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IMMEDIATE RESULTS OF THE BIG COUNTER OFFENSIVE.

In Three Weeks General Foch's Strategy Has Accomplished a Change Which for Rapidity and Extent Has Rarely Been Approached in Military History.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 13.—After the battle of the Aisne, the situation of the belligerents presents a change which for rapidity and extent has rarely been approached in military history. Marshall Foch's strategy and the masterly tactics of the generals commanding the armies and groups of armies under him have in three weeks wrested from the Germans what required four months for them to obtain at a cost variously estimated at from 700,000 to 1,000,000 men.

The immediate results of the counter offensive which will have the greatest bearing on subsequent operations are the clearing of the Chteau Thierry pocket, ending the menace to Epernay and Paris; the liberation of Montdidier, ending the menace to Amiens; the freeing of the important eastern railroad line from Paris to Chalons, and the equally important northern line from Paris to Amiens restoring to the Allies means of communication which give them enormous ly greater ease in future movements of troops.

No Longer Danger of Separation of Allies.

These successes render impossible any rupture of the line which could separate the French armies of the center from those to the east, or rupture of the junction between the French and British. The most disastrous consequence to the Germans aside from the heavy losses they sustained in men and material is the collapse of their plan to drive wedges into the Allied line and the substantial widening and deepening which would have threatened the final dislocation.

Final Retirement Made More Difficult.

Marshall Foch's strategy in reducing the salient wedges wrested the initiative in operations from the Germans at once obliging them either to order a general retreat to a strong line such as the Somme, or to engage reserves. The enemy adopted the second alternative which, having failed, eventual retirement immensely more difficult. The first phase of the battle of the Aisne finds the French with a footing upon the plateau of the west of Meuse, which has vital importance in future operations. The Germans must either recapture the position at high cost, if he can, or abandon Meuse, which means the fall of Roye and Laon, which already are under imminent menace of capture.

Difficult Because They Can't Escape.

The disaster which menaced General von Hutier's army is averted for the moment. The few narrow passages which now are open for the withdrawal of his stores are so harassed by heavy artillery that prompt escape is impossible, rendering probable a desperate effort by the Germans to cling to their 1914 line.

When our boys come home they will be well up in the geography of France. It they are asked to name four French rivers it will not take them long to enumerate the Marne, the Aisne, the Oise and the Vesle.

English and Canadians in the United States who have always enjoyed our climate may begin this fall to feel the effects of the drafts.

From Soldier Boys.

The following letters, one from France, and one from a colored soldier in the United States, will be read with much pleasure by our readers: Somewhere in France,

July 10, 1918.

Dear Eck:—How are you all these days? I have written to all but you, so while I have time will say just a few words for I don't know when I'll have the chance to write again for we never know one day where we will be the next. I am well and enjoying life very good. I have been going to a British Machine Gun School and have been away from my Company twenty days and they have left the place they were while I was with them so I don't know where they are and when I will find them.

I am with the 114th Regiment for the present time and will be until I find where my Company is. Sure do wish I was with them, for I don't know any of the boys here, but they are real nice to me just the same, but had rather be with old friends.

Eck, the American boys on the 4th captured two thousand Germans, and for the last month have shot down one hundred thousand. Americans! Just look who we are! You hear. But I was not there, but my Company might have been. Hope so for they will tell me all about it when I see them.

Eck you all must let me hear from you for am some lonely over here and a letter from home surely does lots of good you know.

Eck sure do wish you all could see some of the places over here. It is certainly worth while. I was near enough to one of the air raids a few days ago to count one hundred air planes.

Eck I have carried a pack on my back so much that I told the boys

when I ever did get back to America I was going to buy a thousand dollar stock of goods and put it on my back and get in the road. Ha! Ha! Well, I have no news, so tell all to let me hear from them sometimes. Excuse bad writing. I am about to forget how to write anyway.

BROTHER TOM.

Recruit Camp No. 2, Co. No. 7, Aug. 5, 1918. Camp Green, N. C.

Dear Sir:—It is indeed a pleasure for me to attempt to write you a few lines to let you hear from me. We had a very nice time and we sure did enjoy it. Our boys all behaved very nice. I cannot say too much to their praise. We had the very best order that was on the train. We did not have any whiskey in our Company at all. The boys from Henderson were on the car just ahead of us, and the Raleigh boys were behind us, and they were drinking and gambling all the way to the camp. It was about 5:15 o'clock Sunday morning when we got to the camp and we were met by the officer about 6 o'clock and taken to our tents where we have been staying ever since except what little time we have been drilling and we get a plenty to eat. The only trouble we had was with Mr. Fuller, at Frankfort, and I thought once that the boys were going to whip him in spite of all I could do. Every time they got off the train he would try to make them get back on and he did not want the people to stand near the train to talk to us. But except that we did not have any trouble. So the county of Franklin is credited with sending the best troops of boys here on August 3rd. The boys are all liking life. Some of them say they ought to have been here a year ago. What are the Germans doing now, still on the retreat? I hope they are and will stay on. We don't get any war news down here. We can't go up town yet, but the Captain says that we can go in a few days and then we will get the news so no more. We would be delighted to hear from you all and to get hold of a Franklin Times once in a while. Good bye

Yours to the colors,
EDDIE LITTLEJOHN.

Volunteer Registrars for New Draft Registration Called.

About Sept. 5, 1918, a new registration for men for the National Army will be called. The work will be approximately one and one third times as great as was the first registration June 5, 1917, but all will be accomplished in one day as heretofore and the registration will be at the usual voting places in each township. Local Boards are required to assume direction of the work and we now call for all who can and will devote one day's work to the government in this great cause to let the Local Board have the names of all who will be served by Aug. 16th. Where no volunteers for free service will be received, the Local Board will appoint registrars and the pay allowed will be \$100 each but

the honor and glory of liberty for all mankind and we confidently expect a volunteer service for Franklin. Local Boards, Local Advisory Boards, Government Agents and County Councils of Defense have been and are now serving for a large part of their valuable time free—surely others will help for the limited time asked.

Local Board Franklin County,
By Wm. H. RUFFIN, Chairman.

A Rector Called for St. Paul's Parish.

Rev. Leifur H. Noyes, a native of Connecticut, now in charge of a church in Hartford, Conn., has been called to the parish of St. Paul's in Raleigh and St. James, Kittrell, and will make his residence at Raleigh. He is expected to arrive in Raleigh on August 15th, so as to take charge of the church Sept. 1st. These churches have been without a rector for about a year and Mr. Noyes will receive a warm welcome.

Rev. Mr. Wilson Overhaul Successful.

Our readers will be gratified to know that after a skillful and successful operation at the hands of Dr. Daniels, of Goldsboro, Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, pastor of the Methodist church, is resting and rapidly regaining his strength among friends and kindred at Chapel Hill. He will remain there until just prior to the fourth Sunday, but expects to reach Raleigh in time to occupy his pulpit that day.

Kemp P. Hill, of Louisville, Is Adjudged Bankrupt.

Kemp P. Hill, a general merchant of Louisville, was adjudged bankrupt by Judge H. G. Connor. The liabilities of the firm were \$240,538.54.—Raleigh Times.

Barbecue at County Home.

The County Commissioners held a special meeting at the County Home on last Friday at which time Supt. J. J. Holden served a sumptuous barbecue dinner to many of their friends. The day was a most pleasant one and the dinner one of the best we have ever seen. It was grand and a plenty of it, and it was a great credit to the ladies who had charge of the serving. The occasion was greatly enjoyed by quite a good number, who after having looked over the County Home were free in their expressions of the nice manner in which Supt. Holden is conducting the home.

A PROCLAMATION BY THE PRESIDENT FOR A NEW REGISTRATION ON AUG. 24, 1918.

Under a Presidential Proclamation all men, white and colored, who have become twenty-one years of age since June 5, 1918, are required and commanded under penalty of law to present themselves at the office of the Local Board, First National Bank building, Louisville, North Carolina, between the hours of seven o'clock a. m., and nine o'clock p. m., on Saturday, August 24th, 1918, and register for classification under selective service regulations for military service of the United States. This is not to be confused with the proposed registration Sept. 5th, of men from 18 to 45 years of age but is intended for those attaining twenty-one years of age between June 5th and August 24th, 1918.

Local Board, Franklin County, North Carolina,
by W. H. Ruffin, Chairman.

FOOD VIOLATORS HELP RED CROSS.

State Food Administrator Henry A. Page Allows Offenders to Make Contributions in Lieu of More Drastic Punishment.

Raleigh, Aug.—The contribution of \$100 to his local chapter of the Red Cross and the closing of his store for two days with an appropriate sign posted on the door is the self-imposed penalty on O. H. Harris, a well known merchant of Louisville, in lieu of more drastic action by the Food Administration for a mis-statement in the report he filed with the Sugar Division of the Food Administration upon which sugar certificates were to be issued. The notice on Mr. Harris' door next Monday and Tuesday will explain that his store is closed by agreement with the Food Administration because of irregularities in the handling of sugar. In addition to the self-imposed penalty Mr. Harris gave up to the Food Administration approximately 700 lbs. of sugar which he received above the allotment to which he was entitled. Mr. Harris was given a hearing before the State Food Administrator Henry A. Page at Raleigh on the 12th, the investigation being handled by County Food Administrator Mortimer Pleasants.

Bellamy & Co., of Enfield, has contributed \$100 to the Red Cross for selling sugar in too large quantities and not keeping proper records.

Ira D. Wood, of Enfield, has contributed \$50 to the Red Cross for selling sugar at retail and wholesale indiscriminately, and having on hand too much sugar.

Meyer Grocery Store of Enfield, contributed \$50 to the Red Cross for selling sugar at 10 cents when the maximum price was 9 1/2c.

Peoples' Supply Co., of Wilmington, contributed \$25 to the Red Cross for selling sugar in too large quantities.

Thomas Grocery Company, of Wilmington, contributed \$25 to the Red Cross for violating the sugar regulations by selling sugar to boarding houses without certificates.

F. M. Ross, of Wilmington, contributed \$25 to the Red Cross for violating the sugar regulations by selling too much sugar to one party.

Thos. F. Wood, Inc., of Wilmington, contributed \$25 to the Red Cross for selling sugar to a Steamship without certificates.

Can All the Fruits Possible.

The following bulletin has been issued by the Food Administration and should be read by every housewife: FULL STEAM AHEAD ON CANNING WHY?

1. Canning saves the crops
2. Canning saves transportation
3. Canning saves labor
4. Canning builds up homes reserves
5. We can afford to waste nothing

BECAUSE: SLOW ON SUGAR

1. German submarines sink sugar boats
2. Boats have been released to help feed Belgium
3. Germans have rendered useless sugar beet factories of Northern France

5. Our own crop of sugar is smaller than anticipated.

Are you a "good provider" Mrs. housekeeper? Then full steam ahead on canning. Never mind the shortage of sugar. Take care of the fruit now and the future will take care of itself. Who says you need sugar for canning? You don't!

SAVE SUGAR IN CANNING

Sugar is not needed as a preservative if fruit is properly sterilized and sealed. By canning we can get along without the use of heavy syrups and thus save sugar.

FRUIT JUICE.

Fruit juices can be bottled without sugar and used as fruit drinks, in jelly desserts, pudding sauces and ice cream. Directions for making fruit juices:—Prepare fruit, cook until soft and strain. Boil the strained juice for five minutes and pour it into jars or glass bottles that have been sterilized by boiling for 15 minutes, filling the jars to overflowing. Seal the jars immediately. Stopper the bottles with cork sterilized in the same manner as the bottles, and make airtight seal by dipping the cork and the lip of the bottle into hot paraffin. When sugar is more plentiful, fruit juices may be made into jelly.

SUGAR SUBSTITUTES

Extensive and conclusive tests have shown that corn sugar, corn syrup, cane syrup, and sorghum syrup may be used in making preserves and marmalades which do not suffer in comparison with the same products in which sugar is used. Use Substitutes! Write to John Paul Lucas, Conservation Director, Food Administration, Raleigh, N. C., for leaflet containing formulae, recipes and suggestions for the use of sugar substitutes.

Our Schools in War Times.

During the past four years so many seemingly impossible things have happened that it is difficult for us to keep our bearings. Almost all of our business calculations have called for revision of our notions of personal freedom. We have received many a rude shock; we can no longer do with our own as we please; we must consider the common good; our individualistic notions must be exchanged for a larger vision.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. John Wells, of Wilson, was a visitor to Louisville Sunday.

Rev. A. G. Wilcox, of Brinkleyville, was a visitor to Louisville Monday.

Mr. J. C. Matthews, of Spring Hope, was a visitor to Louisville Tuesday.

Mr. Clifford Smith left Tuesday for Mars Hill, where he will attend school.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Pleasants and Mr. J. D. Wells went to Raleigh Monday.

Mrs. D. C. High is in Raleigh spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. G. R. McGrady.

Messrs. H. G. Candler and H. G. MoBrayer are on the northern markets purchasing their fall stocks.

Miss Evelyn Mae Barnhill went to Rocky Mount Sunday where she will nurse the little daughter of Mr. J. W. Davenport, who is quite ill.

Messrs. J. A. Turner, D. C. High, B. N. Williamson, W. N. Fuller, J. E. Thomas and Ellis Ramey attended the firemen's tournament at Wilmington this week.

Miss Grace Eaton, Mr. Hugh Hayes, Misses Susie, Ernestine and Lucy Hayes have returned from a motor trip to Denver, blowing Rock and other places in western North Carolina.

Mr. O. C. Hill, of Bennon, arrived in Louisville Monday to take charge of the light and water plant as Superintendent to succeed Mr. H. Meredith, who has taken a like position in Clayton.

Misses Lillian High, Esther Allsbrook, of Weldon, Margaret Cooke and Mr. N. B. Allsbrook left Thursday by automobile to visit friends in Norfolk. They will join another auto party at Emporia, Va.

Dr. W. R. Bass left yesterday for his home at Middlesex to make his arrangements to enter the service of the United States army, having just received his commission as Lieutenant. He will be in Louisville Saturday for his last day before going to Fort Oglethorpe.

Pickups From White Level.

As you haven't heard anything from "around the level" in some time I thought we would write and let you know we didn't quite "peg" it them hot days.

Rev. W. B. Morton, of Louisville, filled his regular appointment at White level Saturday and Sunday. The protracted meeting will begin the fourth Sunday in September.

Mr. James Howard House in response to his call left Thursday for Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C.

Misses Beulah Stallings, Nona Bunn and Alma Hollingsworth, of Bunn, spent last Saturday night with Miss Beulah Sturdivant.

Mr. D. N. Murphy, who returned last week from the hospital is much improved.

Dr. W. P. Simpson and wife went to Rocky Mount last Monday.

Messrs Arthur Wilder and Sion Griffin from near Seven Paths were in our midst last Sunday.

Messrs T. H. Dickson, Doran, Collis, Early Collins, Buck Collins and J. W. Bartholomew returned Monday night from a visit to Camp Jackson.

The "canners" of our community are beginning to fill their pantries with food products.

Our newly organized Junior Baraca and Philathea classes are progressing nicely, as well as the senior classes.

We have a live prayer meeting at the church every Sunday night. The young taking a part as well as the old and we invite you to come out and help us pray for the soldier boys.

Bunn Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. White visited Louisville Tuesday.

Mr. J. Y. Medlin visited our town Wednesday.

The majority of the young people of Bunn enjoyed a barbecue Tuesday P. M., given by Mr. J. B. Harris in honor of his son, Jasper, who is now on a ten days vacation from the U. S. Navy.

Montgomery & White has made considerable changes in the firm within the last thirty days, to their advantage we hope.

Mr. I. C. Sykes and Miss Louise Curtis visited Raleigh Tuesday on business.

The Bunn Banking Co., has received a new Burroughs posting and listing machine, which will be installed within a few days.

We are glad to note Miss Addie Montgomery is rapidly improving after several weeks illness.

Mr. P. M. Mullin is now on his feet after several days of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Mann Tant and children spent the week end at the home of her father Mr. Peyton Sykes.

Beddingfield Bros. & Co., have recently installed a carbide light plant and have also agreed to furnish light for the Bunn Banking Co.

Mr. Benj. B. Sykes and I. C. Sykes took Miss Gladys Sledge and brother back to Red Oak after spending several days with their grand parents Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Sykes and friends.

No August Court.

There will be no regular Court for Franklin County for the August term 1918, for jury trials. No jurors or witnesses need appear unless notified. Judge Calvert will be here either the first or second week a few days to hear motions, and dispose of other business which does not require a jury trial.

J. J. BARROW, C. S. C.

SCHOOLS TO OPEN.

Supt. E. L. Best has issued the following letter to schools: (re-open):

August 10, 1918.

Dear Committeemen:—

The following dates have been selected for the opening of the various schools in Franklin County. Please notify your teachers and ask them to be in the neighborhood several days before the opening. I recommend that you try in some way to provide board for the teachers free of cost for those days before school begins. It is very important that they be in the community at least a week before school opens but we must remember that pay does not begin until the opening of school.

If for any local reason you think it best for your school to open at a later or earlier date please take the matter up with me at once and we can arrange a date to suit your community.

8 month schools—September 2nd.

7 month schools—September 30th.

6 month schools—October 14th.

5 month schools—November 14th.

Please attend to this at once.

Cordially yours,

E. L. BEST.

POST OFFICE QUARTERS.

Post Office Inspector R. W. Hodgins was in town the past week looking over the post office premises and fixtures. We note from advertisements posted on the bulletin board proposals are invited for a period of five or ten years for quarters properly equipped from July 1, 1919. Owners of suitable buildings can secure all necessary information at the post office.

List of Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the post office at Louisville, N. C., not called for Aug. 16, 1918:

Mrs. Bettie Holmes, Mr. R. L. Patterson, Miss — — — Patterson, Mr. Green Pearce, Mr. Johnny Perry, Mr. Genie Perry, Mrs. Edna Perry, Miss Lucy Perry, Mrs. Julia Williams.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please state that they saw them advertised.

R. H. DAVIS, P. M.

Free Dental Clinic.

All the Dentists of Franklin County will hold free Dental Clinic for children in their offices Saturday, August 17th, from 10 to 5. All children from Franklin and Young — the townships will report to Dr. S. — Ford in Franklin. All children from other sections of the county will report at the office of Dr. A. H. Fleming in Louisville, where they will be assigned to a Dentist who will do the work for them.

The Clinic will be open to the entire county, and children will be assigned for in the order in which they report.

Mr. W. H. Allen spent several days at Wilmington the past week.