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PREPARE FOR LONG FIGHT

Hope of Short Struggle Has Gone Glimmering With Apparent Almost Complete Collapse of Russian War Machine

Washington Dispatch, July 25.

No attempt is made here to minimize the seriousness of the situation in the war theatres in Europe. The United States is in the war and will go through with it; but any hope of a short struggle has gone glimmering with the apparent almost complete collapse of the Russian war machine.

The development was not unexpected by many army officers. When the offensive of July 1 was started by the Russian forces, the most frequent comment heard here was that it was probably the dying kick of the old Russian machine.

For the United States, the Russian collapse may have an immediate and direct bearing. It will, if the German general staff presses its advantage, release additional German forces to bolster up the Western front where American troops will be engaged. The German line in the West has not been seriously impaired at any point, officers believe. They do not claim to know the situation all along the battle front, but they are unable to see that the British and French wrested from the Germans any key position of such importance that it can be used next year to hurl the enemy back.

It has been noted, in fact, that the one strategic advantage gained in recent fighting was gained by the Germans. Many officers here believe that when a small sector of the British line in Belgium was overwhelmed and its defenders nearly all captured or killed the Germans improved the situation on their weakest front materially. That view is based on the opinion that the only hope of decisive attainments for the allies in the West lies in rolling up the German right flank, where it reaches the sea in Belgium.

If that could be done, it is argued that the U-boat bases could be stamped out and the only offensive instrument of the Germans be eliminated entirely or made ineffective.

The big question is whether it can be done. It would require combined army and navy operations on that part of the Belgian coast held by the Germans, for it would be necessary to force a landing behind their line and force the whole right flank back from the sea as a result.

The price of a victory of this nature against the U-boats and German shore batteries probably would be appalling, and there is nothing to indicate that the effort is being seriously considered at the present. However, many army men, both here and in Great Britain, favor some such desperate attempt to bring the struggle to a conclusion.

Reports received from France give no cheering picture of what must be done. There appears to be no doubt that the allied line can stand against any force Germany can bring against it. Even the Russian disaster does not affect that situation. But to gather the necessary strength for a successful offensive will take time and ample sea transportation facilities if the United States is to furnish the needed surplus of men, airplanes, munitions and food.

N. G. NOW IN FEDERAL SERVICE

After August 5 Whole Force Will Be Drafted Into U. S. Army—Guard Regiments Probably Will Be Hurried to France

Washington Dispatch, July 25.

The entire national guard of the country, with the exception of troops from California and the Southwestern States, was in the Federal service tonight under President Wilson's call.

The remaining units will be brought in August 5, on which day the whole force of probably 300,000 men will be drafted into the army of the United States and will lose its status as militia. From that day on the State troops can be used for any duty the President may direct and will be subject to no limitations that do not apply to the regular army. The first increment of the guard was called out ten days ago. Those called today in the second increment embrace New England, Middle Western and Northwestern States and several Southern States. Probably more than 150,000 men went on the Federal pay roll.

With Federalization of the entire force complete after August 5th, the ranks of all regiments will then be filled up to full war strength from men of the selective draft lists.

There have been many things to indicate that guard regiments which are now fairly well equipped and which have the benefit of the border mobilization will not be held long at the divisional training camps. If transportation is available, the best of the State troops may be hurried to France at once, stopped only for

SUMMARY OF THE WAR NEWS

Russians Still Deserting in Spite of Entrance of Women Soldiers into Battle—Crown Prince Abandons Attempt on Aisne Front

Even the actual entry of women soldiers into battle on the Eastern front has been insufficient to imbue the ranks of the recalcitrant Russians with patriotism. They are still deserting in large numbers in Galicia, leaving a virtually free road open for fresh advances by the Germans and Austro-Hungarians.

From the Baltic to the Black Sea only at one point along the line in the southern Carpathians have the Russians risen to the occasion and shown some of their old fighting spirit. Here, fighting shoulder to shoulder with their Rumanian allies, they have attacked and captured several villages from the Germans and broken the heavily fortified Teuton line on a wide front.

In Galicia, the precipitate retreat of the Russians continues almost everywhere from the Carpathian foothills to the region around Tarnopol, the government apparently not yet having had time to put in force its strong repressive measures which Mr. Kerensky, head of the government, has promised to apply in order to stay the retreat.

Nadorna, in the fringe of the foothills, Stanislaw and Tarnopol and numerous smaller towns have been approaching the important railroad junction of Buczacz, which lies some 30 miles east of Halicz. The German emperor was an observer of the battle on the Sereth front and saw his men put down the only effort of movement that was made to hold them back—an attack by the Russians between Tarnopol and Trembowla.

Since the penetration of the German lines on a wide front near Krevo, in which the "command of death" composed of women, took a notable part, despite which large numbers of the Russians ignominiously retreated to their old harassment by the enemy, the Russians have not stirred from their trenches to face the foe.

The hostilities on the Aisne front, where for weeks the Germans have wasted men by thousands in ineffectual attempts to break through General Petain's front, have ceased and only artillery duels are in progress now. Early Wednesday morning witnessed one of the last attempts of the crown prince to gain his objective. This was on the Californie plateau, where an attack was completely repulsed.

The Germans have been successful in winning 200 yards of trenches from the British east of Monchy-le-Preux, which they had bombarded violently for several days past. In the capture of the position the enemy again resorted to the use of liquid fire. Along the front of Northern Belgium the heavy artillery duel continues, but as yet there has been no sign of either the British or the Germans starting an infantry attack.

Three Women and a Man and the Dog to Be Sure

A Dickens of a little pet dog caused one man and three women to spend the day in Lumberton yesterday when they had intended to journey on to Charlotte. Three women and a man, and be sure to mention the dog. The captain even stopped the train. The people were late in getting to the station and the train had started. The conductor stopped the train after it had pulled up a bit and when he told the lady the dog could not go that way, that he it or she would have to be expressed, the entire party decided not to go until they could make arrangements, decently and in order, to have his dogship travel in state. Wherefore, three women and a man and a dog had the chance of their lives yesterday to spend a day in the best town to be sure.

TOBACCO PRICES CONTINUE HIGH

Nobody Ever Before Saw Such Prices as Tobacco is Bringing—And the Beauty of it is That Prices Seem to Be Advancing

There have been more big breaks at the local tobacco warehouses this week and prices continue high. The market has advanced every day since the opening. First primings which two years ago sold for \$4 and \$5, sold yesterday for \$19. Second primings which sold two years ago for around \$8, sold for \$24.50.

Everybody is happy over the high prices.

This is proving a big week on the Fairmont market also. Tuesday 300,000 pounds of tobacco were sold there for around \$100,000. Prices continue high there.

Final outfitting before they sail. The intensive instruction to fit them for trench warfare will be given at the American training camps in France where General Pershing's regulars already are at work.

LOCAL SELECTION BOARDS

District Boards Are the Exemption Boards—Preparations Going Ahead for Actual Mobilization of National Army

Washington Dispatch, July 25.

Preparations for actual mobilization of the national army went ahead here today while the local selection boards in many parts of the county began summoning for examination the men who will compose the force. There are numerous details to be worked out before those summoned can be actually transferred to the military establishment and sent to their training cantonments. It is believed now that a considerable number will have been finally selected and will be awaiting the call to the colors before August 1. Practically the entire force will be ready by the time the sixteen cantonments are ready early in September.

Provost Marshal General Crowder, under whose jurisdiction the selective draft men will remain until they are transferred to books of the adjutant general as soldiers, pointed out today that the local boards actually are selection, not exemption boards. Their primary purpose, he said, was to select from registered men those qualified for military service. The men they turn away after examination will be rejected, rather than exempted, because of physical disability or dependents. The exemption boards proper are the district boards, who have power to say whether the work a man is doing at home will be more important to the government than his services as a soldier.

When local boards certify any man to the higher boards for service, the man becomes a soldier and subject to soldier law. It will be the duty of the provost marshal general from that time on to see that he complies with all army orders affecting him, and also to turn him over to the army authorities when he is called to the colors.

Quotas from the various districts probably will be assembled at their district headquarters when the call comes. Whether they will be turned over to an army officer there and taken to their cantonment or whether one of their number will be placed in charge to conduct them to the cantonment has not been decided.

RECORDER'S COURT

Husband Objected When Dusky Dame Wanted to Leave—Charged With Stealing Suit Case

Troy Rhodes, negro, made a scene at the union station about 7 o'clock yesterday morning when the dusky dame who had sworn to be his partner for life essayed to depart on the west-bound Seaboard passenger with her mother for Hamlet. Troy objected strenuously and prevailed, for the wife did not go, but in doing so he created enough disturbance so that Chief McLeod gave him a free ride up town and to jail in his auto. When the case came up before Recorder Britt later in the day his honor said that it was a quite unusual occurrence among the colored, and he dismissed the case.

One Boss Locklear, Indian, got off the east-bound Seaboard passenger at Moss Neck Tuesday night early with another man's suit case and as a result his rest was disturbed about 4 a. m. the next morning, he was brought to jail, and Recorder Britt bound him over to court under \$200 justified bond. The suit case belonged to Mr. Jas. Stephens of Councils, who was on his way home from Baden. He had \$300 worth of notes and other paper in the case and \$6.45 in money. It is alleged that Locklear watched the white man as he dozed and slipped the suit case out at a favorable moment, leaving his own. Mr. Stephens missed his case before reaching Lumberton and got off here. Sheriff R. E. Lewis, Deputy Sheriff Arch Prevatt and Rural Policeman Eli Phillips got busy but had a hard time finding the man. They had mighty little clue to go on. The thing that finally led them to the right place was the fact that Locklear got off the train with a one-legged man. They found Locklear about 3 miles north of Moss Neck, about 4 a. m. yesterday, and got back to Lumberton about 5 a. m. Locklear claims that he took the other man's suit case merely by mistake. Everything was recovered except the money and some razor blades, and it is claimed that Mr. Stephens is mistaken about having those things in the case.

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MARIETTA NEWS MATTERS

Death of Little Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Purvis of Orrum—Canning Demonstration Well Attended—Social and Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Marietta, July 25—Mr. Henry Page, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Page, Mrs. Capers Oliver and Master Shepard Page of Lyons, Ga., have been visiting relatives here for several days, making the trip here in an automobile. All except Mrs. Page left Monday for Lyons. She will be here for some time longer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Oliver, Misses Rachel and Helen Oliver, Messrs. I. M. Paul and Benj. Oliver, Homer Bowles and Wilmer Spivey spent a few days of last week at Lake Waccamaw.

Mr. Homer Bowles of Hickory, who had been visiting his sister Mrs. W. M. Oliver for the past ten days, left Monday for his home.

Miss Lizzie Oliver of Winston-Salem came Sunday night and will spend several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Oliver.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Purvis in the death of their little daughter, Lois Neal. Those from here going to Orrum to attend the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Henley, Misses Ada and Eva Henley, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Henley, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Parham and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Henley. Mrs. Purvis is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Henley. Miss Ada Henley, who is still with Mrs. Purvis, is expected home this week.

Miss Elizabeth Sellers of Sellers spent a day or two of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Oliver.

Among those from here who attended the Ford reunion at Lakeview were Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Oliver and family, Mrs. Jane Oliver and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Oliver, Miss Viola Watson, Messrs. Jackson Ford and Daniel Page.

Mrs. Ollie Page of High Point has been a guest for several days in the homes of Messrs. Timothy and G. S. Page.

Mrs. Mary Graham and children have returned to their home at Bennett after a visit to the home of Mrs. Graham's sister Mrs. Timothy Page.

Messrs. J. S. Oliver, J. J. Page, Paul Oliver and Miss Rachel Oliver spent Tuesday in Fairmont and Lumberton.

The G. W. club had one of the most delightful meetings of its summer series Saturday afternoon, when the members were entertained by Miss Lannie Oliver, Mrs. W. H. Oliver of Raleigh being the guest of honor. Effective decorations in the national colors together with potted plants and cut flowers were used. After the minutes were read and the roll called, the club enjoyed a very pleasant social hour. In playing rummy Mrs. T. C. Parham made the highest score. The Edisson furnished additional pleasure throughout the afternoon. Delicious refreshments, beautifully carrying out the color scheme, red, white and blue, were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. W. H. Oliver. These present besides club members were Mrs. W. H. Oliver, Misses Alice Page and Leone Hill.

Prof. W. T. Jenrette returned Saturday from Chapel Hill, where he attended the university summer school.

The canning demonstration here last Friday was well attended. Miss Rhyne seemed delighted at the interest and amount of canning our women are doing.

BUIE AND PHILADELPHUS NEWS

Protracted Meeting Going On—Shipping Melons—Raising Stock for Cotton Mill at Red Springs—Roads in Bad Condition—Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Buie, July 25—A protracted meeting started here Sunday and will continue through the week.

Messrs. J. W. Glover and R. A. Melvin are spending the day in Fayetteville.

Miss Neng Rhyne left this morning for near Maxton.

Lots of watermelons and cantaloupes are being shipped from here this season.

Mr. Sam Jackson and daughter, Miss Irene, spent the week-end at Dunn.

Messrs. James McLeod, James McMillan and Lacy Prevatt spent Friday evening in the Harmony section.

Miss Ruby Melvin is spending a few days at Buie visiting her father, Mr. R. A. Melvin.

We are glad to report Mrs. J. W. Glover improving.

Dr. J. S. McMillan was in town yesterday getting up stock for cotton mill which is to be built at Red Springs in the near future. He is having no trouble in securing subscribers, already having near \$100,000 subscribed.

Roads are in bad condition through here, and in other places, on account of so much rain.

FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER

Movements of the People—Ladies Aid Social—"Silver Circle" Entertainment

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, July 25—Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Stokes of Pinetop are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pittman.

Mr. Tom Grayard and daughters, Misses Donnie and Alice, were Fairmont visitors Wednesday.

Mr. Clem Thompson of Maxton spent Tuesday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Thompson.

Mrs. Grady McCormick of Rowland spent a few days here with her mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Taylor.

Mr. F. Grover Britt of Lumberton has been spending a few days in our town. Mr. Britt is local reporter for The Robesonian.

Mrs. H. H. Bailey and children left Monday for Gaddys mill, where they will visit Mrs. Bailey's mother, Mrs. J. M. Gaddy.

Mr. William Bryce of Wallace spent the week-end with his brother Mr. C. B. Bryce.

Little Miss Essie Johnson of Barnesville is visiting Mrs. L. E. Ricks.

Mr. Cam Blue, member of North Carolina national guard, of Goldsboro, spent Monday in town visiting his brothers, Messrs. H. L. and F. L. Blue.

Mrs. F. H. Pittman delightfully entertained the Ladies Aid society of the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 6:30. The hall was beautifully decorated in roses and nasturtiums, while the parlor was decorated in red roses. Mrs. Sledge, president, being absent, Mrs. O. I. Floyd, vice president, presided. Pine-apple sherbet and wafers were served by Misses Gussie Mitchell, sister of Mr. Pittman, and Miss Estelle Pittman. The invited guests, besides the members were Mrs. D. R. Mitchell, Mrs. E. G. Mitchell, and Mrs. Ellington. The society decided to have a recipe meeting for the purpose of changing recipes at the home of Mrs. L. E. Ricks Wednesday afternoon at 4. All the ladies in town are invited.

Mrs. A. L. McDaniel entertained a "silver circle" Tuesday afternoon. Guests were met at the door by Mrs. McDaniel and Mrs. O. A. Reeves. A very interesting "garden contest" was one of the features of the afternoon. Mrs. Claud Floyd winning the prize, a lovely bouquet of flowers. Vocal solos was rendered by Mrs. Tapscott and Mrs. Harvy Davis, which added greatly to the pleasure of the afternoon. Forty-two ladies were present and \$5.25 was realized which will be used toward helping pay for the new carpet for the Methodist church. Mrs. McDaniel served cream and nabiscoes.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. F. C. Jones, Tuesday, August 7th. All the ladies are invited to go and carry a "dime".

Rev. B. E. Standfield left Monday morning for Reidsville, where he will conduct a meeting.

RED SPRINGS NEWS ITEMS

Porch Party Given by Alumnae Association—Personal Mention

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, July 25—Mr. and Mrs. John T. McNeill and John T. Jr. of John Station are visiting at the home of Mr. Will Roberts.

Miss Kate McLean left Wednesday for Goldsboro where she will visit her brother Mr. Harry McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. William Horne and children of Fayetteville are visiting Mrs. Horne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Callahan.

Mrs. S. B. Carpenter of Cedar Hill and Mrs. W. B. McClendon of Ansonville are visiting their sister Mrs. S. R. Townsend.

Mrs. T. C. Rogers and mother, Mrs. John G. Brown spent Tuesday in Fayetteville.

Misses Catherine and Louise Dixon are spending a while at Montreat.

The Alumnae association gave a very attractive porch party at hotel Red Springs Tuesday evening from 8 until 11 o'clock. There were twelve tables very artistically decorated, each one representing a month of the year. Something characteristic of each month was cleverly carried out at each table. July, with a miniature soldier, flags and firecrackers; the June bride, the May pole, will give some idea of the attractiveness of each.

At one end of the porch a pretty gypsy told fortunes in a very mysterious-looking tent. The "picture gallery" was a very popular. Each guest was asked to name different pictures and a prize was given to the one guessing the most. Delightful cream and cake were served.

This is one of the many attractive entertainments that the local alumnae association will give during the summer.

Berlin, via London, July 25—The British submarine C-34 has been sunk by a submarine, it was officially announced today. The sole survivor was taken prisoner.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. Archie E. Barnes left last week for Petersburg, Va., to begin work on the government cantonment being erected at that place.

—Mr. G. W. Mercer, who resigned his position with Mr. Jno. T. Biggs a few days ago, left this morning for Petersburg, Va., where he expects to accept a position.

—Mr. Alex Fleming of East Lumberton got the ends of two middle fingers on one hand cut off last night in a machine in the Lumberton cotton mills. Dr. T. C. Johnson dressed the wound this morning.

—Work of replacing old pipe with heavy iron pipe to the old gully off Elm street goes on apace as it is probable that the excavation across Elm street goes on apace and it is the past week, will be filled in in a few days.

—Mr. Richard M. Norment, who went last week to Columbia, S. C., to work on The State newspaper as reporter, has returned home on account of trouble with his eyes. He hopes to be able to return to work in a few days.

—Rev. H. A. Grantham, pastor of Trinity Episcopal church here and of the Episcopal churches at Maxton and Red Springs, will leave Monday for Brooklyn, N. Y., where he will have charge of services in a hospital during his month's vacation.

—Lumber river, which reached here yesterday the highest point it has reached this summer, has begun to fall and if the glorious sunshine and let-up of rainfall holds for a few days it will be back inside its accustomed channel again. Here's devoutly hoping.

—Mr. C. R. Monroe of Tar Heel, who was a Lumberton visitor yesterday, brought to the editor from his father, Mr. W. M. Monroe, who is The Robesonian's correspondent at Tar Heel, a box of the most delicious and beautiful apples. A rare gift that is appreciated.

—Mr. R. M. Phillips of the Globe Swamp section, down Boardman way, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday. He thinks that corn is better this year than last but that cotton in his section perhaps has already been damaged more by wet weather than it was damaged last year.

—Mr. Lum Edwards, who lives near Old Kingsdale, had to kill a mule Friday night of last week as a result of the mule falling through a bridge on a road near Proctorville. The mule broke his right front leg when the bridge broke through. Mr. Edwards says the mule was worth around \$150.

—Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Page and small child left yesterday for their home at Mount Olive after a visit here at the home of Mr. Page's father, Mr. E. E. Page. They were accompanied by Mr. Page's sister, Miss Lizzie May Page, who will go to school at Mount Olive, of which town Mr. Page is chief of police.

—Mr. Colin H. Phillips received yesterday a letter from home folks in Edinburgh, Scotland, in which he was advised that his brother Lieut. J. M. Phillips, who had been in a hospital in London since May suffering with a sprained knee, had been brought home and was in an Edinburgh hospital, still unable to walk.

—Local Odd Fellows were advised last night of the death at Asheville of Mr. P. P. Greene who moved to Asheville with his family from Lumberton about a year ago. Mr. Greene suffered greatly with his head for some time prior to leaving Lumberton. Particulars of his death have not been learned. He and his family had many friends in Lumberton. He was a brother of Mr. J. P. Greene of Wrightsville Beach.

—Miss Elizabeth Dexter of Elizabeth City, who was a bridesmaid in the McIntyre-Stack wedding a week ago and has since been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Brown, will leave tomorrow evening for New York, thence she will go to Boston and later to the coast of Massachusetts until time to return to Lumberton for the opening of the fall term of school. Miss Dexter is teacher of the first grade in the graded school.

—Record of Vespe's Sunk London Dispatch, July 25.

Twenty-one British vessels of more than 1,600 tons each and three of less than 1,600 tons each were sunk last week by mines or submarines, according to the weekly admiralty report on shipping losses. One fishing vessel was also sunk.

The announcement of the British admiralty given above shows an increase of seven vessels of more than 1,600 tons sent to the bottom as compared with the report of the previous week when fourteen were sunk. In the smaller category the loss is one less than that given in the report of the previous week, while there was a falling off by seven in the number of fishing vessels sunk.

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