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AMERICAN FORCES CONTINUE ADVANCE

(By United Press.)
American Front, Oct. 7.—American forces between Argonne massif and Meuse river continue to advance, despite increased resistance by Germans.

GERMANS BURNING VILLAGES

(By United Press.)
Paris, Oct. 7.—French troops have made further advance northeast of Rheims, capturing St. Mesmes and penetrating Hauvine, war office announces. Germans are burning villages and towns behind their lines along whole front from Lille to Rheims. This is believed to preface retirement on several sectors.

SWEDISH MINISTER DELIVERS AUSTRIAN PEACE APPEAL

(By United Press.)
Washington, Oct. 7.—The Swedish minister reached the State Department shortly after 10:30 this morning and delivered to Secretary Lansing the Austrian peace appeal. He has an engagement with President Wilson at 4:30 this afternoon, to deal, it is understood, with Swedish affairs only.

GERMANY ASKS ARMISTICE.

New Chancellor Requests Wilson to Take Up Question of Peace With Other Belligerents—Allied Armies Pressing Forward to Further Victories.

Prince Maximilian of Baden, the new German chancellor, announced in the Reichstag Saturday that he had sent a note through the Swiss government to President Wilson in which he had requested the President to take up the question of bringing about peace and to communicate with the other belligerents regarding the subject.

While Germany and Austria-Hungary are clamoring for peace, the Entente allied governments thus far are paying scant heed to the proposals but their armies are pressing forward to further victories on all fronts.

Lens Coal Mines Will Be Big Asset to Allies.

Lens, the heart of the great coal region in Northern France, and Armentieres, almost equally important as a manufacturing center, were evacuated by the Germans Thursday and the German fortified positions between Cambrai and St. Quentin were definitely smashed. Ever since it became certain that the United States would succeed in getting a great army to France for the fighting this year it is now known that reoccupation of the Lens coal fields has been definitely figured on for some months in computing fuel needs.

The British occupied many additional towns and villages Thursday and 5,000 prisoners and numerous guns were taken.

71,000 Turks Taken Prisoner by Allenby.

Since the commencement of the British operations in Palestine and Syria, 71,000 Turks have been taken prisoner by Gen. Allenby's forces, the British war office stated on the 5th. This is in addition to 8,000 prisoners claimed by the Arab army. 350 Turkish guns were taken.

Now 1,800,000 American Troops Overseas.

American troops abroad now number 1,800,000.

Austrian Menace Destroyed.

Destruction by Entente naval forces of the Austrian base at Durazzo is believed in Washington to be closely linked up with the Allied plans for pushing their advance through Macedonia. A contingent of 12 American submarine chasers played a brilliant and novel part in the Durazzo engagement. Durazzo, in Albania, practically dominated all one side of the Adriatic and was to the Austrians what Zeebrugge once was to the Germans.

Bulgarian King Abdicates in Favor of Son.

King Ferdinand of Bulgaria abdicated Thursday in favor of his son Crown Prince Boris. The first decree signed by King Boris was one demobilizing the Bulgarian army.

Damascus, Turkish Base in Syria.

Damascus, capital of Syria and the Turkish base in Syria and Palestine, occupied by Gen. Allenby's forces last week, more than 7,000 Turks being taken prisoner, has a population of about 150,000. It is one of the holy cities of the Mohammedans, and the Arabs regard it as one of the four paradises on earth.

PUBLIC MEETINGS STOPPED.

County Health Board Closes Schools and Prohibits Public Gatherings of Any Kind—"Flu" Spreading Rapidly in County—Many New Cases in Lumberton but Situation is Better and Spread Has Slowed Down in Mill Villages.

According to information received from the various doctors by Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, the influenza conditions are better in Lumberton and the spread at the cotton mill villages has slowed down. However the disease is spreading rapidly in the rural districts, having made its appearance in practically every section of the county. While a number of cases of pneumonia have developed, but few deaths have been reported and many of the first victims are back at work again today.

Dr. McPhaul reported 425 new cases in Lumberton and vicinity since Thursday. But few of these have been reported today, however. To date around 725 cases have been reported by Lumberton physicians. This includes the territory which they have been able to cover.

Doctors outside of Lumberton have reported 185 new cases since Thursday.

The county board of health met here today and passed an ordinance closing all the private and public schools of the county all kinds of shows, forbidding the holding of Sunday school and church services, lodge meetings or any other public meeting in the county until further notice from the board.

The board resorted to this measure with the hope that the spread of the disease might be held in check as much as possible.

LAW FIRM CHANGES.

Mr. H. E. Stacy Has Associated Himself With Firm of McLean, Varser & McLean and Mr. Frank D. Hackett, of Washington, N. C., Has Accepted Position With the Firm.

Mr. Frank D. Hackett, Jr., formerly of North Wilkesboro, has accepted a position with the law firm of McLean, Varser & McLean and has moved his family to Lumberton. They now have rooms at the residence of Mrs. John P. McNeill. Mr. Hackett for the past four years has been associated with the firm of Small, McLean, Bragaw & Rodman, of Washington, N. C.

Mr. H. E. Stacy has associated himself with the firm of McLean, Varser & McLean, and has moved his offices from the McLeod building, and now occupies the office in the National Bank of Lumberton building formerly occupied by Mr. Dickson McLean. For the present it will be McLean, Varser, McLean & Stacy. Any other change in the name will be arranged when Mr. A. W. McLean and Mr. Dickson McLean return to the practice.

The Epidemic Gives a Chance to Show Our Patriotism.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

Since our town has been quarantined against a fearful disease which has infested our country, and the health officer has forbidden our women to canvass in the interest of Liberty Bonds, we wish to appeal to the patriotism of our women and beg them not to wait for the canvassers but send in to the several banks their subscriptions. Of course the canvassing will be done later but we all know how much we ought to put at the disposal of our men in the army, so let's do it now. We see in the papers daily how much other towns are investing so let us not be behind. Let the women of Lumberton subscribe voluntarily and do it now. Subscription blanks will be furnished upon application to any of the banks or to Mrs. L. T. Townsend or the undersigned.

MRS. R. C. LAWRENCE,
Chairman Women's Committee of Lumberton.

About 50 Killed in Wreck of Great Shell Loading Plant.

Army officers investigating the explosions which wrecked the great shell loading plant at Morgan, near Perth Amboy, N. J., Friday, estimated Saturday night that the dead would number not more than 50 and the injured 150. The property loss probably will approximate between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000.

WHY R. 1 PAPERS WERE DELAYED.

Subscribers on R. F. D. 1 from Lumberton failed to get their Robesonian Friday because in some unaccountable way the entire bundle of papers for route 1 was sent to Barnesville. The bundle was returned to the post-office here Friday evening and the papers were taken out on the route Saturday. It was not learned until late Friday evening what had become of the papers so extra papers were printed from the four pages of type that had not been torn down, to supply that route and placed in the post-office Friday and two papers were carried to subscribers on that route Saturday.

ROBESON MUST NOT FAIL.

Its Quota is Double Amount First Announced—Every Citizen Must Do His Part.

To the Public:
When the 4th Liberty Loan was first put on, I was informed that the allotment for each county would be 15.03 per cent of its banking resources as of Dec. 31, 1917. Upon this basis I calculated that Robeson's allotment would be \$603,500, and I divided this amount among the ten districts in the county and gave the figures to the public.

Some days ago I was surprised to see in the daily press that our allotment was \$1,200,000. I immediately took the matter up with the State chairman and he in turn with the Federal Reserve bank. I am today advised, by ultimate authority, that the allotment for North Carolina is \$20 per capita, and that where the banking resources of any county are such that 15.03 per cent thereof will not produce \$20 per capita, then \$20 per capita is the irreducible minimum for any such county. Such is the case with Robeson. Our banking resources are such that 15.03 per cent thereof would produce only \$10 per capita instead of the \$20 required. There are 60,000 people in Robeson. \$1,200,000, which is our official allotment, while this is just double what we thought we had to raise, yet it is only our fair and just part in accordance with the amount required of the State and other counties. All Liberty loan committees and the public generally will therefore take notice that the amount to be raised by the county and by each district thereof is just double the figures heretofore published.

The loan is not making progress as it should. Influenza has handicapped us badly. Nearly half the time is gone and but little has been raised. We cannot fail; we must and will not. We must simply roll up our sleeves and go in with a determination to put the thing over. It can be done and done easily in the people will respond as they should. The several committees are composed of busy men and it takes much valuable time to hunt up each citizen and solicit his subscription. I do most earnestly enjoin every patriotic man in our county not to wait until called upon by the committee, but to go at once to some member of the committee or a bank and make his subscription without delay. If the public do not take these bonds, then the banks must do so, which would not be to the best interest of the business world. The banks have heretofore carried the entire burden; the time has now come when the average citizen must do his part. He should be anxious and willing to do it. Every patriotic citizen will be glad to do his part; and a way will be found to see to it that others do theirs.

There now seems some prospect of an early peace. God grant it. Yet if peace were declared tomorrow, it would have no effect upon this loan. The money would still be needed and needed badly pending the time when the millions of men now under arms could be disbanded and sent to their homes. The fact that there is some prospect of peace should spur our people to redoubled effort.

R. C. LAWRENCE,
County Chairman,
Lumberton, N. C., Oct. 7, 1918.

WAR EXHIBIT TRAIN.

Liberty Loan War Trophy Exhibit Train Will Be at Maxton Oct 8 and at Fairmont Oct. 12.

The fourth Liberty Loan special train filled with war trophies captured from the Germans and in charge of wounded soldiers invalided home, will be at Maxton October 8 from 8:30 to 5:30 p. m. and at Fairmont, October 11-12. It will arrive at Fairmont October 11 at 8:10 p. m. and will remain there until 11 a. m. on the 12th. The train also will be at Whiteville Oct. 12 from 12:10 p. m. to 2:10 p. m.; at Lake Waccamaw Oct. 12, 2:35 to 4:45 p. m.; at Wilmington 6:10 p. m. Oct. 12 to 9 a. m. Oct. 13; at Bennettsville, S. C., Oct. 9, 12:30 to 2:30 p. m. Everyone will want to see one of these trophies American soldiers have taken from the Huns. The Fifth Federal Reserve District Liberty Loan committee will travel two War Trophy exhibit trains through the district during the fourth Liberty Loan campaign. Robeson is indeed fortunate in having one of these trains stop at 2 places in the county.

The war trophies captured from the enemy will be explained by a squad of American soldiers who have seen service abroad, and the opportunity will be given the public to study ordnance and supplies used by American boys overseas and by the Allies. Speakers of national reputation will address the crowd on war topics and Liberty Loan bonds and altogether one program will be a most attractive one. Introduction by the local Liberty Loan chairman, twenty minutes speech by Mr. Granville Jones of Montana and by Mr. John Brooks Fletcher of Illinois, war trophies opened to the public. The train will be lighted by electricity. At the evening meetings moving picture war scenes will be thrown upon the screen.

Mr. A. H. Horn and son, Master Archie, of Whiteville, were Lumberton visitors this morning.

SCALES STEPHENS PASSES.

First Victim of Influenza in Lumberton—He Had Been in Poor Health For Several Years—Funeral Saturday Afternoon—Other Deaths.

Mr. S. S. Stephens died at his home, West Fourth street, Friday night, the first to die in Lumberton of Spanish influenza. He had been in ill health for several years and no doubt his weakened condition before he was stricken with influenza was largely responsible for his death. Interment was made Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Meadowbrook cemetery. The funeral services were conducted at the grave by Rev. Dr. Chas. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Rev. W. D. Combs, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle. Beautiful floral offerings covered the grave. The pallbearers were Messrs. E. B. Freeman, Frank Gough, R. O. Edmund, E. G. Sipher, Vance Skipper and Dr. R. T. Allen.

Deceased was 30 years old and is survived by his wife and one brother, Mr. J. Pope Stephens of Lumberton. He was a member of the First Baptist church and belonged to the Lumberton camp W. O. W. He was of a quiet, unassuming disposition, and his friends were numbered by his acquaintances.

Mrs. T. G. Bullard of Wilmington.

Mrs. A. H. Prevatt of Lumberton has been advised of the death at Wilmington Saturday of her sister Mrs. T. G. Bullard. Deceased was a victim of influenza. Mrs. Bullard was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ivey of Parkton and had only been married a few months. Interment was made at Fayetteville yesterday.

Capt. Warren Townsend Died of Wounds.

Mr. C. B. Townsend received yesterday a telegram to the effect that Capt. Warren Townsend, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Townsend of Hot Springs, Ark., died from wounds received at the front in France September 13. Capt. Townsend was a nephew of Messrs. C. B. and L. T. Townsend and Mrs. S. A. McLeod of Lumberton and had numerous other relatives here and elsewhere in Robeson. His father is a native Robesonian.

Remains Brought Home For Burial.

The remains of Ellis Hardin, Indian, whose death at Camp Sevier, S. C., last week of influenza was mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, arrived here Saturday and were interred at the family burying ground.

Mr. Oliver Williams Victim of Influenza.

Mr. Oliver W. Williams, aged about 34 years, died at his home, Cedar street, at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Death resulted from Spanish influenza, deceased having contracted the disease in Virginia. He is survived by his wife and one child.

Mrs. Frank Herring of Barnesville.

Mrs. Frank Herring, aged 21 years, died yesterday morning at her home near Barnesville. Death resulted from pneumonia following an attack of influenza. She is survived by her husband and three children. Interment was made this morning.

James Edwin Brisson of East Lumberton.

James Edwin, aged about 9 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Brisson of East Lumberton, died this morning of influenza.

Anza May Willoughby of R. 4.

Anza May, 11-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Willoughby of R. 4 from Lumberton, died last night of diphtheria.

Marvelous Example of a Woman Patriot.

Wilmington Star.

A Robeson county woman nearly sixty years old, with an invalid husband to support and the farm to pay for, has not only done a wonderful part in that particular but she is helping to finance American victory over the Huns for the sake of the world's humanity. Here is the interesting story of her achievement as it is told by her home paper, the Lumberton Robesonian, this week:

"Mrs. R. P. Byrd, who lives on R. 2 from Fairmont, between Center and Hog Swamp churches, came to Lumberton the other day, principally to buy \$25 worth of War Savings stamps, and her example, considering the circumstances, is peculiarly inspiring. Mrs. Byrd is 59 years old and her husband is 70. They live alone and her husband is not able to do any work. By herself, employing no labor except to do the plowing and to help barn tobacco, Mrs. Byrd raised a crop, paid \$800 on the home place, and has money to invest in War Savings stamps. She says she wants to do anything she can to help win the war. An example like that that ought to inspire some others of us who perhaps have been patting ourselves on the back to move up a peg and invest more money in helping to win the war."

That story not only shows what a plucky, patriotic and industrious wo-

COMMUNITY FAIRS.

Exhibits at Centenary and Oakdale Were Most Creditable—Will Have Annual Fairs in Future—Liberty Loan Addresses.

While the conditions brought about by the appearance of Spanish influenza in many sections of Robeson kept many at home, the community fairs held at Centenary Thursday and at Oakdale Friday were well attended and the promoters were highly pleased with the success of both fairs.

At both Centenary and Oakdale the citizens took much interest in the occasions and the exhibits were most creditable. The exhibits consisted of all kinds of farm products—such as corn, cotton, beans, hay, peas, melons, potatoes, pumpkins, fruits and practically everything grown on the farm. The livestock and poultry exhibits were also most attractive, while the household economics displays at both fairs were also creditable to the ladies of the communities. The old relics on display at both fairs were also most interesting to visitors. In fact some of the things at the fairs were as interesting as one would find in the hall of history at Raleigh.

Stirring addresses in the interest of the fourth Liberty loan were made at both fairs and quite a number of bonds were sold. At Centenary Mr. W. Lennon of Lumberton made an address that was highly complimented by those who heard him. At Oakdale Mr. Roger Pittman, a returned soldier from France and Mr. E. J. Britt of Lumberton were the speakers. Both addresses were of a stirring nature and listened to with interest. The speakers were introduced by Rev. R. A. Hedgepeth of Lumberton.

At Centenary after Mr. Lennon's speech \$8,600 in Liberty bonds were sold, many who had already subscribed doubling their subscriptions. A number of melons donated to the Red Cross by Mr. G. E. Morgan of the Oakdale section were sold at auction and brought a total of \$12. The citizens of both these progressive communities declared their intention of holding another fair next year.

A report of the fairs held at Regan and Union chapel was published in Thursday's Robesonian.

ORRUM SCHOOL NOTES.

Large Attendance, Dormitory Overflowing.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Orrum, Oct. 4.—Our school which began September 2nd, is progressing nicely under the leadership of Prof. R. L. Pittman. Other teachers are: Assistant high school teacher, Miss Ethel Ervin; intermediate, Miss Hannah Yates; primary, Miss Revan Newton; music, Miss Wrennie Floyd. We have a very large school this year, many from other communities. The dormitory is overflowing, and some of the homes are filled with boys and girls who hope to make America proud of them some day.

The high school department is divided into two societies, the Europhian and the Philanthropic, with an enrollment of 29 each. Meetings are held every Friday afternoon at 8:30 o'clock, making two programs for each society per month. The programs consist of songs, recitations, debates, wills, prophecies, etc. which are always enjoyed by every one. The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings and you attend once you will want to come again.

Two fine basketball teams have been organized, Annie Graham, manager of the girls' team, and Sherwood Nye, manager of the boys' team. We shall soon be ready to have some interesting match games.

Another interesting feature of the school is our music class, which has made rapid progress for the past year. Miss Floyd is one of the best teachers Orrum has ever had. In some way she seems to captivate her pupils, and bring out the best that is in them.

We are afraid that this dreadful disease, Spanish influenza, will close our school, but we hope that this disease will soon be blotted out and everything going on very smoothly again.

Clocks Will Be Turned Back an Hour October 27.

Railroad timepieces are to be turned back an hour October 27, when the period of daylight saving ends, according to orders issued Saturday by the railroad administration.

Twenty munitions plant workers were instantly killed at Bedford, near Cleveland, O., Thursday when a Pennsylvania passenger train plowed through about 50 men in a dense fog. Twenty-eight others were injured, three probably fatally. All except one of the victims lived in Cleveland.

man Mrs. Byrd is but it is a remarkable demonstration of the matchless farming resources of eastern North Carolina. Where on earth could a woman, or man either, do what that splendid Robeson county woman has done, almost single-handed and alone? Besides the money crops raised by her and sold this early in the season, rest assured there is plenty to eat on that eastern North Carolina farm. It is safe to say that there are cows and hogs on that place. All honor to Mrs. Byrd. She is the heroic type of woman that North Carolina is proud to claim.

CASH IN ADVANCE.

Subscribers are urged to keep in mind the fact that if subscriptions are not renewed by the date on the label, which shows each subscriber the date to which his subscription is paid, the paper will be discontinued. This is a Government requirement. Many have brought to the office or sent in their renewals since the last issue. If your renewal has been received within the last few days the date on the label on the paper which goes to you today and next Thursday may not be changed, but all labels will be changed as rapidly as possible. If your subscription is about to expire, please do not wait for a statement, but send in your renewal. We are too everlastingly busy to find time to mail out statements.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS.

—The various county boards are holding regular first-Monday sessions here today.

—Strict middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 30 1-4 cents the pound.

—The proprietors and every employee of Messrs. White & Gough's department store have bought a bond of the fourth Liberty loan.

—Mr. Robt. H. McNeill, an attorney of Washington, D. C., spent Saturday in Lumberton on business. Mr. McNeill is a native of North Carolina.

—Mr. and Mrs. Alf. H. McLeod left this morning for Charlotte, where Mr. McLeod will consult a specialist. He has been sick for some time, but his condition has somewhat improved.

—Mrs. M. C. Britt of R. 4 from Lumberton has returned home from Fayetteville, where she recently underwent an operation at a hospital. Her condition is much improved.

—J. B. Bridgers has been before Assistant Recorder E. M. Johnson and submitted to the charge of assault upon D. R. Regan. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost.

—Mr. T. W. Trogden, public cotton grader, is confined in a hospital in Raleigh, with influenza, it is thought. He went to Raleigh last week to see members of his family who are sick with the disease.

—Relatives of Miss Ida Blake, formerly of Lumberton, who has been seriously ill with influenza, have been advised that she is improving. Miss Blake is a nurse at the James Walker Memorial hospital, Wilmington.

—Ex-State Senator Geo. B. McLeod returned Saturday from Oklahoma and Kansas, where he spent some time. Mr. McLeod is interested in some oil lands out West and says he is already boring for oil. He expects to strike oil in a short time.

—"I have \$1 which I expected to invest in a shirt, but I decided I could get along without a shirt better than I could my paper," said a man as he walked into The Robesonian office Saturday. He had allowed his subscription to get behind and had missed one copy of The Robesonian.

—Dr. T. A. Norment returned last night from Greenwood, S. C., where he went to see his brother, Mr. R. M. Norment, who has developed a case of pneumonia following a nattaack of influenza. His condition was improved when Dr. Norment left him yesterday. Mrs. Norment went to Greenwood Thursday to be with her husband.

—Mr. W. S. Wishart is home for a few days from Laurinburg, where he is manager of a picture show. The town authorities put anti-"flu" regulations into effect Saturday, closing up all public meeting places. Sparks' show exhibited there Friday and put out the word that it would exhibit there again Saturday, the day it was booked for Lumberton, but it was not allowed. A tremendous crowd came to see the show and Mr. Wishart says he has not seen so many drunks in more than a quarter of a century.

More Hotels Rated by State Board of Health.

Grove Park inn and the Manor, both of Asheville, are the only two hotels scored as perfect from a health standpoint by inspectors of the State board of health in the third list of places inspected, made public last week. The regulations prepared by the State Board of Health merely provide cleanliness and sanitation, pure water and milk supply, screening against disease-spreading flies and mosquitoes, good ventilation, and servants who are certified against typhoid fever, tuberculosis and syphilis. Among the list of hotels appearing in the last report, with their scores, are: Lorraine, Lumberton, 92; LaFayette, 90, Cumberland, 70, both of Fayetteville; Seashore, Wrightsville Beach 86; Red Springs, Red Springs, 74; Maple Shade, Maxton, 64.

Mr. Clarence McArthur if St. Pauls passed through town today en route to Morehead City to enter the U. S. navy. Mr. McArthur enlisted some time ago and has just received his call for duty.

Mr. R. D. Jackson of Rennert was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

Mr. Richard Moody of R. 4 from Lumberton was in town this morning.

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