

SUMMARY OF WAR NEWS

Germans and Bolsheviki Will Confer Sunday for Purpose of Negotiating Armistice—Entente Allies Give No Heed to Overtures—Italians Are Holding Their Own.

Sunday next has been set by the Germans as the date for a conference with the Bolsheviki leaders for the purpose of negotiating an armistice. The arrangement followed a visit of representatives of the Bolsheviki to the German military authorities on the Teuton side of the fighting front in Russia. The Germans apparently gave quick acquiescence to the proposal of the Russians for an armistice looking to an ultimate peace, for only a few hours intervened between the visit of the Russians to the German line and acceptance by the Germans of the proposition made to them.

While the negotiations are expected to embrace an armistice on all the fronts of the belligerent countries, it is certain the Entente Allies will give no heed to the overtures, either of the Bolsheviki, who comprise the radical section of the Russians who long have desired Russia to cease fighting, or of the Germans who for even a greater period of time have been endeavoring to put in operation negotiations for a peace that would prove a suitable one for themselves and their allies.

That the Bolsheviki leaders are distrustful of the Germans, although they have agreed to enter into negotiations for an armistice, is apparent from the fact that Ensign Krylenko, the Bolsheviki commander-in-chief, has ordered, pending the conference, that there shall be no fraternizing on the part of the Russians with the Germans and advised vigilance and caution by the troops.

Meanwhile the great inter-allied conference has convened in Paris and doubtless it will be discussed all phases of the tangled situation in Russia and some method agreed upon to bring the disaffection to an end and permit of the Russian army taking up the gage of battle again or of putting the Bolsheviki element in the category of an ally of the central powers.

Battle of Cambrai Continues.

On the fighting front in northern France, the battle between the British and Germans for points of vantage around Cambrai continued throughout Tuesday night, but on Wednesday died down to somewhat small proportions. The Germans had brought up large numbers of reinforcements and the fighting for Bourlon village, the Bourlon wood and Fontaine Notre Dame was waged with great bitterness, the positions several times changing hands. East and northeast of Ypres violent artillery activity is in progress, especially on the section of Passchendaele, and it seems probable that another big battle in this region is brewing.

To the south in the region of St. Quentin, north of the Aisne and in the vicinity of Verdun there have been small infantry operations with the advantage resting with the French troops.

Italians Holding Their Own.

The Italians continue to hold tenaciously to their northern front between the Brenta and Piave rivers against the Austro-German forces who have been unable in repeated attacks to gain additional terrain. An armistice in order that they might bury their numerous dead has been requested by the Austrians, but owing to lack of faith in the enemy's intentions the Italians refused to grant it.

Major General Maurice, chief director of military operations at the British war office, upon whose official statements much importance is placed, announces that the crisis in Italy has passed.

British in Sight of Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is within sight of the British forces operating in Palestine, but Turks in force have been gathered about the city and it is not improbable that a great battle will have to be fought for its possession. To meet the emergency the British are hurriedly bringing additional men, guns and supplies.

Twenty-one British merchantmen were sunk by mines or submarines last week—four more in the aggregate than were sent to the bottom the previous week.

BRIEF ITEMS WAR NEWS

A dispatch from Geneva states that the Austrian and Italian frontiers were closed Monday night, that both French and Italian frontiers already had been closed for an indefinite period, thus Switzerland's four frontiers now being sealed for the first time since the outbreak of the war.

The American steamer Actaeon was torpedoed Sunday, a dispatch from Corunna, Spain, reports. Twenty-one survivors have arrived at Port Camarinas. The dispatch stated that 3 boats with the remainder of the crew were missing.

Kings of 3 Nations Will Confer at Christiania.

King Gustave of Sweden and King Christian of Denmark have arrived here with their respective premiers and foreign ministers. The monarchs will remain in Christiania until Saturday. The city is gorgeously decorated in honor of the visit of the sovereigns.

Mr. Arch Tyner of Raft Swamp Passes.

Mr. Arch Tyner, aged around 60 years, died at his home near Raft Swamp church, Tuesday afternoon. Deceased was taken ill Tuesday morning and only lived a few hours.

ROBESON COUNTY TAXABLES

Total Property of All Kinds Listed in Robeson This Year Reaches Value of \$18,541,548—Increase of About \$500,000 Over Last Year—Total Tax Levy \$233,764.65.

County Auditor J. M. McCallum has just completed his report of Robeson county property listed for taxation to the State Tax Commission. The total of all property listed for taxation is \$18,541,548, an increase of approximately half a million dollars over last year. The total tax levy is \$233,764.65. The total number of polls is 7,329.

The report gives the following details:

Land, 508,627 acres; value	\$5,620,040
Manufacturing property outside towns	5,300
Timber land, 992 acres; value	5,200
Town lots, 4,148; value	\$2,294,175

Total value real estate	\$7,924,715
1,729 horses, value	\$132,110
7,183 mules, value	626,130
6 jacks, value	680
4,612 cattle, value	95,012
27,695 hogs, value	84,105
210 sheep, value	460
236 goats, value	318
55 dogs, value	470
Value farming utensils	\$104,945
Buggies, wagons, etc.	132,272
Office furniture	16,875
Tools of mechanics	10,095
Household and kitchen furniture, etc.	581,368
Libraries and scientific instruments	15,545
Money on hand	29,845
Solvent credits	627,994
Stock in corporations outside this State	750
Automobiles, bicycles, etc.	158,606
Seins, nets and boats	310
Goods, wares and merchandise and all other property not itemized	514,403

Total value personal property	\$3,132,293
Total value real and personal property	\$11,057,008
Amount of income \$77,931; income tax, \$924.81	3,946
Number of white polls	1,198
Number of Indian polls	2,685
Number of negro polls	7,829

Total number of polls	7,829
Real estate of local corporations	\$1,032,960
Personal property of local corporations	1,475,704
Value railroads, telegraph and telephone companies, etc.	4,211,560
Bank stock	487,578
Building and loan stock ..	42,407
Corporation excess	234,331
Property listed by whites	\$9,770,600
Property listed by Indians	535,366
Property listed by negroes	751,042

Total property of all kinds	\$18,541,548
State taxes	\$32,455.34
General school taxes	57,784.21
Special school taxes	45,427.49
General county taxes	39,691.47
Road taxes	52,225.62
County pension taxes	3,708.31
Court house bonds taxes	2,472.21
Total tax levy	\$233,764.65

REPORTED AS DESERTERS

3 White Men and 10 Negroes of Robeson District 1 Reported as Deserters for Failure to Report for Military Duty—Reward of \$50 for Each of Them.

A reward of \$50 is offered by the government for the arrest of each of the following men of Robeson county exemption district No. 1, who have been reported by the War Department as deserters on account of their failure to report for military duty, as notified by the local exemption board: David Oliver, colored, Fairmont. Roscoe Mitchell, colored, McDonald. James R. McArthur, colored, Raynham. Archie McCormick, colored, Elrod. George Davis Kelly, white, Fairmont. Henry Davis, colored, Fairmont. John Shipman McMillan, colored, Lumberton. James McDougald, colored, Rennert. Willie Lee J. Smith, colored, Lumberton. French T. Byrd, colored, Fairmont. Cohen Johnson, white, Fairmont. Joseph Dawson, white, Lumberton. Joseph Swinton, colored, Lumberton. Any citizen has a right to arrest any of these men.

Auction Sale of Higley Farm.

The farm of the late T. N. Higley, which contained 126 acres, located about one mile north-east of town on the Elizabethtown road, was sold at public auction yesterday. The land was sub-divided into small farms and sold by the Atlantic Coast Realty Co. It sold at from \$80 to \$500 the acre and was bought by a number of different parties. A large crowd attended the sale.

Colored Selected Men Will be Sent to Camp Jackson.

Mr. T. L. Johnson, chairman of local exemption board No. 1, has been notified that colored men from this district will be sent to Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., instead of Camp Grant, in Illinois, as at first proposed. No date has yet been specified when they are to be sent.

KEEPING WELL

IS COMMON SENSE

People Are Now Applying Business Principles to Keeping Well and Efficient.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. The life extension work which Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, assisted by Dr. A. J. Ellington of the State Board of Health, is now planning for the people of this county, for those between the ages of 20 and 65 years, is health work of the most valuable kind. It gets results. It prevents and stays off disease at the most useful and important age in a man's life, usually at a time when he does not expect anything in the way of disease to be the matter with him and when he is planning probably the most important work of his life. It's just this kind of health work that looks at man over and if there's any signs of approaching disease, such as cancer, Bright's disease, diabetes, or tuberculosis, he may know it and may at once set about to prevent or check it. He will be told what to do and will be advised how to live in order to overcome the onset of the disease or to keep it off altogether.

People used to object to knowing if there was anything wrong with them, if they had any disease that would be hard to cure or that would cost an operation, but now they are so much more sensible about such things and there's a reason. For it is now known that almost any disease will yield to treatment if begun in time. Cancer, for instance, can be entirely removed, if it is discovered before it begins to spread; tuberculosis is another curable disease, if it is diagnosed early, and the earlier found the more easily cured. And so it is with those sudden, dreadful diseases that men fear most, such as Bright's, diabetes, apoplexy, heart disease and hardening of the arteries. What would a man not give to know that he had prevented one of these fatal diseases that probably would have taken him off without a minute's warning?

To prolong life used to be considered a preposterous thing to consider, much less to attempt to do, but now we know that it is possible to prolong life from ten, twenty to thirty years. As a matter of fact, to prolong life and to keep efficient and useful is the only sensible thing to do in this day and time.

People are just beginning to apply to themselves—to keeping their bodies in repair and their health at top notch—the same common sense business policies that they have been applying to business.

A business man, a manufacturer, for instance, knows that it is good business to employ a machinist to make regular inspection of his machines, or engines to prevent breakdowns and probably a wreck of the whole plant. The automobile owner carries his car to the garage for a thorough inspection, realizing that he must look out for the little "knocks" and "leaks" in order to get good service out of his machine. And yet what is an automobile or an engine compared to the human body—the most wonderful, valuable and intricate machine God ever made?

This life extension work or physical examinations which Drs. McPhaul and Ellington propose making for our people is just such repair work for the human body as an expert machinist would give to a valuable machine to increase its value, to prolong its usefulness and to prevent disaster or ruin.

Trial of Gaston Means.

The trial of Gaston Means, charged with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King at Concord last August, began at Concord Monday. Announcement was made yesterday by the State that if allowed to introduce in evidence alleged statements of Mrs. King that it could be shown that several months before she was killed she and her money were absolutely under the control of Means and that from May until July before her death she was virtually a prisoner in a fashionable hotel near Chicago. The court held that only statements made to the manager of the hotel in the presence of J. Rockefeller, the hotel manager, in his testimony stated that after a conversation he had with Mrs. King Means threatened that the whole party would leave the hotel if he ever talked again with Mrs. King or her sister Mrs. Mary C. Melvin.

Deserting Seems to be a Habit With Williams.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis has been advised that W. W. Williams has deserted the army again. It will be remembered that Williams was arrested here once as a deserter and escaped from a soldier who was taking him back to camp and later made his escape when officers and citizens of the town made an effort to capture him near Bellamy several weeks ago. Williams went to Wilmington some two weeks ago and surrendered and was taken back to Camp Sevier. According to the message received by Sheriff Lewis, he has left the camp again without leave.

Embargo on Shipment of Export Steel.

An embargo effective at once upon the shipment of all export steel billets, bars, plates, scrap and pig iron except that intended for use abroad by the United States government, and the suspension of all "fast" freight lines on the railroads of the eastern district of the United States was ordered tonight by the general operating committee of the eastern railroads at the close of its first day's session here.

HOME FROM TRAINING CAMP

Captain Bowen Assigned to 54th Infantry—R. A. McLean Commissioned Second Lieutenant.

Capt. J. B. Bowen arrived home Tuesday morning from Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where he spent three months in the second officers' training camp. As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, Mr. Bowen was commissioned captain at the close of the camp. Mr. Bowen will be here with his family until December 15, when he will report for duty. He has been assigned to the captaincy of the 54th infantry, O. R. C., stationed at Chicamauga Park, Ga. Capt. Bowen is looking well and only likes 3 pounds of being as heavy now as when he entered the training camp.

Lieut. R. A. McLean arrived home Tuesday night from Fort Oglethorpe, where he spent three months in the second officers' training camp. Mr. McLean was commissioned second lieutenant. He will spend two weeks here, after which he will report for duty at Little Rock, Ark. Mr. McLean is a son of the late Col. N. A. McLean.

RECORDER'S COURT

Suit Against Railroad Company for Failure to Make Connection—Other Cases.

The following cases were disposed of before Recorder E. M. Britt yesterday.

Abe Goodman, colored, charged with assault on Ella Blue, also colored, not guilty.

Dock Smith, colored, failure to support children; guilty; prayer for judgment continued on payment of cost, on condition that he take his children to Elizabethtown, where he now resides, and care for them properly.

E. E. Page vs. V. & C. S. Railroad company, civil action for damages for failure of defendant to make connection at Elizabethtown to St. Paul, the plaintiff becoming a passenger at Tobermory on defendant's branch line from Elizabethtown to St. Paul. The trains failed to make connection at St. Paul on the morning of October 24th, according to printed schedule time. The train on main line of V. & C. S. having failed to wait for train on branch line at St. Paul, the plaintiff was left at St. Paul. Suit for damages and loss of time and having to hire an automobile to come to Lumberton. Judgment rendered in favor of the plaintiff for \$10 and cost. Defendant appealed to the Superior court.

APPEAL FOR AID

By Contributing to the Bazaar and Store of the National Aid You Will Help the Soldiers.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. The ladies of the National Special Aid again desire to call attention to our bazaar, which will be conducted in the vacant store of Mr. S. McIntyre, on Chestnut street. Doors will be open to the public 11 a. m. Wednesday, Dec. 5. We desire all contributions sent to the McIntyre store on Monday and Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. Committee will be there to receive them. It is said our own American doctors in France are forced to use old paper and grass in dressing wounds. The National Special Aid in Lumberton is trying to supply that great need. We are making all kinds of bandages, surgical dressings and supplies of every kind. We are compelled to have money to carry on our work and please remember that when you make a contribution to our bazaar you are helping that work. Our merchant friends have been generous and liberal in the past, and we hope for their continued support. We ask every woman in town for a contribution to one of the different booths or to our "department store". It matters not whether you have been personally asked or not. This is an appeal to every woman for a contribution.

We appealed last week through The Robesonian to our country friends for a donation to our store. To date not a single one has responded. We again ask our country friends for hams, turkeys, eggs, chickens, butter—in fact, anything we can sell.

Who will be the first to bring us something and leave at Mr. DuBois bakery?

Licensing Agent for Dealers Who Handle Explosives.

Mr. C. B. Skipper, clerk of the Superior court, has been appointed licensing agent for dealers who handle explosives of any kind in this county. All who wish to handle explosives of any kind in Robeson will first have to secure license from Mr. Skipper. The license only costs 25 cents. The law which says dealers in explosives must be licensed went into effect Nov. 15.

Bountiful Dinner to County Home.

The most bountiful dinner ever prepared by the people of the town for the inmates at the county home was carried to the home this morning. The dinner was contributed by people of every denomination and was carried to the inmates at the home by Messrs. M. G. McKenzie and W. K. Bethune. Mr. McKenzie, who always looks after the Thanksgiving dinner for the inmates, says the dinner prepared for today is the most sumptuous ever.

THINGS SEEN AND HEARD

(By The Robesonian's local reporter while on and off his beat)

Didn't Recognize Himself.

He did not recognize himself. A man walked into the waiting room at the station recently and went up to the mirror, which of course was placed there for the benefit of the ladies, and asked himself to sell himself a ticket to a certain point down the road. The gentleman mistook the mirror for a ticket window and thought his likeness was the agent. He soon discovered that he had made a slight mistake.

How Many Had He Caught?

A boy was chasing a rabbit without the aid of a dog when a man asked him how many rabbits he had caught. He replied that when he caught the one he was after and two more he would have three.

Most Folks Are Superstitious.

Speaking of superstition, most all people are slightly affected with it. One often hears the remark, "I think somebody is coming, for my nose has itched all day". There are many people who think if a rabbit crosses the road in front of them while making a trip it means bad luck.

Drove 15 Miles to Pay His Subscription.

"I have paid all my accounts except what I owe The Robesonian, and I drove 15 miles to pay that." So said an old colored man who handed the reporter his subscription money Tuesday. The darkey said that was the only business he had in town, but wanted to get square with the world and decided to drive in and pay up. If you owe the paper for subscription, follow the example of the old darkey. However, if you don't care to come to town just simply for the purpose of paying up, send a money order or check. Either one will answer the purpose.

Lumberton is a Good Town to Live In.

After spending a few days in a much larger town than Lumberton, a citizen of the town returned. When he got off the train at the station he remarked to the reporter, "The most pleasant thing about a trip is getting back to Lumberton". The gentleman referred to has not lived here very long, but he has learned to love the town. It's a fact that Lumberton is a mighty good town to live in.

Cheer Up.

Cheer up, advises a writer, who adds that one still has two chances—one chance of being drafted into the army and one not to be. Then if he is drafted into the army he still has two chances: one of being sent to the front and one of not being sent there. But in case one is sent to the front he still has two chances: one of being killed and one of not being killed. And then if one gets killed he still has two chances: one of going to heaven and the other of going somewhere else. Yes, cheer up.

Fairmont News Letter—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Fairmont, Nov. 28—Mr. W. L. Kyle of Warsaw has arrived and will spend Thanksgiving with his mother, Mrs. J. D. Kyle.

Messrs. Bruce Baker and Knox Kyle of Camp Jackson are home and will spend the holidays with their parents. Quite a crowd from here attended the "Birth of a Nation" in Lumberton Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pierce of Greenville, Tenn., are visiting their sister, Mrs. J. D. Kyle. Miss Lorena is spending the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Regan of St. Pauls.

Miss Alice Regan of Dillon is visiting friends and relatives here.

Mr. Warren Ratley left Friday for Rockingham, Ga., where he will visit his sister, Mrs. Hector McNeill.

Miss Kate Ratley, who is in school at Rowland, returned home this afternoon and will spend the holidays with her parents. She was accompanied home by Miss Beulah Williams.

Mr. Irving Baker of Goldsboro spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Annie A. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hayes left Wednesday for Marion, where they will spend Thanksgiving.

Miss Lois Hayes, who is teaching at Kemper, is spending the week end at home.

Mr. Roney Thompson, who has been in Akron, Ohio, for the past year, returned home Monday night.

Mrs. Carl Thompson left Saturday for Columbia, where she will visit her husband, who is in training at Camp Jackson.

Messrs. Jas. Lewis and O'Berry Lewis spent the week-end with the boys at Camp Jackson.

Planned to Seize Foodstuffs.

Seattle, Wash., Dispatch, Nov. 28. Commissioner of Immigration H.M. White asserted today that literature seized at the headquarters of the Italian plotters under arrest here indicated that the men planned to seize foodstuffs in various parts of the United States. The alleged anarchistic society laid plans, White said, to make Boston the center of food riots, and assisted by Industrial Workers of the World, encourage general uprisings.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Caldwell returned Tuesday night from New York and Baltimore, where they spent several days. Mr. Caldwell went to New York and Baltimore for the purpose of buying goods for the large department store of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son and studying business conditions generally.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—The Alfred Rowland chapter, U. D. C., will meet with Mrs. L. T. Townsend Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Wm. A. McKay and Eva McGirt; Daniel E. Smith and Lena McNeill.

—Mr. McF. Floyd and family moved yesterday from R. 1 from Barnesville into the Wesley Britt residence, Tenth and Water streets.

—Large numbers of people representing every section of the county saw the "Birth of a Nation" here Monday and Tuesday at the Pastime theatre.

—H. Gerald, colored, who lives near Fairmont, writes The Robesonian to the effect that he killed four 14-months-old hogs Tuesday which netted him 1,100 pounds of pork.

—Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, and Miss Lula M. Cassidey, county home demonstration agent, are attending the teachers' assembly at Charlotte today.

—Miss Mary Sneed, a sister of Mrs. L.R. Varner and Miss Elizabeth Sneed of Lumberton, underwent an operation for gallstones at the Cumberland General hospital, Fayetteville, Tuesday.

—Mr. M. F. Caldwell had his right arm broken below the elbow Tuesday morning when a Ford which he was trying to crank backfired. Fords must be getting backfired obnoxious these days.

—The condition of Mr. Frank Jones, who was so badly broken up when caught on a shaft at the plant of the Robeson Manufacturing Co. on the night of the 17th, continues as favorable as could be expected.

—Maxton Scottish Chief: Numerously signed petitions have been forwarded to the department asking that Mrs. Bessie Nicholson, widow of the late postmaster, be appointed to fill the vacancy made by her husband's death.

—The condition of Dr. R. G. Rozier, of R. 2 from Lumberton, who has been sick in a hospital in Fayetteville for some three weeks, is very much improved. Mrs. Rozier went yesterday to Fayetteville to be with her husband.

—Mr. T. Rowland Britt has sold his interest in the Britt Grocery Co. to Mr. Alfred Britt, senior partner of the firm, who will continue the business. Mr. Rowland Britt has gone to Hendersonville, where he will make his home.

—Miss Hattie Jackson of the Rowland section and Mr. Bill Leggett of R. 3 from Lumberton were married in the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd here yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Justice M. G. McKenzie officiated.

—Mr. H. H. Anderson, proprietor of the Pastime theatre, raised the price of admission to cover the war tax, but has put the price back down to before-the-tax rate. No doubt increased patronage will more than make up the difference.

—Don't forget to attend the concert at the high school auditorium tomorrow evening. The concert has been arranged for the benefit of the local National Special Aid and promises to be highly entertaining. The price of admission will be 25 cents.

—The directors of the Lumberton Hotel company will meet tomorrow for the purpose of leasing the new Lorraine hotel. Mr. F. A. Crabtree, who had the building leased for one year, will turn the building over to the directors on December 1, on which date his one-year lease expires.

—Mr. Lee Correll, who has been located at Mascot, Tenn., as chemist for the American Zinc company, is spending a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Correll. Mr. Correll has received a commission as lieutenant in the army and has been ordered to report at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, November 26. Laurin Exchange. Lieut. Correll formerly lived in Lumberton and is well known here.

Striking Coast Line Clerks to be Reinstated.

Wilmington Star, Nov. 29. Deferring to the request of President Wilson that in view of the national emergency the strike of the clerks of the Atlantic Coast Line be settled by immediately reinstating all who wish to return to their former places," President J. R. Kenly, of the Coast Line, last night notified the President that "I am directing that the striking clerks, who wish to return, be re-employed as rapidly as practicable." President Kenly last night made public the correspondence between himself and the President.

While the settlement of the strike of clerks on the Atlantic Coast Line, which has been on for the last several weeks, through the mediation of the President of the United States, does not grant all the demands of the striking clerks, as they will get no pay for the time they have been out, yet the earlier concessions, made in response to a request from the Department of Labor, giving them the right to organize and the further granting of permission to all striking clerks to be reinstated in their former positions substantially gives them all they asked for.

Thanksgiving is Being Observed in Lumberton.

Thanksgiving day is being generally observed in Lumberton, as usual. Practically all stores and other business places are closed and a Sunday quiet prevails. Services are being held in all the churches.

The Robesonian goes to press today about 3 hours ahead of its regular press time.