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## TURKEY WILL

### PROPOSE PEACE

(By United Press.)  
London, Oct. 3.—Turkey has notified Germany she intends to propose peace to the Allies. Germany is said to have replied at some length for a parley in a pleading tone.

## ITALIAN ARMY

### LAUNCHES OFFENSIVE

(By United Press.)  
Washington, Oct. 3.—Cables to the Italian embassy state that the Italian army in Albania has launched offensive against Austrians, the purpose of the offensive being to demoralize and destroy Austrian armies in Albania with a view to facilitating expected surrender of Turkey.

## GERMANS HAVE SET

### FIRE TO ROULERS

(By United Press.)  
Paris, Oct. 3.—Germans have set fire to the Belgian city of Roulers, one of the principal objectives of previous British drives in Flanders. The city is practically surrounded by British and Belgian troops. Gen. Debynt is attacking on a 15-mile front between St. Quentin and LaFere, nearing Berthencourt and rapidly outflanking LaFere.

## AMERICANS ADVANCE.

(By United Press.)  
American Front, Oct. 3.—The Americans have advanced from 7 to 8 miles through the tangled Argonne forest since they started their offensive.

## GERMANS RETREATING

### ON 20-MILE FRONT

(By United Press.)  
London, Oct. 3.—The Germans are retreating on a 20-mile front between Armentiers and Lens, Haig announces, evacuating highly-organized positions which they had held since the beginning of trench warfare.

## GERMANS ARE IN RETREAT.

On All Battle Fronts Allies Are Keeping Up Their Successful Advances—French Now in Full Possession of St. Quentin.

The Associated Press in its war news summary this morning gives the following:

Again the Germans are in retreat on an important sector of the western battlefield in France. The scene of the new retrograde movements is a wide front north and south of LaBassee canal.

The continuation of the Entente Allied forces of their brilliant achievements in restoring Belgian Flanders and the expulsion of the enemy from further territory in France from the region of Cambrai to Verdun evidently has brought the Germans to the realization that the great bend in the line from Menin to the east of Arras is likely to prove another such trap as was the St. Mihiel salient unless they are fast enough of foot to move eastward, giving up Lille, Lens and Douai and straighten their line from the vicinity of Cambrai to Belgium.

On all the other six battle fronts from Belgium to Verdun the Entente forces are keeping up their successful advances, although the Germans everywhere except northwest of Rheims have materially stiffened their front and are offering strong resistance to further inroads into their territory.

The French are now in full possession of St. Quentin and have passed on eastward. The entire Hindenburg system between St. Quentin and Le Catelet has been completely smashed by Field Marshal Haig's forces, with whom the Americans are brigaded and further ground has been won in the outskirts of Cambrai and north of that city. At one point north of St. Quentin the British were forced to give up a village under a heavy counter-attack by fresh German troops. A band of Americans who had outdistanced their fellows in arms were surrounded on one sector by the Germans but were released after two days, during which they killed many of the enemy who sought to capture them.

During the months of August and September the British captured 123,618 prisoners and 1,400 guns.

## St. Quentin Entered By French.

The town of St. Quentin upon which the Germans had so firmly builded their hopes of proving an insuperable barrier to the Allies, at last was entered by the French Tuesday and seemingly the gateway is open to Marshal Foch for a swift advance eastward in his task of reclaiming northern France.

## More Than 100 Planes and 21 Balloons Shot Down By Americans.

Further advance by the American forces along the Meuse river and in the Argonne forest were reported in Gen. Pershing's communique for Tuesday. More than 100 hostile planes and 21 balloons have been shot down by American aviators since September 26, Gen. Pershing said.

## COMMUNITY FAIRS.

Howellsville and Indian Fairs, Held Tuesday and Yesterday, Surpassed Expectations—Exhibits Made Creditable Showing—Patriotic Speeches—Fair at Centenary Today and at Oakdale Tomorrow.

A community fair is being held today at Centenary school, and another will be held at Oakdale school tomorrow.

The Howellsville community fair, held at Regan's Tuesday, and the Indian community fair, held at Union chapel, near Buie, yesterday, both surpassed all expectations of the promoters. The fairs held this week were the first to be held at these places, but judging from the interest and splendid success of both, they will not be the last.

The exhibits at both fairs made a most creditable showing. They consisted of particularly shrewdly selected and practically everything that grows on a Robeson county farm. Besides the field products, there were splendid livestock and poultry exhibits, household economics and old relics of interest to fair visitors.

The citizens of these communities are to be congratulated upon their fairs. It would be difficult to estimate their worth to the communities in which they were held. A community fair is educational in many respects—neighbors learn things from neighbors that otherwise they would never learn.

Besides the things to be seen at both fairs, there was much to be heard. At Regan's, Mr. H. E. Stacy, county food administrator, and Mr. Roger Pittman, a returned soldier from France, made stirring patriotic addresses, in which they appealed to the people to support the home boys now at the front by purchasing Liberty bonds. Both addresses were listened to with interest by those present and after the speaking was over a number of bonds were sold.

Lunches and coffee was served by the Red Cross and \$56.70 was realized. The young ladies of the community were active during the day selling War Savings and Thrift stamps.

At Union chapel the people were stirred by addresses by Mr. Marshall Thompson, a Robeson soldier who was wounded in the battle when the American marines turned the Huns back towards Berlin, Hon. G. B. Patterson of Maxton and State Senator Frank Gough of Lumberton. The addresses were much enjoyed by those present and resulted in the sale of a number of Liberty bonds.

One of the most interesting features of the fair at Union chapel was a baby show. Fifteen babies were entered. The prize, \$2, was won by Merlin Locklear, daughter of Hayes and Fodie Locklear, age 8 months.

Much credit is due Calvin Lowrey, a highly respected Indian of the Union chapel section, for the success of the fair there. He takes great interest in anything that tends to help the people of his race, as well as his other sections who worked in the interest of the occasion are also to be commended.

No doubt a community fair at both Regan and Union chapel will be an annual occurrence in the future.

## FAIR DATES CHANGED.

On account of quarantine against Spanish influenza, the managers of the county fair have decided to hold the fair November 5th to 8th. This will in no way effect the fair or the premium list that is already out, as the premiums will be given as they are in the list dated for the fair October 15th to 18th. This will give those interested more time to get their exhibits in shape and the managers will have more time to arrange matters that will interest the public.

## Superior Court Closed Monday Afternoon.

As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, Superior court for the trial of civil cases convened Monday morning and closed Monday afternoon. The following cases were disposed of by jury trial:

John H. Locklear vs. Nettie Locklear, divorce granted; Robeson Grocery Co. vs. Reed Bros., judgment for plaintiff; John T. Thorndyke vs. Matilda W. Thorndyke, divorce granted; Nora Regan vs. Ellis Regan, divorce granted; Fannie King vs. John King, divorce granted. Judge C. C. Lyon of Elizabethtown presided.

## Store Robbed at Lowe.

Robbers entered the store of Messrs. L. E. Tyner & Son at Lowe Tuesday night and took a supply of merchandise. It is said that more shoes were missed from the store than anything else. Bloodhounds were secured from Raeford and they followed a trail from the store to the home of Joe McNair, colored, some two miles away. None of the goods was found at the McNair home, however, and he was not held by the officials.

## BULGARIAN ARMISTICE.

Bulgaria Will Evacuate Occupied Territory in Greece and Serbia, Demobilize Her Army and Surrender All Means of Transport to Allies.

The armistice concluded with Bulgaria by the Entente Allies is a purely military convention and contains no provisions of a political character. Bulgaria agrees to evacuate all the territory she now occupies in Greece and Serbia, to demobilize her army immediately and surrender all means of transport to the Allies.

Bulgaria also will surrender her boats and control of navigation on the Danube and concede to the Allies free passage through Bulgaria for the development of military operations. All Bulgarian arms and ammunition are to be stored under the control of the Allies, to whom is conceded the right to occupy all important strategic points.

The Associated Press learns that the military occupation of Bulgaria will be entrusted to British, French and Italian forces and the evacuated portions of Greece and Serbia respectively to Greek and Serbian troops. The armistice means a complete military surrender and Bulgaria ceases to be a belligerent.

All question of territorial rearrangements in the Balkans was purposely omitted from the convention. The Allies made no stipulation concerning King Ferdinand, his position being considered an internal matter, one for the Bulgarians themselves to deal with. The armistice will remain in operation until a final general peace is concluded.

## SCOPE OF QUARANTINE.

Influenza Situation is Well in Hand and it is Hoped That Quarantine Soon May Be Lifted.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

There seems to be so much misunderstanding as to the scope of the quarantine now on in Lumberton that I will greatly appreciate the kindness if you will publish the following statement:

The Lumberton quarantine is again Wilmington, Charlotte, Fayetteville and Bladen and Cumberland counties. No other territory is covered by the quarantine and people from other places are free to come to Lumberton and go as they please.

The influenza situation is well in hand and it is hoped the quarantine may soon be lifted. As a rule the cases here are mild and we have no epidemic. We are trying to avoid an epidemic by the quarantine.

I respectfully urge all people to follow the directions as to prevention that have been prepared and published by Dr. McPhaul, county health officer. If followed, the danger of contracting the disease is remote and the necessity for quarantine will soon be over if the people will follow his advice.

All people in homes where cases are known to exist are urged to stay at home or away from other people. If absolutely necessary to come out, please avoid crowds and keep away from other people as much as possible.

Respectfully yours,  
JAMES D. PROCTOR,  
Oct. 2, 1918. Mayor.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

You are respectfully requested to publish the following, giving same a prominent position on your front page if possible:

## SLACKER LIST

This space is reserved for the publication, in subsequent issues of this paper, of names of those who, although financially able to do so, persistently refuse to buy their fair share of Liberty Loan bonds.

If any citizen refuses to bear his just and fair part of the burden of the common enterprise in which our people and the Government are now engaged, that is his privilege. But if he chooses to exercise that privilege, it is only just and right that his neighbors and friends, and the public generally, know that he is a slacker and that they are having to carry his burden as well as their own. Heretofore the slacker has been able to hide because of ignorance on the part of the public of his failure to buy his share of bonds. The authorities have determined, and I have been instructed, to give the full facts to the public.

R. C. LAWRENCE,  
County Chairman,  
Lumberton, N. C., Oct. 3, 1918.

## Chadbourn Quarantined Against Lumberton and Other Places.

Mayor Proctor received a telegram Tuesday from the mayor of Chadbourn advising that the town was quarantined against Lumberton, Wilmington, Fayetteville, Bladenboro and Clarkton.

## Smallpox in Britt Township—Vaccination Advised.

A half dozen cases of smallpox have been reported to County Health Officer McPhaul from Britt township. Dr. McPhaul urges upon every one the advisability of being vaccinated.

## ORDER NUMBERS DRAWN.

Order Numbers of 13,000,000 Registrants Determined—Those of Robeson District 1 Included in First Hundred Numbers—Order Numbers Rather Unimportant Now.

The drawing of order numbers for the 13,000,000 draft registrants enrolled September 12 was started Monday by President Wilson.

Blindfolded, the President groped into the great glass lottery bowl and drew out one of 17,000 capsules. It contained a slip numbered 322, thus giving to men holding that serial number first place in the respective classes after registrants already classified under previous registration. The number was low enough to touch the list of every local draft board in the country except one or two of the very smallest.

The complete master lists will be mailed to district draft boards to be made public by them. The classification system which determines the status of the registrant has made the order number relatively unimportant.

Dennis Powell, colored, of R. 3 from Lumberton, has the serial number 322, corresponding to the first number drawn, in Robeson division No. 1, and hence holds first place in his class. Others in Robeson district No. 1 included in the first hundred numbers drawn are:

1027—Dock Casday Bullard, Lumberton (wh); 1697—Rowland Stephens, Orrum, R. 1 (wh); 438—James Locklear, Maxton, R. 5 (Ind); 904—John Frank Britt, Barnesville, R. 1 (wh); 1523—Bruce Grimsley, Rowland R. 2 (wh); 1240—Will Alex McMillan, St. Pauls, R. 1 (col); 1907—Rudolph Herman Floyd, Fairmont, R. 2 (col); 1255—Wilton Eugene McWhite, Lumberton, R. 7 (wh); 2132—Lester McDuffie Oliver, Marietta (wh); 739—Isaac Tate, Whiteville, (col); 739—William Henry McQueen, Lumberton, (wh); 625—James Wilkes, (col); 219—David Albert Lee, Fair-Lumberton, (wh); 72—Wm. Hanchev, Barnesville, (col); 832—Roy Edwards, Belch, Lumberton (wh); 348—Jefferson Killens, Fairmont (col); 4—Laddie Gore, Lumberton, (col); 1961—Brady Britt, Lumberton, R. 4 (wh); 194—Jas. Dobbins Andrews, Fairmont (wh); 385—Barney Bethea, Fairmont (col); 657—Brantley Aycock Phillips, Lumberton (wh).

## LIBERTY LOAN MEETINGS.

Meetings in interest of the Liberty loan have been arranged at the following times and places and with the following speakers:

Friday, October 4th.  
Hon. E. J. Britt and Mr. Roger Pittman, returned soldier from France, at community fair at Oakdale at 11 a. m.

Mr. R. C. Lawrence at Lumber Bridge, at 4 p. m.

Saturday, October 5th.  
Hon. G. B. Patterson at Pembroke, at 4 p. m.

Hon. E. J. Britt at Orrum, at 8:30 p. m.

Monday, October 7th.  
Hon. J. W. Bailey of Raleigh at Red Springs at 4 p. m.

Hon. J. W. Bailey at Maxton at 8:30 p. m.

The public is cordially invited and earnestly requested to attend these meetings. Other speaking dates will be announced later.

R. C. LAWRENCE,  
County Chairman.

## ROWLAND TOWNSHIP OVER.

Has Oversubscribed Allotment of War Savings Stamps.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

Rowland township has gone "over the top" in the War Savings stamp campaign. Her allotment was \$54,000 and the subscriptions now amount to \$54,550. Hurray for Rowland township. This report was made by township chairman Geo. K. McNeill.

L. R. VARSEY,  
County Chairman,  
Lumberton, N. C., Sept. 30, 1918.

## Woman Suffrage Resolution De- feated in Senate.

The United States Senate Tuesday refused to grant the request of the President that the woman suffrage resolution be passed as a war measure.

After five days of bitter debate, corridor conferences and cloakroom negotiations, the Susan B. Anthony Federal amendment resolution enacted by the House last January received on the final roll-call two votes less than the necessary two-thirds majority. Fifty-four Senators were recorded for it and 30 against it, with twelve absent and paired.

This vote is the first important opposition President Wilson has met in advance of what he has declared to be essential war measures. Both North Carolina Senators, Simmons and Overman, voted against the resolution.

## Ellis Hardin Victim of Influenza.

News was received here yesterday to the effect that Ellis Hardin, Indian, son of the late Amos Hardin of R. 1 from Lumberton, died at Camp Sevier. It is supposed death resulted from Spanish influenza.

## INFLUENZA SITUATION.

Very Few New Cases Reported Yesterday—Rapid Increase at Mills Monday and Tuesday—Some 450 Cases in County, 300 of These in Lumberton and Vicinity—No Deaths and Most Cases Mild.

Only about half a dozen new cases of influenza have been reported to County Health Officer McPhaul in Lumberton proper since the report in Monday's Robesonian. There was a rapid increase in cases at the cotton mills—all of which have been shut down since Monday—Monday and Tuesday, but not more than a dozen new ones were reported yesterday. Most of the cases are mild and there have been no deaths. Mr. A. J. Holmes has pneumonia following influenza, Mrs. J. C. Bodenheimer also has been very ill, and Mr. J. S. Holman. Dr. J. A. Martin is the only physician of the town who has contracted the disease.

There are now around 300 cases in Lumberton and vicinity. The disease has made its appearance at Orrum, a pupil from the Orrum school having been brought to the Thompson hospital this morning, and at Parkton. No cases yet reported from Rowland. Red Springs has 35 new cases since the 9 reported Monday. Dr. B. F. McMillan of that town has had the disease but is understood to be much better. There are about 150 cases in the county outside Lumberton and vicinity.

County Health Officer McPhaul has distributed circulars all over town advising proper precautions and has sent 4,000 circulars to other points in the county. The people are co-operating splendidly to prevent the spread of the disease and the situation here is well in hand and not alarming.

Complaint has been made that placards have not been placed at homes where there are cases, to warn the people. Dr. McPhaul says that the State Board of Health does not advise quarantine or even closing schools, etc., but puts it up to the individual to protect himself. The steps taken here have been upon Dr. McPhaul's own initiative. There is no law requiring homes to be quarantined, as in some other diseases, though Dr. McPhaul is inclined to think that it should be done.

## FACTS ABOUT INFLUENZA.

The Disease is Due to "Spit Swapping"—How You Can Protect Yourself.

In connection with the epidemic the State Board of Health Tuesday issued the following statement to the people of the State:

"The State of North Carolina is in the grip of an epidemic of gripple. The disease is invading the State from many quarters, as it prevails throughout the United States, but the principal lines of invasion seem to be from the seaports of Wilmington and Norfolk. Already the disease has appeared over the entire State, being very prevalent in the east and having established itself in a number of centers in the west. The indications are that within another week it will be generally prevalent throughout the State.

"The disease is due to 'spit swapping.' Spit is swapped or exchanged in the following ways (A) by coughing into a handkerchief. In opening or sneezing into the air instead of coughing or sneezing into an infectious and invisible spray is thrown several yards into the air and floats from 30 to 60 minutes. The greater the spraying as in the psychic waves of coughing that pass through assemblages, moving picture shows, churches and other gatherings, the denser and more potent the infectious atmosphere; (B) by soiling the hands with spit, very small and invisible amounts, and transferring the spit to the hands of another person in hand-claps or by handling something, as a door knob or some article from which a second person gets the minutest amount of spit; (C) by using the common roller towel, contaminating and being contaminated; (D) by using common drinking dippers, common drinking cups, and common spit infected water from a common bucket; (E) by using anything other than sanitary paper cups, paper ice cream saucers, and spoons disinfected in visibly boiling water at soda fountains.

"Don't associate with the impolite and careless who spray your air with their spit.

"Don't go to unnecessary public gatherings while the epidemic is on. Put your moving picture show money into thrift stamps.

"Don't drink from common dippers and drinking cups.

"Don't use common roller towel.

"Don't patronize a soda fountain.

## LAND SALE CALLED OFF.

The auction sale of the Sheriff Sutton farm near Elizabethtown, advertised on page 7 of this issue to be held October 7, has been called off on account of the influenza epidemic and quarantine. A telegram from the American Land Co., advising that the sale had been called off was not received by The Robesonian until after the page on which the advertisement appears had been printed.

## KNEE DEEP.

The Robesonian's office force has been struggling knee deep in letters for some days past. It has been impossible to make all changes on labels as soon as possible. Please watch the label on your paper and send in renewals before the date on your label. If renewal is not received by date on label the paper will be discontinued.

We appreciate the loyal and prompt response of so many subscribers. Those who have not yet paid the amount they are due in arrears will please do so at once, whether they want the paper longer or not.

## BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS.

—License has been issued for the marriage of B. N. Parish and Annie Hester.

—Midling cotton is selling on the local market today for 31 1-2 cents per pound, strict midling 31 3-4.

—A false fire alarm was turned in from the northern part of town Tuesday night about 10 o'clock.

—Mr. H. E. Stacy of Lumberton addressed a meeting at Pembroke last evening in the interest of the fourth Liberty Loan. After the address \$8,000 worth of bonds were sold.

—The regular monthly meeting of the executive committee of the local Red Cross chapter has been postponed indefinitely from tomorrow night on account of the influenza epidemic.

—Don't spit on the sidewalk. If you do it might cost you \$1. Notices have been placed in conspicuous places all around urging people not to spit on the sidewalks. The notice also states that everyone caught in the act by an officer will be fined \$1 for each offense.

—Mrs. S. P. Jones of Richmond, Va., arrived this morning and will spend some time visiting at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin, East Fifth at his home since Tuesday night with street. Dr. Martin has been confined influenza.

—Mr. C. C. Rogers, manager of the local Southern Bell telephone office, office cannot render the service he asks The Robesonian to state that his would like to render at this time on account of sickness among the operators. Two of his best operators are out on account of illness.

—Robert Weinstein and Billie Floyd were before Recorder E. M. Britt Tuesday on the charge of assault upon Travis Bass, Jr. Weinstein was fined \$15 and the cost, while judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in the Floyd case. Both defendants and the plaintiff are young boys.

—Mr. Victor M. Stonebanks, formerly of Wilmington, who, as has been stated in recent issues of The Robesonian has accepted a position with the National Bank of Lumberton, entered upon his new duties yesterday. Mr. Stonebanks came here from Raleigh, where he held a position with the Citizens National Bank of Raleigh.

—Mr. C. C. Murphy returned this morning from Bladen county, where he spent several days in the rural sections. He said he did not come in contact with any cases of influenza but found an impression widespread among the people in the country that they cannot go to town at all. Of course that is not the case in Robeson. Country people can come to town as much as they like, and they run no risk in doing so.

## THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mr. Brax Stephens of Boardman Victim of Influenza.

Mr. Brax Stephens, aged about 34 years, died Saturday at his home at Boardman, of influenza. He came home Monday of last week from Wilmington, where he had been from about 2 months in the Coast Line machine shops. He was up Friday and Friday afternoon, against the doctor's orders, it is said, went to the depot, and died at 2 a. m. the next day. Deceased is survived by a wife and 2 children. He was a son of Mr. Frank Stephens of this county. The remains were interred Saturday afternoon at Horsehill cemetery, near Ivey's Bluff. Berry Hunt, Indian, Near Lowe.

Berry Hunt, Indian, aged 88 years, died suddenly Tuesday at his home near Lowe. Deceased was a well-known and highly respected Indian and had many friends.

Mr. G. C. Calder of R. 3 from Fairmont is a Lumberton visitor today.

That does not use paper cups.

"If you get the gripple go to bed and stay there until you are well, until your temperature has been normal for at least two days. If you are past 50, or if you are not strong, stay in bed four days after normal temperature. Remember, the danger of gripple is pneumonia. Pneumonia is the penalty for disrespect to the gripple that gets the person who stays up or about, or who gets out of bed too soon.

"In conclusion, public health officials can do little to protect you. You can do a great deal to protect yourself."

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