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## GERMANS STILL GIVE GROUND ON WEST FRONT

Peronne, Important Railroad Center, Taken By Haig's Forces—Germans Unable to Hold Back the Allies.

Latest news is to the effect that the Allies are still making telling progress all along the Western front and the German armies continue their retreat. The report says also that the American soldiers are also doing good work today.

Peronne, the railroad center at the bend of the river Somme, taken by the Germans in their offensive of last March, was recaptured yesterday by forces of Field Marshal Haig.

The town of Bullecourt and Morval also were captured by the British.

The British have reached the suburbs of Lens. Large fires are burning in the neighborhood of Lens and Arras, states a dispatch of last night from London. These are regarded as an indication of a further German retirement.

In the region north of Soissons French troops Saturday night stormed the town of Leury and captured a thousand Germans, the French war office announced yesterday.

French troops have crossed the Somme canal at Epenancourt, seven miles south of Peronne. Rouy Le Petit, two miles northeast of Nesle, has been captured by the French.

The American troops in their drive beyond Juvigny Saturday night and yesterday advanced about two miles and captured nearly 600 prisoners, together with considerable war supplies.

The advance from Juvigny began at 4 o'clock Saturday and the Americans had gained their objectives by 9 o'clock at night. Ragged points in the new line were smoothed out yesterday.

In addition to the 600 prisoners two pieces of artillery were captured and a great number of machine guns and trench mortars. Trenches, shell holes and the open field were strewn with German dead.

All along the western battle front, states this morning's Associated Press summary, the Germans continue to give ground before the Entente Allies. Daily the trend of events accentuate the insecurity of the German lines and the inability of the German high command to hold back the aggressors.

Where two months ago great salients projected into the allied front these have either been flattened or are in process of being blotted out in some instances the Allies themselves have driven in wedges that seriously menace the enemy.

Mont St. Quentin, dominating Peronne and the angle of the Somme river, was taken Saturday by the Australians, together with Feuillaucourt, lying to the west. In this operation, which was in the nature of a surprise attack, more than 1,500 prisoners were taken.

## FOR LIMITED SERVICE.

10 Men Called to Go to Camp Thursday for Limited Military Service—4 Left Friday.

The following registrants of Robeson division No. 1 have been called by the local board to report in Lumberton September 5th to be entrained for Camp Humphrey, Va., for limited service:

Joseph Robert Prevatt, Lumberton; Luther Harrison Prevatt, Buie, R. F. D.; Eugene Thomas Miller, Lumberton; William Farson Tyler, Lumberton; R. S. Johnnie A. Hedgpath, Orrum; Frank L. Nash, Lumberton; Ralph Howell, Barnesville; Walter A. Fowler, Lumberton, R. 2; Tucker Britt, Fairmont; Simeon Williamson, Raynham.

The following were entrained here Friday for Camp Greene, Charlotte, also for limited service:

Edgar T. Elliott, Lumberton; Gregory A. Hardin, Orrum; Tom L. Freeman, Elrod, R. 1; Forest O'Berry Lewis, Fairmont.

Dr. McPhaul Re-Elected County Health Officer.

Dr. W. A. McPhaul was re-elected county health officer by the board of county commissioners today. His salary was ordered increased from \$2,100 to \$3,000 the year. This raise in salary was recommended both by the county board of health and the State board of health. Dr. McPhaul tendered his resignation a month ago to become effective September 1, but he has decided to continue with the health department.

Not Much Autoing Sunday.

Scarcity of autos on the streets here yesterday was very noticeable. The first Sunday under the request of the fuel administration that use of autos for pleasure driving be discontinued seems to have been religiously observed by most autoists hereabouts. A few autos were observed, but whether they were driven for pleasure, in defiance of the request of the Government to save gasoline for war needs, or were driven for business is not known.

Safely Overseas.

Relatives of Mr. Ambrose C. Williamson of R. 4 from Lumberton have received a cablegram announcing his safe arrival overseas.

## REGISTER SEPT. 12TH

All Male Citizens of United States Not Already in Service Must Register for Military Duty Thursday of Next Week.

All men from 18 to 45 years of age in the continental United States, except those in the army or navy, or already registered, were summoned by President Wilson Saturday to register for military service on Thursday, September 12. Machinery of the provost marshal general's office was set in motion to carry out the second great enrollment under a presidential proclamation, issued soon after the President had signed the new manpower act, extending the draft ages. The bill, completed in Congress Friday, had been sent to the White House for the President's signature Saturday soon after the House and Senate convened.

It is estimated that a least 12,778,758 men will register this time, compared with nearly 10,000,000 on the first registration of men from 21 to 31 on June 5, 1917. Of those who enroll now, it is estimated that 2,300,000 will be called for general military service, probably two-thirds of the number coming from among the 3,500,000 or more between the ages of 18 and 21.

General March has said all registrants called into the army will be in France before next June 30, swelling the American expeditionary force to more than 4,000,000 men expected to win the war in 1919. The last to be called will be the youths in the eighteenth year, but those of that age who desire and who have the necessary qualifications may be inducted into service on October 1 for specific technical or vocational training.

Registration this time will be conducted as heretofore by the local draft boards. All Federal, state, county and municipal officers are called upon to aid the boards in their work, to preserve order and to round up slackers.

## KILLED IN FRANCE.

Other Robeson Boys Make the Supreme Sacrifice.

Mr. Ephraim Sutton, who lives about a mile east of Lumberton, received yesterday a cablegram advising that his son, Mr. Donnie Sutton, was killed at the front in France August 17, last. Young Sutton had been in France some time.

It is reported that Mr. Claud Bullard of Georgia, a grandson of Mr. Tom Bullard of Lumberton was recently killed in France. Mr. Bullard is a son of Mr. George Bullard, who moved several years ago to Georgia. Relatives of Mr. Bullard here have not been able to confirm the report of his death.

Club Agent Robertson Goes to Wayne County.

West Raleigh, Sept. 1.—Mr. A. K. Robertson, the friend of the North Carolina farm boy and the organizer of corn and other agricultural clubs over the State, has resigned his position as assistant in club work for the Agricultural Extension Service and has accepted the offer made him by District Agent R. W. Freeman to go to Wayne county. He will begin his new work Monday, September 2. He and Mrs. Robertson and children will make their future home in Goldsboro.

Mr. Robertson is a graduate of the State college of agriculture, class of 1912, and has spent the last six years in agricultural club work, devoting most of his time to organizing corn clubs. Not only has he been very successful in this but he has also made many friends of farm boys out over the State encouraging them to go to school and later to college. The counties of the State are dotted with farms which are better managed and are producing more food in this world's crisis because of the trained club members on them.

Mr. A. K. Robertson is a son of Giles Robertson of Rowland, this county.

R. C. Sessoms Safely Overseas—First-Class Gunner.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. St. Pauls, Sept. 2.—Mr. R. C. R. Sessoms received a card Saturday that his son R. Casper had arrived safely overseas.

Casper went to Fort Screven, Ga., last February and in a short time got to be first-class gunner. He won a nice silver medal on long-range shooting 1,550 yards, and on the 4th of July Casper and a Mr. West won \$25 on long-range shooting against another company.

Just before he sailed for France he won a cross and a badge for being an expert rifleman at 1,000 yards.

The biggest intensive round-up of illicit whiskey distillers ever undertaken by the government has just been completed in Southern mountain districts, under direction of Internal Revenue Commissioner Daniel C. Roper. The activities of the agents resulted in the seizure of 486 stills, arrest of 200 moonshiners, killing of five outlaws and two sheriffs and wounding of a number of other government men and liquor makers.

Mr. R. A. Hedgpath, Jr., spent yesterday at Dunn.

## SALES OF SEASON AT LEAST 3 MILLION POUNDS

Lumberton Tobacco Market Has Grown Steadily in Favor With Growers—Last Week Biggest of Season—One Big Warehouse Will Be Doubled in Size Next Year.

As the selling season has advanced the Lumberton tobacco market has grown in favor with tobacco growers. Last week was the biggest week of the season, more than a half million pounds having been sold on the local market. The market will sell at least 3,000,000 during the season.

While the Farmers' Warehouse, of which Messrs. Knott & Smith are proprietors, has closed for the season, the Star and Banner warehouses will remain open as long as there is any tobacco offered for sale. Messrs. Knott & Smith left Friday for their homes at Henderson, where they conduct a large warehouse. They expressed themselves as being highly pleased with Lumberton and their business during the season. Their house sold more than a million pounds up to Friday when it closed. This house will be doubled in size before the next selling season, which means that it will be one of the largest sales warehouses in the State.

Mr. J. J. Goodwin Goes to Training Camp.

Mr. Junius J. Goodwin, who has been in Lumberton since 1912, having formerly lived at Raleigh, and who has been a member of the law firm of McLean, Varsar and McLean, left for Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga., last Friday, at which place he reported for duty at the officers' training school, (infantry). If he is successful in the work required, he will be eligible to commission of second lieutenant about January 1, next. Mr. Goodwin volunteered for the service and is willing to take the chances, stand or fall, on his own merits. He is willing to be a private for Uncle Sam, if he cannot get the commission, and this he will be unable to get through the school successfully.

Mr. Goodwin is a Class IV man, and while he says it has been his earnest desire to get in the conflict since it started, his personal affairs have been such that he could not fulfill his own desires before this time. Now, having been selected for service, he goes with a full heart and a quickened spirit, that he may do his full duty, as he sees it, on the field of honor.

Mrs. Goodwin will make her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Pearsall, at Red Springs, until Mr. Goodwin returns.

Since war was declared Mr. Goodwin has been active in patriotic work and has given much time, without compensation, in helping fill out questionnaires, advice to registrants and dependents seeking allowances made by the government; to Liberty loan campaigns; devoting, practically all his time for two months to the second and third Liberty loans; to the Red Cross, in organizing the local chapter and acting as treasurer and member of executive and finance committees of this chapter; in local army Y. M. C. A. work, acting as local secretary in securing recruits, a number having been obtained who have entered both the foreign and home service.

Mr. Goodwin is the third member of the firm of McLean, Varsar & McLean who has entered the service of the Government. Mr. A. W. McLean, senior member of the firm, is a member of the War Finance board at Washington; Mr. J. Dickson McLean was recently commissioned as a captain and is now at Port Hoboken, N. J. Mr. L. R. Varsar is the only member of the firm left to take care of the firm's business.

Columbus and Brunswick Will Build Good Roads.

Wilmington Star. That Wilmington and Charlotte are destined to be connected by a modern highway sometime in the near future is indicated by the increased enthusiasm over good roads that is becoming more and more evident every day among the road officials of Columbus and Brunswick counties, says D. H. Winslow, State highway maintenance engineer. With modern roadways leading through these counties there will be little left to be done in the way of construction to complete this much-agitated highway, as the roads through most of the other counties, through which the proposed highway is to pass, are in good condition, with one or two exceptions.

National Prohibition Moves a Step Forward.

National prohibition moved a considerable step forward Thursday in Congress.

Without a record vote being taken or requested, the Senate adopted the leaders' compromise on "bone dry" prohibition, effective July 1, 1919, and continuing during the war, and until the American troops are brought home and demobilized.

The compromise amendment by Senator Sheppard, of Texas, prohibition leader, to the \$11,000,000 emergency agricultural bill, is expected to remain in the measure under the harmony agreement of "wet" and "dry" factions, although technically subject to another vote.

Rev. R. Walter Townsend of Raynham was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

## WAR REVENUE BILL READY.

Completed By Committee and Ready To Report—Greatest Revenue Producing Bill Ever Presented to Congress.

The House of Congress ways and means committee agreed Friday to report the eight billion dollar war revenue bill today. It carried greatly increased income taxes beginning with a normal tax of six per cent. on all below \$4,000 a year and above the exemption limits.

To reach war profits a flat war profits tax of 80 per cent. is levied, with an alternative plan of excess profits taxes ranging from 35 to 70 per cent. The minimum surtax of income is raised to 65 per cent and the normal tax on all incomes over \$4,000 is made 12 per cent.

The bill which will affect either directly or indirectly every person and business concern in the United States, probably will be taken in the House for consideration next Thursday, with prospects that it can be disposed of within a week or ten days.

Treasury experts have estimated, Chairman Kitchin stated, that the bill as finally agreed upon, will produce an annual revenue of between \$8,100,000,000 and \$8,200,000,000, thus making the measure by far the greatest revenue producing proposal which congress has ever been called upon to enact.

Big Shipbuilding Plant to Be Built at New Bern.

New Bern has been selected as the site of a big shipbuilding plant, it was announced by Senator Simmons Friday. Several million dollars will be spent there.

The West Coast Shipbuilding Co., of Everett, Washington, which has several large plants on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, will build the yard. Five hundred to one thousand men will be employed at the outset in construction of the yard. In reality, it will be two plants, as both wooden and concrete ships are to be built. The number of ways is undetermined.

The Emergency Fleet corporation, through General Manager Piez, approved the site, which was really selected by the War Department, since the vessels to be built are for that department. Five 265-foot car ferries will be the first products of the plant. Tugs, concrete schooners, river steamers and transports will also be built there.

New Bern is thirty miles from the Atlantic ocean, but is on the Neuse river, which has a splendid depth and is said to be ideally suitable for a ship yard in the vicinity of New Bern.

## GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Virginia's first lady, Mrs. Westmoreland Davis, donned gingham, carried her own lunch and journeyed to the United States bag loading plant at Seven Pines Thursday to enter the training school to be made a full-fledged munitions worker. As president of the woman's munitions reserve, states a dispatch, Mrs. Davis feels that she should lose no time in becoming an expert in sewing raw silk bags and filling them with smokeless powder.

The government Thursday paid out \$156,000,000 for ordinary war expenses, making the largest single day's expenditures for these purposes in the nation's history. This was in addition to disbursing \$20,000,000 on foreign loans, and a number of minor expenses.

David Evans, negro, was sentenced to 20 years in the State prison by Judge Lyon in Cumberland Superior court at Fayetteville Friday following a jury verdict of murder in the second degree for killing Vivian L. Bundy on July 13 at a sawmill, in a dispute over the amount due the negro on pay day.

## PERSONALS

Mr. D. A. McCall of Elrod was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

Mr. F. G. Odum of Buie, R. 1, was Lumberton visitor Thursday.

Mr. J. F. Stephens of Orrum, R. 1, was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

Mr. L. B. Britt of R. 4 from Lumberton is among the visitors in town today.

Mr. N. T. Wilson of R. 7 from Lumberton was among the visitors in town Saturday.

Mr. W. D. Kinlaw of R. 7 from Lumberton was among the visitors in town Saturday.

Mr. Richardson Britt and small son, Robert, of 4 from Lumberton were among the callers at The Robesonian office this afternoon.

Mr. C. P. Powers of the U. S. army stationed at Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga., is spending a few days' furlough in Robeson visiting relatives.

Messrs. J. E. Nye and N. F. Barden, Mrs. M. H. Fairmont and Miss Nye of R. 2 from Fairmont are among the visitors in town today.

Miss Nannie McQueen has returned from Wilmington and Greenville Sound, where she spent ten days visiting her brother Mr. H. C. McQueen. Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Nash and three children and Mr. Jake Aycock, who live near Monroe, spent the week-end here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Starnes, Third street. They made the trip in Mr. Nash's auto, returning home today.

## SOLDIER ACCIDENTLY KILLED IN NEW YORK.

Remains of Edgar Lovett Arrived Here This Morning—Enlisted in 1916 and Was in Coast Artillery.

The remains of Mr. Edgar Lovett, son of Mrs. Ellen Lovett of R. 4 from Lumberton, arrived here this morning from New York, where he was killed accidentally while on duty Friday. The wire message received by Mrs. Lovett did not state in what way Mr. Lovett, who was serving in the army, met his death.

Deceased enlisted in the army July 20, 1916, and was in the coast artillery. The casket was draped with the large U. S. flag. The funeral will be conducted from the Lovett home this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Fleming and interment will be made in the family burying ground, near Smyrna church.

## THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mr. Wm. Brewer of Back Swamp.

Mr. Wm. Brewer, aged 40 years, died at his home in Back Swamp township Friday at 10:30 a. m. of typhoid fever. Interment was made at Pleasant Grove, church near Raynham, Saturday at 10 a. m.

Former Lumberton Citizen Dies in Georgia.

Mr. W. S. Wishart calls to the attention of The Robesonian the following dispatch published in the Charlotte Observer of Aug. 24:

"Toccoa, Ga., Aug. 23.—Mr. John H. Blake, father of John S. Blake and Fred D. Blake of this city, died suddenly Sunday morning while attending services at his church in Toccoa, Ga. Mr. Blake was nearing his eightieth birthday. He was a true, consecrated Christian. The deceased leaves a wife and seven children."

Deceased lived in Lumberton 40 or 50 years ago. He was a brother of the late W. B. Blake of Lumberton and a great uncle of Mr. Clifton Blake, who works in the postoffice here. During the residence of the deceased in Lumberton his father made his home with him, the family living in the old Lumberton hotel.

Spain Will Seize German Ships Because of Submarine Sinkings.

A dispatch from Madrid states that the Spanish government decided Saturday night to take over all the German steamships interned in Spanish ports in accordance with Spain's recent note to Berlin, because of the torpedoing of Spanish vessels by German submarines.

Lenine Reported to Have Died of Wounds.

Nikolai Lenine, the Bolshevik premier, who was shot twice by an assassin last Friday night at Moscow, has died of his wounds, according to a telegram from Petrograd.

The condition of Master William Carlyle, who has been confined to his bed for a week, is slightly improved.

The U. D. C. will meet in the directors room at the National Bank of Lumberton Thursday afternoon at 4:30.

Superior court for the trial of civil cases convened this morning at 10:30 with Judge C. C. Lyon of Elizabethtown presiding.

Dr. N. A. Thompson has made application to the National Council of Defense to join the medical reserve corps of the army.

Dr. J. V. Turner, who is doing free dental work for the school children of the county, will be at Maxton tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

The board of county commissioners, the county board of education are all holding regular first-Monday meetings here today. Large crowd in town.

Mr. J. E. Fisher of the U. S. army stationed at Camp Logan, Houston, Texas, arrived here Saturday night on a visit to relatives. He will be at home a week. Mr. Fisher enlisted in the army Feb. 5, 1914 and has spent much time on the Mexican border since he enlisted. He was an employe of The Robesonian before he enlisted.

A letter which relatives of Lieut. J. M. Russell, who has been in France since May, recently received from him stated that he had been selected with a number of other officers to return to the States to instruct soldiers in special work before they sailed for France. He stated in the letter that he was trying to change the plans so he could remain in France in order that he might go to the front with his regiment.

As was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, the Lumberton graded and high schools will open for the fall term Tuesday, September 17. Prof. W. H. Cale has already arrived here from Henderson and is preparing for the opening. Mrs. Cale and their 3 children are expected to arrive Wednesday and Prof. Cale and family will live in Mr. L. R. Stephens' residence, Fifth and Walnut streets. Their furniture has already arrived.

Prof. Cale expects some trouble in finding places for teachers and is anxious that any who could take teachers to board advise him at once. He is also anxious that all children who will be old enough to enter school by December 1 enter at the opening.

## State Library

The St. Pauls graded school will open September 9.

Mrs. Jessie Wishart, who has been ill for the past week, is greatly improved.

Mr. L. J. Perry left this morning for Wilmington, where he will work in the ship yard.

Mr. R. E. Thompson has returned home from Baltimore, where he went to consult a specialist.

Daniel B. McDonald has been appointed rural letter carrier on route 3 from Red Springs.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis had four bales of 1918 cotton ginned Thursday and sold the cotton Saturday for \$2.75 the pound.

License has been issued for the marriage of Wm. Sells and Nellie Woodell; Neill Barker and Mrs. Martha Shaw; K. C. Stone and Hattie Graham.

Mr. Z. K. Lytton and family moved last week from Lumberton to Winston-Salem, where Mr. Lytton has accepted a position with the Haynes cotton mill company.

Sgt. W. B. Shooter of the U. S. army, stationed at Camp Meade, Md., is spending today here visiting home folks. Sgt. Shooter enlisted in the army four years ago.

Mrs. L. R. Stephens succeeds her husband as clerk in the office of Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction. Mr. Stephens left last week for the army.

The condition of Miss Harriett Humphrey, saleslady at Messrs. White & Gough's store, who has been ill for two weeks, is unimproved. She is at the home of her parents at St. Pauls.

Lumberton is to have a circus some time during the month of October. The advance agent of Robeson's greater shows spent Wednesday last week here making arrangements for the coming of the circus.

Mr. W. C. Brown, the tobacco king of Fairmont, boarded the train here Saturday night for Washington, D. C., where he will spend several days. Mr. Brown's tobacco crop this year sold for about \$17,000.

Mr. E. J. Davis, senior member of the firm of E. J. Davis & Sons, which firm conducts the Robeson county tobacco warehouse at Fairmont, spent the week-end at his home in Martinsville, Va. He returned to Fairmont today.

Mr. P. W. Townsend of Lakeview, S. C., passed through town Saturday en route to Rock Hill, S. C., where he has accepted a position as book-keeper for the Anderson Motor Co. Mr. Townsend expects to move his family to Rock Hill at an early date.

Mr. G. B. Kinlaw of the Center section was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Mr. Kinlaw says slow-down notices will be posted on the road passing the Center school house before school opens and where the order is not complied with by autoists they will be indicted.

Mr. R. Lewis Shelby, cashier of the National Bank of Hopewell, Mr. W. R. Covington, teller, and Mr. O. Clinton Norment, book-keeper for the same bank, are spending the day here visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Wearn Shelby, another Lumberton boy, is also employed in this bank.

Messrs. Ellie Walters and Prentiss Barker, of the U. S. army, who are taking a special course in motor mechanical work at Clemson College, S. C., spent the week-end here visiting relatives. They returned to Clemson today. They have about completed the course and expect to be transferred to some camp soon.

"Can you guess how long it took to make the 'fire dogs'?" Capt. J. T. Glover, of the iron foundry department of the Lumberton Motor Car Co., has contributed the "dogs" to the Red Cross and it costs 25 cents for a guess. The one guessing nearest the time required in perfecting the "dogs" will get them. The contest will close Saturday at 8 p. m. The guessing is going on at the Pastime theatre.

Sergeants A. M. Quinsby and J. R. Bell, the two soldiers who were invalidated home on account of being gassed, and who spent last week in Robeson in the interest of the sale of War Savings stamps, ask The Robesonian to thank in their behalf the people of Lumberton and other parts of the county for the manner in which they were received and the many kindnesses shown them while here.

Mr. S. McIntyre and daughter, Mrs. L. P. Stack, left Thursday evening for Columbus, Ga., in response to a wire message advising that Mrs. Stack's husband had undergone an operation in a Columbus hospital for appendicitis. Mr. McIntyre returned home last night. Mr. Stack's condition was as favorable as could be expected when Mr. McIntyre left Columbus.

Mr. A. W. McLean has been home since Saturday from Washington. He had an interesting trip last week out West, to Dallas, Texas, and Kansas City, where a fearful drought has ruined grazing lands, causing cattle to be sacrificed by the thousands. Mr. McLean investigated conditions for the Government War Finance board, of which he is a member, and money will be made available by that board to relieve the distressing conditions. Mr. McLean will leave for Washington this evening.

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