

## THE BIG FIGHT

**Captain Fallon Thrills Capacity Audience at Court House.**

**BARBAROUS DEEDS OF GERMAN SOLDIERS**

**Story of Perils Passed by Land and Sea and of Unspeakeable Atrocities Committed by the Hun Told by Wounded British Officer.**

**PLEDGES FOR PURCHASE OF WAR SAVINGS STAMPS**

War as it is really experienced by the soldiers in the trenches in France and Belgium and the atrocities of the Germans in the devastation of cities, villages and countryside, the murder of innocent children, the outraging of helpless women and numerous other barbarous deeds were graphically described at the court house here Monday evening by Capt. David Fallon, a wounded British officer.

**War-Mad Beasts.**  
Capt. Fallon, who was wounded 15 times before giving up the fight, his face burned and scared for life, his right shoulder and arm shattered by shrapnel, the hand practically useless, described war with the Germans as an encounter with scientific and war mad beasts. He declared that it was the will of the rulers in Germany to get every child to believe that the Fatherland is their religion and that the Kaiser is God.

**Back in the Year 1904.**  
Captain Fallon told of how while the free peoples of the world were sleeping and enjoying the lands and freedom given them by their fathers, Germany was building up the great war machine that has menaced the nations during the last three and a half years. He told of traveling through Belgium and France during the year 1904, of how the people were enjoying peace and freedom, children happy, the people generally at work and living as they should. But when he entered Germany the winds met him and seemed to say, "Go back, you are entering the land of the damned." He could then see the workings of the great war machine and went back to his home in Australia and told his people that they might as well get ready to fight Germany. The people laughed at him and said he was talking foolishness.

**A Horrible Contrast.**  
The speaker then told of his second trip to France and Belgium and of the change that had come about. He saw women who had been outraged by the German war dogs in their mad rush through Belgium and France, saw children with their hands cut off and some with their tongues cut out. He met women who said they were carrying German children and declared that when the children were born they would tear them to pieces.  
He told of a mother superior who met German soldiers at the door of her convent and told them they could not enter. The German soldiers crucified her at the door of the convent and entered, but the nuns committed suicide and committed their souls to God rather than allow their bodies to be violated by the Huns.

**Thrilling Experiences.**  
Capt. Fallon told of his experience with the Turks and of how when his army retired from the Gallipoli campaign his comrades left notices which read, "Turks, you have given us a damn good fight and we appreciate it and hope to return and give you hell." Capt. Fallon went through this campaign with no more serious trouble than a bayonet thrust through his hand. He then told of going to the French front and of his drastic experiences in "No Man's Land." He was wounded while on picket duty and had to remain in a mud hole with bullets flying thick over his head for three days and nights, with but little to eat. He told of one instance when the Germans threw two bombs at him. One went over his head, while the other fell by his side and failed to explode. He picked up the bomb and hurled it back at the Germans and it exploded, "sending the Germans back to hell, where they belong," he said.

**Red Cross "Angels of Mercy."**  
Capt. Fallon spoke in glowing terms of the great work being done by the Red Cross nurses in caring for the wounded behind the firing lines. He referred to them as "angels of mercy."  
The speaker declared that the Allies are fighting for womanhood, freedom and liberty. That the people of his country liked to think of the Americans as cousins and said he thanked God that they are now united against the foe.

**Save, Serve and Sacrifice.**  
Capt. Fallon appealed to his hearers to wake up and show to the world that they have the same blood of their forefathers, who fought for the freedom which the people of America have enjoyed. He said it took a German king to separate the people of America and those of England and that a German king will unite them. He also urged the people to stand by President Wilson, whom he said is the people of his country think is the greatest man in the world today.  
The Allies must save, serve and sacrifice or they will be damned, damned and devastated. The man who shirks his responsibility is as much of a

slack as the man who shirks the draft.

**Germany Can and Will Be Beaten.**  
It will not take 40 years to whip Germany, the speaker declared. They can and will be beaten. It will take work, however. People must give till it hurts.  
Speaking of those who claim America as their home and are in sympathy with Germany, Capt. Fallon said they should go back to that cursed country, as they are not wanted here.  
In closing Capt. Fallon declared that the Allies are not going to stop until the flags of Great Britain, France and America are flying over Berlin.

**Humor of the Wounded.**  
Although his story is one of horror, Capt. Fallon mixes humor with it and he is a most interesting speaker.

He said that if you sympathize with a man who has had his foot shot off, for instance, he is apt to tell you that he was glad to get rid of that foot, anyway, that comes on that foot all ways bothered him.

**Cooties and Trench Rats.**  
Telling of life in the trenches, he spoke of the "cooties" with which the shirts of the soldiers become alive. He told of a soldier whose life was saved by a "cootie." Bitten in the right side, the soldier reached his hand under his shirt and bent over to get the pest, when a shell carried his helmet away. If he had been standing upright, if he had not bent over to attend to the "cootie," his head would have been shot off. Pulling the "cootie" out the soldier held him in his hand and addressed him thus: "You saved my lift. I can't give you a square meal—and he put the 'cootie' back under his shirt."

You do not know what a rodent is until you make the acquaintance of trench rats, according to Captain Fallon. They are with the soldiers continually, whether they are sleeping or waking. You will be waked from sleep by the effort of rats to lurch off of some choice part of your body; a rat will yank food out of your mouth as you eat. If you catch the eye of one of these rodents, Capt. Fallon said, you can almost see him wink at you and can imagine him saying, "Your world must be in a hell of a fix for you fellows to come down here and live with us."

No doubt the largest crowd that ever gathered in the court house heard Capt. Fallon. Standing room was at a premium and many were turned away who could not find standing room in hearing distance of the speaker. Practically every section of the county was represented and many from outside the county were here.

The speaker was introduced by Mr. Woodberry Lennon, town attorney and secretary of the Robeson county War-Savings committee.

**Save Money and Lend to the Government.**  
Mr. Gilbert T. Stephenson of Winston-Salem, who is giving the year to the campaign for the sale of War Savings and Thrift stamps in the State, was present and made a strong appeal to the people to buy stamps. Mr. Stephenson declared that the war is only going to be won when the more than 100,000,000 people in the United States get behind the 2,000,000 American soldiers who are going to the front. The speaker said that the only way nine-tenths of the American people can help win the war is by saving money and lending it to the government. He said that if the war lasts ten years and it is necessary to send 10,000,000 American soldiers to the front there will still be 100,000,000 people left who must serve by saving and lending their savings to the government. He declared that the one great lesson the American people need to learn is to be savers. He said that the people of the South are the poorest English speaking people on earth, not because they do not make, but because they do not save.

**\$7,565 Pledged.**  
After Mr. Stephenson had finished his address pledge cards were distributed among the audience and the people were asked to pledge the amounts they were willing to invest in War Savings and Thrift stamps during this year. After the cards had been collected it was announced that the pledges amounted to \$7,565. A cash collection of \$37.22 was taken for wounded comrades of Capt. Fallon.

## SPINAL MENINGITIS AT DILLON

**Rowland Quarantined Against Visitors From That Town.**

Rowland has been quarantined against visitors from Dillon, S. C., on account of a case of spinal meningitis at Dillon. It is said that people living at Dillon who have been exposed to the case of meningitis had been to the visiting Rowland, which led to the quarantine. Dillon people objected to the quarantine, but Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, advised the authorities at Rowland that they had a right according to the health regulations in North Carolina to enforce the quarantine.

## Planters Warehouse Co. Elects Officers.

At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Lumberton Planters Warehouse Co. the following officers were elected: president, L. H. Caldwell; vice-president, K. M. Biggs; secretary-treasurer, R. H. Crichton. As has been stated in The Robesonian, this company will erect a new brick tobacco sales warehouse, First and Cedar streets. The material for the new building, which will be 80x200 feet, is already being assembled.

## STORE ROBBERS CAUGHT.

**Ed Clifton of St. Pauls and Neill Tyson of Hope Mills Charged With Robbing Store at St. Pauls—Clifton Admits Guilt—Trial Tomorrow.**

Ed Clifton of Fayetteville and Neill Tyson of Hope Mills are in jail here on the charge of robbing A. R. McEachern & Co's store at St. Pauls Monday night. When arrested Clifton admitted that he was guilty of the charge and said Tyson was with him at the time the store was robbed.

This store had been robbed twice before Monday night during the last few weeks and Chief of Police M. P. Newton of St. Pauls was on the watch Monday night. He was in the central telephone office when he saw two men traveling in an automobile and break a window out of the front of the store. The robbers loaded 31 automobile tires on their auto and left town before they were arrested. Sheriff R. E. Lewis was notified of the robbery and he and Rural Policeman A. H. Prevatt rushed to St. Pauls. A number of citizens of St. Pauls followed the auto driven by the robbers and overtook it between Hope Mills and Fayetteville. Clifton was in the car and said he had to stop because his gasoline gave out. He then admitted that he was the guilty man and went with the party to where he had hidden the automobile tire in the woods. He said that Tyson was with him and that he left Tyson at Hope Mills. Sheriff Lewis, in company with the sheriff of Cumberland county, went to the Tyson home and arrested him. Tyson refuses to talk about the robbery. They will be given a preliminary hearing here tomorrow.

**OVER \$10,000 FOR FLORA MACDONALD COLLEGE**  
Red Springs Starts Campaign For \$100,000—Recital Next Monday Evening.

In a news letter received this morning but which must be held over for the next issue on account of a rush of other matter, The Robesonian's Red Springs correspondent reports that a canvass made in Red Springs Tuesday resulted in contributions amounting to \$10,181 on the endowment fund for Flora Macdonald college, to which one man has offered to give \$50,000 if \$100,000 is raised. Further canvass of the town is expected to raise at least \$1,000 more. This canvass followed a union service at the Presbyterian church Sunday, when Dr. Bridgman, financial agent of the college, made a talk on education at a banquet at the college Monday evening.

Next Monday evening Miss Kate Campbell Johnson, voice, and Mrs. Lessie Lindsey Wharton, piano, of Greensboro, will give a recital in the college auditorium for the benefit of the endowment fund. Both these ladies are well known in Red Springs and a rare treat is expected.

## SUPERIOR COURT.

No Court Next Week and Jurors Need Not Report.

Although the term of Superior court for the trial of civil cases which convened Monday was slated for a two-weeks term, it is expected the term will close tomorrow and there will be no court next week. Those who were summoned to serve as jurors next week need not report Monday. This was the information given The Robesonian this morning by Judge Geo. W. Connor, who is presiding.

The following jury trials have been completed this week:

Pearl R. Bullard vs. L. R. Bullard; divorce granted.

G. H. Harper vs. Mamie Harper; divorce granted.

Frank Jones vs. W. J. Walters; judgment for plaintiff.

A. L. Stone vs. Julia Blackburn and William Blackburn; judgment for plaintiff.

Good Roads Machine Co. vs. Board Road Trustees Carver's Creek township, Bladen county; judgment for plaintiff.

## Men Within Draft Age Should Register.

Mr. W. S. Britt, chairman of the county board of elections, has appealed through The Robesonian to army registrants who have become 21 years of age and have never registered to do so before they are called into service in order that they may be able to vote in the coming elections regardless of where they are. Mr. Britt says many of the boys are going to the training camps without registering.

All who have not registered and are liable to be called into service should see Mr. Britt and register in order not to be deprived of their votes.

## Smallpox in Robeson.

Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, says there is a number of cases of smallpox in the county. He has spent most of this week in trying to stop the spread of the disease and says he has found that in some sections there are cases of chicken pox. It is not a part of the duty of the county health officer to treat cases of smallpox or other diseases; he could not do that and attend to his duties all over the county.

There are several cases of smallpox in the camp of the Beaufort County Lumber Co. at Fairmont, one of the cases being severe.

## Four to Camp Jackson.

Mr. Vera Lamb, Lumberton, R. 4, Mr. Marvin Faulk, Fairmont, Donnie Locklear, Indian, Lumberton, R. 2, and Bennie Chavis, Lumberton, R. 1, left Lumberton Tuesday morning for Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., as a part of the quota of Robeson district 1 for the first draft. The three first volunteered to go out of their order and the last named was selected.

## Judge Geo. W. Ward Passes.

Judge Geo. W. Ward died Monday at his home in Elizabeth City after illness which had been acute since the latter days of 1917. He went on the Superior court bench in 1904 and retired in 1911 on account of protracted ill health. He was connected as judge and solicitor with the trial of some of the most noted criminal cases in the history of the State.

Miss Byrd Blankenship, Red Cross instructor in surgical dressings, who spent a week here instructing a class of 20 members, left this morning for Greensboro, where she will instruct a class.

## J. D. McLEAN PASSES.

**Prominent Citizen of Fairmont Died This Morning at Fayetteville— Funeral Tomorrow 10 A. M.**

Mayor J. D. McLean of Fairmont died this morning at 9 o'clock at the Highsmith hospital at Fayetteville. Deceased had been suffering for some time with stomach trouble and had been in the hospital since early in January. The remains will be taken to Fairmont this afternoon and the funeral will be conducted at 10 o'clock tomorrow by Rev. J. R. Miller, pastor of the Baptist church at Fairmont, of which deceased was a member.

Mr. McLean was well known and was one of the leading figures in the industrial life of Fairmont. He was secretary-treasurer and general manager of the J. D. McLean Co., one of the largest mercantile establishments at Fairmont. He had many friends throughout Robeson who will be grieved to learn of his death. In his death Robeson loses a valued citizen.

## MARIETTA NEWS MATTERS.

**Red Cross Entertainment and Meeting—a Frenchman Speaks on the War—Bad Holes in Roads—Personal Mention.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.  
Marietta, Feb. 26.—The entertainment given by the Red Cross Saturday evening was enjoyed by a very good crowd. They made \$25 above expenses.

A Frenchman spoke at Olivet church Sunday afternoon on the war. He made an interesting talk. There was a very large crowd present.

The Red Cross will meet on next Friday evening at 7:30 at the school house. All who can, please attend.

Miss Lula Page is home for a few days from Lyons, Ga.

Mrs. T. C. Parham and Mrs. Janie Oliver spent Monday afternoon in Fairmont.

Mr. J. S. Oliver, who has been sick for sometime, is improving a little but is not able to be out yet. We hope he will soon be able to be with us again in Sunday school. We miss him.

Mr. Bernard Oliver, who has been sick at Ft. Thomas, Ky., is improving.

Messrs McDuff and Benjamin Oliver spent one day last week at Loris, S. C.

Mrs. B. L. Temple has returned from a visit to Mr. Temple's relatives at Hickory.

Messrs. W. T. Jenrette and Carl Oliver and Misses Scarborough and Cherry spent Saturday in Lumberton.

Mr. Charlie Harrington left last Friday for the navy.

Mrs. W. P. Oliver spent two days last week at Mr. A. U. Harrington's.

Mrs. W. M. Oliver and Mr. Hal Oliver spent one day last week in Lumberton.

We are having some fine weather now and every one is busy. We hope that some one will get a little time to fill up some of the bad holes in the roads. If we can't get them worked we certainly would like to have the holes filled, at least some of the worse ones. Some places are so bad you can hardly pass without getting in the ditches.

Mr. S. M. Oliver and daughter, Mae, left this morning for Dunn. They will visit Mr. Ben Townsend, whose wife is very sick.

## Patriotic Rally at Philadelphia Last Evening.

Quite a large crowd attended the patriotic rally at Philadelphia school house last evening. The children acted their parts well and after the program Supt. R. E. Sentelle, of the Lumberton graded school made a lecture on War-Savings and Thrift stamps in which he urged the people to organize War Savings societies and get the communities aroused to the fact that we are in this world war, that it is our war and we must help the government by purchasing War-Savings and Thrift stamps, and by economizing in food and other commodities. The boys at the front have gone into this fight to win the war before returning home, but without the aid of the people over here their efforts will be useless. They have sent word to the people at home saying, "We are home sick, we want to come home, but we are not coming till the show is over."

By purchasing War-Savings and Thrift stamps we thereby lend aid to the Government and establish a habit of saving and thrift, and the Government pays us 4 per cent interest on all the money we lend; by January 1923, the \$4.14 War Savings stamp purchased in March will be worth \$5.

The people seem to be greatly enthused and no doubt will organize and get busy.

Besides Mr. Sentelle, those who attended the rally from Lumberton were Mrs. Sentelle and their children, Miss Helen and Masters Ennis and Harris, and Miss Augusta Blake.

—Alfred Rowland chapter, U. D. C. will hold its monthly meeting Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the directors' room at the National Bank of Lumberton.

—Mr. J. A. Raine will leave this evening for Hot Springs, Ark., where he will undergo treatment for a month in the hope of regaining his health, which has not been good for some time.

—Messrs. Stephens & Barnes have leased the store room belonging to Mr. Stephen McIntyre next door to the building which they have been occupying and will use both buildings in the future.

—Orpie Hunt and Drason Locklear an Indian couple from Pembroke, were married at noon today in the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd. The ceremony was performed by Justice M. G. McKenzie.

—People living in the northwestern part of town say the dog ordinance which says dogs shall be confined for 40 days from February 16 is not being obeyed. Dogs are still running at large in that part of town, according to reports.

—The sixth grade of the Lumberton graded school was leading in the purchase and sale of War Savings and Thrift stamps Friday of last week when the work by grades was last checked. The total amount of stamps purchased and sold by that grade at that time was \$926.

—Mr. W. D. Dixon, who was acquitted at the last term of Robeson Superior court of the charge of murdering Alfred Thomas, Indian, at Pembroke last November, and his family, who had made their home here since shortly after Mr. Dixon killed Thomas, left this morning for Elm City, where they will make their home.

—Messrs. R. J. Sessoms and W. A. Lee of Fairmont, R. 3 were Lumberton visitors Wednesday.

## BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Called meeting I. O. O. F. tonight at 7:30. Initiatory degree work. All members urged to be present.

—Mr. J. D. Monroe of Laurinburg has accepted a position as salesman at the McAllister Hardware Co's store.

—Mrs. Emma McIntyre resigned Monday her position in the local central Southern Bell telephone office. She began work here December 1, last.

—Mr. J. E. Gilmore and family are moving today from Lumberton to Whiteville. Mr. Gilmore will engage in the mercantile business at Whiteville.

—There will be an entertainment at the Barnesville school house Friday night at 8 o'clock. Mr. W. Lennon of Lumberton will speak on War-Savings and Thrift stamps.

—The regular monthly meeting of the executive committee of the local Red Cross society will be held in the commissioners' room at the court house tomorrow evening at 8.

—A class of seven new members "rode the goat" into Lumberton No. 18 of the Maccabees Tuesday evening. This made a total of 30 new members during the last few months. The tent now has 69 members and is in a live condition.

—Mr. C. A. Waldrop, teacher of the Baltimore school, near Fairmont, and Messrs. Barden Pittman and H. O. Floyd, also of the Baltimore section, were among the registrants for military service who were examined here yesterday.

—A party from Laurinburg spent yesterday here buying flues for tobacco barns. The farmers of Scotland county have not been planting tobacco heretofore, but indications are that they will plant it on a small scale this year.

—Two mules hitched to a wagon ran down Elm street without a driver late Tuesday afternoon. The mules were stopped at the union station when the wagon wheels struck a post. It has not been learned who the mules belonged to.

—The feature picture Evelyn Nesbit in "Redemption" will be given at the Pastime Tuesday of next week. It was to have been given here on the 22nd inst. but the reel, was lost in shipment. The company guarantees to have it here in time for exhibition March 5th.

—Sheriff Edgar Hall and Clerk of the Court W. B. McQueen, both of Hoke county, and Mr. E. S. Smith, an attorney of Raeford, were Lumberton visitors Tuesday. Sheriff Hall is well known in Robeson. He was once captain of the Lumber Bridge Light Infantry and is a Spanish-American war hero.

—The fire company was called out late Monday afternoon on account of some grass burning near the home of Mr. H. G. Jones, Walnut street. No damage was done. The fire alarm was turned in at 5:30 yesterday afternoon on account of burning grass near the iron foundry of the Lumberton Motor Car Co., south of the Seaboard railroad from town.

—Mr. W. W. Bowden, formerly a clerk in the store of the McAllister Hdw. Co. but for the past two years employed in the navy yard at Charleston, S. C., is spending a few days in Lumberton. He will have to report back for duty at Charleston March 1 and has learned that he has been placed in class 3, all employees of naval yards being placed in a deferred class.

—Mr. Jim Stephens, an employee at the Jennings cotton mill, had the base of his skull fractured Tuesday morning when he fell under a drum which he and another man were carrying. Mr. Stephens tripped and fell and the pulley, which weighed around 100 pounds, struck him on the head. He was rushed to the Thompson hospital and was unconscious for several hours.

—Mr. W. B. Smith, who conducts a meat market at Elizabethtown, was a recent visitor to Lumberton. Mr. Smith says beef is cheap at Elizabethtown as compared with the prices here and at other places. He sells the best stake for 17 1/2 cents the pound. The reason for the difference is the fact that Bladen has the cattle and Mr. Smith sells home-raised beef instead of shipped beef.

—The first preliminary triangular debaters' contest will be held in the high school auditorium Friday evening at 7:30. There will be six speakers and from the six, four will be selected to represent the school in the final contest at Chapel Hill. The triangle this year is Goldsboro, Wilmington and Lumberton, the same as last year. The public is cordially invited to hear the debate tomorrow evening.

—Will Faulk the colored soldier who while home on a furlough last week stole Mr. V. B. McMillan's gasoline launch, mention of which was made in Monday's Robesonian, has been arrested and placed in jail. He was arrested at Fairmont by Rural Policeman W. C. Britt. Government officials have been notified of his arrest. Faulk says he was only granted a three-days' furlough, but has been away from his camp three weeks.

—Fire supposed to have been of incendiary origin burned a barn, a horse, and a calf and a quantity of corn and fodder belonging to Andrew G. Graves, colored, about a mile west of town near the plant of the Robeson Manufacturing Co. Tuesday night at 8:30. The fire alarm was turned in and the truck went to the scene of the fire. Graves, who is a well-known and industrious negro, says he was in the barn late feeding and there was no fire about. The loss was about \$1,200, no insurance.