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## IMPORTANT GROUND GAINED

**Daring and Successful Attack by Americans and French in Lorraine—British Also Are Making Gains—There Was a Pause in the Allied Offensive Yesterday.**

Latest reports from the front tell of a daring attack made by the Americans and French in the St. Mihiel sector in Lorraine in which important ground was gained. The report says that the British are also making important gains in the northern sector of the battlefield. Reports coming in today look much better than those of yesterday.

The Associated Press gave this morning the following summary of the war news:

Eight weeks to the day and for the first time the great allied offensive of Marshal Foch is at a virtual pause.

True, both the British and French on isolated sectors on the front extending from Flanders to the east. Soissons again have recorded advances, but Wednesday witnessed no such progress by the Allies toward strategic objectives as past days has brought them—before the torrential rains turned the lowlands into impassable marshes and the badly worsted enemy rushed large reinforcements forward to stop the gaps through which the British, French and American armies were threatening to filter and wreck his entire military situation.

During the eight weeks that have elapsed, the allied troops have cleared almost in its entirety the enemy-held territory from the Marne to the Aisne in the great triangle which had Chaten-Thierry at its apex and Soissons and Rheims respectively its western and eastern anchor points. From Soissons to Arras, the old bulge westward to Montdidier and toward the doorstep of Amiens has all but been obliterated and the Allies now are standing across a large portion of the old Hindenburg defense line and virtually are upon the remainder of it, while to the north in Flanders, the deep salients which threatened the English channel ports have bent eastward and the enemy is expelled from the vantage points from which he had expected ultimately to make his drive in an endeavor to gain the seaboard and thus cause a diversion of the transport service from England to southern France.

Until the rains began falling there has been no letup in the allied offensive, notwithstanding the fact that the German high command had stiffened its resistance everywhere, discarding infantry units as such, and training them into machine gun companies and bringing up large numbers of guns of all calibres to hold the aggressors back. Wherefore it is not improbable that Foch, when the skies have cleared and the marshes disappeared again will take up with full impetus his task of putting the enemy on his mettle, and continue for the two months of good fighting weather remaining, if not beyond that period, his efforts with his own now great forces to drive the Germans farther back toward the Rhine.

The British and French troops apparently are in a hard race for the prize of St. Quentin, forces of both armies now being at equidistant points west of the city, the British in the vicinity of Verdun and French at Etriller and Coupy.

To the north the British, in local operations, have made further progress north of Epehy in the operation which has for its purpose the driving of a wedge midway between Cambrai and St. Quentin and also has successfully sustained heavy counter attacks by the Germans near Grouzescourt, where the Germans are trying hard to hold back the British push toward Cambrai.

North of the St. Gobain massif the French have made additional slight advances, notwithstanding the bad condition of the terrain and the strong forces of the enemy aligned against them in an effort to prevent the turning of this important position from the west. Heavy artillery activity is in progress all along this front and likewise on the sector northeast of Soissons and between the Aisne and Veale rivers, the operations on which have a direct bearing on those of the St. Gobain forest.

In Flanders the British have been successful in local encounters near Armentieres and in the region of La Bassee canal.

## CROIX DE GUERE WITH PALM

**Brother of Mrs. Greaves Awarded Highest Order of French War Service.**

Mrs. C. L. Greaves has been informed that her brother, Maj. Paul C. Paschal, who is with our forces in France, has been awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palm, which is the highest order of French war crosses. He commanded one of the battalions during the terrific German attack in the Marne offensive on July 15th, which "did not give an inch." In recognition of his conspicuous gallantry and the ability with which he handled his men he has been decorated. He has also received a safety razor marked in the general's hand writing, "Souvenir from General Petain."

A false fire alarm was turned in from Seven Pines, in the northeastern part of town, about 11 o'clock last night.

## SCHOOL OPENS SEPT. 17.

**Getting Ready for Opening Tuesday Of Next Week—All Pupils Should Enter Promptly—Commercial Department May Be Added—Cabinets For Library.**

Everything is being put in readiness for the opening of the Lumberton graded and high schools Tuesday of next week. School will open at 9 a. m. The faculty will be as follows: Superintendent, Prof. W. H. Cale; principal of high school and teacher of the eleventh grade, Miss Kate McDaniel of Kinston; tenth grade, Miss Pauline Edwards of Henderson; ninth grade, Miss Ruth Stanley of Guilford College; eighth grade, Miss Mattie Dawson of Elton College; seventh grade, Miss Ruth Britt, Lumberton, R. 1; sixth grade, Miss Elizabeth Snead, Lumberton; fifth grade, Miss Lillian Barker, Lumberton; fourth grade, Miss Margie Russell, Lumberton; third grade, Miss Winifred Rowland, Lumberton; second grade, Miss Pennie Rowland, Lumberton; first grade, Miss Mary Belle Gary, Henderson; music, Miss Agnes McLean, Lumberton, Miss Rosalie Lytch, Rowland.

All the ministers of the town have been invited to attend the opening exercises, as well as all others who are interested in the school.

Prof. Cale says he is anxious for all who will be old enough to enter at any time during the fall term to enter Tuesday in order not to have pupils coming in all during the session. It is probable that a commercial department will be opened later in which shorthand, typewriting and book-keeping will be taught. Prof. Cale is heartily in favor of adding a business department to the school. Cabinets are being built for a library. Around 1,000 books are already in sight and others will be added. The graded school building has been repainted on the inside and overhauled in general.

## TROOPSHIP TORPEDOED.

**All Soldiers Rescued, the Ship Beached and the Enemy Submarine Believed to Have Been Sunk—More an Allied Success Than Disaster.**

News of the torpedoing of the British liner Persic with 2,800 American troops on board, in the war zone, September 6 was given to the American people yesterday, first through the British Admiralty and then later through the Navy Department at Washington. All the soldiers were rescued by accompanying destroyers, the steamer itself was beached and the enemy submarine is believed to have been accounted for.

Officials at Washington viewed the result of the attack more as an allied success than as a disaster. The fact the steamer was torpedoed when she was endeavoring to overtake the convoyed fleet of transports after overcoming engine trouble which had forced her to lag, convinced the officers that submarine commanders still are fearful of attacking troops ships in force. And the immediate and complete successful assistance rendered by the destroyers was taken as an additional evidence that the convoying system now in vogue is practically perfect.

Attack on troop ships by submarines constantly are expected by officials and it may be that a new and more determined campaign has been determined upon by the Germans because of the reverses suffered by their armies. The greatest possible protection is afforded troop ships and this increases as the American naval forces in the war zone are added to by new construction in American yards.

The records achieved by the American and allied navies in the transporting of more than 1,600,000 American soldiers overseas with the loss of only 291 of them, still is considered miraculous. And it is accepted by naval officers as testifying to the success of the convoy system.

## Robeson Boys Slightly Wounded at Front in France.

Relatives of Mr. Clarence Moore, formerly of Lumberton, have been advised by letter that he received a flesh wound while fighting at the front in France on August 7. He was in a hospital at the time the letter was written and wrote the letter himself. He stated in the letter that he expected to be out soon.

Miss Augusta Blake received the other day a letter from her brother Joseph B. Blake advising that he received a flesh wound just below the right knee from a machine-gun bullet on July 19 and had been in a French hospital since July 20, but was then—the letter was dated Aug. 7—in a casualty camp, getting along fine, and would go back to his company soon. Private Blake, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Blake, who live near Lumberton, was only 17 years old when he volunteered on February 28, 1917, and he went over with the first troops in June, 1917. He is a member of Co. F, 28th U. S. Inf.

## Ex-Empress and Her 4 Daughters Reported Murdered.

A London dispatch of the 12th states that the Daily Express claims to have unquestionable information that the former empress of Russia and her four daughters have been murdered by Bolsheviks.

## REGISTRANTS TO CAMP.

**22 Whites and 1 Indian Will Leave For Camp Jackson Saturday and 3 Colored Leave For Camp Greene This Evening.**

Twenty-two white and 1 Indian registrants of Robeson division No. 1 will be entrained here Saturday, September 14, by the local board for Camp Jackson, S. C., as follows: Millard Dawkins, Lumberton, R. 3; Richard Croxton Nance, Marietta; Paul Willoughby, Boardman; Irt Martin, Lumberton; 4; Willie Clarence Britt, Raynham; Willis Pope Ivey, E. Lumberton; Oliver Curtis Duncan, Lumberton; Leroy Fentress Hardin, Fairmont, R. 1; Earl Powell Floyd, Fairmont, R. 2; Alex Harvey Townsend, Lumberton, R. 6; John Doehelle Bullock, Fairmont; Warren Archibald Raley, Fairmont; Leander Wilson, E. Lumberton; David Earl Townesed, McDonald; Neill Huggins, Lake View, S. C., R. 2; Raymond Daniel Braugh, Fairmont, R. 1; Shelton Malone, Lumberton, R. 1; Frank Avant Jennings, Fairmont; Durham L. Stone, Orrum, R. 1; George Rowland Mitchell, Fairmont; Adam Fields, Pates; Kelly Johnson, Fairmont; Levi Hunt, Indian, Lumberton.

The following colored registrants will be entrained here this evening for Camp Greene, Charlotte: Joe Harps, Jr., Newport News, Va.; Harrison Whitted, Lumberton, R. 7; John Powell, Fairmont.

## Dr. J. A. Martin Has Enlisted in The Navy.

Dr. J. A. Martin of Lumberton has enlisted in the U. S. Navy. He returned Tuesday from Norfolk, Va., to which place he went Sunday and where he successfully passed the physical examination. He will be commissioned lieutenant and expects his call for duty at an early date. He applied for enlistment two months ago. Dr. Martin came to Lumberton three years ago and has served as a member of the local examining board since the task of examining registrants was begun. He was in class 4 and was not likely to have been called for military duty had he not volunteered. Mrs. Martin and their small son, J. A. Jr., will go to Richmond, Va., when Dr. Martin is called and remain there with Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Jones, until the war is over. Dr. Martin expects to resume his practice here when the war is over.

## Harris Won in Georgia Primary Yesterday.

William J. Harris, former chairman of the Federal Trade commission, whose candidacy was endorsed by President Wilson, apparently swept the State of Georgia yesterday in the senatorial Democratic primary. On unofficial returns he had carried 100 of the 152 counties, while Senator Thomas W. Hardwick, who was second in the five-cornered race, had a plurality in only sixteen.

Representative William Schley Howard, of the fifth district, was close behind Senator Hardwick but indications were that neither had received a sufficient number of votes to make a second primary necessary for on the face of the returns at midnight, Harris had received a majority of the popular vote.

## German Helmet Received By Mrs. Andrews of Fairmont From Son

Mr. N. A. Andrews of Fairmont was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday and told the Robesonian that his mother, Mrs. N. T. Andrews, received that morning a German helmet, sent to her by her son Mr. Leon T. Andrews, who enlisted with the company of engineer located in Lumberton more than a year ago and was landing in France in June last year. In a letter accompanying the helmet Mr. Andrews wrote that the Hun that wore it was then occupying his 6 feet of earth.

## Recorder's Court.

Eighteen months on the public roads of Robeson was the sentence imposed upon Walter Locklear, Indian by Recorder E. M. Britt yesterday afternoon. Locklear was found guilty of assault upon Neill Burnett and James Brigman. The evidence was that Walter beat Brigman, who is his step father-in-law, with a gun, "sing it as a club. As a result of the assault Brigman was carrying his left arm in a sling and said his back was in bad shape. Walter accused Brigman of being too intimate with his wife.

Carson Locklear was tried on the charge of assault upon Neill Burnett and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the cost.

## Tobacco Continues to Come In—Market Will Close September 20th.

Much tobacco continues to come in every day. Tuesday around 25,000 pounds was sold on the local market. The market will close Friday, September 20.

Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, has recently been appointed assistant collaborating epidemiologist of the United States Public Health Service. By receiving this appointment Dr. McPhaul will be able to use franked postage on all mail with reference to quarantine and other public health service.

## DOWN BOARDMAN WAY.

**Anniversary at Lennon's Well Attended—Personal and Other Items.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Boardman, R. F. D. Sept. 9.—We are having ideal fall weather at this date.

The anniversary held with Lennons' was very largely attended, with good songs and speeches from all schools represented.

Rev. Mr. Chaffin, our pastor, and Rev. Mr. Newton of Whiteville held a revival the past week. While the preaching was good no new additions were made.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Stanley from Brunswick county spent a few days with relatives recently.

Mrs. Jeff Jordan and little daughter, Erma, of near Relford, spent the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kelly.

School opened at Bladenboro the first Monday. Several boys and girls from this section are attending, among whom are Messrs. Wilbur Brown, Francis Lennon, Harley Singletary and Galand Davis, Misses Gertie Lennon and Mozelle Kelly.

Mrs. Leroy Hemmingway and little daughter, Francis, of Wilson and Miss Lizzie Lennon of Bladenboro spent Thursday at the home of Mr. J. E. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Lennon of Whiteville attended church service at Lennon Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith of the Hope Mills section visited the home of Mr. Dan Perry Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. R. F. Hester and J. L. Brown made a business trip to Lumberton last Wednesday.

Mrs. F. G. Kelly and small son David Hughes are spending some time in Peachland.

Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Martin of the Orrum section visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Britt, Sr., the past week.

Duval and Eloise, children of Mr. C. C. Britt, were on the sick list the past week but are better now.

We think most all the farmers of this section are through barning tobacco at last and many have begun to pick cotton.

## OUT BARKER'S WAY.

**Much-Needed Rains—Cotton Crop Short—Death of Mr. Edgar Kinlaw—Sunday School Picnic—Personal Mention.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. 1, Sept. 9.—We have had several much-needed showers in the last few days, which makes everything in the fields and gardens look much refreshed.

Picking cotton seems to be the order of the day in this section. I think the crop will be much shorter than was expected.

Our community was greatly shocked last Wednesday to learn of the death of Mr. Edgar Kinlaw. He had been in poor health for some time and willing to go when God called. He was about 18 years of age and leaves a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss. We feel that he is at rest with his father, and mother, who had gone on before.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Edwards spent Sunday last with Mr. Edwards' parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Edwards.

Little Miss Ruby Monroe is spending some time with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Powers.

Mrs. Robert Rozier, who has been confined to her room for some time, is much improved.

Misses Dovie and Ruth Britt of Ten Mile spent a while Saturday p. m. with Misses Annie and Mattie Carter.

Mr. Floyd M'White of South Carolina is spending some time with his cousin Mr. Roland M'White.

Messrs. John Blackwell and Purvis Kinlaw of the Tabernacle section and Mr. Charlie Malone of Ten Mile spent a while Sunday evening in these parts.

Quite a number of our young folks enjoyed a cream party given at Mr. Charlie Powers' tobacco barn on last Wednesday evening.

There will be a Sunday school picnic at Barkers on Monday, the 16th and at Regans the 17th. Everybody is welcome.

## Boston Americans Won Championship.

Taps for professional baseball for the duration of the war was sounded at Fenway park in Boston yesterday when the Boston American League pennant bearers won the baseball championship of the world by defeating the Chicago National League title holders in the sixth game of the series by a score of 2 to 1. This gives the Red Sox a record of five victories in as many starts and the Boston Nationals won the championship in 1914, it brings to Boston six world titles.

## Mr. Alex Willis Fell Dead Monday.

Mr. Alex Willis, aged 67 years, fell dead at his home at Fayetteville early Monday morning. Deceased formerly lived near Ten Mile church in Robeson county and is survived by his wife and several children. Interment was made in the family burying ground on a farm belonging to deceased near Ten Mile Tuesday about noon.

## BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS.

—Relatives here have been advised of the safe arrival overseas of Lieut. R. A. McLean of Lumberton.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Lonnie Ward and Lettie Watts; C. T. Harrington and Katie Page.

—Miss Marjorie Steele left this morning for Whiteville, where she will teach in the graded school. School will open Monday.

—A special meeting of Pine Camp No. 144, W. O. W., will meet at Long Branch Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. All members urged to be present.

—Miss Mae Seabolt of Roper spent Tuesday here visiting friends. She went from here to Maxton, where she will teach at Carolina college during the coming term.

—Mr. M. B. Robbins of Council has accepted a position in the McAllister Hardware store. Mr. Robbins will move his family here as soon as he can secure a house.

—Nancy Chavis and Fairley Lowrie were married in the office of Registrar of Deeds M. W. Floyd yesterday at noon, the service being performed by Justice M. G. McKenzie.

—His host of friends were delighted to see ex-Judge T. A. McNeill on the streets yesterday. This is the first time Judge McNeill has walked down town in some months.

—Little Miss Sue Blount Shaw entertained a number of her little friends Tuesday afternoon at the home of her mother, Mrs. D. P. Shaw, in honor of her 8th birthday.

—Mr. "Rab" Love, a member of the Lumberton baseball team during the 1916 season, died recently in Florida, according to reports received here. Mr. Love made many friends while here.

—Mr. E. M. Paul resigned yesterday his position as clerk in the office of Sheriff R. E. Lewis. He left last evening for his home at Pembroke, where he has accepted a position with the Bank of Pembroke.

—Mr. Swain Britt of R. 1 from Orrum was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. Britt returned Tuesday from a trip to Timmonsville and Hartsville, S. C. He reports crops damaged in South Carolina by the recent drought.

—Mr. C. C. Murphy, of Murphy Bros. Land & Auction Co., has opened an office in Lumberton, in the Planters' Bank & Trust Co. building. The company also has an office in Greensboro and does a large business in handling real estate.

—Mr. J. A. Carlyle of R. 6 from Lumberton returned home Tuesday from Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., where he spent some time visiting Robeson county registrants. He says the boys are getting along fine and having a good time.

—Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman went this morning to Hamlet to meet Mrs. Beaman, who will return home tonight from Henderson, where she spent about 2 months with relatives. Mrs. Beaman's health has improved somewhat since she has been away.

—Mrs. Harriett Watson of Bennettsville, S. C., who has been spending some time here visiting her daughters, Mesdames Nannie Crump and Daisy Jenkins, received news Monday that her youngest son, Sam C. Watson had arrived safely overseas.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Stack arrived this morning from Columbus, Ga., and will spend a week or 10 days at the home of Mrs. Stack's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. McIntyre, Walnut street. Mr. Stack underwent an operation for appendicitis at a hospital in Columbus two weeks ago.

—Mrs. L. R. Varsar and Miss Elizabeth Snead returned last night from Charlotte, where they went Monday night to consult a specialist and to see their sister Miss Mary Snead, who is a patient in a Charlotte sanatorium. Miss Mary Snead's condition has improved considerably. She is able to walk now for the first time in 7 months.

—Mr. H. H. Hemsley of Baltimore, Md., began work the first of the week as clerk at the Lorraine hotel. To accept this position he resigned a position he had held for 8 years with the Security Trust & Storage Co. of Baltimore. His wife and infant child will join him here in about 2 weeks.

—The Hargrove place, 4 miles from Rowland, 8 miles from Fairmont, on the Rowland-Fairmont road, has been subdivided into small farms and will be sold at auction on Wednesday September 18, by the Atlantic Coast Realty Co., which has held a number of successful land sales in Robeson. Mr. Chas. E. Best, a representative of the company who has the sale in charge and is making headquarters at Rowland until the sale, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

—Charity and Children: We regret exceedingly to hear of the poor health of Mr. R. D. Caldwell of Lumberton, who is in a Baltimore hospital for treatment, and we pray that he may be restored to health. Mr. Caldwell has for a great many years been the superintendent of the Lumberton Sunday school which gives more to the orphanage work than any other Sunday school in the world.

—Mr. H. G. Webster's Ford was ditched yesterday afternoon 4 miles from Lumberton on the Fairmont road when it was struck by a car driven by Mr. F. L. Blue of Fairmont. The front of the car went into the ditch and the car, which was not gotten out until last night, was somewhat wrecked. In the car with Mr. Webster were Mrs. Webster and their two daughters. No one was seriously hurt. Mr. Blue brought Mrs. Webster and the children back to town.

## CASH IN ADVANCE!

The War Industries Board has placed newspapers in a preferred class to receive materials necessary to their production, provided the newspapers conform to certain requirements. One of these requirements limits us to sending THE ROBESONIAN only to those who keep their subscription paid in advance. The War Industries Board will not permit those from whom we buy paper and other materials necessary to produce THE ROBESONIAN to furnish us these materials unless we comply with the provisions of the order of the board. So our subscribers can readily see why we must obey the orders of the War Industries Board.

The last copy of The Robesonian any subscriber will receive unless and until his subscription is paid in advance will be MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30. If you get your paper through the mails DO NOT wait for a statement. The Robesonian's force is kept so busy getting out the paper that there is scant time for sending out statements. On every paper sent through the mails there is a printed label that will enable each subscriber to know how his subscription stands, the date on each label showing the date to which the subscription is paid. Look at the label on your paper. If it shows that your subscription is not paid beyond October, 1918, please attend to the matter at once. To those who receive their paper by The Robesonian's own carriers a notice will be mailed, as there is no label on these papers by which the subscriber may know he stands.

We hope every one of The Robesonian's subscribers will get her or his subscription in shape—paid up and in advance—before October 1. We do not want to lose or cut off a single one, but we cannot take any chances of having ourselves cut off from materials necessary to issue The Robesonian. Whatever the Government asks of us we are going to do.

We are not going to set the time ahead to which you must pay your subscription. All we are concerned about is that it be kept paid in advance. On THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, we will print just enough papers to supply subscribers who have paid in advance of that date. Each issue after October 1 we will print just enough papers to supply those whose subscriptions are paid in advance of the date of the paper on the day it is printed.

Those of The Robesonian's subscribers who are not paid in advance are just as good as gold. We have shown our faith in them by sending them the paper. But we are under different conditions now. Whatever the War Industries Board says goes. We are going to comply with its requirements and we will appreciate a prompt and loyal response from all subscribers. Keep the matter in mind, watch the label on your paper, and do not let your subscription get behind after Tuesday, October 1.

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## Fairmont Leads Eastern Tobacco

Increase of nearly two million pounds of tobacco handled on the North Carolina markets in August, 1918, over August, 1917, is reported by the Commissioner of Agriculture in the monthly statement from leaf tobacco warehouses. During the past month, the total for the State was 25,421,472 pounds as against 22,657,900 pounds in August 1917. Of the last month's total, 23,517,584 was first hand; 728,095 dealers, and 1,175,793 resold.

Fairmont led with 3,743,252. Lumberton's total for the month was 1,191,978, which is a splendid record for a market only 3 years old. Figures for other markets in this section and for other leading markets are: Clarkton, 597,821; Chadbourn, 1,780,924; Fair Bluff, 914,684; Greenville, 1,788,882; Kinston, 2,131,118; Rowland, 732,757 (first year) Winston-Salem, 1,033,196; Wilson, 1,397,766.

## Military Registration Going On Smoothly.

Registration for military duty of youths 18 to 21 and men 3 to 46 is going on smoothly at the court house for Lumberton township. Up to 2:30 this afternoon 450 had registered. (The registrars are being assisted by a number of young ladies and men and the work is being handled quickly.)

Miss Minnie McKinnon left Saturday for Maxton, where she will teach this year in the Maxton graded schools.—Laurinburg Exchange.

**DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER,**  
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