednesday the 5th, but two others came in a day or two later and added their names to the list making a total of 78. Those who registered were:

White.

Marvin Wright.
Douglas Sisemore.
Colin Shaw McArthur.
Jack K. Jones.
Boyd Quick.
Robert Grant.
Sam Cavineas.
Harvy Levinez, Jr.
Geradine Brown.
John Duncan Lackey.
Robert Lee Carter.
William Clyde Gibson.
John Hill Payler.
Bennie Chavis.
Wilbert Culbreth.
McKinley Beasley.
Ernest McLean.
Oscar B. Graves.
Boyd Pate.
Durgan Gibson.
Clyde A. Barnett.
Duncan Lamont.
John Osborne Woodard.
Percy F. Avent.
John McNair Pate.
Angus Clifton Fairly.
Lonzie Norton.
David McPherson.
Archie Alexander Campbell.
[illegible] D. Baxley.
Henry Britt.
Beverly C. McIntire.
[illegible] Smith.
Willie Sedberry.
Dixie Earlth Fry.
Wilson Mims.

Colored.

Will Williams.
James Davis.
Elijah William Maynor.
Johnie Pearson.
Alex Harney.
Willie McBride.
Hawk Brady.
Hugh Laurence Gilchrist.
Evans Robinson.
Sylvester Ellerbee.
Tompey Johnson.
Jessey Allen Shaw.
Bennie Hugh McLeod.
Willie Gilchrist.
Allen Kelly.
Will Patterson.
Tom Monroe.
Walker Cummings.
Henry McDonald.
Bentley Woods.
James Morrison.
Dennis McAllister.
James Wall.
Henry McKenzie.
Walter McGill.
Albert Steele.
Henry Leak.
James Hines.
Edward McNair.
Joe Pearson.
Willie Hines.
James Hill.

PEACE ALUMNAE PLEDGE FUND TO KEEP PEACE AT RALEIGH.

Alumnae Have Faith in Future of Institution and Would Have It Go On.

Mrs. J. P. McRae and Mrs. A. M. Fairley, who have just returned from the annual meeting of the Alumnae Association of Peace Institute and the annual commencement, bring the following report of the action of the Alumnae Association with reference to the proposed establishment of a Synodical School and the future of Peace Institute. This report will be of interest to the many "Peace" girls in the county:

The Alumnae Association of Peace Institute at the annual meeting Tuesday pledged $25,000 toward a fund to insure the saving of the school to RALEIGH, with four years to raise the money. A letter was read from J. R. Young of the board of trustees outlining the situation in which Peace has been placed by the proposed establishment of a Synodical School, combining Peace with Queen's or other North Carolina Presbyterian Colleges. Queen's College, Mr. Young explained, will close at the end of the term unless it is taken over by the Synod. Peace is facing prospects of one of the best years in her history, and has no intention of closing until closed by the Synod.

Miss Mary O. Graham, president of Peace, in speaking to the Alumnae, said that her faith in the future is too great to think that the past history and ideals of Peace Institute, assets above money value, are going to be lost by the closing of the school.

The past year, Miss Graham said, has been one of the best in the history of the school, and already there have been more applications for admission next year than there have been in a dozen years or more. With the flourishing condition of women's colleges all over the country offering encouragement, Peace, with the support of the Alumnae, Miss Graham said, is looking into the future unafraid.

The proposed establishment of a Synodical College will be finally settled at the meeting of the Synod in Greensboro June 11.

A portrait, the gift of the artist, Mrs. Ruth Huntington Moore, of the art department of Peace Institute, was presented to the school at the meeting of the Alumnae, the speech of presentation being made by Miss Ada Womble. It was accepted by Miss Graham.

Mrs. B. R. Lacy is president of the Alumnae Association and Mrs. L. G. Richardson, secretary-treasurer. The members of the graduating class were elected vice-presidents. A welcome to the incoming alumnae was extended by Miss Beth Easley of last year's class and the response was made by Sarah Saunders, president of the senior class.

The following are honorary members of the association: Miss Mary O. Graham, Mrs. George Ramsey, Mrs. Baumann, Mrs. Z. V. Judd, Mrs. H. J. Farnsworth, Mrs. E. E. Moffit, Miss Nannie Dinwiddie and Miss Louise Thomas.

Interesting reports from the fourteen chapters of the association showed a healthy and encouraging spirit. Laurinburg chapter sent $400 toward a chemical laboratory fund.

Following the business meeting, luncheon was served in the attractive dining room, with Mrs. Lacy acting as toast mistress. Miss Sarah Saunders, president of the senior class, announced the gift of a $50 Liberty Bond from the class to the school and Miss Margaret Shiven, president of the student body, announced the gift of a $100 bond.

An interesting feature of the luncheon was the reading of a telegram of greeting from Mrs. Gertrude Waddell Mitchiner of Selma, the first Peace girl. This was read by Mrs. M. B. Terrell.

Responding to toasts were Mrs. B. Griffin, who spoke of the asset Peace is to RALEIGH; Mrs. B. H. Griffin, who spoke of the future of Peace; Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, who urged the girls to offer their services to the home demonstration agents of their counties; Mrs. Anna Baker Pasmer of Rocky Mount, who spoke of war work, and Mrs. Myrtle Wade Townsend.

Horse flesh is included among the meats now rationed in England under the card system.

Willie Douglas.
James McNair.
Leroy Gaines.
Bob Stewart.
Hoke McMillian.
Elder Morrison.
Robert Woods.
William Davis.
Sylvester McKenzie.
Hugo Lockhart.

LAYING PLANS FOR WAR SAVINGS WEEK

Will Conduct Systematic Canvass of County and Ask All to Buy Stamps.

To the Editor:

The President and our governor have issued proclamations fixing the week of June 23rd as War Savings week. The government expects that during that week a personal canvass be made and that every person be asked to say what amount of War Savings Stamps he or she has and the amount they expect to try to buy during the remainder of the year. The canvass will be for the purpose of getting pledges. The Stamps can be purchased at any time during the year. I am beginning this week the organization of the county by townships for the purpose of conducting the campaign and have asked twelve of the representative men of the county, three from each Township to meet in my office on Friday morning of this week, for the purpose of taking the first step in this organization. I do not anticipate that a single man will disappoint me.

There will be selected from the tax books a special committee for each township which will have charge of the Township campaign. The Committees will select canvassers scattered throughout the township, who will work in twos. Canvassers cards and pledge cards will be furnished to the canvassers. The canvassers cards will contain the names of the persons to be canvassed and certain information about the person to be canvassed. After the appointment of the township committees and the township canvassers, notices will immediately be mailed to each one asking that they meet at a named point in their Township for a conference a few days before the canvass begins. There must not be a slacker in Scotland County. This is no time for selfishness and for putting the job on the other fellow. The person who is unwilling to share the burdens is unworthy of sharing the blessings of a democratic peace, such as the boys are fighting for. A day or two of work is a small contribution, but such a contribution, from a large number of our citizens, is now very necessary.

Before the canvass can be made a great deal of clerical work must be done. There is no provision made by the government for paying for the work. I cannot bear all the local expense as some chairmen are doing and it is a physical impossibility to do all the work. I must have some patriots to help. Some have kindly offered their services and I shall use them, but I need others. The main work to be done is in copying upon the canvassers cards the names from the tax books. Anybody who writes a legible hand can help. I shall ask some mother who has a boy in France to organize a group of young women to do much of this work this week. The young women may be prepared to respond to her call.

The sales of War Savings Stamps in this county have amounted to about $40,000.00. We are, therefore, approximately $300,000.00 away from what we are expected to do. Why is this true of our county and not true of so many others? Many explanations are offered and some of them are serious reflections upon our people.

W. H. WEATHERSPOON,
County Chairman.

LUTHER R. McMILLAN.

Mr. Luther R. McMillan died Monday, June 10, at his home near Wagram on Lumber river. Mr. McMillan had been ill only a day or two and death came almost suddenly, being due to heart failure, it is stated. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. W. R. Goode officiating. The remains were laid to rest in the McGill cemetery. A large number of friends and relatives attended the funeral.

Mr. McMillan was 68 years, 2 months and 10 days of age and had lived always in the Riverton section, where he was well known and esteemed for his worth as citizen and neighbor. He was never married and is survived by one sister, Miss Mary McMillan.

NOTICE.

The annual Stockholders meeting of the Waverly, Dishon and Scotland Cotton Mills, will be held at the Court House, Laurinburg, N. C., the third Monday in July, the 15th day, at 10:30 o'clock.

GEO. F. AVERIRE,
General Manager.

June 13, 1918.