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VICTORY ACHIEVED AFTER BATTLE OF 10 DAYS

RECAPTURE OF TRONES WOOD IS ANNOUNCED.

After Prolonged and Bitter Struggle Town of Contalmaison Is Captured and Now Being Held by English Against German Counter-Attacks.

London, July 11.—The capture of the whole of the German's first system of defense on a front of 14,000 yards (nearly 8 miles), after ten days and nights of continuous fighting is announced in the official report from British headquarters in France.

The number of prisoners taken exceeds 7,500.

Text of Report.

The text reads: "After ten days and nights of continuous fighting our troops have completed the methodical capture of the whole of the enemy's first systems of defense on a front of 14,000 yards. The system of defense consisted of numerous and continuous lines of fire trenches, extending for various depths from 2,000 to 4,000 yards. It included five strongly fortified villages, numerous heavily wired and entrenched woods and a large number of immensely strong redoubts. The capture of each of these trenches represented an operation of some importance and the whole of them are now in our hands."

Recapture Trones Wood.

"The German success in the recapture of Trones wood, after costly casualties was of short duration. Today we recaptured nearly the whole of this wood. All but the northernmost end is again in our hands."

"Apart from the number of guns hidden in houses and buried in the debris, etc., we have, in the course of these operations brought in 26 field guns, one naval gun, one anti-air craft gun and one heavy howitzer while the number of German prisoners captured exceeds 7,500."

Take Town of Contalmaison.

After a prolonged and bitter struggle the British have captured the town of Contalmaison, north of the Somme river, and are now holding it against German counter-attacks. The greater part of the Mametz woods are in possession of the British who have also recaptured nearly the whole of the Trones wood.

On the eastern front the Germans admit the fighting on the Stokhod line is approaching Kovel on both sides of the railway, but they claim the Russians have been driven back near Huliviche. Today's news told of heavy fighting on all fronts, with the allies making substantial progress in most places. A striking illustration of the difference in the relative positions of the allied and Teutonic forces and of the remarkable change from the monotonous defensive trench warfare which characterized the allied operations for so many weary months, until the present summer, is found in the number of prisoners and guns taken. These for the battle of the Somme amount to 22,000 prisoners and 104 guns captured from the Germans, while the official figures for the Russian General Brussiloff's drive to the tenth of July are 271,620 prisoners, 312 guns and 866 machine guns.

Position is Important.

The importance the Germans have attached to the Contalmaison position may be measured by the fact that they recently threw the Prussian guards into the fighting at this point. It is now clear that the Russian drive in the direction of Kovel has brought the German offensive at Lutsk to a standstill and according to the Russian communication, the Germans have brought up strong reinforcements to defend the Stokhod line and Kovel. Gen. Brussiloff, however, now has the impassable Pinsk marshes covering his right flank and is in a position to outflank the German defenses of Kovel. The capture of 34,000 prisoners by the Russians in the Stokhod and Galician battles from July 4 to July 8 seems to indicate that the Germans have been unable to throw in reinforcements in sufficient strength to stem the Russian advance. According to a report from Berne, Switzerland, the Austrians are hurriedly transferring the landstrum from Serbia and Montenegro in an attempt to hold back the Russians. The difficulties confronting the central powers in meeting the all-round attack are

indicated in the Italian official statement tonight in which it is stated that the Austrians have been obliged to recall to the Italian front troops which were about to be sent to the Eastern front.

French Nearing Peronne.

The French army under General Foch has moved up in the southern section of the Somme until it now holds the dominating hills around Peronne, a town which has been strongly fortified by the Germans and the possession of which they are likely to contest with the utmost determination.

Germans Gain at Verdun.

In the Verdun sector, the Germans have succeeded in gaining a foothold in the Damloup battery and in the French line in the Fumla wood on the right bank of the Meuse. At other points the Germans are carrying out a strong offensive.

On the Russian front the Stokhod sector is the central point of the Russian advance. The Germans have brought up strong reinforcements of artillery to oppose the Russians, who now are within 20 miles of Kovel. The defenses of this town are believed to be powerful. Fighting along this line is of a furious nature.

Austrians Put to Flight.

In Southern Bukovina, Petrograd reports that considerable enemy forces have been put to flight northwest of Kimpolung. Vienna does not refer to the fighting in Bukovina and Galicia, but asserts that Russian attacks near Sokul and along the Stokhod have been repulsed.

Up to July 10, the drive of General Brussiloff had resulted in the capture of 271,720 prisoners it is officially announced.

The Italians have captured additional positions from the Austrians, particularly on the Pasubio front. Rome asserts that because of the Italian offensive in the Trentino several divisions of Austrian troops already on their way to the Russian front, have been recalled.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Met on Monday—Bond of P. B. Griffin Received—Tax Lists Received.

The Board of County Commissioners met on Monday in an adjourned meeting, with all members present. This was as a Board of Equalization.

The bond of P. B. Griffin, Treasurer for the Bridge fund was received and ordered recorded.

The tax lists were received from the following townships: Franklinton, Youngsville, Hayesville, Louisburg, Sandy Creek, Harris, Cedar Rock, Cypress-Creek, Dunns, Gold Mine.

Green Perry's land in Dunn's township, was reduced from \$1045 to \$800.

The land of Mrs. E. W. Gupton in Dunns township, and in the town of Bunn be raised from \$341.00 to \$1000.

Report of P. B. Griffin, Treasurer, for the Second quarter ending June 5th, was received and recorded.

The Board adjourned to its next regular meeting.

Miss Vienna Terrell Dead.

At the residence of her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Allen. Miss Vienna Harrison Terrell died at an early hour Friday morning after an illness of several months, in the 76th year of her life. Miss Terrell was born in 1841, during Harrison's administration when "Tippecanoe" was the favorite song, so she received the nickname, "Miss Tip," which has followed her through the years.

Miss Terrell was the only surviving member of a large family that has been prominent in this county for many years. Her nearest relatives who survive her are nephews and nieces.

Since girlhood she has been a member of the Corinth Baptist church, near her home in the country, where she lived until a few months ago. The funeral services were held Sunday morning at the family burying ground ten miles in the country, conducted by Rev. Walter M. Gilmore, of the Louisburg Baptist church.

Louisburg Baptist Church.

Divine worship Sunday 11 A. M. and 8.15 P. M., conducted by the pastor.

"The Value of a Vision" will be the theme of the morning sermon; "The Tree-like Christian" will be the subject at night.

DEUTSCHLAND READY TO DISCHARGE CARGO

HAVE NO FEARS OF ALLIES WAR SHIPS.

Captain Is Very Cordial to Officials And To Newspaper Men; Has Nothing to Conceal As Vessel Is Purely A Merchantman; Port Officials Satisfied.

Baltimore, Md., July 10.—The German submarine merchantman Deutschland, tonight was ready to discharge her million-dollar cargo and take aboard for the return trip metal and rubber needed by the Emperor's armies and navy. The return merchandise is waiting on the dock and the time for leaving port will depend largely upon plans for eluding vigilant enemy cruisers which it is expected will be waiting outside the Virginia capes.

Tonight the daring German seamen who brought the submarine merchantman Deutschland across the Atlantic, slept quietly aboard their vessel, which lay moored to a carefully screened pier guarded by a strong squad of Baltimore police. Capt. Paul Koenig, the skipper, had delivered his papers to the North German Lloyd office, entered his vessel at the custom house as a commerce carrier and had presented to a German Embassy official a pack of correspondence for Count Von Bernstorff.

One of a Fleet.

One of Captain Koenig's first acts after he moved his ship up the harbor from Quarantine early today, was to announce that the Deutschland was but one of a fleet of mammoth submarines built or building for a regular trans-Atlantic freight and mail service. He said the next to come would be the "Bremen" and that she might be looked for within eight weeks.

No Trouble Expected.

Neither Captain Koenig nor agents of the North German Lloyd Line, whom the boat is consigned, seemed apprehensive of diplomatic difficulties. It was stated on the authority of the captain that the only arms on board were four automatic pistols belonging to the officers and a sportsman's rifle for firing rockets.

Breaks the Blockade.

Later, at the office of the North German Lloyd, he issued a typewritten statement telling of the coming of other boats like the Deutschland and asserting that his voyage had broken the British control of the seas. At the same time he submitted to an interview in which he described his 3,800 mile cruise from Helgoland to Chesapeake Bay. He denied that he had been chased off his course by enemy warships, declaring that so far as he knew there was not an allied war craft in the Atlantic.

Traveled on Surface.

During nearly the entire voyage, said Capt. Koenig, the Deutschland traveled on the surface. Once she submerged for ten hours and lay dur-

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THE MOVING PEOPLE.

SOME YOU KNOW, SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Many on Business, Many on Pleasure, Others to be Going, But All Going or Coming.

Mr. J. J. Barrow visited Baltimore the past week.

Mr. J. R. Bunn, of Apex, is a visitor to Louisburg.

Mr. K. P. Hill visited Washington City the past week.

Mr. G. L. Crowell went to Raleigh Tuesday on business.

Mr. J. W. Hollingsworth is on a business trip to Marion.

Mr. R. G. Allen, of Raleigh, was a visitor to Louisburg Tuesday.

Mrs. G. B. Rice left Monday to visit her people at Winston-Salem.

Miss Jesse Conley, of Blackstone, Va., is visiting Miss Ruth Webb.

Mr. D. G. Pearce returned Tuesday from a business trip to Wilmington.

Mr. John Carlyle, of Savannah, Ga., is visiting his uncle, Mr. S. S. Meador.

Mr. Thomas W. Raffin visited Mr. John Hart at Winston-Salem the past week.

Mr. S. S. Williams, of Greenville, is on a visit to his people here this week.

Mrs. W. B. Cooke and sons William and George, are visiting relatives in Raleigh.

Messrs. S. M. Crocker and Bruce E. Smith visited Raleigh and Cary the past week.

Sheriff W. H. Allen and Register of Deeds J. B. Yarborough spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

Messrs. W. H. Yarborough and W. Person went to Raleigh on business the past week.

Miss Mary White, of Guilford College, is visiting the family of her kinsman, Mr. W. E. White.

Mrs. M. H. Aycocke and daughter, Miss Noye, are on a visit to Mrs. Aycocke's sister in Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Webb and children visited Mrs. Webb's people in Blackstone, Va., the past week.

Mr. H. B. Hardy, representing the News-Observer, of Raleigh, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Miss Iantha Pittman has gone to Ridgecrest and other points in the mountains for a months vacation.

Lieut. W. W. Boddie spent Sunday with the military boys at Camp Glenn, making the trip in his automobile.

Miss Sullie Pleasants, of this city, has gone to New York to take the summer course at Columbia University.

Mrs. Ivey Allen, president Louisburg College, is spending some time at Chapel Hill, taking in the summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Houck spent Sunday at Morehead. While there they visited the military boys at Camp Glenn.

Miss Bessie Lee Alston, who has been visiting Mrs. W. H. Pleasants, Jr., has returned to her home near Henderson.

Mrs. L. D. Lyles and daughter, Josephine, of Charlotte, are guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Green.

Dr. E. M. Perry accompanied Mrs. J. B. Thomas to Baltimore the past week, where she will enter a hospital for treatment.

Miss Lucy Allen, who has been in a Richmond hospital for several weeks, has returned home quite well again, though weak from the operation.

Miss Daisy Allen, connected with the State Board of Health, Raleigh, is spending her month's vacation with her mother here, Mrs. E. C. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Cooper left today for a month's visit to Mrs. Cooper's sister in St. Louis. Mr. Cooper will go on to Hot Springs, Ark. where he will take a course of baths.

Misses Kate and Lillian High and guest, Mrs. H. Rodgers, of Dyersburg, Tenn., and Mr. N. B. Allsbrook motored through the country this week to Morehead City where they will spend several days.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. McKinnane and Mr. and Mrs. D. F. McKinnane, who were summoned to the home of their father at Turnersburg sometime ago on account of his serious illness, which resulted in his death, have returned home.

Miss Pauline Smith left Monday to spend a few weeks in Asheville. While there she will attend the National Forestry Convention. Miss Annie Wilder, of Franklinton, will have charge of the Home Demonstration Work in her absence.

Candy Kitchen Closed.

George Lewis, Proprietor of the Louisburg Candy Kitchen, closed his place of business on Tuesday and informed us he would spend a portion of the summer in Norfolk, where he will conduct a like business. He will return to Louisburg on August 15th and reopen his place of business.

Services at St. Paul's Church Next Sunday, Morning and Evening.

The congregation of St. Paul's church have at last made arrangements for regular services, and beginning next Sunday morning Rev. Basil Manly Walton, a native of Marion, N. C., recently ordained, will begin his ministrations as assistant to the rector, Rev. Isaac W. Hughes, of Henderson, and the two will serve the three parishes of Henderson, Louisburg and Kittrell, both residing in Henderson. Services at St. Paul's next Sunday in the morning at 11 A. M. and evening at 8:15. All cordially welcomed.

Shows Good Attendance.

Supt. E. L. Best gave out figures the other day that show up well for Franklin County Schools in attendance they maintain. The figures show an increase during the past school year. The average daily attendance of school children in the county was as follows: White 1803, colored 1385; total 3188. The average daily attendance of school children in the county between the ages of 8 and 12 years was, white 933, colored 786; total 1719. Supt. Best is very much gratified at the increase of the past year over the former years.

Philathea Class Holds Meeting.

Franklinton, N. C., July 8th.—The Methodist Philathea Class held its monthly meeting in the Class Room Tuesday night July 4th. Nine members were present. After the Devotional exercises business discussion followed.

The Committee on Westey Class Organization reported that all Intermediate and Adult Classes of the M. E. S. S., with the exception of one had been organized.

Finance Committee reported profit \$11.40 from the Class entertainment. General discussion of the Sunday School lesson followed. Class adjourned to meet Tuesday night August 1st.

Mr. J. J. Barrow returned Wednesday from a trip to Baltimore.

ARRESTED FOR MURDER AND THE LARCENY OF AN AUTOMOBILE.

Coleman Merritt and Willie Lee Goodson Placed in Jail—Alleged Crimes Occurred in Virginia—Taken to Raleigh Saturday.

Quite a surprise was sprung on the people of Louisburg on last Friday afternoon when Deputy Sheriff W. N. Fuller, Constable R. W. Hudson and Chief of Police D. C. High brought Coleman Merritt in town and placed him in jail, which was soon followed by the arrest and confinement of Willie Lee Goodson, who it was learned were held on a warrant charging the murder of a negro named Richard Billings, of Portsmouth, Va., and the larceny of a Ford automobile. Until this time no one here except the officers and perhaps a very few others had heard anything of the crime, although it was committed on the night of June 14th. The officers in Virginia were notified and Chief of Police J. M. Broughton, of Portsmouth, accompanied by Luther Turner, colored, also of Portsmouth arrived on Saturday morning at 10:20, when the whole story leaked out. In the mean time the local officers here had found and brought in the car.

From the statements of Chief of Police Broughton and Luther Turner, the story ran as best we could get the connection somewhat this way. On the night of June 14th, somewhere about 9 o'clock Merritt and Goodson, who had gone to Norfolk on an excursion, called at Turner's transfer shed and hired a car to take them to some place in the country. Turner sent Billings, who was one of his regular drivers, to drive the car. The car with the occupants left the garage all right, but did not return. Turner got uneasy, fearing some accident as the car did not show up next morning and instituted a search which resulted in finding Billings dead side of the road within about five miles of Suffolk, with a wound in the back of his head and the car gone with no tidings. He immediately took the matter up with the officers at Portsmouth who got busy on the job and the result was the arrest of these two young men as the parties. Upon their arrival Turner and the Chief of Police immediately identified the car and also Merritt and Goodson. Learning of the possibility of finding more evidence a search warrant was secured and the home of Merritt searched where was found two pistols, one that was identified by Turner as the one owned by his driver Billings, and which he carried with him that night.

The boys claim they bought the car and paid \$175 for it, and know nothing of the killing.

The officers found Merritt at the home of his cousin Charlie Strother, near his home and Goodson was found at Birch Bros saw mill about four miles south of Louisburg. The car was found about six miles from Spring Hope, where it had been carried the day before by F. G. Goodson, it is said, in the woods.

Merritt and Goodson were taken to Raleigh Saturday afternoon by officers Fuller, High and Hudson for safe keeping and in order to be on hand for a hearing before the Governor when requisition papers are sought. They were also accompanied by Chief of Police Broughton.

Mr. Merritt is the only son of Mr. C. S. Merritt, one of Franklin County's respected planters, who lives near Moulton and whose many friends sympathize with him in this trouble.

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BUSINESS MEN IN CAVALRY TRAINING CAMP

