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WEDNESDAY'S WAR SUMMARY.

Great Italian Offensive Has Already Resulted in Taking of More Than 13,000 Austrians. More Than 6,000 Germans Made Prisoner in Three Days Fighting in Verdun Region. Allies Hold Gains. Canadians Gain at Lens. Anglo-French Airmen Bombing German Positions.

The great offensive of the Italians from the region of Tolmino to the head of the Adriatic sea is going on despite the stubborn resistance of the Austrians and the difficulty of the terrain.

Meanwhile, the British and French forces in Belgium and on the sectors of Lens and Verdun in France again have made progress against the Germans and also have held, notwithstanding most violent counter attacks, all the ground won in recent fighting.

On the Eastern front, near the important Russian port of Riga on the Baltic, the Germans have started what possibly may turn out to be another big offensive, and also are attacking the Russian lines to the southeast in the vicinity of Dvinsk and further south near Brody and Tarnopol in northern Galicia.

Already the Italian offensive has resulted in the capture of more than 13,000 prisoners and 30 guns, and gains of great importance have been made all along the line. Italian warships which are aiding in the attack at the head of the gulf of Trieste have switched their guns from the battle line and showered shells on Trieste, the big Austrian port, which is the objective of the Italians.

Admission is made by the Vienna war office of victories of the Italians at several points south of Tolmino and the capture of the town of Selo, near the head of the Adriatic, but it is asserted that the offensive, especially at Selo, cost the Italians thousands of men killed or wounded, in addition to more than 6,500 prisoners.

Not only have the Canadians repulsed all German counter attacks before Lens, but they have taken additional positions from the enemy in front of the important coal center. Near Ypres, in Flanders, the British have penetrated the German line to a considerable depth. On both these sectors furious fighting is still going on.

Tuesday night and Wednesday morning saw the German crown prince delivering heavy counter attacks against the newly won French positions northwest of Verdun, where at several points the Germans succeeded in re-entering them. These positions, however, shortly afterward again were relinquished to General Petain's men under fierce onslaughts. North and northeast of Verdun the Germans made similar attempts to recapture lost ground but the artillery and rifle fire of the Frenchmen forced them to desist. Wednesday afternoon found the Germans apparently crowned as a result of their unrewarded efforts, for their infantry kept to their trenches and only the artillery was in action.

More than 6,000 Germans have been made prisoners during the three days of fighting in the Verdun region.

On the Aisne front the crown prince still continues his attacks at various points along the Chemin des Dames and adjacent territory, but nowhere has he been able to dent the French line.

East of Riga, between the Tirl marshes and the River Aa, the Germans in a new offensive have forced back the Russian advance guards from one to two miles. They also have begun bombardments to the southeast, near Dvinsk, and in northern Galicia, near Brody and Tarnopol, where the Russians are still maintaining their line, notwithstanding the recent defections in the army which resulted in a forced retreat of the Russians in Galicia and Bukovina.

Aerial bombing raids of great intensity still are being carried out by British and French aviators over German positions in Belgium and intensive air fighting also is in progress. Zeebrugge, the German submarine base in northern Belgium, is reported to have been heavily bombed again. In fights in the air the British Tuesday accounted for 17 German airships, but 12 of their own machines failed to return to their base.

Mr. W. H. Byrd went to Norfolk, Va., this week on business.

BIG TOBACCO OPENING SALE.

Smithfield Market Opened Monday With the Largest Lot of the Golden Weed Ever Offered Here on the Opening Day. Fancy Prices Were Received and Everybody More Than Pleased.

As was predicted Tuesday was a big day in Smithfield. The people were here from far and near with the golden weed, all eager to see what the market would do on opening day. In addition to those here with tobacco there were many visitors present to watch the opening sales. None who came was disappointed at the prices received. All the big tobacco buying concerns had their representatives here all ready and willing to pay the top notch price.

Smithfield's three big houses were all full to overflowing. There was around 175,000 pounds on the market and the prices averaged around 24 to 26 cents a pound. This is a wonderful showing when it is remembered that the offerings were mostly sandlugs. There have been good sales daily since Friday with the promise of good breaks today. Many farmers have averaged above thirty cents a pound for their entire offerings.

R. F. Phillips sold a load at the following prices: 26, 29½, and 37 cents a pound.

Another farmer who made a very satisfactory sale was Harvey Johnson, of Smithfield, Rfd. No. 1, who sold 464 pounds for \$147.93. His average was \$31.85 per hundred.

Paul E. Johnson, of Spilona section, sold one load of 726 pounds for \$217.94, an average of a little over thirty cents a pound.

Percy Barnes, who lives on Smithfield Route two, was another satisfied seller. He had 256 pounds and his check called for \$77.56. His average was nearly 30 1-4 cents a pound.

Another man who made a good average was Prince Albert Holland, of Sanders Chapel section, who sold 602 pounds for \$174.97, an average of slightly above 29 cents.

M. V. Avera made an average of a fraction over 31 cents a pound, getting a check for \$213.59 for 694 pounds.

J. A. Capps, of Four Oaks, Route four, sold 338 pounds for \$95.83. His average was a little over 28 cents a pound.

Alex Beasley had 1,400 pounds on the market and carried away a check for \$434.84. His average was a little over 31 cents a pound.

Barnes & Norris, of Four Oaks, Rfd. No. 4, sold one barn for \$339.18. J. O. Stephenson received 29½, 33 and 37½ cents per pound for one load.

We could multiply these good prices until they filled a column and then they would only begin to tell the good story of Smithfield's opening. While the prices were exceedingly high on Tuesday there have been increases daily since. Men who have tobacco to sell will have money this fall.

Preaching.

We are requested to announce that Rev. W. H. Rhodes will preach at the home of J. B. Jernigan the fourth Sunday in August at 3 o'clock. The public is invited.

Hogs prices, which have risen every day since July 21, reached a new high record in Chicago Monday when they soared to \$19.75 per 100 pounds. On August 1, 1914, hogs sold for \$8.90. The top price during August, 1915, was \$7.85; during August, 1916, was \$11.50. On August 1, 1917, the price was \$16.30.

Increase of 6,486,000 tons in the amount of bituminous coal transported by the railroads of the United States in July over the same month last year was shown in a report issued Monday by Fairfax Harrison, chairman of the railroads' war board. The total amount carried during the month was 764,965 carloads, as against 635,244 carloads in July, 1916, an increase of 20.4 per cent.

Secretary Baker has warned the mayors of cities near the army training camps or cantonments that they will be held responsible for maintenance of wholesome moral conditions in their communities. If the desired results cannot be obtained in any other way, the secretary said in a letter to the mayors, he will not hesitate to move camps to other sites.

AT THE CAPITAL OF BOON HILL.

Meeting Closes at Baptist Church With Several Additions to That Church. Mr. W. H. Wells and Family Move to Mountains of North Carolina. Miss Margaret Ledbetter Has Typhoid Fever. Other Items of Interest.

Princeton, Aug. 22.—Miss Ina Mae Morris, of Kenly, is visiting the family of Mr. S. A. Wellons this week.

Miss Rachel Edwards is spending several days with friends at Whitakers, N. C.

Miss Alma Holt and Mrs. Estelle DeArmon have been spending several days with Mrs. Rosco Cox in the Bentonville section.

Dr. B. L. Aycock is riding about in a new Dodge Roadster.

Prof. J. B. Bridges has returned, after spending a week visiting in Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eason, of Durham, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Whitley, this week.

Miss Neta Penny, of Washington, D. C., arrived on the 21st to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Whitley. Miss Neta taught music in our graded school several terms and won many friends in Princeton.

Mrs. Roy L. Honeycutt, formerly Miss Margaret Rose, a trained nurse, of Rex Hospital, Raleigh, is now attending Miss Margaret Ledbetter who is seriously ill with typhoid fever.

Mr. Winston H. Wells and family left this week for Black Mountain, accompanied by Dr. Eason. Mr. Wells has reached the advanced stage of tuberculosis, and hopes are entertained for some benefit by moving him to the mountains. Maxton, the oldest son, remains and is living with Mr. H. D. Wells.

Mrs. John C. Hood and children, from Kinston, arrived yesterday to spend some time with her sister, Mrs. Ed. A. Holt.

The meeting at the Baptist church closed last Sunday night, the following young girls uniting with the church: Miss Myrtle Snipes, Miss Lola Snipes, Miss Jarvis Mitchell, Miss Neta Toler, Mrs. Walter V. Woodard and Mr. John W. Snipes were taken in by letter. The sermons delivered by Rev. C. W. Blanchard in this meeting were unusually fine and highly appreciated.

YOUNG MEN NOT SLACKERS.

Mr. Irvin T. Gower Already Enlisted and Mr. Henry N. Flowers Stood Examination On Day Called.

In Tuesday's Herald the names of several persons were given in a list of those who had failed to make their appearance before Local Exemption Board No. 2. Among these were the names of Mr. Irvin Tomlinson Gower, of Clayton, and Mr. Henry Nathaniel Flowers of Kenly.

Yesterday we received a letter from Mr. R. H. Gower, of Clayton, stating that his son had enlisted in Ambulance Unit No. 43 early in July before the draft. Quite a number of young men from Clayton and Smithfield have enlisted in this important branch of the service.

In our mail yesterday there was a letter from Mr. Flowers stating that he appeared before the board and passed the physical examination on August 13, the day he was summoned to appear. Mr. Flowers writes: "I wish you would please find room for correction of this 'bad' mistake and publish it in the next issue. I don't want the readers of The Herald to think I'm a slacker, for I am not."

We are publishing the lists as we get them from the boards and we assure all that it is no desire on the part of any one to make mistakes of this kind. We are only too glad to have an opportunity to set these brave young men in the proper light before our readers. Those who know them already know that they are no slackers, but are willing if need be to make the supreme sacrifice for their country.

First Open Boll of Cotton.

Mr. Z. L. LeMay brought us a full grown open cotton boll Wednesday morning taken from the farm of Mr. J. S. Brinkley who farms on Mr. LeMay's place. Mr. Brinkley presented us with the first cotton blossom this year.

SELMA'S NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Eighty-Five More Men Must Appear Before Exemption Board No. Two. Death of Prominent Farmer in Oneals Township. Peoples Bank Must Elect New Cashier. Hillsboro Editor May Open Print Shop at Selma. Other Items of Interest.

Selma, Aug. 23.—Mr. T. C. Henry left Saturday night for Baltimore and other points north, to buy goods for the progressive firm of Lee Henry Company.

Dr. J. R. Lowry, of Raleigh, was here for a few hours Monday on professional business.

Mr. M. C. Winston returned Tuesday from a week's business trip to Orford, Richmond and other points. Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Woodard are spending this week at Wrightsville Beach.

Mr. W. B. Roberts spent Tuesday in Wilson on business.

Attorney J. L. Cockerham and Dr. I. W. Mayerberg, will leave Saturday for the training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

Mrs. R. B. Carrington, of Norfolk, Va., is here this week visiting the family of Dr. R. J. Noble and other friends.

Mrs. C. D. Stephenson and children, Misses Elsie, Marietta and Floy, of Norfolk, returned home Saturday, after visiting Mrs. Stephenson's mother, Mrs. Eliza Stancil here.

Misses Florence and Alma C. Stancil have returned from a visit to Miss Patha Harrelson at Cherryville. They also visited Asheville and Waynesville on their trip.

Mr. C. A. Fitzgerald, of Micro, was a business visitor here for a few hours Tuesday.

Mr. F. W. Mindrop, editor and business manager of the Enterprise at Hillsboro, spent Monday and Tuesday here looking over the situation relative to establishing a newspaper and job office here. It is now thought that definite arrangements will be made this week and Mr. Mindrop will move his plant to Selma.

Miss Florence Stancil has returned to her duties as visiting nurse in Norfolk, Va., after spending some time here with relatives.

Pastor J. P. Clark began a series of revival services at the Presbyterian church Sunday night. He is assisted by Rev. Mr. Goldman, of Sanford. The services will continue for several days.

Mrs. Geo. H. Morgan is spending this week with her brother, Mr. Duncan Hamilton, near Smithfield.

Miss Norma Page, of Greensboro, is here this week the guest of her brother, Mr. L. D. Debnam.

Mr. Herbert Morgan left Thursday for Petersburg, Va., where he has employment on army cantonment at that place.

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Oliver and A. S. Oliver, Jr., of Greensboro, are here this week the guests of Mrs. Oliver's father, Mr. L. D. Debnam.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Vick, Mrs. L. D. Debnam and Mrs. J. H. Griffin motored to Greenville last week to visit Mrs. J. M. Daniels.

Mrs. Pattie Rogers, of Wendell, is here this week the guest of Mrs. C. W. Richardson.

Miss Lucile Dixon, of Kinston, is spending this week at the home of Dr. J. B. Person.

The many friends of Mrs. J. B. Person, who has been in a Richmond hospital for treatment for some time, will be glad to learn that she is improving and will return home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Massey, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hare, Mrs. Geo. D. Vick, Mrs. L. D. Debnam and a number of the younger set went to Atkinson's pond Tuesday for fishing and picnicking. They report a pleasant day.

Mr. Cline, one of the construction force for the new work on Southern Railroad between Selma and Pine Level, was in the Mayor's Court here Tuesday charged with cruelty to his men. The case was passed up to the Recorder's Court.

Mr. Wilbert Perkins left Saturday for Ocean View, Va., to spend his vacation.

Local Board, District No. 2, Johnston County, with headquarters in Selma, are issuing a call today for 85 additional men to appear before them next Tuesday, August 28th, for examination. The examination will be held in the City Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennitt Nooe, Jr., and Mr. G. S. Wall, of Clayton, were here for a few hours today. Mr. Nooe has recently returned from the training

RED CROSS MEETING MONDAY.

Smithfield Chapter To Hold Important Session Monday Afternoon August 27th, at 4:30 in Woman's Club Room Over Judge Brooks' Office.

The first regular meeting of the Smithfield Chapter of the American Red Cross Society will be held next Monday afternoon, August 27th, at four-thirty o'clock, in the Woman's Club room (over Judge Brooks' new office).

The official organization of the chapter has just been completed, under the national rules, and it is now ready to enroll the names of any number of new members.

The Red Cross is a society for men and women, boys and girls, for every one over fourteen years of age.

It is not denominational, of course, and is not religious, except in the broad sense, that every enterprise is religious, which is wholly unselfish, and works solely for the good of humanity.

The mission of the Red Cross is useful at all times; but its work is of the highest importance to every American during the war, because it has the care of our sick and wounded soldiers on the European battle fronts.

In this way, the Red Cross offers a means whereby all of us who are unable to go to the front, may yet serve our country in a most vital way.

The membership fee is only one dollar for a whole year, and no compulsory service is entailed.

Just consider, when you join the Red Cross, you have answered your country's call to war, although you cannot leave your homes.

Consider too, that when you make the hospital garments, bandages and surgical dressings, which it uses, you are ministering to the comfort, perhaps saving the life, of some sick or wounded American soldier among strangers in a foreign land. He may be your own son, your own brother, your own sweetheart!

The writer has been told that hospital supplies are so scarce in northern France that sometimes the surgeons are forced to dress the wounds of the brave French soldiers with straw and newspapers. We can prevent this suffering for our boys, and we must.

Let every man, woman, and child over fourteen, attend the Red Cross meeting next Monday.

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A Correction.

In the list of the exemptions of Local Board No. 2 in Tuesday's Herald appeared the name of Milford Lynch. It should have been Millard Liles. Milford Lynch should have been in the certified list, and Millard Liles in the exempted list.

To Teach in Kinston.

Miss Ida Etheredge, of Kenly, who has been in Greenville attending the Summer School at the East Carolina Teachers Training School, has been elected a teacher in the Graded Schools of Kinston where she will have charge of the fourth grade.

A Long Stalk of Cane.

Last Tuesday, August 21st, Mr. J. I. Blackman, of Micro, presented The Herald with a stalk of sugar cane. Its length is 15 feet and 9 inches. He says that this stalk is not a picked stalk, but the whole patch will average around that length. Mr. Blackman is one of Johnston's best farmers.

Mr. W. F. Weathers left Tuesday for Carthage to visit for a few days. Lawyer Williams and Mr. John I. Barnes spent Tuesday in Smithfield.

Mr. D. M. Hall spent a few days this week in Smithfield.

Mr. W. J. Y. Thurston died at his home here last Thursday afternoon. He was eighty-two years old. Funeral services were held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Massey, Friday afternoon at four o'clock, after which he was buried in the cemetery here. The pall bearers were Dr. B. A. Hocutt, J. R. Williams, E. L. Hinton, J. T. Hinton, C. P. Ellis and D. L. Barbour.

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THE NEWS UP CLAYTON WAY.

Mr. W. J. Y. Thurston Passes Away at Advanced Age of EightyTwo. Store of A. Horne & Son Badly Damaged by Fire Early Monday Morning. Eighteen Additions to Baptist Church as Result of Revival Meeting Just Closed. Personal and Other Items of Interest.

Clayton, Aug. 22.—Mr. Marlon Todd, of Durham, is spending this week here with relatives.

Miss Ruth Penny, of near Archer, is here on a visit to friends.

Miss Mary Pitts, of Elk Hill, Va., is spending a few days with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Page left Monday for Sanford where they will spend a few days with relatives before Mr. Page leaves for Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. He leaves the last of this week for the training camp there.

Lieutenant Wayland Jones and wife arrived here last Thursday from Plattsburg, New York. They will spend a few days here with relatives after which Lieutenant Jones will leave for Boston where he will be stationed for the present.

Mr. P. C. Duncanson and Miss Rosalie Pope left Monday for Baltimore, New York and other northern markets where they will purchase the spring millinery for the Barnes-Duncan Company.

On Monday of this week Miss Duba Ellis entertained a few of the young people of the town at her country home about one mile above town, in honor of her house guests, Misses Frances Moore, of Graham, and Faye Barnes, of Kenly.

Mrs. P. C. Duncanson and little son, Straughn, are visiting in Rocky Mount.

Lieutenant Bennett Nooe returned last week from the training camp at Fort Oglethorpe and spent a few days with his people here before being assigned to his command.

Mrs. J. H. Austin and children, of Four Oaks, are spending this week here with Mrs. M. E. Gattis.

As a result of the revival at the Baptist church which closed Thursday of last week, eighteen were baptized in the church last Sunday night. Others were added to the church in other ways. Dr. Bruner did excellent preaching and everybody regrets he had to, on account of sickness, leave us so early.

On Monday night of this week about the hour of 12:35, fire was discovered in the store of Ashley Horne and Son. Everything that was possible was done to stop the fire, but it lasted for several hours and most of the goods not burned were ruined by water. The Fire Company came from Raleigh as early as possible and was a great help in saving the building. It is not yet known how the fire originated unless from a package of matches in the rear of the building. Work has already begun on repairing the building.

Mr. Edgar Stallings, of Petersburg, has been visiting here for the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jones left Monday for their home at Greensboro, after spending some time here with friends.

Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Broughton, of Raleigh, were here Sunday.

Mr. A. B. Austin, of Cary, has been here this week visiting relatives.

Mr. Z. L. LeMay, of Smithfield, was here on business Monday.

Mr. J. W. Vinson, of Wilson's Mills, was here for a few hours Tuesday.

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