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### FIERCE FIGHTING CONTINUES

No Definite Results Have Been Attained in Either Western or Eastern Theatres of War—American Cotton Shipments Not Contraband of War. Associated Press Summary.

Fierce fighting between the Allies and the Germans continues in the western theatre of war, especially in the district near the North Sea coast in Belgium, around Nieuport, and southeasterly toward the river Lys.

The Germans claim they have thrown additional forces westward across the Yser, between Nieuport and Dixmude and have advanced at several points northeast of Ypres and taken over 500 British prisoners, a number of them officers.

The latest French reports admit that the Germans have crossed the Yser, but goes no further. It is not known whether this is a reiteration of the previous acknowledgment of a German crossing or confirmation of the last German claim.

Along the remainder of the battle front in Belgium only brief mention of the operation is made. South of Lille, the French claim repulsed the Germans, and advances by the Allies near Soissons ad Craonne, Artillery engagements are proceeding on the heights of the Meuse and in the Woëvre district. In the Argonne a German infantry regiment is said to have been annihilated.

In the east heavy engagements continue between the Russians and the Austro-Hungarian forces near Radom, and in the Poland, and between the Austrians and the Russians south of Przemysl, in Galicia. No definite result has been attained in either of these zones.

The Austrians have driven the Montenegrins from positions on the Bosnian frontier.

General Sir Charles Whittingham-Horsley Douglas, chief of the British general staff, died today in London. The German Major General Pochhammer has been killed in action in the Argonne forest.

American cotton shipments will not be considered contraband of war. Great Britain has notified the United States government to this effect. Safe movement of cotton to any point, even including Germany and Austria, now will be assured.

The Candidates Will Be Heard.  
Tuesday of next week is election day, the day when each qualified voter should go out and support his ticket.

The candidates will get out this week and tell the people of some few cotton jobs they look at things. They will be at Mr. E. M. Britt's home, near Orange, with the goods Wednesday evening at 7:30, at Mr. Swain's school house Thursday evening at 7:30 and will speak at "No. 79," East Lumberton, Monday night of next week at 7:30. Be wise and get where by hearing the candidates on these dates.

Special Thanksgiving Services.  
The annual special Thanksgiving services were held at Mt. Elinor Baptist church, near Orange, today. The people of this section hold a fast day and prayer meeting each spring and invoke God's blessings on them and their work during the year, then in the fall at this season hold a special Thanksgiving service to thank God for his blessings. This does not in any way conflict with the National Thanksgiving Day, as they observe it just the same.

Only Cotton Seed for Fertilizer.  
Mr. H. P. Barnes of route 3 from Fairmont was in town Friday. Mr. Barnes says the land owners, or a part of them at least, down his way, say they are only going to furnish the cotton seed for fertilizer for their tenants next year, and are going to make the tenants give them all the seed made next year. Mr. Barnes says he doesn't think that a fair proposition.

Residence Burned.  
A residence and all its contents belonging to E. D. Johnson, colored, was burned across the river in Brooklyn, Friday night about 11 o'clock. The family were sleeping in the house, and say the fire had gained good headway from a chimney when they were aroused. The loss is said to be \$1,000 with \$500 insurance. The alarm was not turned in to the fire station.

No New Cases of Scarlet Fever.  
County Physician B. W. Page informs The Robesonian that no new cases of scarlet fever have developed in town since the three reported in Thursday's Robesonian. He says he doesn't think there is any cause for alarm over the situation.

Mr. Rossie B. Britt of Orrum spent the week-end in town visiting at the home of his brother Mr. Grover Britt.

### MAY JUSTICE STATE CASES

J. P. S. of Robeson Held Mailing and Drew Up Declaration and Memorial to General Assembly—Favor Abolition of State Offices and Reduction Salaries of Officers—Motion to Abolish Office of County Treasurer Fails to Carry—Permanent Organization Formed.

Two or three more than one-half of the 69 Justices of the peace of Robeson county met in the court house here Saturday, formed a permanent organization with Justice John H. McNeill of Lumberton township as chairman and Justice N. McInnis of Pembroke as secretary, and adopted in the form of a "declaration and memorial to the General Assembly" a set of beliefs as to what is needed in the way of reforms in county government in Robeson. They declared in favor of economy, in favor of abolishing recorders as created by the last Legislature, in favor of abolishing rural policemen, and in favor of reducing the salaries of all other offices. A motion to abolish the office of county treasurer resulted in a tie vote, Chairman McNeill breaking the tie by voting to retain the office with the understanding that reduction of salary to \$1,200 would be recommended. The sheriff alone escaped. The memorial as originally drafted declared in favor of reducing the salary of the sheriff to \$2,000 and allowing him and his deputies, fees, as formerly, but this was not adopted and no recommendation was made as to this office. Also a declaration in favor of abolishing the office of county auditor or combining it with some other office and restoring the office of county finance committee was stricken out.

These recommendations of the justices are, of course, only recommendations. According to their measure of how faithfully the 35 or 36 men who adopted them reflect the sentiment of the people in their several communities, no doubt, will the Senator and Representatives from Robeson in the next Legislature give them weight.

Justice A. P. Caldwell of Lumberton is anxious for everybody to understand that he had nothing to do with the meeting. He says he is not a "sorehead" and is not among the disgruntled. He was defeated for the nomination for recorder by Mr. E. M. Britt, he says fairly and squarely, so far as he knows, and is supporting his opponent in the primary heartily, and he thinks the action of his fellow justices unwise.

Owing to the crowded condition of the paper today it has been found necessary to hold over for Thursday the full text of the "declaration and memorial," which has been put in this space.

Chairman McNeill's Plans for Relief Day.

Chairman McNeill, of the county Democratic executive committee, is planning to have the Democratic executive committee men from each township at Lumberton next Saturday to take part in the exercises of Lumberton Business Relief Day, to which day the entire 5th page of this issue of The Robesonian is devoted. These committee men are requested to meet at the court house at 9:45 o'clock and go to the depot to meet the speakers. They will escort the speakers to the court house and occupy the bar, which will be reserved for them.

The Parkton band has been secured for this day and they will also meet the train, riding in the big fire auto-truck.

Lumber Theatre Will Open With Quo Vadis.

The new Lumber theatre will be opened to the public tomorrow for the first time, presenting what is considered to be the greatest motion picture that has ever been produced, in eight reels, entitled "Quo Vadis." While the people in the large cities paid from 50c to \$10 to see this great picture, the price here will be only 25 cents. The show will be open at two o'clock.

Community Service Days.

At a meeting held in the office of County Superintendent of Schools Poole Saturday a committee of two for each school district in the county was appointed for Community Service Days, which will be observed throughout the State December 3, 4 and 5. The names of those appointed will be published in Thursday's Robesonian.

Miss Agnes McLean, who is teaching in the graded school at Rowland, spent Saturday and yesterday in town visiting her sister, Mrs. H. B. Jennings.

Dyspepsia is America's curse. To restore digestion, normal weight, good health and purify the blood, use Burdock Blood Bitters. Sold at all drug

### CONGRESS ADJOURNS

Arrangement Pending Cotton Measure—Night of Way in December—Henry Predicts Extra Session in November—Washington Dispatch, 21th.

After being in continuous session since the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson, a period of nearly 19 months, the Sixty-Third Congress adjourned its second session today when prolonged efforts to procure cotton legislation finally collapsed. Leaders in the movement agreed to adjourn only on condition that ending cotton measures would have right of way when Congress reassembles December 7.

In announcing abandonment of their filibuster for cotton legislation after a conference with other Southern Senators and Representatives, Senator Smith of Georgia and Representative Henry of Texas said it was apparent no quorum could be procured and further obstructive tactics might injure chances of ultimate success. Representative Henry predicts Congress would be convened in extraordinary session by the middle of November when the fight could be resumed. Senator Smith introduced a bill for a \$250,000,000 Government bond issue to buy cotton and declared:

"We have done all we could do for the suffering people of the South. We have had our day in court for this session and I would have no excuse for further filibustering at this time. I shall feel I have done my duty by simply voting against the adjournment resolution."

The house appointed a resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee to investigate cotton conditions in the south ad report possible measures for Federal aid by December 15. On the committee were Representatives Mann, Austin, Henry Levey, Heflin, Bell of Georgia and Lanzley.

### SMYRNA NEWS NOTES.

Doings With the Farmers—The Anniversary and Lumberton's Big Day.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton, R. F. D. 4, Oct. 24—Our farmers are most through picking cotton now, some are gathering yarn, some are making syrup, and everything seems to be just as sweet as you please.

Well, next Saturday, Oct. 31st, is the day for the anniversary, and we see through The Robesonian that day is set for a great day, in Lumberton, so work out for rain, although we are in prospect.

Mr. Jasper Rowan of Lumberton spent last night and Sunday with home folks—Mrs. W. H. Lamb and her family—Mrs. W. H. Lamb of Lumberton spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Thompson—Mr. S. D. Lamb of Lumberton, spent last Sunday evening at home folks—Mrs. W. H. Lamb of Lumberton was in this community a short while Thursday—Rev. R. L. Byrd of Telfordville has resigned as pastor of Smyrna church and it is understood that Rev. J. M. Fleming will succeed Mr. Byrd.

### Center Dots—Remember The Anniversary.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Center, Oct. 24—Rev. W. R. Davis filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday, preaching two excellent sermons as he always does.

Mr. and Mrs. Neill Smyth were visitors in these parts Sunday p. m.—Mr. Fairley Wilkerson of Florence, S. C. visited home folks Saturday and Sunday—Mr. Raymond Spivey left yesterday morning for Rock Mount—Misses Emma Blake and Nellie Tyson of East Lumberton attended preaching here Sunday—Mr. R. L. Collins and little Miss Laura passed through these parts Saturday—Mr. Jasper Rowan of Lumberton attended preaching here Sunday—Mrs. Oliver Markham of Raft Swamp attended preaching here Sunday—Mrs. Eliza Kinlaw of Boardman visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. R. Prevatt's, last week.

Everybody remember the anniversary to be held at Smyrna Oct. 31st.

### What Would You Do?

There are many times when one man questions another's actions and motives. Men act differently under different circumstances. The question is what would you do right now if you had a severe cold? Could you do better than to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended by people who have used it for years and know its value. Mrs. O. E. Sargent, Peru, Ind., says "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is worth its weight in gold and I take pleasure in recommending it." For sale by all dealers.

### COTTON LOAN FUND.

Fund Approved for Loan of \$135,000,000 to Extend Aid to Cotton Producers—Loan at 6 Cents the Pound at 6 Per Cent.

Washington Dispatch, 21th.

After weeks of negotiation between bankers and Federal Reserve Board members a tentative agreement was reached tonight when the board virtually approved a plan by which a fund of \$135,000,000 will be raised to extend aid to cotton producers. The plan is slightly different from that originally proposed, but loan will be made on cotton at six cents a pound bearing interest of not more than six per cent for one year with a privilege of six months extension.

The reserve board will have direct supervision of the fund, but probably will operate through a committee of bankers and business men.

All terms of the plan were not made public tonight. New York bankers have agreed to subscribe \$50,000,000 to the fund and Southern banks are counted on for \$85,000,000 more. The remaining \$5,000,000 is to be raised in non-cotton producing States.

### Plan Outlined.

The new plan contemplates the loaning of money on cotton at six cents a pound and at an interest rate not exceeding six per cent for a period of one year with the privilege of renewal for an additional period of six months. It is provided that all services rendered in the Administration to the fund by voluntary committees and the bankers shall be without charge but that the borrowers shall pay three per cent on the amount loaned to them in a fund which is to be called the guarantee fund and which is to be used exclusively for paying the necessary expenses of administration, which it is estimated will not exceed one-eighth of one per cent, and the remainder to be used to make good any loss which may be incurred by the loans that may be made on cotton at the stipulated rate of six cents per pound. Upon the conclusion of the whole transaction the amount of money left in the guarantee fund will be returned pro rata to the borrowers.

### Ready in Week.

It is hoped that responses may be received from the bankers of the leading cities early next week. If favorable the plan will be put into immediate execution. In that case the cotton loan fund will be administered by the general supervisory of a central committee of the individual members of the Federal Reserve Board, which committee will in turn appoint a committee to be known as the cotton loan committee and which will have general management of the fund.

The plan in its new form is considered more profitable than the original one and it is hoped the result will be more promptly accomplished. A reduction of the stipulated rate of 6 per cent to 5 per cent was taken.

### Sanbeam Rally.

There was a Sanbeam rally by the children which compose the Southern society of the First Baptist Sunday school at the First Baptist church last evening. The pastor, R. W. G. J. (Tommy) did not preach at the usual hour, but gave way for the exercises which the children rendered in a very pleasant and impressive manner. The pastor in his address presented the position of the church being a subject and all seemed highly pleased with the exercises. A collection for State all was amounting to \$31.34, was taken.

### Robeson Boys to the Front at Wake Forest.

Mr. Grover Britt, the Robesonian's lead reporter, has received an invitation from the Euzelean and Philanthropic literary societies of Wake Forest College to attend their annual society day celebration Friday of this week. The boys will debate the following evening "R. E. Deal, that the right of suffrage in North Carolina should not be restricted as a result of sex." Mr. Furman M. Barnes, formerly of Lumberton and a son of Robeson, is one of the defenders of the affirmative. Grover's opponent will be defended by a Robeson boy also, Mr. R. L. Brown. His subject will be "The R. E. Deal." There are only eight speakers in all for this grand annual occasion, and the fact that two of them are Robesonians, adds considerably to the interest of the program. Grover's opponent, Mr. Deal, makes no doubt that it is his intention to show that he is a most talented debater. He has done in the past. Mr. Britt wishes to look the members of the societies for the invitations, and would enjoy talking better than hearing the boys.

### Mr. C. S. Harrell of Rannett is in town today.

Mr. J. W. Wilson of route 7 from Lumberton is in town today.

Miss Katie McLean of Laurinburg arrived Friday and is a guest of Mrs. N. A. McLean.

Mrs. G. B. McLeod and daughter, Miss Irene, returned yesterday morning from Charlotte, where they spent some time visiting.

Messrs. Shepard Nash, E. L. Whaley, W. K. Bethune, Colon Phillips and Simeon Caldwell will attend a class reception at the Southern Presbyterian College, Red Springs, tonight. They will make the trip in autos.

### LOST—SATURDAY AFTERNOON

On Ninth Street, child's red sweater. Return to C. V. Brown.

### THE BARNES PASSSES.

Had a Stroke Thursday Afternoon at 10 o'clock in Lumberton—Remains in Hospital Near Barnesville.

Mr. R. H. Barnes of Roseboro, died at the home of his son, Mr. T. C. Barnes, Thursday afternoon at 10 o'clock of Bright's disease, from which he had been suffering for several months. Mr. Barnes came to Lumberton Friday of week before last and was taken critically ill just after he arrived at the home of his son and never revived. The remains were taken to the family burying grounds near Barnesville, Friday. The funeral was conducted at the grave in the presence of a large number of friends by Rev. R. A. Hedgpeath. Deceased is survived by his wife and four children.

Mr. Barnes was 74 years old and lived a useful life. He was always active in church work and anything that was for the upbuilding of his country. The world is better that he has lived.

Mrs. Barnes was summoned to his bedside just after he was taken critically ill, and suffered a nervous breakdown, and has been very sick at the home of her son, Mr. T. C. Barnes, since she arrived. However, her condition is thought to be right much improved today.

### CHURCH NOTES.

#### Doors of the Church Opened.

At Chestnut Street Methodist church, where the pastor, Rev. Dr. W. R. North, closed a series of meetings last Wednesday night, Dr. North opened the doors of the church at the close of the sermon at both the morning and evening service yesterday. At the morning service Mrs. Minnie Brooks, who came to Lumberton from Elizabeth City and is teacher of the primary department at the graded school, joined by letter and three small girls joined—Viola Edwards, Mabel Regan and Gladys Blackman. At the evening service Mr. Jesse Jordan, who came to Lumberton from Laurinburg and who is employed at oil mill was admitted to membership. At the close of each service all the members of the church responded to Dr. North's invitation to come forward and extend the right hand of fellowship to the new members.

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### WATCH—watch the label on your paper if remails are not in by date on label paper will be stopped.

### BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

Lumberton Lodge No. 20, E. of P. held its usual Saturday evening meeting.

Tom Rhoad, colored, was before Assistant Recorder E. M. Johnson this morning charged with being drunk and disorderly Saturday. He was fined \$5 and cost.

License has been issued for the marriage of R. M. McRae and Mattie Bell Jones; Walter West and Minnie West; A. B. Paul and Margaret Duncan; J. C. Harding and Pet Herring.

Mr. D. W. Biggs, proprietor of the Lumberton Furniture Store, received last week a solid car load of mattresses. This is said to be the largest shipment of mattresses ever shipped to Lumberton.

The Victor Phonograph Company has instructed all its agents to buy one bale of cotton at 10 cents. Mr. D. W. Biggs is the local representative and bought one bale at that price for the company last week.

"The Sense of the Father" was witnessed at the opera house Thursday evening by a fair-sized audience. The members of the company interpreted their parts very well, but it is not the sort of play that commends itself very strongly to the average audience.

Rev. J. W. Bradley, formerly pastor Chestnut Street church of Lumberton, now pastor of the Hookerton circuit, in renewing his subscription for The Robesonian writes: "I feel as if I had visited Robeson county every time the old 'Robesonian' comes. We are all well and happy in our work."

Mr. and Mrs. J. Abner Barker and Mr. Hollingsworth of Roseboro, Mr. R. N. Butler of Salemburg, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Townsend of Ten Mile and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Barker of Lumberton all took dinner yesterday at the home of Mr. W. P. Barker and also attended services at the First Baptist church.

Mr. Roy Britt of Cerro Gordo spent the week-end in town visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Britt, Second street. Mr. Britt says the lumber mill at Cerro Gordo, which is one of the largest in this section of the country, is still running on full time, but the pay days are far between.

Mr. W. M. Walters of Barnesville, who is among the visitors in town today, says Mr. R. B. Bates is allowing his farmers to pick the cotton on account of the low price and the people of that section are getting in pretty good shape. Mr. Walters is one of the men who is not making head times and it is refreshing to talk to such a man.

The Rannett Lumber Company's plant has been idle for some time, but the train engines have been started, also the logging crew are busy. They are cutting timber owned by the company near St. Pauls and the logs will be hauled over the V. & C. S. Road. It is expected that the mill will start about November 2.

"Stop Thief," which is now playing the largest towns in the State and which is receiving most favorable press comment, will be the next attraction at the opera house Monday night of next week. Bert Leigh, who is a favorite with Lumberton theatregoers, as the thief and Hazel Burgess as the maid are said to excel in the parts, and a good supporting company is assured.

Mr. Boyd Williams of Barnesville is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Williams says Mr. Jesse Harding and Mrs. Pet Herring, both of the Barnesville natives, started to Sunday school yesterday evening, but failed to show up and so this morning called the school. This was a good thing, as the school is not held for the first time in many a day and it is understood it will be a success.

Mr. C. V. Brown, resident of the old town of Lumberton, attended meeting at Raleigh on a matter of the North Carolina Barbers' Association at which meeting the Wade plan, the formation of a \$150,000,000 pool to take care of the cotton crop, was favored and a committee was appointed to investigate, as mentioned in another news item in this issue. Mr. Brown returned Saturday morning.

Early Evers and Laura Cribbs, a young couple from one of the cotton mills, blew into Register of Deeds M. N. Folger's office Saturday afternoon about 6 o'clock and wanted license to be made one, but Mr. Folger was afraid to issue them on account of the age of the girl. A friend was present and offered his assistance so far as swearing to her age was concerned, but it looked for a time like their anticipations had been nipped in the bud. However, Mr. Folger leaped all was well and issued the papers, and no doubt they have had the few words spoken before this time.