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GERMANS BEGIN NEW DRIVE

Between Montdidier and Noyon Over 20-Mile Front—Enemy Advances Near 2 Miles—French Resisting With Their Usual Valor.

The armies of Crown Prince Ruprecht of Bavaria again are hitting the allied line in a new offensive with Paris apparently their objective.

The latest news from the front states that the Germans continued their attack last night but failed to make much headway. French and Americans continued their drive and the French captured 500 German prisoners.

Between Montdidier and Noyon over a front of about 20 miles, preceded as usual by a heavy bombardment with shells of all calibres and with noxious gases, the enemy's initial maneuver evidently has in view the bending back of the allied front toward the town of St. Just, on the northern wing, and toward the railroad junction of Compeigne, on the southern flank, getting astride the Oise river and driving southwest toward the French capital.

The French troops are resisting the impact with their usual valor but the Germans on their right and in the center have been able to penetrate the line for distances ranging from two thirds of a mile south of Montdidier, to relatively two and a half miles at Hesson-sur-Matz, in the center. Thence to Noyon, however, the allied line is holding strongly.

If success should rest with the enemy on the new battle front, it possibly might badly affect the stability of the line of the defenders from the Oise to the region of the Marne and compel a falling back westward from the Oise to the region of the Marne northwest of Chateau Thierry in order to straighten out the deep salient that would then project eastward with the Soissons sector as its apex.

The allied commanders, it is asserted, were not taken unawares by the new offensive. On the contrary they had anticipated, since the failure of the enemy of the German crown prince to yield its objective between Soissons and the Marne, and thence on the southern part of the line running to Rheims, that the German high command would decree another maneuver to the north and preparations accordingly were made to withstand the shock.

The fighting is of extremely sanguinary character and whether it will be confined to the area at present affected remains to be seen. At last accounts it had not spread north of Montdidier to the village of Cantigny, which the Americans are holding.

Comparative quiet prevails in the region of the Marne and on that portion of the line in Flanders held by the British there have been no occurrences of interest, according to Field Marshal Haig's latest communication. The only attack reported in the French official communication is in the region of Rheims was delivered by the Germans, who suffered serious loss but gained no ground.

From the Astico region to the Piave river in the Italian theatre, there have been intense artillery duels, but no infantry engagements of great importance although the British south of the Asna and the Italians east of the Brenta river carried out successfully surprise attacks inflicting considerable losses on the enemy and taking prisoners and machine guns. Similar attacks by the enemy in the Val Arsa and Astico Valley were repulsed.

The American casualty list issued Sunday was the largest yet of any single day since the war department began to make public the American losses. It contained 198 names. Thirty three were killed in action and nine died from wounds. In addition, eleven men died of disease, one from airplane accident and four from accidents and other causes.

The aggregate of deaths in the service from all causes reported up to the present is 2,927, while 4,046 have been wounded and 342 are missing.

REPORT OF CAPTURE OF U-BOAT NOT CONFIRMED

A Norfolk dispatch states that reports that 2 American destroyers at 8 o'clock last night had been seen with an unidentified craft in tow, believed to be a submarine, that aviators patrolling the coast during the past 24 hours sighted 2 submarines off the Virginia and Maryland coasts and additional stories cited as confirming the Saturday report of a brush between destroyers and a U-boat off the Virginia capes were the outstanding features in the submarine situation yesterday. A Washington dispatch states, however, that no word of capture of a submarine or any other vessel had been received by the Navy Department last night, and there had been no reports there of a brush between destroyers and a submarine or of the sighting of one by air observers.

Transport Raced With 2 U-Boats And Reached Port.

The story of a transport's race up the Atlantic coast, closely hugging the coast with darkened light at night and under a full pressure of steam in order to elude German U-boats, at least 2 of which gave chase, was told at an Atlantic port Friday by men on shore leave. The race lasted for 12 hours but the transport maintained her lead out of the reach of a torpedo, until 3 American destroyers, coming to the rescue, were sighted, when the U-boats dived and disappeared.

HOPE TO GET NITRATE OF SODA THIS WEEK

By Arranging for One to Haul for Several Many Men Can Avoid Being Taken From Farm Work.

Mr. W. K. Bethune, chairman of committee that is handling Government nitrate of soda for Robeson, was assured in a long-distance phone conversation Saturday with the man who has charge of the shipments received at Wilmington that the 588 tons allotted to Robeson from a shipment recently received at Wilmington would be shipped today and tomorrow if the necessary labor to handle it could be obtained in Wilmington. It is altogether a question of labor now. The shipment from which this allotment was made was received some days ago and since that time two more shipments have reached Wilmington. How much Robeson will receive from these additional shipments has not yet been determined.

This 588 tons is approximately 15 per cent of the amount ordered by Robeson county farmers. Mr. Bethune suggests that farmers can save a lot of time and duplication of labor by clubbing together and getting one man to do the hauling. Where several farmers will get less than a wagon-load apiece they can get one man to do the hauling for all and save the time of two men and teams. In order to do this it is only necessary for farmers who send their nitrate to give an order on Mr. Bethune for the amount that is coming to them, and the same amount will be sent as the farmers would get if he should come for it himself.

ALL CASES NOLPROSSED.

Trial of Men Indicted For Plowing Into Roads Results in a Blank—Road Superintendant Wishart Throws Up His Hands and Says He Will Indict No More Men For That Offense.

Calvin Moore and Jesse Fulmore, both colored, Jesse Nichols, Joe Blackman, Weldon Lovett, French Wilcox, Chester and Andrew Branch and I. T. Brown, the last-named chairman of the county road board, were called before Recorder E. M. Britt Saturday afternoon on the charge of plowing into the public roads. Calvin Moore and Jesse Fulmore were first tried and found guilty, judgment being suspended upon payment of the cost. Porter Rockwell, colored, was next tried on the charge of throwing dirt out of a ditch into the road. Mr. A. E. White represented Rockwell. He went on the stand and testified that Rockwell threw the dirt into the road at his (White's) request and that he intended to place the dirt in some holes in the road. Mr. White also testified that he had had a contract with the road board up until a month ago to keep the road repaired through the White & Gough farm, and that said contract had expired or been cancelled recently. Mr. White cross-examined the witnesses put on by the State and also argued the case before the recorder. He argued that the dirt was not placed in a part of the road that was used by the traveling public. Solicitor W. Lennon argued that the dirt was placed on the right-of-way of the road. Recorder Britt found Rockwell not guilty.

Mr. F. A. Wishart, county superintendant of roads, who swore out all the warrants, did not like the decision of the court and neither did Solicitor Lennon. Mr. Wishart asked the recorder to ask for a nol pros in all the cases, including those who had been found guilty and taxed with the cost. In asking for the nol pros the solicitor declared that he could not afford to take cost from the two negroes found guilty and let "Mr. White's negro go free." The recorder granted the request of the solicitor and the cases were all nolprosced.

Road Superintendent Wishart said he would never indict another man for plowing into the roads and some who heard the proceedings were frank to say that the result of the hearing Saturday would encourage farmers to plow into the roads.

AMERICAN LOSSES 7,315.

Exact Total of Casualties Since Landing of First American Forces in France Last June.

Casualties among the American expeditionary forces thus far reported by General Pershing including Sunday's list, total 7,315, the War Department announced yesterday in making public the first of regular weekly summaries of casualties. Deaths in action and from wounds, disease, accidents and all other causes numbered 2,927, while 4,046 men have been wounded and 342 are missing in action including men held prisoners in Germany.

The department's recapitulation follows: Killed in action (including 291 at sea) 1,033; died of wounds, 310; died of disease, 1,192; died of accidents and other causes, 392; wounded in action, 4,046; missing in action (including prisoners) 342; total, 7,315.

TO REPORT THIS MONTH.

Whites June 24 and Colored June 19 Called to Report For Military Duty.

Names of the men called by the local board of Robeson exemption district No. 1 to report for military duty this month follow:

White Men Called to Report June 24: Oscar M. Baxley, Lumberton, R. 5; Boyd Davis, Lumberton, R. 4; Johnson William Lane, Lumberton, R. 1; Raymond Hunt, Lumberton, R. 1; John N. Harden, Lumberton, R. 1; Duncan C. Ratley, Fairmont; Claude E. Floyd, Barnesville; Luther C. Chavis, Lumberton, R. 4; Robert Phillips, Lumberton, R. 5; Hezekiah Miller, Fairmont; Wilson Brooks, Lumberton, R. 2; Frank Lowery, Lumberton, R. 2; Dave Cox, Lumberton, R. 4; John S. Hill, Marietta; Riley Locklear, Lumberton, R. 2; Isham Rause, Lumberton, R. 4; Dargan Hardin, Lumberton, R. 1; Alvah M. Simmons, Marietta; Nash Locklear, Lumberton, R. 1; John L. M'White, Lumberton, R. 4; Harley Dayton Hardin, Fairmont; James E. Dial, Lumberton, R. 1; Martin L. Lowery, Raynham; James Clarence Collins, Fairmont; Claude Leroy Turner, Fairmont; Robert Brown Andrews, Fairmont; Henry A. Hunt, Raynham; Dougald Miller, Fairmont; Eldon C. Biggs, Lumberton, R. 6; Preston Floyd, Fairmont; Clark Raymond Evers, Lumberton, R. 5; Roy T. McPhail, Lumberton, R. 2; Otto Prevatt, Lumberton, R. F. D.; John Golden Manning, Lumberton.

Colored Men Called to Report June 19.

Roscoe Mitchell, McDonalds; Ben Jones, Fairmont, R. 3; Sim Page, Butters Lumber Co., Boardman; Coy Thompson, Fairmont, R. 3; Isaac Pittman, Fairmont; Lester McNeill, Buies, R. 2; Rufie Jacobs, Hillsboro; Zeddie Robeson, Lumberton, R. 1; Cantney Williams, Marietta; Evander Humphrey, Badin; Roy Rhoades, Fairmont; Matthew Higgins, Conway, S. C.; John Sherdon, Maxton; June Hayes, Maxton; Luther Page, 1829 Poplar St., Philadelphia, Penn.

ROAD TO FRANCE WILL BE KEPT OPEN.

U-Boats Will Not Stop Steady Stream of Men and Supplies to Europe.

American naval forces in European waters are not being weakened in consequence of the operations of German submarines off the American coast and the ocean highway for the movement of troops to Europe will be kept open, Secretary Daniels says in a cablegram published Sunday by the London Times. The message follows: "The activities of German submarines off the American coast have not in any way changed the policy of this government. The road to France will be kept open for the transportation of our troops and the delivery of munitions and food supplies for our forces and those of our allies. There is being no weakening of our naval forces in European waters as a result of the new activity necessitated on our own coast. "The country has remained calm in the face of Germany's attempt to bring frightfulness to our doors. In fact, this enemy effort has stimulated recruiting and strengthened the determination of our people to use every resource to defeat the enemy."

EDMUND DAM BREAK ON CREEK ROAD TO BE BRIDGED

Mrs. Edmund Has Agreed For \$1,000 To Let Mill Go—Bridge Will Be Built Soon.

Mr. J. I. Townsend, a member of the county road board, advises The Robesonian that a deal has been made with Mrs. L. A. Edmund to let the Edmund mill go down and the road will be bridged where the dam broke some months ago. The mill is on the Creek road, which is a part of the Wilmington-Charlotte highway. Mrs. Edmund agreed to let the mill go for \$1,000 and the road board will pay \$750 of this amount and the citizens living about the pond agreed to pay \$250 of the \$1,000. It is estimated that it would cost around \$1,000 to fill in the dam where it broke. It will cost much less to build a bridge and then there will be no more danger of the dam breaking. The bridge will be built before the opening of the tobacco selling season.

SECOND LARGEST WHEAT CROP IS IN PROSPECT

The second largest wheat crop in the history of the county is in prospect for this year's harvest. The Department of Agriculture Friday forecast a total of 981,000,000 bushels of winter and spring wheat combined. That is only 69,000,000 bushels less than the billion bushel crop the government had hoped for and continuation of the ideal growing conditions, such as prevailed during the last month, might yet produce a harvest of 1,000,000,000 bushels.

—Mr. W. Lennon delivered an address before the Cumberland county Baraca-Philathea convention at Cedar Falls, Cumberland county, yesterday.

ADDITIONAL TAX NECESSARY

Board of Education Asks for Special Levy of 10 Cents on Property and 30 Cents on Polls for Schools—Meeting Thursday to Consider Re-establishing Farm-Life School.

A called meeting of the county board of education will be held at Philadelphia Thursday of this week at 4 p. m. to consider re-establishing the farm-life school at that place. It will be recalled that a month ago this school was ordered discontinued at the request of the Philadelphia high school trustees and people of that community, who thought the school was interfering with their high school.

At their regular monthly meeting last Monday (the county school board asked that the county commissioners make the special tax levy for schools 10 cents on the \$100 worth of property and 30 cents on the poll, instead of 5 and 15 cents, as heretofore. The commissioners at their meeting last Monday allowed the rate to remain 5 and 15 cents. The matter comes up again for consideration at a special meeting of the county commissioners today. The estimate made by County Superintendent J. R. Poole and approved by the board, of funds needed for 4-months terms of Robeson county schools for the year beginning July 1, and ending June 30, 1919, show that it will require an additional levy of 10 and 30 cents, instead of 5 and 15 cents, to raise sufficient revenue.

Orders passed at a previous meeting authorizing the county superintendent to sell the school property at Barkers and Ten Mile at public auction were rescinded and it was ordered that nine-tenths of an acre of land at Barkers be sold to the Barkers Methodist church for \$75, that one-fourth acre at Ten Mile be sold to the Ten Mile Baptist church for \$25 and the remainder of this lot be sold to Mr. S. E. Britt for exchange payment on new school lot. It was ordered that \$30 be allowed district 3, Britts, white, one-third payment on painting house.

ANOTHER SHIP SUNK

German Submarine Sunk American Steamer 70 Miles Off Maryland Coast Saturday.

The American steamer Pinar del Rio was sunk by a German submarine 70 miles off the coast of Maryland Saturday morning. One of her boats with the captain and 17 members of the crew were reported by a Washington dispatch last night as missing; another with 16 men has landed on the Virginia coast.

A brief dispatch to the Navy Department last night announcing the sinking did not say whether the ship was shelled or torpedoed. Hope is held that the missing boat either has been picked up by a passing vessel or will turn up at some point along the coast.

Until last night the raiders had not been reported as showing themselves since the Norwegian steamer Vinland was sunk off the Virginia capes last Wednesday evening.

All sinkings reported to the Navy Department since the submarines left the New Jersey coast district last Sunday have occurred off the coasts of Maryland and Virginia with several of them due east of Cape Henry. This indicates that the U-boats are operating over a very limited area, probably of not more than a few hundred square miles, but in a very important shipping lane.

Since it became known that the submarines were in this area naval and air forces have concentrated their efforts there. The task of bagging the sea wolves even in so limited an area is not an easy one as the vessels can submerge and lie on the bottom until danger is past. Then, too, the suggestion has been made that the craft may have been finding refuge at night in the many coves and inlets along the Eastern Virginia shore line and there re-charge batteries and give the crew breathing and resting spells.

Given Commissions As Second Lieutenants.

Mr. Daniel Calhoun McLeod, 323rd infantry, Mr. John Arrowood McLeod, 322nd infantry, both of Red Springs, and Mr. Bert Cagle, 322nd infantry, of Waynesville, who taught in the Lumberton high school two years ago, were among the 173 men who graduated at the third officers' training camp of the 81st division at Camp Jackson and who were placed on the eligible list to receive commissions as vacancies occurred and were given commissions as second lieutenants at Camp Sevier last week. They were assigned to the infantry replacement camp at Camp Pike, Arkansas.

Norwegian Ship Sunk Off Virginia Capes.

The Norwegian steamer Vinland was sunk by a German submarine 65 miles off the Virginia capes June 5, the Navy Department announced Friday night. The crew was rescued and landed Friday at Cape May, N. J. The ship was laden with a cargo of sugar from Porto Rico to an Atlantic port.

TOWN FATHERS MEET.

Cows May Be Grazed on Unfrequented Streets—To Purchase Hose Truck—Lady to Read Meters.

At a meeting of the mayor and town commissioners Friday afternoon it was ordered that the ordinance which prohibits the tying out of cows on the streets be revised so as to allow cows to graze on unused streets in the suburbs of the town. Persons wishing to tie cows on such streets must get the approval of the street foreman.

A petition was presented to the board making complaint about unsanitary conditions about the restaurant operated in the Bethune building, West Fourth street, by Sam Richardson, colored. Mr. W. K. Bethune, owner of the building, agreed to improve the sanitary conditions by June 15.

Messrs. Ira B. Townsend, W. Lennon and E. M. Johnson were appointed as a committee to purchase an automobile to be used as a hose truck. In order to maintain the present insurance rates it will be necessary to purchase same when the office of the clerk and treasurer and the fire department is moved into the new municipal building.

It was ordered that a lady be secured to read the meters in residences occupied by whites. This move was made because of the fact that it is embarrassing both to the man who reads them and also to the housewives. The superintendent of the light and water plant will continue to read meters in the business section of town and in dwellings occupied by colored people.

The town clerk and treasurer was authorized to borrow \$1,000 to pay current expenses. The board will meet again tomorrow evening at 8:30.

TO REDUCE COST OF FOOD TO THE CONSUMER.

Dealers Must Observe Fair Price Lists—Lists Will Be Published.

A countrywide move to reduce the cost of food to the consumer and standardize methods of compelling the observance by dealers of "fair price lists" was ordered Friday by Food Administrator Hoover.

Lists will be published in every county, town and city and consumers will be asked to co-operate with officials in forcing merchants to bring their prices to a uniform level.

If this can be accomplished a statement issued by the food administration says, the average buyer will not only be protected but the patriotic merchant who has followed the food administration's suggestion regarding prices will be protected against the unscrupulous dealer who has attempted to take advantage of the situation.

In carrying out the new standardization plan the administration will establish price interpreting committees composed of representatives of wholesalers, retailers and consumers. The board will determine fair retail prices on basic commodities that comprise a large part of the nation's diet.

The published lists will give the range of maximum selling prices, showing a reasonable price which will reflect the prices that should obtain in "cash and carry" stores and higher prices representing a fair price for the "credit and delivery" stores. The local administrator for each locality will act as chairman of the price board.

FAIRMONT RED CROSS.

Good Reports Made at Regular Monthly Meeting—Allotment More Than Doubled in Drive.

Special to The Robesonian.

Fairmont, June 8.—Fairmont chapter held its regular monthly meeting in the Red Cross rooms Thursday afternoon, June 4th. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the different committees made the following reports:

Vice chairman reported 3 boxes of supplies shipped, containing 33 pillows, 54 bed shirts, 48 pillow cases, 52 pajama suits, and will ship several more boxes in a few days. The knitters are still at work, the chairman reported 16 sweaters, 7 pairs socks shipped also during May and expect to ship more in a few days. The branches and auxiliaries furnished the following of the above shipment: Marietta—16 bed shirts, 12 pajama suits, 4 sweaters, 2 pair socks; Back Swamp—18 bed shirts; Deep Branch—3 bed shirts; colored people—2 bed shirts.

We more than doubled our allotment of \$500 in the drive. The chairman made the following report: From Marietta—\$103.75; Barnesville—\$70; Back Swamp—\$56.75; Deep Branch—\$9; colored branch at Fairmont—\$42.38; Fairmont—\$844.86. Total, \$1,126.74.

FARMERS' UNION MEETING.

A meeting of the Robeson division of the Farmers' Union will be held at Back Swamp Wednesday, June 19. The meeting will open at 11 a. m. All members are urged to attend.

F. GROVER BRITT, Sec. Treas. Robeson Union.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—The bowling alley in the Griffith building, Elm street, has been closed for the present.

—Messrs. Jno. G. Proctor and Adrian Britt left yesterday for Norfolk, Va., where they will work in a ship yard.

—Mr. Furman K. Biggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Biggs, left Saturday for Norfolk, Va., where he enlisted in the U. S. navy.

—Miss Marjorie Steele expects to leave Wednesday for Greenville to attend the summer school at the East Carolina Teachers' Training school.

—Miss Cornelia Steele left Saturday morning for Raleigh, where she will take a special course in home demonstration work at the A. and E. college.

—Mr. Andrew Bullard says he saw a large alligator cross East First street one night recently. He says the alligator was well-grown and escaped into the bushes.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Lieut. R. H. Hough and Elma Fuller Johnson; W. Monroe Andrews and Bertha B. McLean; Giles W. Phillips and Flossie Durant.

—Mr. W. E. Ratley of Fairmont was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Mr. Ratley brought his daughter, Miss Chat, to Lumberton to take a train for Charlotte, where she is a student at King's business college.

—Master Henry Huggins, Western Union messenger boy, gave a show the other day and raised \$1.10 for the Red Cross. The boys and girls have caught the spirit and all want to do something for this noble cause.

—The Woman's club will meet Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the directors' rooms of the National Bank of Lumberton. The president urges all members to be present as there is important business to come before the club.

—Mrs. J. S. Thompson and children, John, Elizabeth and Woodberry, left Thursday evening for Norfolk, Va., to join Mr. Thompson, who accepted a position there some weeks ago. They will return to Lumberton if they do not decide to make their home in Norfolk.

—Mrs. L. P. Stack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. McIntyre of Lumberton, has been appointed active organist by independent Presbyterian church of Savannah, Ga. Her church connection before going to Savannah was Rutgers' Presbyterian church of New York city.

—Mr. E. Hood, who for the last seven years had been manager of the Southern Bell Telephone Co's office here and at Rowland and Fairmont, has recently been transferred to Florence, S. C. He is succeeded here by Mr. C. C. Rogers, formerly of Taylorsville.

—Mr. Jno. B. McLeod arrived home Saturday from Sewanee, Tenn., where last week he graduated from the Sewanee military school. Mr. and Mrs. Aif. H. McLeod, parents of Mr. McLeod, attended the closing exercises of the school and returned home Saturday.

—Mr. T. L. Johnson, chairman of the liberty exemption board, asks The Robesonian to state that all who wish to obtain information in regard to family allotments of soldiers salaries and insurance should see Mr. L. R. Varner, who has charge of that department.

—Prof. R. E. Sentele will leave tonight for Raleigh to begin his work as instructor in the summer school for teachers at the A. & E. college. Miss Evelyn Sentele, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Sentele, will accompany her father and will take some special work at the school.

—Messrs. W. P. McAllister and Arch Spivey returned last week from Hendersonville, where they spent some time. They were accompanied home by Mr. Tom Norment. Mr. McAllister reports the condition of Mrs. McAllister, who is spending the summer at Hendersonville, very much improved.

—Mr. W. J. Johnson of the Red Springs section was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Mr. Johnson says the crop prospect in his section was never better at this season of the year. The rainfall in that section has not been so heavy during the last few months as it has in other sections of the county.

—Mr. Julius Bullard, who drives a delivery truck for Mr. J. T. Biggs, was stung Saturday afternoon, when he drove his truck through a swarm of bees in the eastern part of town. Mr. Bullard says the bees covered the truck and he abandoned the car for a spell. Three of the bees let Mr. Bullard know they were members of the swarm before he could escape.

—The editor of The Robesonian is indebted to Mr. Rufus Kinlaw for an interesting souvenir folder containing 18 views of Camp Jackson. Mr. Kinlaw is from Howellsville township and was clerk at the Lorraine hotel in Lumberton when called into service recently. He went to Camp Jackson with the contingent that left May 29 and the return address on the folder indicates that he has been assigned to the 39th company, 156th depot brigade.

—In a shipment of fish received the other day Mr. Real Sanderson found a fish that was a bird. It was no bird, either, but it was unlike any fish anybody in these coasts ever saw. This sonuvagun was well equipped with teeth, carried a big pouch underneath, and stroking his back the wrong way was like pushing your fingers against the sharp teeth of a fine saw. A queer fish it was. It had the "ancient and fish-like smell" all right.