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AUSTRIANS DEFEATED

First Phase of Austrian Offensive Has Ended in Failure—Enemy Losses Heavy—Complete Confidence in Outcome When Second Phase of Battle Begins.

The latest dispatch states that the Italians aided by American aviators captured 45,000 Austrians and that the whole Austrian army is retreating in disorder, the Italians in hot pursuit.

From Montello to the sea the enemy has been defeated and forced by Italian troops to cross the Piave river in disorder, states a dispatch of the 23rd from Italian headquarters in Northern Italy; and in the Senate at Rome Saturday Premier Orlando announced: "The Austrian offensive was more than a failure: it was a defeat for the enemy, who at several points was 4 times stronger than the Italians."

This morning's press summary has the following: The first phase of the Austrian offensive has ended in failure—in defeat. The culmination of what was intended to be the crushing of Italy between the jaws of the Austrian pincers, is the rout of the invaders themselves.

With their backs to the swollen Piave river, the Austrians for several days past had been trying to ward off the vicious counter attacks of the Italians, and save the situation. Now they are endeavoring, still under great pressure, to ford the stream and reach safety on its eastern bank.

From the Montello plateau to the Adriatic sea the enemy is in retreat. Already his losses are estimated at 180,000 men and the chances of his escape without additional heavy casualties and men made prisoners seem remote.

Large numbers of pontoon bridges that the Austrians threw across the Piave have been swept away by the now torrential stream and on all the sectors of the 33-mile front where they gained edges of the Venetian plain they are being sorely harassed by the fire of the Italian guns and rifles and by the machine gun fire and bombs of the allied aviators who have done such notable execution since the attempted drive was started.

Monster preparations had been made by the Austrians for what was to be the death blow to King Victor Emmanuel's men. Thousands upon thousands of men, many of them brought from the Russian and Rumanian fronts and guns and stores in tremendous quantities had been paraded among the various commanders for the drive over a battle area of virtually one hundred miles, running from the Asiago plateau to the Piave river and then following that stream to the sea.

Undoubtedly the Austrian high command had built largely for success on the belief that the Italian morale had been shattered when last year their great pincers closed in upon the Italian front and forced back the line in a great semi-circle from the Julian Alps to the Piave and from the mountains in the north almost to the plains of Venetia.

Such a belief, however, was entirely erroneous. From the first onslaught the enemy met a rejuvenated army which fought him with the greatest gallantry, never ceding an inch of ground unless it was dearly paid for. Aiding the Italians in the mountains were British and French armies who also fought nobly and everywhere defeated the enemy. Territory taken in the mountains was almost as quickly regained and the enemy held in check.

Along the Piave, especially on the Montello plateau, the gateway to the Venetian plains from the northwest and at several points farther south where the Austrians succeeded in crossing the river, the Italians everywhere opposed such strength against the enemy that he was unable to enlarge his gains and then, with redoubled efforts, forced him to commence the retrograde movement which has developed into disordered flight.

Large numbers of the enemy have been reported recently as coming up behind the northern line in the mountain region and it is not improbable that shortly the second phase of the battle will begin. Complete confidence is felt in the Italian and other allied commands, however, that the enemy will meet foemen of superior quality and that his efforts will go for naught.

On the battle fronts in France and Flanders the Germans are holding their men to the trenches except for small attacks here and there. There is no indication that for the present it is their intention to launch another big offensive. Both the British and French have carried out successfully several minor operations and repulsed all the enemy's maneuvers. Near Bligny, in the Marne region, the Germans succeeded in gaining a footing in a trench, but an Italian contingent immediately ejected them.

Robeson Men Transferred to Camp Sevier.

A dispatch from Greenville, S. C., states that 1,000 selectmen were transferred Saturday from Camp Jackson to Camp Sevier. These men were assigned to regular organizations of the 81st division, being the beginning of a movement of men to bring the division up to war strength. It is understood that the Robeson county registrants who entrained for Camp Jackson during the month of May are among the number.

PATRIOTIC RALLY

Will Be Held at Court House Friday at 8:30 P. M.

A patriotic rally in the interest of War Savings will be held at the court house Friday evening at 8:30. Rev. Dr. Geo. W. McDaniel, pastor of the First Baptist church of Richmond, Va., who is assisting in a series of meetings at the First Baptist church, will deliver an address. Dr. McDaniel is a gifted speaker and is deeply interested in the war. He has a 17-year-old son who enlisted recently in the marine corps.

The county War Savings committee, of which Mr. L. R. Varner is chairman, wants a patriotic rally held in every township in the county Friday evening. That is the day on which the people of Robeson are expected to round up pledges to purchase War Savings stamps to the amount of \$1,063,986. Robeson cannot afford to disappoint the State, the Nation, and the boys "over there" by failing to subscribe the full amount asked.

STATE ASKED FOR 5,000 ADDITIONAL MEN.

3,000 White and 2,000 Colored Registrants to Be Called Into Service.

Orders came Saturday to North Carolina military headquarters at Raleigh for 5,000 additional men to be called into the service, 3,000 white and 2,000 colored. The white men are to be entrained for Camp Hancock, Augusta, July 22-27 and the negroes for Camp Greene, Charlotte, July 29-Aug. 1.

This call is in addition to the call Friday for 4,000 men to be brought into the service in this State July 1-16, of which 3,000 are to be negro registrants. The adjutant-general figures that North Carolina has in service, under training and being called in the orders just issued about 80,000. There will be left in the State about 1,000 of the Class 1 men when the present orders for induction into service are completed, not including the registrants June 5 of those just attaining registration age.

Bar Association Meets at Wrightsville This Week.

The 20th annual meeting of the North Carolina bar association will be held at Wrightsville Beach this week, June 25, 26 and 27. The meeting will be called to order at 8:15 tomorrow evening by the president, Mr. A. W. McLean of Lumberton. The address of welcome will be by G. V. Cooper of Kinston, response by L. T. Caudle of Wadesboro, and then Mr. McLean will deliver the president's address. Wednesday at 10 a. m. there will be an address by Major John W. Graham of Hillsboro on "Some Events in My Life; Some Lawyers I Have Known." At 3 p. m. Wednesday there will be an address by Monsieur Frederick Allain of Paris, councillor of the French high commission. At 8:30 p. m. Wednesday Hon. R. H. Welch, general counsel of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, S. C., will deliver an address on "The Relation of the Bar to the Success of the Federal Farm Loan System in the Third Federal Land District." Thursday at 10 a. m. there will be an address by Hon. W. J. Adams of Carthage.

Abernethy Gets Restraining Order.

Counsel for Chas. L. Abernethy obtained Saturday from Judge Stacy at Raleigh a restraining order against the State board of elections to prevent issuance of election certificate until the courts can pass upon charges of certain illegal local methods of holding the primaries and of fraud that, the petitioner insists, will show Abernethy and not Dorch the real Democratic nominee. The hearing is set for July 9.

Alleged Army Deserters Taken to Camp.

Faulk Davis, white W. L. Locklear, Indian, and Will Bethea, colored, all alleged army deserters, were taken Saturday to Camp Jackson. Rural policeman W. C. Britt took them to Camp. Rural Policeman Carper of Rowland also carried a deserter to Camp Jackson Saturday. The name of the deserter could not be learned.

4 Colored Registrants Off For Camp.

Four colored army registrants from Robeson district No. 1 entrained here Friday for Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky. Those entrained were: Roscoe Mitchell, Baltimore; Ben Jones and Sim Page, Fairmont; June Hayes, Maxton.

Circus Train Wrecked.

It is thought that as many as 85 circus employees were killed Saturday when a rear-end collision occurred near Gary, Ind., between a Wallace-Hagenbeck circus train and an equipment train. The wreck caught on fire and many of the bodies were burned beyond recognition.

REVIVAL CONTINUES

Yesterday Was Big Day of Protracted Meeting at First Baptist—11 Applied For Baptism and Church Membership Last Evening.

Yesterday was a big day at the First Baptist church, where a protracted meeting has been in progress for a week. Rev. Dr. Geo. W. McDaniel, pastor of the First Baptist church of Richmond, Va., who is assisting Pastor Greaves in the meeting and doing the preaching, made a talk to the Sunday school yesterday morning, preached to a large congregation at 11 a. m., preached a special sermon to a large congregation of men at 4 p. m., and preached to a large congregation again last evening. Last evening, at the first invitation that has been given, eleven applied for baptism and church membership. A report of the sermons yesterday and others not reported before, will be given in Thursday's Robesonian.

The meeting will continue during a part, perhaps all, of this week. Services are held at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered: "Go thy way for this time; when I have a more convenient season, I will call for thee—Acts 24th chapter and 25th verse. This was the text from which Dr. McDaniel preached Friday evening.

Four Things Vital in a Trial. In commenting on the trial of Paul, Dr. McDaniel said there are four things that are vital in a court trial: First, that the accused have a fair hearing; second, that a man charged have a speedy hearing; third, that the accused be faced by his accusers; fourth, that the guilty be convicted and the innocent acquitted.

Continuing, the preacher said that there had been Americans who said that if American citizens went to Mexico and bought property it was not up to the United States government to protect them. Others said that Americans should stay off the ocean. If they went on a ship and were drowned it was not necessary for this government to go to war to protect them. Talk like this is a long way from the days of Paul, the preacher declared. The fact that Paul was a Roman citizen always had its bearing when he was in court.

Paul Before Felix and Felix Before Paul. Dr. McDaniel pictured Paul before Felix and Felix before Paul. When Paul was before Felix he was not afraid, because he was not guilty. When Felix was before Paul he was afraid and trembled because he was guilty.

A Good Man Has Nothing to Fear. A good man has nothing to fear. Felix trembled and was afraid, but it was not a fear that caused him to change his ways.

To tremble is not enough for a sinner. It takes action and repentance. Dr. McDaniel asked the question: Have you ever trembled in fear of God when you thought of your sins?

Friday Morning. "And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal; and they cried, The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon. Judges 7-20.

This was Dr. McDaniel's text Friday morning. God came to Gideon while he was threshing wheat. He called Moses shepherding his sheep, and Matthew sitting at the receipt of custom. God cannot use idle persons. We are not prone to believe, but to disbelieve. The Lord proved to Gideon that he was supreme by leaving a fleece out over night and the earth all around it being dry and the fleece wet, then by dew being on the ground and the fleece dry. Then he believed. The victory won clearly is the victory won by Jehovah. God is always testing his people. He is not only testing those across the water but He is testing us at home. We are not worthy of our men who are giving their all to save our country. If they should work over there as we are working over here in the churches the Germans would win this war.

Get Right With God. The church of God is more than a congregation. It is an organization of baptized believers. Jesus said, ye are the light of the world. Put your light on a candlestick and not under a bushel, so that the world may see and believe. Our lamps are hidden in various pitchers. People of God should be willing to commit themselves to God; break their pitchers so that their light may shine. Can you live without having compassion on those out of Christ, as sheep without a shepherd, lives without a soul? Then there are pitchers of unbelief. Some professing Christians harbor malice against others. Life is too short for these little jealousies. We pray to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Unless we forgive others their trespasses, God will not forgive us our trespasses. Break your pitchers, no matter how large they are, and get right with God.

County Pension Board Will Meet First Monday.

The county pension board will meet in the office of the clerk of the court the first Monday in July. All who want to make application to the board should apply at that time.

MRS. T. N. HIGLEY PASSES.

End Came Friday After Lingering Illness—Funeral Saturday From First Baptist Church.

The funeral of Mrs. Emma Higley, relict of the late Thomas N. Higley, whose death occurred at her home, Cedar and Seventh streets, Friday at 9 a. m., was conducted from the First Baptist church Saturday at 11 a. m. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Chas. L. Greaves, assisted by Rev. Dr. Geo. W. McDaniel, pastor of the First Baptist church of Richmond, Va., who is assisting Pastor Greaves in a series of meetings at this church.

Dr. Greaves paid glowing tribute to the life and character of the deceased. He referred to Mrs. Higley as a true, consecrated Christian, one who loved the Lord and whose heart moved with compassion upon the unfortunate with whom she came in contact. He said that during her illness she had told him of her readiness and eagerness to cross the river and be with Jesus and her loved ones gone before. Appropriate music was furnished by the choir.

The pallbearers were Messrs. J. T. Biggs, M. J. Merritt, E. M. Johnson, J. D. McMillan, M. W. Floyd and L. Rexford Stephens. The remains were laid to rest in Meadowbrook cemetery beneath an embankment of beautiful floral offerings.

Deceased was in her 61st year and had been in ill health for some time. She had been confined to her room for 11 weeks and all that was possible for skilled hands to do was done for her comfort. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Pope and spent practically all her life in and around Lumberton. Three daughters—Mrs. M. N. Folger, Mrs. Guion Lee and Miss Ina Higley—survive, besides a number of brothers and other relatives. She was a sister of Dr. H. T. Pope of Lumberton.

In early life Mrs. Higley joined the Baptist church and remained a faithful member until her death. She possessed a beautiful Christian character and to know her was to love and admire her.

In the death of Mrs. Higley Lumberton loses one of its noblest women.

Remains of Mrs. Annie Norton of McColl Interred Here.

The remains of Mrs. Annie Norton, who died Saturday at her home at McColl, S. C., arrived here Saturday night and were interred in Meadowbrook cemetery yesterday afternoon. The funeral was conducted from the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Abbott at 2:30 p. m. by Rev. Dr. Chas. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church.

Death of Henrietta Pone.

Henrietta Pone, wife of E. Pone, Indian, died at her home on R. 1 from Lumberton about 8 a. m. on the 19th and the remains were interred about noon the same day on Ten Mile swamp, Bell graveyard. The funeral was conducted by Rev. F. A. Prevatt. Deceased was in her 67th year. She had suffered for 4 or 5 years with a complication of diseases. Her husband and one daughter, wife of Hughie Smith, and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive. She joined Shady Grove church at the age of 15 and lived a consistent Christian life.

AMERICAN FLAG FLOATS OVER 39 MILES OF FRONT.

This Length of Western Front Held By All-American Forces Under Command of American Officers.

The flag of the United States now floats over 39 miles on the western front. This mileage is held by "all American forces," commanded by American officers and reveals that the United States is really in the war against German aggression and militarism.

Stirring news to this effect came Friday when members of the House committee on military affairs went to the War Department to confer with the war council. General March, chief of staff, told the House members of the fast extending line of American troops in France.

Altogether the situation as described by Secretary Baker and General March encouraged the house military committee.

Following the conference Representative Caldwell, of the House committee, said the steady flow of troops, equipment and guns for American soldiers justified the prediction that "the war will begin in earnest by September, so far as America is concerned."

Ready For Big War Savings Drive.

The chairmen of the township war savings committee and township canvassers met in the court house here Saturday and put everything in readiness for the big War Savings drive that is being waged this week. Those attending the meeting Saturday were very enthusiastic and no doubt the canvassers will meet with success.

MEN RECLASSIFIED

List of Registrants of Robeson District 1 Placed in Class 1 From Class 2—3 Changed From Class 2 to Class 1.

The following registrants for military service have been reclassified by the local board of Robeson district 1 and changed from Class 2 to Class 1: Dennis Hammond, Fairmont; Ollis Edmond West, Lumberton; Warren E. Sampson, Lumberton; Luther Harrison Prevatt, Buie, R. F. D.; Hoke Mercer Parneil, Lumberton, R. 5; Oliver Prevatt, Lumberton, R. 2; John Wesley Davis, Buies; James Luther Hammond, St. Pauls, R. 1; Luther C. Walters, Barnesville, R. 1; Lonnie Dial, Fairmont; Walter L. Bishop, Lumberton; Jasper Ellis, Lumberton; Walter Thompson, Lumberton; Arthur VonGlahn Wishart, Lumberton; Rester Richard Ivey, Lumberton, R. 5; Bill Leggett, Lumberton; Henry Grady Pope, Lumberton, R. 4; Victor H. Britt, Lumberton, R. 4; Dock Hunt, Lumberton; Abner Owendick, Fairmont; Martin Franklin Britt, Lumberton, R. 4; Charlie Faulk, Lumberton; Frank Lewis Nash, Lumberton; Anderson Britt, Lumberton, R. 4; Luther Augusta Wilkerson; Boardman; Samuel Harvey Tucker, North Lumberton; Will James Bullard, Lumberton; Daniel A. Keenan, Lumberton, R. 2; Eddie Lewis, Neill, Lumberton; Lemons Rexford Stephens, Lumberton; Austin Merrick, Lumberton; Millard Ross, North Lumberton; Harrison Branch, Lumberton, R. 2; Isnam Pitman, Fairmont; Joseph E. Walters, Lumberton; Oscar Butler, Lumberton, R. 5; Arthur Bissell, Grum, R. 1; Edward Homer Surles, Badin.

The following registrants have been reclassified by the same board from Class one to Class two on account of dependent children: Jasper Edge, Lumberton, R. 7; Robert Pate, Lumberton, R. 7; Isaac Benedict Long, Lumberton, R. 5.

More Cotton Blossoms—First Barn of Tobacco.

Cotton blossoms received since the mention in Thursday's Robesonian: From F. M. Ivey, Raynham, R. 1, picked the 19th on N. H. Bullock's place; from Alex. Patterson, Red Springs, R. 2, picked on the 19th and brought to the Robesonian office Friday by Jimmie Prevatt; from Roy Bullock, picked from farm of A. R. Bullock, Fairmont, the cotton "sown in May," states the accompanying letter, dated June 21; from B. F. Butler, Barnesville, R. 1, letter dated 21st, and he says he has plenty of blossoms. He also writes that he cut his first barn of tobacco on Saturday, June 15.

WAR SAVINGS MEETING AT BURNT SWAMP

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

There will be a patriotic meeting at Burnt Swamp Indian church Tuesday night, June 25, at 8 o'clock. Every Indian in reach of this church is expected to attend.

J. A. CARLYLE, Chairman Raft Swamp township.

County Farm Demonstrator Goes To Fort Oglethorpe.

Dr. A. H. Kerr, county farm demonstrator, left Thursday evening for Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Dr. Kerr enlisted in the veterinary corps of the U. S. army some time ago and was called to the colors Thursday.

This is the second time during the year that Robeson has lost a farm demonstrator, Mr. L. E. Blanchard, who preceded Dr. Kerr in the office, having been called into service last fall.

—Mr. J. P. Russell has been advised by his son Lieut. J. M. Russell that he has arrived safely overseas.

—Mr. C. K. Morgan of the Marietta section is a Lumberton visitor today. Mr. Morgan says it is very dry in his section and crops are suffering.

—A class from the Odd Fellows orphanage at Goldsboro will give a concert here Friday evening of this week.

—The war savings committee of Lumberton township will meet in the commissioners' room at the court house this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mr. A. E. White is chairman of the committee.

—Dr. W. W. Parker, local optometrist, will be absent from his office during the month of July attending the lecturers and clinics upon the eye at the hospital of the Ohio State University, Columbus, O. He will leave about July 2nd.

—St. Pauls Messenger:—The town of St. Pauls has purchased a new Ajax chemical fire engine, and now the next thing is the organization of a good fire company, then we will be getting ready for fighting fire. We also ought to have a good fire alarm.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. E. T. Elliott, Jr., of Wilmington has accepted a position in the National Bank of Lumberton.

—At a meeting of the graded school trustees Friday evening Prof. R. E. Stentelle was re-elected superintendent of the Lumberton schools.

—The condition of Mrs. W. P. Barker, who has been ill at her home, North Elm street, for some time, is somewhat improved today.

—Mrs. Daisy W. Jenkins, accompanied by Miss Amanda McDiarmid, went last week to Richmond, Va., where Mrs. Jenkins will consult a specialist.

—Miss Lulu M. Cassidey, county home demonstration agent, has returned from Raleigh, where she attended a school for home demonstration agents.

—Mr. Leon McGill, a former clerk in the local postoffice, who was called into the army several weeks ago, has been assigned to the postoffice at Camp Jackson.

—Mr. S. A. Branch returned Friday from Baltimore, Md., where he spent some time. He went to Baltimore with Mrs. Branch, who is taking treatment under a specialist there.

—In order to give Macabees a chance to attend the services at the First Baptist church Tuesday evening the time for the Macabee meeting has been moved up from 8:30 to 9:30.

—Mr. Ernest L. Anderson of Fair Bluff, who had been spending some time here visiting his brother, Mr. H. H. Anderson, left Friday for the U. S. navy. He was called to Norfolk, Va.

—Mr. Jno. S. Holman, manager of the Lorraine hotel, has been advised of the safe arrival overseas of his brother Mr. L. A. Holman. Mr. Holman has only been in training 5 weeks.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Johnson Missue and Besie Grimsley; H. DeWitt Tyson and Rosa Long; Wm. S. Alexander and Margaret Lois Thompson; Allison P. DuBose and Julia Melville Gibson.

—Miss Viola Jenkins received a telegram from the Johnson-Willis sanatorium, Richmond, Va., yesterday advising that her mother, Mrs. Daisy W. Jenkins, underwent a successful operation Sunday morning and is getting along nicely.

—Mr. John S. McNeill, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Thompson hospital about 2 weeks ago, is able to be out again. His son Master John Coble, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the same place about 10 days ago, is recovering.

—Messrs. S. E. and Alfred Davis, who live on the Red Springs road, R. 6 from Lumberton, brought Saturday to town a few watermelons, the first of the season, and say they expect to bring a load to town this week. Mr. S. E. Davis had his first melon Friday of last week.

—Mr. R. C. Lawrence of the Lumberton has been asked to make the annual address before the meeting of the association of the Superior court clerks of North Carolina at Raleigh July 2. On account of previous business arrangements Mr. Lawrence will not be able to make the address.

—Mr. A. W. McLean, one of the four members of the U. S. War Finance board, arrived home Saturday from Washington. Mr. McLean will attend at Wrightsville Beach this week, beginning tomorrow a meeting of the State Bar Association, of which he is president. He will make the opening address.

—Mr. W. M. Worley, a member of the Fairmont Tobacco Warehouse Co., and Mr. T. L. Tapscott, auctioneer for that company, were Lumberton visitors Friday. Both these gentlemen are well known to Robeson tobacco growers. They expect the biggest season in the history of the Fairmont market this year.

—It so happened that three sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Page of Barnesville, who are in their country's service, came home at the same time on a furlough. Mr. Bernice Page is serving in the navy and has made one trip across. Mr. Mark Page is stationed at Camp Jackson and Mr. Clarence Page is stationed at Camp Sevier. They are all Lumberton visitors today.

—Mr. A. Collins of Charlotte was a Lumberton visitor Friday. He was on his way to Proctorville to the home of his father, Mr. L. T. Collins, and expected to return to Charlotte last evening. Mr. Collins has been successfully engaged in the wholesale lumber business in Charlotte for a number of years and now has a 10-acre farm 4 miles from Charlotte. Upon this farm Mr. Collins says he has spent \$45,000 since last December, and has on it all modern improvements and conveniences.

—Mr. H. L. Pope returned Friday from Raleigh, where he attended the annual convention of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association. He went with Messrs. H. L. Blue and H. H. Pittman of Fairmont and Chas. Shelton of Chadbourn, in Mr. Blue's auto, making the trip in 4 hours and 15 minutes and returning in 4 hours and 25 minutes. Mr. Pope won one of the foot races at a barbecue of the association Thursday and just as he hurt his right leg at the knee, incidentally ruining a pair of pants.

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