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BRITISH RECOVER GROUND; GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED

In an attack south-east of Kemmel hill, this morning the British were pushed back a short distance by the enemy, but the ground was later recovered by the British in counter attacks. Three attacks by the Germans in the Bailleul sector this morning were repulsed by the Allied forces.

SUMMARY OF WAR NEWS.

More Encouraging Reports to Allied Powers—British Have Retired From Certain of Their Lines in Ypres Salient—Unconfirmed Reports From Berlin.

More encouraging reports to the Allied powers came during the past day out of the chaos of the tremendous battle along the Lys river south and southwest of Ypres, the thunder of which, press dispatches say, may be heard 40 or 50 miles away. The British not only had held all the ground they were defending Tuesday, but struck back so powerfully that Meteren and part of Wytchachte were taken and held for a time. Only after heavy attacks did the British retire again from these villages.

A disturbing report comes from Berlin that Poelcapelle and Langemark, north of Ypres, have been taken by the Germans, and London admits that the British have retired from certain of their lines in the Ypres salient. The retirement here was expected, for the advance of the Germans at Neuve Eglise and Bailleul left the positions in front of Ypres open to a flank attack. It is officially stated that the retirement was ordered and that it probably will have more of a sentimental than a strategic effect. Just how far the British lines had been withdrawn was not known this morning, but it was thought that the German claim of taking Poelcapelle and Langemark was the result of the British retirement.

The battle, now in its ninth day, has deepened in intensity at many points along the curved front north from Messines ridge to Meteren. Reports that the Germans had occupied the village of St. Eloi, which lies less than 3 miles south of Ypres, and that they had taken positions on the south slope of Mt. Kemmel, about two and a half miles north of Wulvergham, had not been confirmed this morning.

On all the rest of the fronts from Messines ridge southwestward the Germans have flung themselves against the official and semi-official dispatches have told of the frightful losses inflicted on the attacking masses of troops by the British rifle and machine gun fire.

On the southern side of the salient there have been engagements of some importance, especially east of Robeson, two and a half miles northwest of Bethune, where the Germans were caught by the British artillery fire and scattered.

The line in front of Arras has again been the scene of fighting, but here the British took the offensive and drove the Germans out of British trenches which had been carried by the enemy.

In the Picardy sector there has been lively artillery engagements between the Somme and Oise rivers, but only patrol encounters are reported officially.

The Turks announce that they have taken the city of Batum, on the eastern shore of the Black Sea. They report strenuous fighting before the Russian defenders of the city were drawn out.

Baron Stephen Burian von Rajecz has succeeded Count Czernin as foreign minister of Austria-Hungary, coming back to the office he relinquished in December, 1916.

The Macedonian front has again become active, Greek and British troops have advanced and driven the Teutonic allies from seven towns along the Struma river on the eastern end of the line. French forces have also been active in this theatre of the war.

Thirteen persons were killed and 45 wounded in Monday's long-range bombardment of Paris.

Germans Made Important Gains Tuesday.

The important strategic towns of Bailleul, Wulvergham and Wytchachte were captured by the Germans Tuesday, and, more important still, the Teutons carried a large part of Messines ridge by storm.

Probably there has been no more bitter struggle during the war than that waged, along the battle line through the towns of Bailleul, Neuve Eglise, Wulvergham and Wytchachte. Neuve Eglise was taken Monday but Bailleul held out until fresh masses of German troops were hurled into the fray and charged repeatedly on the tired defenders. The same story might be told of Wulvergham and Wytchachte, while the battle for the Messines ridge must have been equally full in its intensity.

Secretary Baker Reached Battle Fronts.

Secretary of War Baker arrived at an Atlantic port Tuesday from his trip abroad and returned to his desk at the War Department prepared to concentrate every energy on expediting the movement of American fighting men to France.

THE ROLL OF HONOR

Liberty Bond Subscriptions So Far Reported From Robeson Total \$109,700—Allotment For County is \$300,000.

Below are given subscriptions to the third Liberty loan from the various districts into which Robeson county has been divided received up to yesterday afternoon. The total amount subscribed is \$109,700. The amount allotted to Robeson county is \$300,000. Only a little more than one-third of the county's allotment has been taken so far. Some reports received this morning, which will swell this amount by a little over \$2,000, will be included in the report which will be published in next Monday's Robesonian. Subscriptions reported up to yesterday afternoon are as follows:

Planters Bank and Trust Company. Heretofore reported by woman's committee, \$1,250; LaFayette Mutual Life Ins. Co., \$1,000; John S. Holman, \$200; A. P. Caldwell, \$500; \$100 each—H. E. Stacy, H. D. Stone, Sam Lee, King Grocery Co., R. A. Hedgepeth, Jr., Mrs. W. O. Edmund, M. W. Floyd, Rufus Kinlaw, Bullock Bros., \$50 each—R. T. Sanderson, J. P. Townsend, C. B. Skipper, Miss Nancy Pope McAllister, R. A. Moore, John F. French, J. M. McCallum, A. L. Smith, A. H. Hinds, B. H. Hodges, W. H. Kinlaw, H. J. Wessel, E. L. Hamilton, R. C. Lamb, Mrs. N. A. Thompson, E. E. Page, J. D. Barfield, W. S. Baxley, \$4,750; amount allotted, \$17,500.

First National Bank. Heretofore reported by woman's committee, \$1,400; H. M. McAllister, \$200 each—R. E. Lewis, R. McAllister, John D. McCallum, A. H. McLeod, Jr., W. I. Linkhaw, A. P. McAllister, A. Weinstein, Mrs. R. E. Lewis, H. H. Anderson, \$250; Ira Bullard, \$200; \$100 each—A. H. Prevatt, Mrs. A. H. Prevatt, James D. Proctor, V. B. McMillan, A. J. Holmes, W. S. Britt, W. L. McIntyre, Mrs. D. A. McIntyre, Jas. L. Robertson, \$50 each—B. Sam Edwards, Mrs. B. Sam Edwards, E. B. Freeman, Mrs. E. B. Freeman, W. W. Parker, Mrs. W. W. Parker, E. M. Johnson, J. P. Russell, J. E. Tynor, W. O. Thompson, T. McNeill, Jr., Mrs. T. A. McNeill, Jr., Caro McNeill, Rosalie McNeill, E. J. Pope, Annie Laurie Phillips, Thelma Phillips, Williamson Brasley, Wright J. Prevatt, S. J. Starnes, W. J. Sansberry, A. R. Williams, J. M. Williamson, S. R. Spivey, Mrs. H. T. Pope, R. E. Sentelle, Mrs. R. E. Sentelle, Mrs. O. C. Deese, Robt. Deese, Owen LaFayette Deese, Edith Louise Deese, Worth Moore Deese, J. W. Inman, T. White, A. E. Spivey, L. L. Latour, Rufus M. Sanderson, J. H. Thomas, Miss Mae Prevatt, Miss Marie Thompson, Alfred Paul, M. Mintz, \$9,400; amount allotted \$41,000.

National Bank of Lumberton. Heretofore reported by woman's committee, \$2,950; L. H. Caldwell \$5,000; A. W. McLean, \$5,000; V. & C. S. R. Co., \$3,000; White & Gough, \$3,000; R. D. Caldwell & Son, \$3,000; H. B. Jennings, \$2,000; Stephen McIntyre, \$2,000; Miss Josephine Brece, \$1,000; T. Townsend, \$500; J. A. Brock, \$4,000; \$500 each—J. A. Boyd, L. R. Varner, E. J. Britt, W. F. French & Co.; Dr. R. T. Allen, \$250; Ira B. Townsend, \$200; Dr. C. L. Greenes, \$200; Alpheus H. McLeod, Sr., \$200; \$100 each—Mrs. John T. Biggs, Miss Bettie Maxwell, Miss Maggie Maxwell, Miss Nora Leigh Pope, Mrs. J. A. Sharpe, W. J. Hester, Junius J. Goodwin, Mrs. W. Williams, Erwin Williams, Miss Mildred Williams, Miss Annie Gray Williams, H. Dunie, J. Robert Prevatt, E. S. Miller, D. D. French, A. M. Hartley, O. H. Bracy, D. K. Gregory, E. G. Paris, H. B. Robinson, Martha G. Redmond, \$50 each—Anna Courtney Sharpe, J. A. Sharpe, 2nd, H. J. Rogers, Jr., L. R. Stephens, Robt. M. Erwin, W. O. Williamson, O. Clinton Norment, H. B. Jennings, Jr., Miss Elizabeth Jennings, Miss Mattie Mae Jennings, Dudley L. Jennings, Neill Arnings, Jennings, Ada McLean Jennings, Simon S. Stephens, Ben G. Floyd, R. B. Britt, W. P. Vulcanizing Co., Sammond, Robeson, W. L. Parham, Mrs. Lillie Pappas, W. L. Parham, Mrs. Lillie Langdon, Clarence Watts, Thad McCall, Wallace Norment, W. T. Hutchinson, Mrs. A. V. G. Wishart, E. H. M. Fillyaw, Geo. M. Whitfield, Mrs. Geo. M. Whitfield, Miss Alva Hardee, Miss Ila Allen, Fleming E. Brissan, W. S. Brissan, Reuben X. Bullard, A. C. Byrd, Walter L. Dawkins, Mrs. Ida Edwards, Oakley N. Lovett, Miss Mary Moore, Miss Gertrude Morris, D. Ralph Shaw, Henry I. Smith, J. H. Thomas, Miss Agnes Wetmore, W. L. Parham, Mrs. Clarence L. Lamb, Sadie Rae Pope, T. A. Todd, Miss Viola Boone, \$39,200; amount allotted, \$62,600.

This makes a grand total subscribed by the people of Lumberton \$52,650. The total allotment to Lumberton and surrounding territory is \$121,000, this leaving \$68,350 not yet subscribed.

McDonalds District. Dr. G. E. McDonald, \$1,000; Dr. G. E. McDonald, \$1,000; Sam J. Smith, \$1,000; Bowman, \$1,000; A. L. Hall, \$500 each—Wm. L. Price, J. H. Hanson, Mrs. Dora Price, J. F. Parham, Mrs. Dora Price, J. F. Parham, W. G. Watts, N. H. Ward, J. F. Scott, Julian McI. Price, B. Vick Britt, Clarence A. McArthur, J. Alexander McCormick, Millan, Soro Elizabeth McCormick; Mrs. Dan A. McCormick, Dan A. McCormick; Mrs. J. F. Parker, \$150; Mrs. Minnie Faulk \$150; \$50 each—D. H. Britt, Jr., L. Williamson, O.

Kenton Barnes, Dr. Graham McLean, Spurgeon McLean, Mrs. Nancy A. Britt. Total subscribed, \$8,300; amount allotted to McDonalds district \$5,000; oversubscribed, \$3,300, which entitles McDonalds to the honor flag.

Rowland District. Bank of Rowland—Dr. G. M. Pate, \$2,000; A. D. McKenzie, \$1,000; C. D. Smith \$1,000; L. D. Edens, \$600; E. H. McKinnon, \$300; Mrs. R. S. Bond, \$300; \$500 each—E. M. Hines, A. L. Bullock, B. A. Egiens, L. Z. Hedgepeth, D. A. McCallum, W. D. McPhaul, Alex. Kherilla; \$200 each—Wade H. Baker, F. D. Henderson, Dr. N. H. Andrews, J. W. Bryant, \$150 each—J. McR. Bracy, J. E. Lyth, B. A. Edens, trustee; \$100 each—J. F. Graham, C. A. Cox, A. B. Hedgepeth, David Townsend, T. J. McCormick, Rowland Drug Co., Geo. K. McNeill, Bracy Brothers, L. T. Taylor, R. L. Ivey, W. H. McCormick, E. J. Barker, W. L. Capel; \$50 each—D. A. Prevatt, Dr. H. Reedy, Benj. F. Williams, Vernon McNeill, Miss Margaret McQueen, C. W. Oxendine, E. H. McKinnon, Jr., Miss Sarah Graham McKinnon, Luther C. McKinnon, Jas. McLain McKinnon, Mrs. H. Reedy, W. L. Townsend; \$1,000; Chitty, J. A. Faircloth, Total, \$11,950; amount allotted, \$22,400.

Merchants and Farmers Bank of Rowland—Rev. H. J. Mills, \$1,000; P. Leinwand, \$750; \$500 each—J. D. Amons, C. T. Pate, W. L. Capel, Alfred Hunt, N. T. McLean, A. P. McKellar, C. J. Cottingham, L. K. Rogers, A. W. Pate, Geo. R. Campbell, W. F. Bullock, Geo. Kherilla, Mrs. O. Bracy; \$300 each—John A. McCormick, Mrs. L. M. Hammond; \$250 each—J. A. Leach, H. L. Calhoun, Miss Flora McCormick, C. B. Leitch, C. A. Cox, Alex. Alford, Mrs. Lizzie McLeod; \$200 each—T. W. Brake, S. W. Fowler, J. McN. Smith, A. C. Sinclair; E. Bullock, \$150; \$100 each—Mrs. C. J. McCallum, J. C. Henderson, C. M. Townsend, O. P. Chitty, R. S. Stewart, G. E. Bond, G. H. Wallace, E. S. Bennett, D. G. McLean, J. A. McGirt, N. L. Cox; \$50 each—G. F. Sinclair, S. H. Paul, D. A. McCall, Total, \$12,800; amount allotted, \$14,000.

St. Pauls District. St. Pauls Cotton Mill Co., \$10,000; Cape Fear Cotton Mills, \$2,500; A. R. McEachern, \$1,000; \$500 each—J. M. Butler, Merton Sewell, A. E. Evans, G. T. Fisher, L. L. McGougan & Bro., L. A. McGeachy; \$300 each—Dr. J. F. Nash, L. I. Grantham, J. B. Evans,

TO THE PEOPLE OF ROBESON COUNTY:

This day men are watching on the mighty waters of the great oceans that your corn and your cotton may be carried to the four corners of the world and bring you fabulous prices—prices which represent, in large part, the blood of your fellow beings. Thousands of your fellowmen are going to their death at this very moment that you may live in ease and prosperity here in your homes, surrounded by your family and friends. Our American soldiers and sailors—yes, soldiers and sailors given by the heroic mothers of Robeson County—are today offering up their lives upon the great ships and upon the blood-soaked battle-fields of Europe, that you may dwell here at home in peace, in plenty and in safety.

The fathers of France and England and America, too, have given their flesh and blood; Spartan mothers, imbued with the tender spirit of the mother instinct, the God-given birthright of all womanhood; yea, widowed mothers, have given their only son; fatherless children, hundreds of thousands of them, are wandering alone, like hunted beasts through the dark forests of France and Belgium; lives of millions have to be shed like the leaves of the forest, to form the soil where ideals of liberty and justice shall take root and grow—all of this in your defense and for the sake of your children's children.

Above it all, America and her Allies, representatives of the Prince of Peace, do battle with the pagan Huns, followers of the Prince of Darkness, that the principles of the Christian religion may be maintained.

Upon you, the farmers of the nation, is now placed a great share of America's stupendous task of providing her soldiers with the supplies to sustain them, and the guns to strike the merciless foe.

This can be done by investing in Liberty bonds, the safest investment in all the world, and every dollar so invested will be returned to you with interest.

The farmers of France and England, no less than their heroic sons, in the battle-trenches, are supporting their armies, and now to you, the farmers of America, has come the duty of supporting your soldiers.

The farmers of this county, be it said with regret, have not responded to the call for money to support their Government as liberally as they should have done. Only an exceedingly small per cent. subscribed to the former issues of Liberty bonds.

Will you have to be begged to do your duty in this supreme hour, in defense of the land that gave you birth, the mothers that bore you, and the ones you love?

"Why abodest thou among the sheep-folds, to hear the beatings of the flock? Zebulon and Naphtali were a people that jeopardized their lives unto the death, in the high places in the field." Judges Chapters 4 and 5.

A. W. McLEAN,
Chairman Liberty Loan Committee of Robeson Co.

STEEL SHIPS TO BE BUILT IN WILMINGTON.

Contract Let For 12 Ships of 9,600 Tons Each to Be Built in Big New Yard—Wilmington Wins Out Over Charleston—Big Thing For North Carolina.

Yesterday a Government contract was signed for 12 fabricated steel ships to be built in Wilmington. The shipping board made a transfer of a contract held by the Carolina Shipbuilding Co. for a dozen 9,600-ton steel ships from Charleston, S. C. to Wilmington and announced that the matter was settled and that work would soon be under way at the new and unexcelled location. The yard is to be owned by the Government. This is in addition to the Government concrete yard, the first of its kind to be established in the history of the country, announced last week for Wilmington.

This big thing for Wilmington and the State comes as the result of a persistent campaign conducted by the city of Wilmington during the past year, headed by Mr. Jas. Cowan as special representative of the city in Washington.

A Washington dispatch in this morning's Star says:

Big Thing For North Carolina. "The establishment of the Government yards means a payroll for Wilmington of fully \$50,000 a week and perhaps more. It will bring to Wilmington thousands of skilled laborers while calling back home those expert artisans who went to other fields. This work coupled with the opening of the port, which now admittedly will follow, means that the city of Wilmington is going to expand magnificently in population and grow, gigantically in business. It is the biggest thing that has happened commercially for North Carolina in many years."

BELLAMY BRITFS.

Setting Out Tobacco—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Bellamy, April 16.—Most all the farmers in this section are busy setting out tobacco.

Rev. J. A. Bellamy filled his regular appointment at church Sunday. Mr. J. A. Bellamy, of the section last week, visited Mrs. Joe Freeman and her daughter, Misses Pearl and Alma, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bellamy Sunday. Miss P. Bellamy visited Miss Mary Pittman at Lumberton. Mrs. Bellamy visited Miss Sallie Barfield Sunday. Mr. C. Todd is visiting in the section this week. Glad to hear that W. I. Barfield is improving. Mr. P. Pittman of St. Pauls visited his father, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pittman Sunday. Mr. Reddin Britt of Lumberton visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Britt, Sunday.

MARIETTA NEWS MATTERS.

School Does Not Close Till May.

School Minstrel Saturday Night.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Marietta, April 16.—We wish to correct the notice that appeared in today's paper stating that the Marietta school will close Friday of this week. Our school doesn't close until May 1st.

Come to Marietta Saturday night, April 20th, and if you don't laugh to your heart's delight, consult a physician. The faculty and some of the students of the Fork high school will give a minstrel in the school auditorium at Marietta that night at 8 o'clock. Proceeds for the Marietta Red Cross. Admission, adults 25c, children 15c.

LIBERTY LOAN SPEAKING PROGRAM.

Red Springs, Friday, April 19th, 11 a. m., Capt. Morrison of Charlotte and A. McLean. Philadelphia, Thursday night, H. E. Stacy. Barnesville, Friday night, April 19th, at 8:30, H. E. Stacy and K. M. Barnes. Pembroke, Friday night April 19th, at 8:30, W. S. Brissan, W. L. Parham, T. A. McNeill, Jr., and W. S. Britt.

LIBERTY BOND DAY.

Stores and Banks in Robeson Will Be Closed Tomorrow—County-Wide Liberty Bond Drive.

All mercantile houses and banks of the county will be closed tomorrow, April 19th, that day to be observed as Liberty loan day.

A great drive will be made over the county tomorrow to solicit Liberty bond subscriptions.

BARNESVILLE DISTRICT. Amount allotted, \$5,000. No report.

ORRUM DISTRICT. Amount allotted, \$5,000. No report.

PROCTORVILLE DISTRICT. Amount allotted, \$5,000. No report.

MARIETTA DISTRICT. Amount allotted, \$5,000. No report.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS.

—Mr. L. Herring and family moved yesterday from the Lumberton cotton mill village to Red Springs.

—Mrs. W. J. Prevatt informs The Robesonian that she had a mess of Irish potatoes from her garden yesterday.

—The condition of Mr. B. M. Davis, who suffered a light stroke of paralysis some two weeks ago, continues to improve slowly.

—Fire of Unknown origin burned about 30 feet of the Seaboard trestle across the mill pond at Moss Neck early Tuesday morning.

—Mr. Jim Brissan and family, who moved some time ago from East Lumberton to St. Pauls, moved back to East Lumberton Monday.

—Mrs. R. C. Lawrence left last evening for Atlanta, Ga., in response to a message advising her that her brother Mr. Jno. W. Norwood was ill.

—The executive committee of the local Red Cross chapter will meet tomorrow evening at 8:30 in the commissioners' room at the court house.

—Messrs. Kelly Britt and Coy Hickman returned Monday night from Camp Jackson, having been discharged from the army on account of physical disability.

—Mr. L. H. Caldwell has offered a prize of 2 \$5 War Savings stamps to the lady and gentlemen working in his department store that sell the most Liberty bonds.

—The directors of the Lumberton, Dresden and Jennings cotton mills held regular quarterly meetings yesterday. The usual dividend was declared by the directors of each mill.

—Mr. E. L. Haynes of the Bloomingdale section was among the visitors in town this morning. Mr. Haynes said most of the farmers down his way have transplanted their tobacco plants.

—Mr. A. Weinstein sold Monday afternoon the bankrupt stock of the J. P. Newman Co. to Mr. Geo. Turner of Fairmont. Mr. Turner moved the stock to Fairmont, where he conducts a store.

—A 3-room cottage in which Mr. J. D. Pearce and family lived at the National cotton mill was destroyed by fire late Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Pearce saved most of his furniture. The house was insured.

—Mr. R. A. Moore received yesterday a card from his son Mr. Clarence Moore saying that he had arrived safely in France. Mr. Moore enlisted in the army last November and was stationed at Fort Hancock, Ga.

—Mr. W. P. McAllister and sister-in-law, Mrs. R. E. Lewis, left yesterday for Hendersonville to spend a few days with Mrs. McAllister, who has been at Hendersonville for some time and will spend the summer there.

—It's a little early to be eating home-grown 1918 Irish potatoes, but Mr. John Welch, who lives on R. 6 from Lumberton, says he had a "mess" Tuesday from his garden. He sent two good-sized potatoes to The Robesonian office yesterday.

—Mr. Scott Stone of the Ray section was a Lumberton visitor yesterday. Mr. Stone says he has 4 acres of wheat that is looking well.

—A new eating home-raised flour and he has what in his barn from last year's crop. Mr. Stone is a farmer who farms.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Holmes began housekeeping Tuesday in the Crump residence, Sixth street, formerly occupied by Dr. Geo. Wright and family, who leave today for Hendersonville. They formerly roomed at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin, East Fifth street.

—Although his name was handed in by a friend to the primary managers, Mr. J. P. Russell says he will not make the race for re-election to the board of graded school trustees. Mr. Russell has served as a member of the board for three years and has rendered satisfactory service.

—Maxton Scottish Chief: Mr. J. D. Moore, who recently accepted a position with the McAllister Hardware company, Lumberton, has moved his family from Laurinburg to Lumberton. Duncan is a fine fellow and we trust that they will all find happiness at the county seat.

—"Society Goes into Vaudeville," a play by Lambert talent, will be put on in the graded school building at Fairmont tomorrow evening at 8:30. An admission fee of 25 and 35c will be charged and one-half the proceeds will go to the Fairmont Red Cross chapter and the other half to the Lumberton chapter.

—As a result of about 30 feet of the Seaboard trestle at Moss Neck being burned early yesterday morning the trains yesterday had to go around over the R. & C by way of Smithboro. The passenger train from Charlotte, due here at 9:47 a. m., arrived at 2:30 yesterday afternoon and returning from Wilmington arrived here last evening about 10 o'clock. The Wilmington train is due here at 6:19 p. m. The origin of the fire has not been learned.

Liberty Bond Rally at Red Springs Tomorrow.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, April 17.—Friday, April 19th, there will be a Liberty bond parade by the school children and the F. M. C. girls. Music will be furnished by the boys' band. The speaker will be Mr. Cameron Morrison of Charlotte.

—Mr. W. C. Prevatt of R. 1 from Buie was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday.