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WAR NEWS SUMMARY.

Incessant Fighting Along North Sea Coast—British Monitors Shelling Germans—Hard Fighting in Lille Region—Action for Relief of Belgians—Optimistic Russian Viewpoint—From the Far East.

Associated Press Summary.

Both French and British pay tribute to the valor of the Belgians, who with the Allies are holding back the German advance along the North Sea coast. Incessant fighting has been in progress from the coast as far South as LaBasse, a distance of about 50 miles but this line is divided into several fronts on which several engagements are being fought. It is this line the Germans are endeavoring to break in their attempt to reach Dunkirk and other French seaports.

Three British monitors—the Severn, Humber and Mersey—are shelling the Germans in the vicinity of Ostend, where it is said terrible damage has been done. Machine gun detachments have been landed from these vessels and are assisting in the defense of Neuport.

The British admiralty, which for a day or two withheld the news that the British fleet was participating in coast operations, now compliments the monitors, and the bluejackets for excellent service.

There has been particularly hard fighting in the Lille region, where the British are in action. The important French town of Lille is held by the Germans, and encounters in this neighborhood have been of a hand to hand character, evidently with little advantage to either side.

At last real action has been taken for the relief of the Belgians, upon whom has fallen the great burden of suffering from the war. An American commission headed by Herbert C. Hoover, of California, and composed of American residents in London and Brussels, as the result of an agreement reached between Belgium, Great Britain and Germany, will take under its charge the care of hundreds of thousands of Belgians threatened with starvation in their own country.

Already a large consignment of food has been purchased and will be shipped to Belgium within a few days. This will be followed by further large consignments carried on specially chartered ships.

Optimistic reports from the Russian viewpoint, come from Petrograd where it is officially announced that the German troops have been driven from the roads leading to Warsaw and are in full retreat, leaving their wounded on battle fields.

Similarly the Russians report that the advances of the Austrians in Galicia have been stayed.

Sasebo, the Japanese naval port, reports that the Japanese have destroyed military equipment and seized large quantities of gold and munitions of war on the German islands in South Seas recently occupied. The Japanese embassy in Rome announces that the Japanese have captured an auxiliary cruiser of the German squadron and that another cruiser sank.

By order of the Russian Emperor the students of the universities and high schools have been called to the colors. These youths ordinarily are exempt from war service.

Lumberton Odd Fellows Lodge Reorganized.

Lumberton Lodge No. 245, I. O. O. F. was reorganized with 28 members Tuesday evening. The following officers were elected: J. H. Floyd, N. G.; L. R. Varsar, V. G.; W. S. Britt, R. S.; W. J. DuBois, F. S.; W. O. Edmund, treasurer.

Field Secretary and Grand Chaplain, Rev. Z. Paris was present. The degree work was done by the Cross Creek team of Fayetteville, 22 in number. The boys say they had a grand time which lasted till three o'clock yesterday morning.

Mr. Paris, formerly pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church who some three weeks ago made an address on "Fraternalism and its Relation to the Church" in the court house here, is responsible for the reorganization. Mr. Paris made an address in behalf of the I. O. O. F. orphange Tuesday evening, which the boys say was a gem.

New Case of Scarlet Fever.

Three cases of scarlet fever were reported in Lumberton in Monday's Robesonian. Today Dr. T. C. Johnson finds a new case at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Rowland Deese. Their son Edgar, about eight years old, was in school yesterday, came home with a sore throat, and this morning Dr. Johnson found that he has scarlet fever. The children whose illness was mentioned Monday are getting along well. Their cases seem to be mild. Dr. Johnson is going to consult with County Health Officer Page and other physicians this afternoon and every possible means will be used to prevent the spread of this disease among the children.

FADED OUT OF THE LANDSCAPE.

N. S. Kinlaw Left the Officers Standing at Gaze and is Still at Liberty.

N. S. Kinlaw of Howellsville township, who a few months ago was tried in the recorder's court here on three counts, two of them being for selling liquor and beating his brother, and sentenced to 19 months on the roads, and who appealed and made bond, and jumped his bond, it was learned was "hanging out" about his home o' nights, so Sheriff R. E. Lewis, Deputies A. H. Prevatt and Bill Freeman and Rural Policeman Eli Phillips went to his home last night during the wee sma' hours, and first searched the residence, and finding nothing therein except the wife and children, they went to the barn and began to look through it, and all at once they heard something make a terrible uproar in a cotton house nearby, so they hastened to the scene to find that Kinlaw, who is almost a giant, had been sleeping in the cotton, and on learning of the officers being near, and the family having him locked up, the lock on the outside and the key at the house, he just made a dash and went right through the wall, tearing off boards one inch thick that were nailed on with 10 penny nails. The first jump he lost his shoes and the officers say he left those parts in nothing, short of a hurry. Sheriff Lewis says he is sure that it would have been easy to have got Kinlaw on his coat tail, if he just simply faded away and left the officers behind.

Robeson County Folk In Raleigh State Fair.

Quite a number of Robeson county folks have been in Raleigh this week. The Supreme Court is considering cases from this district and the following Robeson county lawyers have been arguing cases before that august body: Messrs. R. C. Lawrence, L. R. Varsar, J. Dickson McLean and H. E. Stacy of Lumberton, S. B. McLean and J. P. Wiggins of Maxton. All these returned home yesterday and last night except Mr. Varsar, whose business may detain him in Raleigh several days longer. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sharpe and small children, Anna Courtney and John Allen the Second, Miss Josephine Breese, and Mrs. R. C. Lawrence also returned home from Raleigh last night. Mr. L. C. Parker, general freight and passenger agent of the Virginia and Carolina Southern Ry., attended a meeting in Raleigh Tuesday of representatives of the short lines of railroads, also Major A. J. McKinnon, president of the Maxton, Alma & Southbound. Mr. V. D. Baker a "knight of the grip" of Lumberton, and Mr. David Fuller, a law student at Trinity College, have also been in Raleigh this week.

All these Robeson county folks incidentally or premeditatedly visited the State fair while in Raleigh and were favorably impressed by the exhibits, which are good. There are the usual number of Midway attractions, races, and special stunts. Yesterday afternoon an airman gave an exhibition of fancy flying. The fair was formally opened Tuesday by Governor Craig and there was a large crowd yesterday. No doubt a tremendous crowd will visit the fair today, which is big day, the fair today, which is the big day, though the fair will not close until Saturday.

Mr. D. C. Sinclair, formerly of Lumberton, is still one of the accommodating clerks at the Yarrowburgh, and he finds great pleasure in contributing to the pleasure and comfort of Robeson county folks who visit his hotel.

Applying for Pardon for Carson Strickland.

During his stay in Raleigh Tuesday and yesterday Mr. R. C. Lawrence asked Governor Craig to grant a pardon to Carson Strickland, who is serving 6 years on the Robeson county chain gang for manslaughter. Strickland has served 3 years of his sentence. Mr. Lawrence was armed with a large petition asking for clemency. The application for the pardon is endorsed by the Judge who tried the case and by many prominent citizens of the county. The Governor took the case under advisement.

Political Speaking at St. Pauls Tomorrow Night.

Messrs. H. E. Stacy and T. L. Johnson, of Lumberton bar, and State Senator Geo. B. McLeod will address the people of St. Pauls and vicinity, at St. Pauls, on the political issues of the day tomorrow night. These gentlemen are well informed politically and other ways and it will pay all who can to hear them.

Protracted Meeting Closes.

The protracted meeting which the pastor Rev. Dr. W. B. North, had been conducting for ten days at Chestnut Street Methodist church closed last evening. Dr. North's arduous and faithful labors have been productive of much good, several being converted and the church being greatly revived.

SADDLE TREE NEWS NOTES.

Much Cotton Still in the Fields — School Opens November 2—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Saddle Tree, (Lumberton, Route 2), Oct. 10—News is scarce, times are hard and all the farmers are wearing long faces. Cotton is low and a large part of it is still in the field.

Messrs. R. Humphrey and Arch Mc Duffie spent Saturday in Lumberton. School will begin here first Monday in November. Mrs. R. M. Johnson will be principal.

Miss Annie Belle Humphrey and brother, Walter, spent Saturday and Sunday at Back Swamp among friends.

Mr. M. J. Barker of Rozier passed through here Saturday on his way to Back Swamp.

Mr. J. T. Biggs of Lumberton was in our midst Monday on business.

Mrs. Clingham Davis and children of the Raft Swamp section visited her sister Mrs. Ed Humphrey Sunday night.

The school committee have had placed on the school building lightning plects them on his residence.

Messrs. J. J. Thrower and J. N. Buie of Red Springs were here Monday on business.

Dr. R. G. Rozier was in our neighborhood Monday on business.

Miss Hattie Powell left Oct. 3rd for Elizabethtown, Bladen county, where she has accepted a school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Powers of the Barker section were visiting in our community Sunday p. m.

Mr. W. H. Farmer and sister Mrs. M. S. Talbot of Red Springs spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. T. W. Baxley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Powell and Mrs. Dennis Baxley spent Sunday in the Buie section.

Personal and Social Items From Red Springs.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, Oct. 21—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin of Raeford, motored over last Tuesday morning and were guests at the college for the day. They were accompanied home by Miss Mary McEachern, who was their guest until Friday afternoon.—Mrs. Ed Hamilton is undergoing treatment at Cumberland hospital, Fayetteville.—Miss Clarkie McLean of Maxton, spent a few days of last week in town the guest of her aunt Mrs. L. C. McRae.—Mrs. S. E. Leonard has returned after a pleasant visit to relatives at Selma. She was accompanied home by her sister, Miss Margaret Etheridge, who will be her guest for some time.—Miss Mary McLean spent Monday in Fayetteville.—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Poole and children of Lumberton motored over Tuesday and spent the day at the home of Mrs. Poole's uncle, Mr. W. J. Johnson.—Mrs. Ettrick Huggins and little daughter, Elizabeth have returned, their home in Raleigh after spending the summer at the home of Mrs. Huggins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gibson.—Miss Carrie Belle McNeill is visiting friends in Raleigh.—Rev. A. C. Sherwood has returned from his trip to the mountains, very much improved in health.—Mr. H. M. John of Parkton, spent Monday in town.—Mr. and Mrs. Bartram Robeson and little son, Bartram, Jr., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Martin McKinnon.—Miss Melville Gibson spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Rev. W. L. Boggs of Greenville, S. C., is visiting Rev. V. P. Gaston.

Miss Mamie McNeill was hostess to the Priscilla Club Tuesday afternoon.

VOTE THE INDEPENDENT TICKET.

(Political Advertising)

Brother Cotton Farmer, your appeal to President Wilson and the Administration for aid, has been lost. He sent a shipload of gold to aid rich Americans who were traveling in Europe but your distress sign hung out over this Southland has failed. Guess he thinks your vote is already secure.

If you vote for a man that ought not to be elected knowingly, you will become a traitor to your own conscience, your friends and your neighbors. There is no negro in the way as an excuse now. The Negro, Terrell, Mr. Wilson appointed Judge the other day has no authority down this far.

For State Senate, Rev. D. B. Humphrey, Representatives, J. W. Hall and Henry Purvis; Sheriff, H. M. Brown; Clerk Superior Court, C. B. Skipper; Register of Deeds, Rev. C. R. Hester; Treasurer, J. N. McRae; Commissioners, W. R. Atkinson and A. H. Currie; Coroner, G. E. Rancke; Recorder, Lumberton District, L. E. Tyner; Solicitor, Wade Hampton Kinlaw.

ALL HANGS ON COTTON.

It is the Keystone of America's English Debt—Manufacturers Willing to Buy Cotton Until Assured Bottom Price Has Been Reached—Conference of Great Importance.

Washington Dispatch, 19th.

Sir George Paish, special adviser to the English Chancellor of the Exchequer; Basil B. Blackett of the English Treasury; Secretary McAdoo and the Federal Reserve Board today began a series of conferences here which are expected to have an important effect on financial conditions in Great Britain and the United States. Restoration of normal conditions in foreign exchange dealings between the two countries is the object of the meetings and they probably will have a direct influence on the disposition of the South's cotton crop.

It became known tonight that officials of the American Government feel keenly that cotton is the crux of a situation which has many ramifications and that on the success of plans to care for the surplus and on the willingness of manufacturers to buy cotton depends the value of Sir George's visit.

It is probable that before Sir George returns to England the question of a reopening of the London and New York stock exchanges will be considered. It was predicted here tonight that the London exchange would re-open shortly, with the British Government urging that London brokers do not cash loans immediately.

If the London market is not greatly affected its resumption of business may be followed by the re-opening of the New York exchange. So much depends on the cotton problem that there probably will be no further conferences until a committee of the board, which is handling the proposed \$150,000,000 cotton loan fund plan, has found a satisfactory solution. The committee, Secretary McAdoo, Paul M. Warburg and W. P. G. Harding, returned today from New York where they had been at work since Saturday in an effort to convince New York bankers of the feasibility and soundness of the plans for the fund.

The New York bankers promised to put up one third of the loan fund, but prescribed conditions it was discovered could not legally be met. The reserve board members proposed different conditions and as a further inducement offered to let any Northern section of the United States put up three dollars to every one put up by Southern bankers with the understanding that the Northern banks would have a prior lien for their money. Under this tentative plan Southern banks would have actual management of the fund the whole however, to be under supervision of the reserve board. Other conditions as to interest rate and price of cotton were said to be left unchanged.

This plan has not been passed on finally but every opportunity will be taken to expedite its consideration so that the board may begin discussion of international problems with Sir George and Mr. Blackett.

The cotton crop is of the first importance in these conferences because on it the United States has relied in past years to cancel the larger part of its foreign indebtedness.

Sir George is known to hold that English manufacturers do not wish to buy cotton now unless they are satisfied it has reached bottom prices. American manufacturers according to information available at the Treasury Department, apparently feel the same way and little cotton is being sold. With the \$150,000,000 loan fund in operation it is argued that millions of bales will be taken out of this market and a direct and stimulating effect will be felt both here and in England. With cotton moving again across the Atlantic the indebtedness of the United States to England would be decreased rapidly and materially and conditions here would improve in consequence.

It was said to indicate that cotton exchanges probably would be open shortly if arguments made here availed. One difficulty is the fact that there are no quotations on which the factor or the manufacturer can base offers.

The question of opening London and New York stock exchanges probably will be taken up later at conference with New York bankers. Secretary McAdoo tonight said that representatives of leading banking houses in New York will be invited to those conferences.

Telephone Company Buying Cotton.

The Southern Bell Telephone people have bought about 200 bales of cotton in the South at 10 cents per pound. Mr. E. Hood, manager of the local office, bought one of the bales from Mrs. Annie Smith, a widow, who lives near Allenton, and had it placed in front of the office door. On the bale is the following notice: This is one of 200 bales of cotton bought by us at 10 cents per pound. Have you bought yours?

OUT BARKERS' WAY.

Personal Items From Along Route 1. Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. F. D. 1, Oct. 21—It's beginning to feel like winter time sure enough. Fire feels good these cold mornings.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Davis and children of the Saddle Tree section visited friends here Sunday.—Sorry to say two of Mr. and Mrs. Tilton Kinlaw's children have been right sick. Mrs. Avery Jackson of St. Paul's visited relatives here last week.—Mrs. A. A. Powers and daughter, Miss Anna, visited relatives at St. Paul's Saturday and Sunday.—Mrs. R. A. Rozier is right sick.—Supt. J. R. Poole and Mr. Garrett, the principal-to-be at Barker's this time, spent Sunday with friends here.—Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Powell visited relatives at Tolarsville Saturday and Sunday.—Mr. R. A. Rozier went to Fayetteville Monday.—Mrs. W. A. Riddle visited relatives here last week.—The farmers are nearly through gathering their crops in the community.

County Committee on Community Service Days Will Meet Saturday.

Saturday of this week at 11 a. m. is the time when the county committee on the "Community Service Day," which will be held all over North Carolina December 3, 4 and 5 next, are to meet in Prof. J. R. Poole's office in the court house for the purpose of appointing local committees in the various sections of the county.

As will be seen from an article elsewhere in today's paper, the secretary and president of the county Farmers' Union, the mayor of the county and the superintendent of public instruction (who should be secretary), the editors of all the county papers and the farm demonstration agent composed the county committee. It is hoped that the county committee will meet Saturday at the appointed time and elect and appoint the local committees, and that "Community Service Days" in Robeson will mean much to the county this year.

Among the Sick.

The condition of Mr. F. J. Thomas, who has been ill at Southern Pines for some time, is reported unfavorable. Mrs. Thomas went Tuesday to Southern Pines to be with her husband.

Mr. H. H. Barnes of Barnesville came to the home of his son Mr. T. C. Barnes Friday of last week to spend some time visiting and was taken very sick just after he arrived. His condition is thought to be serious. Bright's disease is thought to be the trouble.

Rev. M. A. Stephens of Ornum, is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Stephens reports the condition of Mrs. Stephens, who has been very ill with typhoid fever for several weeks, unimproved. Two of Mr. Stephens' children have also had fever, but are very much improved.

Mr. L. C. Parker On the Committee.

Mr. L. C. Parker, general freight and passenger agent of the Virginia and Carolina Southern Railway attended a meeting in Raleigh Tuesday of representatives of short lines of railroads in the State and was appointed a member of a committee to devise some plan whereby the alleged injustice to short lines by workings of the act passed by the last Legislature regarding the long and short haul rates now in effect in this State may be overcome. It is not thought, however, that any help can be obtained until a meeting of the Legislature be modified or repealed. The short line railroads claim they have been hard hit and placed in an embarrassing position by the long and short haul rates of the Justice act.

Compromise Cotton Relief Plan Defeated.

Washington Dispatch, 21st.

The compromise cotton relief plan, proposed by Southern Congressmen to relieve the situation resulting from decreased European demand for cotton on account of the continental war, was defeated in the House today, 123 to 91. The proposal contemplated the deposit of \$250,000,000 of government funds in Southern banks to be loaned to cotton and tobacco growers.

Southern members of the House fought strenuously but in vain for the bill. Chairman Glass of the Banking and Currency committee, and Republican Leader Mann opposed the plan as "utterly unsound" declaring it would contract the credit of the South rather than expand it.

Sunday School Anniversary.

The anniversary of the Mt. Elias Sunday school Institute will be held with the church at Smyrna on Saturday, the 31st, instant, beginning at 10:30 a. m. All the Sunday schools of the Institute are requested to be present at the anniversary, and be prepared to take part in the exercises.

E. J. BRITT, President.

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

—Salome Saleeby was before Assistant Recorder E. M. Johnson yesterday for failure to work the road or pay his \$1 and was fined \$1 and the cost, which amounted to \$6.20.

—Dr. T. A. Norment says just twenty-two years ago today he has his last shave, and any one who has seen his "Bohemian" whiskers doesn't doubt the accuracy of his statement.

—While fixing a rooster Tuesday Mr. I. J. Moore fell and broke one of his arms. It has not been learned for what purpose he was chasing the fowl but it is thought he was going to have him fixed for table use.

—Mr. Ira B. Mullis left Monday for Harnett county to do some surveying work. As he has had the address of his Robesonian changed to Lillington it is presumed that he will be engaged there for some time.

—"The Sign of the Father" Company started this morning and will present the first act of the opera house this evening. This is the first of Mr. Thos. I. Brown's plays to be presented in Lumberton and probably will rank the house.

—Mr. Jesse S. Stone, who operates a cotton gin at Long Branch, was in town yesterday. Mr. Stone says most of the cotton down his way has been picked and the cotton are selling their seed, but carrying their cotton home.

—Dr. J. G. Rogers of Pages Mill, S. C., while tinkering with a hay mow yesterday suffered a bad cut on his left leg. Dr. N. A. Thompson, who was summoned to dress the wound, says he doesn't think amputation will be necessary.

—The new vaudeville and picture house, which has been named the "Lumbee theatre," expects to open for business Tuesday night, 27th, presenting on the opening night that greatest of all moving pictures "Quo Vadis," which is eight reels long.

—It has been learned that a young battie was "pulled off" this side of the German border last night. However, no large guns were used and consequently no lives were lost. A fuller account of the affair will be published in Monday's Robesonian.

—The members of the United Farm Women Club of Back Swamp township desire to express through The Robesonian thanks to Messrs. J. R. Poole and G. L. Thompson for their kindness in taking the speakers to and from Back Swamp on Saturday, October 17th.

—Misses Hallie Covington of Laurinburg and Cammie McNeill left this morning for Greenville, where on Wednesday of next week they will be bridesmaids at the wedding of Miss Hattie Moye King. Miss King has visited in Lumberton several times as a guest of Miss McNeill and she has a host of friends here.

—Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth of Barnesville passed through town last evening en route home from St. Pauls, where at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Johnson, he spoke the few words that made Miss Nora Johnson and Mr. Owen Williamson of Cero Gordo man and wife. Mr. Hedgpeth says he takes pride in "fixing them up."

Magistrates Meet Saturday.

Saturday of this week is the date for the meeting of the magistrates of the county called by Mr. N. C. Graham, a justice of the peace who lives in Howellsville township. As was mentioned in a recent issue of The Robesonian, nobody seems to know for what purpose the meeting was called. Some think it is for the purpose of abolishing the office of county treasurer, as it has recently been learned that the magistrates of the county have the power to do that, while others think it is for other reasons. However, it is expected that a number of the boys will attend the meeting here Saturday and that something will be done.

Political Speaking at East Lumberton This Evening.

State Senator G. B. McLeod and Messrs. T. A. McNeill and E. M. Britt will address the voters of East Lumberton at "79," near the Lumberton cotton mill, tonight at 7:30 sharp. Go out and hear them.

Hand Cut Off.

While working at the Lumberton cotton mill yesterday afternoon Willie Cribbs, a young white man, let his left hand get caught in a carding machine and it was so badly mangled that it had to be amputated at the wrist. Dr. W. L. ... performed the operation.

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly

The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For Malaria and children.