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TEUTONS BID FOR PEACE.

Allied Troops Advance While Peace Kite Flies—Another German Rush to Get Better Terms Than They Can Expect Later—Women and Children Perish When British Ship is Torpedoed.

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

Overshadowing in interest even Marshal Foch's hammer blows against the harried Germans, is the "teutonic bid for peace made through the imperial government of Austria-Hungary.

The formal plea of Emperor Charles to the belligerents comes as the first sensational move in the "peace offensive" which has been expected since the German arms began to stagger back from the fierce thrusts of the British, French and Americans. Washington and the allied capitals hailed the call for a conference on neutral soil as another German ruse to get better terms than they might expect when the war has been carried to the Rhine. They were convinced that Austria, whose people have long been war weary, has been called upon to bear the onus of making peace overtures and thus save the face of Germany.

Not only in Washington, but in London and Paris, pacifists found cold comfort. One of the governments involved was inclined to take seriously the request that delegates be sent to such a conference as that proposed by the Austrian ruler. It was pointed out that the United States and Entente Allies have made their peace aims so clear there can be no mistaking.

The assertion that the central powers leave it in no doubt that they are waging a "war of defense for the integrity and security of their territories," was greeted with added skepticism in the face of the Washington disclosures unmasking completely the intrigue which has wrecked Russia. Publication of documents proving beyond all question that Germany had waited only for a plausible pretext to plunge the world into war, cast a sinister shadow over the benevolent protestations of Emperor William's closest ally.

It was accompanied also by the announcement that a German submarine had sunk the British steamship Galway Castle with the loss of 189 lives. Ninety of those who perished were women and children. At the same time U-boats renewed their attacks upon shipping on this side of the Atlantic, shelling only eighty miles off the coast a transport carrying Canadian sick and wounded.

Grim meaning was given the overtures by the announcement from Paris that Austrian troops which tried to block the way of the Americans were utterly demoralized and surrendered to a man. While the peace kite was in flight, British, French and American troops continued their pressure against the Germans. Pershing's men advanced from two to three miles on a 33-mile front, Haig's forces advanced northwest of St. Quentin while French forces made progress south of the same city.

Margin's army struck a new blow at the German salient north of Soissons. Wherever the allied troops attacked the German lines moved back.

PROHIBITIVE TAX FOR LABOR AGENTS

Tax of \$2,500 a Day for Agents Soliciting Labor—To Borrow Money to Pay Interest on Bonds.

At a meeting of Mayor Proctor and board of town commissioners Friday afternoon an ordinance was passed levying a privilege tax of \$2,500 the day for labor agents who are soliciting labor to go to other places to work.

Town Clerk and Treasurer Ira B. Townsend was instructed to make arrangements to pay Mr. W. M. Burney the balance due for work on the new municipal building—\$520.54.

It was ordered that the boilers at the light plant be reset.

The mayor and town clerk and treasurer were empowered to borrow money to pay interest on bonds due October 1. The interest amounts to around \$2,000.

BOYS OFF FOR CAMP.

The following registrants from Robeson district No. 1 entrained Saturday for Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.:

Ira Martin, Lumberton, R. 4; Oliver Curtis Duncan, Lumberton; Aley Harvey Townsend, Lumberton, R. 6; Warren Archie Katley, Fairmont; Hal V. Brown, Fairmont; David Earl Townsend, McDonald; Raymond Daniel Branch, Fairmont, R. 1; Shelton Malone, Lumberton, R. 1; Frank Avant Jennings, Fairmont; Levi Hunt, Indian, Lumberton.

Robeson Farmers Union Meets Wednesday.

A meeting of the Robeson division of the Farmers' Union will be held at Back Swamp Wednesday of this week. The meeting will open at 11 a. m. All union members are urged to be present as some matters of importance will be considered.

F. GROVER BRITT, Sec-Treas. Robeson Union.

5,119 MEN REGISTERED.

274 Less Than the Estimated Number For Robeson Registered for Military Duty Last Thursday—This Makes a Total of 7,169 Registered in Robeson.

Five thousand one hundred and nineteen men between the ages of 19 and 21 and 32 and 46 registered in Robeson county last Thursday for military duty, answering the call of their country. This is 274 less than the number estimated for the county prior to the registration. In the first registration on June 5, 1917, 2,050 men registered in the county, making a total of 7,169 men registered in Robeson for military duty.

In district No. 1, 2,691 men registered, 50 less than the estimated number, 2,741. In district No. 2, 2,428 men registered, 198 less than the estimated number, 2,650.

Around 13,000,000 men registered in the entire country Thursday.

ROZIER NEWS ITEMS.

Cotton Crop Short—Bridges Fixed But Holes Need Filling—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Rozier (Lumberton, R. 2), Sept. 13.—Farmers in this section are very busy trying to get their cotton picked and there is not an idle moment among the laborers. There is not as much cotton made this year as was anticipated at first, on account of the recent dry weather in this and adjoining sections. The price of cotton is right good as it should be, for we think the merchant should pay the farmer as much for cotton in proportion as the farmer has to pay him for the goods he sells.

We see that the bad bridges we spoke of in our last news item have been fixed which is a great convenience to the public. Now if a few of the holes were filled up in the road it would be in better fix for the traveling public.

Miss Jamie Holder is spending this week with her sister Mrs. Scot Brison.

Mrs. E. B. Smith of Dublin spent a part of this week with her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Britt.

Mrs. John Plummer and children of Wilmington are spending this week with friends and relatives in this section.

Miss Maie Martin of Ten Mile spent a part of last week here a guest of Miss Ethel Carlyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Withers and daughter, Miss Mallie, of Harnett county, spent a few days this week guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Rozier.

Miss Fannie Britt spent a few days last week with relatives in Bladen county.

Mr. W. B. Martin of Ten Mile spent a few days here recently at the home of his Uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carlyle.

Mr. W. K. Bethune of Lumberton was in this section yesterday on business.

Mr. O. M. Britt of Ten Mile was in this section yesterday afternoon.

Our rural mail carrier, Mr. A. S. Pitman, is taking his vacation, now and Mr. Taylor is substitute.

Lawyer Employed to Take Case Against His Sister-in-Law "Unbeknownst."

Mr. Aaron Penny of the National cotton mill was knocked down one day last week near the mill by an auto driven by a lady. The lady who was driving and other ladies in the car with her were excited and distressed and stopped with the purpose of taking the man to a hospital, but some men came up and took charge of him and they went on their way. Mr. Penny was bruised up but not seriously injured. He came to town to consult a lawyer, who wrote to the Secretary of State to find out the owner of the car number, which Mr. Penny gave. When the answer came the lawyer was astonished to learn that the car belonged to his sister-in-law. Mr. Penny accepted a compromise settlement of the case and everybody, presumably, was satisfied.

German Outrages in St. Mihiel.

Secretary Baker accompanied by Generals Pershing and Petain, visited St. Mihiel, in Lorraine, a few hours after its capture, states a press dispatch. Residents of the town so long under the domination of the Germans accorded them a touching reception and related the abuses to which they had been subjected.

Before the Germans retreated they had forced almost every male between the ages of 16 and 45 to accompany them for service in the German army, they told the secretary. The inhabitants of St. Mihiel had been forced by the Germans to contribute a million francs to the German war treasury.

Although the Germans were most open in their outrages immediately prior to their retreat, they had begun their depredations long ago. Houses had been entered and robbed and when they marched out of St. Mihiel they carried away great stores of loot taken from almost every house in the place.

ROWLAND RED CROSS.

Address by Mrs. Webb—Sewing Room Will Open Again Tomorrow.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Rowland, Sept. 12.—On Tuesday afternoon a large gathering of ladies from Rowland and neighboring communities was held in the Red Cross sewing room. Mrs. C. D. Smith, acting vice-chairman of the chapter, called the meeting to order. The song "God Save Our Men" was sung, then Mrs. Smith, with a few appropriate remarks, introduced Mrs. Webb of Rockingham, who was already well remembered here for the able and thrilling address made to us before our Red Cross chapter was organized. All who have heard Mrs. Webb realize what a treat was in store for those present.

The crowd listened intently to her earnest and touching appeal to the ladies to do their part for "the boys" who are in service. She impressed on all the importance of much and continued work in the sewing room and at the knitting in order to keep our men, who are going to the front by the millions, comfortably supplied with the necessary articles. She pleaded with each one to use her talent, even though it be only one, in zealous and faithful service for her country. She said that a few cobwebs and some dust in the home mattered little in these days of big things, if each one was making her sacrifice and doing her best to help with the Red Cross work and to win the war. If we fail to make these sacrifices and do our reasonable portion this great cause, we should not complain when called slackers.

Mrs. Webb last told us much of the canteen work in which she is engaged and related many incidents of where boys on the way had been cheered and cared for by these noble women.

After singing the Star Spangled Banner, the meeting was dismissed, after which a short informal reception was held. Sandwiches and punch were served.

The sewing room, after a short vacation, will be opened again next Tuesday morning, the 17th. Our chapter has had faithful workers both from Rowland and from the auxiliary. We plead with these and with many others who have not been helping, to rally this fall to the work as never before.

The knitting committee is waiting for definite instructions from headquarters before giving out any new wool.

WITH ROBESON SOLDIERS.

Now Corporal Rossie Britt.

Mr. F. Grover Britt received Saturday a letter from his brother, Corporal Rossie B. Britt, who was with the large number of Robeson county soldiers who sailed for France the last of July. The letter was mailed at Romey August 19. In the letter Mr. Britt stated that he was enjoying good health and was promoted from private to corporal August 5, one month and 14 days after he was assigned to his company.

Eli Wishart of Lumberton got his step up to a captaincy Saturday. He is another one of the boys of whom his home county and town are proud. He has made a fine record. He entered the first officers' training camp at Oglethorpe last summer and won a commission as second lieutenant. Early last spring he got his step up to first lieutenant. He has been at Camp Jackson since last fall, a member of the 156th depot brigade, which is to be transferred soon to Camp Sevier. Captain Wishart is deservedly popular in his home town and everybody here is proud of his record and glad of his promotion. He is a brother of Mrs. J. L. Williamson of Lumberton.

From the Scottish Chief it is learned that Private Marshall A. Thompson, a Robeson county boy who was wounded by a shell in July, arrived in New York more than a week ago from overseas and is at his home near Maxton. The Chief says that Lieut. Henry A. McKinnon, son of Maj. and Mrs. A. J. McKinnon of Maxton, arrived home Thursday from France, having been sent back as an instructor of new troops, and will go to Camp Meade to await assignment for duty.

Sgt. Harry Greene of the U. S. Army, stationed at Fort Caswell, spent last night in town visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Green. Sgt. Greene was returning from Camp Jackson, where he carried three prisoners. He returned to Fort Caswell today.

Albert Boylin Slightly Wounded in France.

Mrs. F. J. Thomas has received a letter from her nephew, Mr. Albert Boylin, stating that he had been slightly gassed and shot through the left arm with two machine gun bullets. He stated in the letter that he was fast improving and expected to get back into the fight soon. Mr. Boylin enlisted in the army soon after the United States declared war against Germany and was among the first American soldiers to go overseas. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Boylin, formerly of Lumberton.

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY

CARRIES OUT INITIAL TASK

Famous St. Mihiel Salient Levelled, and Important Towns and Positions in the Sector Taken and Many Prisoners Captured.

By Friday night the American first army had carried out the initial task assigned to it—the leveling of the famous St. Mihiel salient—and in doing so had taken 13,300 prisoners, many guns and machine guns and large quantities of ammunition and other war stores.

In a little more than 24 hours not only had the work been accomplished but General Pershing's men had all the important towns, villages and strategic positions in the sector within their hands and were standing on the banks of the Moselle river at Pagny, looking across the stream into German territory. And the southern outer fortifications of Metz, the great German stronghold in Lorraine, were only four miles distant.

The Associated Press Saturday gave the following summary:

From Hattenville, on the north, across the salient eastward to Pagny, the Americans have closed the mouth of the big sack which extended southward to St. Mihiel, trapping within it by their fast advance all the enemy forces who failed to take refuge in flight when the great bombardment of Thursday morning heralded the approach of the offensive.

In addition, along the eastern side of the heights north of Hattenville the Americans have debouched from the hill region and are astride the railroad running from Commercy to Verdun. Likewise the Thiencourt-Metz and Nancy-Metz railroads in American hands.

Beginning in the northwest and crossing the salient eastward, Fresnoy, Les Eparges, Hattenville, Preny and Pagny and all the ground lying between them are in American hands. The towns of Vigneulles, Thiencourt, Pont-A-Mousson and St. Mihiel are far in the rear of the present line. Montsec, the dominating height in the center of the salient and from which much trouble had been expected, fell without fighting. Among the numerous prisoners taken were Austro-Hungarians.

Although the operation of the Americans has been described as having "limited objectives," it nevertheless can not but have a most important bearing on the future of the war. From the straightened line growing out of the obliteration of the St. Mihiel salient the Americans are in a splendid position to act with their brothers in arms on sectors eastward when the time is ripe for a strike into Germany direct. Also they are aligned on territory from which it is possible to get behind both the Meuse and Moselle rivers and thus make null the reported plans of the Germans to stabilize their front along the Meuse should they be unable to hold the Allies in the west in check.

Already allied airmen are heavily bombing the Moselle region around Metz and its outlying fortifications, having dropped many tons of bombs on the strategic railways leading from the great fortress and it seemingly is not without reason to expect that with apparent supremacy in the air, Metz and the surrounding country henceforth is to be badly harassed by the allied flying squadrons.

Robeson Red Cross Executive Committee Meets at Rowland Wednesday.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

The executive committee of the Robeson county Red Cross chapter will meet in the Red Cross sewing room at 2:30 p. m. Each member has been notified and is expected to be present.

A. L. BULLOCK, Chairman.

Rowland, N. C., Sept. 16, 1918.

Premium Lists of Community Fairs—Additional Premiums.

In the premium lists of community fairs published elsewhere in this paper, certain spaces were left blank because it was not known at the time what prizes were offered. Under field crops, have been offered for best 10 ears of corn exhibited by corn club member and \$5 and \$3 for best exhibit of farm products grown on any one farm; under horticultural department, best collection of vegetable seed saved from a home garden, \$2 and \$1; under home economics department, best general display of pantry products, \$3 and \$2.

Around 2,250,000 Pounds Tobacco Sold Here During August.

Mr. E. O. Bransford, one of the managers of the Star tobacco sales warehouse of Lumberton, says that the report recently sent out from Raleigh did not cover the amount of tobacco sold on the Lumberton market during the month of August. One of the local warehouses failed to send in a report. Mr. Bransford says that around two and a quarter million pounds was sold here during the month of August.

—Miss Christabel Moorehouse, daughter of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Moorehouse, went Friday to Rock Hill, S. C., where she entered Winthrop college. Dr. Moorehouse accompanied her to Rock Hill and returned home Saturday night.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS.

—Miss Josephine Breece will have her millinery opening tomorrow and Wednesday.

—License has been issued for the marriage of McKay Franklin Martin and Frances Purcell Adams.

—Miss Nannie Thompson left Saturday for Tarboro, where she will teach in the graded school.

—A community fair for Indians will be held at Burnt Swamp some time during the month of October.

—Tince Pope, colored, was before Recorder E. M. Britt this morning on the charge of larceny. He was acquitted.

—As has been stated in The Robesonian, the Lumberton graded and high schools will open tomorrow at 9 a. m.

—Mrs. H. V. Osborne and Miss Mary Enright have accepted positions as salesladies in the Lumberton Bargain House.

—Miss Sadie Thompson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Thompson, left Friday for Conover, Edgecombe county, where she will teach. School opens there today.

—Mr. T. A. Ramsauer left Saturday for Charleston, S. C., where he has accepted a position in connection with government work. His family will remain here.

—Chief of Police E. L. Hanna moved his family last week from Red Springs to Lumberton. Mr. Hanna and family are boarding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Shelby.

—A rather disagreeable odor met pedestrians as they passed the Pastime theatre early this morning. A number of rotten eggs were broken against the front of the theatre last night.

—Mr. V. M. Stonebanks of Raleigh has accepted a position with the National Bank of Lumberton to begin work October 1. Mr. Stonebanks has been connected with City National Bank of Raleigh.

—Kinton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Branch of Proctorville, underwent an operation for enlarged tonsils and adenoids at the Thompson hospital Monday last week. He was able to return home Friday.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. White will leave tomorrow night for New York city, where Mr. White will purchase goods for Messrs. White & Gough's department store. They will be away ten days or two weeks.

—Mr. F. M. Ammons of the U. S. navy, attached to the battleship Delaware, arrived home Saturday to spend a 10-day furlough. Mr. Ammons recently returned from the submarine zone in foreign waters.

—Mr. W. P. McAllister arrived home Thursday night from Hendersonville. He will return to Hendersonville in about ten days. The condition of Mrs. McAllister, who has been at Hendersonville since early summer, is improving.

—James Thompson and Lula Mitchell, a colored couple, were married in the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd Saturday at 11 a. m. Justice A. E. White officiated. After the ceremony the groom voluntarily saluted the bride.

—Mr. R. M. Erwin resigned Saturday his position as book-keeper in the office of the Lumberton, Dresden and Jennings cotton mills. Mr. Edwin left Saturday evening for his home at Fort Mill, S. C. He expects to enter Clemson college under the rules of the War Department.

—Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Johnson returned yesterday from the western part of the State, where they spent ten days. They made the trip in Dr. Johnson's auto. Dr. Johnson says they had a most pleasant trip and not even a puncture in the way of car troubles.

—St. Paul's Messenger: St. Paul's schools opened Monday morning with the best enrollment they have ever had on the first day. The graded school opened with 203 and the mill school 36, making a total of 239. Several have come in since. The prospects are now that this session will be the best yet.

—John Leach, colored, was before Justice M. G. McKenzie Friday on the charge of assault upon William Norment, a small colored boy. He was fined \$10 and the cost. William Norment was tried on the charge of assaulting a still smaller boy belonging to Leach. He was fined \$2 and the cost.

—Mr. R. A. Hedgepeth, Jr., has resigned his position at Grantham Brothers drug store and will enter Wake Forest college. He is succeeded by Miss Sarah Branch, who began work this morning. Mr. LeRoy Jordan has also resigned his position with the same store and will enter school here tomorrow. He will also be succeeded by a young lady.

—Local Jews, along with others observing Yom Kippur or Day of Atonement, today. The holiday began last evening at 6 o'clock and will close this afternoon at 6. All places of business are being held at the Jewish synagogue. A number of out-of-town Jews are here for the occasion.

—Mr. H. H. Hemsley, who, as stated in Thursday's Robesonian, came to Lumberton from Baltimore, Md., a week ago to accept the position of clerk at the Lorraine hotel, returned to Baltimore Saturday to accept again the position he formerly held with the Security Trust & Storage Co. of Baltimore. It is understood that he was advised that the hotel position is not considered essential work during war times.

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 how 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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Indian Community Fair for Robeson.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

The Laurel institute community fair will be held at Union chapel Wednesday, October 3rd. The officers are: Calvin F. Lowry, president; W. D. Oxendine, secretary and treasurer.

The fair will be open to all the Indians of Robeson county. A premium list is being printed and will be ready for distribution in a few days. The sum of \$50 for premiums, plus the expense of the fair, has been pledged if everybody will go to work now the fair will be a success.

O. O. DUKES, Farm Demonstration Agent. LULU M. CASSIDY, Home Demonstration Agent.

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The Spirit That Will Win—"Carry On."

Mr. Ed. Smith of R. 1 from St. Pauls, who was a Lumberton visitor this morning, registered Thursday for military duty with one of his sons, Mr. Franklin Smith, and another son, Mr. Dannie Floyd Smith, came in last night from Richmond, where he has had a good position, and registered this morning. Mr. Smith senior says that he and his three boys are ready and willing to go to the front. Noticing the headlines in this morning's papers, Mr. Smith said it looks like one side wants peace and the other wants to keep on, and he hoped Uncle Sam would keep on and do the job up right while about it.

—Miss Ruby Thompson has gone to Charlotte, where she entered Queen's college.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER, Optometrist, Expert Knowledge of Eye Diseases and Fitting Glasses. LUMBERTON, N. C.