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SUMMARY OF THE WAR NEWS

Hard Fighting in All Theatres—Tensions Continue Progress in Serbia but Bulgarians Repulsed—Russians Having Success on Eastern Front—Germany Denies Reports of Readiness for Peace Proposals.

There has been hard fighting in the Serbian, Russian and Austro-Italian theatres and at least one attack of note in the Champagne region of France.

In Serbia the Austrians and Germans continue to progress everywhere but the Bulgarians have had to give way before superior forces in the Nsava Valley.

The Russians on the Eastern front are attacking at various points and successfully counter-attacking at others. Berlin admits that between the Swenton and Ilsen Lakes, in the Dvinsk region, Field Marshal von Hindenburg's forces had to withdraw and that the Russians occupied the villages of Mikulischk and Platonostka, taking numerous prisoners and several machine guns.

Near Novo Alexinze, the Austro-Germans were driven from their trenches, according to Petrograd, while near Semikowitz (Senikowez) in Galicia 5,000 Austro-Germans were captured.

In the region of Massiges, Champagne, the Germans penetrated some advanced French trenches in an attack preceded by a heavy bombardment.

Paris says, however, that elsewhere the Germans were repulsed with material losses. Artillery and mining operations have been engaged in on other points of the Western front.

The Italians are still bombarding heavily the Gorizia region of the Austro-Italian front and at several points have made infantry attacks. These attacks have been repulsed according to Vienna which says several Italian regiments lost half their effectives.

A news agency dispatch says Tchesmo in Asia-Minor, southwest of Smyrna, has been bombarded by four Entente torpedo-boat destroyers, which leveled the forts, the old barracks and a large part of the Turkish quarter.

The Russian Foreign Office in a statement just issued places on record that Russia is ready to recognize the territorial enlargements which Greece needs in Europe and Asia-Minor, as well as the justice of Romania's right to realize her National ideal. Russia still holds out to the ally branch to the Bulgarians and is ready to proffer a friendly hand to them when they take their place on the side of the Entente Allies.

The Persian Government has been notified by Russia that if Persia has concluded a special agreement with Germany and Turkey for the maintenance of Persia's integrity will be allowed to lapse.

The semi-official Overseas News Agency of Berlin denies as "pure invention" reports that Germany was disposed to prepare the way for peace negotiations.

ROBESON CHAPTER MEETS

Local Chapter U. D. C. Remits Money to Furnish Room in Ladies' Home at Fayetteville—Officers Elected.

The regular monthly meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was held at the home of the president, Mrs. E. K. Proctor, Tuesday, November 2.

The money for furnishing a room in the U. D. C. Home at Fayetteville was paid in and ordered sent at once to the State treasurer.

This being the time for election of officers, the following were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. E. K. Proctor, president; Mrs. J. H. Wickart, 1st vice president; Miss Penina Rowland, recording secretary; Mrs. R. E. Lewis, assistant recording secretary; Mrs. J. P. Russell, treasurer; Mrs. S. McIntyre, corresponding secretary; Miss Mary G. McNeill, historian; Mrs. L. T. Townsend, leader Children's Chapter.

Ladies Will Serve Dinner Daily Next Week at Court House

Ladies of Chestnut Street Methodist church will serve dinner daily in the commissioners' room at the court house next week, beginning Monday at noon. All who patronize these ladies will be sure of getting a good dinner and will be helping a good cause, as the money will be used for church purposes.

Maxton Man Bankrupt

Raleigh News and Observer, 3d. A. B. Croom of Maxton filed a petition in bankruptcy yesterday in the office of the clerk of the United States court. His liabilities are placed at \$10,185.42 and his assets are \$2,975 and various outstanding accounts due the petitioner, from which petitioner claims homestead exemptions.

Educational Rally at Sand Hill School Nov. 9

Correspondence of The Robesonian. There will be an educational rally at the Sand Hill school house in district No. 3, Wishart township, Tuesday, Nov. 9, beginning at 2 p. m. Prof. J. R. Poole, Dr. B. W. Page and Messrs. A. E. White and Frank Gough are expected to be present and address the people. Let everybody attend.

J. M. FLEMING, Teacher.

COUNTY SCHOOL MATTERS

Ten Per Cent. Additional Levied by State Has Not Been Added to Special School Taxes for 1915—Applications for Changes of Boundary Lines Between Districts Continued—Compulsory School Law Effective Nov. 15—Report of Industrial Work Among Colored People—Other Matters.

The county board of education held its regular monthly session Monday in the office of Supt. J. R. Poole, with the members of the board—Lucius McKee, chairman, T. L. Johnson and C. T. Fatt—being present. The following business was transacted:

A committee consisting of J. R. Poole and T. L. Johnson, heretofore appointed to investigate whether the auditor has calculated and added to the special school taxes of 1915 the ten per cent. levied by the State, reported that the auditor has not made this addition, owing to the fact that the regular tax receipts had already been written and that it would require a new tax receipt for every tax-payer in the special tax district.

An application was made by J. R. Floyd and E. C. Floyd to change the boundary lines between Barnesville and Marietta school districts so as to place their property in the Marietta school district, and it was ordered continued until the next meeting of the board; and parties interested were requested to see the committee and get them to sign an agreement for the changes in the boundaries.

Ordered that C. G. Stephens be paid \$1.05 for work on pump, district No. 4, Britts.

Superintendent Poole was instructed to keep a separate record of preferred applications for building and repairing school houses, for special information for the board.

Ordered that committee of district No. 1, Saddle Tree township, be allowed to pay \$98.64, out of district funds for lightning rods, this amount to be paid in three annual installments of \$29.88 each.

A petition was presented asking that a change be made in the boundary lines of district No. 7, Howellsville, and district No. 5, Wisharts, and same was ordered continued until the first Monday in December for further information; and Supt. J. R. Poole was instructed to notify the committee of each district.

Ordered that the compulsory attendance law, requiring a continuous attendance of four school months by all the children between the ages of eight and twelve, become effective Monday, the fifteenth of November, in all the schools in this county that are in session and to become effective the first day of schools opening later than this date.

Ordered that on account of not being able to secure a new building in consolidated districts 1 and 2, Indian, Burnt Swamp township, the children in these districts will be required to attend school in these respective districts as if no consolidation had taken place, until a building is erected that will accommodate all the children.

Ordered that J. B. Bowen be paid \$5 for extra work rendered board of education. Ordered that \$17.75 be paid The Robesonian for stationery and printing.

Ordered that W. S. Rozier be appointed school committeeman in district 5, St. Pauls township, in place of J. S. Rozier, who resigned; that Joe W. Branch be appointed school committeeman in district 4, Britts, in place of J. I. Stone, who has moved out of the district; that Roy Tyner and R. C. Purnell be appointed school committeemen in district No. 2, Burnt Swamp township, in places of E. Odum and J. L. Prevatt who have moved out of the district; that E. B. Sampson be appointed a school committeeman in district 2, Indian, Pembroke township, in place of Joe Sampson, who has resigned.

Ordered that 20 desks be ordered for district No. 5, Howellsville, provided the patrons pay one-half of the cost of same.

Charges being preferred against J. S. Oliver, school committeeman in district 1, colored, Sterlings, same were ordered filed and Supt. Poole instructed to notify said committeeman that a hearing on same would be had the first Monday in December.

The report of work done by M. D. Lennon, colored, for industrial work during the months of July and August, was presented and approved, and it was ordered that \$25.00 be paid for this work. Lennon is principal of the colored school at Fairmont. He was hired for six weeks but worked nine weeks, beginning work June 7 and continuing to August 14. In addition to the sum received from the county he received \$25 from General Education Board. He makes the following report of his work: Number of clubs organized—six girls' clubs with 47 members, six women's with 30 members, three boys' with 28 members, three general with 105 members; number of gardens cultivated, 30; estimated total acres under cultivation, 3; two had one-tenth acre and followed directions; forty-one cultivated tomatoes; six cultivated string beans; 722 quarts of corn; 1368 quarts of peaches, 42 quarts of apples, 943 quarts of blueberries; 72 glasses of jelly were made; \$40 worth of vegetables and \$34 worth of fruit were sold; 3 corn clubs were organized with 28 members and 14 acres under cultivation; one pig club was organized with 3 members and 4 pigs raised; one boy, with one-half

SIX HOUSES BURNED

Morning Fire Destroys Houses Occupied by Colored People On West Side of River—Loss About \$3,500, Partly Covered by Insurance—Was a Colored Man Burned to Death?—There Has Been No Trace of His Remains but How Did He Escape?

Six houses were totally destroyed by fire which started in the boarding house owned and operated by Mary Love, colored, at the west end of the old wooden bridge, Third street, Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock. Two of the buildings burned besides the Love building belonged to Mr. E. D. McNeill and were occupied by Rachel Rowland, colored, and Lillie Kelly, colored; one to Laura French, colored, who conducted a restaurant; one, a small store building, to Evan-der Moody, colored, and one to Robert McNeill, colored, in which he conducted a barber shop. The loss was about \$3,500. It is understood that all the buildings were insured. Quite a bit of the furniture was saved.

The fire started upstairs in the Love building and the fact that the old wooden bridge was torn up for repairs made it impossible for the fire company to get to the scene of the fire in time to save any of the buildings. However, the hose was carried across the river and connected with a hydrant near the corner of Elm and Third after the fire had made such headway that it was impossible to stop the flames, which had already practically covered the entire block of buildings.

A hose which had been connected near the town hall was all that saved further losses as sparks from the burning buildings set a residence belonging to Mr. A. T. McLean, corner Water and Fourth, in which Mr. Bert Edmund lives, on fire, also the old McNeill stables on Fourth street caught on top. The town hall would also have been in danger had it not been kept wet, as some cypress trees near the building caught in the top.

Was a colored man whose name no one in Lumberton seems to know burned to death in the fire? is a question that no one seems to be able to answer. Mary Love says that a colored traveling man went to her place after midnight Monday night and wanted to get a room and told her to wake him up the next day in time to catch the R. & C. freight train for Marion, which leaves Lumberton at 12:30 p. m., saying that he wanted to go to Proctorville. Mary says that the door to the room upstairs in which he retired was locked by the man himself (others say that Mary locked the door to keep the man from getting away without paying for his lodging) and that as soon as the fire, which started about the room where the man was supposed to have been sleeping, was discovered some two or three men broke out the windows in the room and made all the racket possible, but up on this writing no one seems to have seen the man, or any trace of him, unless some folks who work at the stables of Messrs. Beasley Brothers saw him pass the stables just before the fire was discovered. They say from the description Mary gives of the man he must have been the same one. All efforts to find any trace of the remains in the ruins of the buildings have been fruitless and many think that he left the building in due time. Mary doesn't see how he could have gotten out, and there is where the mystery hangs.

MR. OSCAR PAGE PASSES

Prominent Citizen of Marietta Section Succumbed to Long Illness Yesterday—Funeral Today.

News has been received here of the death of Mr. Oscar Page, which occurred yesterday at his home near Marietta. Mr. Page had been an invalid for some two years. The funeral took place from the home today at 12 o'clock. Among those who attended the funeral from Lumberton were Messrs. A. W. McLean, C. V. Brown and Q. T. Williams.

Deceased was never married. Mr. Page was one of the best-known and most highly respected citizens of the county and his death will bring sorrow to many hearts.

Superior Court Next Week.

A one-week term of court for the trial of criminal cases will begin Monday. Judge H. W. Whedbee of Greenville will preside. There are up to this time 61 cases on the calendar and perhaps others will be ready in time to be heard. Only one murder case will be heard, that against Jim Byrd, colored, who killed another negro near Fairmont some three months ago.

Among the Sick.

Mr. J. T. Barker went Tuesday to Wilmington to enter a hospital to have his eyes treated. Mr. Barker has been suffering with his eyes for some time and an operation is necessary. He expected when he left to have to stay in the hospital two or three weeks.

See Robesonian Representative at St. Pauls Saturday.

Happy Jack, of The Robesonian, expects to be at St. Pauls Saturday of this week for the purpose of writing receipts for any and all who wish to pay their subscription to The Robesonian, or any who wish to subscribe. Don't fail to see him.

acre in cane, made 41 gallons of syrup; people were assisted in other lines of work.

PARKTON PARAGRAPHS

Pleased With Chautauqua—Bridal Couples Return—Church News—Death of Mrs. Jerry Jackson and Little Dannie McDonald—Robeson County Stock Win Prizes at Cumberland Fair—Personal—The High-Dive City

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Parkton, Nov. 2.—It is somewhat of a puzzle just where to commence and where to end this letter, for if we were to give the Chautauqua justice we would occupy our allotted time and space in complimentary words in the highest terms. The Chautauqua started Friday evening and closed Monday night embracing four days with seven entertainments, and each one a rare treat. The lectures delivered by Dr. Reader, the platform manager, were the best we have ever heard, holding his large audiences spell-bound from one hour to one and half hours each lecture. He is undoubtedly the most eloquent and fluent orator ever come to our town. The other attractions were the same as were in Lumberton, or about the same and we feel safe in saying that we could justly reproduce The Robesonian's statement in regard to the benefit and high ideals of the Chautauqua. We can hear nothing but words of praise since its close, and we are glad to say that near fifty citizens have signed contracts for its return for another season. We felt from the beginning that our town was the smallest to give the good news.

To secure the Chautauqua, and to advertise it, but the town and surrounding communities operated nicely and while the receipts did not quite amount to the required sum, yet the committee did not suffer but a trifle, and we all feel proud of the success; for it was a success. If laughing is healthy we feel that our doctors will lose deal for some time for we all laughed plenty.

But we must not slight the latest brides and grooms. Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Fisher arrived Friday evening. An informal reception was tendered them at the home of the groom's father, Mr. W. T. Fisher. A number of the happy couple's friends were present and enjoyed the occasion. Refreshments were served. The above couple are quite popular and have many friends who extend hearty congratulations and wish for them a and prosperous life. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Johnson arrived Friday evening from their bridal tour and a reception was tendered them at the home of the parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Johnson. Only a few of the family's most intimate friends were present and all seemed to enjoy themselves very much. Guests received by Miss Pat Gaitley. Refreshments were served. The dining room was prettily decorated with yellow chrysanthemums and ferns. The many beautiful and valuable presents received attest the popularity of the happy couple. The following cities were visited on their bridal tour: Atlanta, Ga., Spartanburg, Toxaway and Washington, D. C. The above left this afternoon for their home in Florence, S. C. Mrs. A. C. Bridges of Wilmington, sister of Mrs. O. L. Johnson was among the guests and also left today for her home.

Rev. J. L. Jenkins filled the pulpit Sunday morning and preached another of his large sermons, which has received much comment, a very large congregation being present. Rev. L. S. Massey, editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, preached at the M. E. church Sunday night to a fair-sized congregation, preaching a very able sermon, and at the close of the services represented The Advocate and insisted on its circulation; also insisted that people should devote more of their time to religious reading.

Mrs. Jackson, wife of Mr. Jerry Jackson, aged about 75 years, died Sunday night, a mile from town on the Cobb farm and the remains were buried this morning at Ephesus church. Mrs. Jackson was sick for more than a year and was a devoted member of the Baptist church.

We report a couple of new babies as follows: born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Lancaster, Sunday morning, a fine girl; and Saturday evening we report the arrival of a pretty girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McMillan, the latter living on route No. 1.

Small grain is being put in in abundance all over the county.

Mr. J. F. Williamson arrived home Sunday evening from Raleigh, where he had been attending Pages School of Pharmacy.

Last week more people attended the Cape Fear fair than ever did before and report a great fair and a good time. We were pleased to see the blue ribbon won by several head of stock from Robeson county, some attached to some Jersey cattle, also poultry and some hogs owned by Mr. J. B. McCormick of our town. Also the two-year colt owned by a Pros-chason, two miles west of town, was wearing the tag of blue; and others we could mention, but space forbids.

Mr. S. J. Thomason, the cow man, who landed in town more than a week ago with a car load of Mecklenburg Jersey cows, only has about half dozen left.

The Robeson Association at Lumber Bridge this week will be well attended by Parktonians, you bet.

Little Dannie McDonald, whose illness was mentioned in our last letter, died in Rocky Mount Wednesday night and the remains arrived in Parkton Friday a. m. accompanied by

GADDYSVILLE GRIST

School Opened and the Best Ever Expected—Rev. W. S. Ballard Resigns Pastorate—Hunting Coons and Possums—Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Gaddysville (Fairmont, R. 1), Nov. 3.—School opened here this morning with extra good attendance with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Livingstone as teachers. Everything is being put in shape to make this one of the best schools that has ever been taught here. The school will be graded today and tomorrow and the grounds will be put in shape this week. A literary society will be organized just as soon as possible and we are all planning to make this school year one of the best, also do better than ever in the society work. The school has just enrolled in the State-wide debating union and the boys are planning to do some more of the "Best". In the near future some high-class entertainments will be given and you will be invited to enjoy yourself at Gaddysville graded school. For the last few years Gaddysville has borne the name of the best school and society and also famous for high-class clean entertainments, and it's going to better than the best this year. Watch and see.

Rev. W. S. Ballard of Cerro Gordo resigned his pastorate at Pleasant Grove Sunday. For seven years he gave the church his faithful service and no doubt the church will miss him for him to leave. But a called conference will be held and a committee was appointed to try to get him back next year.

Quite a number of our boys had the pleasure of a memorable coon hunt one morning last week and the results were they got the coon all right and got their clothes wet in the cold waters of Ashpole swamp besides. But the woods are in a ring of laughter and mirth in a race after the good old "possum, and always get the best results.

Those we have reported sick recently have improved a good deal, and on their way to recovery.—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Davis of Ionia were guests of the Misses Butler Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gaddy returned home Sunday afternoon after spending a while with Mrs. Gaddy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Pitman. Mr. E. E. Page of Lumberton spent Friday here on business.

W. V. B.

ST. PAULS NEWS PACKAGE

School O. K.—Meeting Closes—A Marriage—Mr. Neill McNeill Returns Home From Hospital

Correspondence of The Robesonian. St. Pauls, Nov. 3.—School seems to be progressing fine these days. Prof. E. C. Murray is principal and with his splendid corps of teachers seems to be doing excellent work. Miss Ethel Cobb is teaching at Rex this session. Miss Cobb bears the record of being a fine teacher and we wish her success in her new work.

Communion services were held at the Presbyterian church here the 4th Sunday. Rev. Jas. Murray, our efficient preacher, seems to be well liked by all in this community.

Mr. A. G. MacNeill and sister Miss Daisy, spent Saturday in town. Miss MacNeill will teach near Lumberton this year.—Miss Katie Groves Northrop, and grandmother, Mrs. Rich, are in Atlanta. They were to be gone 10 days or more.—Miss Mary McLean of Red Springs was in town Sunday. Miss McLean began her school work at Rozier's Monday.—Dr. T. L. Northrop, we are sorry to learn, has had to give up practice again on account of his health.

The meeting at Baptist church here closed last week with 10 additions. The baptizing took place at Odum's pond Sunday afternoon.

Mr. John Stuart Butler of this town and Miss Annie Jones of King Hiram were united in marriage last Monday week evening at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Herman Jones. Mrs. Butler is well known in this section as she has been a member of the graded school faculty here for the past 2 years and has a host of friends who wish her and her "newly wed" much happiness. Mr. Butler is one of our town's young attorneys and has made many friends since coming here.

Mrs. Maggie McEachern is spending this week at Mr. Monroe's, near Lumber Bridge.

Mr. Neill McNeill has returned home from Highsmith's hospital, Fayetteville, and seems to be much improved. Mr. McNeill was seriously hurt in an auto accident a few weeks ago and had a "close call".

Rev. J. J. Murray and Mr. A. R. McEachern attended the Synod last week.

his parents and grandparents and were carried to deceased's grandfather's home, Mr. F. Edwards, who lives just out of town, and were buried at 3:30 in the Parkton cemetery. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family in this sad affliction. Little Dannie was an exceptionally fine and bright boy three years old and was very much attached to his grandparents with whom he had made his home most of his life. Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald, the former twin brother of Mr. Dan McDonald, also of Rocky Mount, attended the funeral.

Messrs. Neill McNeill, J. C. D. McNatt and P. H. Fisher visited Lumberton today.

Our slogan—Parkton the high-dive city.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Beverly, at their home on East Fifth street, Monday night, a 12-pound boy.

—Born, Monday afternoon, to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McAllister, at their home on Chestnut street, a girl.

—Men who have been here a long time and have good memory say they have never seen more ideal weather for harvesting a crop than has prevailed during the harvesting season this year.

—License has been issued for the marriage of J. G. McPhatter and Emma Carter; Murphy Cashwell and Katie Jordan; Fairley Wilkerson and Bessie Ammons; Jas. A. Galloway and Bettilou Floyd.

—Rev. D. B. Humphrey, who lives on route 2 from Lumberton, brought to The Robesonian office Tuesday a persimmon as large as a large apple. It is of the Japanese variety and Mr. Humphrey says it tastes all right when it gets good ripe.

—The old wooden bridge across Lumber river at the foot of Third street is being torn away. It is expected that the bridge will be replaced. The bridge has not been in shape for vehicles to cross over it in some time.

—To be convinced that Robeson county has more real live young towns than any county in the State one only has to visit them. And one might be added to the list in time growing condition and taking advantage of the condition.

—Jno. Best, colored, from the State Hospital for Colored, at Goldsboro, came to Lumberton this morning to carry Ellison Page, colored, to the hospital. Page came from the Rowland section and seems very much crazy. He had been in jail here since Monday.

—During the month of October Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd took in \$131 from the sale of marriage license. To do this he had to dispose of 47 license at \$3 each. Perhaps some of those weddings would have been a year old had it not been for the low price of cotton last fall.

—Mr. Leon Edge, who lives in Howellsville township, had his left hand badly cut while working at a cotton gin, yesterday morning when he let his hand come in contact with the saws of the gin. Dr. N. A. Thompson was summoned and went to the home of Mr. Edge and brought him to the Thompson hospital, where the proper operation was made. Dr. Thompson says he thinks that all the fingers can be saved.

TUESDAY ELECTION RESULTS

Woman Suffrage Defeated in Three States—State-Wide Prohibition Defeated in Ohio—Other Results.

Press Summary.

The dropping of the majority against woman suffrage in Pennsylvania to approximately 50,000, and the failure of the Progressives to poll enough votes in the Massachusetts gubernatorial race to maintain their legal standing as a political party, are the outstanding features of the latest returns from Tuesday's State elections. Throughout yesterday the majority against suffrage in Pennsylvania, estimated at times as high as 200,000, decreased. This, with the additional news that twenty-five out of 67 counties in the State had carried for suffrage, gave its supporters great encouragement.

Although suffrage was defeated in New York, more than 500,000 votes were cast for it. The majority against was about 175,000.

In Massachusetts woman suffrage was defeated by a majority of 132,083, the vote being 163,406 for and 235,489 against.

In Ohio, State-wide prohibition was defeated by a majority estimated on almost complete returns from 30,000 to 40,000.

Other results of the State elections were:

Massachusetts—Samuel W. McCall, Republican, defeated David I. Walsh, Democrat, for Governor by a plurality of 6,606. Republicans gained one in the Senate and 16 in the House, both of which they control.

Maryland—Emerson C. Harrison, Democrat, defeated Ovington E. Weller, Republican, for Governor by a plurality of 3,504. Democrats retained control of both houses of the State Assembly.

Kentucky—Nearly complete returns gave A. O. Stanley, Democrat, a majority of 7,769 over Edwin P. Morrow, Republican, for Governor.

New York—Republicans elected William S. Bennett to Congress from a Democratic district, the 23rd, and also elected 98 of the 150 assemblymen.

New Jersey—Republicans recorded general legislative gains, which will give them control of the State Assembly on joint ballot.

Virginia—Fusionism in Norfolk county was defeated by straight out Democrats and Republicans added three or four representatives to the House from the only Republican district of the State.

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