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## RUSSIAN RETREAT UNCHECKED

Women Soldiers Unable To Lend Sufficient Strength to Russian Front to Repel German Advance. Retreating Russians Leave Virtually a Free Road for the Foe. From Baltic to Black Sea Only at One Point Has the Old Russian Fighting Spirit Been Shown. Submarines Get 21 British Ships.

(Wednesday's War Summary.)

Even the actual entry of women soldiers into battle on the Eastern front has been insufficient to imbue the ranks of the recalcitrant Russians with patriotism. They are still deserting in large numbers in Galicia, leaving a virtually free road open for fresh advances by the Germans and Austrians.

From the Baltic to the Black Sea only at one point along the line in the Southern Carpathians—have the Russians risen to the occasion and shown some of their old fighting spirit. Here, fighting shoulder to shoulder with their Rumanian allies, they have attacked and captured several villages from the Germans and broken the heavily fortified Teuton line on a wide front.

In Galicia, the precipitate retreat of the Russians continues almost everywhere from the Carpathian foothills to the region around Tarnopol, the government apparently not yet having had time to put in force its strong repressive measures which M. Kerensky, the head of the government has promised to apply in order to stay the retreat.

Nadvorna, in the fringe of the foothills, Stanislaw and Tarnopol and numerous smaller towns have been taken by the Teutons, who are now approaching the important railroad junction of Buczacz, which lies some 30 miles east of Halicz. The German Emperor was an observer of the battle on the Sereth front and saw his men put down the only effort of moment that was made to hold them back—an attack by the Russians between Tarnopol and Trembowla.

Since the penetration of the German lines on a wide front near Krevo, in which the "Command of Death," composed of women, took a notable part, despite which large numbers of the Russians ignominiously retreated to their old positions without even the vestige of harassment by the enemy, the Russians have not stirred from their trenches to face the foe.

The hostilities on the Aisne front, where for weeks the Germans have wasted men by thousands in ineffectual attempts to break through General Petain's front, have ceased and only artillery duels are now in progress. Early Wednesday morning was the last attempt of Crown Prince to gain his objective. This was on the California plateau, where an attack was completely repulsed.

The Germans have been successful in winning 200 yards of trenches from the British east of Monchy-Le-Preux, which they had bombarded violently for several days past. In the capture of the position the enemy again resorted to the use of liquid fire. Along the front in northern Belgium the heavy artillery duel continues, but as yet there has been no sign of either the British or the Germans starting an infantry attack. British airmen have bombed and caused severe damage to the German submarine base at Zeebrugge and also to the town of Bruges.

German submarines or mines last week were responsible for the sinking of 21 British merchant vessels of more than 1,600 tons each and three of less than 1,600 tons. In addition a submarine has sunk the British merchant cruiser Otway with the loss of ten men killed, while a German report says that a Teutonic U-boat has accounted for a British underwater craft.

## SIXTEEN THOUSAND MEN IN NEW ARMY TACTICAL UNITS

Washington, July 24.—Secretary Baker confirmed today that in pursuance of suggestions growing out of the conferences of American army officers with Generals Joffre and Bridges, tactical units of the national army, will be organized on a basis of about 16,000 men each in place of 24,000.

Generals Joffre and Bridges explained that the smaller and more mobile division used in European armies had proved highly satisfactory.

## ITEMS FROM FOUR OAKS.

Business Men's Bible Class is Joined by Philathea Class in Delightful Barbecue at Holt's Pond. Party at "Oakview Farm." Other Items of Interest.

Four Oaks, July 27.—Miss Kora Lee Wells, of Elm City, is the guest of Misses Leola Sanders and Esther Creech.

Mr. D. C. Lassiter, of Charlotte, N. C., spent Sunday here with friends.

Mrs. Wade H. Royal, of Emporia, Va., and Mrs. S. T. Honeycutt, of Benson, spent a few hours with Miss Flora Strickland Tuesday.

Miss Leola Sanders spent the week-end with Miss Pearl Adams at Linden, Miss Adams returning with her.

Mrs. Paschal, of Lucama, spent Saturday and Sunday here with her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Tucker.

Mr. W. E. Barbour made a business trip to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. G. K. Massengill took Mr. W. H. Tucker to a specialist in Raleigh Monday for treatment. We hope Mr. Tucker will soon be able to return home.

Mrs. B. B. Adams, accompanied by Miss Florence, is visiting Mrs. B. F. Royal at Morehead City.

Mr. Futrell, of Emporia, Va., is visiting at the home of Mrs. W. E. Strickland.

The Business Men's Class of the Four Oaks Methodist Sunday school of which Mr. B. B. Adams is the popular and efficient teacher, enjoyed a delightful barbecue at Holt's Pond, three miles from here, Friday afternoon. The class turned out in full force, having over fifty present. The ladies of the Philathea Class of the school were the guests of the men on this enjoyable occasion, and swelled the total number present to nearly 75. The barbecue at Holt's Pond bids fair to become an annual occasion with the Business Men's Class, they having enjoyed the two already given at that place so much.

The Misses Adams entertained informally at their beautiful country home "Oakview" Tuesday evening, in honor of Misses Lucile Johnson and Ethel Brewer, of Raleigh. An auction sale of the young men was very profitable. The Automobile Contest was the feature. Winners, Messrs. Adams and Cole and Miss Lucile Johnson. Those enjoying the hospitality of the Misses Adams were: Misses Gladys Adams, Martha Barbour, Sarah Keen, Leola Sanders, Esther Creech, Pearl Adams, Rosalie Wells, Ethel Brewer, and Lucile Johnson; Messrs. Victor and Chester Cole, Lonnie Keen, Wm. Adams, Irvin Ray, Gilbert Creech, Frank Wilson, W. E. Barbour, Wm. Sanders. A beautiful spread on the well known "Uncle David Adams" plan was enjoyed by those present, just prior to the witching hour when the guests departed wishing for an early repetition of the evening.

## WILSON SIGNS BIG AERO BILL.

United States Out for Record in \$640,000,000 Air Fleets. No Delay, Coffin Promises.

Washington, July 24.—By a swift stroke of the pen President Wilson at 12:15 to-day signed the \$640,000,000 aviation bill.

Destined to make the United States the first power of the world in aircraft strength, the measure, which carries the largest single appropriation ever made by Congress, was passed in record time. It required less than two weeks to get it through both the House and Senate after its introduction in the lower branch. Actual debate in either branch did not consume more than a day.

The same speed will characterize the carrying out of the construction programme authorized in the bill, says Howard Coffin, chairman of the aircraft production board of the Council of National Defence. Immediately after the President signed the measure, Mr. Coffin asserted that the board was prepared to go ahead at once with the plans authorized.

## The Draft List.

We are publishing the complete Draft list numbers in this issue of The Herald. The young men who register may now find their places in the call if they know their serial number.

In the list the liability number is given first and the serial number second.

## PREDICTS BUMPER CORN CROP FOR THE STATE

Washington, July 24.—"If they keep growing corn in my section," said Representative Robinson today, "they will have more than they can handle. They are saying now that they will not have enough houses to put the corn in. That section never had such a crop before. The prospects for cotton are bad because of so much rain. The people are responding cheerfully to the appeals for full crops."

Representative Small, who has been to the eastern part of the State, said the people have good crops, but that excessive rains have been hard on cotton planters.—News and Observer.

## SELMA'S FULL NEWS BUDGET.

Prof. E. H. Moser Elected Superintendent of Selma Graded Schools. City Fathers Beginning Some Much Needed Street Improvement. The Woodard Drug Company Move Into New Quarters. The Herald's New Correspondent from Selma. Local and Personal Items.

Selma, July 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hamilton returned Thursday from Fremont where they were the guests of Mr. Hamilton's brother for the last few days.

Mrs. G. H. Morgan is spending this week with relatives in Smithfield.

Mrs. M. L. Stancil and children, of Smithfield, were the guests of Mrs. Sallie Upchurch Tuesday, and attended the Melon Fair.

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Oliver, of Greensboro; Mr. A. S. Hooks, of Dunn, and Mr. Debernier Debnam, of Kinston, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Debnam this week.

Mr. Debernier Debnam left yesterday for Goldsboro along with others from Selma to be drafted into the Federal Service.

Miss Maggie Whitley, who has been living in Wilmington for the past few months, is home for a few days.

Mrs. L. D. Debnam, Miss Alta Debnam and children will go to Clayton today for the week-end, the guests of Mrs. Debnam's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Griffin.

Mrs. I. W. Hocutt and Mrs. Octavia Jeffreys, and Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Rose were among the Clayton people here to attend the Melon and Tomato Fair Tuesday.

Messrs. J. A. and E. J. Wellons, of Smithfield, were here Tuesday on professional business.

Mrs. Theo Liles, of Raleigh, and Mrs. J. B. Talton, of Clayton, are visiting relatives in and around the city this week.

Miss Fannie Howell, of Goldsboro, is spending the week with relatives and friends in the city.

The Woodard Drug Company moved into their new quarters in the Vick and Person building last week, and held their opening day last Friday. Quite a large crowd attended this opening, and were delighted with the service of this progressive firm in their new quarters.

Mr. Daniel Hamilton, who until recently has been living in Norfolk, Va., has returned to Selma to live, and will within the near future erect a handsome residence on Raiford street, near the power house.

We are pleased to note that our City Fathers are beginning some street improvements that are badly needed. It is to be hoped that our new administration will have the hearty support of our people in making many needed improvements like nature in our town.

Prof. E. H. Moser, for six years principal of Wakelon High School, has been elected superintendent of the Selma Graded Schools to succeed Prof. Frederick Archer, who recently resigned to accept the superintendency of the City Schools of Greensboro, and we welcome him to our midst.

Mr. W. L. Stancil, Secretary of the Merchants Association of Selma, has accepted for the time being the reporter's place in Selma for The Smithfield Herald. On account of the many duties already assigned him, it is possible that he may not get all the items that should be reported each week, and he asks that the people of Selma telephone him any news local or personal which he will be glad to report each week.

## AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER.

Death of Mrs. N. H. Gibbs, Saturday Night—Funeral by Her Pastor, Rev. G. W. Rollins. Big Rain on Tuesday Afternoon Causes Many to Wait at White Oak for Freshet to Subside Before Crossing. Bridge Badly Needed at This Point. Many Personal Items of Interest.

Benson, July 26.—Mr. Mit Coats, of Coats, was a visitor to our city Tuesday on business.

Mr. W. H. Royal went down to Fremont Tuesday afternoon, returning that night.

Messrs. J. M. Morgan and E. F. Moore were visitors to Smithfield Tuesday.

Mr. Braxton Johnson, of Smithfield, was in the city Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. Willie Ryals, of Princeton, was here for several days this week on business.

Miss Mary Cook and Miss Julia Canaday returned the first of the week from Chapel Hill where they have been attending the Summer School.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Rackley returned the first of the week from Sampson County, where they have been for the past week visiting relatives.

## THE PRESIDENT TAKES A HAND

Accepts Resignation of General Goethals and Asks Chairman Denman to Step Down. Shipping Board to Be Reorganized.

President Wilson brought the shipping board row to an abrupt termination Tuesday by eliminating the two principals, William Denman, chairman of the board, and Maj. Gen. George W. Goethals, manager of the board's emergency fleet corporation, in charge of construction. The resignation of General Goethals, tendered some days ago, was accepted, and Mr. Denman was asked by the President to follow suit that the government's building program might go forward without embarrassment.

Edward N. Hurley, of Chicago, former chairman of the federal trade commission, was named by the President to succeed Mr. Denman to become chairman of the board, and Bainbridge Colby, of New York, was appointed successor to Capt. John R. White, of Kansas City, another board member whose resignation, offered to the President a month ago, also was accepted. Rear Admiral Washington L. Capps, chief constructor of the navy, will succeed General Goethals as manager of the fleet corporation, taking immediate charge of the building program.

Mr. Denman sent his resignation to the White House immediately after receipt of the President's letter requesting it. The President's action manifestly took him by surprise, but his only comment was:

"It was the best way to settle this thing. I want to help the President in every way possible, and I never have questioned the wisdom of his decisions."

Who overcomes by force, has overcome but half his foe.—Milton.

Mrs. O. A. Barbour, won the second prize of Eight Dollars at the Selma Baby Show Tuesday.

Mrs. J. H. Godwin, J. H. Godwin, Jr., and Robert Godwin are spending the week with relatives near Clayton.

Mr. Rufus Britt, of Deland, Fla., is here spending a few days with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Johnson and children spent yesterday at a family reunion in Harnett County at the home of Parlia Wood.

Messrs. A. V. Norris, Chas. Norris, J. R. McLamb and others were in Raleigh yesterday on business matters.

Mr. Guy Stewart, of Battleboro, and J. P. Lee, of Coats, were in the city today on business.

Misses Maud and Claudia Wood are spending a few days with relatives in Douglass, Ga.

Misses Velma and Beatrice Goodrich are visiting their brother, Rev. A. L. Goodrich, at Wilmington, N. C.

The attention of the board of Road Supervisors of Banner township should be gently called to the fact that a bridge is needed, and badly needed, across White Oak one mile East of Benson. The fact that it is badly needed was demonstrated Tuesday afternoon when more than fifty people waited from two hours to five hours each on the East side of stream before they could cross over after the rain that fell Tuesday afternoon. The timber out of which to construct the bridge has been on the spot for nearly a year, and there is no reason whatever why the bridge should not be built. It is someone's duty to build this bridge and the law places that duty on the Board of Road Supervisors. If they are not going to perform their duty then they should let some one hold the job who will do it. This Tuesday afternoon occurrence is not the first time that people have had to wait for a long time at this place after a rain. It is a frequent occurrence.

Mrs. N. H. Gibbs, widow of the late N. H. Gibbs, died here Saturday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Hall, after a lingering illness for the past few months. Mrs. Gibbs was a highly respected woman, a member of the Benson Baptist church, and had lived a life that can be pointed to as an example for goodness. She left surviving several children and grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Her remains were laid away Sunday afternoon at the Benson Cemetery, the funeral services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. G. W. Rollins.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boon went up to Raleigh Monday for a few hours, returning that same afternoon.

Mrs. R. C. Creech, of Tennessee, is here for a several days' visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hobbs.

Messrs. S. F. Ivey, Paul Lee, J. F. Lee and J. T. Morgan went up to Raleigh Monday on business.

Mrs. B. I. Tart and little girl, of Four Oaks, and Miss Ellen Lee, of Newton Grove, recently spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. L. Gilbert.

Mrs. R. B. Brady and children returned Tuesday from a few days visit to relatives in Rocky Mount, Clayton and other cities.

Mr. Will Holder, of Rocky Mount, was here for a few days recently with his sister, Mrs. W. D. Boon.

Sergeant Willie Clifton, of the 2nd Regiment, at Goldsboro, was here Saturday and Sunday with relatives.

Miss Chellie Mae Royal returned the first of the week from Raeford where she made a short visit to relatives.

Miss Lillie Dixon, daughter of Mr. Joe Dixon, of Elevation township, has been spending a few days here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Dixon.

Mrs. W. A. Bingham, of Raleigh, has been here for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Royal.

Mr. Paul Raynor, of Durham, recently spent several days here with relatives and friends.

Mr. Walter Denning, of Newberry, S. C., has been here for the past ten days with relatives.

Mr. W. M. Sanders, of Smithfield, was here the first of the week for a few hours on business matters.

Prof. T. T. Lanier returned the first of the week from Chapel Hill where he has been for some time attending the Summer School.

Miss Vallie Hill left Monday for her home at Jonesboro, where she will spend several weeks with relatives before resuming work here.

Mrs. I. P. Roberts, of Wilson, has been here for the past several days visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Nettie Anderson, of Henderson, N. C., has been here for the past few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Anderson.

Prof. Fitzgerald has tendered his resignation as Superintendent of the Benson School which was accepted by the Board of Trustees. His successor has not yet been elected.

Quite a large number of Bensonians took in the Water Melon and Baby Fair at Selma this week.

Messrs. R. F. Smith, Claud Weeks, George Hodges and other attended Court at Smithfield Tuesday.

Mrs. Harris, of Sampson County, has been here for several days visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Wilson.

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Already the losses of the Russians in men killed, wounded or made prisoner and in guns and stores captured are extremely heavy, and these undoubtedly will become greater unless the hope for stiffening of the morale of the Russians is realized soon.

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As in Galicia, the Russians to the north around the region of Dvinsk and Vilna continue to show signs of disaffection. Although they had attacked and captured German positions along the Dvinsk-Vilna railway, the Russians could not be induced to press their advantage and retired unhindered by the Germans to their old positions. In the repulse of attacks with large forces near Krevo, which was recaptured, and south of Smorgon, the Germans cut entire regiments to pieces with their galling fire of the infantry and machine guns.—Tuesday's War Summary.

## ANOTHER LOAN FOR ENGLAND.

Parliament Plans for a Loan of Three Billion Two Hundred and Fifty Million for War. Cost to England Now Is \$35,000,000 Daily.

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The house was astonished to learn that Great Britain's advances to the allies and dominions had already reached the huge total of more than \$5,000,000,000.

The daily war expenditure, although it shows a substantial improvement over the figures given on May 9, when Mr. Bonar Law asked for the last war credit, still approaches \$35,000,000 daily and exceeds the budget estimate by \$5,000,000 daily. But, comparing the last 77 days with the first 35 days of the fiscal year, the expenditure showed a reduction of million daily.

## Draft Lists About Ready.

The draft lists are now in the hands of the local Exemption Boards and the men who are to be called in the first army will be notified within the next two or three days. The notifications may go out tomorrow. The men must appear before the boards at once for physical examination.

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