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SUMMARY OF WAR NEWS.

Battles Stubbornly Contested—Americans Holding Fast—Crisis Seems to Be Past.

Although the Germans are still attacking the Allied lines viciously on both sides of the Rheims salient, what gains they are making continues to be small ones on isolated sectors and seemingly are confined to the region along the Marne and immediately southwest of Rheims.

Eastward from the cathedral city through Champagne the French report that they everywhere are holding the enemy and keeping their line intact, notwithstanding the prodigious expenditure of shell by the Germans and the determination with which their troops are delivering their thrusts.

Everywhere the battles are being stubbornly contested and where the French and Italians have been compelled to give ground, it has been only after the infliction of extremely heavy casualties on the invaders. The Americans nowhere have been forced to withdraw. On the contrary, near Fossy, near the bend in the Marne, near Chateau Thierry and Dormans, they have made further improvements in their positions. Like their French comrades in arms, the Americans also have been engaged in violent fighting.

A Washington dispatch last night states: "While official reports from General Pershing and Bliss were too belated to permit formal conclusions to be drawn today by military authorities here as to the situation along the front where the German offensive was still beating against American, French and Italian defenders, it was clear that they read press advices as indicating that the crisis was past and the enemy's plans frustrated."

It was officially reported from France yesterday that Quentin Roosevelt, youngest son of ex-President and Mrs. Roosevelt, had fallen to his death in a fight with a squadron of German airplanes.

THESE HAVE NOT

FILED QUESTIONNAIRES

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

The following men who registered June 5th, 1918, have failed to file questionnaires. Under the law we are required to put them in class one. It may be that some of these men are in the navy, but no evidence has been furnished us and we will appreciate it if in such cases their relatives and friends will advise us promptly so they may be changed to Class 5.

Joe Harps, Jr., Newport News, Va.
Blond Powell Brown, Fairmont.
Chester Piget, Jr., Rowland.
Fletcher Parker, Lumberton, R. No.

2. Nomer Howell, Lumberton, R. 7.
Marshall Carlyle Martin, E. Lumberton.
Patrick Murphy McLean, Lumberton.

Alex West, Rockingham.
Charlie Smith, Jr., Lumberton, R. 7.
Walter Smith, Lumberton.
T. L. JOHNSON,
Chairman.
Lumberton, N. C., July 18, 1918.

TOBACCO SELLING HIGH.

Great Quantities Are Being Sold Daily and Higher Higher Prices Are Prevailing.

Great quantities of tobacco are being sold both at Lumberton and Fairmont daily and prices are continuing to mount upward. More than 60,000 pounds were sold on the local market today. The tobacco farmer this year is coming into his own. The average price of the local market yesterday and today was around 33 cents.

Indians Who Evaded Draft Sent to Camp.

Worth Sampson, Indian, who left Robeson soon after he registered for military duty June 5, 1917, and failed to notify the exemption board of his whereabouts, has been arrested at Claxton, Ga. He was taken to some camp in Georgia. Sampson is a son of Jasper Sampson, who lives near Pembroke and who last week was bound over to the Federal court by U. S. Commissioner E. M. Johnson on the charge of aiding his two sons to evade the draft. Dallis Sampson, the other son whom Jasper was charged with aiding to evade the draft, has also been arrested and sent to camp.

Death of Mrs. Sue Burns of Maxton.

Mrs. Sue Burns of Maxton died Tuesday at a hospital in Greensboro, where she was taken 10 days ago for treatment. The remains were taken to Maxton yesterday and interment was made in Eastside cemetery, where her husband, Clinton A. Burns, was buried about a year ago. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill, pastor of the Presbyterian church, of which she was a member.

Registrants Being Examined and Classified.

The 170 young men in Robeson district No. 1 who registered June 5, last, are being examined and classified. This work will be completed tomorrow.

NEAR-SONS OF ROBESON

WINNING FAME IN THE WAR

General R. L. Bullard is Considered One of Greatest Generals—Major Harlee is Prominent in the Marine Corps.

Mr. A. W. McLean came home yesterday from Washington to attend some cotton mill directors' meetings and will leave this evening to return to Washington.

Just before leaving Washington Mr. McLean had a talk with General Ansell, who has just returned from a 2-months' visit to the west front in France. General Ansell is enthusiastic about the splendid fighting qualities of the American soldiers in France. They have won the admiration of the leaders of the Allies. The North Carolina soldiers, he said, are acquiring themselves splendidly.

Mr. McLean says that General R. L. Bullard, son of a former Robeson county man—concerning whom an article will be found on page 6 of this paper—is making quite a reputation in France. One of the Washington papers carried his picture the other day and newspapers are eagerly printing what information they can get about him. In official circles in Washington Mr. McLean says Gen. Bullard is considered one of the greatest generals. He has been put in charge of the American troops at the most important points, and is considered General Pershing's right-hand man.

Another prominent man in military circles who is a near-Robesonian is Major Harlee of the marine corps. Major Harlee was raised by Capt. A. T. Harlee, who lived near Rowland, just across the South Carolina line. The family has long been prominent. The Harleesville road leading out of Lumberton was named for the family. Major Harlee married a daughter of Judge Z. T. Fulmore, formerly of Robeson, now and for many years past of Austin, Texas. Major Harlee has won for himself quite a reputation, Mr. McLean says. He is related to some of the Townsends and McCallums and other families in Robeson.

COMMUNITY MEETING.

At Centenary School House July 24—

Community Fair and Community Evaporating House to be Discussed

—4 Community Fairs will Be Held in County.

A community meeting will be conducted by Miss Lulu M. Cassidy, county home demonstration agent, at Centenary school house, near Rowland, Wednesday of next week, July 24, at 3 p. m., to discuss the advisability of community fair and a community evaporating house. Miss Cassidy hopes to have a specialist at the meeting from Raleigh to speak on the drying of fruits and vegetables. A demonstration in canning also will be given.

Four community fairs will be held in the county this year under the auspices of the farm and home demonstration work. These fairs will receive State aid and are intended to be tributary to the county fair. One of these fairs will be held at Rex and another at Oakdale, near Marietta. Where the other two will be held will be decided next week.

REGISTRANTS OFF TO CAMP.

Sixteen Men of Robeson Division No. 1 Were Entrained For Camp Dix Yesterday.

The following registrants of Robeson division No. 1 were entrained here yesterday for Camp Dix, Wrightstown, N. J.:

Henry C. Jackson, Lumberton, R. 4, farmer.
Zeddie Robeson, Lumberton, R. 2, farmer.

Fred C. Ford, Marietta, farmer.
Raymond Floyd, Fairmont, farmer.

Alex Inman, Fairmont, laborer.
John J. Dockley, Fairmont, laborer.

George Avery, Lumberton, R. 1, farmer.
Clyde Hatcher, Lumberton, R. 1, farmer.

Adam Short, Fairmont, laborer.
John Peppers, Lumberton, laborer.

Walter Barrett, Lumberton, laborer.
Barney Bunyan Taylor, Fairmont, laborer.

Thomas B. McNair, Elrod, farmer.
Sante Grate, Fairmont, farmer.

James Thomas, Fairmont, laborer.
Solomon Jackson, Fairmont, laborer.

Crowder Calls 46,000 Men to Colors.

Forty-six thousand men from all States and the District of Columbia were called to the colors last night by Provost Marshal General Crowder. They are to be all white registrants. Movements into camp will be between August 5 and August 9.

This is the first general call for August during which the military program provides for the entrainment of 30,000 white men. Special calls already issued account for 19,994 of this number. North Carolina's quota of 2,500 will be sent to Camp Wadsworth, S. C.

BETHLEHEM STEEL

GETS \$20,000,000.

War Finance Board Advances Large Sum to Help Meet Urgent Requirements for Steel.

Upon the request of the director of steel supply of the War Industries Board, the War Finance Corporation, in order to assist in meeting the urgent requirements of the country for steel and certain other war products, has agreed to make an advance to the Bethlehem Steel Corporation of approximately twenty million dollars. The proceeds of this advance will be used for the completion of certain contemplated extensions, for coke ovens, blast furnaces, plate mills, etc., at the Sparrows Point plant of the Steel Corporation. These extensions will round out and materially increase the production of this plant. It is expected that the work will be completed within one year. The War Finance Corporation will receive for this advance serial notes of one to five year maturities, part of a total authorized issue of fifty million dollars. The remainder of this issue is to be underwritten by a syndicate to be formed by bankers. Bethlehem Steel Corporation will receive for this advance serial notes of a par value equal to 14 per cent of the notes. These bonds are in turn to be secured by direct mortgage upon the principal steel properties controlled by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation through its subsidiaries, and also indirectly, through the pledge of securities, upon other properties controlled by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

The rate which the Bethlehem Steel Corporation paid for the money is approximately nine per cent.

Mr. A. W. McLean of Lumberton is a member of the War Finance Corporation.

Mr. Henry L. Pope "In the Midst of Alarms" at the Beach.

Mr. Henry L. Pope, proprietor of the Pope drug store, was in the midst of "alarms" at Wrightsville Beach at the first of this week. He arrived at the beach Sunday about noon with his wife and small child. Some six hours later, about ten minutes after he went into the surf, while enjoying himself out near the end of the pier in front of the Seashore hotel, he went to the rescue of a man who was in distress.

The man grabbed Mr. Pope around the neck and pulled him under. Mr. Pope managed to free himself and helped to bring the man safely to shore, but he was completely exhausted and had to call a physician. He recovered sufficiently to be at Lumina that night and planned to take a fishing trip the next day, but he was the victim of circumstances again. About 1:30 Monday afternoon Mr. Pope, after repeated efforts to get into the bath room at the Hanover inn, where he and his family were guests, climbed up to the transom and saw a man lying inside the room dead. The body proved to be that of Robert Stuart Armstrong, fabricating engineer for the Carolina Shipbuilding Co. of Wilmington, who bade his wife good-bye early that morning to go to his work in town and fell dead in about 7 a. m. Mr. Pope notified the proprietor of the hotel at once and figured in the story of the affair in the Wilmington papers.

Mrs. Bickett Will Go to Europe To Study War Work.

Mrs. Thomas W. Bickett, wife of the Governor, has accepted an invitation tendered by the executive committee of the Young Women's Christian Association at Washington to visit France as a member of a committee to be sent here to study the war work being carried on by the French women, and to learn how the American women can best co-operate with them. The committee will also make an investigation of the work being done by the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. in France.

Information gathered from the trip will be used for the joint campaign to be launched in October for the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. war work.

Mrs. Bickett, who is State director of the Y. W. C. A., expects to leave for Europe in August, and plans to return in September. She is to take part as a director in the nation-wide drive for funds on her return to America.

No Vacation For President Wilson This Summer.

There will be no vacation this year for President Wilson. With matters of tremendous importance demanding his attention every day, the President has decided that he cannot leave his desk, and it was definitely announced at the White House Tuesday that he will remain in Washington throughout the summer.

Superior Court Closes.

Robeson Superior court for the trial of criminal cases closed Tuesday morning. The only case tried after the report of the proceedings published in Monday's Robesonian was written was that of Neill R. Tyson on the charge of store-breaking. He was found not guilty. Tyson was charged with breaking into a store at St. Pauls. Judge C. C. Lyon of Elizabethtown presided. The term began Monday of last week.

GADDYSVILLE GRIST.

Driest Since 1911—Tobacco Can't Be Too High—Labor Scarcity Teaching So-operation—No Time For Sharp Criticism—Other News and Comment.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Gaddysville (Fairmont, R. 1), July 16.—Crops are suffering on account of extreme drought and corn is almost a thing of the past. Tobacco is holding up very well. The people say this is the driest dry since the summer of 1911. Out along Ashpole swamp a very good rain fell, but a very slight sprinkle here, this being the first since May 24th.

Tobacco prices are very satisfactory and the planters have no cause for grumbling at all. But there is no danger of getting more than it's worth, considering the cost of supplies and crop.

The labor situation is growing acute. Tobacco is put in the barn now on any day help can be secured. Some planters bring up the family and take two days for the work, while others with large families swap work and bridge it across in one day. The latter plan is very satisfactory and it is teaching a lesson of co-operation. Maybe it's a blessing, after all.

The roads are extremely bad nowadays as the sand is deep and dry. Little Fords make it through while big cars stay out and the occupants walk over the bad places.

Melons are very scarce and high-priced, and so poor codgers like you correspondent have to go with mouth-watering for melon. Some times we wish we were a newspaper editor and folks would set us up to one.

Lots of the housewives are canning all they can, as fruit is very plentiful and waiting to be conserved.

Mr. Editor, some of your correspondents just keep a-howling for "Farmer's wife" to offer another letter of criticism. In our estimation the city lady is doing all in her power to do the best and the right way. So is the rural lady, and now its even. All are trying to do their duty, and what's the use of some "jagging" the other about her part? Now is no time for sharp criticism, when everybody's at wits end to win the war.

The Pleasant Hill Christian Endeavor society is on the grow, with Worth Burnes as leader. You are welcome on every Sunday night at dusk.

One time W. V. Branch got the "hoss run over him." That's when he was elected teacher of the Pleasant Grove Baraca class last Sunday. You will always find a welcome place in Branch's class, but he declares he's not the man for a teacher.

The negroes will go a-fishing if the house was a-fire. Work or no work, they go and poor is their luck. They could make more in somebody's tobacco field.

You Lumberton boosters just forgot all about us when you were on your recent trip and really lost the heart of the game by not visiting the greatest tobacco-growing section in Robeson county. Ask anybody what kind of tobacco is made on the S. C. line and they will tell you the best and largest fields of the weed to be found anywhere. Don't forget so easily. But really we all set at Fairmont, anyway.

The health of the community is very good and visitors are too numerous to mention, so if you, Mr. Editor, have learned your maxim well quit, even if it's the driest weather ever.

American Troops Recapture Towns.

American troops Tuesday recaptured Fossey and Crezancy, towns on the south bank of the Marne taken Monday by the Germans when they crossed the river.

French and American forces fighting together Tuesday recaptured the village of St. Agnan, Hill No. 223, to the northwest of La Chapelle-Morhodon. In co-operation with the French, the Americans launched a heavy counter-attack Tuesday morning between these two villages, driving the enemy steadily back.

Comparatively large forces of Americans have been engaged, especially in the region of Des Crives, where they were brought up to support the attacking French.

Additional German prisoners taken Tuesday say they are convinced that their commanders are beaten.

—Mr. S. P. Smith and family will move tomorrow from East Lumberton to Penniman, Va., where Mr. Smith will be engaged at work for about 2 months longer. Mr. Smith, who has been at Penniman for some time, came home yesterday.

—One of the Robesonian local reporters says if you wish to see some sure enough cotton that it can be seen on the farm of N. A. Revels, at Pembroke. Revels is one of Robeson's most successful Indian farmers, and besides operating his farm he has a good mercantile business.

Mr. D. M. Rogers of Marietta is a Lumberton visitor today.

PEMBROKE POINTS.

Services in New Church—Ice Cream Supper Friday Night—Mr. Walter S. McLean Marries in New York—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Pembroke, July 17.—Rev. Roland Hedgepeth filled his regular appointment here Sunday, preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Services were held in the new Baptist church, which is much more convenient and comfortable than the school building, which has been used as a church since the church building was burned some time ago.

There will be an ice cream supper at the school house Friday night, the 19th. Watermelon and fruit, also will be served. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the Red Cross. The public is very cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector Edwards and small daughter, Louise, of Armour, spent Sunday with Mr. Edwards' sister Mrs. W. E. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McLean spent the week-end visiting friends near Bellamy.

Mrs. Margaret McCall of Armour visited at Mrs. W. E. Hall's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Collinsworth and children left Monday night for Roanoke, Va., to visit Mrs. Collinsworth's parents. Mrs. Collinsworth and children expect to be away about two months.

Mayor and Mrs. L. M. Ansley and children expect to leave tomorrow for Micro, where they will make their home. We all regret to see them leave and hope they will like their new home.

Quite a number from here motored down to Lake Waccamaw Sunday. They reported a very pleasant time.

Mr. T. M. Brock spent today here with his family.

The many friends of Mr. Walter S. McLean will be interested to learn of his marriage to Miss Charlotte Nicolson of Brooklyn, N. Y., Friday night the 12th at 10:30. Mr. McLean is in the U. S. army and has been stationed at Ft. Hamilton, N. Y., for some time.

Lumberton Visitors at Wrightsville Beach.

A number of Lumberton people have visited Wrightsville Beach during the past few days. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sharpe and children, Anna Courtney and J. A. 2nd, Mrs. Sharpe's mother and sister, Mrs. A. P. Courtney and Miss Edith Courtney of Baltimore, and Miss Josephine Breece, went to the beach Saturday, driving through in Miss Breece's car. Miss Breece and Mr. Sharpe returned Tuesday. Mrs. Sharpe and children, Mrs. Courtney and Miss Courtney, Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Pope and small daughter, and Miss Leigh Pope and Mr. C. V. Brown motored to the beach Sunday morning in Mr. Anderson's car. Mr. Anderson returned home Monday evening. He left his car in Wilmington and will return to the beach Sunday for Mrs. Anderson and daughter. Mr. Brown returned Monday morning. Mr. H. L. Newbold went to the beach Saturday night and returned Tuesday morning.

The fire truck answered a call at noon today from the home of Mr. E. Hood, northern part of town, and found that the fire, which was only an ironing-board on fire, had been extinguished.

—Capt. J. P. Russell and daughters Misses Jennie and Marie, and Mr. H. M. McAllister will leave this afternoon in Mr. McAllister's Premier auto on a trip which will embrace Lake City, Mullins, Florence and Kings-tree, S. C. Miss Jennie Russell will spend some time at Kingstree visiting relatives. The others of the party expect to return tomorrow.

—The revival meeting conducted by Rev. B. F. McLendon at Red Springs for 3 weeks came to a close Sunday night. There were over 200 conversions and many church members were reclaimed. The incidental expenses of the campaign were \$803.50 and in addition a freewill offering of \$1,800.40 was given Mr. McLendon.

—Maxton correspondence. 17th Wilmington Star: The condition of Mr. William Laurie Hill, who suffered a cerebral hemorrhage last Wednesday afternoon, is somewhat improved at this time, although he is still unable to use his entire right side. He is contented to his bed, and is able to talk much better now than is first, and hopes soon to be able to get up if this improvement continues. He is in his 83rd year, but up to this affliction, has been able to lead a very active life.

Mr. Lester Lovett of Orum was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

ERROR CORRECTED.

In Messrs. Bransford & Noblin's advertisement in Monday's Robesonian it was stated that Mr. Jno. L. Taylor of the Long Branch section sold a load of tobacco in Fairmont one day for 25 cents a pound and the next day sold a part of the same curing in Lumberton for 37 cents. That was an error which both Messrs. Bransford & Noblin and The Robesonian regret. The price Mr. Taylor received at Fairmont was 35 cents and was intended to be so stated. The error was of course unintentional and is gladly corrected.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Regular meeting Maccabees tonight at 8:30. Degree work.

—Mr. J. A. Raine left last night for Baltimore, where he will go under treatment at Johns Hopkins hospital.

—Mr. Oliver Page of Marietta is spending several days in Lumberton with his brother Mr. Sam Page, who is a patient at the Thompson hospital.

—A glorious rain fell here and in other sections throughout Robeson Tuesday night. It was much needed, also another just like it or a little more so.

—The condition of Mrs. M. A. Geddie, who has been sick for some time and who recently was taken to the Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville, is somewhat improved.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thrower moved Tuesday to Lumberton from R. 3 from St. Pauls. They are living on Chippewa street. Mr. Thrower has charge of the road truck.

—Mr. W. R. Covington, formerly of the S. A. L. here left Tuesday afternoon for Hopewell, Va., where he has accepted a position with the National Bank of Hopewell.

—Reports say Sheriff R. E. Lewis has 200 acres of fine cotton growing. Some of it is already beginning to open, which seems to indicate an early opening of the cotton market.

—Mr. Daniel McLeod of Red Springs was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday. Mr. McLeod is past 80 years of age and boasts of having ever been a "blue stocking" Presbyterian and a Jeffersonian Democrat.

—Mr. L. C. McCabe of Greensboro is a Lumberton visitor this week, guest of Mr. Fred Brown. Mr. McCabe is secretary-treasurer of the Business Men's Mutual Life & Casualty Co. of Greensboro.

—Mr. B. Tolar of Rennett is a Lumberton visitor today. Mr. Tolar says good rains fell in his immediate neighborhood Tuesday afternoon and night, but that just above his place hardly enough rain fell to lay the dust. He says he has a fine corn crop.

—Mr. C. W. Byrd and son, Mr. T. C. Byrd, of R. 5 from Lumberton, were among the visitors in town yesterday. At their home on the Big swamp, 11 miles east of Lumberton, the Messrs. Byrd say they had a very good rain Tuesday night but apparently not quite so good as fell in Lumberton.

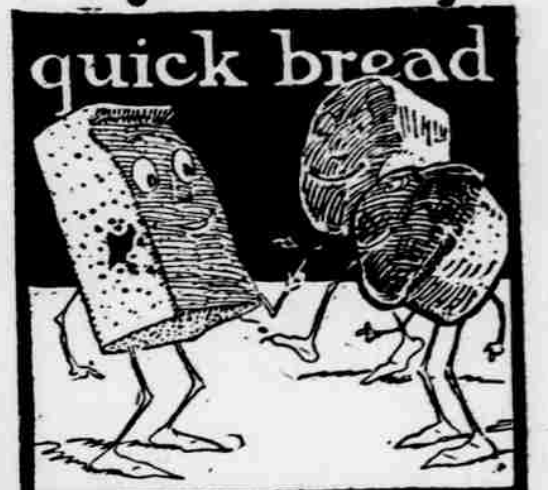
—Mr. J. S. Holman, manager of the Lorraine hotel, says he had to turn away a number of people last night for lack of room. He is using every inch of available space but still finds it impossible to take in all the people who come to the hotel. It looks like the Lorraine will have to be enlarged.

—Mr. Bill Leggett of R. 3 from Lumberton was among the visitors in town yesterday. He sold a load of tobacco, second curing, at one of the warehouses here yesterday at 28 cents, and was mighty well pleased with the price. A good rain fell at his home, 5 miles from Lumberton on the Fairmont road, Tuesday night.

—Rev. Fred T. Collins, Mrs. Cynthia Britt and Miss Johnnie Collins returned today to their home at Clinton, Sampson county, after spending some time in Robeson visiting relatives. They were accompanied home by Miss Maude Britt, also of Clinton, who had been a guest at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Britt, Second street, for several days. Mr. Collins recently resigned as pastor of the Baptist church at Clinton and accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church at Ahsokie.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hall and four children, of Oxford, on their way across country to Wrightsville Beach, spent last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. McIntyre. They arrived here last night about 10:30 and found the Lorraine hotel full to overflow. Mr. Hall phoned Mr. McIntyre, an old acquaintance, to ask if he could tell him where to spend the night and Mr. McIntyre opened his home to them and cared for the weary travelers until this morning, when they resumed their journey to the beach. Mr. Hall owns a farm near Rowland.

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quick bread
Baking powder biscuits, co'n bread, muffins, brown bread, griddle cakes or waffles is not dey call "quick breads."
You all makes 'em wid one cup er wheat flour ter two cups er substitute flour to save fer de wheat dat kin be saved fer de sojers. Some folks kin git er long widout any wheat at all and are glad to do it ter help win de war. Dat ain't bad medicine to take fo' who's gwine tu'n up his nose at good co'n bread er biscuits er flapjacks?

