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## TUESDAY IN THE BIG WAR.

### ACTIVITY ON WEST FRONT DAILY INCREASES IN VOLUME

**German Prisoner Says at Least One Big Attack is Due Next Month. Americans Constantly Exchanging Fire With the Enemy. Attacks Launched Against Both French and Italians.**

(Associated Press War Summary.)

The military activity on the western front is daily increasing in volume. The movements are being carried out with larger bodies than since the heavy winter set in and most is in the fighting.

The French near Epy and La Bassée have conducted further incursions into the enemy positions in the latter region, inflicting numerous casualties on their antagonists and taking prisoners and machine guns. French north of the Aiette river and in the Woëvre section the French have made successful attacks, which resulted in the capture of nearly 300 prisoners. A somewhat ambitious attack by the Germans in the Verdun sector was put down by the French with severe casualties.

Between the Americans and the Germans there is constant change of artillery fire and the Americans continue to carry out patrolling maneuvers toward the enemy trenches. The Germans evidently are anxious to gauge the positions occupied by the Americans and also ascertain the number of men they are employing, for daily their air craft are hovering over the lines taking photographs and making observations. Anti-aircraft guns several times have driven off the enemy.

Although the increase in activity along the entire front in France and Belgium is noticeable, there is no indication as yet as to when the Germans will begin their much heralded general offensive. A German captured by the British says that at least one big attack is due to begin sometime in March. Meanwhile large concentrations of fresh troops daily are arriving behind the German line and carrying out practice maneuvers.

On the Italian front the Austrians again have endeavored to test the strength of the Italians in the Zette communi plateau sector. The German war office asserts that the Austrians carried out a most successful attack here, but the Italian official statement declares that the Austrian columns were torn to pieces by the Italian artillery as they tried to get in the southern slopes of Monte Sasso Rosso and other positions and the offensive completely routed.

### 31 RAIDS IN GERMAN TERRITORY LAST MONTH.

**Berlin Reports Five Killed, Nine Wounded and "Insignificant" Damage Done by Airmen.**

Berlin, via Amsterdam, Feb. 12.—Entente allied airplanes made 31 raids on German territory in January, says an official statement issued today by the German war office. As a result of these air attacks, the statement adds, five persons were killed and nine wounded. Insignificant material damage was done.

The statement says that "although the number of attacks compared with those of the previous month was considerably increased, owing to the favorable weather, the damage and losses fortunately were smaller. Five persons were killed and nine wounded. The material damage was insignificant. There was no interruption of work worth mentioning. The enemy lost four airplanes during these attacks."

**Mr. John L. Southerland Dead.**

Early Monday morning, February 11th, Mr. John L. Southerland died at his home near Wilson's Mills. Last fall he had stroke of paralysis which was followed by another stroke last Saturday from which he never recovered. He was fifty-six years old.

The burial took place Tuesday afternoon at the Perrian Jones place. He leaves a wife and six children, three sons and three daughters.

Wilmington is making an effort to get a big million-dollar industrial plant located in that city. A half-million-dollar trust company has been organized to induce the big plant to locate there.

## ARMY CONSTRUCTION PLANNED ON BIG SCALE.

**Expect to Erect \$8,000,000 Camp Somewhere to Take Place of Camp Greene.**

**TOTAL COST \$268,650,000.**

Washington, Feb. 12.—Many new construction projects for the army, including munition plants, ordnance depots, storage plants, port terminals, hospitals, aviation work, cantonments and housing, were disclosed in a statement given the senate military committee today by the war department. The work will cost a total of \$268,650,000 and, while some of the projects had been announced before, in most cases the location and cost had not been given.

The statement shows that \$37,000,000 will be spent in building a gas making plant at Edgewood, N. J., while 40 interior storage depots to cost an aggregate of \$30,000,000 are to be erected at unnamed points. On aviation work, including a new cantonment, the location of which was not given, \$46,000,000 will be expended.

Ordnance depots are to be built on the south Atlantic coast at "some seaport" at a cost of \$4,000,000 each and one on the middle Atlantic coast at a cost of \$6,000,000. An ammunition depot at "some seaport" is to cost \$7,500,000 and a like sum is to be expended for an ordnance depot in central Pennsylvania.

Hospitals for soldiers, suffering with tuberculosis, are to be built at Denver, Colo., and Asheville, N. C., at a cost of \$500,000 each and \$12,000,000 is to be spent on hospitals at 32 army training camps.

A division cantonment for the regular army is to cost \$8,000,000, but its location was not given. It may take the place of the regular army training camp at Charlotte, N. C., which soon is to be abandoned because of unsuitability of the ground on which it is located.

Eight millions will be spent on a port terminal at Boston, Mass., and \$10,000,000 on a similar terminal at Charleston, S. C. Two millions are provided for three powder bag loading points at sites not yet selected.

For housing for the shipping to relieve congestion in shipyard communities the department plans to expend \$35,000,000. This will represent a part of the \$50,000,000 for this purpose provided in a bill which passed the house today. In addition to this \$600,000 will be expended at Newport News, Va., for housing the negro stevedore regiments engaged there in loading vessels.

Another item is that of \$250,000 for a high explosives plant at Sandy Hook, L. I.

Brigadier General Littell, in charge of cantonment division and other construction jobs, also submitted statements to the committee, showing that, in addition to the new work, his bureau has charge of construction now in progress calling for an expenditure of \$135,900,000 making the total for present and future work \$404,550,000.—Associated Press.

## LIVE OAK NEWS.

The School has closed until the 18th on account of the German measles. There are several cases in school, among them Miss Harwood.

Miss Bailey spent the week-end at home with her brother, Clarence Bailey, who is in training at Camp Jackson.

The farmers are very busy around here since the weather has cleared off.

The school has been preparing the program for North Carolina Day which will be celebrated the twenty-third.

We are glad to state that the church has been sealed, and when painted will be a nice community church.—T. S.

## Pine Level Safety League.

Pine Level, Feb. 13.—A very interesting meeting of the students of the Pine Level public school was held last Friday morning in the Chapel of the school building. At this time they organized a Safety League. The following officers were elected: Walter Godwin, President; Bessie Stallings, Vice-President; Flossie Warrick, Treasurer. Miss Mary Weaver from the faculty was elected as Honorary President.

## FLOUR ORDER IS MODIFIED.

**Farmers May Now Buy Flour In Quantities Not Exceeding 24 Pounds By Signing a Certificate Stating That They Have Produced And Are Using Corn Meal, Hominy, Grits and Other Cereals to the Same Extent.**

Raleigh, Feb. 13.—By a ruling just issued by State Food Administrator Henry A. Page, North Carolina farmers who have produced and are using their own corn meal, hominy, grits, or other cereal substances will be allowed to purchase flour in quantities up to 24 pounds without purchasing an equal quantity of cereal substitutes. This ruling has been made by Mr. Page in justice to North Carolina farmers because the Food Administration at Washington has granted permission to the Food Administrators of all Southern States to make such a ruling and similar rulings are being made in neighboring states.

The recent order of the Food Administration forbidding the sale of flour except in combination with cereal substitutes did impose some inconveniences upon farmers who have their own corn meal or cereal substitutes, but no considerable number of North Carolina farmers who understand the urgency of the purpose of the order have made objection. The ruling as announced by Mr. Page is as follows:

"Wholesalers, jobbers, millers and brokers are hereby authorized to sell to retailers flour alone in such quantities as said retailers have sold to farmers under the ruling above stated, balancing against such sale of flour the certificates received by the retailers from the farmer. These certificates in turn may be used by the wholesaler or other dealer to balance against purchases of flour from mills."

## ROCK HILL NOTES.

Mr. W. M. Lee recently made a business trip to Wilson, N. C.

Mr. G. L. George spent the weekend with his parents near New Hope.

Mrs. Ransom Blackman and children, from near Four Oaks, spent Sunday at Mr. J. M. Blackman's.

After spending several days with relatives and friends in this section, Mr. Junius Lee returned to Camp Sevier Sunday.

Miss Cassie Lee spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Letha Lee near Bethel Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Pharoah Lee spent Sunday in Sampson County at Mr. Almond Lee's.

Master Garrett Lee visited friends near New Hope Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Lessie Lee, Mittie Smith and Mr. Walter Smith attended church services at Bethel Sunday.

Messrs. Cellie Barefoot and M. F. Holly, from Peacock's Cross Roads, spent Sunday afternoon in this section.

The two debating societies of Rock Hill school, the Liberty and Rock Hill Societies, are doing some very good work now. They give a public debate on Wednesday night of each week.

A very interesting basketball game took place last Friday afternoon between Rock Hill school and New Hope school boys on Rock Hill grounds. The score was 8 and 9 in favor of Rock Hill.—Snoodles.

Will Hayes, of Indiana, has been chosen as chairman of the Republican National Committee, to succeed W. R. Wilcox, who recently resigned.

## AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER.

**A Brief Chronicle of Those Who Come and Go. Several Soldier Boys Among Benson's Visitors During the Past Week.**

Benson, N. C., Feb. 14.—Mr. J. R. McLamb, of Rocky Mount, spent Sunday here with relatives. He has moved his family to Rocky Mount, where he is employed in a garage.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Holland left last night for New York, Philadelphia and other northern cities where they will buy goods for their store.

Mr. Alonso Parrish returned the first of the week from Florida where he has been on a short vacation.

Messrs. W. E. Thornton and P. P. Allen returned the first of the week from a few days' visit to their farm in Robeson County near Lumberton.

Mr. A. V. Norris was a visitor to Raleigh Monday and Tuesday on business.

Mr. Grover Upchurch, of Buies Creek, was here this week on a short visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Henry.

Mr. J. C. Hodges, of Loris, S. C., returned to his home after a few days visit here to his father, Mr. W. A. Hodges.

Mr. Ernest Johnson left yesterday for Petersburg, Va., where he has accepted a position.

Mr. George Cacenaugh, of Greensboro, was here this week shaking hands with his old friends.

Mr. T. V. Stewart and J. A. Stewart, of Coats, were here this week for a day or two on business matters.

Mr. U. F. Wallace, of Fayetteville, was here yesterday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Roberts, formerly of our city and who have been living in Wilson and Bailey for the past several months, have moved back here to make their home.

Mr. E. R. Canaday has accepted a position with a traveling concern and has his headquarters at Raleigh.

Mr. Walter Strickland, of Camp Sevier, was here Sunday with his relatives and friends.

Mr. Jim Boon, of Raleigh, spent Sunday in town with his brother, Mr. W. D. Boone.

Miss Pauline Jones, of Helen, Ga., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hobbs.

Mr. Alton Hall, who has been sick for some time, is able to be out again and will soon resume his studies at Wake Forest College.

Messrs. R. G. Grady and W. F. Purvis, of Wilmington and Durham, were here yesterday on business matters.

Mr. Robert C. Barbour, of Elevation, was in the city Monday for a short while. Mrs. J. R. Gordon, who has been here for a few days with her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Barbour, returned home yesterday.

Mr. H. O. Dixon, who is in the United States Navy in Norfolk, was here this week on a visit to his wife and friends.

Mr. H. B. Hardy, representing the News and Observer, was here for a few days recently.

Mr. T. W. McLamb has accepted a position at Rocky Mount and is now moving there.

Mrs. J. D. Lassiter spent a few days here recently with her daughter, Mrs. Geo. F. Moore, who has been sick.

Mr. J. D. Coats, of Camp Sevier, S. C., has returned to camp after a visit to his family in Pleasant Grove township.

Messrs. Alonso Parrish, Almon Parker, Jesse Surles, Robert Creech, June Morgan, George Holland and Milton Smith were visitors to Smithfield Monday.

Mr. Louis Ryals, of Durham, was here the first of the week on a short visit to relatives.

Mr. James E. Wilson went up to Richmond Sunday and spent a few hours with his uncle, Mr. Jesse Wilson, of Dunn, who is in a hospital there.

J. Willis Moore has accepted a position as Deputy Sheriff in our part of the county, S. F. Ivey having resigned.

Mr. James Raynor went to Chapel Hill last week on a visit to his wife who has been sick at her old home for a few days.

Messrs. R. T. Surles, J. D. Morgan, John Whitenton, Jesse Surles, Sam Stone and A. E. Surles were visitors to Raleigh yesterday.

Mr. Loyd Langdon, of Coats, was here yesterday on business matters.

Mr. William B. Tart, who has been

## MRS. JOHN YOUNG VERY ILL.

**Personal and Local Notes of Interest From the Thriving Town of Clayton.**

Clayton, N. C., Feb. 13.—Mrs. R. C. Sears, of Apex, spent a few days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boone.

Miss Thelma Barbour returned Tuesday from Raleigh where she visited friends.

Dr. and Mrs. Chas. D. Bass, of Raleigh, spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Massey.

Miss Genie Thomas, of Meredith College, spent the past week-end here.

Mrs. C. B. Turley spent several days this week with relatives at Oxford.

Mrs. G. T. Smith and son, Thurman Jr., left last week for Lillington where they will spend a few days while getting the furniture in readiness to move here. Mr. Smith went to Lillington Sunday.

Mr. Norman Hales, of Rocky Mount, visited relatives here during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Parker spent last Sunday with Mrs. Parker's mother near Selma.

Mrs. L. D. Debnam and children, of Selma, were here Sunday the guest of Mrs. J. A. Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Horne and son, Ashley, and Mr. Otho Gulley motored to Morrisville last Sunday to see Mr. Sam Horne who is seriously ill of paralysis.

Mr. Dorcas Brown, of near Selma, spent Sunday afternoon here with friends.

Misses Nannie Lou Poole and Annie Laurie Bancom, of Mt. Moriah, visited Miss Thelma Barbour last week-end.

Private David Johnson came up from Camp Jackson last week for five days. He was called home on account of illness of his mother near Bethesda.

Misses Naomi and Pauline Vinson, of Smithfield, came up last week to visit relatives for a few days.

The Y. W. C. A. held its regular meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Miss Thelma Barbour. Several members were present and new members added.

Miss Tessie Noble, from near Kinston, is here visiting her sister Mrs. Woodall.

Mrs. T. M. White and little daughter, Susan, of Goldsboro, are here spending this week with Mrs. Y. M. Holland.

Mr. W. A. Barnes is spending some time in Jacksonville, Fla., in the interest of his health.

The lecture held in the Horne Memorial church on Monday night of this week by Hon. H. T. Laughbaum was enjoyed by a large audience. His subject being: "John Barley Corn, Goodbye."

We are sorry to note the serious illness of Mrs. John Young. She has been ill since Sunday night when, a few moments after going out of church, was found on the ground speechless and unconscious. She revived a little Tuesday but has not spoken yet. We hope Mrs. Young will soon be greatly improved.

## Death of Little Cecil Davis.