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BRITISH STILL GAINING

Capture of St. Quentin is imminent--Battle of Arras Has Reached Most Stubborn Stage--British Are Cheered by Admission of German Paper of German Military Inferiority

The capture of St. Quentin is imminent. After heavy fighting the British have advanced within a few hundred yards of the town, which is of immense strategic importance and the objective of the latest offensive.

The British advance was less spectacular last week but they are gradually gaining. Their advance, coupled with the remarkable confession of the Berlin Vossische Zeitung, is cheering the Allies with the hope that victory is nearer than contemplated.

THE ROLL OF HONOR

These Have Answered Their Country's Call and Enlisted for Service--Messrs. Douglass McLean, Leslie Cashwell and Tom Collins left Saturday afternoon for Raleigh to join the U. S. navy.

Six young men of Rowland who had enlisted for army or navy service came to Lumberton Thursday afternoon and left Friday morning for Raleigh. They were: Thomas, son of Mr. Evander Bullock; Hugh Paisley, son of Mr. Alex Alford; Boyd, son of Mr. J. A. Johnson; Henry, son of Mr. H. H. Straughan; Stanton, son of Mr. Graham McKinnon; and Albert McLellan.

Mr. Albert Boylin has joined the U. S. army and left this morning for Fort Worth, Ky. Mr. Boylin made application to join the navy, but was not heavy enough to pass the examination.

HOUSE PASSES \$7,000,000,000 WAR REVENUE MEASURE

Washington Dispatch, April 14 Without a dissenting voice the House, amid plaudits of members and spectators in the galleries, today passed the \$7,000,000,000 war revenue authorization measure.

The two most important amendments, drafted by Representative Lenroot of Wisconsin, and accepted by the committee, would confine the proposed \$3,000,000,000 Allied loan to countries at war with Germany and permit loans only during the duration of the war.

The Senate is expected to pass the measure without opposition.

Bill Authorizing President to Take Over Public Utilities

Washington Cor., April 13, Greensboro Daily News. An administration bill empowering the President to take possession of and operate during the war with Germany all railroad, telephone and telegraph lines in the United States and to draft into the military service the employees of such utilities, was introduced in the house today by Chairman Adamson of the House inter-State and foreign committee.

Not since 1862 when Abraham Lincoln was given authority to commandeer railroads in "the suppression of the rebellion" has it been proposed to give the President such sweeping powers as are bestowed in the bill now offered.

Go to Charlotte to Open Recruiting Station

Lieut. Carl D. Moore, who has been in charge of the coast artillery corps which has been guarding the sub-station of the Yarkin River Power Co. for several days, left this morning for Charlotte, where he will open a recruiting station for the purpose of enlisting enough men to bring the company up to regular war strength.

GOOD ROADS MEETING

A good roads meeting will be held at the court house this evening at 8:30. The meeting Thursday evening was postponed to this time. Every advocate of good roads who sees this notice may take it as a personal invitation to him to attend this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Shepherd and two children of Boardman are among the visitors in town today.

Mrs. A. M. Freeman returned last evening from Bladenboro, where she spent several days visiting relatives. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Stone of Mt. Elijah are among the visitors in town today.

THE FINAL SUMMONS

Mrs. L. B. Blackburn Passed Yesterday--Her Sister Died Saturday at Wilmington and Both Interred in Same Grave--Both Victims of Tuberculosis

The funeral of Mrs. L. B. Blackburn, whose death occurred at her home, Third and Pine streets, yesterday morning at 2 o'clock, and that of her sister Miss Meta Pate, whose death occurred at her home in Wilmington Saturday morning at 8 o'clock, were held jointly at the grave this morning and interment was made in Meadowbrook cemetery.

The pallbearers were: Mrs. Blackburn--Messrs. A. E. White, D. D. French, L. T. Townsend, R. E. Lewis, K. M. Barnes, Jno. T. Biggs; Miss Pate--Messrs. A. P. Page, W. W. Carley, A. P. Caldwell, O. C. Deese, Foster Flowers, T. F. Barnes.

Mrs. Mary C. McKay Died While on Visit to Lumberton

Mrs. Mary C. McKay, aged 77 years, died at the home of Miss Jennie Hilliard in the eastern part of town Friday morning at 4 o'clock.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Wright J. Prevatt, Alex. Sessoms, Oliver Williams, Clyde Sessoms, Troy McWhite and Hardy McWhite. Interment was made in Meadowbrook cemetery. The floral offerings were most beautiful and covered the grave.

Mrs. McKay was the widow of the late James McKay and was well-known throughout this section and had many friends who were shocked to learn of her death.

NEGROES WILL HOLD BIG PATRIOTIC PARADE AND PICNIC

Big Occasion at Red Springs Friday of This Week--Every One Urged to Carry the Grand Old Flag

A big patriotic parade and picnic will be held at Red Springs, Friday, April 20, 10:30 a. m. Hundreds of men, women and children will assemble at the colored school and form in line and march down Main street to the A. M. E. Z. church grove, where some very distinguished men of both races will deliver addresses of a patriotic nature.

Let every man, woman and child carry Our Flag--the Stars and Stripes. We know no other. Show your stand by falling in line with the leading men of our race, remembering that to defend this country is to defend ourselves.

If you desire to defend the principle of right, show your side now. We have our family troubles but no outside man shall interfere.

Every great man of your race is falling in line and carrying the flag that floats over the best country in the world--the United States of America.

Get your flag, get it now. J. C. BAGGETT, Prin. Red Springs Colored School, Red Springs, N. C. April 14, 1917.

Superior Court

The two weeks' term of civil court closed Friday morning and Judge Geo. W. Connor, who presided, left Friday for his home at Wilson. The only jury trial after the report of the proceedings published in Thursday's paper was written was that of Aaron Weinstein vs. Stephen Putney Shoe Co. The case was not suited by the judge. Notice of appeal to the Supreme court was given.

Two School Districts Vote Special Tax Smyrna school district, R. 4 from Lumberton, voted Saturday a special tax of 25 cents on the \$100 worth of property and 75 cents on the poll. Meadow school district, near Lumberton, voted on the 7th inst. a special tax of 15 cents on the \$100 and 45 cents on the poll.

\$5.00 IN GOLD FREE

Given Away Free to Readers of The Robesonian.

Readers of The Robesonian are invited to get ready to compete for a prize of \$5.00 in gold, which will be offered to the readers of the "Buy-at-Home" campaign on page 8, which commences this issue and runs four consecutive issues.

It will be easy for someone. The plan is simple and easy. The Buy-at-Home campaign page will run for four issues. It will contain a large number of business cards, and each issue of the campaign some letter will be dropped from several of the cards. At the end of the series a sufficient number of letters will have been dropped to form the title, name and country of a prominent leader in the European war.

The first person to form this leader's name and name each advertiser in whose card a dropped letter occurred and file the proper answer at the office of The Robesonian after the publication of the fourth installment will be awarded the gold. Look out for the first appearance of the page today. All the missing letters will be indicated by hyphens. Keep right up with the page until the last day, but remember you must be quick on the home run or somebody else will.

This is for the general public and no one connected in any manner with The Robesonian will be eligible to compete. As may be surmised, it is absolutely necessary for each and every reader who intends competing to read the advertisements through with great care, for it is the little hyphens which count. When the hyphen replaces a letter, that is one letter in the great man's name. It is going to be easy if a certain amount of attention is paid to every little detail. Otherwise, the chance is small.

And after reading the advertisements, their message should be borne in mind for the merchants are doing business in Lumberton and are spending considerable of their money right here. The same thing should be practiced by the shoppers.

It is unnecessary for The Robesonian to tell its readers that it favors trading at home, first, last and all the time. This paper has advocated keeping our dollars sticking close to the home base ever since it was established. In season and out, "Trade-at-Home" has been our slogan. That The Robesonian's efforts along this line have not been fruitless is the belief we hold. It is our purpose to continue to keep this slogan before Robeson county people all the time.

It is hardly necessary to take up space here in an endeavor to impress our readers with the fact that the dollar which goes away to the mail order house never comes back. All know that. It is generally known also that the mail order house pays no local taxes, contributes nothing to help maintain local institutions. What the mail order house gets goes down into the mail order house's jeans and there it stays, so far as the local merchant or citizen ever knows.

In a town not a thousand miles from Lumberton, and but a little larger, a large mail order house sold \$5,000 worth of its goods during a week's exhibit. The things sold were almost if not entirely without exception, articles sold by local merchants. That \$5,000 has gone from that town for good. In all probability not a cent of it will ever come back.

What would have been the result had that amount been spent with the local merchants? In the first place the purchasers would actually have gotten more for their money. In the next place, whatever of the total amount represented profit would have been spent with other local institutions and would have remained to work day after day in the community.

Every merchant in Lumberton and in Robeson county should use his utmost influence to counteract the baleful influence of the mail order house. One of the best ways, in fact the very best way to do this is to advertise your business in season and out of season. Of course you must keep what the people want and demand. Then let them know you have it. The mail order houses spend millions of dollars in putting their attractiveness designed and printed catalogues and other advertising matter into the homes of the people even in the remotest communities. How can the local merchant hope to successfully combat the enterprising mail order concern unless he uses every means of putting his business before the people from whom he expects to draw trade?

It was for this purpose--to help the merchants combat the mail order houses that The Robesonian secured the services of William London, an experienced newspaper man and an expert in handling "Trade-at-Home" advertising to put on a campaign in Lumberton for two weeks, the first issue appearing on page eight today. Oh, of course, we get paid for it. It is not a matter of philanthropy on our part. But we give the merchants their money's worth and give them the benefit of a lot of special appeals in the editorial and news columns to the consumers to trade at home for which the advertiser does not pay. We want the people to trade at home because by so doing we profit along with the merchants and other business men. At the same time we do not

WILMINGTON PROPHETS COMING TO LUMBERTON

Members of Sepa Grotto Will Invaade Lumberton on the 25th Inst. Will Run Special Train to Lumberton

The following from the Wilmington Star of this date will be of special interest to Lumberton readers: "Lumberton, North Carolina, United States of America, will be very much on the map on Wednesday, April 25th, when 200 Wilmington Prophets, members of Sepa Grotto, No. 79, are scheduled to invade that enterprising and progressive town for the special purpose of enlightening a few score of neophytes into the light of good fellowship.

"In order that the invasion of the place may be made in a way befitting and becoming, a special train will be chartered, which will leave Wilmington promptly at 10 a. m. and return at such time as it pleases the Great Mokanna. However, it can be safely assumed that the Prophets will get back some time about midnight of the same day as the special ceremonial will take place in the early evening.

"Prophets Newman and Brown are preparing for a rousing reception at Lumberton for the Prophets of the lower Cape Fear and for some others, too, who are not yet so "wise". There will be a large assortment of "Kandy-Dates" on hand to be initiated. A grand street parade will be one of the features while the neophytes will be put through some special exhibitions. "Lumberton is looking forward to this day with anticipations of great joy and the Wilmington Prophets will do all in their power to spread the sunshine of good fellowship upon virgin soil. "On to Lumberton" is the cry.

The grotto bears the same relation of the Blue lodge of Masons as the shrine bears to the higher degrees. The Sepa of Wilmington is the only one in North Carolina. It puts on a ceremonial twice a year, spring and fall. It is going to put on this special ceremonial here to promote good fellowship among master Masons. Messrs. J. P. Newman and C. V. Brown are the only members here.

TEACHERS WILL MEET AT RED SPRINGS APRIL 21

Last Meeting for Year of Robeson County High School Teachers' Association

The last meeting for the year of the Robeson County High School Teachers' association will be held in the Red Springs graded school building Saturday, April 21.

Several matters of importance will come up at this meeting, among them being the election of officers and the adoption of the uniform course of study for the county. This course of study has been prepared by the committee in charge and if adopted will be printed in bulletin form and put in the hands of the teachers at once. It is earnestly desired that there be a good attendance of the teachers of the county. Make a special effort to be present!

EFFIE NEWTON, Pres. High School Teachers' Association. (Other papers of the county are requested to publish.)

School Closing at Beulah April 18

To the Editor of The Robesonian: Please announce through your paper that the school exercise at Beulah (Wishart No. 1) will begin at 10:30 a. m. instead of at 2 p. m., April 18. Rev. Mr. Greaves of First Baptist of Lumberton will speak at 11 a. m. The school exercise will be in the afternoon. Everybody invited. I. F. BRITT, Lumberton, N. C. Apr. 14, 1917.

Miss Marie Thompson, who is a student at Flora Macdonald College, Red Springs, spent the week-end here visiting relatives.

Dr. R. S. Beam will leave tonight or tomorrow morning for Asheville to attend a meeting of the State Medical association. He expects to return Friday.

hesitate to say that we firmly believe it is the bounden duty of every merchant to join in every movement that comes along which has as its object the combatting of those things that are endeavoring to pull our dollars away from us, and the merchant who does not get his money's worth out of such a movement as this is to blame himself. The paper is doing its part of the work and even more.

Turn to page eight of this issue and read the Trade-at-Home advertisements there. You will find the advertisements of The National Bank of Lumberton. White & Gough. Planters Bank & Trust Co. The Wishart Co. Dr. William W. Parker Grantham Bros. Hotel Lorraine DuBois Bakery A. Weinstein's Dept. Store Pastime Theater Newman's 5, 10 & 25c Store Bell & Jordan The Style Shop J. D. McMillan & Son L. H. Caldwell Miss Josephine Breece Lumberton Marble & Granite Works The Lumberton Bargain House Lumberton Motor Car Co. Lyric Theater

MARIETTA NEWS MATTERS

Meeting of the G. W. Club--Personal Mention

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Marietta, April 14--Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Purvis of Orrum are spending the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Parham.

Mr. C. B. Oliver, a student at Trinity college, spent a few days with home folks the past week. Mrs. L. L. Mims, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Kate Hill, has returned to her home in Florence, S. C.

Mrs. W. T. Jenrette, who recently underwent a serious operation at the Thompson hospital, was able to return home Sunday. Her many friends are glad to have her home again.

Miss Kate Page, who is teaching at Orrum spent the week-end at home. Mr. and Mrs. Harris DuBose of Fork, S. C. are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Parham.

Mr. Chas. Page left the past week for Charlotte where he goes to take a business course. Mr. Wilbur Spivey has accepted the position with the Marietta Supply Co., formerly held by Mr. Page.

Among the Lumberton visitors from Marietta Friday were Messrs. J. S. C. A. S. M., and Carl Oliver, J. J. and C. T. Page, W. T. Jenrette, Leon Henley and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Oliver.

The last meeting of the G. W. club was with Miss Sallie Connelly. The guests were met by the hostess and shown to the living room. After the business meeting and current events, a delightful hour was spent with fancy work. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Change of Schedule Effective Yesterday

The change of schedule whereby the Virginia & Carolina Southern morning passenger to Hope Mills will make connection in Lumberton with the east-bound Seaboard passenger from Charlotte and also at Hope Mills with a train to Fayetteville, mentioned in The Robesonian last Monday, went into effect yesterday. V. & C. S. train No. 64 will leave Lumberton at 10:05 instead of 10:25, as formerly, and will arrive at Hope Mills at 11:10, making close connection there with the train from Bennettsville to Fayetteville.

Officials of the V. & C. S. have been working on this change for some time. It gives a schedule that will accommodate the public in the best possible way. There can be no kick on the way in which the V. & C. S. makes connection with other roads.

Suspect Who Was Arrested at Fairmont Released

The suspect with many aliases who was arrested at Fairmont last Tuesday and brought to jail here, an account of which was published in Thursday's Robesonian, was given a hearing before Recorder E. M. Britt Saturday and released. It was learned that he was not the man who escaped from the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., some time ago, and there was no evidence sufficient to hold him. As was told in Thursday's paper the suspect gave several different names and had some tools with him. He refused to talk after he had been arrested. He testified Saturday that he was a clock mender. It developed that the man had a loathsome disease.

Tabernacle School Closes April 20--Concert Thursday Night

Correspondence of The Robesonian. The high school at Tabernacle will close Friday, April 20. There will be a declamation and recitation contest Thursday evening April 19. Medals will be given to the winners in each contest. A concert will be given Friday evening, April 20.

Manager Wishart will have on show at the Lyric this afternoon some animals brought from Mexico by members of Co. A. N. C. Engineers, who are stationed here. There is a coyote in the bunch, and other animals about which you have heard and read, but which perhaps you have never seen will be found.

There will be an important meeting of the Lumberton Farm Loan association Friday at 11 o'clock at the court house. L. E. BLANCHARD, Secretary-Treasurer.

Miss Elizabeth Breece, teacher of the fourth grade at the graded school, spent the week-end with home folks at Fayetteville, returning last evening.

Mr. R. C. Odum of Lumberton, R. 6, was in town Saturday.

Mr. A. R. McEachern of St. Paul is a Lumberton visitor today.

Mr. W. C. Prevatte of Buie, R. 1, was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

Miss Mable Singletary of Richardson was in town a few hours Friday. Mr. A. W. Harrington and daughter, Miss Anna Belle, and son Mr. Hoyt, of R. 1 from Marietta are among the visitors in town today. They were accompanied by Miss Roma Harrington of Sanford, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. Harrington for several days. Miss Harrington will spend some time here visiting at the home of Prof. and Mrs. J. R. Poole, Elm street.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

Mr. E. L. Whaley has accepted a position in the department store of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son.

Miss Ida Blake left this morning to take a training course in the James Walker Memorial hospital, Wilmington.

Mrs. W. T. Jenrette, who recently underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital, was able to return to her home at Marietta yesterday.

The Wake Forest College Glee club and orchestra will give an entertainment in the local opera house Thursday night of this week, beginning at 8:30.

License has been issued for the marriage of W. A. Norton and Verrie Clewis; Leamon J. Hadaway and Hettie McShaw; Norfleet Mann Giggs and Rosa McMillan.

Miss Hettie McShaw and Mr. L. J. Hattaway, both of East Lumberton, were married in Mr. J. A. Branch's store, Chestnut street, Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Justice Eli Phillips officiated.

Mr. W. C. Townsend of Lowe was a Lumberton visitor Friday. In paying up his subscription Mr. Townsend remarked that he has been taking the paper for 40 years, beginning in 1877, when he got married.

Misses Maggie Pittman and Jeanette Biggs left Saturday for Raleigh to attend the Duckett-Mullis wedding in Raleigh Thursday of this week. Mr. Ira B. Mullis, the groom to be, will go to Raleigh tomorrow.

Mr. Grover T. Page, who travels for the Gulf Refining Co., will not be transferred to Jacksonville, Fla., as he had been advised by his company. He will continue to work this district and make Lumberton his headquarters.

The fire company was called out at 1:15 this afternoon on account of some leaves catching fire in a gutter at the home of Mrs. Jno. D. McMillan, Cedar street. The fire was extinguished before any damage had been done.

Miss Irene McLeod spent the week-end at Bladenboro visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bridger, Jr. Miss McLeod gave a recital at the Presbyterian church at Bladenboro Friday night for the benefit of the church.

Mr. "C" Wishart recalls that this section was visited by a big snow storm on April 14, 1870, just 47 years from Saturday of last week. And all can remember how cold it was on the 14th of this blessed April, 1917.

Mr. W. H. Watts of R. 1 from Orrum was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Mr. Watts told a Robesonian reporter about a sow belonging to Mr. C. G. Stephens, who lives near Mr. Watts, giving birth to 16 pigs recently. The pigs were all alive. Don't talk anymore about high-priced meat.

Miss Lucy Haskitt of Kinston, who is a student at Flora Macdonald college, Red Springs is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Varner, East Fifth. Miss Haskitt delighted the large congregation at the First Baptist church last night with a solo. She will return to Red Springs tomorrow.

Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Grantham arrived Friday night from their former home at Rome, N. Y., and are boarding at Mrs. Essie McLean's, North Elm. Mr. Grantham has accepted a call to the Episcopal churches here and at Red Springs and Maxton. He preached yesterday morning at Trinity church here, at Red Springs in the afternoon and at Maxton last evening.

Mrs. Lizzie G. Proctor expects to leave Thursday night for Boston, Mass., to witness the graduation exercises of her daughter Miss Lillian, who graduates from the Leland Powers school of expression next week. She will be accompanied as far as New York by Miss Maude Watson, superintendent of nurses at the Thompson hospital, who will attend a meeting of the National association of trained nurses.

Charlotte News, 11th: Sergeant John W. Hitchison, of the Fifth Coast artillery, a squad of which is doing guard duty at Lumberton, is at home today on leave of absence to attend to personal business. He will return to Lumberton tomorrow morning. "We were never more royally treated anywhere in our lives than we have been at Lumberton," Sergeant Hitchison said today, "and the boys are enjoying their outing very much."

Three car loads of war material belonging to Company A, N. C. Engineers, arrived here this morning and is being unloaded. As has been stated in The Robesonian, this company, which is composed of 85 men, is stationed here and will make this headquarters. With the other stuff which is being unloaded today is a prairie dog and some other Mexican animals which the soldiers brought back from the Mexican border.

A strange negro tried to cross the Seaboard railroad bridge across Lumber river about 10 o'clock last night and when ordered to halt by one of the soldiers guarding the bridge he became frightened and got faster. After he had been ordered to halt three or four times and refused the soldier shot above his head and he then stopped. After he had been released by the soldiers he used his feet very freely in getting away from that particular spot, it is said.