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## FRENCH AND ENGLISH MAKE NOTABLE ADVANCES

**20,000 Unwounded German Prisoners Taken in First Two Days' Drive Along Western Front—British and French Carry Trenches Over Distance of 20 Miles—Number of Guns Also Captured.**

Twenty thousand unwounded German prisoners and an unestimated number of dead and wounded on both sides, is the toll taken in the first two days' drive of the Anglo-French forces, who have begun a great offensive movement along the western battle line, which extends from the North Sea to the Swiss frontier. Two distinctive operations are under way, one north of Arras and the other in the Champagne region; while there has been an incessant bombardment along almost the entire front.

Both the British and the French have been successful in carrying trenches extending over a distance of twenty miles and a depth varying up to two and a half miles. It is officially reported both from Paris and London that the advance is still being continued, and that the ground gained in a large measure has been held and consolidated.

Berlin admits the retirement of the German forces at various points but minimizes the result of the engagements.

For several weeks British and French artillery have been pounding fiercely and continuously at the German line. The forward movement of the infantry began Saturday morning, when thousands of Allied troops threw themselves against the German trenches, in which, though battered and torn by heavy shells, the Germans waited, having long expected the onslaught. Much of the fighting was at close range, hand-to-hand encounters being carried on from trench to trench. The heavy artillery continued to pour forth a rain of heavy projectiles, while aviators took the air to direct the fighting and themselves engaged in many combats.

In addition to having captured Sochez, a much disputed point of vantage, the French have succeeded in forcing a passage of the great series of trenches and fortifications in Champagne, between Auberville and Villie Sur Toubre, driving the Germans to the second line of trenches, two or three miles to the rear. This offensive is still in progress.

The British gains have been made to the north of Arras. They have taken the town of Loos, and the quarries northwest of Hulluch, and have compelled the Germans to draw in their reserves to check the advances.

For the time being, the dramatic development of events in the west have overshadowed those in the eastern theatre, where the Russians have stayed the progress of the Austro-Germans at many points and have, apparently, succeeded in getting themselves well in hand for further offensive and defensive operations.

The quick answer of Greece to Bulgarian mobilization has probably been a factor in clearing the atmosphere with respect to Bulgaria's intentions. The Bulgarian government has notified the powers that the mobilization of the Bulgarian army was ordered in the national interests, and that it was not intended as an offensive measure.

Individual members of the Bulgarian government also have expressed themselves to the same effect. Nevertheless, both Greece and Rumania continue to make ready for any eventuality.

## Jurors for October Term of Court.

At the last monthly meeting of the board of county commissioners they failed to draw jurors for the October term of criminal court which will convene Monday, October 4, on account of not having time. However, they left it with County Attorney E. J. Britt to have the jury drawn. The clerk of the court and drew the following list:

First week—D. C. Baker, A. T. Council, M. E. Watson, Evander Bullock, Geo. A. Barnes, H. A. Bullock, J. R. Monroe, R. E. Collins, J. W. Sealey, J. P. Hall, A. B. Hedgpath, H. C. Bruce, T. J. Graham, Marcus Smith, J. R. Bullock, O. T. Lewis, E. H. Wiggins, W. N. McRae, N. F. Barden, Baxter Smith, Giles Davis, J. W. Elwanger, C. A. Oliver, W. K. Smith.

Second week—Conard Arnett, Ira Paul, Ernest Graham, T. L. Crump, A. D. McKenzie, J. G. Baldwin, J. L. Jenkins, Richard Davis, C. E. Zedaker, C. P. Culbreth, Colon West, A. B. Todd, A. L. McLean, S. B. Rozier, Jr., J. W. Bracy, S. M. Spears, Jacob Ivey, M. T. McGowan, G. D. Willard, Willie Lawson, J. G. McClain, J. M. McNeill, Archibald McGirt, C. J. McCullum.

## Among the Sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Branch returned Saturday from Baltimore, Md., where at the Union Protestant infirmary, nearly four weeks ago, Mrs. Branch underwent a serious operation. The operation, performed by Dr. E. H. Richardson of Baltimore, was successful and Mrs. Branch's condition has greatly improved.

Mr. A. M. Hartley, bookkeeper in the offices of the Lumberton, Dresden and Jennings cotton mills, underwent an operation at the Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore Friday. It is understood that the operation was successful and that Mr. Hartley's condition is favorable.

## TO ORGANIZE Y. M. C. A.

**Movement Started by Members of Baraca Class of Baptist Sunday School—It is Proposed to Use Old Baptist Church Building.**

Members of the Baraca class at the First Baptist Sunday school have a move on foot to organize at Y. M. C. A. Arrangements have already been made for securing the use of the old Baptist church building, corner Fifth and Chestnut, to be used as a reception and reading room, and it is also expected that a gymnasium will also be established, as there is ample room in the building for all. While the move was started by this class, of which Mr. L. R. Varsler is teacher, and while the building will be under direction of a governing board from this class, young men from other denominations, also young men who do not belong to any church or Sunday school, will be gladly welcomed as members.

It would be hard to find another town as large as Lumberton where there is not a pool room or some place for the young men to "hang out", for which fact Lumberton is to be complimented. However, as some one has remarked, the town owes it to the young men to establish some place like what is maintained by the Y. M. C. A. if organized. This is a good move, and one that should appeal to every citizen of the town.

**State Mission Day at Back Swamp**  
State Mission Day will be observed at Back Swamp Baptist church Friday of this week, October 1, at 10 a. m. All who are interested in State missions are invited to attend this meeting.

Rev. J. L. Humphrey of Saddle Tree passed through town today en route home from Pleasant Hill, Columbus county, where he just closed a 10-days' series of meetings.

Dr. E. W. Sykes of the Faculty of Wake Forest College will preach at the First Baptist church here both at the morning and evening services the second Sunday in October.

Messrs. Frank Gough and E. J. Britt attended a children's day at Smyrna Baptist church yesterday afternoon. Both these gentlemen made short addresses after the exercises by the children were over. They report the children well trained and say the entertainment they offered was rich and highly enjoyed.

## Annual Meeting of Mt. Elijam Sunday School Institute.

The annual meeting of the Mt. Elijam Sunday School Institute will be held at Center Baptist church, near Fairmont, Saturday of this week. There will be speeches by children from the various schools that compose the institute, also music. These occasions are always attended by hundreds of people and no doubt there will be an enormous crowd at Center Saturday.

Mr. J. B. Bowen went yesterday to Bladenboro, where he made a Sunday school address at the Baptist church at 11 a. m.

## Squirrel-Hunting Time Begins Oct. 15.

While the game law for Robeson has been published in The Robesonian, there still seems to be some misunderstanding about when the time arrives that will allow them to kill squirrels. The law begins October 15 and closes March 1.

## Notices of New Advertisements.

H. J. Singleton, attorney at law, professional card.

Legal notice of sale of land—J. Dickson McLean and T. L. Johnson, commissioners.

Old stoves and furniture made like new—National Pressing Club.

Shotguns, rifles and ammunition—L. H. Caldwell.

Fall opening money-saving sale, begins at A. Weinstein's Oct. 1.

Grand opening of fall and winter merchandise—White & Gough.

Reward for information concerning a canoe.

When in Fayetteville visit Kindley's big new store.

An opportunity in real estate.

Get K. M. Biggs' price on cotton.

Book bags and tablets free—K. M. Biggs.

Autumn and winter model hats and millinery novelties—Miss Josephine Breese.

Best seed rye red rust proof and turf oats—K. M. Biggs.

Program at Pastime.

—Like every other kind of business, that of getting married is picking up. Saturday Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd sold eight marriage licenses, which was the best day along that line he has had in many moons. Three of these were for white parties, two for Indians and three for negroes. Bright and early this morning Jas. T. Lee and Venie Newsome, both of Bladenboro, blew into the register's office, purchased license and were married right away by Justice A. P. Caldwell. License has been issued for the following white people since Thursday: J. J. Herring and Mary E. Martin; W. M. Byrd and Eliza Bass; Henry Warwick and Hattie Walters; Oakley Callahan and Helen Carroll; J. H. Willis and Ruth Hill.

—Miss Ruby Weatherly of Bennettsville, S. C., has accepted a position as operator in the local Southern Bell telephone office.

## BLOCKADERS BOUND TO COURT

**George Allen Charged With Distilling and Retailing—Strong Evidence Introduced—Reuben Parnell Awaits Trial in Federal Court at Laurinburg.**

George Allen, who lives in Howellsville township, was given a hearing before U. S. Commissioner W. H. Kinlaw Friday afternoon on the charge of manufacturing and selling without license spirituous liquors. He was bound over to the Federal Court under a \$500 bond, which he made. As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, James G. Allen, brother of George, was recently bound over to the Federal Court under the same charge, it being alleged that both George and James had been associated with Reuben Parnell, who is now in jail at Laurinburg awaiting trial in the Federal Court which convened there today. He was removed from the jail here and carried to Laurinburg Friday.

The star witness against George, Wesley Chavis, failed to show up, and it was rumored that the Allens had made him leave. However, after some little time other witnesses whose evidence convicted George were found. Berry Baxley testified that one night during the wee sma' hours he was going along the road and saw something coming that he failed to recognize, something of which he did not like the appearance, so he just dropped out 'side the road in the bushes and let it pass. He said that the thing he saw was George Allen, carrying a whiskey still on his shoulder. He also testified that some man who was with George asked him where he was going to put that still and he replied in that bay over yonder. E. W. West also testified that while in the woods looking after some fire about the middle of the night he heard something coming through the woods rattling. He said the noise was going towards George Allen's. He also testified that one of the crowd carrying the rattling noise, which he termed a still, remarked so he heard it that "He would be d-- if they could stop him from making it". About two hours later, which was about 2:30 a. m. he heard George putting away his still. He said that the next morning, being anxious to learn more about that rattling noise, he went after daylight and traced the track of a cart from George Allen's house to a spot where, he thought the still was carried from a bay near by and placed in the cart. He thought the noise must have been that of two stills. He also testified that later he found a place in a bay near the home of Reuben's Parnell's where a new well had been dug, a brick wall erected and everything there but the still. Later he visited the same spot and found the still all set up and ready to run. He also found some rum. He said he came to town and told the officers about his find and a short time later a still was captured.

## MEXICANS ATTACK TEX. TOWN

**Mexicans Troops Protect Bandits—American Soldier Killed.**

Brownsville, Tex., Dispatch, Sept. 24. Several hundred Mexican troops under shelter of a half mile of trenches covered the retreat of 70 to 80 Mexicans who today attacked the village of Progreso, Texas, 35 miles above here on the Rio Grande river, according to the official report tonight of Major Edward Anderson, of the 12th cavalry.

Private Henry W. Stubblefield, of Big Stone Gap, Va., was killed and Capt. A. V. Anderson, wounded in the arm by the attacking Mexicans, some of whom, it is said, wore Caranza army uniforms. Earlier reports that Private Kennedy also was injured proved incorrect.

The trenches, it is said, were dug opposite Progreso by the Mexicans about three weeks ago. Probably 3,000 shots were fired back of the trenches during the two hours of fighting on the bank of the Rio Grande today, reports here said.

The two detachments of American cavalry of the command of Captain A. V. P. Anderson and Lieutenant Raleigh Tolbert, Jr., chased the Mexican band of 70 or 80 men to the river from Progreso. Here it is said the Americans could not approach the river bank because of a lively fire from back of the trenches on the Mexican side.

About one thousand shots fired by the Americans at the Mexicans as they were crossing the Rio Grande killed two Mexicans in boats, while several more were reported hit as they made their way in the direction of safety on the Mexican side.

The Mexican band of 70 or 80 first attacked and looted the store of Florencio Saenz at Progreso, at daybreak. While these operations were in progress a detachment of Troop C, 12th cavalry, numbering 12 men, came to Progreso from the bank of the river where they spent the night. Private Stubblefield stepped on the top edge of the store. As he did so two shots were fired from the interior of the building, both striking Stubblefield in the body, killing him instantly. The soldiers were not aware of the presence of the Mexicans.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Barker and son, Master E. J. Jr., of Rowland arrived yesterday and are guests at the home of Mr. Barker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barker.

## SUDDEN FINAL SUMMONS

**Guy V. Blake, 18 Years Old, Falls Dead at Home of His Mother—Heart Failure—Funeral Friday Afternoon.**

The funeral of Mr. Guy V. Blake, about 18 years old, who died suddenly Thursday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock, was conducted from the Blake home, East Fifth street, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. W. R. Davis, pastor of the East Lumberton Baptist church, of which deceased was a devoted member, assisted by Rev. Chas. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church. A number of musical selections were rendered by the Lumberton male quartet composed of Messrs. Frank Gough, E. B. Freeman, C. B. Skipper and J. Pope Stephens. Interment was made in the Crump lot at Hollywood cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. Grover Tyson, Andrew Freeman, Oliver Nance, Edgar Nance, I. J. Flowers and Abner Nash. The funeral services were attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends, and the floral offerings were numerous and beautiful.

Like a thunderbolt from a clear sky came the death summons. Deceased was in school the day he died, having returned home from school just a short time before his death. He ate dinner, after arriving at home, then went to the home of Mr. J. T. Barker, near by, and borrowed a grass blade and told his mother that he was going to cut some weeds about the back yard. Before starting to work cutting the weeds he sharpened the blade, a younger brother helping him. Deceased started to work cutting the weeds something like twenty-five yards from the house and had only cut a small place when a small sister heard him making a humming noise and looking saw him lying down on the ground, but thought that he had just lain down to take a rest. However, she went to him and took hold of him, and learning that something was wrong she called to a small brother, who went to the body and slightly moved it and called when he failed to get any response he said "The only thought his brother was 'putting on' to fool him. When he learned that the body was seemingly lifeless he called for his mother, who went to the body and called the young man by name, with no response. The mother then turned the body over and found that the face was purple. She at once sent a phone message for an older son, Mr. Clifton Blake, a clerk in the local postoffice, and told him to come at once with a doctor. Mr. Blake rushed to the home, accompanied by Dr. H. T. Pope, to find the body cold in death. Dr. W. L. Grantham was later summoned and both doctors pronounced the body lifeless. They pronounced the cause of death heart failure.

While the body was lying face down, the head resting on the arm, it is thought by those who viewed it that deceased didn't fall, but got to feeling so bad that he just lay down to rest. The body, however, was a few steps from where the grass blade was lying and the head turned towards the house.

Deceased is survived by his mother, Mrs. Sue Blake, two brothers—Mr. C. C. and Master Paul—and two sisters—Misses Annie and Lillian—all of whom live in Lumberton.

## Small Son of Mrs. Nannie W. Crump Died Friday Night.

D. Webb Crump, the two years and two months old son of Mrs. Nannie W. Crump, died at the home of his mother, about 1 mile east of town on the Whiteville road, Friday night at 1:30 after suffering for several weeks with diphtheria and complications. The child was first a victim of diphtheria and was thought to have rallied and gotten much better, but later suffered a relapse from which it never recovered. The funeral was conducted at the grave by Rev. W. R. Davis, pastor of East Lumberton Baptist church, assisted by Rev. Chas. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church at 4:30 Saturday afternoon and interment was made in Hollywood cemetery, near the home.

## Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Singletary.

Earl, 7-months-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Singletary, who live at the Jennings cotton mill, died yesterday morning at 3 o'clock.

## Mrs. J. S. Carterett

Mrs. J. S. Carterett, 38 years old, died at her home at the National cotton mill Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Deceased had been sick with pella for several months. The remains were taken to Clarendon, Columbus county, yesterday and interment was made there today.

## Old Time Darkey Passes.

"Uncle" William Cobbs, aged 76 years, an old-time darkey of the ante-bellum style, who was held in high esteem by many white friends, died at his home in Back Swamp township Thursday. He had been in ill health for some time.

## Recorder's Court.

But few cases were tried by Recorder E. M. Britt last week, only two being disposed of. These were Austin Walters, charged with shooting a quail. Judgment was suspended on the payment of cost. Cliff Taylor, charged with poisoning dogs. Judgment was suspended on payment of the cost.

## OUT BARKERS WAY

**School Opens First Monday in November—Sunbeam Society Elects Officers—Social and Personal.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton, R. F. D. 1, Sept. 25.—The weather is very cool nowadays and the farmers are busy getting ready for winter.

The Sunday school classes at Barker's church gave an ice cream supper Wednesday afternoon in honor of Miss Pattise Groves.

Sorry to report Mr. Jim White on the sick list.

The Young People's Missionary Society at Barker's is planning to have an entertainment sometime soon. The date will be given later.

Mr. Mac McNeill has accepted a position at Buie.

The Barker school will open the first Monday in November. Mr. West of Durham is teacher.

Mr. George McNeill attended the B. Y. P. U. at Ten Mile Sunday afternoon.

The Sunbeam Society at Barker's elected new officers Sunday: Miss Lena Russ teacher, Miss Maude Carter president.—Mr. Walter McNeill was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

Sorry to report Mrs. J. B. Underwood on the sick list.—Miss Maude Carter spent Thursday afternoon with Miss Bonnie Underwood.—Mr. Jim Barker spent yesterday in Lumberton.—Mr. E. F. McNeill spent Tuesday at Buie's station.

## BOARDMAN NEWS BATCH

Sold Last Year's Cotton at 10 Cents—New Residence at Fair Bluff—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Boardman, R. 1, Sept. 25.—Mr. C. J. Brownbridge, who has resided at Boardman for the past two or three years and was at one time connected with Butters Lumber Co. as assistant general manager, has moved away.—Miss Frankie Lennon of Bellamy has returned to Boardman and resumed work as saleslady in the store of Butters Lumber Co. Miss Lennon recently spent a few days at home on the sick list.

Mr. Geo. W. Brown sold his last year's cotton 30 bales, one day this week for 10 cents straight.

Mr. Brown has been doing very nicely since he returned from the hospital except one or two slight attacks and it is hoped by his many friends that he will regain perfect health.

Mr. D. F. McLean of Bladenboro made a business call to Boardman Thursday.—Mr. E. B. Wright and son Edwin spent Tuesday in Marion, S. C. Mr. Wright made the trip in his auto.—Mr. Pierce (Chub) Walters, who has been away on two months' vacation, has returned to Boardman.—"Daddy" Haynes, head machinist for Butters Lumber Co. was last reported as being on a hunting trip in Canada. Mr. Haynes expects to bag a moose before he returns.

Mr. Sam Scott of Boardman is building a nice residence at Fair Bluff.

## GADDYSVILLE NEWS

**Death of Mrs. J. M. Shooter—Personal Mention.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Gaddysville, (Fairmont, R. 1), Sept. 25.—Mrs. J. M. Shooter died this a. m. at 2:30. Mrs. Shooter had been an invalid for nearly 6 years. She leaves to mourn her demise a husband and ten children. The funeral will be conducted by Rev. H. H. Harrelson Sunday at 11 o'clock and interment will be made in the family cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Livingstone have arrived and are housekeeping in a building near the school building. Mr. and Mrs. Livingstone will teach school here this session. We are all glad to have a new neighbor in Gaddysville.

Mrs. Henry Williams is very sick.

## If You Did, Why Then You Should.

Mr. E. F. Lamb, who lives in Britt's township and who was in town Saturday, says he thinks the fellows who yelled out last fall and declared that they knew Wilson would cause cotton to go down in price should now give him credit for putting the price up. Mr. Lamb rightly thinks that the President had as much to do with putting the price up as he did with putting it down. However, he says he don't think he had anything to do with either, but rightly thinks the fellow who did think he put it down should now give him proper credit for putting it up.

"Saturday seemed more like it used to than any day in many" was the remark of a Lumberton merchant. King cotton plays a great part in ruling the South.

Misses Florence and Ruth Jackson went last week to DeLand, Fla., where they will be students at Stetson University.

12 1-2 Cents for Cotton in Trade. In Mr. A. Weinstein's page advertisement on page two of this issue where it is stated that he will pay 12 cents for cotton in trade the figure should be 12 1-2 cents. Mr. Weinstein will pay 12 1-2 cents for cotton in exchange for merchandise.

## COTTON AND COTTON SEED

The highest prices quoted on cotton on the local market today by other buyers than White & Gough is 11 cents the pound for middling and 11 1-4 cents for strict middling. Messrs. White & Gough are offering 11 1-8 cents for middling and 11 3-4 1-2 cash for strict middling. Messrs. V. D. Baker and Jno. T. Biggs are paying 45 cents per bushel for cotton seed on the local market this afternoon. At the local oil mill of the Robeson Mfg. Co. the price quoted this morning for seed was 42 cents. Reports received by The Robesonian from other seed markets in the county are as follows: Red Springs 45 cents per bushel; Maxton 45 cents off wagons, 48 in car load lots; Rowland 45 cents; McDonald 46 cents.

## BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Sanderson, Saturday morning, a fine boy.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Martin, early this morning, a fine girl.

—Mrs. W. P. McAllister returned Friday night from Hendersonville, where she spent several months. To the delight of her many friends her health has been regained.

—Messrs. E. J. Britt and H. J. Singleton, who had been practicing law together for some months, hereafter will practice separately. Mr. Singleton will continue to occupy offices with Mr. Britt over the Pope drug store.

—Mr. L. C. Parker left Saturday night for Baltimore, Md., where he spent yesterday with Mr. A. M. Hartley, who underwent an operation at Johns Hopkins hospital Friday. Mr. Parker intended to spend today in Richmond, Va., on business.

—Mr. L. T. Fisher, who has been keeping books for Mr. D. W. Biggs, proprietor of the Lumberton Furniture Store, has resigned to accept a position with the King Grocery Co. Mr. F. W. Grooms will succeed Mr. Fisher, both entering upon their new duties October 1.

—Mr. Rowland Britt and Miss Francis Bryant left yesterday for Hendersonville. Miss Bryant will remain at Hendersonville with her mother, Mrs. Mollie Bryant, who was recently taken there with the hope of regaining her health. Mr. Britt will return in a few days.

—Fairmont Messenger, 24th: Mrs. H. G. Stubbs returned Tuesday morning from Baltimore, where she underwent a slight operation at the Johns Hopkins hospital. The operation was entirely successful and she is improving fast. Dr. J. P. Brown, who went with Mrs. Stubbs, also returned Tuesday morning.

—Mr. R. M. Norment, formerly with the Columbia (S. C.) Record, who came home some time ago and is a patient at the State Sanatorium at Montrose, is spending a few days here at the home of his mother, Mrs. Maggie Norment. His health is greatly improved but he expects to return to Montrose some time this week.

—Mr. Major Garrell, who lives at the National cotton mill, is wearing a badly bruised left eye as the result of being hit with an ale bottle in the hands of Jesse Penny Saturday afternoon. It is said that the two men were tussling in a friendly manner when Penny became mad and struck Garrell without giving him the least of warning.

—Mrs. A. C. Tebeau and infant son, Lewis, of Hendersonville, are guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Whaley, Elm and Sixth streets. Dr. Tebeau has gone to California to look after some interests there, also with a view to locating in that State, and Mrs. Tebeau will remain here until he returns or decides about moving to California.

—Mr. Frank Gough left last evening for the Northern markets to purchase goods for the department store of Messrs. White & Gough, of which firm he is junior member. Mr. A. E. White, senior member of this firm, returned from the Northern markets only a week or so ago but they have run out of some lines and find it necessary to purchase more goods.

"Peg O' My Heart" the attraction booked for the local opera house Thursday night of this week, seems to have changed routes and given Lumberton the go-by, as no agent has yet appeared to arrange for its coming. But on Wednesday night of next week "A Pair of Sixes", one of the greatest high-class comedies on the road is expected to be here without fail.

The largest amount of wool from one sheep ever seen here was purchased Friday by Blacker Bros. from A. H. Hinds, who purchased the hide from Tom Wilkins' who lives on Jackson swamp, Wishart's township. From the tip of the nose to the end of the tail this sheep measured fully six feet and the wool weighed about 20 pounds. The wool was ten inches long and had the appearance of never having been clipped.

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