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LIBERTY BOND RALLY

Patriotic Speeches Delivered at Court House Last Evening—Subscriptions Still Short of What is Expected of Robeson—Time-Up Saturday Night.

Reports available before going to press show that Robeson county still lacks nearly \$127,000 of having subscribed the amount allotted in subscriptions to the Liberty bond issue.

Subscriptions close Saturday night of this week. A tremendous drive is necessary to bring the county up to its allotment and save it from the humiliation of failing to do its part in this crisis.

Subscriptions have been reported as follows from the ten districts into which the county has been divided, first figures showing the amount subscribed, second figures showing the amount allotted to each district:

St. Paul \$19,050—\$15,820; Pembroke \$5,500—\$5,320; Red Springs \$24,150—\$45,000; Parkton \$3,000—\$11,620; Maxton \$30,000—\$93,940; Rowland \$45,250—\$40,320; Fairmont \$19,200—\$20,300; Proctorville no report—\$4,620; McDonalds \$2,900—\$3,500; Lumberton \$164,450—\$200,000. Total subscribed, \$311,600; total allotment, \$438,440.

Yesterday was observed as a holiday by the banks of Lumberton and men actively connected with the banks spent the day in soliciting subscriptions to Liberty bonds.

Last evening at the court house a Liberty bond rally was held. A fairly good crowd attended, though nothing like as large a crowd as should have been present.

In spite of all that has been printed and spoken about the duty of buying bonds, and the personal work that has been done, there is a discouraging lack of appreciation of the seriousness of the situation on the part of many people.

At the rally last evening speeches were made by Representative H. L. Godwin, who was here only between V. & C. S. trains, J. J. Goodwin, S. McIntyre and H. E. Stacy.

Each of the speakers urged the imperative duty that rests upon every person who has or can get the money to buy a Liberty bond and stressed the awful calamity that will surely follow failure to support the government with money in this crisis.

Mr. Godwin declared that every one in this country either is on the side of America or on the side of Germany; there is no middle ground; you will either support the government by lending it your money or you are a slacker, a deserter, a disgrace and a shame.

Selected men have gone to do their duty, and it is as little as those who remain at home can do to subscribe of their means, stand by the soldiers and support the cause, a cause as holy as freedom.

Mr. Goodwin, who has done much personal work in soliciting subscriptions, reported what has been subscribed, and emphasized the certainty that if the people do not lend the government the money it needs that they will have to furnish the money through taxes—and you don't get interest on a tax receipt.

Mr. McIntyre emphasized the fact that farmers and others of the South so far have only seen the good results of the war, in high prices for what they have to sell, but that evil results were sure to overtake this land and that sooner or later the people would wake to the awful mistake they made if they do not support the government.

FRENCH MAKE GAINS

French Under Petain Struck Mighty and Unexpected Blow—Germans Heaviest Losers in Gulf of Riga.

French forces of General Petain struck a mighty and unexpected blow against the German line northeast of Soissons Tuesday morning, says the press summary, and made some of the most important gains of terrain since they threw back the army of the German Crown Prince which was besieging Verdun.

The stroke was made over a front of about six miles from the east of Vauxaillon to Pargny-Filain. Under rainy and generally unfavorable weather conditions, the French pushed forward all along the line, aided by audacious aviators who flew over the German positions at an altitude of about 150 feet, using their machine guns, and penetrated the German line at one point to a depth of two and one-fifth miles.

Numbers of important positions fell one by one into the hands of General Petain's men and in addition more than 7,500 Germans, an enormous amount of war material and 25 heavy and field guns were captured.

This is declared to have been one of the most cleverly conceived and most brilliantly executed actions of the war. More than 1,000 prisoners belonging to the famous 5th Prussian guards were taken. The French troops smashed through the German lines north of the Aisne to a depth of more than 2 miles at one point, inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and captured more than 7,500 prisoners and 25 heavy guns and field guns.

Germans Heaviest Losers in Gulf of Riga. The latest advices concerning the naval activity in the Gulf of Riga between the Germans and the Russians show that although the Russians lost the battleship Slava and a large torpedo boat destroyer, the Germans were the heaviest losers.

Two of their dreadnoughts, cruiser, 12 torpedo boats, one transport and numerous mine sweepers were put out of action by the Russian fleet. While the exact fate of these vessels has not been ascertained by the Petrograd government it is announced that at least six of the German destroyers were sunk.

NO REST DURING WINTER. Winter is Not Expected to Halt—Great Allied Drive Against Germans in Flanders—Troop Movements in U. S.

Military experts at Washington do not expect winter to halt great allied drive against the Germans in Flanders. Secretary Baker's weekly review of war operations, issued Monday night, discloses the belief that potency of material and men will enable the British and French commanders to triumph over natural obstacles and continue forcing the enemy backward without waiting for spring.

The review touches for the first time upon the American expeditionary forces in France declaring the men, after three months of intensive training, are in efficient fighting trim and splendid physical condition.

In dwelling upon the importance of the battle of Flanders and its effect upon the morale of the Germans, the war secretary declares it apparent that the German high command planned the recent expedition against the Russians in the Riga sector in order to bolster up morale and meet impending internal difficulties. By extending her lines in the East, he adds, Germany has merely added to the length of her lines of communications and increased confidence in the final allied victory.

In concluding the report Secretary Baker says: "An interesting summary of troop movements in the United States shows that since the present mobilization began 914,195 persons have been transported by the railroads for the War Department of whom 256,815 were transported in standard or tourist sleepers, the remainder in ordinary day coaches."

This vast movement has been conducted by the railroads of the country without a single serious accident and the co-operation between the railroads and the department has been most cordial and effective.

Escaped Italian Tells of Terrible Conditions That Exist in Germany. Washington Dispatch, Oct. 23.

An Italian workman interned in Germany since the beginning of the war has escaped through the Alps to his own country with a report that the German people want peace and expect it to come in November. Official dispatches received here today tell the man's story, according to which the Germans have abandoned hope of victory at arms. Laborers are threatening to leave the factories if the war continues another winter and the civil population generally is living under terrible conditions.

He said eight hundred soldiers attending a circus at Essen were killed at one time by bombs of allied aviators.

DRAFT SUBJECTS

Change in Machinery of Selective Draft—Registrants Divided Into Classes in Order of Eligibility for Military Service.

A sweeping change has been made in the machinery of the selective draft, based on division of the 9,000,000 remaining registrants into 5 classes in order of their eligibility for military service. It is calculated to do away with virtually all the complicated machinery of the first draft and to make the operations of the local boards little more than rubber-stamp proceedings.

The classifications are as follows, and show every man registered, to which class he belongs and in what order the different classifications will be called to service:

- Class One. 1.—Single man, without dependent relatives. 2.—Married man (or widower with children), who habitually fails to support his family. 3.—Married man dependent on wife for support. 4.—Married man (or widower with children) not usefully engaged, family supported by income independent of his labor.

Class Two. 1.—Married man or father of motherless children, usefully engaged, but family has sufficient income apart from his daily labor to afford reasonably adequate support during his absence.

Class Three. 1.—Man with foster children, dependent on daily labor for support. 2.—Man with aged, infirm or invalid parents or grandparents dependent on daily labor for support. 3.—Men with brothers or sisters incompetent to support themselves, dependent on daily labor for support. 4.—County or municipal officer. 5.—Firemen or policemen. 6.—Necessary artificers or workmen in arsenals, armories and navy yards. 7.—Necessary custom house clerk. 8.—Persons necessary in transmission of mails. 9.—Necessary employes in service of United States. 10.—Highly specialized administrative experts. 11.—Technical or mechanical experts in industrial enterprise. 12.—Highly specialized agricultural expert in agricultural bureau of State or nation.

Class Four. 1.—Married man with wife and children (or widower with children) dependent on daily labor for support and no other reasonably adequate support available. 2.—Mariners in sea service of merchants or citizens in United States. 3.—Heads of necessary industrial enterprises. 4.—Heads of necessary agricultural enterprises.

Class Five. 1.—Officers of States or the United States. 2.—Regularly or duly ordained ministers. 3.—Students of divinity. 4.—Persons in military or naval service. 5.—Aliens. 6.—Alien enemies. 7.—Persons morally unfit. 8.—Persons physically, permanently or mentally unfit. 9.—Licensed pilots.

U. S. Will Not Purchase Mexican Silver Money. Negotiations under which this government had agreed to purchase six million Mexican silver pesos from the Mexican government to be melted and coined into subsidiary coins were declared off Monday. Mexican representatives were understood to have signified their acquiescence on the arrangement but acting under instructions from Mexico City they presented new phrases which resulted in the withdrawal by the United States of its offer.

The necessity for such a purchase has passed. It was proposed because the mounting price of silver threatened to reach the minted value, but the market price now has fallen below that which was to have been paid Mexico.

Graded School Badly in Need of Funds. The graded school is badly in need of funds to meet current expenses and Mayor Proctor asks the Robesonian to urge those who are friends of the school and believe in education to pay their town taxes at once. Two per cent. discount is allowed for prompt payment.

DAY OF PRAYER. President Wilson has issued a proclamation appointing next Sunday, October 28, a day of prayer for the success of American arms in the war.

THE LIBERTY LOAN

Attention, people of North Carolina! Open hearts! March! Your President has called on you. Your Governor has appealed to you. Your boys, soon to be in the trenches, are turning wistful eyes to you. They bear your names; shall they not in their equipment bear abroad unequal evidence of your love? Open pocket-books! Double time! March!

The winters in France are cold. Are you willing for these plucky boys to shiver for lack of dollars to be converted into wool and warmth? Your table knows no lack. Can you stand for our sons abroad to have less abundance? Our boys have to shoot. Are you willing for them to fire with obsolete guns? Artillery pays the way for every infantry attack and saves an untold number of lives. Shall our Tarheel lads have to rush into battle without the protective barrage of thousands of splendid guns and well-timed shells? Flying machines reveal enemy plans and guide every movement of our arms. Shall they not be so gladly and generously furnished that they will hover like a protective cloud over the sons of our homes? Brave men will drop from wounds and sickness. Shall they perish for lack of hospitals equipped with every healing art to nurse them back to robustness? Crossing the ocean is dangerous unless convoys encompass the transports. Shall attending convoys not be multiplied until our troop-ships sail through guarded lanes?

To supply this clothing, food, guns, cannon, hospitals, flying-machines, ships, money, money, money is quickly needed. Let us not love our dollars more than our boys. Let us out of our abundance or out of our sacrifice provide an equipment worthy of the magnificent manhood and proud annals of our loved country. Act this hour.

Grasp pens! Draw checks! March! Joseph G. Brown, Raleigh; Alan T. Bowler, Raleigh; Chas. E. Johnson, Raleigh; Dr. D. H. Hill, Raleigh; H. M. Victor, Charlotte; L. L. Jenkins, Asheville; E. P. Wharton, Greensboro; W. S. Blakey, Monroe; W. E. Borden, Goldsboro; A. M. Dumay, Washington; W. A. Hunt, Henderson; J. Elwood Cox, High Point; B. S. Jerman, Raleigh; E. C. Duncan, Raleigh; T. B. Crowder, Raleigh; J. A. Gray, Winston-Salem; Geo. A. Holderness, Tarboro; J. V. Grainger, Wilmington; J. C. Braswell, Rocky Mount; W. L. Marshall, Wadesboro; J. B. Blades, New Bern; W. G. Gaither, Elizabeth City; J. F. Wiley, Durham. CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

MINOR COURT CASES

Number of Cases Disposed of Before Recorder Britt—One Before Justice McKenzie.

The following cases have been disposed of by Recorder E. M. Britt: J. C. Manning, driving auto on streets at night without dimmers; judgment suspended upon payment of cost. Geo. Aultsby, embezzlement; not guilty. Mary Speight, vagrancy; not guilty. Clean Council, colored, assault upon his wife; prayer for judgment suspended upon payment of cost. The defendant testified that she had given her husband several "lickings" and would have given him one on the occasion which caused the suit had she been expecting the attack. Dewey Evans, colored, assault upon Pearl McDowell, also colored, with a "razah"; not guilty. Curtis Jones, Indian, retailing; not guilty. Dock Rozier, colored, drunk; judgment suspended upon payment of costs. W. G. Stephens, reckless driving of automobile; judgment suspended upon payment of cost. Willie Mack, colored, larceny; not guilty. Flora McArthur and Cleve Thompson, colored, fornication and adultery; not guilty. Willie Mack and Perl McDowell, colored, fornication and adultery; judgment suspended upon payment of cost. The defendants agreed to marry and were married accordingly. Alex. Rollers, assault; judgment suspended upon payment of cost; malicious mischief, not guilty.

Furman Freeman was fined \$25 and cost on the charge of assault by Justice M. G. McKenzie Monday afternoon. Freeman was also charged with cursing on the streets. Judgment was suspended upon payment of cost in that case. The evidence was that Freeman assaulted Tom Locklear, Indian, at his place of business, West Fourth street, Saturday night.

Blockade Stills Captured in Hoke. Hoke County Journal. Within the past few months Sheriff Hall and Deputy Sheriff Cockman have captured two real good copper stills and four iron ones. These latter mentioned were as large as barrels.

Last Saturday morning when Dr. G. W. Brown, Messrs. Make McKeithan and Max Heins were chasing a fox around the headwaters of Rockfish creek, somebody got to messing with their dogs and broke up the chase. They found a still running with a fire under it and all such as that, so they put out the fire, tore down the beerstands, spilled out hundreds of gallons of beer and demolished the plant in general, and brought the still, a good copper one, on to town with them and turned it over to Sheriff Hall since. Three cheers for Brown, McKeithan and Heins.

Ennis Johnson of Wilmington, formerly a member of the headquarters company of the 2nd N. C. regiment, has been sentenced to 5 years in the Federal prison at Atlanta after a trial by court martial at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., for the murder of Private J. H. Potter, also of Wilmington. The killing occurred in a tent on the Mexican border last March following some difficulty between the two men.

38,000,000 Men Are Under Arms. At least 38,000,000 men are bearing arms in the war—27,500,000 on the side of the world Allies and 10,600,000 on the side of the Central powers, according to latest War Department compilations from published reports in various countries. These figures do not include naval personnel strength, which would raise the total several millions.

Against Germany's 7,000,000, Austria's 3,000,000, Turkey's 3,000,000 and Bulgaria's 3,000,000, are arrayed the following armed forces: Russia 9,000,000; France 6,000,000; Great Britain 5,000,000; United States more than 1,000,000; China 541,000; Rumania 320,000; Serbia 300,000; Belgium 300,000; Greece 300,000; Portugal 200,000; Montenegro 40,000; Siam 36,000; Cuba 11,000; and Liberia 400. San Marino and Panama also have small forces under arms.

SEE ROBESONIAN REPRESENTATIVE

"Happy Jack," of The Robesonian, will be at Rowland Saturday of this week for the purpose of writing receipts for renewals and new subscribers to The Robesonian. If you owe the paper, anything he will be pleased to receipt you for the amount and if you would like to subscribe for the only semi-weekly paper in the county—one that gives you all the county news—see him.

ST. PAUL NEWS PACKAGE

Red Cross Auxiliary Doing Good Work—Tom Thumb Wedding Friday Night—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. St. Paul, Oct. 23—Miss Effie Smith, sixth and seventh grade teacher of the St. Paul graded school, has been real sick for the past week. We are delighted to state she is improving.

The St. Paul Red Cross auxiliary is doing splendid work. We have about 100 members and the next time you hear from us we will be a chapter. On next Friday night, October 26, beginning at 8 o'clock, at the school auditorium a Tom Thumb wedding will be given by the first grade. It will be full dress affair with thirty attendants in all, with decorations and ceremony appropriate for the occasion. Admission 10 and 15 cents. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the school.

On the same night, following this, will be a public debate, given by four of the high school students. Several St. Paul folks took in the State fair at Raleigh. Among these were Misses Loise Boone, Ruby Melvin and Mrs. J. F. Nash.

We are glad to report that Mr. Frank McDonald, who was seriously injured at the Johnson Lumber Co. a few weeks ago, is improving.

Mr. J. A. Coley of Red Springs was in town today.

Consumers and Manufacturers to Blame for Sugar Shortage

Blame for the present sugar shortage north of Savannah and east of Pittsburg is placed squarely on consumers and on manufacturers of candies and other sweets, by the Food Administration.

In a statement Saturday the Food Administration said that had its recent request for the curtailment of the use of sugar been heeded present conditions would not exist and it again warned the people to economize until new supplies are available.

As a preliminary step for conservation of sugar against a further shortage, the Food Administration sent out a telegram urging reduction of sales to candy manufacturers. The warning was sent to all the sugar distributing agencies of the country notably the American refiners committee of New York and the sugar distributing committee of Chicago, which handle cane and beet sugar respectively.

British and French Gain All Objectives in New Offensive

British and French forces in Belgium Monday delivered another attack against the German front northeast of Ypres and captured all their objectives, consisting of many strong positions. The offensive was launched southeast of Poelcapelle and northward along the southern border of the Houtholst forest. The fighting front covered a distance of about a mile and a half, with the French operating on the northern and the British on the southern end. Near Poelcapelle the British drove on beyond their objectives and gained important ground. The French troops took the southern defenses of the Houtholst forest and in addition a series of fortified farms.

The attack began, as usual, early in the morning, after a heavy bombardment of the German positions and apparently the Allies met with only slight resistance. The gains of ground were quickly made and afterward there was only a feeble reaction by the German artillery.

Governor Bickett on the U. S. Liberty Bond

There was a Liberty bond exhibit at the State fair. In his address at the opening of the fair last Tuesday Governor Bickett had this to say about the thing that made up that exhibit: "This is the first time such an exhibit has ever been seen at any fair in the United States. It is something entirely new under the sun. This exhibit has in it more of strength than the lordly head of the herd and more warmth than the fleece of the learned of the flocks. It will carry you farther and faster than the fleetest steed of the olden time. It is the soul of Hanks and sustain you longer than the fattest porker in all the land. There is in it more of solid comfort to the inner man than in possum and potatoes and more of juicy sweetness than in all the apples for which our first ancestors threw Paradise away. It is absolutely free from the uncertainty that racks nerves and from the taxes that make the grasshopper a burden and mourners go about the streets. It will add to the glory of youth and to the grader of age. In it you can hear a cannon roar to save a little child and see ten million men leap forward to die that others may truly live. It is preferred stock in the 'Gem of the Ocean,' it is star dust from Old Glory. It is the soul of the Red, White and Blue. It is the happiness of all lands, the safety of all seas. It is a United States Liberty bond. Buy one and live forever in your own esteem and in the love and gratitude of a world you helped to save."

200,000,000 pounds of sugar cane were contracted for yesterday by the American Sugar Refining Co. and will begin moving northward next week to relieve the serious shortage of the Eastern States, says a Washington dispatch.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Quite a number of Lumberton people are attending the Cape Fear fair at Fayetteville today.

—Miss Wiley Rawlings has accepted a position in Messrs. White & Gougeon's department store.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Luther M. Huff and Ruby Stubbs; A. M. McLaurin and Anna Pearl Stubbs.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. L. M'White have recently moved from Bladenboro to the National cotton mill village, West Lumberton. Mr. M'White has accepted a position at the National mill.

—Harley Adams and Anna Russ, colored, were married in the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd here yesterday afternoon at 3:30 of the clock. Justice M. G. McKenzie officiated.

—Justice M. G. McKenzie did a rushing business performing the marriage ceremony from Saturday noon to Monday noon. During that time he married four couples, all reported in Monday's Robesonian.

—Mr. E. M. Musselwhite, of the medical department of the U. S. army, stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia, arrived this morning and will spend a few days visiting homefolks. Mr. Musselwhite has a brother soldier in England.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Glover returned last night from Columbia, S. C., where they attended the South Carolina State fair. Mr. Glover says the poultry exhibit at the Robeson county fair last fall was much better than was the poultry exhibit at the Columbia fair.

—Mrs. T. A. McNeill, Jr., and Master H. A. McAllister, 7 1/2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McAllister, underwent operations Tuesday morning for enlarged tonsils. Dr. J. D. Murphy of Wilmington performed the operations. Both are getting along nicely.

—There have been many cold feet at the union passenger station recently because of the fact that no arrangements have yet been made there for passengers waiting for the trains to warm. As several people have been heard to remark, it's getting time to warm up the waiting rooms at the station.

—In a letter to The Robesonian Mr. H. C. Blackwell, formerly of Lumberton, states that he has been transferred from the position of business secretary of the army Y. M. C. A. at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., to that of camp supply clerk. Mr. Blackwell took a special course in Y. M. C. A. work before going to Camp Jackson.

—Mr. T. A. Norment, Jr., returned home Monday night from Gastonia, where he went two weeks ago, on account of his 10-year-old son, Dick, being struck by a train and seriously injured. As has been stated in The Robesonian, the child's right arm had to be amputated at the shoulder and his right foot just above the ankle as the result of being struck by a train while crossing the railroad track at Hendersonville, where he was in school. Mr. Norment says his son is getting along well.

—Mr. and Mrs. Angus H. McLean of Vera Cruz, Mexico, who had been guests since Thursday of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean, left Monday evening for New York, from which city they came to Lumberton. As has been stated in The Robesonian, Mr. McLean is a son of the late Hector E. McLean, who was born and raised in Robeson and was a brother of the late Col. Neill McLean, Sr. Mr. McLean's mother was a daughter of Gov. Murphy of Alabama, and her ancestors also lived in Robeson prior to 1825.

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