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## THE FINAL SUMMONS.

**Mr. John W. Caldwell Passed Away This Morning—Funeral Tomorrow Morning.**

Mr. John W. Caldwell, aged 56 years, died at his home this morning at 2 o'clock after an illness of about two weeks. The funeral will be conducted from the home of the deceased's brother, Mr. M. F. Caldwell, Caldwell street, tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. Chas. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church, and interment will be made in the Meadow Brook cemetery.

Deceased is survived by three brothers—Messrs. L. H., M. F., and A. F. Caldwell, all of Lumberton—and three sisters—Mesdames W. I. Linkhaw, Florence Townsend of Lumberton and T. W. Fenegan of Latta, S. C.

Mr. Caldwell was well known and had many friends throughout the county that will be grieved to hear of his death.

## Death of An Infant.

Ruby, who was three years old today, child of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Freeman, who live near Bellamy, died this morning at 5 o'clock of cholera infantum. The child was sick only a short time.

## Back From the North.

Mr. R. D. Caldwell returned Saturday night from Boston, where he went to enter his daughter,

Annie, into the New Conservatory of Music. They left Lumberton a week ago last night, arrived Monday afternoon in New York, where they remained until Wednesday afternoon, when they took the "millionaires' special," which carried them the 257 miles from New York to Boston in 5 hours. They found crowds of students at the conservatory from all over waiting to register, and they were so far down the line Wednesday night that they had to wait till Thursday morning to register. Mr. Caldwell left Boston at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, after seeing Miss Caldwell properly registered and comfortably settled.

Messrs. A. E. White and Frank Cough also arrived home Saturday night from New York, where they went to purchase goods for their department store. These gentlemen and also Mr. Caldwell, although Mr. Caldwell did not go on business connected with his store, primarily, say they were impressed with the attitude of the business men with whom they came in contact. They were convinced that the business men of the North fully realize conditions that confront the South and are not at all disposed to crowd their debtors. Mr. White was impressed with the fact that in Hearst's New York American he saw a full-page boost of the "buy a tale of cotton" plan.

## Court Adjourns—Next Term Begins October 5.

As forecast in Thursday's Robesonian, Robeson Superior Court for the trial of civil causes, which began a week ago today, ran through the calendar by Friday afternoon and quit. Judge C. M. Cook presided. Many cases were disposed of. Only two jury cases were disposed of after the report in Thursday's paper. These were: Irvin Jenkins vs. Geo. Brayboy; defendant adjudged indebted to plaintiff in sum of \$90 with interest from Feb. 28, 1913, to Oct. 15, 1913, value of property seized in the claim and delivery issued in this action \$50. A. E. Williamson vs. John Richardson et al; defendant not indebted to plaintiff for work and labor upon crop grown by defendant in 1913; the interpleader, John J. Thrower Co., furnished defendant with supplies and advances to enable to make crop of 1913 and amount of \$6.01 is still unpaid.

Many judgments and orders have been signed. Judge Cook remained over until this morning, when he went to Fayetteville, where he will hold two weeks of court, when he will return to Lumberton to preside at a civil term of two weeks, beginning Monday, October 5. The calendar for this term of court has been arranged, with 86 cases.

## Preparing to Live at Home On Home Grown Supplies.

"I'm going to do what Dr. Alexander told me to do in his address in Lumberton last Saturday—that is, prepare to live at home and on home grown supplies," said a Robeson farmer last week. Others should heed that advice and do the same thing. That's just what it takes to make farm life worth while. No man is less dependent on the world than the farmer who farms right by doing that same thing.

## Using New Bridge.

While the road which is being made by the chain gang just across the river from the new double iron bridge at the foot of Fifth street is far from finished, people are crossing over it, and find it much better now than the old way. When completed, will fill a long felt need.

## REPORTS FROM BATTLE FRONT.

Differing Reports of Great Battles in Northern France—Soldiers Lie Exhausted in Flooded Trenches—Tide of Battle Ebbs and Flows—Much Fighting Yet to Be Done.

Reports differ as to the progress of the great battle in Northern France between the Allied British and French armies and Germany. Some indicate that there is extremely heavy fighting while others tell of great masses of troops lying in flooded trenches, many of them utterly exhausted.

At some points, at least, fierce fighting has taken place with the tide of battle flowing first in one direction and then in the other. The Allies have won a position here and the Germans have gained one there. But all reports official and otherwise, agree that there is much fighting yet to be done before any material advantage can be claimed by either side.

The British in the trenches say: "We are slowly beating them back."

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Meeting Will Be Held With St. Pauls Baptist Church Oct. 7—All Churches of Robeson Association Requested to Send Delegates.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. All the Baptist churches of Robeson Association are requested to send delegates which will meet with St. Pauls Baptist church, Oct. 7, whether they have societies or not.

Will all delegates please send their names to Mrs. J. M. Butler, chairman of hospitality committee as early as possible.

The delegates will please state if they will remain for the night service. Rev. Chas. L. Greaves will preach at night. Gentlemen are cordially invited to hear him. The day services are for women and children. The ladies of all denominations are cordially invited to attend.

MRS. R. D. CALDWELL, Vice. Pres. W. M. U. of Robeson Assn.

## ANOTHER GOOD WEEK.

More Than Half Million Pounds of Tobacco Sold at Fairmont Last Week.

Last week was another record breaker on the Fairmont tobacco market. In spite of the rainy bad weather during a part of the week, 660,000 pounds of tobacco were sold on the market there last week. Friday was the biggest day of the season so far, 236,000 pounds being sold on that day. The prices seem to be a little off, but the poor grade of tobacco has much to do with that—according to folks, who should know—and while the price is not near so good as last year, the crop will mean much to Robeson county.

Mr. Geo. H. Semple, who for several years has been buying tobacco on the Fairmont market, left Friday for his home at Walnut Cove, this State. Mr. Semple is a favorite among the tobacco growers of South Robeson.

## Among the Sick.

At the Thompson hospital: Miss Fannie Britt, who underwent an operation for appendicitis a few days ago, will return tomorrow to her home in the Ten Mile section. Mr. Jas. Johnson, a brother of Dr. T. C. Johnson and Mrs. J. R. Poole of Lumberton, who was badly injured some weeks ago by a falling tree in Sampson county, is improving. Mr. Ira Bulard has been confined at the hospital for a few days with inflammation of the pupil of his right eye. His condition is improving.

Mr. G. S. McKenzie Saturday underwent an operation at the Charlotte sanatorium, Charlotte, for appendicitis. His father, Mr. M. G. McKenzie, received a letter from him yesterday saying that he was getting along as well as could be expected.

## Schooner Wrecked Many Lives Lost.

Astoria, Ore., Dispatch, 19th. Between seventy and eighty men, women and children, coastwise passengers and crew, were drowned last yesterday when the three-masted steamer Francis H. Leggett was pounded to pieces in a gale 60 miles from the mouth of the Columbia river.

Two men rescued by passing steamer and carried to Astoria and Portland told how the sea tore the vessel to pieces, and how the passengers were drowned a boat load at a time, as the lifeboats put off, or met their fate a little later when the vessel was overturned.

## Cotton Today 8 1-2 Cents—9 Cents on Account.

Cotton is bringing 8 1-2 cents cash on the local market today. Some of the time merchants are allowing 9 cents on accounts.

—Mr. S. T. Freeman, who recently moved from here to Dublin, Bladen county, where he opened up a grocery store, has returned with his family to Lumberton and opened up a grocery store on East Fourth street.

## ADDRESS ON FRATERNALISM

Rev. Z. Paris, State Grand Chaplain of the I. O. O. F. Spoke at the Court House Yesterday—Will Re-Organize Local Lodge.

Rev. Z. Paris, State Chaplain of the I. O. O. F., spoke on fraternalism and its relation to the church, in the court house yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Paris, who was formerly pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, is a forceful speaker. He said that while the church was the greatest and best organization on earth, fraternal organizations were helpers with the church, raising money to care for widows and orphans that would have to be raised by the church were it not for fraternal orders; that there were 8,000 orphans in North Carolina, of this large number only \$2.50 for each per year was furnished by the State, and these children must be cared for by the church or some order. Mr. Paris will remain in Lumberton for several days and while here will try to reorganize the local Odd Fellows Lodge.

Mr. Paris took occasion to say some pleasant things about Lumberton and its people, saying that if he ever had to retire from active work there were three places he would find it hard to decide between as places to live in, Lumberton, Mt. Airy and North Wilkesboro but if Lumberton had the climate of the other two he would already be decided.

## OUT BARKER'S WAY.

Quarterly Meeting October 12—Picking Cotton—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton, R. F. D. 1, Sept. 19—Picking cotton is all the go around here.

We have been having some rain for the last few days.

Rev. J. L. Powers of this place is helping in a protracted meeting at Oakton this week.

Mrs. D. P. Holder of Fayetteville, who had been visiting relatives here, has returned home.

Mrs. L. B. Powers is visiting her granddaughter Mrs. Dan Gillis at Laurinburg this week.

Rev. A. J. Groves filled his regular appointment at Barker's last Sunday. The quarterly meeting will be at Barker's the 12th of October.

Mrs. S. A. Powers visited relatives at St. Pauls last Sunday.

Mr. Ira Barker, who had been in the hospital at Laurinburg, returned home last Sunday.

## WAR TAX BILL.

Democrats Agree On Emergency Revenue Measure — It Will Provide \$105,000,000.

Washington Dispatch, 15th.

An emergency revenue measure to provide \$105,000,000, taxing beer, wines, gasoline, sleeping and parlor car tickets, insurance telegraph and telephone messages, amusements and a variety of documents, was agreed on late today by Democrats of the House ways and means committee. It will be introduced by Democratic Leader Underwood Monday.

Republicans of the committee will be called in Tuesday to vote on the bill and the House will begin considering it Thursday.

Republicans of both House and Senate have already gone on record in opposition to any war tax measure. The Democrats hope to rush the bill through the House. The big fight will be in the Senate.

## Farmers Committee Still On Job.

The committee composed of Messrs. P. H. Britt president of the Robeson division of the Farmers' Union, M. Shepherd, Ira F. Townsend, Jno. E. Carlyle and Jno. T. Singletary, recently appointed by the Robeson Farmers' Union to make arrangements for perfecting the bond and other things necessary for the opening of the Farmers Bonded Warehouse in the tobacco warehouse, will meet in the Farmers & Merchants Bank building tomorrow at 11 a. m., and it is expected that they will perfect the arrangements. This company has had some trouble in properly bonding the houses that receipts for cotton stored in it would pass the inspection of the North Carolina Currency Association.

## Failure to Pay Road Tax Cost \$6.50.

Mr. Arch Spivey, road tax collector for Lumberton township, had a warrant issued for Jerry Faulk, colored, for failure to pay his dollar or work road and Jerry was tried before Assistant Recorder E. M. Johnson this morning. Prayer for judgment was continued on payment of the cost, which amounted to \$6.20.

## Dangerous Wires.

It looks like a fine place for one to commit suicide would be just across the river beyond the new bridge as most any child could get hold of the wires that carry the current over that way. The wires are very near the ground in some places.

## GIGANTIC BATTLES.

Attacks and Counter-Attacks in Rapid Succession Day and Night — British and French Hold Own Against Heavy Odds — Carnage Was Terrifying.

On the Battle Front, Sept. 18 (By way of Paris dispatch).—The gigantic battle or, more properly, battles, continue day and night along the entire front from Noyon to the frontier. The fighting does not consist of sustained and combined movement but in reality of several combats proceeding incessantly at the strongest points of the Germans defending line along the River Aisne.

Each encounter, however influences the execution of the general idea of the commander-in-chief of the Allied armies. Attacks and counter attacks follow one another in rapid succession every hour of the twenty-four.

During the night of September 15, 16 the Germans attempted a formidable movement in the western sphere but were met by the French and British with courage that was marvelous against overwhelming odds. The Germans returned to the attack no fewer than ten times with remarkable tenacity and intrepidity but were unable to break through the firm line presented by the Allies' infantry.

The fight was the most violent of all. The Germans appeared to throw into the charge all that remained of their energy but were rolled back with enormous losses. Before retiring behind their big guns they sacrificed many of their number, displaying resolution which approached desperation. A vigorous counter attack from the Allies ensued, during which a small extent of ground was gained.

Last night was relatively calm along the front, but today the fighting became more furious than ever. During the darkness operations are rendered difficult owing to the reluctance of the opposing commanders to use searchlights, which might expose their positions.

After this stage of the fight was concluded the Germans appeared to retire about seven miles, during the combat the adversaries in many instances came to hand-to-hand clashes and the bayonet was extensively used. The carnage was terrifying but the troops of both armies appear to have been hardened to such scenes and fought with great coolness.

The Allies' aviators apparently discovered today the placements of big German guns, notwithstanding the cleverness with which they are hidden beneath an earthen covering strewn with the branches of trees. The Allies' artillery opened a concentrated fire on a certain portion of the line and the heavy German artillery shortly afterward lapsed into silence at that spot, although it is not known whether they were rendered impotent or merely were effecting a change of position.

It is impossible to learn from any portion of the line what is occurring at other places, but an inclination to recede slightly seemed evident on the German side, although they offered the most obstinate resistance and fought as though made of iron. The Allies at the same time doggedly pursued the small advantage they gained and kept at the heels of their reluctantly retiring foe.

At a point where the bulk of the British troops formed part of the Allies line the fighting was furious yesterday and today and some of the most famous English, Scottish and Irish regiments, including the Guards and the Highlanders, suffered severely. They performed the task set for them unflinchingly, advancing and occupying some of the advanced German positions, but at terrible cost.

Behind the fighting line along the Aisne Puisseux road still lie many of the dead who fell in the fighting of September 5. Laborers engaged in the task of interment declare that although they had buried great numbers, more than a thousand bodies still awaited removal from the battlefield.

## Democrats Give Up Fight to Break Down Filibuster.

Washington Dispatch, 19th.

Democratic champions of the rivers and harbors appropriation bill gave up their fight to break down the filibuster of Senators Burton and Kenyon against the measure at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon after a session which had been continuous since 11 o'clock Friday morning.

Having failed to wear out physical endurance of the Senator from Ohio and his Iowa colleague, Democratic leaders learned of reinforcements coming for the filibuster and agreed to recess until Monday. In the meantime Democratic Senators will hold conferences which may further trim the bill, or possibly agree to a compromise with the opposition.

## CHURCH NOTES.

Mother's Day at East Lumberton.

Mother's Day was observed at East Lumberton by appropriate exercises at the auditorium yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Among about 250 people present were 47 mothers. The hall was prettily decorated with red and white streamers entwined. The decorations were made under the direction of Mr. W. H. Humphrey, who had charge of preparations for the occasion during absence last week of the superintendent, Mayor A. E. White. Misses Martha Smith, Emma Parish and Lucy Ivey stood at the main entrance and pinned a rose on every visitor, red for those whose mother is living, white for those whose mother is dead. After a talk on the lesson by Mr. Humphrey there was a vocal solo by Miss Georgia Whitfield, a splendid talk by Rev. Dr. W. B. North, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church of Lumberton, and a violin solo by Miss Claudia Davis, Miss Emille Woodward playing piano accompaniment. This occasion was very much enjoyed, quite a number from Lumberton, besides those of the factory village, being present.

## Epworth League Institute.

An Epworth League institute for the Rockingham district will be held this week, beginning Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, when the address of welcome will be delivered by Mr. H. E. Stacy, of the Lumberton bar, and lasting through Thursday evening. Epworth Leaguers are looking forward to an interesting and profitable institute and they extend a cordial invitation to all, regardless of denomination, to attend.

## Fourth Quarterly Conference Next Sunday Night.

Rev. A. McCullen, presiding elder of the Rockingham district, will preach at Chestnut Street Methodist church next Sunday evening and at the close of the sermon will hold for church the fourth and last quarterly conference for the year.

Rev. Z. Paris, of the Western North Carolina Conference preached a strong sermon at Chestnut Street Methodist church yesterday morning. Mr. Paris was pastor of this church some years ago and was warmly welcomed by old friends. His home is now at Durham. He is spending a few days in town, as mentioned in another news item in this issue. He is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Humphrey.

## Sunday School Teachers' Study Class.

Beginning Friday night of this week, a Sunday school teachers study class will be organized at the First Baptist church. Rev. Chas. L. Greaves, pastor of the church, will have charge of the class. The purpose of the class will be to train present teachers, and all who might wish to become teachers, for the work and to make this one of the leading schools in the State, an A-1 Sunday school. All who wish to take the work are invited. The only charge will be to pay for the books which will be studied, which cost 50 cents each. When a teacher finishes the first book he, or she, will be given a diploma and when half the teachers in a school get the diplomas it is termed an A-1 school.

## Remarkable Scene in House of Commons.

London Dispatch, 18th.

There was a remarkable scene today in the House of Commons after the signing of the home rule bill by King George. For the first time, as far as can be recalled, the members of the House sang "God Save the King" and the Nationalists, who previously had refrained from singing the National anthem, joined in.

Another precedent will be broken when Premier Asquith and John Redmond, the Irish leader, address recruiting meetings in Ireland and still another when the Irish Legion, which the Nationalists are forming, fights under the British flag. There have been many Irish legions some of which have fought on French soil but with one exception, never under the flag of Britain.

## Window Display of Money.

The show window in the First National Bank is attracting quite a bit of attention today. This bank recently received a large amount of National currency and no less than \$20,000 in large sheet currency is in the window. It doesn't look "hard-timey" about there at all.

—Mary Pickford the most famous motion picture star, will be seen in "Caprice," a Famous Players picture at the Pastime theatre Thursday of this week, the show beginning at two o'clock. Ten cents to everybody 2 to 6 o'clock.

WATCH—Watch the label on your paper if renewals are not in by date on label paper will be stopped.

## BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Special communication of St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., tomorrow evening. Degree work.

—Messrs. Alf. H. McLeod and W. K. Bethune attended the State Sunday school convention in Winston-Salem last week. They returned home Friday night.

—Mr. M. S. Baxley of St. Pauls, route 1, a Confederate veteran, was a Lumberton visitor Friday and brought to the Robesonian office a pear that is a whopper.

—Miss Hilda Weinstein daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Weinstein went last week to Elizabeth College, Charlotte, where she will study music and elocution during the present session.

—Mr. W. C. Prevatt, who lives near Lowe, was in town last Saturday afternoon with 20 bushels of Norton and Florida yams which he sold readily at private houses at \$1 the bushel.

—Mr. T. E. Petty, traveling auditor for the S. A. L., spent the weekend in town. Mr. Petty formerly lived here and has many friends in town who are pleased to have him about.

—Miss Agnes Johnson, who had been in the mountains of Western North Carolina for several months, arrived this morning and will begin teaching at Iona, near McDonald, Wednesday.

—License has been issued for the marriage of E. M. Edwards and Fronie Willoughby, J. E. Bryant and Cora Turner, W. C. Ranes and Callie Edwards, Roger Davis and Beulah Walters.

—In a live ball game between the Orrum and East Lumberton teams on the East Lumberton diamond Saturday afternoon the Orrum boys won the game by the score of 3 to 0. The game which was played well by both sides, was witnessed by a large crowd.

—Mr. A. G. Edwards, who had been first truck operator at the Seaboard station for some time, left Saturday for Southern Pines, to which place he has been transferred. He is succeeded here by Mr. W. R. Carpenter, who had been located at Lincolnton recently.

—Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son will have their millinery opening September 24 and 25. Miss M. Wagner of Baltimore, Md., head trimmer, arrived last week. Miss Josephine Breece's millinery opening begins tomorrow and will last through Saturday, the 26th, inst.

—Mr. and Mrs. Regan McIntyre arrived Friday night and are guests at the home of Mrs. McIntyre's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. McIntyre. Mr. McIntyre had been conducting a drug store at Rockingham for several months, but sold out recently. He says he has not yet decided what he will do.

—Mr. J. W. Jones of Marietta was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Jones, who is one of the large number that reads and pays for The Robesonian, says the farmers down his way are receiving a fair price for their "weed." He also informed The Robesonian that a series of meetings began at Olivet Methodist church, Marietta, yesterday, and would last this week.

—Mr. Ira L. Hutchinson of South Bend, Ind., arrived this morning and will be at the Lumberton Furniture Store all this week demonstrating the South Bend malleable range. Mr. Hutchinson is a demonstrator who knows how to demonstrate, and no doubt large crowds will visit the store during the week. Beginning Thursday afternoon, free lunch will be served each afternoon.

—Mr. W. D. Barfield, who lives about nine miles from Lumberton, in Howellsville township, brought some apples and grapes to town for sale Thursday and was kind enough to leave some at The Robesonian office for the editor. Mr. Barfield raises lots of fruit and vegetables and isn't much disturbed by the European war. He is not bothered personally by "store-eat-us" and is in shape to hold his cotton without outside help.

—Mr. J. M. Phillips, formerly of Robeson, coming here a few years ago from Edinburgh, Scotland, who had been living at Brunswick, Ga., for several months, arrived back in Lumberton last week, and is spending some time with his brother, Mr. C. H. Phillips, bookkeeper for the National Bank of Lumberton. Mr. Phillips says Robeson is the best place this side of Scotland and he expects to remain within her bounds. Mr. J. A. Stewart of Wilmington, who came from Scotland with the Phillips boys, spent the week-end with Mr. Phillips also. Those sturdy Scotch make desirable citizens and Robeson could shelter more of them should they see fit to come her way.