

ALLIES STEADILY MOVING FORWARD

Violent Counter Attacks By Huns Fail to Stop Them—Reaching For Railroad.

Press Summary.

Violent German counter-attacks and rear guard actions in great strength still fail to serve the German high command as barriers to the advance of the allied troops on the Soissons-Rheims salient.

True they have added somewhat in slowing down the fast pace set by the allies at the commencement of the offensive, but nevertheless on the three sides of the now U-shaped battlefront further important gains have been made.

Reaching for Railroad.

Driving slowly but surely south of Soissons, the American and French troops have pushed their fronts further eastward toward that part of the Soissons-Chateau Thierry railway line that is still in the hands of the enemy and further south along both sides of the Ourcq river and the road leading to Fere-En-Tardenois, Germany's great storehouse for the supply of her troops to the south, important penetrations into enemy held territory have been made until the maximum point where the allies are fighting near Coigny is about 10-12 miles from their point of departure last Thursday.

Americans in Fierce Fight.

In the Marne region north of Chateau Thierry, the Americans and French have met with the fiercest kind of resistance, for here the German machine gunners and infantrymen are striving hard to stay their progress in an endeavor to extricate large numbers of the German forces who are in danger of capture, and also to save part of the great number of guns and quantities of war materials which it is impossible to get out except by the high roads over the undulating and wooded country.

Advantage With Allies.

The advantage in the fighting, however, has rested with the allied forces. Allied troops who have pushed on northward past the village of Epiedes and ousted the Germans from the greater part of the Chateau forest. In this region the allies now hold the village of Epiedes and Trugny-Epiedes, which were captured by the Germans and were recaptured Wednesday in a counter-attack by the Americans. Pressing on northward the allies have driven their front beyond Coupoul, which lies about 6-12 miles northeast of Chateau Thierry.

Steady Advance From Marne.

Along the Marne at several points notably in the region of Chartèves and Jaulgonne and further east at Trepout the allies have put the northern bank of the Marne further behind them in advances and captured a large number of cannon and machine guns and considerable war material.

Picked German Reinforcements.

In the region between the Marne and Rheims where the German crown prince has brought forward large numbers of picked reinforcements to stay the British, French and Italians, his warriors are meeting with hard usage. Following up the advance of the French and Italians of Tuesday the British, immediately to the southwest of Rheims, apparently have begun a movement which possibly portends good results.

Britons Gain at Vignay.

Here the British have overcome a strong counter-attack and following it a violent bombardment and struck the German line at Vignay for a goodly gain. This maneuver, if it is pressed to further advantage, will seriously menace the Rheims-Fismes railway, a scant three miles to the north, and also will tend materially to lessen the width of the mouth of the pocket through which the Germans are endeavoring to retreat from the Soissons-Rheims salient.

Hun Situation Grows Grave.

Gauged by the war maps, the new inroads of the allied troops into the German-held territory necessarily add further to the extreme gravity of the situation of the Germans inside the huge pocket and with the long range guns on both sides of the U heavily shelling them far behind the actual fighting front; with airmen bombing them assiduously and with the infantry attacking them on all sides with rifle and light gun fire, their situation seemingly is a hazardous one.

Man and Wife Shot While Eating Supper.

Following a row at a tobacco barn, Mack Strickland went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Utley Arnette, near Princess Anne Monday night and fired several shots at Mr. and Mrs. Arnette through a window. Mr. and Mrs. Arnette were eating supper when Strickland fired on them. Strickland used both a pistol and a shot gun. Several shot struck Mr. Arnette in the face and it is thought he will lose one eye. His wife was also struck by several shot.

Strickland escaped and has not been apprehended.

Prices Still Way Up.

Much tobacco is being sold on the markets here and at Fairmont this week. Prices continue the highest on record and tobacco growers are wearing smiles that will not come off. Good tobacco has sold as high as \$48 the hundred.

PUBLIC SERVICE RESERVE.

Robeson Branch Organized With T. A. McNeill, Jr., as Chairman—Each Township in the County Represented by One Member—Representatives to Meet in Court House Here Tuesday.

Robeson county now has a branch of the United States Public Service Reserve of the Department of Labor. Mr. T. A. McNeill, Jr., of Lumberton has been elected chairman. Mr. A. R. McEachern of St. Pauls represents the employers of labor and Mr. W. M. Burney of Lumberton represents the laboring class.

The branch will have a representative in each township as follows: Alfordville—W. F. Bullard. Britts—Wade H. Lamb. Back Swamp—Mike Singletary. Burnt Swamp—J. A. McLeod. Fairmont—Van Taylor. Rowland—J. A. McArthur. Howellsville—Ed. Taylor. Lumber Bridge—H. M. John. Lumberton—R. H. Creighton. Maxton—McCoy McEachern. Orrum—Frank Sheppard. Parkton—A. J. Garis. Penbrooke—D. A. Shaw. Raft Swamp—Gen. F. A. Bond. Rennett—Arch McGoogan. Rowland—T. W. Bray. Saddletree—Gaiter Hall. St. Pauls—Lee McGoogan. Shannon—J. T. Gibson. Smiths—Wm. Tiddie. Sterling—Pitman Barnes. Thompson—Thomas Greyard. White House—W. T. Genrette. Red Springs—A. W. Townsend. Wisharts—Joe Freeman.

The representative from each township is expected to meet in the court house in Lumberton Tuesday, July 30 at 11 a. m.

RECORDER'S COURT.

Number Before Recorder on Charges Of Violating Automobile Ordinances.

The following cases have been disposed of by Recorder E. M. Britt: J. R. Poole, M. N. Folger, F. M. Gilbert, W. G. Pittman, Jack Edmund, J. P. Townsend, Nathaniel Simmons, colored, J. B. Bruton, Eddie McNeill, N. P. Andrews—all running automobiles without new license numbers; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

E. A. Carlyle, speeding auto on streets; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

E. H. Filyaw, selling intoxicants; not guilty.

Flora Spears and Mack Campbell, colored, public nuisance; prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost.

Daniel and Elias Tyler, cursing on public highway; prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost.

Dr. W. A. McPhaul, speeding auto on street; not guilty.

Dr. T. C. Johnson, parking auto on Elm street; not guilty.

J. W. Bullock, parking auto on Elm street; not guilty.

H. H. Anderson, running car without new license numbers; not guilty.

Hugh Thompson, speeding auto on street; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

H. G. Webster, running auto without lights; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Don McGill, speeding auto on streets; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Henry Addison, larceny; not guilty.

Mrs. Gaston Britt, slander; case dismissed.

Germany Makes Peace Offer.

Amsterdam, July 24.—Germany has made suggestions for a peace conference to the Spanish government, says the socialist Vorwaerts, of Berlin.

The suggestions are: "First, Germany wants no annexations in indemnities in the west.

"Second, the peace treaties with Russia and Rumania may not be questioned.

"Third, the principle of self-determination of peoples has not been discussed, but may be settled at the peace conference, where the fate of Belgium also is to be settled.

"Fourth, the Balkan question is to be settled around the conference table.

"Fifth, the freedom of the seas, the dismantling of Gibraltar and the Suez canal and the right for Germany to use coaling stations.

"Sixth, the colonial question is to be settled on the basis of the status quo."

The Vorwaerts considers this a very reasonable peace program.

Germans Have Lost in Killed, Wounded, Taken, 180,000 Since July 15.

According to careful estimate war-ranting acceptance, says Reuters' correspondent on the French front, the Germans employed between sixty and seventy divisions since July 15 and have lost 180,000 men killed, wounded and prisoners.

Shipping Losses Lowest Since 1916

London, July 24.—The losses to British and allied shipping, due to enemy action or marine risk, for the month of June totaled 275,629 gross tons, this being the lowest record for any month since September, 1916. The British losses totaled 161,062 tons and allied and neutral losses 114,567.

OFF TO CAMP.

Seventy-Two White and Indian Registrants From Robeson District No. 1 Entrained Yesterday For Camp Hancock, Ga.—Others, White and Colored, Will Be Called Soon.

Seventy-two registrants from Robeson district No. 1 entrained last evening for Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga. Quite a crowd gathered at the station to see the boys off. The registrants were in high spirits and were having a great time. On account of engine trouble the train came in late and it was 8 o'clock when the boys left Lumberton. They were on a special car attached to the regular Seaboard passenger train.

Following is given the list of names and addresses of those who left for camp yesterday:

John William Lane, Lumberton. Charlie A. Powers, Lumberton R. 1. Raymond Hunt, Lumberton. Hezekiah Miller, Fairmont. John N. Hardin, Lumberton, R. 1. Martin L. Stewart, New York. John L. Musselwhite, Lumberton R. 1. Dudley Britt, Lumberton, R. 4. Martin L. Lowry, Raynham. Murphy F. Hardin, Lumberton, R. 1. Henry A. Hunt, Raynham. Owen Hunt, Fairmont. Eldon Claudius Biggs, Lumberton, R. 6. Bailey Preston Floyd, Fairmont. William A. Stone, Lumberton, R. 4. Ford Smith, Fairmont. Arey Weldon Connor, Barnesville. John B. Locklear, Lumberton, R. 2. Julian McI. Price, McDonald. Jake Davis, Lumberton, R. 6. Jasper Wilkerson, Fairmont. Morgan Turner, Fairmont. John A. Morgan, Marietta. William L. Floyd, Fairmont. William A. Jenkins, Fairmont. Floyd Townsend, Fairmont. John H. Sutton, Lumberton, R. 4. Memory Floyd, Fairmont. William B. Tyner, Buie. James P. Ivey, Orrum. Jurney A. Floyd, Fairmont. Roy Lee Townsend, Buie. Joseph P. Fields, Allenton. Thaddeus Hunt, Lumberton, R. 6. Joel Dawson Herring, Badin. Justin Lovett, Fairmont. Jacob C. Nye, Orrum. Eddie Britt, Lumberton, R. 1. Willis Allen Lee, Fairmont. Council Wilcox, Lumberton, R. 4. Walter A. Lowry, Raynham. Herman Johnson, Fairmont. Baker McCall Bryant, Lumberton, R. 5. William D. Locklear, Lumberton. Ernest Watts, Lumberton. William R. Carlyle, Buie. Neill A. Hammond, St. Pauls, R. 1. Frank Chavis, Rennett, R. 1. Ernest C. Inman, Fairmont. Elmer Hedgepeth, Fairmont. Bessie Miesoe, Elrod, R. 1. William E. Stewart, Lumberton, R. 2. Rubie Nye, Orrum. John W. Stone, Lumberton, R. 4. Gladstone Smith, Lumberton, R. 5. Robert Leggett, Barnesville. James Townsend, Lumberton, R. 7. John F. Bethune, Lumberton, R. 1. Frank L. Israel, Lumberton, R. 5. Loyd Barnes, Fairmont, R. 3. George Lawson, Orrum. Donnie Britt, Lumberton, R. 4. Leon Edge, Lumberton, R. 7. William A. McCormick, McDonald. Graham McLean, McDonald. Thad Johnson, Fairmont, R. 1. Harvey Leslie Ivey, Lumberton, R. 1. John Miller, Rowland. Douglas Miller, Fairmont. George M. Sessoms, Lumberton, R. 7. Clyde B. Pittman, Fairmont. John S. Hill, Marietta.

Seven more white registrants will entrain Monday, July 29 for Camp Hancock. Two will leave on the same date for Vancouver, Washington. Twenty-nine colored registrants from district No. 1 will go Monday to Camp Green, Charlotte.

The board has a call from the War Department for 52 white men to go to Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., around August 5 and 32 colored registrants to go to Camp Green about August 1.

MEETING OF DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members of the county Democratic executive committee are called to meet in the court house in Lumberton Tuesday, July 30 at 3 p. m. This is a very important meeting and each member is urged to be present.

T. A. McNEILL, JR., Chairman Robeson County Democratic Executive Committee.

Not Safe For Automobiles.

Mr. L. H. Townsend, county road superintendent, asks The Robesonian to state that it is not advisable for automobile to be driven across the Big Swamp at Singletary's crossing at present. The road is being repaired and is very muddy. Those wishing to cross with teams can get through, Mr. Townsend says.

Mrs. I. B. Tucker of Whiteville received a telegram Saturday advising that her aunt, Mrs. Samuel Potts, had been killed in an auto accident in New York. Mrs. Potts was on a visit to her son Mr. Sam Potts. She had made her home with relatives in Whiteville since the death of her husband, Capt. Sam Potts, at Lake Waccamaw a few years ago.

CALLED TO REPORT JULY 29.

District No. 2 Men Who Will Entrain For Training Camp Monday of Next Week.

Following is the list of registrants called for military duty and ordered to report to local board for Robeson district No. 2 at Red Springs Monday, July 29th, 1918, at 2:30 p. m.:

Harrison McCallum, Purvis. Earley Baker, Rowland. John McCallum, Maxton. Luther Pugh, Mr. Cleard. Will McDougald, Rex. Lacy G. Smith, Rennett. Parth Baker, Maxton. Willie Floyd, Alma. Charlie Brown, Parkton. Arthur McDougald, Rowland. Wm. H. McCallum, Maxton. Charles Cook, Parkton. Henderson Roberson, Maxton. Joe McKay, Rowland. Windell L. Leach, Maxton. Henry McNair, Wakulla. Wesley Campbell, Maxton. Oscar Newell, Buie. Will Bethea, Maxton. James Graham, Maxton. Sandy Patterson, Red Springs. George Moody, Maxton. Jasper Glover, St. Pauls. Villa Weeks, Wakulla. Robert Fairies, Maxton. John Roberson, Penbroke.

ALTERNATES

Major McLeod, Lumber Bridge. Mat Bullard, Rowland. Willis McLean, Red Springs. Cleve Wallace, Richmond, Va. Mack Nicholson, Maxton. James Patterson, Red Springs.

HOOVER IN ENGLAND.

Tells Britons What United States Will Do.

London, July 23.—In a statement today on food problems, Herbert C. Hoover, the American food administrator, spoke of the great problem of agricultural substitution which he said was dominated by two critical and related factors, the first of which was time and the second, expenditure in fodder and land productivity.

"To increase our beef production," continued Mr. Hoover, "would require from three to five years. On the other hand, we could bring about an enormous increase in our meat and fat production through swine within nine to 12 months."

Mr. Hoover said the American agricultural population had been urged along this line and had been given assurances which had led to a wonderful increase in swine production.

"I have in my possession the needs of the European allies for meat," the food administrator went on. "We can furnish this whole volume in pork alone. We can summarize our present position by stating that within the next 12 months, we can, with less pressure of saving upon our people, export 18,000,000 tons if necessary and to this Canada will add 3,000,000 tons."

After announcing that all anxiety had passed, Mr. Hoover continued: "We are all building ships as a part of our submarine defense. We have now built up our food reserves in the nearest market as a further defense. The call for ships for food next year will be less than last and consequently we will have more ships for American soldiers."

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mrs. R. L. East of R. 1 From St. Pauls.

Mrs. R. L. East died Monday afternoon at her home on R. 1 from St. Pauls. Deceased had been ill for some time and her death was not unexpected. She is survived by her husband and eleven children. The funeral was conducted Tuesday at 4 p. m. by Rev. A. S. Parker of St. Pauls and interment was made in the Regan cemetery.

Mrs. East was a good woman and will be sorely missed.

Martha Victoria West.

Miss Martha Victoria West, aged 49 years, died yesterday at the home of her brother, Mr. A. C. West of R. 5 from Lumberton. Deceased had been sick for some time. The funeral was conducted today at 10 a. m. by Rev. J. M. Fleming and interment was made in the family burying ground.

Charles A. Parnell.

Mr. Charles A. Parnell of the Buie section died this morning at 4 o'clock. Deceased had been ill for several months with cancer of the head. He is survived by his wife and several children. The funeral will be conducted tomorrow at 10 a. m.

Mr. Parnell was a prosperous farmer and valued citizen. He was 68 years old.

503 American Women "Y" Workers.

In France there are now 503 American women Y. M. C. A. workers serving our soldiers and sailors, and enlisted men of the Allied armies. Two of these heroic women, Miss Wenona Martin and Miss Marion Crandell, have given up their lives on active service under the Red Triangle.

RED CROSS MEETING

Meeting to Be Held in Court House Here Saturday at 2:30 p. m.—Be On Hand.

At the request of divisional headquarters I hereby call a mass meeting to be held in the court house at Lumberton on July 27th, at 2:30 p. m. for the purpose of organizing a representative county chapter of the American Red Cross, with Robeson county as a unit.

Mr. J. G. Lane will represent divisional headquarters at this meeting. He is an able speaker and well versed in the work, and will assist in the organization of this chapter.

Below you will find a letter addressed to A. E. White, chairman of the Lumberton chapter, which explains in detail why this meeting is necessary.

I earnestly hope that everyone interested in the Red Cross work will make a special effort to be present and take part in the organization of this new chapter for Robeson county.

A. E. WHITE, Chairman, Lumberton Chapter, A. R. C.

Mr. A. E. White, Chairman, Red Cross Chapter, Lumberton, North Carolina.

"My dear Sir: You will kindly call a public meeting in the court house at Lumberton on July 27th, at 2:30 p. m. for the purpose of organizing a representative county chapter for Robeson county. Under the new plan, Robeson county will be governed by a board of directors chosen by representation from independent branches at Lumberton, Rowland, Fairmont, Maxton, Red Springs, St. Pauls, and other localities in the county large enough to support a separate workroom, each branch being entitled, in addition to its chairman, to one director for every one hundred members or major fraction thereof. Make sure that your chapter and its branches are represented at the meeting on the basis just given.

"Efficiency and economy from the standpoint of our whole organization demand that there be one chapter to a county. Even with this restriction we will have some five hundred chapters with which to communicate and from which to receive reports, etc. If we allow multiple chapters to the county rule, it will open the door to hundreds of new independent chapters. The task of maintaining a stenographic and clerical force for the purpose of corresponding with a thousand or more chapters and the burden of being responsible directly for the welfare of as many independent units is next to impossible; at any rate it is absurd to think of such an undertaking without correspondence can come through one channel and the responsibility be shared by the capable men and women in each county for the whole of that county.

"We are well aware of the the arguments you may reasonably advance from your local standpoint, but we feel confident that your patriotism and loyalty to the American Red Cross will lead you to respect our wishes expressed in the light of divisional and national considerations.

"I am counting on you to help make this meeting a success in every way. Mr. J. G. Lane will represent divisional headquarters at this meeting. He is an able speaker, well versed in the work, and I bespeak for him your heartiest cooperation.

"If the meeting cannot be held in the court house, please see that a suitable place is provided."

Cordially yours,

GUY E. SNAVELY,

Director, Bureau of Development, Southern Division A. R. C.

BROAD RIDGE BREEZES.

Rain Helped Crops—Sunbeam Rally—Cotton Fruiting Well.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Broad Ridge, (Orrum, R. 1), July 23.—Farmers of this section are all smiles, as the long needed rains have begun to fall again.

Broad Ridge sunbeam band will have a sunbeam rally at Broad Ridge church Sunday July 28. Everybody has a welcome.

Mr. Redmon Ivey has purchased a new 4rd.

Lot's of the young men of our section who were expected to cut some of the pines of California in the near future for Uncle Sam's needs.

Cotton in this section is our proudest crop at present. Although it is small, it is just loaded down with fruit.

Most all the farmers have half the tobacco off the stalks and lots have carried their last curing to market.

Hindenburg Reported Alive—Is Ill.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg, chief of the German general staff, is seriously ill and has taken no part in military operations of the present year, says a Central News dispatch from Berne Tuesday.

At great personal effort, the message adds, the field marshal was present at a few of the receptions, but went through the functions without speaking. He is quite incapable of writing, the advices declare.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Lumberton chapter No. 116 E. O. S. meets this evening at 8:30.

—Mr. C. L. Byrd has resigned his position as book-keeper for Mr. K. M. Biggs.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Ivey Reynolds and Annie James.

—There will be a picnic at the Jennings beach Saturday. It will be an all day affair.

—Lloyd Hunt, Indian, asked that it be stated in The Robesonian that a fine boy was born to himself and wife Monday.

—Mr. S. A. Epps left Tuesday night for Baltimore and New York to buy fall goods for Mr. L. H. Caldwell's department store.

—Mrs. Addie Prevatt has accepted a position as stenographer in Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son's store. She began work Monday.

—Mrs. L. B. Weinstein and two children, Pauline and Albert, of Fairmont left last week for Little Rock, Ark., where they will spend some time visiting relatives.

—Mr. M. C. Britt of R. 4 from Lumberton is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Britt recently advertised some pigs for sale in The Robesonian and the ad sold the pigs in a short time.

—Mr. J. A. Floyd of R. 2 from Fairmont brought to The Robesonian's local editor yesterday a basket of delicious Elberta Rose peaches. They were beautiful and of course were highly appreciated.

—Mr. Ben M. Carter left last evening for Plattsburg, N. Y., where he will enter an officers' training camp. Mr. Carter is only 17 years old and was selected as one of 10 students from Elon college to enter the camp.

—Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Willoughby of Crosby, Ala., are spending this week in Robeson visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Willoughby is a native Robesonian, having left for Alabama 22 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby were Lumberton visitors Tuesday.

—Miss Sarah McPhail, who lives about two miles east of town, was taken Sunday to the Cumberland General hospital at Fayetteville by Dr. J. A. Martin. She underwent a serious operation Monday and is reported as getting along as well as could be expected.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sharpe, Miss Josephine Breece and Miss Edith Courtney left Tuesday for Asheville to attend the annual convention of the North Carolina Press Association. They went across country in Miss Breece's auto and expect to return Saturday.

Telegraph and Telephone Lines Will Be Under Government Operation After July 31.

Washington, Dispatch, July 23. Acting under the authority recently conferred by congress, President Wilson Tuesday issued a proclamation taking all telegraph and telephone lines under government operation and control at midnight Wednesday July 31.

Although congress empowered him to do so, the President did not include wireless systems, because the navy already is in control of them, and he also did not include ocean cables, presumably because contracts the cable companies have with foreign governments on whose shores they land contain clauses respecting government operation which raised involved questions. The navy already is in practical control of the cables through its censorship.

The President's proclamation placed administration of the wire systems with Postmaster General Burleson and provided that until otherwise decided the present managements and employees will continue. President financial arrangements also will continue with the approval of the postmaster general.

Notice of New Advertisements.

Let's make all we can to eat at home—L. H. Caldwell's hardware department.

Big sales at the Star Warehouse. Warm weather specials—L. H. Caldwell.

Learn by doing—Sandhill farm-life school.

Stop! Look—E. Thomas.

Report of E. J. Davis & Sons tobacco sales.

Report of O. L. Joyner Company, proprietors of the Big Banner Warehouse.

Ford touring car for sale—W. H. M. Brown, Buie, N. C.

Office appointments of Dr. C. S. Dietz.

Notice of summons.

Cow and dogs for sale—E. L. Odum, Pembroke, N. C.

Visit Jennings beach.

Second-hand cars for sale—Jasper T. Gibson, Laurinburg, N. C.

Stovehood, hay and oats for sale—H. M. Beasley.

Corn wanted.

70,000 Cakes a Week.

A Red Triangle bakery at Northampton, England, bakes 70,000 cakes every week for Y. M. C. A. canteens in American and English training camps in that country.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER

Optometrist
Glasses Fitted by Superior Method
Expert Knowledge of Eye Diseases
LUMBERTON, N. C.