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## GERMANS LOSE ARMY CORPS.

Germans Reported to Have Met Crushing Defeat in Russian Poland. Letrograd Dispatch (via London), 25th.

Reports reaching here of the magnitude of the German defeat west of Lodz, Russian Poland, which in some instances, place German losses at an entire army corps, in a measure are confirmed by dispatches from Warsaw. Forty-eight trains have been dispatched from Warsaw with the prisoners and wounded. They should carry between 45,000 and 50,000 men.

Military men here believe the reported defeat was due partially to the failure of the German column from Wielun to defeat the Russians sent against it. Dead heads delayed this column, it is reported, enabling the Russians to concentrate a force to repulse it and turn the flanks of the main German column.

There is great jubilation in army circles here, officers expressing the conviction that the enemy has received a crushing blow likely to prove decisive in the Poland campaign.

## ORRUM OCCURRENCES.

Farmers Planting More Small Grain.—B. Y. P. U. Organized—Personal and Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Orrum, Nov. 24.—We are having some fine weather and people are almost through harvesting their crops. Misses Grace Short and Flora Frink spent Saturday in Lumberton shopping. Conducted here Thursday in the church at 10:30. Let everybody come.

Messrs. Claude Fleming and F. M. Nye were Lumberton visitors Tuesday. Mr. Roy Powers and Dr. J. W. Sanders of Barns were pleasant visitors here Sunday p. m.

The young people of Orrum have organized a B. Y. P. U. and it is progressing very nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McCullen were business visitors in Fairmont Monday afternoon. Mr. W. G. Preatte, a traveling salesman is spending a few days here with homefolks.

The farmers in this section are planting more, oats wheat and rye than ever before. We hope to see all of our farmers planting more grain in the future than before.

Mr. Willie Y. Floyd was a business visitor in Fairmont last Wednesday morning.

Dead F. U. Locals Want to be Revived.

Mr. Grover Britt, secretary-treasurer of the Robeson Division of the Farmers' Union, is receiving requests from various sections of the county for information as to how dead locals may come to life again. A request from Red Springs says "A local with at least one hundred members can be organized. Never saw so many people desiring to get back in the ranks." That sounds good. Any defunct local that has a charter and wants to get on the live list again will be furnished with the particulars by writing Mr. Britt at Lumberton.

Bleas Releases 101 Prisoners From S. C. Penitentiary.

Columbia, S. C., Dispatch, 25th. Governor Bleas late today granted pardons, paroles or commutations to 101 prisoners now serving sentences in the South Carolina penitentiary or in the county convict squads. There will be fewer than 50 prisoners in the State prison here tomorrow.

Clemency now has been extended to 1,430 prisoners by the governor since he assumed the office in January, 1911. His second term as the State's chief executive will expire January 12, 1915.

A 10-Pound Norton Yam.

The editor is beholden to Mr. F. M. Townsend of Fairmont for the largest sweet potato he has seen. It arrived this morning by express and it is a whale of a potato, weighing 10 pounds. In a letter notifying the editor of what a treat was coming his way, Mr. Townsend states that the potato is of the Norton yam variety and that it was raised on the farm of Mr. H. G. Stubbs, about 3 miles from Fairmont, by a colored tenant named H. P. Thompson.

Dr. R. G. Rozier of Rozier's was in town yesterday.

## MT. ELIAM MATTERS.

Farmers About Through Harvesting—Everything is Lovely and Peace and Plenty Abound.—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Mt. Eliam (Lumberton, R. 4), Nov. 24.—The farmers are about through gathering their crops in this section. Some have already turned out their hogs to pick up the scattered grain.

Rev. M. A. Stephens filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday, preaching two excellent sermons, as he always does. We are glad to say Mr. Stephens' health is better now than it has been in some time.

Rev. and Mrs. P. T. Britt returned home last night from Brunswick county, where they spent some time.

Mr. Britt has been preaching down there and his wife went to be with him.

Miss Katie Stone who is teaching at East Lumberton spent Sunday at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Stone.

Mr. Kelly M. Britt of Broad Ridge attended church here Sunday. Kelly is always a welcome visitor on the Mount.

Messrs. Forest Stone and Beasley Britt spent a while Sunday p. m. in the Bellamy section.

There is not much news on the Mount at present as nobody is sick, no one dying, no getting married—everything lovely and peace and plenty prevail on the Mount.

## ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

Young Avery Nye of Fairmont Section Killed by Accidental Discharge of His Gun.

Avery, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Nye, who live at Baltimore, near Fairmont, was found dead with a load of shot in his abdomen on the public road near his home yesterday at 11 o'clock a. m. by Lum White, colored. The young man left home in the morning with a shot gun to go hunting, and as his gun was laying under his body, which was cold in death when found, with an empty shell in it, it is supposed that he was tripped in crossing a bridge and the gun was accidentally discharged.

Mr. Nye was a first cousin of Mr. Grover Britt of The Robesonian's staff.

Robeson Teachers to Meet December 12th.

County Superintendent J. R. Poole advises that the first meeting of the Robeson County Teachers' Association will be held in Lumberton Saturday, December 12th.

An unusually interesting programme is being prepared.

As has been the custom for the past few years, the first period of the meeting all of the teachers will meet together for the purpose of hearing addresses and discussing matters of general interest to all. During the second period the meeting will be divided into three departments, consisting of the primary, grammar grade, and high school. Circular notices will be sent to all the teachers by the first of the month.

Illiteracy Must Be Wiped Out in Six Years.

Charlotte Special, 25th, to Wilmington Star.

At a joint meeting of the city and county superintendents of North Carolina schools here this afternoon, at which 93 county superintendents and about 75 city or town superintendents were present, a resolution was unanimously adopted deploring adult illiteracy in North Carolina, asking the hearty co-operation of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, the Farmers' Union, the women's clubs of the State and every other patriotic agency toward removing that illiteracy, and expressing the determination to show a clean slate for the State in that respect by the 1920 census.

Storing Cotton.

The tobacco warehouse, which was bonded by the Robeson County Farmers' Union several weeks ago, has been filled with cotton. There are about 1500 bales stored in the house. The Union has had the old public school building bonded and it will soon be filled. If you wish to store your cotton you had better bring it along at once.

## HOPE MILLS NEW NOTES.

Young Man Injured in Boiler Explosion—Two Deaths—Postoffice at Cotton Burned—Bonded Warehouse. Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Hope Mills, Nov. 23.—Thanksgiving services will be conducted in the Presbyterian church on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock by Rev. E. I. Olive. Special Thanksgiving services will be conducted at the Episcopal church Thursday evening at 7 o'clock by Rev. Mr. Moody of Fayetteville.

Mr. D. C. Rogers' sawmill boiler exploded this afternoon, and a young man by the name of Walker, of Cotton, was badly scalded. His condition is not serious, however.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Warner, wife of Mr. L. E. Warner, died in her home at McColl, S. C., on the 9th inst. and her remains were brought to Hope Mills, where interment was made in Big Rockfish cemetery. Mrs. Warner was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church for a number of years.

Mrs. Louise Arnette, aged 44 years, died in her home at Hope Mills, on the 12th inst. and the funeral was conducted from the Presbyterian church the following day. Mrs. Arnett was the wife of Mr. Alex. Arnett and was a member of the Presbyterian church during most of her life. She was noted for her piety and Christianlike spirit. She is survived by her husband and two daughters, Misses Ruth and Effie.

The postoffice at Cotton was destroyed by fire Saturday a. m., Nov. 14th, at 3 o'clock; also stables and grainery of Mr. J. R. Hall, including 75 bushels of corn. Since the writer has been informed that Mr. Hall's horse has died. The postoffice building belonged to Mr. E. W. Snead, on which he did not have any insurance.

The Cumberland Bonded Warehouse Co., of Hope Mills, has been organized with authorized capital of \$10,000, paid in \$1,000, and bonded in the sum of \$10,000. The company has storage capacity for 2,000 bales of cotton. The rates are 25 cents a bale per month or fraction thereof. Negotiable warehouse certificates will be issued, and the company will give the same protection and advantages as other regularly organized and bonded companies.

OWEN C. ROGERS.

Methodist Preachers Returned—Only One Change in one Change in Robeson.

As will be seen from the appointments made by the North Carolina Methodist Conference which closed at Washington Monday, all the preachers who served Methodist churches in Robeson county last year were returned except Rev. W. V. McRae, who is succeeded at Maxton by Rev. A. L. Ormond.

There is general satisfaction at the return to Chestnut Street church, Lumberton, of Rev. Dr. W. B. North. Dr. North has just completed his first year here and has greatly endeared himself to the members of his church and to the people of Lumberton outside this church. Dr. North arrived home from Conference Tuesday.

This, the Rockingham, district, gets a new presiding elder, Rev. J. H. Hall, who comes from the Raleigh district. Rev. A. McCullen, who has just completed a 4-year service as presiding elder of this district, goes to Trinity church, Durham.

Rev. N. L. Seabolt returned Tuesday evening from Conference. Mr. Seabolt is delighted with the fact that he was let remain in Lumberton, but not any more so than was his many friends here. He is pastor of the East Lumberton Methodist church, also of the other churches that compose the Lumberton circuit.

Lumber Bridge Girl Married in Fayetteville.

Fayetteville Special, 25th to Wilmington Star.

Married twice in one day was the fate of Sherman S. Faircloth of Dundaroch, Hoke county, and Miss Lizzie Livingston, of Lumber Bridge, Robeson county, who came to Fayetteville with a Hoke county license. Rev. A. H. Porter married them before he discovered that the license was issued in Hoke. This made the ceremony invalid; so the young man rushed to the office of Register of Deeds F. R. Hall and got a license to wed in Cumberland, and Mr. Porter married the happy couple for the second time.

## THE FINAL SUMMONS.

Mr. Chas. A. Purcell of Hoke County.

Mr. Chas. A. Purcell, aged about 75 years, died yesterday morning at his home just across the Robeson line in Hoke. He had been suffering for some time with heart trouble and his death was not unexpected. Deceased is survived by his wife, two daughters—Mrs. Preston of Virginia and Miss Hunter—and three sons—Messrs. William, Alex. and Augustus, all of whom lived with their parents—and one brother, Mr. J. E. Purcell of Red Springs. Deceased was an uncle of Messrs. A. W. and Alex. and J. D. McLean of Lumberton, also a first cousin of ex-Judge T. A. McNeill of Lumberton. Messrs. A. W. and Alex. McLean attended the funeral, which took place from the home today at 11 a. m.

Mr. Purcell was a native of Robeson until Hoke was formed, and was considered one of her most worthy and highly respected citizens.

## SHARPE, M'GILL

Miss Ruby McGill Becomes Bride of Mr. Ralph Sharpe of Councils.

A beautiful home wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McGill, First street, yesterday afternoon at 4:30 when their daughter Miss Ruby became the bride of Mr. Ralph Sharpe of Councils, Bladen county. Rev. Chas. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church, performed the ceremony. Only a few close friends had been invited, it was just a quiet home wedding.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left for Western North Carolina, where they will spend several days before returning to Councils, where Mr. Sharpe is manager of a large farm.

Miss McGill is one of Lumberton's most beautiful and highly respected young ladies, and has many friends here who wish for her and her husband life's greatest pleasures and blessings.

Mr. P. M. Myers of Cynamel, Spanish Honduras, Central America, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Robeson of Tar Heel were united in marriage at the home of the bride's father, Mr. James Robeson, at Tar Heel Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock. They passed through Lumberton late Monday evening en route to Central America, where they will make their home.

There were two full-grown weddings pulled off in Register of Deeds M. N. Folger's office Tuesday. The first was that of Carl Sweat and May Cook. The words were spoken by Rev. R. N. Cashwell. The last came to pass about 8 o'clock in the evening. The contracting parties were Evander West and Ida Lee, both of Harnett county. Justice E. L. Whaley fixed them up.

Important Meeting of Raft Swamp W. O. W. Camp.

Mr. J. E. Carlyle of Raft Swamp was in town yesterday. Mr. Carlyle asked The Robesonian to say that it is very essential that all members of Raft Swamp camp No. 164, W. O. W. attend the meeting Saturday night, December 12, as new officers will be elected at this meeting.

Union Meeting Begins Tomorrow.

The union meeting of the Robeson Baptist Association will be held at Baltimore, near Fairmont, tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday. A rich programme has been prepared and those who attend will not lose anything by so doing.

The Parkton Warehouse Co. of Parkton has been chartered with authorized capital stock of \$50,000. The incorporators are J. B. McCormick, J. G. Hughes and C. S. McArthur.

A splendid concert was given at the opera house last evening by the Cartwright Brothers, from the Alka. The Lyceum Bureau of Atlanta. The crowd was small. The concert was not above the head of the average Philistine and those who were present enjoyed it immensely—not meaning to say that there were any Philistines in the audience.

Mr. J. M. Munroe of Tar Heel was a Lumberton visitor yesterday. Miss Mildred McIntyre is home from Meredith College, Raleigh, for the Thanksgiving holidays.

## BELGIAN BENEFIT DELIGHTS

Entertainment by Local Talent to Raise Money for Belgians Afforded an Evening of Rare Pleasure to a Fair Sized Audience.

The Belgian benefit entertainment given at the opera house Monday evening by local talent to raise money for the suffering Belgians afforded an evening of rare enjoyment for a large number of people. Besides helping a good cause, those who attended this entertainment got the worth of their money. If any one entertained any doubts as to whether there is enough talent in Lumberton to get up an entertainment worth while, this entertainment was sufficient to dispel all doubt. All who took part acquitted themselves exceedingly well, and there was noticeable absence of suggestion of amateurishness; each one acted as though they were accustomed to doing that sort of thing every evening before packed houses. And the spirit in which they thus dedicated their talent for a noble purpose is altogether commendable.

Besides those whose names appear on the program below, Miss Margaret Bruce Williams gave a violin solo, Mrs. H. M. McAllister playing piano accompaniment, Miss Williams taking the place on the program of Prof. Wm. Barnwell, who could not be present. Miss Irene McLeod was on the program for two numbers but was not in town. Mayor A. E. White was called on for a few remarks and expressed the appreciation of the people of the town for this splendid entertainment.

Mr. William Sullivan was in charge of the entertainment and to his untiring efforts is due largely its success. The piano for the occasion was furnished by Mr. D. W. Biggs, proprietor of the Lumberton Furniture Store, and the elegant souvenir programs were printed free by the Freeman Printing Co., and Mr. Sullivan publicly expressed thanks for these services.

About \$150 was realized from the entertainment. An itemized statement has been given The Robesonian but it cannot be set up for this issue. It will be published in the next issue.

Following is the program rendered:

Bridal Chorus—Mrs. L. R. Varser. Mrs. J. Q. Beckwith, Misses Mildred McIntyre, Lina Gough, Bonnie Barker, Lillie Barker, Christine Gower, Eva Mace, Elizabeth Whitfield, Georgia Whitfield, Mamie Lee Avent, Elizabeth Belk; Messrs. Skipper, Caldwell, Nash, Golden, Davis, Stephens, High.

Reading: "An Old Sweetheart of Mine"—James Whitcombe Riley —Mrs. J. R. Poole, accompanied on piano by Mrs. H. E. Stacy.

Song: "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice"—"Samson et Daliah"—Camille Saint Saens.—Miss Vergie Goodwin.

Piano Solo: "Romance"—Sibelius! "Marche a la Turque"—D'Albert. —Miss Bonnie Barker.

Song: "Faites Lui Mes Aveux—Gounod's "Faust"—Miss Mildred McIntyre.

Mixed Quartette. "Medley of National Airs, English, French, German and American."—Will C. Thompson.—Mrs. L. R. Varser, Mrs. J. Q. Beckwith, Mr. C. B. Skipper, Mr. J. Pope Stephens.

Piano Duet: "Hungarian Rhapsody"—Franz Liszt.—Mrs. L. R. Varser, Miss Christine Gower.

Reading: "Spartacus to The Gladiators"—Wm. J. Sullivan.

Song: "The Sands of The Desert"—C. B. Skipper.

The greatest loan in England's history 250,000,000 pounds (\$1,750,000,000)—has been successfully floated by the Bank of England, both large and small investors being among the buyers.

San Francisco, Nov. 24.—Forty-three survivors had been rescued to night from the Steamer Hanalei which went ashore yesterday in a dense fog on Duxbury Reef, nine miles north of the Golden Gate, and was shivered into splinters early today by the pounding surf.

Miss Lola Thrower, who had been a guest since Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Britt, left yesterday morning for Marietta, where she will spend some time visiting friends before returning to her home at Wagram.

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

—Cypress Camp No. 125, W. O. W. will enjoy an oyster roast this evening in their camp in the postoffice building.

—A 4-year-old Indian child named Chavis, was burned to death at its home near Fairmont Tuesday. No particulars of how it happened has been learned.

—Early Tuesday morning Mr. L. H. Caldwell sent a large bag of cotton to The Robesonian office for the wounded soldiers in Europe. There was enough cotton in that one bag to relieve much suffering.

—The baby show which opened at the Pastime theatre Tuesday night is proving very popular. Regular prices, 5 and 10 cents, are being charged, and many of the little ones are seeing themselves as others see them.

—Rev. M. A. Stephens, who for several months had lived at Orrum, has moved to Evergreen, Columbus county. Mr. Stephens lived at Evergreen before moving to Orrum. He is still pastor of several Robeson churches.

—Beginning next Monday evening, "The Simple Simon Musical Comedy Company" will open a week's engagement at the Lumbee theatre. The company carries ten people, most of whom are ladies. The prices will be 10 cents for children and 25 cents for adults.

—Rev. Father Thomas A. Powers of Steubenville, Ohio, will celebrate mass at the opera house Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The public is cordially invited. As mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, Father Powers is spending some time hunting at Hunters' Lodge, near Lowe.

—Mrs. Eliza Parker of route 3 from Lumberton was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mrs. Parker did as is her usual custom—paid her subscription almost a year in advance. She says "hard times" must not keep The Robesonian, which she has learned to love, out of her home. Mr. Parker looks at things in the right way.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sessoms, who live in East Lumberton, have been married 26 years. When married they both weighed the same, one hundred and 63 pounds each, and they have both weighed the same number of pounds ever since. If one loses the other loses and if one gains the other gains. Now they tip the scales at 172 pounds each.

—Mrs. E. L. Hamilton, received a message this morning announcing the death of her brother-in-law, Dr. R. H. Bradford of Burgaw, which occurred at the James Walker Memorial hospital, Wilmington, yesterday. Dr. Bradford underwent an operation for appendicitis about three weeks ago, and yesterday had to undergo a second one, which resulted in his death. Mrs. Hamilton left this morning for Burgaw, where she will attend the funeral, which will take place tomorrow.

—A baby contest has been on at the Pastime theatre since Tuesday night and will last to and including Monday night of next week. Quite a number of the children in town are being shown on the screens riding on a little gray donkey. You get coupons with your tickets and can vote for any baby on the screen. A prize will be given the child which proves to be the most popular by receiving the most votes. The interior of most of the business houses in town is also being shown. Price same as usual, 5 and 10 cents.

—The following people left Lumberton last evening on a special Pullman car for Richmond, Va., where today they will witness the football game between the University of North Carolina and the University of Virginia: Jno. F. French, Wallace Norment, T. C. Johnson, J. L. Hawes, Robt. Prevatt, T. C. Barnes, Lumberton; J. D. McLean, Fairmont; J. L. Bridger, Bladenboro; J. L. Lyon, N. P. Liles, E. F. McCullough, J. B. Clarke, Elizabeth town; T. L. Northrop, L. I. Grantham, A. R. McDonald, Raymond Jones, Dr. Smith, St. Pauls; W. J. Cox, J. O. Leach, Wadesboro; Max Ponder, Barnesville; A. E. Parnell, Whiteville. The party was in charge of Mr. L. C. Parker, general passenger agent of the V. & C. S.