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DAILY CULLINGS OF WAR NEWS

Friday, Aug. 9.—British supported by French troops launch offensive on wide front. The Huns were taken by surprise and fled in confusion before the Allies. British tanks lead in the drive against the enemy. The Franco-British offensive announced that they have captured 7,000 men and 100 guns, and have made an advance of from five to seven miles. Crown Prince Rupprecht's army has suffered heavily, while the 117th division has been badly cut up.

Saturday, Aug. 10.—The offensive established by the Allies has become the largest battle front in history. Fighting extends over a front of practically 150 miles from the Yser to the Oise.

German losses estimated at between 50,000 and 60,000.

Sunday, Aug. 11.—German strategy is weakening under the influence of the Allies. Crown Prince Rupprecht's army completely demolished.

Germans make retreat in confusion leaving behind guns, ammunition and supplies.

Monday, Aug. 12.—British steamer Peniston and Swedish steamer Sydland reported sent down by German submarine off New England coast.

American correspondents give interesting quotations from editorials in leading German papers. These editorials emphasize the villainy of the United States as a nation of blood-thirsty ruffians who are bent on the destruction of Germany as well as determined to make vassals of the Allies.

One of Germany's most influential writers declares that by entering the camp of the entente when he did Wilson struck the hardest blow at European liberalism and democracy that it could have suffered.

Tuesday, Aug. 13.—The Germans are getting a good sample of what the Americans can do in the way of hand-to-hand fighting.

Six men in the coast guard station off Smith's Island are overcome by gas attack by German submarine operating on New England coast. This is the first successful effort of Germany to injure persons or property on American shores.

MISS GASH IN CHARGE EDUCATIONAL WORK

Miss Annie Jean Gash has been elected chairman of the committee on Education of the Transylvania chapter American Red Cross. This committee has charge of all educational work done by the chapter, which will include classes in First Aid to the Injured, Home Dietics, and Home Nursing. These classes will be conducted by experts and will offer a comprehensive course of information to every woman in the county who desires to become a factor in the conservation of the health of the people.

Up to December, 1917 Canada's dead in the war numbered 15,766 men. In the same period from six preventable diseases, typhoid, diphtheria, scarlet fever, whooping cough, tuberculosis, and measles, Canada's dead numbered 22,560 men, women and children.

Women of Transylvania can do no less than enlist every energy toward keeping the U. S. from having a record like this. All interested in the courses named may obtain full information by applying to Miss Gash or to County Red Cross Headquarters.

NOTICE, FARMERS

Owing to the peculiar conditions existing in Transylvania county, as it is a rye county, the Food Administration has agreed to allow the farmers who have been in the habit of feeding their rye to their stock, to have a limited amount ground for this purpose. Permit will be granted by me upon request from any farmer in the county.

Thos. H. Shipman,
Food Administrator Trans. Co.

BREVARD PROMINENT ON EDUCATION'L MAP

Citizens of Brevard are justly proud of her many natural advantages and soon they will be able to point with pride to the public school buildings of the town.

Before many weeks pass Brevard will have one of the most up-to-date high school buildings in the state.

Work on the new building is now being pushed at a rapid rate. When finished the structure will be 123½ by 65½ feet. It will be three stories high. In the basement floor will be located the gymnasium and domestic science laboratories. The 2nd and 3rd floors will be given over to eight large class rooms, music rooms, offices, library and auditorium. The auditorium, which will fill a long-felt need, will have a seating capacity of 500.

While the work is being carried on with as little delay as possible, the building of course will not be ready for the opening of school in September. Therefore the fall term of school will open in the present graded school building, which will later be used for the primary grades. The fall term will be opened at the regular time and patrons of the school, a member of the board states to the News, need have no fear that their children will lose time on account of the improvements now in progress.

PATRIOTIC RALLY IN BAPTIST CHURCHES

By unanimous consent of the directors of the County-wide Evangelistic campaign conducted by the Baptist churches of Transylvania county, last Friday evening was observed with a patriotic service in every Baptist church in the county.

Special speakers from the Council of Defense were present at a number of the meetings to talk to the congregations about vital points of the present world conflict. The object of these addresses was to give definite information in regard to the national situation to those who for one reason or another have not yet thought much about the matter themselves and to impress upon each individual a personal responsibility in winning the war and making the world a safe place for the highest development of mankind.

These special talks were made by Rev. J. C. Seagle, J. S. Silversteen, R. H. Zachary and others appointed by the Council of Defense.

He Hadn't Realized.

The custodian of an Indianapolis building recently hired a colored man, George, to work about the building. George had always worked as a "house man" and came well recommended. The first day of his employment, however, George was out for lunch the greater part of three hours.

The custodian was naturally annoyed. "Where in thunder have you been?" he inquired the minute he set eyes on the erring George. "Me? Why, I've been home takin' a nap," George answered, in a surprised tone. "I always takes a nap in the middle of the day."

"Well, believe me," the custodian declared, "you don't do that any more. You're needed around here."

Was George aggrieved? Not a bit of it. A most appreciative grin spread over his face.

"Well, now," he said slowly, "you'll have to excuse me this time, boss. It's just that I didn't realize before how important I is around here."

Labor-Saving Harvester.

One thousand improved wheat-harvesting machines, known as combines, will be used in Washington state and other states of the Northwest this year, according to farm-help specialists of the United States department of agriculture, and will effect a great saving in labor. These machines, which cut the heads from wheat and thrash the grain as they travel across the field, can be operated by two persons, and each machine will harvest from 350 to 400 acres of wheat during a season. They are marked labor savers over the old type combine, which required about 20 men.

No Chance for the Old Man.

It was the first time that Richard's father had seen "her" and they were talking things over.

"So my son has proposed to you," he said, "and you've accepted him? I think you might have seen me first."

She blushed sweetly as she replied: "I did, but I think I prefer Richard."

RED CROSS TO FILL VACANT PLACE

The Home Service section of the Transylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross, wishes to again call the attention of all soldiers' families to the fact that this committee is eager to help all soldiers' families in any way possible to them. Any one wishing information and advice, or in need of help because of conditions existing in their homes since husband or son has been called to "The Colors," may come to the U. D. C. Rest Room on any Tuesday morning from ten thirty to twelve thirty or Friday afternoon from four to six o'clock.

Letters will be written, information given and help extended to any soldier's family in need. The Home Service Committee will be glad to receive information regarding soldiers' families from any reliable person, as it is the duty not only of the members of this committee but of every other citizen in our county, to help inspire confidence in the hearts and minds of our soldiers and their dear ones, confidence in the fact that the Red Cross will stand ready at all times to help at home as well as at the front.

The committee simply asks that all who can will please come to us; send some trustworthy person. If unable to do this, the committee will send a representative to them if notified.

Most sincerely,
Mrs. J. S. Silversteen,
Chairman.

SOLDIER'S POLE TAX

Brevard N. C., Aug. 14, 1918
Hon. J. H. Picklesimer, Chairman
Transylvania County Republican Executive Committee,
Brevard, N. C.

Dear Sir.—
In behalf of the Transylvania boys who are now serving our country in the Army and Navy, I desire to submit the following proposition to you as Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of Transylvania County.

It is not right, patriotic or in keeping with the duty we owe our country at the present time that any purely technical objection be raised to prevent our soldiers and sailors from voting if they so desire.

Representing the Democratic Executive Committee of Transylvania County and the Democratic Nominees I therefore propose that neither political party or its representatives challenge any soldier's or sailor's vote at the coming General Election in the Fall for the reason that said soldier or sailor has failed to pay his poll tax as required by law.

Please write me at your earliest convenience as to whether your party will agree to this proposition or not.

Respectfully,

W. E. BREESE
Chairman Democratic Ex. Com.
Transylvania County

BREVARD CHURCHES TO PRAY FOR ALLIES

The pastors of Brevard churches at the last meeting of the Ministers' Association decided to request the members of their respective churches to spend one minute in prayer each day for the success of the American and Allied armies and navies.

It was agreed that the Methodist church bell should be rung each day at twelve o'clock as a signal for all to join in intercession for divine guidance and blessing on the cause for which the life blood of America is being poured out.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE

An institute for training Sunday School teachers will be opened in the Brevard Baptist church September 1-3 prox.

All teachers of the Transylvania Association and such others as may desire are eligible and are urged to enroll. Prof. Hunter and Rev. Sargee of Asheville will be the instructors.

HOSPITAL GARMENT ROOMS CLOSED

The Transylvania Red Cross has received instructions from headquarters that work in the Hospital Garment Department is to be discontinued until further directions are received from the government in regard to what the Red Cross will be expected to furnish the army and navy during the period beginning November the first. The Red Cross has filled all orders made by the government up to that date.

While the local Red Cross workers are asked to stop sewing for a short time, they are asked to continue the making of sweaters and socks with all speed possible.

Wool for these garments may be obtained at the Transylvania Red Cross headquarters on Tuesday and Saturday mornings from 10 to 12. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 Miss Delia Gash, chairman of the Wool Garment Committee, will be at the Red Cross to give out wool as well as instructions in knitting to any one who wishes to learn to knit.

GOES FAR BACK IN HISTORY

French City of Montdidier Was of Importance in First Millennium of the Christian Era.

The National Geographic society issues the following war geography bulletin on Montdidier, a few miles east of Amiens:

"This little town, whose history dates back to the first millennium of the Christian era, had a population of less than 5,000 at the beginning of the war, but it was rich in historic associations. It is said to have derived its name from the fact that Didier or Desiderius, the last of the Lombard kings, was imprisoned here in 774 by Charlemagne. It will be remembered that Charlemagne, having put aside his first wife, Desiderius' daughter, took up the quarrel of Pope Adrian I with the Lombard monarch, and after marching an army across the Alps, captured the erstwhile father-in-law's capital city, Ticinum, and took the vanquished ruler back to France, where he died in captivity. Montdidier is attractively situated on an eminence on the banks of the river Don. It is the capital of an arrondissement in the department of the Somme, and is 62 miles north of Paris by rail, and 23 miles southeast of Amiens. Its chief industries before the war were tanneries and the manufacture of zinc-white.

"When the tides of war finally recede it is probable that the three buildings in which the citizens of Montdidier took the greatest pride will be crumbling ruins. These are the church of St. Pierre, which was built before Columbus set sail on his voyage of discovery, and which contains a tomb and font of the eleventh century; the church of St. Sepulchre, a fifteenth century edifice, and the Palais de Justice, formerly the city castle. In the last named building visitors before the war were shown six unusually handsome Brussels tapestries of the seventeenth century. These were undoubtedly removed before the Germans entered the city.

"Montdidier's most famous son was Parmentier, the scientist, who gave impetus to the culture of the potato in France. A statue erected here commemorates his gift to the nation.

"For a number of years this little city was governed by its own lords, then passed under the dominion of the counts of Crepy and Valois. In the twelfth century it became a possession of the French crown and received a charter of liberties. In 1636 it offered a gallant and successful resistance to the Spanish invaders."

Avoid Grouch and Live Long.

Writing for the Minneapolis Journal, A. J. R. notes the demise of a Seattle citizen one hundred and three years old, and suggests that one of the reasons why he lived so long was that he never groused at the breakfast table or elsewhere. Discussing this, A. J. R. writes

"The enjoyment of breakfast and of the sunrise always comes so easily to me that I sometimes wall in charity for persons who, I have been led to believe, start the generous day wrong by raising hades at the breakfast table. I will freely wager 75 cents that the Seattle centenarian who lived to be one hundred and three never insured at breakfast, never complained of the food, nor sneered at his wife's cooking."

The aged Seattleer ascribed his longevity to his own temper; he had not been angry since he was twenty, and had driven a yoke of oxen most of his life. Also, loved everybody, and everybody loved him.

HELP FOR THE HELPLESS

A PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Last year the whole world was thrilled when the news was flashed over the wires that Jerusalem had been delivered from the hands of the Turk. The feeling was universal that the Holy City should be restored to the people who had builded it and with whose history it is ever associated. This is a fine sentiment, but finer and vastly more important than the restoration of the Holy City is the salvation of millions of Jews from hunger and disease and death. In Turkey, in Palestine, in Luthania, in Russia, in Poland and in Galicia starvation stares the children of Abraham in the face. Daily Jewish husbands see their wives grow thin and pale and fade away into the Great Silence. Daily Jewish babies tug frantically at the breasts that are withered and dry; and above the din of battle is heard once more the voice of Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted because they are not.

I call upon the good people of North Carolina to harken to this cry, to rally to the help of the helpless and once again to show themselves worthy of the high service they are privileged to render. The hounded, hungry Jew can well afford to die. We cannot afford by indifference and inaction to have his blood on our hands.

Therefore, I, Thomas Walter Bickett, Governor of North Carolina, do hereby set apart Monday, the 19th day of August, 1918, as Jewish Relief Day. I ask all newspapers to give wide publicity to this day, and especially as that on Sunday, the 18th day of August, notice be given in all the churches in the State that the following Monday will be observed as Jewish Relief Day, and the people will be given an opportunity to help this stricken race.

On Monday, the 19th day of August, I beg all our people to give to this most worthy cause generously and gladly. Let Jew and Gentile touch elbows, and work together for the relief of these millions in distress, and may He, who made and loves us all, bestow upon every giver and every gift His Heavenly benediction.

Done at our city of Raleigh, this the 3rd day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and in the one hundred and forty-third year of our American Independence.

Thomas Walter Bickett,
By the Governor,
Sanford Martin,
Private Secretary.

The Age of Innocence.

Youth, like spring, taunts the person who is not a poet. Just because it is formative and fugitive it evokes imagination, it has a bloom too momentary to be self-conscious, vanished almost as soon as it is seen. In boys, as well as girls, this beauty discloses itself. It is a delicacy as tender as the first green leaf, an innocence like the shimmering dawn, "brightness of azure, clouds of fragrance, a tinkle of falling water and singing birds." People feel this when they accept youth as immaculate and heed its mute expectations. The mother whose boy is at twenty has every right to feel he is idly, to think that youth has the all of spring about it, that spring is the morning of the gods. Youth is so often handsome and straight and fearless, it has its mysterious silences, its beings are beings of clear fire in high spaces, kin with the naked stars. Yet there is in it something not less fiery which is far more human. Youth is also a Columbus with mutineers on board.—F. H. in the New Republic.

Barristers and Solicitors.

The English keep up most of the old distinction between physicians and surgeons, barristers and solicitors. A barrister alone can address the higher courts and the parliamentary committees; a solicitor must keep to office work and courts of first instance. A man with a grievance goes first to his solicitor, who then instructs or briefs a barrister for him. If that barrister in the course of the trial wants a certain evidence removed from the record he moves that it be struck out and not stricken out, as an American lawyer would say.

Only barristers may become judges. An English barrister, just like his American brother, takes a retainer, when he is engaged. But the rest of his fee does not wait upon the termination of his case. He expects to receive a "refresher" from time to time.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN SUCCESS HERE

The county-wide evangelistic campaign which opened last Sunday in the Baptist churches of Transylvania is progressing with increasing interest and success.

Dr. J. C. Owen, who has charge of the campaign and who is himself conducting the services in the Calvert Baptist church, attributes a large measure of the success of the meetings to the remarkable spirit of cooperation evidenced by the pastors and members of the twenty Baptist churches of the county. Dr. Owen seems to have been peculiarly fortunate in his selection of preachers to conduct the meetings at the various churches.

Reports from each community in which a meeting is being held prove that ministers and church members are working efficiently together for the uplift of the neighborhood.

The services in the Brevard Baptist church, which are attracting large congregations, are in charge of Dr. W. W. Hamilton, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lynchburg, Va. Dr. Hamilton is now giving all his time to evangelistic work and no one who listens to his words can doubt that he is specially endowed for work in this field. Dr. Hamilton is assisted by E. L. Wolslagle, one of the best evangelistic singers before the public of the south today. Mr. Wolslagle has visited Brevard before and made many friends here by the power of his singing. The meeting in the local church as well as other churches of the county will probably continue through next week.

KRAUT ACCORDING TO HOME DEMONSTRAT'R

Mrs. Henly, who visited Brevard recently as a representative of the State Department of Home Economics, gave the following directions for making kraut:

To 100 pounds of cabbage allow 2½ pounds salt; shred or chop cabbage, sprinkling salt and pounding down in barrel or crock; add plate or board cover and weight, cover container, to keep out dust and insects. Set aside to ferment. When this process is completed, remove boards and weight, and any mould that may be present. Thoroughly scald boards and weight, replace and seal about edge with paraffin poured on boiling hot. No scum will form, if the cabbage has been handled properly and no softening of kraut on top and waste will result. When removing salted vegetables, take off paraffin, weights and boards and after the vegetables have been taken out, replace weight and boards, re-heat paraffin and pour around edge.

If it is desired to add beans to a crock, this may be done, if only a few days have passed since the first were put in the crock. All vessels used should be boiled or cleaned well with boiling water. If the corn and beans are not blanched or boiled, a slight fermentation will result, giving a pickled flavor.

14 MORE MEN TO GO

Some time during the five-day period beginning August 26, 14 men will be entrained for Camp Jackson, S. C. Definite dates will be announced as soon as train schedule is received from Raleigh.

Following are those to be called: William Wesley Smith, Charlotte. Samuel Clemy Raines, Brevard, R. F. D.

Jesse B. Huggins, Cherryfield.

Class 1918

Van Robinson, Lake Toxaway. Berlin Owen, Lake Toxaway. Jess Owenby, Etowah. Flave G. McCall, Etowah. Columbus H. Holden, Brevard, R. F. D. Ernest McCoy, Balsam Grove. Alfred C. Current, Rosman. Joseph M. Heath, Etowah, R. F. D. Sylvester M. Galloway, Rosman. Suel Rhinehart, Brevard. Paul Brooks, Rosman. Robert E. Heath, Pisgah Forest, R. F. D. Wade McGaha, Pisgah Forest, R. F. D.

J. I. Watson,
Chief Clerk.