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FRENCH CAPTURE NOYON

Latest news from the front is to the effect that the French captured Noyon this morning, besides numerous other villages, and that both British and French are moving forward along all lines.

GERMANS IN DIRE PERIL.

Enemy Line Continues to Crumble Before Allied Attacks—40 Villages Taken by French—Fate of Old "Hindenburg Line" in the Balance.

In a swift advance yesterday covering more than 6 miles at certain points the French troops south of the Somme recaptured 40 villages. The left bank of the Somme has been reached between Cizancourt and Nesle, as well as the west bank of the Canal du Nord between Nesle and Noyon, over the greater part of its course. American troops in the region of Juigny repulsed numerous German counter attacks and broke up an enemy attempt to cross the vesle south of Bazoches.

The Associated Press summary says this morning that the Germans facing the allied forces from Arras to Soissons everywhere are in dire peril. A dispatch last night stated that developments on the western front during the next 48 hours should determine the fate of the much-vaunted "Hindenburg line," in the opinion of some military officials at Washington.

The first French army, after beating the Germans in their battle positions before Roye, took the town Tuesday. Monday night and Tuesday French troops advanced for an average depth of 2 to 3 miles on a front of 8 miles.

Having been still further extended by attacks launched north of the river Scarpe, the battle Tuesday was raging along a front almost 45 miles long and the British, with renewed vigor, were rolling up the boche before them and sweeping constantly eastward. During Tuesday's fighting the British captured high ground from which they can overlook the country occupied by the enemy for miles around, thus attaining a great advantage.

MERCHANTS SELL W. S. S.

Merchants Have War Savings Stamps on Sale and Their Customers May Purchase From Them.

Practically all the merchants of Lumberton now have War Savings stamps on sale and are urging their customers to purchase. Those who have signed pledge cards may purchase their stamps from any merchant, regardless of whether they stated on their card that they would purchase at a certain bank or the postoffice. One can purchase stamps wherever they are on sale. The place of purchase make no difference—it is the amount that is important.

Merchants of Lumberton met at the court house last evening with Mr. J. Paul Leonard, of Statesville, secretary of the North Carolina Retail Merchants association, and signed up as authorized agents to sell these stamps. Mr. Leonard, who is visiting towns in this section for this purpose, left this morning for Bladenboro, Clarkton and Elizabethtown. He visited Red Springs yesterday and will visit Rowland and Maxton tomorrow.

BIGGEST SALES OF SEASON

All Warehouses Are Running Over With Tobacco Today—All Sorts of Vehicles Loaded With the Weed Lined Street for Hours.

The Lumberton tobacco market is experiencing the biggest sales of the season. The last week has been one of big sales and high prices. Today all the warehouses are running over with the weed and the little Banner warehouse had to be used for the first time. Carts, wagons, trucks and automobiles loaded with tobacco lined first street for several hours this morning waiting their turn to get into a warehouse.

Orrum High School Opens September 2nd; Philadelphia Opens September 17.

Orrum high school, Prof. R. L. Pittman, principal, will open September 2nd. Philadelphia graded school will open September 17 with Miss Minnie Massey of Van Wyck, S. C., in charge as principal. Miss Massey, Mr. D. P. Buie and daughter, Miss Annie Belle, and Messrs. J. B. Humphrey and J. McMillan, all of Philadelphia, were Lumberton visitors yesterday.

Dial Nominated; Blease Defeated.

Nat. B. Dial of Laurens has been nominated for the long term in the United States Senate to succeed Benjamin R. Tillman, defeating both Cole L. Blease and James P. Rice in the South Carolina Democratic primary Tuesday.

Miss Amelia Linkhauer returned yesterday morning from New York, where she spent some time purchasing fall millinery.

ONE DELIVERY DAILY.

Merchants of Lumberton Agree Among Themselves to Make Only One Delivery of Merchandise of Any Kind Daily—Orders to Beef Markets Must Be Placed By 9 a. m.

Practically all the merchants of Lumberton have signed an agreement to limit deliveries of groceries and all other merchandise to one each day, beginning September 2nd, and the proprietors of the beef markets entered into the same agreement. All orders must be placed at beef markets by 9 a. m. to insure delivery the same day. See advertisement of market men and some merchants in this issue in regard to hours of deliveries.

This action is taken at the request of the War Industries board in order to release men and materials for necessary war work. This plan is being adopted the country over by retail merchants and already thousands of men and vehicles have been released for war work.

Of course the people of Lumberton will cheerfully accept the decision of the merchants and will co-operate with them in order to make this plan, which is a patriotic effort to help win the war, work with as little friction and inconvenience as possible.

SOLDIERS TALK W. S. S.

Two Soldiers Who Have Seen Service in the Trenches and Who Have Personally Experienced the Horrors of Being Gassed Are Helping in the War Savings Drive in Robeson—They Recite Experiences.

Sergeants A. M. Quinsby of Maine and J. R. Bell of Baltimore, Md., soldiers who have seen service in the trenches in France, who were invalided home on account of being gassed, have been nursed back to health and strength at the government hospital at Waynesville and are ready to go back to the front, are assisting in the War Savings drive in Robeson this week. They were heard at the court house Monday night by an audience that almost filled the court room, and they have been speaking at other places in the county every night since. This evening one of them will speak at Rowland, the other at McDonald; Friday evening the speakings will be at St. Pauls and Maxton.

Messrs. L. S. Tomlinson of Wilson and W. M. Scott of Winston-Salem came to the county with these young men Monday and are also assisting in the War Savings drive by personal solicitation with local workers.

Sergeants Quinsby and Bell have been impressed by the fact that so many people seem not to realize that Americans are actually fighting over in France. They also stress the fact that with American soldiers cheerfully undergoing all sorts of privations and bravely offering their lives in the great war, it is the least people at home can do to invest every cent they can save in War Savings stamps and Liberty bonds to provide for the men who are fighting for them. Sergeant Quinsby said that of the second Liberty loan the boys in his company averaged the purchase of two bonds apiece, besides offering their lives and suffering every hardship. He and Sergeant Bell gave an interesting account of their experiences, further report of which, on account of an unforeseen rush of other matter, must be held over for the next issue.

Most people are responding liberally to the appeals of the workers and many are increasing their previous pledges to purchase W. S. stamps. A few who are able to buy have not yet purchased and show strange indifference to the obligation that rests upon them to help win the war. Slackers of that kind are laying up trouble for themselves. While others are pouring out blood and treasure like water for their protection it will be strange if they are allowed to escape public censure, or worse for their lack of patriotism.

Veterans Meet in Lumberton September 7th.

Headquarters of Camp Willis H. Pope. To the Members of Camp Willis H. Pope, Confederate Veterans, No. 1707: You are hereby requested to meet in the court house at Lumberton on Saturday, September 7th, at 11 a. m. for the two-fold purpose of selecting a commander in place of the late lamented J. A. McAllister, deceased, and to elect delegates to attend the annual reunion at Tulsa, Okla. on September 24th to 27th. M. G. MCKENZIE, Adj.

Safely Overseas.

Relatives of Mr. Warren Bryan have been advised of his safe arrival overseas. Relatives of Lieut. C. T. Poole of St. Pauls and H. Layton Stephens of Fairmont have been advised of their safe arrival overseas.

Two Negroes Left Yesterday for Camp Greene.

Curnis Stephens of Lumberton and Governor Pickett of Orrum, both colored, left yesterday for Camp Greene, Charlotte, being sent by the local board.

NEW MANPOWER BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Brings Within Draft Age All Men 18 to 45—Some 13 Million Men Will Be Registered Under New Law.

The manpower bill bringing within the army draft all men from 18 to 45 years old, was passed Tuesday by the Senate with a modified work or fight clause. All efforts to change the age limits or to direct separate classification of youths under 21 failed, and the measure now goes to conference between the House and Senate with no difference for serious controversy except the work or fight provision. The Senate was recorded unanimously for the bill.

The measure will add approximately 13,000,000 men to the potential military strength of the nation and provide, in the opinion of War Department chiefs, the army that will enable the Allies to defeat Germany next year.

In the conference the differences in the draft of the bill as passed by the house Saturday and enacted by the senate Tuesday are expected to be compromised speedily and the bill in its final form transmitted to President Wilson for his signature late this week. Preparations being made by Prevest Marshal General Crowder to carry out the provisions of the measure are expected to insure registration of all men within the ages of 18 and 21 and 31 and 45 within a week or ten days after the President affixes his signature.

The Senate adopted virtually all the principal provisions of the bill desired by the administration, including that giving the President authority to establish orders of call for service of the men affected. President Wilson is expected to follow the plans of the War Department which, according to testimony before the House and Senate military committees by General March, chief of staff, and General Crowder, provide for the calling of youths of 18 years after the other classes have been summoned and the education of such boys while training and prior to their being sent overseas.

Before adopting, by a vote of 40 to 29, the "work or fight" amendment providing exemption from the draft of men exempted for industrial and other reasons who do not continue at work, a proviso was added that in case of strikes, penalties of the "work or fight" rule shall not apply if the men submit their disputes to the war labor board and continue their labor. This limitation, offered by Senator Cummins of Iowa, was incorporated, 73 to 0.

OFF FOR CAMP JACKSON.

Young Men Who Entrained For Camp at Lumberton Tuesday.

The following young men were entrained for Camp Jackson, S. C., Tuesday by the local board of Robeson division No. 1:

- Jessie Thurman Pittman, farmer, Lumberton, R. 5; Algar Walters, farmer, Barnesville; Alex Bunyan Taylor, farmer, Lumberton; John Bunyan Martin, farmer, St. Pauls; Martin Carlyle Powell, farmer, Lumberton; Olin Baxley, laborer, Lumberton; Joe Oliver Horne, laborer, Lumberton; Alrice Barnes, farmer, Barnesville; Woodie Eubanks, laborer, Lumberton, R. 1; Justin Solomon Spivey, farmer, Marietta; Lashley Wilcox, farmer, Lumberton, R. 4; Marion Elias Metts, laborer, E. Lumberton; Barnum Hunt, farmer, McDonald; Willie Vance McLamb, laborer, Lumberton, R. 6; Gordon Hunt, farmer, Fairmont; Clayton Calvin Bullard, railroading, Florence, S. C.; Marshall Love Tyner, farmer, Buies, R. 1; Oliver Berry Page, farmer, Fairmont, R. 1; Ransom Briscoe Britt, farmer, Barnesville; Fleming Eljas Brissin, laborer, Lumberton, R. 5; Grady Holmes, farmer, Lumberton, R. 7; Alex West, laborer, Lumberton; Allen Jacobs, farmers, Raynham, R. 1; Onzie Shepherd, farmer, Orrum, R. 1; Orrian Lenge Martin, farmer, St. Pauls, R. 1; George McNeill, farmer, Lumberton, R. 7; Luther Godford Precourt, farmer, Lumberton, R. 2; Arceyatt, farmer, Lumberton, R. 2; W. F. G. Barnes, farmer, Orrum, R. 1; W. F. Bryan, printer, Lumberton; Lee Jacobs, farmer, Lumberton, R. 3; Willie Musselwhite, farmer, Lumberton, R. 4; Newitt W. Stone, farmer, Lumberton, R. 1; Jackson P. Townsend, farmer, Lumberton, R. 6; Henry Gordon Branch, farmer, Lumberton, R. 4; Birt Britt, farmer, Lumberton, R. 4; Gordon Bass, farmer, Marietta, R. 1; Clarence Dixon West, farmer, Lumberton, R. 5; Herman Overton Hays, farmer, Orrum; George West, Jr., mechanic, Allenton; Samuel E. Davis, farmer, Lumberton, R. 4; Hugh S. Phillips, farmer, Allenton; Eddie Johnson, farmer, Fairmont, R. 1; Thomas Watson Stewart, farmer, Fairmont, R. 1; Luther Barnes, farmer, Fairmont, R. 3; Hingard Britt, farmer, Fairmont; A. V. G. Wissett, grocer, Lumberton; Bill Leggett, farmer, Lumberton; James P. Floyd, salesman, Fairmont; Meredith Bulllock, Fairmont; L. Rexford Stephens, bookkeeper, Lumberton.

Page Resigns as Ambassador to Great Britain.

Due to continued ill health, Walter Hines Page, American Ambassador to Great Britain, has offered his resignation to President Wilson. The President at the urgent request of the Ambassador, has decided to accept the resignation.

OUT OUT SUNDAY AUTOING.

Public Called Upon to Cease Use of Motor Vehicles on Sundays—Must Save Gasoline for War Purposes.

The fuel administration Tuesday called upon the public in States east of the Mississippi river to cease the use of all classes of automobiles, with a few named exceptions, motorcycles and motor boats on Sundays until further notice as a gasoline conservation measure. Only voluntary compliance with the letter and spirit of the request will prevent the issuance of a mandatory order prohibiting the use of gasoline on Sunday, it was declared at the fuel administration. Automobiles for hire are included in the curtailment program.

Motor vehicles to which the restrictions do not apply were announced as: Tractors and motor trucks employed in actual transportation of freight. Vehicles of physicians, used in performance of professional duties. Ambulances, fire apparatus, police patrol wagons, undertaker's wagons, conveyances used for funerals.

Railway equipment using gasoline. Repair outfits employed by telephone and public service companies. Motor vehicles on errands of necessity in rural communities, where transportation by steam or electricity is not available.

The action was taken by the fuel administration, it was stated, to meet a threatened shortage of gasoline for shipment overseas. "The United States fuel administration considers it necessary that a limited conservation of gasoline be undertaken, in the States east of the Mississippi river, in view of the increasing demand for gasoline for war purposes and the paramount obligation of meeting promptly and fully all overseas requirements," said a statement issued jointly by Administrator Garfield and Mark S. Rega, director of the oil division of the fuel administration.

ROZIER NEWS ITEMS.

Community Saddened by Death of Miles Baxley—Successful Protracted Meeting—Bridges Need Repairing Badly—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Rozier (Lumberton, R. 2), Aug. 26. This community was made very sad on last Thursday, August 22, when the news was spread that Miles Baxley, a lad of about 17 years, had been killed by a logging train near Bolton, where he had gone a few days before to work with his brother, Mr. Lonnie Baxley, who lives down there. Miles leaves to mourn his loss a father, Mr. W. W. Baxley, and three brothers—Messrs. John and Emory, who are in the army at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., and Lonnie of Bolton—and three sisters—Misses Minnie, Neomah and Pearl—who are at home. The corpse was brought home Friday by Messrs. Lonnie Baxley and Barber of Bolton and on Saturday was laid to rest in Great Marsh cemetery. Rev. A. H. Porter of Remert conducted the funeral services at the grave. The family have our deepest sympathy in this sad hour of bereavement.

The protracted meeting which was held at Rozier last week was a great success and every service was largely attended. Rev. C. F. Whitlock of Neosho, Mo., helped our pastor, Rev. A. H. Porter, in the meeting. Mr. Whitlock is a great and powerful preacher and we hope to have him again sometime to help in another meeting at Rozier. There were seven additions to the church. Messrs. Whitlock and Porter are holding a meeting this week at Mr. Porter's home church. After which Mr. Whitlock will return home.

Mrs. J. F. McDonald and Mrs. J. C. Carlyle went Sunday to Fayetteville to see Mrs. McDonald's daughter, Mrs. Allen, who is very sick at Highsmith hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Martin, and son, Master Harley of Ten Mile spent the week-end here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carlyle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson and little daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allen of great Marsh section attended church here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Watson of Ten Mile spent Sunday in this section.

Mr. Avery Powers spent Sunday at his home at Ten Mile. Mr. Jason Odum of St. Pauls visited friends here recently.

Well, again we are having some real warm weather after last week being so cool. We are needing rain now and hope it will come soon. We would be glad if the road commissioners or whoever looks after the road work would come out this way in some of their big cars. We don't

PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

Young Men off to Camp—Farmers Agree on 75 Cents the Hundred for Picking Cotton—New Potatoes—Presbyterians Preparing to Build New Church—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, Aug. 27.—Rev. J. L. Jenkins and wife moved yesterday from Lumber Bridge to our town and are now occupying the Neill McNeill residence, which is one of the prettiest locations in town. Lumber Bridge's loss is Parkton's gain. Every person in town of every denomination welcomes these good people to our town; and may they remain here beyond the speed limit. Mr. Jenkins has Parkton and Green Springs churches. Postmaster Collier Cobb and family and Mrs. J. J. Cobb and small daughter, Jessie, left this morning for seven Springs to spend a week or more vacation. They are making the trip in Mr. Cobb's car.

Mr. A. W. Wright is enjoying his civil vacation this week. Mr. Murphey McMillan and family have just returned from a visit to the beach and report a fine trip.

Rev. W. L. Mangess, pastor of the M. E. church, left Monday morning for Bynum, where he will hold a revival meeting.

The following young men left this afternoon from our town and community for Red Springs and thence to Camp Jackson for training: Clarence Pate, Roy Brown, John A. Gillis, Vance McMillan and Lester Ferguson. We will greatly miss these boys and sincerely trust they may enjoy the best of health and that their lives may be spared many years. We extend our sympathy to their sweethearts.

We were pleased on yesterday to shake the hand of one of our former townsmen who is now a lieutenant, Dr. John Gainey, of the navy, and stationed at Paris Island, S. C. He has a week off to enjoy himself with loved ones and friends, and of course will visit his people in Lumberton. John is enjoying the best of health and is as tall and fat as ever.

Mrs. D. S. Currie and children and sister, Mrs. A. F. Hughes, are on a visit to relative sat Spout Springs.

Mrs. J. E. Clifton and small son were business visitors to our town this afternoon.

Not only seven Ford cars changed hands up our way last week but some handsome real estate changed hands.

It seems that the farmers of our community as a whole agree not to exceed 75c per hundred for picking cotton, especially for the first picking. This should be thoroughly understood, and no dissatisfaction should arise. So, Mr. Farmer, stick together and you can get your cotton picked o. k.

The hum of the new novelty shop of Mr. A. McM. Blount sounds good these days.

We should have said last week that Mr. Lloyd Lancaster is now rushing a real automobile, Hupmobile, which he purchased in Lumberton, and it carries one to ride.

Mr. A. H. Perry, the potato king of this section marketed on last week a fine two horse load of sweet potatoes, which he sold for \$1.50 per bushel. Mr. A. J. Garris seems to be in the bad as to size of potato, as he left one at the bank building lost week that weighed five pounds. That was some yam for this season of the year.

Mrs. D. A. Sikes and children left Friday night for a few weeks' vacation in the mountains.

The Presbyterian church was moved up Friday in order to give way for a new brick church to be erected where the old one stood. The old one stands just on the corner of the lot and will be occupied until the new one is built.

"My Four Years in Germany," the great motion picture shown here last week, will be shown here again soon for 3 days—one day for Indians, one day for whites and one day for colored. Watch for large adv. later.

They would go very far, for the bridges out here are in such bad condition that it is dangerous to cross over some of them with even a horse and buggy. We are paying taxes to keep these bridges so that people can pass over them in safety and we would be glad if some of this money could be spent on repairing the bridges out here in the place of spending it all on the big highways. Now we hope this business will be looked after soon as some of the bridges are already in dangerous condition.

We are glad that "Aunt Becky" has improved after being crippled so long by that mean old Billy, and now we hope she will write often to The Robesonian, the best paper published.

Mr. Walter P. Britt left today for Buie's Creek, where he expects to enter school.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. Alf H. McLeod continues ill at his home, North Elm street.

—Mr. R. F. Monroe of Hasty has accepted a position in Messrs. Stephens & Barnes store. He began work this morning.

—The Lumberton graded and high schools will open for the fall term Tuesday, September 17. Supt. Caje says that it has been talked by some that school would not open before October, but that this report is untrue.

—Chief of Police E. L. Hanna asks The Robesonian to state that he has been instructed to "pull" all who operate automobiles in Lumberton without dimmers. Many of the so-called dimmers will not answer the requirements of the law.

—Messrs. Croghan, Callis, Adams and Hill certified public accountants of Baltimore, Md., sent out by Haskins & Sells of New York, are auditing the books of the Lumberton, Jennings and Dresden cotton mills. They began work last Friday and will be on the job about ten days.

—Mr. T. W. Trogden of Raleigh, official cotton grader employed by the Bureau of Markets, U. S. Department of Agriculture, is spending a few days in town. Mr. Trogden was public cotton grader for Lumberton and Bladen counties last fall, with office in Lumberton, and graded 4,000 bales for Robeson county farmers and 1000 bales for Bladen farmers.

—Mr. R. R. Clark, well known over North Carolina as editor of the Statesville Landmark, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday and last night. He is with Mr. J. Paul Leonard, secretary of the North Carolina Retail Merchants association, mentioned in another news item in this paper. They have gone to Bladen county today and will be back in Lumberton this evening.

CASUALTY LISTS

Among the casualties reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces are the following from North and South Carolina:

Killed in action—Private Ervin Christopher Routel, Culberson, N. C.; Paul Hogsted, Andrews, N. C.; William B. Johnson, R. 3, Kernersville, N. C.; Will Z. Pearson, Elkville, N. C.; Loman Morgan, Andrews, N. C.; William Barrett, Kings Mountain, N. C. Killed in action—Lieut. Paul C. Venable, Durham, N. C.; Sgt. Karl M. Hooker, Salisbury, N. C.; Privates Henry M. Gerald, R. 1, Loris, S. C.; Eason Tiney, R. 1, Macesfield, N. C.; Johnnie Willburn, N. C. Died of wounds—Private Carson B. Chason, R. 3, Lumber Bridge, N. C. (previously reported in The Robesonian.)

Wounded severely—Lieut. Wm. Coleman, Chappells, S. C.; Sergeants Hamilton W. Bowen, Easley, S. C.; William H. Springs, R. 2, Mars Hill, N. C.; Mechanic Jno. D. Adams, Wilson, N. C.; Privates Chas. B. Hampton, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Daylon Seares, Apex, N. C.; Wm. S. Rice, R. 1, Mars Hill, N. C.; Jno. T. Elders, R. 1, Enoree, S. C.; Robt. L. Gilliam, Newberry, S. C.; Jas. B. Henderson, Lockhart, S. C.; Curtis P. Page, Wade, N. C.; Ernest Willoughby, Goldsboro, N. C.; Raymond M. Dicks, Beach Creek, S. C.; Raymond Barnes, Taylorsville, N. C. Previously reported dead of wounds, now reported wounded, degree undetermined: Lieut. Eliot B. Clark, Weldon, N. C.

Fire Last Night Near Kingsdale

—2 Other Fires.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed a house belonging to the Kingsdale Lumber Co., near the plant of the company and occupied by Mathew McIntyre, colored, about 10:30 last night. McIntyre lost all his belongings except a pair of overalls, and he and his family were very near overcome with smoke when they were waked by the fire. The building was worth around \$800 and the loss was practically covered by insurance, while McIntyre's loss is estimated at \$200, with no insurance.

The fire company was called out about 5:30 Monday afternoon on account of a blaze on the roof at the home of a colored man, whose name has not been learned, in the northern part of town. The fire had been practically extinguished by a bucket brigade before the fire company reached the scene.

The fire company was called out yesterday at noon on account of a blaze at the home of Mr. Bill Bullard in the northern part of town. The fire was extinguished by the use of chemicals before much damage had been done.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Small Son of Mrs. C. R. Traynham of Fairmont.

Albert Pierce, 2-years-and-5-months old son of Mrs. C. R. Traynham of Fairmont, died Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. after an illness of only a few hours. Death resulted from asthma. The remains were taken to South Boston, Va., where interment was made yesterday.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER
Optometrist
Glasses Fitted by Superior Methods
Expert Knowledge of Eye Diseases
LUMBERTON, N. C.

Acting on the request of the War Industries Board we will hereafter only make one delivery each day, which will be at ten o'clock a. m. to all homes in the town east of the river.

Deliveries will be made to the mills and homes west of the river at four o'clock in the afternoon.

We respectfully request our customers to place their orders with us by not later than ten o'clock.

L. H. CALDWELL.