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WAR REPORTS MEAGRE.

Little Information of Actual Operations in Official Reports — Ground Lost One Day Regained the Next—Gen. Von Kluck with Heavy Reinforcements Has Taken Offensive and "Violent" Battle Continues—Situation in East Problematical.

While the world awaits news of the great battle in which the British and French allied forces and the Germans in Northern France have engaged in for twenty-six days, meagre official reports from the front vouchsafe little information of the actual operations. Today it is a small piece of ground lost and tomorrow the same ground has been regained. Meanwhile, the French forces are moving northward, but are gaining little to the east, which would be essential to the outflanking of the German right wing.

As a matter of fact, General Von Kluck, in command of that section of the German army, with heavy reinforcements which have reached him in the past week, has taken a decided offensive and day by day the announcement is made by the French war office that the violent battle continues.

The British official bureau reports that the French Army is fighting with the greatest dash and bravery, but is silent on what the British are doing. The French officials report an advance on certain points on the center and the retaking of the ground previously yielded in the Roye district.

Masses of German cavalry have recently been seen near Lille, and behind them German forces are moving on a line between Tourcoing and Armentiers. This important unit of the German army, which it was thought might serve to break the French line, the French report, has been held in check, and to the north of Lille has been driven back. On two wings, it is added, the German attacks have been repulsed.

The Northward movement of the French line brings it close to the Belgian frontier and coincidentally, there have been engagements between the Belgians and the Germans in the environs of Ypres, twenty miles south of Ostend, and at Audenarde, 15 miles southwest of Ghent.

While the East Indian troops have reached France and already may have reinforced Field Marshal French's army, operating in the neighborhood of Soissons, the whereabouts of the Canadiana, numbering 33,000, has been a matter of conjecture. It is now announced that they are to be landed in England and are to be sent to an inland training camp.

The situation, as between the Russians and Germans and Austrian, is somewhat problematical, but a very frank statement from Berlin admits that the German forces on the frontier of East Prussia have assumed a strategic defensive movement and have abandoned the bombardment Ossowitz, a fortress in Russian Poland.

This statement adds that the fighting at Augustowo and Suwalki was of a most sanguinary nature and that while the German machine guns finally turned the scale of battle in favor of the Germans, the slaughter of the German artillerymen was terrific. The movements of the German troops were greatly hampered by the physical condition of the country.

The 43rd German casualty list issued at Berlin contains 10,600 names in dead, wounded and missing.

Berlin also reports that the fighting on the German right wing in France has been successful and that in the assaults on Antwerp two more forts have fallen into German hands.

The Belgian government has been removed from Antwerp to Ostend, several of the ministers and many thousands of refugees having reached there. The bombardment of Antwerp it is reported, already has begun, following a notification from the commander of the German troops that non-combatants and others desiring to do so, should withdraw from the city.

President Poincaré, accompanied by Premier Viviani and the minister of war, M. Millerand, has returned to Paris after a visit to the battle front. It has been reported that the French Government would return soon to Paris from Bordeaux.

A British submarine has made another raid close to the German base in the North Sea and has tor-

TOWN AFFAIRS.

The Town and School Boards Sign Joint Note for School—Other Notes Given.

The board of trustees of the graded school met with the board of town commissioners Tuesday evening and asked for aid in financing the school till sufficient taxes come in to meet the situation. There was a deficit last year of something like \$1200. The two boards signed a joint note for \$1250 to be used in financing the school.

The town fathers ordered that the mayor and clerk-treasurer execute the following notes: to La France Fire Engine Co., for \$5,500; Bennettville Brick Co., for \$124; Frederick Disinfectant Co., for \$85; Osborne and Pritchett for \$250.

Jurors for November Term of Court.

While in session Monday the county commissioners drew the following list of jurors for the two weeks term of criminal court which will convene Monday, November 9:

First week—Allen Stanley; Haynes Ivey, W. A. Leggett, R. D. Croom, J. K. McRae, Jos. A. Campbell, C. W. Britt, A. D. M. Girt, W. P. McAllister, L. C. Davis, H. G. Britt, Wm. Phillips, F. C. Britt, W. S. Wishart, E. G. Kinlaw, W. S. McMillan, M. L. Marley, W. F. Bullock, D. F. Cragg, B. L. Britt, Tom Chason, J. T. Phillips, H. Jones, I. W. Ayers, J. W. Ashley, J. T. Arnett, H. S. Smith, Sandy McNeill, D. McNeill, J. D. McMillan, M. C. McIntyre, D. F. Israel, W. A. Griffin, M. R. Powers, J. T. Houston, W. J. C. Smith.

Second week—W. C. Britt, I. B. Mullis, E. McQ. Surles, John McArthur, M. M. McKinnon, Fuler Locklear, J. A. Stone, Alex. Davis, J. L. McIver, Collier Cobb, Nell Baker, A. B. Morrison, W. K. Brock, C. A. Fairmont, M. J. McCormick, E. G. Cope, A. H. Sellers, I. S. Jones.

Much Cotton Picked But Little Being Sold.

Mr. D. McP. McArthur, cotton reporter for North Robeson, informs The Robesonian that up to September 25, 12,514 bales of cotton had been ginned in Robeson as against 6,475 to same date last year. As will be seen from the report, there has been almost twice as much ginned this year to date as was last. Folks who know say that it is not that there is so much more cotton made this year than last, but more because of the early opening of the crop and the good weather for picking. While the number of bales ginned to date is perhaps as large as in Robeson's cotton-growing history, there has not in many moons been a year when as little had been placed on the market at this date. The farmers generally are holding to it, some keeping it at home, others storing it in bonded warehouses, which seems to be the proper thing to do where a man owes it.

Firemen Will Sleep at Fire Station.

Mr. S. S. Stephens, chauffeur for the fire truck, and two or more members will at an early date begin sleeping upstairs at the fire station in order that they may be ready for business in case of a night fire. Beds and furnishings have already been placed in the room.

Tax Books Turned Over to Sheriff.

As will be seen from the report of the commissioners proceedings published elsewhere in today's paper, the tax books for the various townships have been turned over to Sheriff R. E. Lewis for collection. Remember, "there are two things you must do—pay your taxes and die."

A German torpedo boat destroyer. There is an unconfirmed report that a German cruiser also was torpedoed.

The Japanese have occupied the Island of Yap, of the Caroline group in the Pacific, and at the same time have notified the State Department at Washington that the occupation is only temporary and solely for military purposes.

COUNTY SCHOOL MATTERS.

Compulsory Attendance Law Effective November 23d Except in Schools Which Will Close Less Than Four Months From That Date—New District Created—New Buildings—Other Matters.

The county board of education held its regular monthly session Monday in the office of Supt. J. R. Poole, Chairman Lucius McRae and Mr. T. L. Johnson being present. The following business was transacted:

District No. 3, Sterlings, was allowed a special apportionment of \$45 from the building fund, when funds are available, for building purposes and the district is allowed to use \$45 of the district funds for the purpose of repairing the building in said district.

A special apportionment of \$69 was allowed district No. 1, Indian, Saddle Tree township, so as to give the district an assistant teacher.

R. L. Leggett was appointed school committeeman and attendance officer in and for district No. 3, Britt's township, to fill out the unexpired term of W. H. Prevatt, who failed to qualify.

The chairman and secretary of the board were authorized to execute its note in the sum of \$2,500 to the Bank of Red Springs, payable sixty days after date and bearing interest at six per cent per annum.

Contract for the erection of the school building in district No. 1, colored, Red Springs, was let to C. E. Zedaker, his bid \$1635, being the lowest submitted.

The compulsory attendance law, requiring a continuous attendance of four school months by all children between the ages of 8 and 12 years will become effective on November 23rd in all the schools of this county, except those schools, where the remainder of the term from November 23d shall not be four full school months. In such schools the compulsory attendance law will become effective on such a date prior to November 23rd, as will leave four full school months in the term of said school.

A new district was ordered created so as to include the Jennings cotton mill village, that McKay Bird, D. J. Jolly and Alexander Dawkins be appointed as committeemen therefor, and that J. W. Stogner be appointed as the attendance officer for district. This district is to be known as district No. 6, white, Lumberton township.

R. N. Barnes was appointed attendance officer for district No. 5, Lumberton township.

Messrs. McIntyre, Lawrence and Proctor were ordered paid \$19 for professional services rendered in condemnation proceedings and for the school site in district No. 1, colored, Red Springs, entitled, J. R. Poole vs. Margaret McLean et al.

On recommendation of the committees of district No. 1, Burnt Swamp, and district No. 1, Red Springs, it was ordered that the children of A. L. Farmer be transferred from district No. 1, Burnt Swamp, to district No. 1, Red Springs.

Sale of old school property in district No. 5, Indian, Thompsons township, for the sum of \$20, was confirmed.

Mr. Stacy Speaks at Parkton Tomorrow Night.

Mr. H. E. Stacy of the Lumberton bar will address the voters of Parkton township tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the hall at Parkton. He will speak under the auspices of the State and county Democratic executive committees. Mr. Stacy is a forceful speaker and all who can do so will do well to hear him.

Road to New Iron Bridge Completed.

The chain gang has finished the road leading out from the new iron bridge at the foot of Fifth street. They are moving today. They are going near Buie, where they will work for some time.

—Mrs. E. S. McNeill, who a few days ago underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital is getting along nicely.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives ease and rest. 30c.

A GREAT CORN CROP

Prospects Increased by 78,000,000 Bushels—Other Crops.

Washington Dispatch, 7th. Greater corn crop prospects by 78,000,000 bushels and great improvement in tobacco, increasing the prospect of that crop over the forecast in September by 92,000,000 pounds, were features of the Department of Agriculture's October crop report announced today.

An increase of 11,000,000 bushels in the potato crop, 21,000,000 bushels in the oats crop, and 10,000,000 bushels in the apple crop also were forecasted.

Spring wheat showed a slight decrease, being 4,000,000 bushels under the September forecast, yet the combined crop of winter and spring wheat makes this year's harvest of that grain a record one.

NORTH CAROLINA'S SHARE

Cape Fear Gets \$185,000—Allotment of River and Harbor Appropriation Announced.

Washington Dispatch, 7th. A statement of the \$20,000,000 appropriated by Congress for river and harbor improvements this year was announced late today by the Board of Army Engineers.

The largest single allotment was \$3,750,000 to the Mississippi river commission. Other allotments in part include:

Beaufort Harbor, North Carolina \$5,000.
Beaufort Inlet, N. C., \$10,000.
Fishing Creek, N. C., \$1,000.
Pamlico and Tar rivers, N. C., \$18,500.

Bay river, N. C., \$1,000.
Contentment creek, N. C., \$2,000.
Neuse river, N. C., \$25,000.
Swift creek, N. C., \$500.

Waterway from Pamlico sound to Beaufort Inlet, N. C., \$3,400.
New river, N. C., including waterways between Beaufort harbor and New river and Swansboro, \$16,000.

Northeast, Black and Cape Fear (above Wilmington) rivers, N. C., \$10,500.

Cape Fear river, above Wilmington, N. C., locks and dams, \$70,000.

Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington, N. C., \$115,000.

Charleston harbor, South Carolina, Ashley river channels, \$15,000; Winyaw bay, S. C., \$15,000; Great Pee Dee river, \$10,000; Santee, Wateree and Congaree rivers, S. C., \$30,000.

SPEAKING AT BACK SWAMP.

Commissioner Graham, Demonstrator Parker and Mrs. Hutt Will Address Farm Men and Women on Important Issues October 17.

Correspondence of the Robesonian Lumberton, R. F. D. 3, Oct. 7.—Maj. W. A. Graham, chairman State Board of Agriculture, Mr. T. B. Parker, Demonstrator, and Mrs. W. N. Hutt, Editor of Women's Department of the Progressive Farmer, all of Raleigh, will be at Back Swamp, Saturday, October 17th, and will address the farmers and their wives of that community on the vital issues that are confronting the farmers just now. The speaking will begin about 11 o'clock a. m.

No farmer can afford to miss hearing these gentlemen, especially Maj. Graham, as the position he holds makes him the best informed man in North Carolina on the issues in question and his address will be of the utmost importance to the farmers, and Mrs. Hutt's address will be of like importance to the farmers' wives. So let them all come.

The farmers of the Raft Swamp section, Raynham, Pleasant Hope, Centerville and other adjoining communities are cordially invited to come and bring well filled baskets.

Public School Examinations

Forty-six teachers are taking the examination given by Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction today. Four are taking the high school examination. The examination is being given in the commissioners' room at the court house.

An examination for colored teachers will be given here tomorrow and one for Indians Saturday.

Washington, Oct. 7: Speedy restoration of harmony between Gen. Generals Villa and Carranza through open conferences at Aguas Calientes was predicted tonight in a statement issued by the international agency here.

75 BALES FIRST DAY.

Stored in Farmers Bonded Cotton Warehouse of Lumberton — Other Bonded Warehouses.

It looks now like the farmers are going to take advantage of storing their cotton in the tobacco warehouse, which has been bonded by the Farmers' Union. Mr. L. B. Townsend is manager of the house and yesterday, the first day it was opened, 75 bales were stored. The farmers realize that they cannot keep their cotton at home and get money on it to pay what they owe, and don't want to sell it at the present prices, and it seems that the best thing they can do is to store it in a bonded warehouse. Bring your cotton along, get your receipt and borrow what money you can on it, pay what you can and in so doing keep your cotton off the market.

In Monday's paper it was stated in connection with the fact that this warehouse had been properly bonded that it was the only warehouse in the county that had been bonded in compliance with the regulations laid down by the North Carolina Currency Association and the Federal Reserve Board. It was the purpose to state that this was the only warehouse of its kind operated by and for farmers strictly. The Lumberton and National Cotton Mills of Lumberton have their warehouses bonded, and it is understood that the St. Pauls Cotton Mill Co. has its warehouse bonded, and there is a bonded warehouse at Rowland.

MR. F. J. MEARES PASSES.

End Came This Morning at One O'Clock at Home—Funeral This Afternoon.

Mr. F. J. Meares died this morning at 1 o'clock at his home, 912 East Fifth street. Deceased would have been 66 years old had he lived until December next. He had been in poor health for several years and had been seriously ill for three weeks. The funeral was conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home by Rev. W. R. Davis, pastor of the East Lumberton Baptist church, assisted by Revs. C. L. Greaves and I. P. Hedgpath. Interment will be made at the old home in Wishart's township, 8 miles from Lumberton on the Whiteville road.

Deceased is survived by his second wife, by two sons—Messrs. Jno. B. Meares of Lumberton and LeRoy Meares of Richmond, Va.—and five daughters—Mrs. J. P. McNeill and Mrs. W. L. Thompson of Lumberton, Mrs. W. P. Oliver of Marietta, Mrs. J. F. Graham of Florence, S. C., and Mrs. W. A. Riddle of St. Pauls. All the children were present when death occurred. Two brothers and two sisters also survive—Messrs. Dwight H. of Brownwood, Tex., and Moses of Oklahoma, Mrs. Wellington Wishart of Lumberton, and Miss Mary Meares of Rockingham.

Deceased was a loyal and faithful member of the East Lumberton Baptist church, and those who have known him all his life say a cleaner life than his has never been lived. It can be said a good man has gone.

Among those from a distance who attended the funeral were, Mrs. L. J. Taylor and Miss Lucy Lee of Hope Mills.

Superior Court.

The two-weeks term of Civil Court which convened Monday morning, Judge C. M. Cook of Louisburg, presiding, is grinding away slowly. Quite a number of cases have been compromised or continued. The following cases have been disposed of by jury trial:

Bud Ellison vs. Beaufort County Lumber Co., judgment in the sum of \$225.

Mittie McKinnon vs. Dunn Oil Mills, judgment in the sum of \$300.

Butters Lumber Company vs. O. I. Floyd et ux, judgment allowed Blacker Bros. vs. John Coley. Non suit.

Bank of Rowland vs. John McArn et ux, judgment.

Modern Publicity Co. vs. W. W. Parker, judgment.

Hector Brooks vs. S. B. Williams, judgment.

American National Bank vs. Rowland Grocery Co., judgment.

—Rev. W. B. North will begin a revival meeting Sunday morning at Chestnut Street Methodist church, of which he is pastor.

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

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lyde Rodgers, Monday, a 12 pound girl.

—It has been a long time since all men of all vocations had so near the same look. "There's a reason."

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Cleo B. Thompson of Fairmont, yesterday morning, a 12-pound boy. Mrs. Thompson is at the Thompson hospital.

—St. Pauls Messenger: Messrs. Tew and McCormack, of this town, are building that new school house at McMillan. They are rushing it along.

—Jim Nowell and Jennie Hinson, both of Bladenboro, were married in the office of register of deeds Tuesday afternoon about 6 o'clock. Justice A. P. Caldwell officiated.

—Drs. B. W. Page, W. L. Grantham and W. A. McPhaul attended the meeting of Robeson County Medical Society held at Red Springs yesterday. They report a very successful session.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tinkham are moving today from the small cottage belonging to Mr. A. W. McLean next to the old Baptist church on Fifth street, to Mr. J. D. McMillan's house on the same street, just beyond the intersection of Pine and Fifth street.

—Mr. Atlas Atkinson of Proctorville was 77 years old yesterday. He, like many others, has been a Robesonian subscriber since the first edition forty-five years ago. Mr. Atkinson rightly believes in one's reading his county paper.

—Mrs. Belle McMillan and daughter, Miss Flora Neal, returned last night from Maxton, where they spent ten days with Mrs. McMillan's sister, Mrs. Kate McNair. Mrs. McNair has been sick for some time and was still very sick when Mrs. and Miss McMillan left Maxton.

—Rev. J. M. Fleming brought to The Robesonian office yesterday a sweet potato vine with leaves 8-12 inches across. The vine came from a patch of Mr. N. A. Layton of White Oak, Bladen county. Eight and a half inches is a diameter of which any sweet potato leaf might boast with entire propriety.

—Mr. Geo. C. Morton, State commander of the K. O. T. M., spent Tuesday night in town. The Lumberton camp of this order gave an oyster supper Tuesday evening to something like 60 visitors, Mr. Morton being among the number. Those present report a very delightful time.

—The Pastime theatre today is running "Jno Barrymore," one of the best Famous Players pictures yet seen here in four reels.

—Seats were placed on sale at McMillan's drug store this morning for "Fine Feathers," a high class dramatic attraction which will be presented at the opera house Saturday night of this week.

—Mr. Clyde Martin has bought the fixtures of the "Busy Bee" restaurant from Mr. Bill Barnes and will continue to run a place of eating in the same building, West Fourth street. The Robesonian's job department is preparing some posters for Mr. Martin which he intends to distribute among the farmers when in town. He will cater to this line of trade.

—Mr. Grady Garrett of Rockingham will be principal of the school at Barker's the coming term, which will begin about the first of November, and Miss Lena Russ of the Barker's neighborhood will be assistant teacher. Mr. Garrett was graduated at Trinity College last June. He is among those standing the examination for public school teachers being conducted by Supt. J. R. Poole today.

—Last night about 11 o'clock, while standing talking near the Seaboard station, Messrs. John Edwards and John McLean heard something coming up to them and on investigation found it to be a "possum." They say they are not sure what his business was as they chased him down and killed the poor fellow before he even had a chance to make his wishes known. This is the second "possum" that has been killed on Elm street within a few days.